

Falcons Tame Big XII Tigers, 51-28

Football improves to 2-0 behind Josh Harris' 311 passing yards.

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BOWLING GREEN, Ohio - [Josh Harris](#) passed for 311 yards, caught a touchdown pass and had two short scoring runs to lead Bowling Green to a 51-28 victory over Missouri on Saturday night.

Wide receiver [Cole Magner](#) threw two scoring passes for the Falcons (2-0), who put up 557 yards of offense. [Robert Redd](#) caught 10 passes for 209 yards and a touchdown for Bowling Green, and [James Hawkins](#) had five catches for 112 yards.

Brad Smith was 28-of-50 for 334 yards, two touchdowns and an interception for the Tigers (2-1). Justin Gage caught a Missouri-record 16 passes for 236 yards and a touchdown.

The Falcons, playing just their second home game against a Big 12 team, beat the Tigers for the second straight season. Bowling Green won 20-13 in last season's opener in Columbia.

Harris, who completed 16-of-31 passes and rushed for 66 yards on 22 carries, caught a 34-yard touchdown pass from Magner on the game's first possession. Harris took the snap and threw a lateral to Magner, who found his quarterback streaking down the field for a 7-0 lead.

Missouri tied it minutes later on [Zack Abron's](#) 2-yard run. Bowling Green went ahead for good on [Shaun Suisham's](#) 34-yard field goal with 6:19 left in the first quarter.

Harris added scoring runs of 3 and 2 yards in the second quarter to help Bowling Green go up 34-14 at the half. The Falcons have scored 191 points in four games since Harris became the starter late last season.

Smith pulled Missouri within 13 points early in the third with a 19-yard TD pass to Gage. Bowling Green responded with Magner's second touchdown pass, a 30-yarder to Redd with 8:12 to play in the third.

The Falcons broke 50 points on [Mitch Hewitt's](#) 27-yard interception return early in the fourth.

Abron added a late 2-yard touchdown run for Missouri, which was held to 55 yards rushing on 30 carries.

Bowling Green's [Joe Alls](#) ran 16 times for 119 yards and a touchdown, a 29-yard run in the first quarter.

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QB Josh Harris threw for 311 yards in the Falcons' 51-28 victory over Mizzou, Saturday.