

2007 GAME RECAPS

Miami, Oh 14 BALL ST 13 - Both missed 1Q FG's. MU was int'd at its 37 & BS got a 19 yd FG, 3-0. MU drove 40/9pl but missed a 46 yd FG. After 32 yd PR, MU drove 50/7pl for a TD, 7-3 (8:23). BS got a 19 yd PR and PF to set them up at MU12 but a 4&4 pass was incomplete with :37 left. MU led 7-3. BS went 92 /17pl but settled for a 22 yd FG, 7-6 after 3Q. BS drove 67/5pl and got a 23 yd TD pass on 3&6, 13-7 (10:16). MU went 69/14pl but on 3&gl from the 9 was int'd in the EZ. MU got a 56 yd PR to the BS23 and a 6 yd TD run on 3&gl with :17 left gave them the win.

Ball St 38 E MICHIGAN 16 - BS got a 77 yd pass to the EM2 on its first off play and then a TD 3pl later, 7-0. EM got a 41 yd FG, 7-3. EM faked a punt on its own 25 yd line setting up BS for a 27/5pl TD drive. After an exchange of punts, EM got a 67 yd TD pass, 14-9 (4:15). BS went 58/9pl for a TD and after a punt with just :38 left, conv'd on 3&11 with a 22 yd pass setting up a 43 yd FG on the half's final play, 24-9. The first 4 poss of the 3Q were punts then BS missed a 39 yd FG. BS then went 59/11pl and 76/10pl for TD's, 38-9. EM got a 90 yd KR for a TD with 4:01 left.

Ball St 34 NAVY 31 (OT) - Both topped 500 yds. Navy went 80/12pl and BS 75/13pl on their first poss, 7-7. BS went 86/5pl for a TD, 14-7. Navy was SOD at the BS26. Navy then got a 80/1pl TD run by Enhada, 14-14 (5:53). BS went 80/9pl for a TD & Navy had a FG blk'd on the last play of half, 21-14. Enhada was inj'd & DNR. Navy took its opening 3Q drive 52/5pl for a TD. BS missed a 43 yd FG & it was tied 21 after 3Q's with both having 395 yds. Navy went on a 9pl drive but settled for a 25 yd FG and BS had an 8pl drive for a 27 yd FG, 24-24 (8:05). Navy's Kettani got a 71 yd TD run with 7:10 left but BS went 69/9pl for a TD to tie it at 31 (3:46). Navy went 56/8pl but had a 32 yd FG blk'd. Navy fmb'l'd in OT & BS got a 24 yd FG for the win.

NEBRASKA 41 Ball St 40 - BS deserved better as in the 1H they conv'd on 6 of 8 third downs usually to wide open rec's and led 10-7. But NU went 70/9pl for a TD to lead 14-10 at the half. Prior to that drive BS had a 191-114 yd edge. They traded TD's in the 3Q. Leading 31-28 BS got an int at the 4 yd line and drove 96/5pl for a TD, 37-28 (xpng,12:50). NU fmb'l'd at the BS26 but then the game changing play happened when BS QB Davis was int'd & ret'd 34 yds for a TD with 9:21 left, 37-35. BS went 65 yds and had a 1&gl at the 6 but settled for a 22 yd FG. NU went 72/8pl for a TD with 2:30 left. BS went 40/11pl but a 55 yd FG was wide left.

BALL ST 49 Buffalo 14 - BS went 84/5pl for a TD on the opening poss then got a 26 yd IR TD, 14-0. BS then went 83/10pl for a TD, 21-0 after 1Q. After a FR at the UB22, BS missed a 39 yd FG. BS then went 68/9pl for a TD and led 28-0 at the half. The first 5 poss of the 3Q were all TD's and BS led 49-14 (9:17 4Q). UB punted with 5:42 left and BS went on a 10pl drive running out the clock at the 6.

C Michigan 58 BALL ST 38 - Surprisingly the first 3 poss were punts. CM then went 80/4pl for a TD. After 2 punts, BS was pinned at its 2 and fmb'l'd at the 7. CM got a TD on the next play, 14-0. The next 4 poss all went for TD's, 28-14. CM was int'd & ret'd 57 yds to its 18 and BS got a 26 yd FG before the half. At half CM had a 355-173 yd edge and led 28-17. CM opened the 3Q going 87/6pl for TD, 34-17. BS was SOD at its own 45 and 3 plays later CM added a TD, 41-17 (9:39 3Q). It was 51-24 after 3Q's and BS got a 65/11pl drive for a garbage TD with :04 left.

BALL ST 35 W Kentucky 12 - This one was closer than the final as WK had a 411-363 yd edge. The first 5 poss were punts then BS converted on 4&5 and got a 21 yd TD pass, 7-0. WK missed a 55 yd FG and BS went 61/4pl for a 40 yd TD pass, 14-0 (:36). WK went 65/10pl for a TD, 14-6 (xpng). The next 5 poss ended in TO's but then WK got a 46 yd FG, 14-9 (3:14). WK ret'd the punt 28 yds to the BS38 with 1:57 left but settled for a 35 yd FG and had a 191-146 yd edge at the half and trailed 14-12. WK went on a 13pl drive but missed a 43 yd FG and BS went 73/11pl and 66/4pl for TD's, 28-12. WK went on an 84/16pl drive but was SOD on 4&gl at the 1 (10:38). After an int, BS drove 44/7pl for a TD with 2:15 left.

Ball St 27 W MICHIGAN 23 - WM took its 2nd drive 65/11pl for a 45 yd FG. WM had a deep pass int'd at the 21 and then drove 44/11pl for a TD, 10-0 (13:00). BS went 60/5pl for a TD and then 45/5pl for a 40 yd FG to tie it at 10. WM was pinned at its 3 but went 82/7pl with a 33 yd FG and had a 233-199 yd edge at the half. WM was int'd and ret'd 23 yds to its 42. Eight plays later BS got a 22 yd FG, 13-13. WM went on a 54/13pl drive and had a 1&gl at the 5 but settled for a 29 yd FG after a sk. BS got 1 FD & then a 44 yd TD pass to lead 20-16 (10:01). WM ret'd the KO 49 yds and on the 2nd play got 50 yd TD pass, 23-20 (9:38). The next 3 poss were punts with BS giving it up with 5:22 left but WM came up a yd short and punted (3:57). BS went 79/9pl and a 1 yd TD run with 1:07 left put them up 27-23. WM conv'd on 4&12 for a FD to the 37 but was int'd at the BS28 with :20 left.

ILLINOIS 28 Ball St 17 - IL went 76/10pl for a TD, 7-0 (10:03). BS went 66/17pl settling for a 27 yd FG, 7-3 (3:51). IL opened the 3Q with a screen pass that was int'd & ret'd 35 yds for a TD, BS stunningly had a 10-7 lead but IL went 65/7pl and 58/3pl on its next 2 drives for TD's, 21-10. BS went 76/9pl for a TD, 21-17 (3:01). BS went 67/13pl but missed a 26 yd FG (12:46) and IL went 80/5pl for a TD, 28-17 (11:16). After an exchange of TO's BS punted on 4&9 to the IL 45 (8:41). IL went on a 14pl drive ending the game at the BS3.

INDIANA 38 Ball St 20 - IU became bowl eligible for the first time S/'94. BS ret'd an int 35 yds to the IU28 but settled for a 20 yd FG. IU went 71/10pl for a 30 yd FG, 3-3 (7:10). IU fmb'l'd at its own 48 and after converting on 4&5 for a FD to the 12, BS got a TD, 10-3 (1:51). IU went 48/11pl but fmb'l'd at the BS10. IU threw a screen pass to Fisher that went 60 yds for a TD, 10-10 (9:28). Phillips got a 58 yd IR TD, 17-10 (7:10). IU went 58/9pl for a 20 yd TD pass, 24-10. At the half IU had a 267-185 yd edge. BS went 80/10pl for a TD to open the 3Q, 24-17 (11:48). IU went 59/7pl for a TD, 31-17. After 3 punts IU went 88/9pl for a TD, 38-17. BS went 66/12pl settling for a 27 yd FG, 38-20 (9:03). BS was SOD at the IU34 and ended the game at its own 40.

BALL ST 41 Toledo 20 - UT went 74/3pl for a TD and BS went 68/4pl, 7-7 with 1:19 gone. UT went 72/13pl for a TD then 86/9pl but settled for a 31 yd FG and led 17-7 (1:47). BS got a 39 yd TD pass 4 plays later, 17-13. UT settled for a 27 yd FG. UT was int'd and ret'd 12 yds setting up a BS 33/5pl drive for the tying TD, 20-20 (4:37). UT had a 313-206 yd edge at the half. BS went 57/9pl for a TD and UT punted 44 yds for a TB. BS went 80/4pl for a TD, 34-20. UT went 57/8pl and faked a 31 yd FG and was SOD. UT got a FD to the BS16 but QB Opelt was inj'd and backup Lenehan was 0-4 tossing an int 2 plays later. BS went 61/7pl for a TD, 41-20 (8:25).

Ball St 27 N ILLINOIS 21 - BS opened with a 43/6pl drive for a 46 yd FG. BS started on the 46 but on 4&3 fired incomplete and NI went 70/15pl for a TD. BS went 80/4pl for a TD, 10-7. NI was int'd and ret'd 4 yds to the 20 and BS got a TD 4 plays later, 17-7. BS went 72/12pl but missed a 32 yd FG and NI went 80/8pl for a TD, 17-14 at half. NI was SOD at the BS37 and BS fmb'l'd at the NI14. BS went 74/10pl for a TD, 24-14. NI was sk'd and fmb'l'd at its own 15 and BS added a 28 yd FG, 27-14 (5:32). After an exchange of punts, NI took over with 3:02 left, conv'd on 4&10 for a FD to the BS45, and went 76/11pl for a TD with 1:31 left.