

2008 GAME RECAPS

BALL ST 48 Northeastern 14 - Northeastern took its opening drive to the BS31 but punted. BS went 80/4pl for a TD. Northeastern drove to the BS21 but after a sk punted to the 4. BS went 96/9pl & 49/1pl for TD's. 21-0. After a 72 yd PR, BS went 18/3pl for a TD. Northeastern went 79/9pl for a TD, 28-7 (:50). BS went 64/5pl for a 25 yd FG, 31-7 & had a 286-183 yd 1H edge. BS took their 2nd 3Q poss 60/5pl & their 3rd 79/10pl for TD's, 45-7. BS added a 46 yd FG. Northeastern's backup QB Sperazza guided an 81/8pl TD drive w/:38 left.

BALL ST 35 Navy 23 - The key was Navy taking 5 drives deep in BS territory but settling for 3 FG's, being SOD at the 3 & int'd at the 9. BS scored TD's on their first two poss & Navy settled for two FG's. After an interception, Navy drove 57/10pl for a 28 yd FG, 14-9. Each team got a TD (Navy with 1:11 left 1H). At the half BS had a 275-203 yd edge. Navy opened the 3Q with a 71 yd run to set up a TD, 23-21. BS went 71/11pl for a TD, 28-23. Navy went 67/10pl but was SOD at the 3. BS went 97/10pl for a TD. Navy went 38/10pl but was intercepted at the 9. Navy's last drive was SOD at its 45.

Ball St 41 AKRON 24 - BS took its opening drive 68/5pl for a TD. UA ret'd the KO 49 yds & got a 30 yd pass & a 34 yd FG, 7-3. BS got to the UA26 but was int'd in the EZ. Two poss later BS went 55/9pl for a 31 yd FG, 10-3. UA got to the BS23 but was int'd. BS fmbld it back at their 10 & UA got a TD 2pl later, 10-10. BS went 43/9pl but punted 33 yds to the 4. Six pl later UA was int'd. BS drove 63/9pl for a TD, 17-10 (1:11). At the half BS had a 267-215 yd edge. BS got a 33 yd FR TD (9:26 3Q) then drove 80/7pl for a TD to get some breathing room, 31-10. The Zips got no closer than 14 points after that.

Ball St 42 INDIANA 20 - BS went 3&out & IU blk'd a punt but settled for a 40 yd FG. BS went 80/10pl & 80/11pl for TD's while IU went 67 yds for a 31 yd FG, 14-6. IU was int'd at the BS11 but then got a 32 yd FR for a TD, 14-13. BS went 80/5pl with a 45 yd TD pass. IU went 73/9pl for a TD, 21-20 (5:10). BS got a 40 yd IR TD (1:04). BS had a 281-97 yd edge at the half. BS missed a 40 yd FG then went on a 74/10pl drive but fmbld at the IU6. IU went on an 11pl drive but missed a 43 yd FG (11:44). BS went 74/11pl for a TD & after IU was SOD at its own 27, BS added a TD 2pl later, 42-20. IU went 68/13pl but was SOD at the BS6 (:10).

BALL ST 41 Kent St 20 - In the 1H BS only had a 215-200 yd edge. KS had an 8pl drive but missed a 47 yd FG & an 11pl drive but was SOD. It was 14-7 with 2:33 left when BS got a KR to the KS34 & 6pl later added a TD (:21), 21-7. BS went 67/10pl & 43/7pl on their first two 3Q poss for a TD & 38 yd FG, 31-7. KSU went 67/7pl for a TD. BS got a 47 yd FG, 34-14 after 3Q. KS was int'd at the BS31. BS went 59/15pl for a TD (9:26). KS answered with a 74/15pl drive, incl three 4th down conv, for a TD with 3:19. BS rec'd the onside kick.

Ball St 31 TOLEDO 0 - At the half BS had a 172-20 yd edge. BS took its opening drive 74/10pl for a 22 yd FG then had a 52 yd FG bounce off the upright. UT with a shot at the lead was int'd at the BS24. BS took its final drive of the half 37/12pl missing a 40 yd FG. BS opened the 3Q with a 69/7pl TD drive, 10-0. UT went 53/10pl but a 27 yd FG bounced off the upright. BS went 80/9pl for a TD. UT was SOD at BS29. BS went 71/11pl for a TD (7:51). BS got a 57 yd TD run (5:23), 31-0. UT was SOD at the BS39. BS had 240 rush & 242 passing while UT 157 ttl yds.

Ball St 24 W KENTUCKY 7 - It was a great situation for WK as BS was off a big win & ranked for the 1st time ever. WK dominated the 1H with a 214-128 yd edge. WK took its opening drive 80/11pl but fmbld into the EZ for a TB. After a 9pl drive WK missed a FG. BS got its only sustained drive of the 1H going 75/10pl for a TD, 7-0. WK fmbld at the BS21, was SOD at the BS34 but did get an int at their own 10 with 2:46 left in the half. BS opened the 3Q with a 64/8pl drive but missed a 21 yd FG but then went 71/6pl for a TD, 14-0 after 3Q. WK missed a 50 yd FG. BS went 48/13pl for a 37 yd FG. WK was SOD at its own 23 on 4&6 & BS got a 20 yd TD pass 2pl later. WK was int'd at its own 49 on their next pl but BS was SOD at the WK28 (3:06). WK went 72/8pl for a TD (1:07).

BALL ST 38 E Michigan 16 - This one was close in the 1H as EM did not go 3&out until 5:18 was left in the 2Q. EM took their opening drive 13pl but punted. BS went 55/8pl for a 27 yd FG, 3-0. EM went 35/9pl but on 4&9 was SOD at the BS34. Two poss later BS went 53/6pl for a TD (2:36). BS went 7pl to the EM21 but was int'd at the 15 (:22). BS opened the 3Q with a 60/6pl TD drive then after an int, went 82/7pl for a TD, 24-0. EM went 80/12pl for a TD, 24-7. BS got a 52 yd TD run by Lewis 2pl later, 31-7. EM went 71/14pl for a TD (9:06), 31-13 (xpng). BS rec'd the onside kick but missed a 45 yd FG. EM was int'd & ret'd 45 yds for a TD, 38-13. EM went 48/9pl for a 37 yd FG (3:03), 38-16. BS went 53/6pl ending the game at the EM7.

BALL ST 45 N Illinois 14 - The 1Q was a def struggle with the only TD after BS got a FD on roughing the P & went on a 77/9pl drive for a TD with 1:14 left, 7-0. NI was int'd at the BS25. After 2 punts, the rest of the game belonged to BS. They went 58/5pl & 64/5pl for TD's & led 21-0 at the half with a 250-62 yd edge & scored almost every time they had the ball in the 2H. NI took over at its own 5 after a SOD (3:30) & went 95/7pl for a garbage TD (1:34).

Ball St 31 MIAMI, OH 16 - Tues night. MU opened with a 38/9pl drive but fmbld at the BS42. BS went 57/8pl & had a 1&gl at the 4 but was SOD at the 1. MU went 77/18pl settling for a 39 yd FG, 3-0 (11:55 2Q). BS went 54/5pl for a TD. MU went 40/8pl but settled for a 37 yd FG, 7-6. BS went 72/7pl for a TD. MU went 72/6pl with a 49 yd TD pass, 14-13 (:55). BS went 37/6pl for a 46 yd FG. BS led 17-13 despite MU having a 227-220 yd edge. BS fmbld at its own 45 & MU 8pl later got a 31 yd FG, 17-16. BS went 88/5pl for a TD then 65/9pl but was int'd at the 8. BS went 80/12pl for a TD. MU had a 4&7 at the BS30 but Raudabaugh's pass to a wide open Robinson (DB fell down) was dropped in the EZ (6:58). MU partially blk'd a punt (only went 18 yds) (4:40). MU got a 22 yd pass to the BS45 but on 3&1 was stuffed & on 4&1 fired inc (2:52).

Ball St 31 C MICHIGAN 24 - Wed night. CM missed a 40 yd FG then each team drove for a TD, 7-7. CM drove 73/15pl for a 31 yd FG. BS answered with a 61/9pl drive for a 21 yd FG, 10-10 at the half. CM opened the 3Q with a 63/6pl drive for a TD. BS got a fortuitous mark on a 4&1 play where they appeared 1/2 yd short at their own 38. After getting the FD 4pl later they got a TD, 17-17. CM missed their 2nd FG of the game, this time from 37 yds out (2:23 3Q). CM went 72/4pl for a TD to lead 24-17 (14:21). BS went 56/4pl then 74/9pl for TD's, 31-24 (7:29). CM tried a fake punt on 4&18 & was stuffed at the BS40 (4:00). Later CM got 2 FD's to the BS36 but was int'd at the 9 with :27 left.

BALL ST 45 W Michigan 22 - Tues night. BS was trying for a perfect reg season. WM's bus was delayed & they didn't arrive until 5:45 (7:00 KO). Each team punted on their 1st poss. BS then went 87/9pl for a TD & after an int went 51/5pl for a TD, 14-0 (3:18 1Q). WM went 53/4pl & 78/10pl for TD's, 14-14 (9:38). BS went 44/10pl for a 43 yd FG then after a 29 yd punt went 55/7pl with a 6 yd TD run by QB Davis with :31 left in the half, 24-14. After 3 punts to open the 3Q, BS went 50/7pl for a TD, 31-14 then got a 35 yd IR TD, 38-14. 2 punts. WM went 80/12pl for a TD (2pt) with 11:00 left, 38-22 but BS closed it out with an 81/11pl drive for a TD with 4:31 left.

† **Buffalo 42 Ball St 24** - MAC Title Game. BS came in unbeaten & had 30-18 FD & 503-301 yd edges but was done in by 5 TO's incl a pair of 14 pt swings with 92 and 74 yd FR TD's. The D's were dominant early with 6 punts on the first 8 poss. BS fmbld at their own 25 and UB got a TD 3pl later, 7-0 after 1Q. BS drove 80/9pl for a TD & then rec'd a fmbld at the UB47 with 1:00 left in the half and got a 47 yd FG, 10-7 at the half. Each team went on a long TD drive to open the 3Q then UB fmbld at its own 38. BS on 3&gl fmbld and UB ret'd it 92 yds for a TD. Eight plays later on 3&3 UB ret'd a fmbld 74 yds for a TD and a stunning 28-17 lead. BS was SOD at the UB48 and at their own 29 on 4&1 with 8:54 left. UB tacked on a TD 6pl later to clinch it, 35-17. BS went 66/8pl and on 4&4 got a 22 yd TD pass (4:17), 35-24. UB recovered the onside kick and got a TD 4pl later (2:53).