

2008 GAME RECAPS

BUFFALO 42 UTEP 17 - Thur night. UTEP went 3&out and their P fmbld the snap & was tk'd for a 13 yd loss at the 20. On 3&gl from the 15, UB got a TD pass. Two poss later UB hit a 68 yd TD pass, 14-0. UTEP went 80/13pl for a TD. Three pl later UB fmbld & UTEP went 25/4pl for a TD, 14-14. Two poss later UB went 89/10pl, the key play of the gm was a 4&1, 3 yd run to the UTEP24 & on the next play UB got a 34 yd TD pass, 21-14 (:23). UTEP missed a 66 yd FG on the final play of 1H. On the 4th pl of the 3Q UB got a 56 yd TD pass. UTEP went 31/5pl for a 27 yd FG, 28-17. UTEP went on a 9pl drive but was int'd in the EZ for a TB. UB went 80/9pl for a TD, 35-17. UTEP was SOD at the UB45. UB went on a 55/9pl TD drive, 42-17 (3:01). UB had a 484-266 yd edge.

PITTSBURGH 27 Buffalo 16 - UB went 34/9pl to open but had a 34 yd FG blk'd. UB's 2nd drive went 73/15pl for a TD, 6-0 (xpng). Pitt went 67/8pl for a TD, 7-6. Pitt went 69/14pl for a 21 yd FG. UB went 62/10pl for a 36 yd FG, 10-9 (:33). Pitt opened the 3Q with a 63/10pl TD drive. UB went 74/7pl for a TD, 17-16. Two poss later Pitt went 74/10pl for a TD, 24-16 (10:21). Pitt went 53/9pl for a 42 yd FG, 27-16 (3:23). UB got 2 FD's but Willy had his 284th consec pass without an int streak end on 2&18 at the Pitt36.

BUFFALO 30 Temple 28 - TU took its opening poss 61/9pl but was SOD at the 1. TU then went 51/8pl for a TD, 7-0 after 1Q. Each tm went on long TD drives, 14-7 (3:40). UB went 64/6pl getting a TD (:49) left in the half, 14-14. After an exchange of TO's TU went 59/3pl getting a TD with :06 left in the half, 21-14. At the half TU had a 257-164 yd edge. On their 1st two 3Q poss UB went 58/12pl for a TD & 85/11pl but were int'd at the 3. UB was SOD at the TU37. TU missed a 34 yd FG (9:43). UB went on a 13pl drive getting a 25 yd FG (2:22). TU went 74/9pl & appeared to win with an 11 yd TD pass (:38) 28-24. UB after the KO went OOB got a 3&15, 35 yd Hail Mary pass answered on the final play to pull out the win.

MISSOURI 42 Buffalo 21 - MO came in avg 57 ppg & took their opening 2 drives 50/6pl for a TD & 90/13pl but settled for a 26 yd FG, 10-0. UB's Jackson ret'd the KO 97 yds for a TD, 10-7 after 1Q. After a 16 yd punt MO went 23/2pl for a TD. UB went 80/9pl for a TD, 17-14. MO fmbld at the UB38 & again at the UB12 (1:28). MO got a 48 yd FG on the last play of the half & had a 285-118 yd edge but led just 20-14. MO opened the 3Q with a 70/7pl TD drive. After an exchange of TO's, UB got a 55/6pl TD drive, 27-21. MO QB Daniel had 23 straight comp streak snapped on 4&1 (inc) at the UB39. MO went 80/4pl & 82/8pl for TD's, 40-21 (9:35). A bad snap on a punt gave MO a safety but MO missed a 53 yd FG (4:48). UB went 61/16pl to the 4 but was int'd in the EZ on the last play.

C MICHIGAN 27 Buffalo 25 - UB took its opening drive 69/13pl for a FG. The next 5 poss were P's & UB blk'd one for a safety, 5-0 (8:50 2Q). CM went 68/16pl for a 31 yd FG (:19), 5-3 at the half. CM fmbld at the UB47 but UB was SOD. CM went 55/11pl for a TD, 10-5. UB went 66/9pl for a TD, 11-10 (2ptng). CM got a 43 yd KR then three 16 yd runs by Sneed made it 17-11. UB went 63/6pl for a TD, 18-17. CM went on a 7pl drive for a 43 yd FG & led 20-18. CM then went 75/8pl for a TD with (3:11). UB got a 65 yd TD pass (1:37), rec'd the onside kick, got 2 FD's but a 46 yd FG bounced off the upright.

W Michigan 34 BUFFALO 28 (OT) - WM blk'd a punt & rec'd at the UB9 but was int'd in the EZ. UB went 80/16pl for a TD & on an 8pl drive but missed a 45 yd FG. WM went 70/16pl for a 20 yd FG, 7-3. UB got a 66 yd TD run by Starks, 14-3 (2:31). WM missed a 52 yd FG on the 1H's final play. UB had a 217-133 yd edge. WM was SOD at the UB29. UB went 71/10pl for a TD, 21-3. WM went 46/10pl for a 20 yd FG, 21-6. WM fmbld at the 50 but then drove 79/11pl. They appeared to lose the gm with an int that was ret'd 62 yds for a TD but roughing the pass gave them a FD to the UB29. WM got the TD 8pl later, 21-14 (2pt, 9:23). WM fmbld at its 6 & UB got a TD (5:14). WM went 40/4pl for a TD (4:08) then went 66/10pl for a 9 yd TD pass w/:05 left. UB was int'd in the first OT & WM got a TD.

BUFFALO 27 Army 24 (OT) - Army went 43/7pl for a TD (:06, 1Q), 7-0. Each team went on a long drive for a FG & it was 10-3 at the half with Army having a 147-99 yd edge. Army took its 2nd 3Q poss 51/9pl for a TD. UB conv on 3&20 on a 68/6pl TD drive, 17-10. Army got an 81 yd TD run, 24-10 after 3Q. UB went 64/9pl conv on 4&8 & got a TD on the next pl, 24-17. UB was SOD at the 16. Army fmbld it back on the next pl. UB got a 16 yd TD pass, 24-24 (4:19). UB hit a 35 yd FG in OT & Army missed an open rec on 3&18 & missed a 51 yd FG after 2 pen's pushed them back.

Buffalo 32 OHIO 19 - Tues night. UB RB Starks rushed for 186 yds. UB opened with a 64/6pl TD drive. OU suffered some misfortune. After getting a 64 yd KR, OU had a 1&gl at the 3 but fmbld into the EZ for a TB. UB fmbld but OU had a 38 yd FG snap go through the holder's hands. UB then went 71/8pl for a TD, 14-0 after 1Q. OU got a 59 yd TD pass. UB went 61/11pl for a TD. OU went on a 61/13pl drive & had 33 yd FG once again go thru the holder's hands. UB got a 39 yd IR (:28) to set up a 25 yd FG on the last play of the half, 24-7. After 4 P's to open the 3Q, OU fmbld at the UB39. OU then went 71/8pl for a TD but the xp was blk'd & ret'd for 2, 26-13. OU went 54/5pl with a 4&8, 20 yd TD pass (xpng), 26-19 but on 3&2 Starks broke a 52 yd TD run (7:10), 32-19. OU fmbld at the UB30 (6:14). UB went 48/10pl to run out the clock.

BUFFALO 37 Miami, Oh 17 - UB opened with a 72/13pl TD drive. MU went 47/9pl for a 39 yd FG. UB conv a fake punt on 4&3 from its own 32 & went on a 75/10pl TD drive, 14-3 after 1Q. MU went 88/13pl for a TD. UB went 73/8pl for a TD, 21-10 (3:59). MU missed a 40 yd FG (:12). MU got a long KR to open the 3Q & went 36/7pl for a TD, 21-17. UB went 72/9pl for a TD (xpng). MU fmbld at its 42 setting up UB for a 34 yd FG, then fmbld at the UB12 (12:03) and was SOD (3:44) at the UB11. UB got a 62 yd TD run by Starks (2:06). MU went 53/9pl but was SOD at the 1.

Buffalo 43 AKRON 40 (4OT) - Rubber Bowl finale. UB opened with a 71/10pl for a TD. UA ret'd the KO to the UB44 but missed a 27 yd FG. UB went 69/8pl for a FG, 10-0. UA got a 57 yd TD pass, 10-7. UB went 74/17pl but had a 23 yd FG blk'd. UA went 47/7pl but a pers foul forced a 50 yd FG which hit the crossbar. UB went 67/13pl for a TD & appeared in control, 17-7. UB punted with 1:15 left in the half. UA drove for a 49 yd FG (:08). At the half UB had a 22:39-7:21 TOP edge & 289-170 yd edge but only led by 7. UA opened the 3Q with a 76/7pl TD drive. UB went 89/16pl for a TD, 24-17. UA fmbld at the UB48. UA went 80/12pl for a TD (:20) to force OT. In the first OT each team got a TD (UB on 4&gl), in the 2nd each got a FG, (UA 42 yd, UB 24 yd). Each got a TD in the 3OT but (2ptng). UA fmbld & UB got a 40 yd FG for the win.

Buffalo 40 BOWLING GREEN 34 (2OT) - BG led 14-0 at the half despite being SOD at the UB27 & int'd at the UB2 with :17 left in the half. BG extended it to 27-7 (13:16). UB got a TD with 11:06 left but then was SOD on 4&6 at its own 26 & their MAC Title hopes were done. Amazingly BG lined up for a 37 yd FG & fmbld the snap. UB went 71/7pl for a TD (2:29). They then rec'd the onside kick & drove 58/9pl for a TD to force OT. UB won it in the 2nd OT after BG was SOD on 4&2.

Kent St 24 BUFFALO 21 - UB had MAC Title game on deck. UB opened with an 80/8pl TD drive but 3pl later Jarvis got a 50 yd TD run, 7-7. KS went 65/14pl but missed a 41 yd FG. Later, KS went 25/4pl for a 40 yd FG, 10-7 at half. KS's 2nd 3Q poss was 9pl but had a FD at the 14 called back on a hold & punted. UB went 80/12pl for a TD & led 14-10. KS then went for it on 4&5 at its 30 & was SOD but UB missed a 32 yd FG. KS went 75/6pl for a TD, 17-14. UB went 59/5pl for a TD, 21-17. KS went 80/8pl for a TD, 24-21 (5:57). UB was driving with a 2&gl at the 8. They comp a pass but fmbld & KS rec'd in the EZ for a TB (1:46). Edelman powered for a FD on 3&11 to clinch it.

† Buffalo 42 Ball St 24 - MAC Title Gm. 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 & 74 yd FR TD's. The D's were dominant early with 6 punts on the first 8 poss. BS fmbld at its 25 & UB got a TD 3pl later, 7-0 after 1Q. BS drove 80/9pl for a TD & then rec'd a fmbld at the UB 47 with 1:00 left in the half & got a 47 yd FG, 10-7 at HT. Each team went on a long TD drive to open the 3Q then UB fmbld at its 38. BS on 3&gl fmbld & 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 & a stunning 28-17 lead. BS was SOD at the UB48 & 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 & on 4&4 got a 22 yd TD pass (4:17), 35-24. UB rec'd the onside kick & got a TD 4pl later (2:53).