

Bowl History

2004 LIBERTY BOWL DECEMBER 31

Louisville 44
Boise State 40

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — In the highest scoring AutoZone Liberty Bowl ever, it was a defensive play by Louisville that ended Boise State's 22-game winning streak.

Louisville safety Kerry Rhodes intercepted a pass in the end zone as time expired to preserve Louisville's 44-40 victory over 10th-ranked Boise State.

Eric Shelton scored on the go-ahead touchdown on a 1-yard run with 6:48 left. Stefan LeFors threw two touchdowns and ran for a third for the Cardinals.

Quarterback Jared Zabransky drove the Broncos to the Louisville 30 before his final pass was intercepted by Rhodes as time expired.

Everyone expected a high-scoring game in a bowl pairing the nation's top two offenses, and the teams didn't disappoint as they swapped the lead five times. The 84 combined points topped the 80 points by Colorado and Alabama in 1969 and was one of a handful of records set. Louisville won only for the second time in seven bowls despite a season-high four turnovers. The Cardinals rolled up 564 yards, topping 500 yards for the ninth time this season.

LeFors was 18-of-26 for 193 yards and ran 12 times for 76 yards. The Cardinals rushed for 329 yards against a defense that had been the nation's fourth-best against the run.

Scoring Summary

Boise State	10	21	3	6	40
Louisville	14	7	14	9	44

- BSU — Jones 48-yd field goal
- LOU — Barnidge 6-yd pass from LeFors (Carmody kick)
- BSU — Avalos 92-yd interception return (Jones kick)
- LOU — Douglas 65-yd run (Carmody kick)
- LOU — Clark 30-yd pass from Brohm (Carmody kick)
- BSU — Lau 0-yd fumble recovery (Jones kick)
- BSU — Acree 19-yd pass from Zabransky (Jones kick)
- BSU — Zabransky 1-yd run (Jones kick)
- BSU — Jones 42-yd field goal
- LOU — Russell 14-yd pass from LeFors (Carmody kick)
- LOU — LeFors 1-yd run (Carmody kick)
- BSU — Helmandollar 2-yd run (pass failed)
- LOU — Shelton 1-yd run (pass failed)
- LOU — Carmody 19-yd field goal

Game Statistics

Category	LOU	BSU
First Downs	29	15
Rushes-Att-Yds	50-329	38-88
Passing Yards	235	196
TOTAL OFFENSE	564	284
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	21-31-2	15-31-1
Punts	2-24.0	6-39.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties	5-34	6-55
Sacks By	2-20	0-0
3rd Down Conv.	8-14	5-17
4th Down Conv.	0-1	2-4
Time of Possession	33:35	26:25

Attendance: 58,355

2003 GMAC BOWL DECEMBER 18

Miami (OH) 49
Louisville 28

MOBILE, Ala.— Ben Roethlisberger ended his college career in style. Roethlisberger passed for 376 yards and four first-half touchdowns to lead No. 14 Miami of Ohio to a 49-28 victory over Louisville in the GMAC Bowl. He completed 21 of 33 passes, shaking off would-be sacks and throwing perfect strikes on the run. Miami scored two more touchdowns in the fourth to stymie a rally by Louisville. Roethlisberger certainly looked NFL-ready in the first half, going 16-of-20 for 291 yards for an offense that produced 16 plays of at least 10 yards before halftime. The RedHawks outgained Louisville 597-492 in a matchup of high-powered offenses. The Miami defense twice came up big in the fourth. Matt Pusateri stepped in front of Stefan LeFors' pass and raced 35 yards for a touchdown to erase Louisville's comeback hopes, the RedHawks' fifth score of the season on interception returns. Then, Terna Nande picked off another pass in the end zone. Cal Murray rushed 15 times for 142 yards and a touchdown for Miami. Martin Nance had nine catches for 169 yards. LeFors was 17-of-26 for 224 yards but was intercepted three times after getting picked off only seven times in the first 12 games. J.R. Russell caught seven passes for 144 yards and three touchdowns.

Scoring Summary

Miami	21	14	0	14	49
Louisville	0	21	7	0	28

- MIA — Larkin 28-yd pass from Roethlisberger (Parseghian kick)
- MIA — Murray 2-yd run (Parseghian kick)
- MIA — Nance 12-yd pass from Roethlisberger (Parseghian kick)
- LOU — Gates 1-yd run (Smith kick)
- MIA — Brandt 16-yd pass from Roethlisberger (Parseghian kick)
- MIA — Larkin 26-yd pass from Roethlisberger (Parseghian kick)
- LOU — Russell 31-yd pass from LeFors (Smith kick)
- LOU — Russell 2-yd pass from LeFors (Smith kick)
- LOU — Russell 24-yd pass from LeFors (Smith kick)
- MIA — Smith 3-yd run (Parseghian kick)
- MIA — Pusateri 35-yd interception return (Parseghian kick)

Game Statistics

Category	LOU	MIA
First Downs	22	28
Rushes-Att-Yds	38-237	33-221
Passing Yards	255	376
TOTAL OFFENSE	492	597
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	18-27-3	33-21-0
Punts	4-42.2	3-30.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties	5-58	8-73
Sacks By	2-13	3-13
3rd Down Conv.	4-11	5-10
4th Down Conv.	2-2	0-0
Time of Possession	29:08	30:52

Attendance: 40,620

2002 GMAC BOWL DECEMBER 18

Marshall 38
Louisville 15

MOBILE, Ala.—Byron Leftwich completed 22-of-44 passes for 249 yards and four touchdowns as the Cardinals ended their season at 7-6 with a 38-15 loss to Marshall in the 2002 GMAC Bowl.

The Thundering Herd scored the first 17 points of the game, coming on two touchdown passes from Leftwich and a Curtis Head 23-yard field goal. T.J. Patterson put Louisville on the board with a two-yard run with 5:15 left in the second quarter, but the Cards couldn't stop the Thundering Herd.

Marshall put the game away with 21 straight points.

Leading, 17-7, Leftwich tossed two more scores and a 15-yard run by Frank Wallace iced the contest.

Dave Ragone closed the scoring with an 11-yard pass to Tiger Jones.

Ragone was 20-of-45 for 193 yards, but was sacked three times. Ragone was also the team's top rusher with 31 yards, but the Cards were limited to 56 yards on 26 carries.

Scoring Summary

Marshall	7	10	7	14	38
Louisville	0	7	0	8	15

- MU — Marriott 9-yd pass from Leftwich (Head kick)
- MU — Head 23-yd field goal
- MU — Doss 8-yd pass from Leftwich (Head kick)
- LOU — Patterson 2-yd run (Smith kick)
- MU — Doss 12-yd pass from Leftwich (Head kick)
- MU — Marriott 26-yd pass from Leftwich (Head kick)
- MU — Wallace 15-yd run (Head kick)
- LOU — Jones 11-yd pass from Ragone (Ragone pass to Jones)

Game Statistics

Category	LOU	MIA
First Downs	23	20
Rushes-Att-Yds	30-99	26-56
Passing Yards	249	205
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	44-22-1-4	48-21-1-1
Punts	6-50.2	7-43.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-2
Penalties	17-147	10-88
Sacks By	2-8	3-22
3rd Down Conv.	0-13	8-18
4th Down Conv.	1-4	0-1
Time of Possession	26:59	33:01

Attendance: 40,646

Bowl History

2001 LIBERTY BOWL DECEMBER 31

Louisville 28
BYU 10

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The No. 23-ranked Cardinals made an impressive statement to cap one of the most successful seasons in school history with a 28-10 pounding of No. 19 Brigham Young in the AXA Liberty Bowl.

The Louisville defense, ranked 10th in the nation in points allowed, held the nation's highest scoring offense (46.8 points per game) 14 points below its previous low. So it was only fitting that the Cardinal defense came up with the biggest play of the game. Zek Parker had returned the opening kickoff 70 yards to the BYU 22 to set up the Cards' first score, with Henry Miller carrying it in from the one yard line.

Then the Cougars scored on a trick play, a lateral to lineman Dustin Rykert for a 10-yard touchdown to make it 7-7 midway through the second quarter.

The Cards were still in control after a BYU field goal on their opening drive of the second half. Deion Branch had three catches in the next Cardinal drive, including a 34-yard touchdown that put Louisville ahead 21-10 with 4:15 remaining in the third quarter. Junior safety Curry Burns had one of the best games of his career with nine solo tackles and two pass break-ups. He capped it with an interception and a 29-yard return to the Louisville 46. That set up the score that broke BYU's back.

Scoring Summary

BYU	0	7	3	0	10
Louisville	7	7	7	7	28

LOU: Miller 1 yard run (Smith kick)
BYU: Rykert 10 yard run (Payne kick)
LOU: Mattingly 1 yd. pass from Ragone (Smith kick)
BYU: Payne 29 yard field goal
LOU: Branch 34 yard pass from Ragone (Smith kick)
LOU: Ghent 27 yard pass from Ragone (Smith kick)

Game Statistics

Category	LOU	BYU
First Downs	17	17
Rushing Yards	37-58	32-84
Passes	19-28	18-38
Passes Int.	1	3
Passing Yards	228	192
Total Offense	286	276
Punts-Avg.	6-36.5	4-36.8
Penalties-Yards	8-64	4-40
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0

Attendance: 58,968

2000 LIBERTY BOWL DECEMBER 29

Colorado State 22
Louisville 17

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — In the only bowl game of the 2000 season that featured a pair of conference champions, the Mountain West champs - the Colorado State Rams bulled their way to a 22-17 win over the Louisville Cardinals, Conference USA champions.

More than 25,000 U of L fans braved wind chills in the single digits and saw the Cardinals jump out to a 10-3 lead early in the second quarter. Sophomore quarterback Dave Ragone connected with little-used wide receiver Damien Dorsey on a 58-yard scoring play and got three more from the right foot of placekicker Nate Smith.

The Rams battled back late in the first half getting a pair of touchdowns on the ground from Cecil Sapp and Frank Rice. Sapp would go on to earn game MVP honors after a 160-yard performance.

Armed with a 16-10 halftime lead, the Rams would bump the score to 19-10 after the second of three C.W. Hurst field goals, a 21-yarder early in the third quarter.

U of L pulled within two at 19-17 when Ragone connected with Deion Branch on a 14-yard scoring play with 13:35 left in the game.

For the day, Ragone completed 24 of 37 throws for 321 yards in winds up to 30 miles per hour. Branch set a Liberty Bowl record with 10 receptions for 170 yards and a score.

Scoring Summary

Colorado State	3	13	3	3	22
Louisville	7	3	0	7	17

CSU — Hurst 24-yd field goal
LOU — Dorsey 58-yd pass from Ragone (Smith kick)
LOU — Smith 24-yd field goal
CSU — Sapp 2-yd run (Hurst kick)
CSU — Rice 16-yd run (kick failed)
CSU — Hurst 21-yd field goal
LOU — Branch 14-yd pass from Ragone (Smith kick)
CSU — Hurst 32-yd field goal

Game Statistics

Category	CSU	LOU
First Downs	22	17
Rushing Yards	157	76
Passes	13-28	24-37
Passes Int.	1	0
Passing Yards	158	321
Total Offense	315	397
Punts-Avg.	5-44.8	5-39.2
Penalties-Yards	3-39	6-55
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-3

Attendance: 58,302

1999 HUMANITARIAN BOWL DECEMBER 30

Boise State 34
Louisville 31

BOISE, Id. - For the first time in school history, the Cardinals travel to their second consecutive bowl game after posting a 7-4 regular season record. U of L drew first blood less than three minutes into the game when senior Jon Hilbert split the uprights from 40 yards out to give the Cards a 3-0 lead.

BSU quarterback Bart Hendricks sprinted in from three yards out to give the Broncos a 7-3 advantage, but U of L would strike back less than two minutes later as senior quarterback Chris Redman hit Arnold Jackson with a 54-yard scoring pass.

The NCAA's all-time leader in passes attempted and completed, Redman would close his historic collegiate career by completing 26 of 47 throws for 314 yards and two scores.

Following a Hendricks TD pass, junior Zek Parker returned the ensuing kickoff 91 yards for a score as U of L seized the lead back at 17-14. Parker's TD return was his third of the season.

The two clubs matched touchdowns in the second stanza with Damien Dorsey catching his first pass as a collegian to give U of L a 24-21 lead at halftime.

A pair of Nick Calaycay third quarter field goals gave BSU a three-point lead after three quarters while a Davy Malaythong five-yard run proved to be the game-winning score with 9:28 remaining.

Scoring Summary

Louisville	17	7	0	7	31
Boise State	14	7	6	7	34

LOU — Hilbert 40-yd field goal
BSU — Hendricks 3-yd run (Calaycay kick)
LOU — Jackson 54-yd pass from Redman (Hilbert kick)
BSU — Swan 4-yd pass from Hendricks (Calaycay kick)
LOU — Parker 91-yd kickoff return (Hilbert kick)
BSU — Harts 80-yd interception return (Calaycay kick)
LOU — Dorsey 8-yd pass from Redman (Hilbert kick)
BSU — Calaycay 26-yd field goal
BSU — Calaycay 46-yd field goal
LOU — Moreau 3-yd run (Hilbert kick)
BSU — Malaythong 5-yd run (Calaycay kick)

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Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties	5-58	8-73
Sacks By	2-13	3-13
3rd Down Conv.	4-11	5-10
4th Down Conv.	2-2	0-0
Time of Possession	29:08	30:52

Attendance: 29,283

Bowl History

1998 MOTOR CITY BOWL DECEMBER 23

Marshall 48
Louisville 29

DETROIT, Mich. — Marshall scored 24 unanswered points to take control of the second annual Motor City Bowl, 48-29.

The loss, however, could not dampen the metamorphosis of the Louisville football team during the 1998 season.

U of L held serve with Marshall through the first 30 minutes holding a 21-21 deadlock with the Thundering Herd behind the offense of junior running back Leroy Collins and quarterback Chris Redman. Redman completed 35 of 56 throws for 336 yards and a second-quarter TD to Charles Sheffield. The outing was a fitting end to a junior season which saw him finish second nationally in total offense and become the 13th quarterback in I-A history to throw for 4,000 yards.

Collins found the end zone three times in the bowl loss to cap a recordsetting season. The junior college transfer hit paydirt 19 times during the regular season to break Lenny Lyles 40-year-old mark.

Herd quarterback Chad Pennington set virtually every MCB record completing 18 of 24 passes for 411 yards and four touchdowns as Marshall exploited an injury-riddled U of L defense.

Scoring Summary

Marshall	7	14	17	10	48
Louisville	0	21	0	8	29

MU — Williams 29-yd pass from Pennington (Malashevich kick)

LOU — Collins 2-yd run (Hilbert kick)

MU — Washington 14-yd pass from Pennington (Malashevich kick)

LOU — Sheffield 21-yd pass from Redman (Hilbert kick)

MU — Williams 26-yd pass from Pennington (Malashevich kick)

LOU — Collins 13-yd run (Hilbert kick)

MU — Long 50-yd pass from Pennington (Malashevich kick)

MU — Chapman 1-yd run (Malashevich kick)

MU — Malashevich 22-yd field goal

MU — Chapman 1-yd run (Malashevich kick)

LOU — Collins 1-yd run (Hilbert kick)

MU — Malashevich 32-yd field goal

Game Statistics

Category	MU	LOU
First Downs	27	26
Rushing Yards	202	66
Passes	18-24	34-54
Passes Int.	0	1
Passing Yards	411	336
Total Offense	613	402
Punts-Avg.	1-58.0	4-49.3
Penalties-Yards	14-123	13-109
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-0

Attendance: 52,016

1993 LIBERTY BOWL DECEMBER 28

Louisville 18
Michigan State 7

MEMPHIS, Tenn.— The 1993 Cardinals put a cap on an 8-3 regular season with an 18-7 victory over Michigan State at the Liberty Bowl.

Howard Schnellenberger's squad registered the first win ever by the Cardinals over a Big Ten foe.

The conditions were hardly ideal for an aerial display, but quarterback Jeff Brohm checked in with one of the guttiest efforts in the history of Cardinal football.

Brohm, playing with two steel pins and one steel plate in the index finger of his throwing hand completed 19-of-29 passes for 197 yards and a touchdown amidst 20-degree temperatures and freezing rain.

Most of that courage was shown in the fourth quarter. Entering the final frame, Louisville trailed 7-3. With 12:05 remaining, Brohm connected on a 25-yard strike to Reggie Ferguson to put the Cardinals in front for good.

Just over three minutes later, it was the defense's turn to make a big play. Pinned back to their one-yard line, the Spartans were merely looking to get some breathing room for their offense. Running back Craig Thomas took the handoff and was immediately met by All-American defensive end Joe Johnson and reserve linebacker Tyrus McCloud for a safety.

On the ensuing possession, the Cardinals marched down the field for an insurance touchdown when Anthony Shelman bolted into the end zone from 11 yards out.

Scoring Summary

Michigan State	7	0	0	0	7
Louisville	3	0	0	15	18

MSU — Goulbourne 1-yd run (Stoyanovich kick)

LOU — Akers 31-yd field goal

LOU — Ferguson 25-yd pass from Brohm (Akers kick)

LOU — Safety

LOU — Dawkins 11-yd run (Kick failed)

Game Statistics

Category	MSU	LOU
First Downs	18	20
Rushing Yards	114	172
Passes	15-28	19-31
Passes Int.	1	0
Passing Yards	193	197
Total Offense	307	369
Punts-Avg.	5-29.0	5-36.2
Penalties-Yards	5-60	6-45
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0

Attendance: 21,097

1991 FIESTA BOWL JANUARY 1

Louisville 34
Alabama 7

TEMPE, Ariz. - Playing in its first bowl game in 13 years, the Louisville football team felt it had something to prove at the 1991 Fiesta Bowl. The squad proved its point to the tune of a 34-7 thrashing of Alabama.

The Cardinals came out on all cylinders, scoring 25 points in the first quarter. Browning Nagle tossed two long touchdown passes and Ray Buchanan recovered a blocked punt for a touchdown.

Nagle threw for a Fiesta Bowl record 451 yards, including 223 during a 25-point first-quarter explosion. He completed 20-of-33 passes and had three scoring passes. Alabama's offense did not experience much more success.

For the game the Tide rolled for just 189 yards of total offense. U of L defensive back Ray Buchanan was tabbed as the game's defensive most valuable player.

Scoring Summary

Louisville	25	0	7	2	34
Alabama	0	7	0	0	7

LOU — Ware 70-yd pass from Nagle (Wilmsmeyer kick)

LOU — Dawkins 5-yd run (Kicked blocked)

LOU — Cummings 37-yd pass from Nagle (Kick failed)

LOU — Buchanan recovered blocked punt (pass failed)

ALA — Gardner 49-yd interception return (Doyle kick)

LOU — Cummings 19-yd pass from Nagle (Bell kick)

LOU — Safety

Game Statistics

Category	Ala	LOU
First Downs	10	25
Rushing Yards	95	113
Passes	12-35	21-39
Passes Int.	2	3
Passing Yards	94	458
Total Offense	189	571
Punts-Avg.	8-40.2	3-41.0
Penalties-Yards	7-40	10-87
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-1

Attendance: 69,098



Bowl History

1977 INDEPENDENCE BOWL DECEMBER 17

Louisville 14
Louisiana Tech 24

SHREVEPORT, La. - The 1977 Louisville team, coached by Vince Gibson, ended a seven-year bowl drought, and took a 24-14 setback from Louisiana Tech at the Independence Bowl.

Louisiana Tech, the Southland Conference champion, took the thrill out of the trip for U of L, handing the Cards a 10-point loss.

Kevin Miller provided the spark offensively for U of L, electrifying the crowd with a 60-yard first quarter punt return for a touchdown.

In the third quarter, Miller scored again on a 13-yard run to cap a 13-play, 58-yard scoring drive.

Tech quarterback Keith Thibodeaux, the offensive player of the game, countered Miller's heroics with two touchdown passes.

Miller nearly came up with another TD, but he mishandled a pass in the end zone from Stu Stram. Another potential Cardinal touchdown was called back by a holding penalty.

Linebacker Otis Wilson was selected as the game's outstanding defensive player.

Scoring Summary

Louisville	7	0	7	0	14
Louisiana Tech	21	3	0	0	24

LOU — Miller 60-yd punt return (Posadas kick)

LT — Lewis 1-yd run (Swiley kick)

LT — Pree 41-yd pass from Thibodeaux (Swiley kick)

LT — McCartney 8-yd pass from Thibodeaux (Swiley kick)

LT — Swiley 21-yd field goal

LOU — Miller 13-yd run (Posadas kick)

Game Statistics

Category	LT	LOU
First Downs	25	11
Rushing Yards	48	100
Passes	19-39	9-23
Passes Int.	2	1
Passing Yards	287	61
Total Offense	335	161
Punts-Avg.	6-32.0	8-38.0
Fumbles-Lost	6-3	8-3

Attendance: 18,500

1970 PASADENA BOWL DECEMBER 19

Louisville 24
Long Beach State 24

PASADENA, Calif. - In 1970, the University of Louisville's Missouri Valley Conference Championship team tied Long Beach State 24-24 at the Pasadena Bowl to close the season.

Long Beach trailed Lee Corso's Cardinals almost the entire game after John Madeya scored a pair of touchdowns.

On the strength of a safety and some nifty running by fullback Leon Burns, LBSU managed to forge a fourth-quarter tie.

A strange play near the end of the game had the Louisville faithful thinking they just might secure a victory.

Madeya threw a screen pass to tailback Tom Jesukaitis, who was supposed to go out of bounds. Instead Jesukaitis put the ball in the air again, throwing a pass to Cookie Brinkman who went in for a touchdown.

The rulebook prohibits more than one pass on a single play, however, and U of L was penalized five yards.

Louisville's Paul Mattingly was named Defensive Player of the Game.

He blocked a 32-yard field goal attempt in the fourth quarter and was in on a game-high 17 tackles

Scoring Summary

Louisville	14	7	3	0	24
Long Beach St.	7	7	2	8	24

LBSU — Burns 4-yard run (Logue kick)

LOU — Madeya 4-yard run (Marcus kick)

LOU — Welch 65-yard interception return (Marcus kick)

LOU — Madeya 1-yard run (Marcus kick)

LBSU — Burns 2-yard run (Logue kick)

LOU — Marcus 24-yard field goal

LBSU — Safety Gatti tackled in end zone

LBSU — Burns 4-yard run (Matthews pass from Graves)

Game Statistics

Category	LBSU	LOU
First Downs	16	20
Rushing Yards	243	210
Passes	9-17	12-23
Passes Int.	1	1
Passing Yards	148	90
Total Offense	391	300
Punts-Avg.	6-30.0	8-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	2-0

Attendance: 20,472

1958 SUN BOWL JANUARY 1

Louisville 34
Drake 20

EL PASO, Texas- The University of Louisville made its first bowl appearance Jan. 1, 1958, as Frank Camp's squad battered Drake 34-20 in the Sun Bowl.

The victory over the Drake Bulldogs capped a near-perfect season for the Cardinals. U of L finished with a 9-1 record.

The only blemish was a 13-7 setback at Kent State University.

Louisville's squad was headed by Lenny Lyles, the nation's leading rusher.

Unfortunately, Lyles went down in the first quarter with an injury.

He managed just six yards on two carries.

In Lyles' absence, Ken Porco and Pete Bryant stepped forward offensively. Porco ran for a game-high 119 yards on 20 carries.

Bryant added 80 yards on 14 carries, while also tossing a 20-yard scoring pass. His four-yard run in the second quarter gave the Cardinals a 21-14 advantage that they did not yield

Scoring Summary

Louisville	7	14	7	6	34
Drake	7	7	0	6	20

Drake — Labrasca 2-yard run (Leeman kick)

LOU — Cain 4-yard run (Young kick)

Drake — 17-yard run (Leeman kick)

LOU — Young 37-yard pass from Orem (Young kick)

LOU — Bryant 4-yard run (Young kick)

LOU — Porco 2-yard run (Young kick)

Drake — Kinzell 55-yard pass from Labrasca (kick failed)

LOU — Young 20-yard pass from Bryant (kick failed)

Game Statistics

Category	DRAKE	LOU
First Downs	16	14
Rushing Yards	176	228
Passes	10-33	6-10
Passes Int.	1	0
Passing Yards	140	148
Total Offense	316	316
Punts-Avg.	4-25.8	5-34.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-0

Bowl Records

RUSHING

Most Rushing Yards : 329
2004 Liberty Bowl vs. Boise State

Most Attempts: 50
2004 Liberty Bowl vs. Boise State

Most Touchdowns: 3 (twice)
Most recent: 2004 Liberty Bowl vs. Boise State

Most Rushing Attempts, Both Teams: 88
2004 Liberty Bowl vs. Boise State

Most Rushing Yards, Both Teams: 458
1970 Pasadena Bowl vs. Long Beach State

Fewest Yards Gained, Both Teams: 142
2001 Liberty Bowl vs. BYU

PASSING

Most Passing Yards: 458
1991 Fiesta Bowl vs. Alabama

Most Attempts: 54
1998 Motor City Bowl vs. Marshall

Most Completions: 34
1998 Motor City Bowl vs. Marshall

Most Touchdowns: 3 (four times)
Most recent: 2004 Liberty Bowl vs. Boise State

Fewest Passing Yards Allowed: 94
1991 Fiesta Bowl vs. Alabama

Fewest Completions Allowed: 17
1970 Pasadena Bowl vs. Long Beach State

Most Interceptions: 3 (three times)
Most recent: 2003 GMAC Bowl vs. Miami (OH)

Most Touchdowns Passing, Both Teams: 7
2003 GMAC Bowl vs. Miami (OH)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Yards: 571
1991 Fiesta Bowl vs. Alabama

Most Yards, Both Teams: 1,089
2003 GMAC Bowl vs. Miami (OH)

Most Fumbles: 8
1977 Independence Bowl vs. Louisiana Tech

SCORING

Most Touchdowns: 6
2004 Liberty Bowl vs. Boise State

Most Points: 44
2004 Liberty Bowl vs. Boise State

Most Points, Both Teams: 84
2004 Liberty Bowl vs. Boise State

Most Points Scored in One Half: 25
1991 Fiesta Bowl vs. Alabama

Largest Margin of Victory: 27
1991 Fiesta Bowl vs. Alabama

Most Points, 1st Quarter: 25
1991 Fiesta Bowl vs. Alabama

Most Points, 2nd Quarter: 21
1998 Motor City Bowl vs. Marshall
2003 GMAC Bowl vs. Miami

Most Points, 3rd Quarter: 14
2004 Liberty Bowl vs. Boise State

Most Points, 4th Quarter: 15
1993 Liberty Bowl vs. Michigan State

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS RUSHING

Most Attempts : 24 by Frank Moreau
1999 Humanitarian Bowl vs. Boise State

Most Rushing Yards by a QB: 77 by Stefan LeFors
2004 Liberty Bowl vs. Boise State

Most Yards: 128 by Lionel Gates
2003 GMAC Bowl vs. Miami (OH)

Best Average Per Carry: 10.67 by Lionel Gates
2003 GMAC Bowl vs. Miami (OH)

PASSING

Most Attempts: 54 by Chris Redman
1998 Motor City Bowl vs. Marshall

Most Completions: 35 by Chris Redman
1998 Motor City Bowl vs. Marshall

Most Yards: 451 by Browning Nagle
1991 Fiesta Bowl vs. Alabama

Most Interceptions: 3 by Stefan LeFors
2003 GMAC Bowl vs. Miami (OH)

Highest Completion Pct.: .692 by Stefan LeFors
2004 Liberty Bowl vs. Boise State

Most Yards Per Att: 13.67 by Browning Nagle
1991 Fiesta Bowl vs. Alabama

Most Yards Per Comp.: 22.55 by Browning Nagle
1991 Fiesta Bowl vs. Alabama

RECEIVING

Most Receptions: 10 by Deion Branch
2000 Liberty Bowl vs. Colorado State

Most Yards: 170 by Deion Branch
2000 Liberty Bowl vs. Colorado State

Highest Avg. Per Catch: 23.0 by Tony Cummings
1991 Fiesta Bowl vs. Alabama

Most Touchdown Receptions: 3 by J.R. Russell
2003 GMAC Bowl vs. Miami (OH)

LONGEST PLAYS

Scrimmage Run: 88 by Lionel Gates
2003 GMAC Bowl vs. Miami (OH)

Passing Play: 70 by Browning Nagle-Latrell Ware
1991 Fiesta Bowl vs. Alabama

Punt: 59, Brandon Brookfield
1993 Liberty Bowl vs. Michigan State

Field Goal: 40 by Jon Hilbert
1999 Humanitarian Bowl vs. Boise State

Interception Return: 65 by Joe Welch
1970 Pasadena Bowl vs. Long Beach State

Kickoff Return: 96 by Zek Parker
2001 Liberty Bowl vs. BYU

Punt Return: 60 by Kevin Miller
1977 Independence Bowl vs. Louisiana Tech

Opponent Bests

Points 49 by Miami (2003 GMAC)

First Downs: 28 by Miami (2003 GMAC)
28 by Boise State (1999 Humanitarian)

Total Offense: 613 by Marshall (1998 Motor City)

Rush Attempts: 42 by Boise State (1999 Humanitarian)

Rushing Yards: 243 by Long Beach State (1970 Pasadena)

Pass Attempts: 44 by Marshall (2002 GMAC)
Pass Completions: 21 by Miami (2003 GMAC)
21 by Marshall (2002 GMAC)

Passing Yards: 411 by Marshall (1998 Motor City)

Interceptions Thrown: 3 by BYU (2001 Liberty)

Penalties: 17 by Marshall (2002 GMAC)
Fumbles Lost: 3 by Long Beach State (1970 Pasadena)



Lionel Gates had a Louisville bowl record 88-yard run in the 2003 GMAC Bowl against Miami (Ohio).