

**POST-GAME NOTES**

**RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELLIA BOWL NOTES**

* Bowling Green (8-6) defeated South Alabama (6-7) 33-28 in the inaugural Raycom Media Camellia Bowl at historic Cramton Bowl in Montgomery. The attendance for the inaugural event was 20,256.
* Prior to kickoff, the official ribbon cutting for the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl took place at midfield with **Johnny Williams** (Camellia Bowl Executive Director), **Paul McTear** (President and CEO of Raycom Media), **Todd Strange** (Mayor of Montgomery), **Elton Dean** (Chairman of the Montgomery County Commission), **Dr. John Steinbrecker** (Mid-American Conference Commissioner) and **Karl Benson** (Sun Belt Conference Commissioner).
* **Bowling Green** (orange jerseys, white pants and white helmets) won the toss and deferred to the second half … **South Alabama** (gray jerseys, blue pants and white helmets) received the kickoff in the south end zone.
* The official kickoff time was 8:20 p.m. (CT) … BGSU junior kicker **Anthony Farinella** handled the first kickoff in Raycom Media Camellia Bowl history … South Alabama ran the first play from scrimmage in Raycom Media Camellia Bowl history … USA quarterback **Brandon Bridges** threw an incomplete pass, which was intended for **Shavarez Smith** … South Alabama went three-and-out on the first possession in Camellia Bowl history.
* Bowling Green recorded the initial first down in Raycom Media Camellia Bowl history as James Knapke completed a 6-yard slant pass to **Ronnie Moore** on a third-and-3 from the BGSU 42-yard line.
* Bowling Green led 20-7 at halftime … the team leading at halftime is 5-0 so far in the 2014 College Football Bowl season.

**BOWLING GREEN NOTES**

* Bowling Green quarterback **James Knapke** was named the 2014 Bart Starr MVP Award winner. The redshirt quarterback completed 25-of-39 passes for 368 yards and two TDs in leading the Falcons to a 33-28 win over South Alabama. He threw the game-winning 78-yard TD pass to freshman receiver Roger Lewis with 1:04 left in the game. Knapke led the Falcons to a pair of TD drives on the first two possessions in the first quarter as BGSU led 14-0 with just under eight minutes left in the first quarter.
* Knapke had four completions of more than 40 yards in the win over South Alabama … in addition to his game-winning 78-yard TD pass to Lewis, Knapke had a 44-yard TD pass to Lewis in the first quarter … Knapke also had a 53-yard completion to Gehrig Dieter and a 42-yard completion to Ronnie Moore.
* The Falcons had a pair of 100-yard receivers in the win over South Alabama … redshirt sophomore **Gehrig Dieter** had a game-high seven catches for 108 yards in the win … freshman **Roger Lewis** caught four passes for a game-high 137 yards.
* **Lewis** averaged 34.3 yards per catch in the win over South Alabama. Lewis caught four passes for 137 yards and two TDs in the win, including the 78-yard game-winning TD with 1:04 left in the game. He also caught the first TD pass in Camellia Bowl history with a 44-yard TD catch in the first quarter.
* Bowling Green scored the first touchdown in Raycom Media Camellia Bowl history when Knapke threw a 44-yard touchdown pass to Lewis to give the Falcons a 7-0 lead … the scoring drive covered seven plays and 65 yards and used 2:21 off the clock … the 44-yard TD pass came with 12:59 remaining in the first quarter.
* Bowling Green scored the first rushing touchdown in Raycom Media Camellia Bowl history when redshirt junior **Travis Greene** scored on a 1-yard TD run with 7:17 left in the first quarter … the touchdown was set up by a 53-yard pass from Knapke to Dieter giving the Falcons a first-and-goal at the USA 4-yard line … Green finished with 20 rushing attempts for 41 yards and two TDs for the Falcons.
* Bowling Green has at least one rushing touchdown in 14 consecutive games, it’s longest since a 15-game streak from October 6, 2001-November 2, 2002.
* Bowling Green redshirt junior kicker **Tyler Tate** made the first field goal in Raycom Media Camellia Bowl history with a 39-yard FG with 6:49 left in the second quarter … Tate also set the BGSU single-season record with 22 made field goals this year.
* Bowling Green sophomore **Ronnie Moore** was ejected for targeting at the 13:10 mark of the third quarter following his hit on USA punt returner Jereme’ Jones … Moore was the Falcons’ second-leading receiver with five catches for 51 yards in the game.
* Bowling Green is now 5-7 in its 12 bowl games after a 33-28 win over South Alabama on Saturday … the win snapped a four-game bowl losing streak for the back-to-back MAC Eastern Division champions.

**SOUTH ALABAMA NOTES**

* South Alabama took its only lead of the game on junior running back **Terrance Timmons** 3-yard TD run with 1:20 left in the game … Timmons go-ahead score capped an 8-play, 73-yard drive that took 2:53 off the clock … South Alabama trailed 14-0 in the first quarter and 20-7 at halftime before its near second-half comeback.
* South Alabama senior **Kendall Houston** scored the first touchdown in Jaguars bowl history with a 44-yard touchdown run with 5:42 left in the first quarter to cut the deficit to 14-7 … Houston’s 44-yard run was the longest his career for the Jaguars.
* Houston was the team’s leading rusher with five carries for 53 yards (10.6 yards) and one touchdown in the loss to the Falcons.
* South Alabama junior tight end **DeMarrion Buford-Hughes** had an 18-yard touchdown reception with 11:23 remaining the game to cut the BGSU lead top 27-21 … It was his first career TD catch for the Jaguars.
* South Alabama senior inside linebacker **Maleki Harris** set the South Alabama single game record for total tackles and tied the record for solo tackles against the Falcons … Harris finished with 18 tackles and 12 solo tackles in the game … He also added three tackles for loss (-19 yards), one sack (-14 yards) and one quarterback pressure.
* In addition to Harris, senior free safety **Terrell Bigham** recorded 12 tackles for the Jaguars defense … Bigham had five solo tackles and seven assists against the Falcons.
* South Alabama played its first bowl game in school history with its 33-28 loss to Bowling Green in the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl. The Jaguars have only been playing football since 2009 and are in the second year as an FBS member.