

**DOLLAR GENERAL BOWL  
BUFFALO VS TROY**

MOBILE, Ala. -- Troy's offense limped through November with a handful of injuries, and a subpar game against Appalachian State in the regular-season finale cost the Trojans a shot at winning the Sun Belt Conference title.

After a few weeks of rest, the Trojans were healthy for the Dollar General Bowl. It made all the difference.

Sawyer Smith threw for 320 yards and four touchdowns, B.J. Smith and Sidney Davis ran for touchdowns and Troy beat Buffalo 42-32 on Saturday night. Troy coach Neal Brown said the victory was gratifying, even if the win was slightly bittersweet.

"Being at full strength, I think it kind of gave you a glimpse at what we might have been," Brown said.

Troy (10-3) secured the hard-fought win on Davis' 20-yard touchdown run with 3:09 remaining, a play after Buffalo's Tyree Jackson fumbled to give the Trojans possession. It was the Bulls' third lost fumble.

The entertaining game had several big swings in momentum, especially during a strange third quarter that featured Buffalo scoring seven points despite not running an offensive play.

Troy took a 21-17 lead on Smith's 2-yard touchdown run with 9:47 left in the third and then immediately recovered an onside kick. The Trojans were driving for another score before a B.J. Smith fumble bounced into the hands of Buffalo's Tyrone Hill, who ran 93 yards for a touchdown to give the Bulls a 24-21 lead.

Troy jumped ahead 35-24 after two quick touchdowns in the fourth quarter and held off Buffalo's final rally. Sawyer Smith's favorite target was Damion Willis, who caught 13 passes for 101 yards and two touchdowns. The quarterback said even though the Trojans made a few mistakes in the second half, he could feel momentum building.

"I knew how the offense was playing and how good we could be in the second half," Smith said. "I really had no doubt."

Buffalo's Jackson threw for 274 yards with a touchdown and an interception. The quarterback said the Bulls made some uncharacteristic mistakes that caused a sour end to the season.

"As an offense, we pride ourselves on playing good football," Jackson said. "We've played good football all year, no penalties and winning the turnover battle. Today we struggled with that and put our defense in a tough situation."

Buffalo (10-4) took the early 7-0 lead on Jaret Patterson's 11-yard touchdown run less than two minutes into the game. The drive was helped by a spectacular 51-yard pass completion that bounced off K.J. Osborn's hands and pinballed between a few defenders before being caught by Antonio Nunn.

Troy bounced back quickly with its own huge gain through the air -- a 60-yard touchdown from Sawyer Smith to Tray Eafford.

The game stayed tight throughout the first half and Buffalo took a 17-14 lead late in the second quarter on Adam Mitcheson's 41-yard field goal. The Bulls had the halftime lead despite three turnovers, including two fumbles.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Buffalo: It's a disappointing loss for the Bulls, who are still looking for their first bowl win in program history. Buffalo dominated at times, but the four turnovers proved to be tough to overcome.

Troy: The Trojans secured their third straight 10-win season, which is the longest such streak in program history. Sawyer Smith was excellent and Troy finally got its run game going in the second half. The Trojans were also able to capitalize on Buffalo's turnovers.

<b>Final</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>T</b>
BUFF	7	10	7	8	32
TROY	7	7	7	21	42

**Scoring Summary -----**

	BUFF	TROY
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
BUFF TD 13:12 Jaret Patterson 11 Yd Run (Adam Mitcheson Kick) 5 plays, 75 yards, 1:48	7	0
TROY TD 11:47 Tray Eafford 60 Yd pass from Sawyer Smith (Tyler Sumpter Kick) 3 plays, 74 yards, 1:25	7	7
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
BUFF TD 11:06 Kevin Marks 1 Yd Run (Adam Mitcheson Kick) 14 plays, 96 yards, 5:58	14	7
TROY TD 6:15 Damion Willis 7 Yd pass from Sawyer Smith (Tyler Sumpter Kick) 8 plays, 42 yards, 2:34	14	14
BUFF FG 0:52 Adam Mitcheson 41 Yd Field Goal 10 plays, 41 yards, 3:16	17	14
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
TROY TD 9:41 B.J. Smith 2 Yd Run (Tyler Sumpter Kick) 10 plays, 75 yards, 5:19	17	21
BUFF TD 5:23 Tyrone Hill 93 Yd Fumble Return (Adam Mitcheson Kick) 8 plays, 46 yards, 4:18	24	21
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
TROY TD 14:13 Damion Willis 2 Yd pass from Sawyer Smith (Tyler Sumpter Kick) 12 plays, 69 yards, 6:10	24	28
TROY TD 11:25 Sidney Davis 45 Yd pass from Sawyer Smith (Tyler Sumpter Kick) 3 plays, 48 yards, 0:51	24	35
BUFF TD 7:24 K.J. Osborn 3 Yd pass from Tyree Jackson (Tyree Jackson Pass to Antonio Nunn for Two-Point Conversion) 10 plays, 69 yards, 4:01	32	35
TROY TD 3:09 Sidney Davis 20 Yd Run (Tyler Sumpter Kick) 1 play, 20 yards, 0:05	32	42

	BUFF	TROY
<b>Team Stats</b>		
First Downs	20	21
Total Yards	376	433
Total Plays	68	75
Avg Gain Per Play	5.5	5.8
Net Yards Rushing	102	113
Rushes	33	31
Yards Per Rush	3.1	3.6
Net Yards Passing	274	320
Comp-Att	20-35	31-44
Yards Per Pass	7.8	7.3
Times Sacked	3	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-18	-5
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	2	4
Punt Average	40.0	49.3
Penalties	5	8
Penalty Yards	39	65
Fumbles	6	2
Fumbles Lost	3	1
Possession	26:37	33:23

**Individual Stats**

	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
<b>RUSHING</b>					
BUFF					
26 Jaret Patterson	15	67	4.5	11	1
5 Kevin Marks	10	40	4.0	9	1
3 Tyree Jackson	7	-4	-0.6	6	0
TROY					
26 B.J. Smith	20	93	4.7	24	1
6 Sidney Davis	1	20	20.0	20	1
8 Marcus Jones	1	4	4.0	4	0
5 Jabir Daughtry-Frye	1	2	2.0	2	0
3 Sawyer Smith	5	-1	-0.2	7	0

**PASSING**

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
BUFF							
3 Tyree Jackson	20	35	274	7.8	1	1	126.6
TROY							
3 Sawyer Smith	31	44	320	7.3	4	0	161.5

**RECEIVING**

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
BUFF					
1 Antonio Nunn	4	87	21.8	51	0
83 Anthony Johnson	5	67	13.4	24	0
8 K.J. Osborn	4	57	14.3	37	1
26 Jaret Patterson	1	23	23.0	23	0
81 Tyler Mabry	2	17	8.5	10	0
5 Kevin Marks	2	12	6.0	10	0
13 Tito Overton	1	7	7.0	7	0
15 George Rushing	1	4	4.0	4	0
TROY					
15 Damion Willis	13	101	7.8	24	2
13 Tray Eafford	3	69	23.0	60	1
6 Sidney Davis	4	62	15.5	45	1
80 Deondre Douglas	4	35	8.8	16	0
8 Marcus Jones	4	28	7.0	11	0
5 Jabir Daughtry-Frye	1	17	17.0	17	0
83 Luke Whittemore	1	5	5.0	5	0
26 B.J. Smith	1	3	3.0	3	0