

2003 GAME RECAPS

MARYLAND 23 N Illinois 20 - MD was pinned at their 2 yd line after a punt was tackled for a safety, 2-0. NI was int'd & MD started at the 46 & went 54 yds for a TD, 7-2. NI was int'd from the MD 26 & ret'd to the 34. MD got a 38 yd pass & nailed a 43 yd FG, 10-2. NI fmbld the opening KO of the 3Q & MD got a TD 4 plays later, 17-2. NI surprisingly went 80 yds for a TD w/9:03 left, 17-9. MD answered w/a 67 yd drive but settled for a 34 yd FG, 20-9. NI answered again w/a 67 yd drive this time settling for a 21 yd FG after having 1st & goal, 20-12. MD went 49 yds & nailed a 45 yd FG, 23-12. NI punted & MD took over at midfield. They got to the 11 & fmbld so instead of a 30-12 lead, NI ret'd it 85 yds for a TD, 23-20 w/5:34 left.

MARYLAND 45 Temple 22 - MD had a 319-100 yd edge & 28-0 halftime lead. MD got but Statham fmbld & TU ret'd it 18 yds & would go 45 yds for a TD. MD answered w/a 68 yd TD drive. MD punted & TU went 92 yds for a TD w/11:08 left, 35-14. MD got a 39 yd FG & TU went 72 yds for a TD w/2:56 left.

W VIRGINIA 10 Maryland 16 - WV finally ended their losing streak to Friedgen's Terps. WV had a 22-17 FD edge, 352-295 yd edge & a 5-1 TO edge but needed OT for the win. The teams traded fmbld's. MD started at its own 7 but was int'd & ret'd to the 7 where a TD run on the next play. WV fmbld & MD drove down field & settled for a 31 yd FG. At the half WV had an 11-5 FD edge & 167-91 yd edge but led just 7-3. WV went 52 yds & nailed a 45 yd FG, 10-3. After a 22 yd punt went OOB, MD drove 43 yds 4 plays for a TD, 10-10. MD went 52 yds & nailed a 46 yd FG, 13-10. WV went 61 yds & hit a 37 yd FG. MD missed a 49 yd FG w/1:20 left & WV had the game winning 44 yd'r blk'd w/12 left. In OT MD settled for a 33 yd FG. WV hit a 7 yd TD pass for the win.

Maryland 55 DUKE 21 - QB Statham was int'd 3x's & charged w/3 fmbld's giving him 7 int & 8 fmbld's in 4 gms but MD ran 100 plays & finished w/35 FD's. This game was thoroughly dominated by MD but shockingly at the half MD led just 27-21 but had an 18-3 FD edge & 330-85 yd edge. Duke stayed in the game in the 1H w/2 big plays, a 94 yd KR TD & 85 yd int return for a TD. In the 3Q MD went 79 yds for a TD. MD went 92 yds for a TD w/2:39 left in the 3Q. MD went 66 yds 8 plays for a TD, 48-21. Duke punted & MD went 72 yds 8 plays for a TD for the final.

Georgia Tech 20 MARYLAND 7 - MD was 21-1 at Byrd Stadium since HC Friedgen took over & had a 13 gm home winning streak. QB Statham was leading the ACC in ttl offense but he was pulled after 3Q's & MD had just 81 yds offense. GT's PJ Daniels ret'd to the lineup & rushed for 91 yds. After a scoreless 1Q GT got an 11 yd TD rec & add a FG to lead 10-0 at the half. At the half GT had a 201-66 yd edge & 11-5 FD edge. In the 3Q GT went 65 yds 5 plays for a TD & after a MD punt got a 27 yd FG, 20-0. MD finally went 63 yds for a TD w/11:28 left. For the game GT had a 328-81 yd edge & a 16-10 FD edge.

NC State 13 MARYLAND 3 - For the 2nd straight week, MD was held to less than 100 yds off. They gained 61 yds & 4 FD's on their 1st poss but got just 1 more FD. NCS went 40 yds & made a 26 yd FG but a pen made them try a 31 yd'r, 3-0. MD punted & NCS went 60 yds for a TD, 10-0 halftime lead. At the half NCS had a 167-44 yd edge & 10-4 FD edge. NCS started at the 48 & nailed a 49 yd FG. NCS fmbld the punt at their own 28 & MD got a 40 yd FG w/10:12 left.

CLEMSON 10 Maryland 7 - As we expected, this was a defensive struggle. CU was pinned at its own 7 & punted but it was blk'd & MD rec'd at the 17. Six plays later MD got a TD. CU went on a 73 yd 18 play drive & had a 1st & goal at the 9 but settled for a 22 yd FG w/09 left 1H, 7-3. At the half CU had a 177-112 yd edge but the 112 was actually good for MD who gained under 100 yds ttl offense in each of the prior 2 games. CU went 57 yds & on 3rd & goal a pass fell inc but pass inter gave them a FD at the 2 & CU got a TD on the next play w/just :23 left.

MARYLAND 20 Florida St 17 - Amazingly, vs FSU's excellent D, Statham threw for 333 yds & MD had 387 yds offense. FSU came in a perfect 14-0 SU vs MD. A sellout crowd of 52,203 was on hand & after the gm fans rushed the field but the goal posts were guarded by uniformed police. After exchanging FG's in the 1Q, MD converted on 3rd & 9 & then converted on 4th & 1 when FSU jumped offsides on a 54 yd drive for a 45 yd FG, 6-3. MD went 68 yds 6 plays for a TD & stunningly led 13-3 at the half. At the half, MD had a 223-175 yd edge. In the 3Q, MD was int'd & ret'd 40 yds for a TD, 13-10. MD answered right back on a screen pass for 72 yds for a TD, 20-10. FSU attempted a 52 yd FG that hit the left upright. FSU went 81 yds 8 plays & got a 16 yd TD pass w/7:43 left. FSU missed a 45 yd FG which would have tied it.

VIRGINIA 16 Maryland 0 - UVA finished w/26-7 FD & 409-214 yd edges. UVA went 86 yds & converted on 4th & 1 to set up a TD, 7-0. MD punted & UVA went 58 yds for a TD, 13-0 (xpng). MD deepest penetration in the 2H was the UVA 25.

VIRGINIA TECH 55 Maryland 6 - Thurs Night ESPN. On 2nd & 14 Griffin finally held on to an int & they ret'd it 12 yds to the 29. Five plays later VT had a TD. On 1st & 15 MD fmbld at their own 17. Three plays later VT had a TD, 14-0. MD would go on a 37 yd 8 play drive & nailed a 44 yd FG, 14-3. VT went 53 yds 6 plays w/a 35 yd TD pass, 21-3. MD was int'd at their 23. Three plays later VT had a TD, 28-3. After a MD punt, VT went 74 yds 12 plays for a TD & led 41-3 at the half. VT scored another TD in the 3Q for the rout.

MARYLAND 13 Wake Foret 7 - Both teams were eliminated from bowls previously. MD RB Josh Allen had 74 yds on 18 carries before tearing his ACL late in the 1H. WF missed a 25 yd FG. MD then went 80 yds for a TD, 7-0. MD went 77 yds & settled for a 22 yd FG, 10-0. MD then nailed a 47 yd FG on the half's final play, 13-0. At the half MD had a 239-151 yd edge. The ball hit a MD player & WF rec'd at the 28. They would get a TD 5 plays later to pull back to 13-7. MD had a 37 yd FG blk'd. The teams traded field position the rest of the game & WF had a 4th & 5 pass was dropped at the FD marker. MD took over at their own 49 & ran out the clock.