

2003 GAME RECAPS

MINNESOTA 49 Tulsa 7 - TU's opening drive went 50 yds but they missed a 31 yd FG and UM was SOD at the TU 36. UM then took over as they scored TD's on their next 6 poss. Five came in the 1H on drives of 80, 41, 38, 56 and 56 to lead 35-0. Their 1st drive of the 3Q went 65 yds for a TD. TU avoided the shutout with a 50 yd TD drive early in the 4Q. Backup UM QB Kamrath came in late in the 3Q and guided UM to a 45 yd TD drive. TU drove 60 yds for a garbage time 30 yd FG.

MINNESOTA 48 Troy St 7 - Abdul-Khaliq was int'd in the EZ and UM had a 52 yd FG after rec a fmb. UM later added an 80 yd TD drive, a 32 yd FG and a 65 yd TD drive, 20-0 at the half. In the 3Q UM added 65 and 40 yd TD drives, 34-0. Backup QB Kamrath was int'd in the EZ. After a 46 yd PR, UM got a 22 yd TD drive, 41-0. TSU had 73 yds at this point but would gain 80 yds on 16 plays on their next drive to make it 41-7. Maroney ret'd a KO 87 yds for a TD to finish the scoring.

Minnesota 42 OHIO U 20 - UM drove 80 yds for a TD. OU fmb'd on its 1st play & UM drove 28 yds for another TD. OU missed a 41 yd FG but drove 60 yds for a TD. The teams exchanged long TD drives, 21-14. OU took over with 3:55 left in the 2Q and got a TD w/:01 left on 4th & goal. UM fmb'd a punt at their own 22 but OU was SOD. UM drove 86 yds for a TD and OU was int'd in the EZ from the 31. UM drove 80 yds for a TD with 5:46 left, 42-14. OU drove 49 yds for a TD but UM rec'd the onside kick. OU's final drive was SOD at their own 35.

MINNESOTA 48 Louisiana-Lft 14 - UM had a 530-204 yd edge. ULL QB Babb hit 3-9 for 13 yds and was replaced by Rekieta mid-2Q after UM had already built a 31-0 lead. Rekieta guided a 65 yd TD drive, 41-7 at the half. UM was int'd at the Cajuns 10 but ULL was SOD at the UM 5. UM drove 95 yds for a TD but then fmb'd a punt at their own 18. Two plays later ULL got a TD with 3:05 left. UM rec'd the onside kick and finished the game at the ULL 13.

Minnesota 20 PENN ST 14 - UM onside kicked and rec'd to open but ended up punting. On their next two poss UM went 43 and 99 yds for TD's. PSU QB Mills got inj'd and Robinson led 79 and 80 yd TD drives sandwiched by a UM 44 yd FG, 17-14 with 2:04 left in the 1H. PSU had a FD at the UM 8 but a 3rd & 11 pass (which looked to be incomplete) was ruled an int with :06 left. PSU was SOD at the UM 33, missed a 45 yd FG, and was int'd at the UM 36. UM put together a 51 yd drive for a 30 yd FG with 2:21 left. PSU drove 67 yds and had a FD at the UM 15 but a 4th & 8 pass in the EZ fell incomplete.

Minnesota 42 NORTHWESTERN 17 - In the 1Q NW led 14-0 rolling up 146 yds offense while UM had just 8 yds on their first 4 poss and did not get a FD until less than 9:00 was left in the 2Q. The game turned on a 96 yd Gopher TD pass and UM scored 21 straight pts, 21-17 at the half. UM added an 82 yd TD pass early in the 3Q and finished with a 572-284 yd edge. UM ended the game at the NW 12 dominating the 2H.

Michigan 38 MINNESOTA 35 - Minny ran for a Mich opponent record 424 yds but Mich recorded its greatest comeback in school history. Minny led 28-7 after 3Q's with the last TD coming on a 26 yd drive after an int. Mich drove 80 yds for a TD and then got a 34 yd int return for a TD with 13:30 left to pull within 7. Abdul-Khaliq got a 52 yd TD run to put Minny back up by 14. Mich tied it with TD drives of 79 and 60 yds, the latter with 5:48 left. Mich got it back and drove 42 yds for a 33 yd FG with :47 left. Minny was int'd at the Mich 14.

Michigan St 44 MINNESOTA 38 - UM fmb'd the opening KO and MSU drove 37 yds for a TD. MSU then drove 68 & 61 yds for a TD and a FG. UM went on a 74 yd drive for a FG and an 89 yd TD drive, 17-10. MSU rec'd a fmb and drove 28 yds for a TD but UM drove 80 yds for a TD with :37 left in the 1H. MSU ret'd the ensuing KO 100 yds for a TD, rec'd a Gopher fmb and nailed a 50 yd FG on the 1H's final play for a shocking 34-17 lead. MSU nailed a 52 yd FG. UM drove 78 yds for a TD but later was SOD on 4th & 6 at the MSU 33. MSU got a 60 yd TD run with 6:47 left, 44-24. UM then drove 68 and 98 yds for TD's, the latter with 2:02 left. MSU rec'd the onside kick and ran out the clock.

Minnesota 36 ILLINOIS 10 - UM converted a fake punt at its own 36 & drove 89 yds, 7-0. UM settled for a 31 yd FG and got an 80 yd TD pass, 17-0 early in the 2Q. IL brought in Ward at QB and he drove them 80 yds for a TD. IL drove to the UM 10 but was int'd in the EZ with :20 left in the half, 17-7. UM drove 89 yds for a TD, 23-7 (xpng). IL drove 80 yds for a 28 yd FG. UM drove 80 & 78 yds for TD's to ice it.

MINNESOTA 55 Indiana 7 - IU backup QB McFarland was told he would start Sat morning due to inj. McFarland fmb'd on the 4th play and UM ret'd it for a TD (xpng). UM drove 42 yds for a TD, 13-0. Each team missed FG's. UM drove 38 yds for a TD and Indy answered with a 69 yd, 16 play drive to trail 20-7. UM would add 80 and 38 yd TD drives to extend it to 34-7. A 62 yd PR set up UM for a 27 yd TD drive. Indy was SOD on their next 2 poss and MIN drove 81 & 68 yds for TD's.

MINNESOTA 37 Wisconsin 34 - UM scored on every 1H poss to take a 24-13 lead at the half. UW QB Sorgi threw a 17 yd TD pass to Evans on their first poss of the 3Q. After a 34 yd FG by UM, Sorgi fired an 11 yd TD pass to Charles to tie it at 27. A UM int set up a 60 yd TD drive, but Sorgi answered with a 27 yd TD. UM drove 61 yds for the game winning 35 yd FG on the last play.

IOWA 40 Minnesota 22 - An Iowa 47 yd KR set up a 27 yd FG. UM missed a 54 yd FG and settled for a 33 yd'r after an int. UM went on a 13 play drive but settled for a 44 yd FG, 6-3. Iowa drove 70 yds for a TD and UM fmb'd at the Iowa 12. Iowa drove 72 yds for a TD. UM RB Maroney fmb'd going into the EZ and Iowa rec'd it at the 1. Iowa ended the 1H with a 55 yd FG and led 20-6. UM fmb'd at their own 19 setting up an Iowa 33 yd FG and Iowa added another FG. UM was int'd which set up a 41 yd UI TD drive, 33-6. UI drove 60 yds for a TD early in the 4Q. UM fmb'd at the Iowa 32 and then drove 67 and 68 yds for TD's on their final 2 drives. UM finished with 29-15 FD and 563-344 yd edges.