

2005 GAME RECAPS

Minnesota 41 TULSA 10 - RB Maroney rushed for 203 yds including a 67 yd TD run on the 1st play. The Gophers' 2nd drive was 70 yds for a 28 yd FG then Maroney got a 73 yd TD run, 17-0 after 1Q. TU rec'd a fmbld punt and nailed a 46 yd FG. UM was int'd at the TU 1 but TU ret'd an int to the 28 and the Gophers got a TD with :03 left 2Q, 24-3. At the half UM had a 306-106 yd edge. TU went on a 60 yd drive but missed a 27 yd FG and fmbld at their own 45. UM got a 23 yd FG after a 62 yd drive and TU went on an 85 yd, 17 play TD drive, 27-10. UM answered with 64 & 85 yd TD drives, the latter with 3:50 left.

MINNESOTA 56 Colorado St 24 - UM opened with a 60 yd drive for a 36 yd FG. UM drove 48 yds for a TD. CSU went 42 yds for a 21 yd FG. UM was int'd at the CSU 2 but after a 53 yd PR drove 12 yds for a TD. CSU fmbld and UM drove 37 yds for a TD, 24-3 with 5:12 left 2Q. CSU went 70 yds getting a TD with 1:36 left 1H. In the 3Q UM went 61 & 73 yds for TD's. UM blk'd a punt and ret'd it 13 yds for a TD. After an int UM had a 1st & goal at the 6 but was SOD at the 3. CSU fmbld and UM drove 50 yds for a TD to lead 49-10. In the 3Q CSU's Holland was inj'd and Hanie QB'd the rest of the way incl two garbage 4Q TD drives of 77 and 90 yds. UM added their own garbage 74 yd TD drive.

MINNESOTA 66 Florida Atl 7 - UM's powerful OL and running game overpowered the small & speedy Owls D. UM did not punt until 2:41 was left in the game scoring on all 7 1H poss and rolling up 442 yds and a 40-0 lead. FA's only threat ended on an int at the 4. UM led 46-0 and was SOD at the FA 21 and 29 and fmbld at the FA 23 in the 2H. FA's only TD came with 1:24 left in the 3Q on a 79 yd drive.

MINNESOTA 42 Purdue 35 (OT) - UM controlled early with 10, 11 and 7 play drives but missed a 38 yd FG, hit a 44 yd FG and got a TD to lead 10-0 early 2Q. PU was int'd at the UM 14 but got a 49 yd TD pass with 1:52 left 1H. UM got an 82 yd TD drive but PU answered after an 88 yd run by Sheets set up a TD, 17-14. UM got a 35 yd FG and led 20-14 after 3Q's. PU drove 62 yds for a TD then added a 36 yd IR for a TD to go ahead 28-20 with 5:45 left. The Gophers drove 65 yds getting a TD with 1:34 left and the 2 pt conv to send it to OT. PU got a TD and UM converted on 4th & goal from the 8 for a TD to send it to 2OT's. UM got a TD and PU had a pass bounce off the TE's hands on 4th & 2.

PENN ST 44 Minnesota 14 - PSU dominated as they had a 17-4 FD edge in the 1H. PSU scored on 4 of their first 5 poss to lead 20-0 late 2Q. UM got a 49 yd TD pass and PSU missed a 51 yd FG. The Lions drove 76, 54 and 74 yds for 2 TD's and a 21 yd FG on their first 3 poss of the 3Q to lead 37-7. UM gained 153 yds on its final 2 poss.

Minnesota 23 MICHIGAN 20 - MICH opened with a 75 yd drive but settled for a 23 yd FG. MIN was SOD at the MICH 39. MIN then drove 73 yds in 13 plays for a 25 yd FG to tie it. The Wolves got a 47 yd FG then after a MIN fmbld was rec'd at their own 24, MICH added a TD on 4th & goal with 3:10 left 2Q, 13-3. MIN drove 75 yds in 7 plays for a TD with :58 left. At the half MIN had a 233-154 yd edge. MIN settled for a 26 yd FG to tie it at 13. Breaston ret'd the KO 95 yds for a TD, 20-13. MIN answered with a 69 yd, 11 play TD drive. MICH missed a 32 yd FG in the 3Q and a 34 yd'r with 7:18 left in the game. MIN QB Cupito was KO'd with a shld inj and they were running the clock for OT when Russell ripped off a 59 yd run to the 15 and Giannini nailed a 30 yd FG with :10 left for the win.

Wisconsin 38 MINNESOTA 34 - UM was w/o starting QB Cupito and Mortensen hit just 7 of 17 for 99 yds. UW missed a 36 yd FG and UM was SOD at the UW 33. UW drove 67 yds for a TD. UM went 80 yds for a TD and UW had a 44 yd FG, 10-7. UM got a 26 yd FG on the 2Q's final play to tie it at 10. Maroney's 93 yd TD run and UM added a 49 yd FG, 20-10. UW went 68 yds for a TD and UM answered with an 80 yd TD drive. UM missed a 40 yd FG and UW went 44 yds for a TD to cut it to 27-24. The Gophers appeared to put it away with an 80 yd, 19 play TD drive with just 3:27 left, 34-24. UW went 70 yds for a TD with 2:10 left. UM rec'd the onside kick but were forced to punt. After a fmbld snap the punt was blk'd and UW fell on it in the EZ for the miracle TD with :30 left. UM fmbld the ensuing KO and UW rec'd. UM finished with a 415-156 rush edge including Maroney's 262 yds.

Ohio St 45 MINNESOTA 31 - OSU opened with an 80 yd TD drive and UM went on a 65 yd drive but missed a 32 yd FG. OSU nailed a 31 yd FG after a 66 yd drive, 10-0. UM went 80 yds for a TD but Ginn ret'd the ensuing KO 100 yds for a TD. UM went 67 yds for a FG and 58 yds for a TD to tie it at 17. OSU was SOD at the UM 24 and UM had a 335-203 yd edge at the half. OSU's Pittman got a 68 yd TD run and UM was SOD at the OSU 32. The Bucks went 68 yds for a TD but UM answered with an 80 yd TD drive, 31-24. After an 18 yd PR by Ginn, OSU went 37 yds for a TD. After a fmbld the Bucks drove 31 yds for a TD which came on 3rd & 9, 45-24. UM took over with 2:07 left and went on an 80 yd garbage TD drive.

Minnesota 42 INDIANA 21 - UM took its opening drive 63 yds but missed a 34 yd FG then went 80 yds for a TD. Indy went 56 yds for a TD to tie it. After UM was SOD on 4th & 11, Indy drove 66 yds in 5 plays for a TD, 14-7 (1:41). UM went on a 73 yd, 13 play drive but on 1H's final play on the 2 had a pass fall inc. UM dominated the 3Q with 65, 30 (after int), 51 & 54 yd TD drives to lead 34-14 (xpng). Indy went 80 yds in 15 plays for a TD with 9:20 left. Indy's onside kick was rec'd by UM and a pers foul set them up for a 33 yd TD drive, 42-21 (2 pt good). Indy went 58 yds and had a 4th & 2 pass at the UM 7 fall inc. UM got a 45 yd run by Pinnix and ran out the clock.

MINNESOTA 41 Michigan St 18 - Min opened with a 77 yd TD drive. MSU went 59 yds but had a 28 yd FG blk'd. MSU went on a 12 play, 66 yd drive for a 31 yd FG. Min went 67 & 80 yds for TD's, 21-3. MSU missed a 51 yd FG after being pushed back by a holding penalty. Min went 80 yds in 14 plays for a TD. The next 4 poss were all TD's with Min's coming with :12 left.

IOWA 52 Minnesota 28 - Iowa took their first 4 drives of the game 73, 68, 79 and 76 yds for TD's to lead 28-0. UM missed a 38 yd FG and was SOD at the Iowa 24. UM then was int'd and ret'd to the 5 setting up another Iowa TD. Minny got a 60 yd IR for a TD and Iowa settled for a 28 yd FG after a 10 play drive and led 38-7 at the half with a 378-140 yd edge. Each team was SOD in the redzone before Iowa got a 32 yd TD pass and led 45-7 after 3Q's. UM got 3 TD's in the 4Q including a 71 yd garbage drive.