

# 2004 MOTOR CITY BOWL

## Connecticut 39, Toledo 10

December 27, 2004 • Ford Field • Detroit, Mich. • Attendance: 52,552

UConn (8-4)	17	13	3	6	—	39
Toledo (9-4)	0	7	3	0	—	10



**First Quarter:** UC-Matt Nuzie 35 field goal 12:05 (8 plays, 41 yards, 2:55); UC-Jason Williams 32 pass from Dan Orlovsky (Nuzie kick) 4:41 (4 plays, 36 yards, 1:43); UC-Larry Taylor 68 punt return (Nuzie kick) 2:31.

**Second Quarter:** UT-Bruce Gradkowski 1 run (Jason Robbins kick) 10:53 (13 plays, 63 yards, 6:27); UC-Brian Sparks 7 pass from Orlovsky (Nuzie kick) 7:42 (8 plays, 41 yards, 3:11); UC-Nuzie 37 field goal 1:24 (11 plays, 55 yards, 3:23); UC-Nuzie 25 field goal 0:00 (6 plays, 53 yards, 0:55).

**Third Quarter:** UT-Robbins 27 field goal 11:47 (9 plays, 56 yards, 3:13); UC-Nuzie 36 field goal 1:53 (13 plays, 56 yards, 5:58).

**Fourth Quarter:** UC-Matt Lawrence 11 run (Nuzie kick blocked) 0:25 (5 plays, 45 yards, 2:52).

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** UC- Brockington 15-72-0, Bellamy 9-55-0, Williams, Ja. 1-14-0, Lawrence 1-11-1, Anderson 4-10-0, Orlovsky 1-(-3)-0. UT- Dawson 19-78-0, Council 10-10-0, Parmele 4-4-0, Gradkowski 4-(-1)-1, Higgins 1-(-4)-0, Body 1-(-9)-0.

**Passing (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD):** UC- Orlovsky 41-20-1-239-2. UT- Council 28-16-2-160-0, Gradkowski 12-6-0-43-0.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** UC- Henry 9-109-0, Williams, Ja. 3-43-1, Cutaia 2-47-0, McLean 2-13-0, Anderson 1-10-0, Sparks 1-7-1, Murray 1-6-0, Bellamy 1-4-0. UT- Moore 5-48-0, Odom 5-27-0, Holmes 4-47-0, Higgins 2-35-0, Broussard 2-13-0, Dawson 2-7-0, Parmele 1-15-0, Hudson 1-11-0.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	CONN	UT
First Downs	20	20
Rushing	31-159	39-78
Passing Yards	239	203
Att-Comp-Int	41-20-1	40-22-2
Total Offense	72-398	79-281
Average	5.5	3.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-44	4-35
Punts-Average	3-30.3	6-32.3
Punt Returns	2-69	1-7
Kickoff Returns	3-101	5-83
INT Ret.-Yards	2-0	1-0
Possession	28:18	31:42
3rd Down Conv.	8 of 17	8 of 18

Dan Orlovsky earned Most Valuable Player honors after going 20 of 41 in the air for 239 yards and two touchdowns as UConn defeated MAC Champion Toledo by a 39-10 score in the 2004 Motor City Bowl, UConn's first ever bowl appearance.

In addition to Orlovsky's honor, Tyler King was named the United Auto Workers Lineman of the Game.

The Huskies were led in rushing by Cornell Brockington, who had 15 carries for 72 yards. The leading receiver on the day for UConn was Keron Henry with nine catches for 239 yards.

UConn got out of the gates early, and set a Motor City Bowl record, by scoring 17 points in the first quarter while shutting the Rockets out. The Huskies took the opening drive 41 yards on eight plays to set up a 35-yard field goal by Matt Nuzie. Nuzie went on to kick three more field goals, for a total of four, to set a new Motor City Bowl record and tie a UConn single-game record.

The Huskies scored the first touchdown of the contest as Orlovsky, after eluding a blitzing Rocket, hit Jason Williams in the corner of the end zone for a dazzling 32-yard TD pass on a fourth and six play.

The final points of the first quarter came as Larry Taylor returned a punt 68 yards for a score.

Toledo scored its first points of the game as it grinded out a 13-play, 63-yard drive that ended with a one-yard touchdown run by quarterback Bruce Gradowski.

The Huskies scored 13 more points in the second quarter to take a 30-7 lead at the half. Orlovsky threw a seven-yard TD pass to Brian Sparks, whose sliding catch with 7:42 left in the half capped an eight-play, 41-yard drive. That touchdown was set up by a 54-yard kickoff return by Taylor.

Nuzie kicked a pair of field goals in the final 1:24 of the half – a 37-yarder and a 25-yarder on the final play of the half.

The teams traded a pair of field goals for the only scoring of the third quarter as Jason Robbins hit a 27-yard field goal for Toledo 3:13 into the half while Nuzie hit a 36-yarder with 1:53 left to play in the quarter.

The only scoring of the fourth quarter came with 25 seconds remaining as sophomore Matt Lawrence scored a touchdown on an 11-yard run.





# 2007 MEINEKE CAR CARE BOWL

## Wake Forest 24, Connecticut 10

December 29, 2007 • Bank of America Stadium • Charlotte, N.C. • Attendance: 53,126



UConn (9-4)	7	3	0	0	—	10
Wake Forest (9-4)	0	0	14	10	—	24

**First Quarter:** UC-Larry Taylor 68 punt return (Tony Ciaravino kick ) 2:38.

**Second Quarter:** UC-Ciaravino 29 field goal 5:00 (8 plays, 80 yards, 2:21).

**Third Quarter:** WF-Josh Adams 38 run (Sam Swank kick) 12:44 (6 plays, 66 yards 2:08); WF-John Tereshinski 20 pass from Riley Skinner (Swank kick) 3:27 (6 plays, 29 yards, 2:31).

**Fourth Quarter:** WF-Swank 43 field goal 11:53 (7 plays, 33 yards, 3:01); WF-Micah Andrews 9 run (Swank kick) 0:29 (8 plays, 62 yards, 3:36).

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing (Att-Yds-TD):** UC-Brown, Do. 13-72-0, Lorenzen 10-24-0, Dixon 7-19-0. WF- Adams 19-66-1, Andrews 8-64-1, Skinner 6-16-0, Moore 3-(-2)-0.

**Passing (Att-Cmp-Int-Yds-TD):** UC-Lorenzen 26-13-1-98-0, Brown, De. 3-0-0-0-0. WF- Skinner 38-29-1-268-1.

**Receiving (Rec-Yds-TD):** UC-Kanuch 3-36-0, Brouse 2-25-0, Gaulden 2-16-0, Jeffers 2-11-0, Taylor 2-8-0, Bedard 1-9-0, Brown, Do. 1-(-7)-0. WF-Moore 11-112-0, Brinkman 3-30-0, Smith 3-13-0, Adams 3-2-0, Boldin 2-47-0, Tereshinski 2-30-1, Marion 2-6-0, Selmon 1-19-0, Williams 1-7-0, Bryant 1-2-0.

Wake Forest quarterback Riley Skinner was 29-of-38 in the air for 268 yards and a touchdown to lead the Demon Deacons to a 24-10 victory over UConn in the 2007 Meineke Car Care Bowl before a crowd of 53,126 at Bank of America Stadium.

The two halves were mirror images of each other as UConn shutout Wake Forest in the first half and the Demon Deacons held the Huskies scoreless in the second.

The contest was the second bowl game in the last four years for UConn – who has been playing as a member of the BIG EAST for only four years. The Huskies defeated Toledo in the 2004 Motor City Bowl. This year, UConn sold its entire allotment of 12,500 tickets for the bowl game in Charlotte – the second BIG EAST school to ever do that.



### TEAM STATISTICS

	CONN	WF
First Downs	9	23
Rushing	30-115	36-144
Passing Yards	98	268
Att-Comp-Int	29-13-1	38-29-1
Total Offense	59-213	74-412
Average	3.6	5.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	2-30	1-6
Punts-Average	7-43.7	6-38.0
Punt Returns	3-75	4-26
Kickoff Returns	5-156	2-33
INT Ret.-Yards	1-(-2)	1-6
Possession	25:09	34:51
3rd Down Conv.	5 of 17	8 of 16

UConn led 10-0 at the half, but Wake Forest scored two third quarter touchdowns to take a 14-10 lead after three quarters.

Wake Forest took the opening possession of the second half and marched for a touchdown on a six-play, 66-yard drive. Josh Adams scored the touchdown on a 38-yard run 2:16 into the half.

The Demon Deacons took the lead for good on a 20-yard touchdown pass from Skinner to John Tereshinski on a third-and-14 play. Wake Forest made it 17-10 on a 43-yard field goal 3:07 into the final quarter by Sam Swank. The Demon Deacons sealed the win with a TD run by Micah Andrews in the final minute.

UConn was severely limited in the second half on offense as the Huskies had just 73 total yards of offense while the Deacons had 275.

UConn's Tyler Lorenzen was 13-of-26 in the air for 98 yards. Donald Brown led the UConn in rushing with 13 carries for 72 yards. Brad Kanuch was the leading Husky receiver with three receptions for 36 yards.

Wake Forest senior wide receiver Kenny Moore was named the game's MVP as he made 11 receptions for 112 yards.

UConn scored all 10 of its points in the first half. Larry Taylor scored the only touchdown of the first half when he returned a punt 68 yards for a touchdown with 2:38 left in the first quarter. Ironically, Taylor had a 68-yard punt return for a TD in UConn's only other bowl game – a win over Toledo in the 2004 Motor City Bowl – which came with 2:31 left in the first quarter down the near (UConn) sideline running to the camera's right.

The only other first half points came with 5:00 left in the second quarter as Tony Ciaravino connected on a 29-yard field goal that finished an eight-play, 80-yard drive. That drive was highlighted by a 58-yard run by Brown on the first play of the drive.

