**2015 RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELLIA BOWL: Post-Game Notes**
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**PREGAME:**
Ohio game captains were Nathan Carpenter, Derrius Vick, Jovon Johnson, Casey Sayles, Lucas Powell and Devin Jones; Appalachian State game captains were Doug Middleton, Ronald Blair, Beau Nunn and Simms McElfresh; the honorary game captains were Raycom Media President and CEO Paul McTear and 2015 Raycom Media Camellia Bowl Alabama Coaching Legend Pat Dye.

**COIN TOSS:**Appalachian State won the toss and deferred to second half; Ohio will receive and defend the south goal.

**KICKOFF**:
The official kickoff time was 4:42 p.m. (CT).

**FINAL SCORE:**Appalachian State rallied for a 31-29 win over Ohio in the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl on Saturday evening in Montgomery; App State kicker, who had missed two earlier field goals, kicked the game-winning 23-yard FG as
time expired to the give the Mountaineers their first bowl in win school history; App State trailed 24-7 in the fourth quarter.

**BART STARR MVP AWARD:**Appalachian State junior running back Marcus Cox was the 2015 recipient of the Bart Starr MVP Award; Cox had 24 rushing attempts for 162 yards and one TD in the win over Ohio; the 24 rushing attempts and 162 rushing yards are both Camellia Bowl records; Cox had a 26-yard TD run during a 21-0 run in the fourth quarter to spark the Mountaineers; Cox tied the school record with his 22nd career 100-yard rushing game; John Settle (1983-86) also had 22 career 100-yard rushing games for the Mountaineers.

**RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELLIA BOWL NOTES:**For the second straight year, the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl was decided in the final minute of the game; App State kicker Zach Matics' 23-yard field goal as time expired gave the Mountaineers a 31-29 win over Ohio; last year, Bowling Green quarterback James Knapke threw a 78-yard TD pass to Roger Lewis with 1:04 left in the game to give the Falcons a 33-28 win over South Alabama.

The 2015 Raycom Media Camellia Bowl was a game of streaks; Ohio scored 24 straight points in the second and third quarter to take a 24-7 lead; Appalachian State answered with 21 straight points in the fourth quarter to take a 28-24 lead with just under 12 minutes to play.

Ohio scored 17 points in a 71-second span in the second quarter and Jovon Johnson added a 45-yard fumble return with 8:06 left in the third quarter to give the Bobcats a 24-7 lead; Josiah Yazdani put the  Bobcats on the board with a 36-yard FG, which capped an 11-play, 45-yard drive; Ohio had managed only 43 yards on its previous five possessions; Ohio took its first lead of the game on the very next play from scrimmage when Quentin Poling recorded a 20-yard interception return for a TD to give Ohio a 10-7 lead with 1:23 left in the half; Ohio took advantage of another miscue on the next possession; defensive tackle Tony Porter recovered a fumble at the App State 23-yard line; Ohio running back A.J. Ouellette scored two plays later from the 7-yard line to cap the furious scoring rally.

Appalachian State scored 21 unanswered points in a 1:56 stretch of the fourth quarter to take a 28-24 lead; Taylor Lamb had two TD passes to Barrett Burns and Marcus Cox added a 26-yard TD run for the Mountaineers; Burns' 8-yard TD catch with 11:56 left in the game gave the Mountaineers a 28-24 lead.

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Appalachian State and Ohio combined for six turnovers in the Camellia Bowl; the six turnovers led to 35 points for the two teams; Ohio had three turnovers in the loss but only two resulted in touchdowns; Ohio quarterback JD Sprague threw interceptions on back-to-back possessions in the fourth quarter as App State took a 28-24 lead; the first interception led to a Marcus Cox 26-yard TD run with 13:10 left in the fourth quarter as the Mountaineers cut the lead to 24-21; the second interception set up Lamb's 8-yard TD pass to Barrett Burns to give App State a 28-24 lead; App State had three turnovers which led to 21 points for the Bobcats; Ohio sophomore middle linebacker Quentin Poling had a 20-yard interception return with 1:23 left in the second quarter to give the Bobcats a 10-7 lead; Ohio sophomore
defensive tackle Tony Porter recovered a fumble at the App State 23-yard line on the next possession; A.J. Ouellette scored on a 7-yard TD run with 20 seconds left in the half to extend the lead to 17-7; redshirt senior linebacker Jovon Johnson added a 45-yard fumble return with 8:06 left in the third quarter to give Ohio a 24-7 lead.

Sophomore middle linebacker Quentin Poling's 20-yard interception return for touchdown was the first defensive TD in Raycom Media Camellia Bowl history; it was Poling's second interception return for a touchdown this year; Poling also had a 25-yard interception return for a TD against Miami-Ohio on Oct. 10.

Redshirt senior strong linebacker Jovon Johnson recorded a 45-yard fumble return in the third quarter to give the Bobcats a 24-7 lead; it was his second defensive TD this season; Johnson had a 26-yard interception return against Idaho in the season opener; Johnson finished the game with nine tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss; one fumble return, one pass breakup and one safety; the safety came with 6:06 left in the fourth quarter and cut the App State lead to 28-26.

Appalachian State quarterback Taylor Lamb set the single-season school record with his 31st TD pass this season; Lamb set the record with a 11-yard TD pass to Barrett Burns with a 11:56 left in the fourth quarter to give the Mountaineers a 28-24 lead; he had previously tied the record with a 17-yard TD pass to Burns just two minutes earlier; Lamb accounted for 175 yards and three TDs in the win over Ohio; he completed 13-of-26 passes for 124 yards and two TDs; he added nine rushing attempts for 54 yards and one TD.

Appalachian State tight end Barrett Burns tied the school single-season record by a tight end with his eight touchdown receptions; he caught two TD passes in the fourth quarter against Ohio for 17 and 11 yards; former tight end Daniel Bettis also caught eight TD passes in 2005; Burns finished with three catches for 32 yards and two TDs.

Appalachian State senior kicker Zach Matics kicked the game-winning 23-yard field goal as time expired to give the Mountaineers a 31-29 win over Ohio; Matics had missed two field goals earlier in the game; he missed a 39-yard FG on the Mountaineers first possession and missed a 42-yarder on the team's third possession; he had not missed a FG from inside 50 yards since Oct. 4, 2014; he missed two such kicks in the first quarter against Ohio.

Appalachian State had an 11-play, 97-yard scoring drive in the fourth quarter, its longest scoring drive of the season; the previous long was a 95-yard drive against UL Monroe; Appalachian State had three scoring drives of 90 yards or longer this season.

**RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELLIA BOWL RECORDS:**Appalachian State set Camellia Bowl records with 49 rushing attempts and 303 rushing yards in the win over Ohio; South Alabama (136) and Bowling Green (131) combined for only 267 rushing yards in the inaugural Camellia Bowl last season.

Appalachian State quarterback Taylor Lamb's 21-yard TD run in the first quarter was the longest rushing TD by a quarterback in Raycom Media Camellia Bowl history; the previous long was 15 yards by South Alabama's Brandon Bridge in 2014.

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Appalachian State running back Jalin Moore's 55-yard run in the first quarter is the longest rushing play in Camellia Bowl history; the previous long was 44 yards by South Alabama's Kendall Houston in 2014.

Appalachian State tied the Camellia Bowl record with two TD passes against Ohio; Bowling Green also had two TD passes in last year's win over South Alabama.

Appalachian State tied the Camellia Bowl record with 24 total first downs (Bowling Green had 24 in 2014); App State set the Camellia Bowl record with 12 first downs rushing and tied the record with three first downs by penalty.

The six combined turnovers set a Camellia Bowl record; South Alabama (4) and Bowling Green (1) combined for five turnovers last season.

Ohio tied the Camellia Bowl record with eight tackles for loss; six different players had at least one TFL in the loss to App State; Jovon Johnson led the way with 2.5 tackles for loss, while Quentin Poling and Tarell Basham had two each.

Ohio senior punter Mitch Bonnstetter set the Camellia Bowl record with eight punts in the loss to Appalachian State; South Alabama and Bowling Green both had seven punts in last year's game.