



World Bowl 33 started with an impressive opening drive for Shaft. Louis Riddick finding Farley Granger in the endzone for an early lead. Rashan Shehee would answer for the Defending Champion Wolverines however, with 16 yard run on fourth and three. Those two long drives occupied the bulk of the first quarter. Shaft mounted an impressive 99 yard drive to start the scoring in the Second Quarter. This time Riddick would connect with Jackson for a thirty-four yard strike.

A trick play was in order to even the score once again. Cherry finding a wide open C.C. Carter on a fifty-five yard bomb. After both teams punted, Riddick again led a long drive nearing the two minute mark, Mayberry running it in from eleven yards out. Bob Lincoln enjoyed marginal success on this day, throwing for only 121 yards, but he led them within field goal range to pull within four points to end the first half.

North Country came out like Champions in the Second Half. Shehee would electrify the capacity crowd of 82,565 with a peddle to the metal eighty-two yard touchdown run. They then converted on the ensuing onside kick, but were forced to punt by a stubborn Shaft defense. The Snakes then turned it over on downs at their own fourteen yard line, Cherry scored three plays later from five yards out giving the Champs their first lead of the night: 31-28. The momentum clearly changed, but veteran Running Back Maurice Clarett would give them the lead back with a gutsy twenty-nine yard run breaking numerous tackles en route to the endzone, Shaft would enter the fourth with a slender three point lead. Sometimes it is the unlikely hero. Clarett had what can only be described as a miserable year. After rushing for 112 and two touchdowns in the opener, he managed only 248 yards the rest of the year finding the endzone only twice more. Adding to career lows was a pathetic 201 yards receiving. But the fourth quarter of the World Bowl belonged to him and his Shaft teammates. The Wolverines were forced to kick a field goal to start the quarter. Shaft had the ball second and eight from their own twenty-eight yard line: "Riddick behind Center, trailing by six, he pitches it to Clarett, almost nailed in the backfield! He eludes the aggressive North Country line, breaks another tackle as he has the first down- and more. He cuts to the middle of the field, he still has deceptive speed, now bolting down the right sideline one man to beat, he wont be caught! He will go all the way a seventy-two yard touchdown run to give Shaft the lead back, Wow!" The tough Snake defense again held North Country and they again had to settle for short field goal. Shaft was also held and punted but then forced a fumble and got the ball back with three minutes to go at the North Country forty yard line. Trailing by two points Riddick, who finished 18-28-3-0-218, would connect with Granger for 21 yard pass on third and 10. From the nine, Clarett would give the Snakes the lead back with his third touchdown of the game. But this one was not over, The Wolverines would return the ensuing kickoff 71 yards to put them in striking distance to win the game. On fourth and four from the twenty Shehee would come up a yard short giving the Snakes an unexpected Championship Ring. Clarett would garner MVP honors, finishing with 139 yards rushing on only ten carries, two scores. He also caught three passes for thirty-nine yards and another score. The win over shadowing a spectacular day by Shehee who ran for 289 yards on 43 carries and two scores. 325 total yards from scrimmage.

