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Air Force Post-Game Notes at Wyoming (Sept. 6, 2008)

Team Notes

- Air Force is using honorary game captains again this season. Today's honorary captains were John Martin and Ross Weaver. Martin is a 1971 Academy graduate and was a three-year football letterman. Weaver is a 2006 graduate and was a four-year letterman. Air Force's game captains were seniors Jake Paulson (DE) and Andrew Pipes (OC).
- Air Force improved to 24-20-3 all-time against Wyoming, including a 15-13 conference mark and a 9-11-2 mark at Wyoming. Head coach Troy Calhoun improved to 2-0 all-time vs. Wyoming.
- Air Force's three point allowed vs. Wyoming is the best effort since holding South Carolina State to three in last year's season opener. The three points allowed is Air Force's best-ever effort in a Mountain West Conference game and best for any conference game since beating Wyoming 10-3 in Laramie in 1998.
- Air Force's win is its third straight in the series, which matches the longest streak by either team. Air Force last won three consecutive games vs. Wyoming from 1970-72. Wyoming last did it from 1986-88.
- The Falcons improved to 9-1 all-time in Mountain West Conference openers, including a 5-0 mark on the road, and extended their winning streak to nine straight. The Falcons lost their first-ever MWC game to Wyoming, 10-7, in Falcon Stadium in 1999. The team has won nine straight since.
- Air Force head coach Troy Calhoun improved to 7-2 all-time in Mountain West Conference play. His 77.7 winning percentage is the third-best all-time among MWC head coaches.
- Air Force improved to 1-0 in September this season and 4-2 in the month under head coach Troy Calhoun.
- Air Force improved to 10-2 all-time in Saturday afternoon games under head coach Troy Calhoun.
- Air Force improved to 314-264-13 all-time in 53 years of varsity football. The Falcons improved to 144-155-10 in road/neutral site games. The school also improved to 95-69-4 all-time, including a 46-33 mark in conference play, in the month of September.
- Air Force extended its consecutive games scoring streak to 183 games dating back to the 1992 Liberty Bowl vs. Mississippi (13-0). The streak is the second longest among Mountain West Conference teams and ranks as the sixth longest nationally.
- Air Force held Wyoming to 2-13 on third down. The Falcons have held opponents to 4-25 on third down this season. AFA held Southern Utah to 2-12 last week.

Individual Notes

- Senior DE **Jake Paulson** recorded his third quarterback sack of the young season in the first quarter.
- Senior FS **Aaron Kirchoff** recorded his first fumble recovery this season in the first quarter. The recovery is the fourth of his career. Kirchoff had one last season and two in 2005.
- Junior punter **Brandon Geyer** notched a career-high in punts with seven, including a career-long punt of 65 yards. Geyer recorded the first punt of his career last week vs. Southern Utah, a 50-yarder down inside the 20 yard line.
- Junior SS **Chris Thomas** recorded a season-best 13 tackles. His career high of 14 came last year vs. BYU. The double-figure tackle effort is his first this season and fifth of his career. Thomas recorded 10 or more tackles four times last season. Thomas also recovered and forced a fumble and had a quarterback sack in the game.
- Senior DE **Ryan Kemp** recorded his second fumble recovery of the season. The recovery, which came in the second quarter following a Chris Thomas sack, led to a field goal. This Wyoming game marked the third straight

for Kemp involved in a fumble. Last week vs. Southern Utah he forced and recovered the same fumble. He also forced a fumble in last year's finale vs. California in the Armed Forces Bowl.

- Senior PK **Ryan Harrison** extended his consecutive made field goal streak to 15 straight with three field goals. Harrison hit from 40, 27 and 44 yards. His first two field goals gave Air Force the lead. The streak dates back to the New Mexico game last season and covers seven games. Harrison's three field goals match a career high and mark the fourth time in his career he's done it, including the last three games. Harrison hit three last week vs. Southern Utah and three vs. California in the bowl game.
- Sophomore OLB **Andrew Morris, Jr.** recorded the first quarterback sack of his career during the second quarter.
- Sophomore WR-Z **Kyle Halderman** recorded a career-long run of 74 yards in the third quarter. The run is the longest by a Falcon this season and longest since Blane Morgan went 80 yards vs. New Mexico in 1998. Halderman's previous long run of 48 yards came last week vs. Southern Utah.
- Sophomore ILB **Ken Lamendola** recorded a career-best 11 tackles. His previous high of one came last week vs. Southern Utah in his first-career start.
- Senior ILB **Brandon Reeves** recorded the first interception of his career.