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Air Force Post-Game Quotes & Notes **vs. Colorado State, Nov. 8, 2008**

Air Force Head Coach Troy Calhoun

“I think the thing you always know at the Air Force Academy, we live in an era where everything's either a superlative or kind of a finger-pointing problem. And at the Air Force Academy, it's always going to be just collectively being able to operate in a cohesive way. And we've been able to do that.”

“You look over the last five weeks and you find different ways to win, and what we've been able to do is keep a glue. It's not easy to do in this day and age I mean when you've got 19- and 20-year-old young men, sometimes their head can swell or sometimes the index finger wants to go out and say here's a problem. And that's just maturity in a lot of ways. But we did. We made a few big plays, and that helps. I think tonight we had some gains that were larger than 10. We haven't had a whole lot of those recently.”

“If we can get to a point, and we're not there yet, but in two or three years we can get to a point where we can play in a bowl game and that's a huge accomplishment for this young football team. For a service academy playing in this conference it's a difficult task.”

“I think the three toughest schools to get to a bowl game each year are Vanderbilt in the SEC, Stanford in the PAC-10 and Air Force in the Mountain West Conference. So when you can have one that's a quality achievement. You just have to have enough humility to be discipline on a day-in and day-out basis and that has to be us at the Air Force Academy.”

Colorado State Head Coach Steve Fairchild

“We just kind of fell apart there a little bit in the third quarter. We made some bad decisions. We missed a couple of things protection wise and ended up turning the ball over a couple of times and that's all it took for this thing to get out of hand.”

“Give Air Force credit, Troy (Calhoun) did a nice job. They played very well and they deserve this victory.”

“We'll go back to work now. I like the way our team is progressing. I really think we had a good couple of three weeks. Let's go build on that and I think we can end the season with a good taste in our mouth.”

Team Notes

- Air Force uses honorary captains, along with game captains. The honorary captains were **Brock Strom** and **Dave Phillips**, representing the 1959 Cotton Bowl team. Both are 1959 graduates of the Academy and helped the Falcons to a 9-0-2 record and the school's first bowl game that year. The game captains were seniors **Kevin Rivers** **Ryan Harrison**, **Ty Paffett** and junior **Peter Lusk**.
- Air Force improved to 8-2 overall and 5-1 in the Mountain West Conference. The team's five conference wins are tied for the second most in school history (2000). Air Force has won 11 MWC games the last two years which is the most in back-to-back seasons ever. The team's six conference wins last year set a school record.
- Air Force's 8-2 mark is its best 10-game record since 1998 when the team opened 9-1.

- Air Force extended its winning streak to five games overall, the most since the 2003 team opened the season 5-0. The current-five game streak is the best at the end of a season since the 1998 team closed the year with a nine-game streak.
- Air Force extended its Mountain West Conference winning streak to a school record four games. The previous record of three straight MWC wins came last year.
- The victory over Colorado State gives Air Force 17 wins over the last two seasons (with at least two games remaining) which is the most in back-to-back seasons since the 1998-99 teams won 18.
- Air Force's 17 wins over the last two seasons tie as the second most in service academy history for a coach in his first two years. Calhoun tied Ralph Sasse of Army (1930-31), Charlies Daly of Army (1913-14) and Navy's Paul Dashiell (1904-05). Air Force's Fisher DeBerry has the most with 20 in 1984-85.
- Air Force improves to 27-19-1 overall against Colorado State, including a 16-13 mark in conference games dating back to 1980. Air Force improved to 16-11-1 at home vs. the Rams. Air Force has now won three straight and four of the last five against Colorado State.
- The Falcons secured the Ram-Falcon Trophy, given to the winner of the annual contest between Air Force and Colorado State. The title is the 16th for Air Force.
- Air Force improved to 2-0 this season and 5-0 under head coach Troy Calhoun in games played in November.
- Air Force improved to 4-0 this season and 9-1 since 2007 in the second half of the season (last six games). Prior to head coach Troy Calhoun's arrival, Air Force was 12-24 since 2001 in the second half of the season.
- Head Coach Troy Calhoun improves to 17-6 overall and 11-3 in conference games. His .786 conference winning percentage is the four-best in Mountain West Conference history.
- Air Force improved to 9-2 in Falcon Stadium under head coach Troy Calhoun.
- Air Force extended its school-record consecutive games scoring streak to 191. The streak is the fourth longest active streak in the nation and is the 16th longest streak in FBS history. The streak dates back to the 1992 Liberty Bowl vs. Mississippi.
- Air Force's 14 points in the first quarter marks the teams highest scoring first quarter this season. The 14 points is tied as the second most this season, trailing the 16 points in the second quarter vs. Utah.
- Air Force extended its streak of points in consecutive quarters to 18, scoring in every quarter vs. Colorado State. The streak dates back to the third quarter against San Diego State five games ago.
- Air Force improved to 12-1 under head coach Troy Calhoun with a 100-yard rusher. The Falcons are 3-0 this season. Asher Clark did the honor vs. Colorado State with 136 yards.
- Air Force forced two turnovers vs. Colorado State to mark the ninth time in 10 games the team has forced two or more turnovers. Air Force scored 14 points off two Colorado State turnovers and has scored 97 points off 25 turnovers this season. The team has scored points off turnovers in every game it's forced a turnover this season.

Individual Notes

- Senior PK **Ryan Harrison** hit a 27-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to set a new Air Force single-season record with 20 field goals. Harrison broke the record of 19 he (2007) shared with David Adams (2000) and Dave Lawson (1974). Harrison has now hit 20 of 22 field goals this season and 30 of his last 32 dating back to last season. Harrison moved into a tie for third place in career field goals with Joe Wood (1989-91) with 39. Harrison has hit 39 of 49 career field goals and his .796 career percentage is tied for second in school history with Wood.
- Freshman TB **Asher Clark** recorded a career-high 136 yards rushing and notched his first multiple touchdown game of his career with two touchdowns rushing. Clark recorded a career-long run of 45 yards, which was for a touchdown. His previous career long run of 41 yards, also good for a touchdown, came earlier in the game. The 100-plus yard effort is the second of his career, as he rushed for 109 yards at San Diego State in his first-career start. Clark's 136 yards are the most by a Falcon this season and most since Jim Ollis rushed for 163 yards vs. San Diego State last season.
- Freshman QB **Tim Jefferson** and sophomore WR-Z **Kyle Halderman** connected on a 74-yard touchdown pass which is the longest pass play by Air Force this season. The 74-yard play is the longest of each player's career. Halderman also has a 74 yard run this season at Wyoming. The pass play is the longest at Air Force since QB Adam Fitch hit WR Greg Kirkwood with an 84 yard touchdown at Washington in 2005.
- Freshman QB **Tim Jefferson** recorded a career high 171 yards passing. His previous high was 162 yards at UNLV earlier this season. Jefferson also tied his career high with two touchdown passes.

- Sophomore WR-Z **Kyle Halderman** recorded his career high in receiving yards with 99 on two catches. His previous high was 62 yards on three catches vs. Navy.
- Sophomore ILB **Ken Lamendola** recorded 10 total tackles to record his sixth double figure tackle game this season. Lamendola is tied for the conference lead in double figure tackle games. Lamendola also recorded the first interception of his career.
- Sophomore CB **Reggie Rembert** recorded a career-best 10 tackles. His previous best was nine vs. New Mexico earlier this season. Rembert also recorded his third interception of the season, returning it 17 yards in the third quarter to set up a touchdown to give Air Force a 35-17 lead. His three interceptions this season lead the Falcons.
- Sophomore TB **Kyle Lumpkin** scored the first rushing touchdown of his career, a four-yard run in the first quarter to tie the score at seven.
- Sophomore FB **Jared Tew** recorded career highs in carries with 10 and yards with 50. His previous best for carries was four vs. Houston and yards was 23 vs. San Diego State.
- Senior WR-Z **Ty Paffett** recorded a career-long 53 yard reception. His previous best was 21 yards last week at Army.