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Air Force Post-Game Notes

vs. Houston, Sept. 13, 2008, at Gerald J. Ford Stadium, Dallas, TX

Team Notes

- Air Force uses honorary game captains, along with game team captains. This week's honorary captains are **Mike Bloomfield**, **Chad Hennings** and **Bob Noblitt**. Bloomfield is a 1981 graduate of the Academy and was a two-year letterman. Hennings is a 1988 graduate and four-year letterman. The most decorated player in school history, Hennings won the 1987 Outland Trophy and is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame. Noblitt, a Texas native, served as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at the Academy from 1984 to 1999. The game captains for the Houston game were junior SS **Chris Thomas** and senior quarterback **Shea Smith**.
- Air Force is playing its first game at SMU since 1969, when the Falcons defeated the Mustangs, 26-22. The Houston game is the fifth time the Falcons have played at SMU and are 3-2 all-time.
- Air Force improved to 3-0 on the year and this season marks the second straight year the team has opened 3-0. Air Force went on to finish 9-4 overall after last season's 3-0 start. The Falcons have started 3-0 13 times in school history and averaged 8.5 wins per season and had a winning record every year.
- Air Force improved to 1-0 all-time in games against Conference-USA. The Falcons are 26-7 all-time against teams that now make up C-USA. All previous games were played while teams were members of other conferences.
- Air Force head coach Troy Calhoun improves to 12-4 in his career. Calhoun improves to 5-2 during his career in non-conference games, including a 1-1 mark in neutral site games.
- Air Force improves to 315-264-13 all-time in 53 years of varsity football, including a 145-155-10 mark in neutral site games. The Falcons improved to 96-69-4 all-time in games played in September, including a 24-19 mark away from home.
- The 10 a.m. CT kickoff, 9 a.m. MT, is the earliest in school history. Air Force has played two other games that started at 10 a.m., but both were in Falcon Stadium in the MT time zone.
- The Houston game marked the first time this season that Air Force didn't score first in a game. Houston's first-quarter touchdown marked the first time this season that Air Force has trailed in a game.
- Air Force extended its consecutive games scoring streak to 184 with a first-quarter field goal. The streak dates back to the 1992 Liberty Bowl and is the second longest in the Mountain West Conference and sixth-longest in the nation.
- Air Force's touchdown to open the second half marks the second time in three games that the team has scored on its opening drive of the second half. The team also scored a touchdown vs. Southern Utah in the season opener.
- Air Force's defense forced a punt on Houston's opening drive of the second half. The Falcons have forced a punt in each game this season to open the second half defensively. In the previous two games, the team forced three-and-out possessions.
- Houston's third-quarter touchdown marked the first time this season that Air Force's defense has allowed multiple scores. The Falcons, who entered the game tied for fourth nationally in scoring defense with a 5.0 average, held Southern Utah to seven points and Wyoming to three in the first two games.
- Air Force didn't complete a pass in the game which is the fifth time in school history the team has gone without a completion. The last time came in 1992 vs. Wyoming. The previous four times AFA went without a completion the team also didn't attempt a pass in the game. The Houston game marks the first time in school history that Air Force has not had a completion with at least one pass attempt. The Falcons were 3-1 in the previous four games without a pass completion.

Individual Notes

- Senior PK **Ryan Harrison** extended his consecutive field goal made streak to 16 with a 30-yard field goal in the first quarter. Harrison's streak covered eight games dating back to last year. Harrison missed a field goal in the fourth quarter to end the streak. Harrison is 7-8 this season in field goals.
- Junior ILB **Justin Moore** forced the first fumble of his career while senior FS **Luke Yeager** made his first fumble recovery. The play came in the first quarter and led to a touchdown on the team's next drive to give Air Force a 10-7 lead.
- Senior QB **Shea Smith's** second-quarter touchdown run marks the third straight game he's scored a rushing touchdown. Smith has scored in every game this season on the ground, scoring from a yard out in each of the first two games. Smith later recorded a career-long run of 41 yards in the third quarter which led to his second rushing touchdown of the game. Smith added a third TD run in the third quarter to give Air Force a 31-7 lead. This Houston game marks the first multiple-touchdown game of Smith's career. His previous long run prior to the Houston game was 22 yards vs. Southern Utah in the opening game of this season. Smith finished the game with a career-best 93 yards rushing. His previous best of 91 came vs. Southern Utah.
- Sophomore PR **Reggie Rembert** recorded a career-long 53-yard punt return in the second quarter. His previous long of 20 yards came earlier this season vs. Southern Utah. The return, which led to a touchdown, ranks as the 11th longest in school history and longest since Matt Farmer returned one 55 yards vs. New Mexico in 1998.
- Sophomore TB **Savier Stephens** recorded his first touchdown run of the season, a seven-yard score in the second quarter to give Air Force a 17-7 lead. The TD run is the third of his career.
- Senior DE **Jake Paulson** finished the game with a season-best seven tackles and 2.5 quarterback sacks. Paulson has recorded at least one quarterback sack in every game this season and has 7.0 sacks on the year.
- Sophomore backup FB **Jared Tew** recorded his first-carry in the third quarter and rushed 11 yards for a first down. Tew finished the game with a career-best 22 yards rushing. He played as the starter in the entire second half for Todd Newell.
- Sophomore ILB Ken Lamendola recorded a career-best 12 tackles vs. Houston to mark the second straight game he's recorded double figures in tackles. Lamendola's previous career-high of 11 tackles came last week at Wyoming.
- Freshman CB **Anthony Wright** recorded the first interception of his career in the fourth quarter. The pick came in the red zone for Houston.
- The sophomore TB combination of **Kyle Lumpkin** and **Savier Stephens** rushed for 134 yards on 34 carries. This game marks the pair's third straight with over 100 yards. Lumpkin rushed a career-best 20 times for 74 yards while Stephens had 14 carries for 60 yards. Lumpkin rushed for 77 yards vs. Southern Utah and 71 vs. Wyoming.