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University of Wyoming Postgame Notes

Following a 35-26 home win versus Air Force
on Oct. 8, 2016, at War Memorial Stadium

Team Notes

- Today's game marked the 55th meeting between the two schools.
- Wyoming moves to 24-28-3 all-time against the Falcons.
- Head coach Craig Bohl is now 2-1 against Air Force during his tenure, including 2-0 at home.
- The crowd of 26,623 fans was the largest at War Memorial Stadium since 32,617 fans watched as Wyoming hosted Nebraska on Sept. 24, 2011.
- Wyoming possessed the ball exactly 34 minutes to Air Force's 26, essentially flipping Air Force's season average of having the ball 35:32 per game.
- Wyoming is now 45-44-3 in Homecoming games, including 40-25-2 at War Memorial Stadium.
- The Cowboys extended their home winning streak to four games, and have won five of their last six contests at War Memorial Stadium.

Offensive Notes

- Josh Allen connected with Tanner Gentry for an 17-yard TD with 10:40 remaining in the first quarter. It was Gentry's fifth receiving touchdown of the season, a single-season career high. Gentry has receiving touchdowns in six of his last seven games dating back to 2015.
- Gentry now has 25 consecutive games with a reception and needs just eight more yards to hit 2,000 career yards.
- Austin Conway had his first career reception in the first quarter, a 14-yard effort. He finished with four catches for 24 yards.
- Wyoming racked up 63 rushing yards in the first quarter. In 2016, Air Force opponents have managed just 53 rushing yards per game.
- With three receptions in the game, C.J. Johnson tied his single-game career high for receptions (3 vs. UC Davis on Sept. 17, 2016).
- Josh Allen connected with Jake Maulhardt for a 20-yard TD with 4:51 remaining in the second quarter. It was Maulhardt's second receiving touchdown of the season and the 12th of his career.
- Wyoming's 14-play, 75-yard TD drive in the second quarter took 5 minutes, 57 seconds off the clock. In terms of time, it was Wyoming's longest touchdown drive of the season.
- The Cowboys had five players - Austin Conway, C.J. Johnson, Jake Maulhardt, Tanner Gentry and James Price - with a reception of at least 10 yards in the first half.
- Josh Allen found Jacob Hollister for a 32-yard TD with 3:33 left in the third quarter. It was Hollister's longest reception since a 64-yard catch on Nov. 28, 2015 in a 35-28 Wyoming win over UNLV.
- On his TD pass to Hollister, Allen tied his single-game career high of three touchdown passes.
- Allen scrambled for a career-best 32-yard rush late in the fourth quarter to set up a Brian Hill touchdown. Allen's 74 rushing yards were a single-game career high and his second game of at least 70 rushing yards in 2016. He has a rush of at least 20 yards in three 2016 games.
- Wyoming's total of 189 rushing yards more than tripled Air Force's 2016 opponent average of 53.0 rush yards per game.

Defensive Notes

- Wyoming held Air Force to one total yard on its first two drives, which both resulted in punts. Air Force managed just four total yards in the first quarter.
- Logan Wilson registered his first career sack in the first quarter, bringing down Air Force QB Nate Romine for a 16-yard loss.
- Wilson's sack was Wyoming's 11th of the season, surpassing its 2015 season total of 10 sacks.
- Marcus Epps intercepted Nate Romine in the first quarter for his third interception of the 2016 season and fifth of his career. He added a 27-yard return, bringing his 2016 interception return total to 95 yards.
- With a tackle for loss in the second quarter, D.J. May matched his single-season career high in TFL at 4.5.
- The Wyoming defense held Air Force to just 64 total yards in the first half, limiting QB Nate Romine to one completion for 10 yards.
- D.J. May scooped an Air Force fumble and returned it 15 yards for a TD with 8:55 left in the third quarter, giving the Cowboys a defensive touchdown for the third consecutive game. It was Wyoming's fourth defensive touchdown of the 2016 season and May's first career defensive score.
- Lucas Wachua recorded the first solo sack of his career in the third quarter.
- Antonio Hull picked off Nate Romine in the third quarter and late in the fourth quarter, bringing his season and career totals to three interceptions. Hull's two picks marked the 50th time in Wyoming history that a player has recorded two interceptions during a game.
- Defensive tackle Youhanna Ghaifan posted his first career sack in the fourth quarter.
- Six different Wyoming players - Lucas Wachua, Marcus Epps, D.J. May, Andrew Wingard, Logan Wilson and Youhanna Ghaifan - had at least a tackle for loss during the game.
- Air Force QB Nate Romine completed just 6-of-19 passes at the hands of the Wyoming defense, throwing three interceptions.
- Wyoming held Air Force to just 4-for-14 on third downs during the contest.

Special Teams Notes

- Senior punter Ethan Wood punted 8 times for 307 yards, averaging 38.4 yards per punt. He pinned the Falcons inside their own 20-yard line three times.



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University of Wyoming Postgame Quotes

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Head Coach Craig Bohl:

"It was the type of game as far as being close that we anticipated. The game didn't come about the way we thought it would be with the ebbs and flows. Credit to coach Calhoun, even though they are a triple option team they came back with a vengeance and exploited some things. Our guys made some big plays, obviously time of possession is critical and we won that and made plays when need be. Defensively we scored again which was helpful."

(On Josh Allen's run)

"We got sacked on the previous play and I was concerned about the yardage. A lot of components in that and he made the right read. It was a huge play in the ball game."

(A team learning to win)

"I think so because Air Force came in 4-0. We only had a week to prepare for a complex scheme. We did get up, made some plays and we beat a good team. It's another big step for our program."

(On Antonio Hull)

"Antonio Hull is a competitor. Our coaches have complete confidence in him. He came up with a couple of big plays. That's part of football. We came up with plays and so did they, we came out and competed."

"It's been a process and certainly stopping the two-point conversion was huge. Coaches have always worked on that many times. Most of the time that never comes up and prepare for a lot of things. It was a huge shift in the game followed by recovering the onside kick."

(Quotes from Senior Linebacker Lucas Wachua)

(On the onside kick)

"I guess they say have a pretty good hands. I don't know if it's true. I'm probably out there to direct things. Someone bobbled it and I picked it up. Should have went down right away."

(On the play of the defense)

"I figured how many lumps we took last season against different teams. We knew we had to do something different as a team and on defense. As a leader of this team, I took responsibility of that and talked with the guys. We knew we had to come out execute to the highest level. At the end of the game, we need to come out and stop them."

(On stopping two-point conversion)

"I was right behind Josiah. It was a huge stop. Changed the momentum of the game, then the onside kick which put us in great position on the field."

(Quotes from Redshirt Sophomore Quarterback Josh Allen)

(On the run late in the fourth quarter)

"First, I just wanted to protect the ball and staying in bounds. I knew that I didn't get the first down they would have had to call a timeout. It was the same play like we did at Colorado State. Great play call."

"Still kicking myself on a few plays today, big play opportunities left on the field today. We got to execute on those. Glad we were able to hang on to the ball and convert on third down. Our defense was huge today. Great game on all phases."

"We play this game for a reason. Every play presents a different challenge. It's just finding them and exploiting them."

(On getting up big in the game)

"It was a great position to be up 28-6 or even better more. Let our guard down and just stopped wanting it more until they forced us to come back and make some plays. It was huge for us to turn it around late in the game."



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Air Force Postgame Quotes

Following 26-35 road loss versus Wyoming

Head Coach Troy Calhoun:

On the onside kick

"We felt like if it goes deep and they make two first downs, they're able to salt the game. And if you kick it deep, you give yourself no chance to recover the ball."

On if coming back from 22 points and having a chance to tie says anything about Air Force

"It doesn't. I think it's a real credit to Wyoming. Their size clearly was a factor in this game. We felt it on both sides of the ball, and that's something we're going to encounter and confront as we go down the road."

On Josh Allen's rushing yards

"We have to be able to get him down. We had the opportunities to tackle him and we did not. He is a big, strong kid and he made some key plays – especially on that third down right at the end of the game."

On Wyoming's defense

"They're a good group, and physically a good group. They have big bodies on both sides of the ball and I thought it was pretty evident that they're eating well."