

WEEK TWO  
AIR FORCE AT FLORIDA ATLANTIC

BOCA RATON, Fla. -- A year ago, Chris Robison was a redshirting freshman throwing passes to the practice squad guys for FAU coach Lane Kiffin. On Saturday, he was breaking school records.

Robison completed 33 of 40 passes for a school-record 471 yards and three touchdowns and FAU notched its first victory over a service academy, beating Air Force 33-27 in the Owls' home opener.

FAU had lost to Navy twice, the only other times the Owls played a service academy.

With the Air Force defense focusing its sights on Heisman Trophy candidate Devin Singletary, Robison quietly settled into a rhythm that the Falcons could never disrupt. He spread the ball around economically to his receivers, with his favorite target, Jovon Durante, hauling in 12 passes for 174 yards and a touchdown. Travis Harrison added seven receptions for 138 yards.

"I think he's very talented and we saw it last year on the service team," Kiffin said. "It was good to see it come together and as crazy as it sounds, 471 yards, and he left some out there."

The previous record of 463 yards was set more than a decade ago by Rusty Smith against Minnesota on Sept. 15, 2007.

The Falcons had success running the ball out of their triple option formation, rushing for 209 yards on 56 carries and two touchdowns, and quarterback Isaiah Sanders also surprised the Owls in the passing game with some deep throws. But it wasn't enough to slow down the home team in a game that was delayed 80 minutes by lightning.

"Whether you win or lose, missed opportunities are missed opportunities," said Sanders, who completed 8 of 13 passes for 164 yards, one touchdown and an interception on his last throw of the game. "It kind of stinks when you know that you could have made a play here or made a play there and I could have made a throw here or a made a throw there or pushed the ball better, especially in a game this close."

Singletary had a 36-yard touchdown run in the first half and had a 75-yard touchdown run called back on a holding penalty in the second, but overall he had a quiet afternoon, finishing with 16 carries for 57 yards and the one touchdown.

Kiffin said he expects defenses to challenge Robison to throw and crowd players in the box but he joked that some of Singletary's struggles might have to do with the Heisman billboards that have been put up around town.

A late blocked punt recovered in the end zone for a touchdown by Air Force put a scare into the home crowd, especially after the Falcons recovered the onside kick and had enough time on the clock to take some shots downfield. But the Owls held on.

**THE TAKEAWAY:** FAU found its quarterback of the future in Robison with a stellar performance all afternoon. He had the Air Force defense on its heels with his play-action fakes, made accurate throws and showed no fear in throwing the deep ball. Head coach Lane Kiffin's fast-paced offense suits Robison well as several of his big gains came on shovel passes to Durante and Willie Wright, who caught two of Robison's touchdown passes.

**THIRD-DOWN DELIGHTS:** In close games like these, third- and fourth-down conversions are crucial and FAU won that battle on both sides of the ball. The offense was 7-of-13 on third down conversions while the defense held Air Force to just 2-of-11. The Falcons also gambled on fourth down four times and succeeded only once, that being a 7-yard touchdown run by Taven Birdow in the third quarter.

**DEFENSIVE RECORD HOLDER:** Owls linebacker Azeez Al-Shaari entered the game needing just one solo tackle to tie the career record held by Frantz Joseph (183) and he finished with five, giving him 187.

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AFA	0	7	13	7	27
FAU	6	13	6	8	33

**Scoring Summary** -----

	AFA	FAU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
FAU FG 10:16		
Vladimir Rivas 24 Yd Field Goal 13 plays, 69 yards, 4:44	0	3
FAU FG 3:22		
Vladimir Rivas 34 Yd Field Goal 11 plays, 47 yards, 3:59	0	6
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
FAU TD 7:12		
Devin Singletary 36 Yd Run (Vladimir Rivas Kick) 5 plays, 76 yards, 2:22	0	13
AFA TD 2:50		
Nolan Eriksen 1 Yd Run (Matthew Philichi Kick) 9 plays, 75 yards, 4:22	7	13
FAU TD 0:27		
Willie Wright 17 Yd pass from Chris Robison (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed) 6 plays, 75 yards, 2:23		19
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
AFA TD 11:46		
Kade Waguespack 12 Yd pass from Isaiah Sanders (Matthew Philichi Kick) 7 plays, 75 yards, 3:14	14	19
FAU TD 9:40		
Jovon Durante 48 Yd pass from Chris Robison (Vladimir Rivas PAT failed) 5 plays, 92 yards, 2:06	14	25
AFA TD 6:00		
Taven Birdow 7 Yd Run (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed) 7 plays, 69 yards, 3:40	20	25
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
FAU TD 10:41		
Willie Wright 26 Yd pass from Chris Robison (Chris Robison Pass to Harrison Bryant for Two-Point Conversion) 5 plays, 80 yards, 1:58	20	33
AFA TD 0:50		
Lakota Wills 5 Yd Return of Blocked Punt (Matthew Philichi Kick) 3 plays, 0 yards, 1:10	27	33

Team Stats	AFA	FAU
First Downs	19	25
Total Yards	373	525
Total Plays	69	69
Avg Gain Per Play	5.4	7.6
Net Yards Rushing	209	54
Rushes	56	29
Yards Per Rush	3.7	1.9
Net Yards Passing	164	471
Comp-Att	8-13	33-40
Yards Per Pass	12.6	11.8
Times Sacked	1	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-4	-4
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	5	3
Punt Average	40.6	20.0
Penalties	5	8
Penalty Yards	50	87
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	32:47	27:13

**Individual Stats**

<b>RUSHING</b>					
AFA	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
34 Cole Fagan	16	80	5.0	13	0
19 Nolan Eriksen	8	44	5.5	10	1
4 Isaiah Sanders	18	34	1.9	10	0
33 Taven Birdow	4	29	7.3	10	1
3 Ronald Cleveland	6	8	1.3	19	0
84 Garrett Amy	1	5	5.0	5	0
28 Joseph Saucier	1	4	4.0	4	0
24 Kadin Remsberg	1	4	4.0	4	0
10 Andrew Smith	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
FAU	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
5 Devin Singletary	16	57	3.6	36	1
1 Willie Wright	2	13	6.5	12	0
6 Kerrith Whyte, Jr.	3	1	0.3	4	0
34 Gerald Hearn	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
2 Chris Robison	6	-9	-1.5	1	0

**PASSING**

AFA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
4 Isaiah Sanders	8	13	164	12.6	1	1	177.5
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FAU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
2 Chris Robison	33	40	471	11.8	3	0	206.2

**RECEIVING**

AFA	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
8 Marcus Bennett	2	87	43.5	49	0
3 Ronald Cleveland	2	23	11.5	14	0
7 Geraud Sanders	1	18	18.0	18	0
10 Andrew Smith	1	15	15.0	15	0
87 Kade Waguespack	1	12	12.0	12	1
19 Nolan Eriksen	1	9	9.0	9	0
FAU	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
7 Jovon Durante	12	174	14.5	49	1
82 Tavaris Harrison	7	138	19.7	41	0
1 Willie Wright	6	75	12.5	26	2
17 DeSean Holmes	2	38	19.0	29	0
40 Harrison Bryant	2	28	14.0	19	0
86 Ronald Patterson	1	15	15.0	15	0
87 Dante Cousart	1	10	10.0	10	0
6 Kerrith Whyte, Jr.	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
10 John Raine	1	-4	-4.0	0	0