

WEEK ONE  
COLGATE at AIR FORCE

Hammond leads way with 3 TDs, Air Force beats Colgate 48-7

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Donald Hammond III scored three of Air Force's seven rushing touchdowns and the Falcons ran their record to 24-0 against teams from the Football Championship Subdivision by beating Colgate 48-7 on Saturday.

Kadin Remsberg added two scores for Air Force, which moved to 13-0 in season openers under coach Troy Calhoun. The Falcons didn't throw a pass until the third quarter -- their only attempt of the game. There was no need to air it out as they amassed 423 yards on the ground. Fullback Taven Birdow gained 80 yards to lead a balanced rushing attack.

With lightning in the area at halftime, the crowd was encouraged to head to their cars and wait out the approximately 30-minute delay. Many didn't return with the score already 35-0.

Air Force's defense did its part with an interception, fumble recovery, two sacks and a fourth-down stop. It all added up to a long afternoon for Colgate (0-2), the preseason pick to win the Patriot League. Quarterback Grant Breneman and the Raiders avoided a shutout late in the third when Breneman found Nick Gill for a 13-yard score.

A play that typified the day for Colgate was late in the first half when the ball was snapped over the head of Breneman and recovered by Air Force linebacker Lakota Wills. Hammond scored on the next play from a yard out to give the Falcons a commanding 35-0 lead.

Hammond matched a career high with three rushing TDs. He won the QB battle over Isaiah Sanders, who took over in the third quarter and completed the only pass -- a 41-yard strike to Geraud Sanders. Reserve QBs Mike Schmidt, Jake Smith and Zachary Larrier also got time under center.

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THE TAKEAWAY

Colgate: The Raiders start the season 0-2 for the first time since 2015. They began 0-3 that year before turning it around and advancing to the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs.

Air Force: Two seems to be a magic number for the Falcons. The team is 19-3 since 2014 when they produce two or more defensive turnovers.

POWER OF III

Air Force cornerback Milton Bugg III intercepted a pass on Colgate's opening drive. Hammond III capitalized by scoring six plays later on a 2-yard run.

BIG MARGIN

Calhoun's Air Force teams have won the season opener by an average margin of 37.9 points. The Falcons beat Colgate 38-13 in 2013.

BIG KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Since facing Air Force in '13, the Raiders have played a FBS school each season: Ball State (2014), Navy ('15), Syracuse ('16), Buffalo ('17) and Army ('18). They're taking on Western Michigan and Syracuse next season.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
COLG	0	0	7	0	7
AFA	7	28	13	0	48

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER		COLG	AFA
AFA TD 10:55 Donald Hammond III 2 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)		0	7
6 plays, 33 yards, 2:42			
SECOND QUARTER		COLG	AFA
AFA TD 12:11 Donald Hammond III 17 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)		0	14
9 plays, 80 yards, 3:46			
AFA TD 7:46 Kadin Remsberg 2 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)		0	21
3 plays, 46 yards, 1:00			
AFA TD 2:08 Kadin Remsberg 6 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)		0	28
8 plays, 60 yards, 4:06			
AFA TD 1:57 Donald Hammond III 1 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)		0	35
1 play, 1 yard, 0:04			
THIRD QUARTER		COLG	AFA
AFA TD 11:23 Timothy Jackson 1 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke PAT blocked)		0	41
8 plays, 75 yards, 3:37			
AFA TD 3:53 Nolan Eriksen 8 Yd Run (Tevye Schuettelpelz-Rohl Kick)		0	48
9 plays, 74 yards, 5:09			
COLG TD 0:09 Nick Gill 13 Yd pass from Grant Breneman (Chris Puzzi Kick)		7	48
8 plays, 77 yards, 3:37			

Team Stats	COLG	AFA
First Downs	11	24
Passes for First	4	1
Rushes for First	6	22
Penalties for First	1	1
Third Down Efficiency	3-11	4-7
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	1-1
Total Yards	161	464
Total Plays	50	66
Avg Gain Per Play	3.2	7.0
Net Yards Rushing	75	423
Rushes	32	65
Yards Per Rush	2.3	6.5
Stat Name		
Net Yards Passing	86	41
Comp-Att	11-18	1-1
Yards Per Pass	4.8	41.0
Times Sacked	0	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-10
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	4	2
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	3	2
Penalty Yards	25	25
Fumbles	2	3
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Poss	27:22	32:38

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
COLGATE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Malik Twyman	14	48	3.4	0	12		
Alex Mathews	5	34	6.8	0	15		
Jake Froschauer	2	12	6.0	0	7		
Grant Breneman	6	11	1.8	0	9		
Garrett Oakey	1	8	8.0	0	8		
Myles Bradley	1	0	0.0	0	0		
AIR FORCE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Taven Birdow	9	80	8.9	0	41		
Kadin Remsberg	9	62	6.9	2	13		
Joshua Stoner	5	56	11.2	0	19		
Christian Mallard	6	53	8.8	0	19		
Timothy Jackson	10	43	4.3	1	7		
Donald Hammond III	5	26	5.2	3	17		
Nolan Eriksen	3	21	7.0	1	9		
Matthew Murla	3	21	7.0	0	8		
Colton Parton	2	19	9.5	0	9		
Omar Fattah	3	15	5.0	0	8		
Jake Smith	1	11	11.0	0	11		
C Stevenson	2	11	5.5	0	7		
L Leviston	1	8	8.0	0	8		
Qawi Ntsasa	1	4	4.0	0	4		
Robert Gross	1	2	2.0	0	2		
Dane Kinamon	1	0	0.0	0	0		
Zachar Larrier	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		
PASSING							
COLGATE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Grant Breneman	9	16	81	5.1	1	1	--
Jake Froschauer	2	2	5	2.5	0	0	--
AIR FORCE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Isaiah Sanders	1	1	41	41.0	0	0	100.0
RECEIVING							
COLGATE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Nick Diaco	2	29	14.5	0	26		
Nick Gill	3	25	8.3	1	13		
Garrett Oakey	1	17	17.0	0	17		
Myles Bradley	2	9	4.5	0	5		
Mike Bevino	1	4	4.0	0	4		
Michael Kane	1	1	1.0	0	1		
Malik Twyman	1	1	1.0	0	1		
AIR FORCE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Geraud Sanders	1	41	41.0	0	41		