

WEEK FOUR
NEVADA AT AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Ty Gangi threw for four touchdowns, two of them to Elijah Cooks, and Nevada held off a late Air Force rally to beat the Falcons 28-25 on Saturday.

Gangi completed 24-of-33 for 259 yards with scoring passes of 40 and 23 yards to Cooks, 29 yards to McLane Mannix and 30 yards to Brendan O'Leary-Orange. Nevada (3-2, 1-0 Mountain West) withstood Zane Lewis' school-record 99-yard interception return in the second quarter to win its conference opener and beat Air Force (1-3, 0-2) for the first time in three trips to Falcon Stadium.

Nevada's defense also dug in to turn back the Falcons in the final minutes. Donald Hammond III, who had replaced starting quarterback Arion Worthman midway through the third quarter, drove the Falcons deep into Nevada territory but threw incomplete into the end zone under pressure on a 4th-and-8 play from the 11-yard line with 1:16 remaining.

Nevada ran off most of the clock before deliberately taking a safety and kicking the ball back to the Falcons with 10 seconds left to play. Hammond got off two passes before time expired -- both fell incomplete.

Trailing by 14 at the half, Air Force opened the second half by driving to the Nevada 26 before stalling and settling for a 43-yard field goal by Jake Koehnke.

Nevada answered with another touchdown pass by Gangi, connecting for a second time with Cooks to rebuild the Wolf Pack's lead to 28-10.

Hammond replaced Worthman at quarterback and led the Falcons to their first offensive touchdown of the day, completing a 2-yard scoring pass to Marcus Bennett and narrowing Air Force's deficit to 11 points late in the third quarter. He finished off a second drive with a 9-yard scoring run that pulled Air Force to within 5 points with 6:48 remaining after Nevada stopped a 2-point conversion try.

THE TAKEAWAY

Nevada: Despite a couple of turnovers, Ty Gangi kept his composure and found enough seams in the Air Force secondary to make the critical connections for scores with his receivers. Nevada's offense scored just enough over a scrappy Air Force team to carry the Wolf Pack across the line.

Air Force: The Falcons' quarterback position may be in flux. Arion Worthman lost two fumbles and was ineffective for a good portion of the time he was in before being replaced by Donald Hammond III. Hammond led the way to the Falcons' two offensive touchdowns on the day.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
NEV	7	14	7	0	28
AFA	0	7	10	8	25

Scoring Summary -----

	NEV	AFA
FIRST QUARTER		
NEV TD 10:15		
Elijah Cooks 40 Yd pass from Ty Gangi (Ramiz Ahmed Kick)	7	0
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:45		
SECOND QUARTER		
AFA TD 9:58		
Zane Lewis 99 Yd Interception Return (Jake Koehnke Kick)		7
1 play, -20 yards, 0:24		
NEV TD 6:52		
McLane Mannix 29 Yd pass from Ty Gangi (Ramiz Ahmed Kick)	14	7
7 plays, 80 yards, 3:01		
NEV TD 0:27		
Brendan O'Leary-Orange 30 Yd pass from Ty Gangi (Ramiz Ahmed Kick)	21	7
4 plays, 40 yards, 0:43		
THIRD QUARTER		
AFA FG 11:13		
Jake Koehnke 43 Yd Field Goal		21
9 plays, 49 yards, 3:47		
NEV TD 9:32		
Elijah Cooks 23 Yd pass from Ty Gangi (Ramiz Ahmed Kick)	28	10
5 plays, 75 yards, 1:41		
AFA TD 3:36		
Marcus Bennett 2 Yd pass from Donald Hammond III (Jake Koehnke Kick)		28
12 plays, 58 yards, 5:07		
FOURTH QUARTER		
AFA TD 6:48		
Donald Hammond III 9 Yd Run (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed)		28
11 plays, 67 yards, 4:27		
AFA SF 0:17		
Team Safety		28
4 plays, -11 yards, 0:59		

Team Stats	NEV	AFA
First Downs	19	16
Total Yards	436	250
Total Plays	67	70
Avg Gain Per Play	6.5	3.6
Net Yards Rushing	177	154
Rushes	34	51
Yards Per Rush	5.2	3.0
Net Yards Passing	259	96
Comp-Att	24-33	8-19
Yards Per Pass	7.8	5.1
Times Sacked	0	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-22
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	4	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	13	5
Penalty Yards	103	40
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Possession	31:07	28:53

Individual Stats

RUSHING

NEV	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Toa Taua	13	76	5.8	0	28
Kelton Moore	11	47	4.3	0	12
Ty Gangi	5	43	8.6	0	29
McLane Mannix	1	16	16.0	0	16
Devonte Lee	2	6	3.0	0	4
Jaxson Kincaide	1	-5	-5.0	0	0
Nephi Sewell	1	-6	-6.0	0	0
AFA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Kadin Remsberg	13	71	5.5	0	8
Ronald Cleveland	8	48	6.0	0	21
Donald Hammond III	7	28	4.0	1	15
Cole Fagan	7	10	1.4	0	3
Nolan Eriksen	1	1	1.0	0	1
Joseph Saucier	4	1	0.3	0	3
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Arion Worthman	10	-4	-0.4	0	4

PASSING

NEV	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ty Gangi	24	33	259	7.8	4	1	65.2
AFA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Donald Hammond III	6	15	71	4.7	1	0	45.4
Arion Worthman	2	4	25	6.3	0	0	2.1

RECEIVING

NEV	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Elijah Cooks	2	63	31.5	2	40
Kaleb Fossum	5	51	10.2	0	21
McLane Mannix	2	41	20.5	1	29
Romeo Doubs	7	40	5.7	0	13
Brendan O'Leary-Orange	2	39	19.5	1	30
Kelton Moore	3	14	4.7	0	6
Toa Taua	3	11	3.7	0	4
AFA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Marcus Bennett	4	52	13.0	1	19
Andrew Smith	1	29	29.0	0	29
Jake Matkovich	1	15	15.0	0	15
Kade Waquespack	1	4	4.0	0	4
Ronald Cleveland	1	-4	-4.0	0	0