WEEK NINE
BOISE ST AT AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Brett Rypien threw for five touchdowns -- three of them to John Hightower -- and Boise State pulled away late to beat Air Force 48-38 on Saturday night.

Rypien completed 20 of 34 passes for 399 yards with touchdowns of 61, 44 and 18 yards to Hightower, 21 yards to A.J. Richardson and 35 yards to C.T. Thomas. It was his fifth 300-yard passing game of the season and 20th of his career, most in school history.

Hightower finished with eight catches for 182 yards and Sean Modster had 6 receptions for 101 yards for Boise State (6-2, 4-1 Mountain West), which won for the first time in three trips to Air Force (3-5, 1-4). Boise State's Alexander Mattison ran 22 times for 136 yards and a touchdown.

Isaiah Sanders was 10 of 15 for 210 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 97 yards and another score for the Falcons.

Haden Hoggarth's second field goal, a 47-yarder with 12:14 remaining, restored a 10-point lead for the Broncos. But Air Force again came back, driving nearly the length of the field before Sanders shoveled a 5-yard pass to Kadin Remsberg for a touchdown, pulling the Falcons to within three points with 5:24 remaining.
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It didn't take long for Boise State to answer. Hightower shot past cornerback Zane Lewis' press coverage near the line of scrimmage and sprinted into the clear along the right sideline. Rypien spotted him, threw downfield and Hightower caught it on the run to complete the 61-yard score with 3:21 to go.

Air Force failed to convert a fourth down near midfield and Boise State ran out the clock to secure the victory.

The Broncos took a 38-31 lead into the fourth quarter, getting a 30-yard field goal from Hoggarth and a 1-yard touchdown run by Mattison that was set up by Avery Williams' 67-yard punt return to the Falcons' 5-yard line. Air Force squeezed in a 30-yard field goal by Jake Koehnke.

Rypien threw his fourth touchdown pass of the game to Thomas with five seconds left in the second quarter, allowing the Broncos to pull into a 28-all tie in a wild first half that saw the teams taking turns zipping down the field.

The Broncos broke on top with two quick first quarter scoring strikes from Rypien to Hightower around Air Force's first touchdown, a 17-yard burst up the middle by fullback Cole Fagan.

The teams traded scores to start the second quarter with Sanders and Marcus Bennett teaming up for a 20-yard touchdown pass and Rypien connecting with Richardson.

The Falcons finished off a 21-point second quarter with Sanders' 5-yard touchdown run and halfback Joseph Saucier's 32-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Andrew Smith that pushed Air Force briefly in front 28-21.

THE TAKEAWAY
Boise State: With the victory, Boise State became bowl eligible. Rypien matched his career high with five touchdown passes and the Broncos' fleet wide receivers were able beat the Falcons' secondary at key moments to come out on top in a shootout for a third consecutive win.

Air Force: The Falcons were denied in a bid for their first back-to-back wins of the season. They managed to trade blows offensively with the high-powered Broncos but ultimately couldn't contain Boise State's passing game.

Team Stats	BSU	AFA
First Downs	26	24
Total Yards	531	446
Total Plays	69	66
Avg Gain Per Play	7.7	6.8
Net Yards Rushing	122	204
Rushes	33	50
Yards Per Rush	3.7	4.1
Net Yards Passing	409	242
Comp-Att	22-36	11-16
Yards Per Pass	11.4	15.1
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-18	-10
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	1	3
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	1	4
Penalty Yards	15	34
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	25:02	32:51

Final	1	2	3	4	T
BSU	14	14	10	10	48
AFA	7	21	3	7	38

Scoring Summary ---------------

		BSU	AFA
FIRST QUARTER			

BSU TD 12:52
John Hightower 44 Yd pass from Brett Rypien (Haden Hoggarth Kick)
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:08 — 7, 0
AFA TD 9:57
Cole Fagan 17 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:55 — 7, 7
BSU TD 5:56
John Hightower 18 Yd pass from Brett Rypien (Haden Hoggarth Kick)
9 plays, 75 yards, 4:01 — 14, 7
SECOND QUARTER — BSU, AFA
AFA TD 14:56
Marcus Bennett 20 Yd pass from Isaiah Sanders (Jake Koehnke Kick)
11 plays, 75 yards, 6:00 — 14, 14
BSU TD 11:38
A.J. Richardson 21 Yd pass from Brett Rypien (Haden Hoggarth Kick)
8 plays, 79 yards, 3:13 — 21, 14
AFA TD 9:30
Isaiah Sanders 5 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:08 — 21, 21
AFA TD 1:12
Andrew Smith 32 Yd pass from Joseph Saucier (Jake Koehnke Kick)
4 plays, 60 yards, 1:23 — 21, 28
BSU TD 0:05
CT Thomas 35 Yd pass from Brett Rypien (Haden Hoggarth Kick)
11 plays, 79 yards, 1:01 — 28, 28
THIRD QUARTER — BSU, AFA
BSU FG 8:22
Haden Hoggarth 30 Yd Field Goal
10 plays, 67 yards, 4:16 — 31, 28
BSU TD 6:04
Alexander Mattison 1 Yd Run (Haden Hoggarth Kick)
2 plays, 5 yards, 0:39 — 38, 28
AFA FG 0:20
Jake Koehnke 38 Yd Field Goal
11 plays, 55 yards, 5:44 — 38, 31
FOURTH QUARTER — BSU, AFA
BSU FG 12:14
Haden Hoggarth 47 Yd Field Goal
7 plays, 45 yards, 3:01 — 41, 31
AFA TD 5:24
Kadin Remsberg 5 Yd pass from Isaiah Sanders (Jake Koehnke Kick)
13 plays, 75 yards, 6:50 — 41, 38
BSU TD 3:21
John Hightower 61 Yd pass from Brett Rypien (Haden Hoggarth Kick)
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:03 — 48, 38

Individual Stats
RUSHING

BSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Alexander Mattison	22	136	6.2	1	18
Robert Mahone	2	12	6.0	0	7
Khalil Shakir	2	4	2.0	0	3
CT Thomas	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Team	3	-10	-3.3	0	0
Brett Rypien	3	-19	-6.3	0	0
AFA	**Rush**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Long**
Isaiah Sanders	28	97	3.5	1	13
Cole Fagan	14	67	4.8	1	17
Kadin Remsberg	3	22	7.3	0	19
Taven Birdow	5	17	3.4	0	7
null	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

BSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brett Rypien	20	34	399	11.7	5	0	205.9
Khalil Shakir	2	2	10	5.0	0	0	142.0
AFA	**Comp**	**Att**	**Yds**	**Y/A**	**TD**	**Int**	**QBRat**
Isaiah Sanders	10	15	210	14.0	2	0	228.3
Joseph Saucier	1	1	32	32.0	1	0	698.8

RECEIVING

BSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
John Hightower	8	182	22.8	3	61
Sean Modster	6	101	16.8	0	34
CT Thomas	3	53	17.7	1	35
A.J. Richardson	2	33	16.5	1	21
Khalil Shakir	1	27	27.0	0	27
Robert Mahone	1	10	10.0	0	10
John Bates	1	3	3.0	0	3
AFA	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Long**
Joseph Saucier	2	77	38.5	0	51
Andrew Smith	3	57	19.0	1	32
Kade Waguespack	1	37	37.0	0	37
Brandon Lewis	1	28	28.0	0	28
Marcus Bennett	1	20	20.0	1	20
Geraud Sanders	1	13	13.0	0	13
Kadin Remsberg	2	10	5.0	1	5