

**WEEK ELEVEN  
NEW MEXICO AT AIR FORCE**

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Kadin Remsberg had a big hand in an Air Force win. Right after, he dropped to a knee and asked for his girlfriend's hand in marriage. A sterling performance that turned into a diamond experience. The script couldn't have gone anymore smooth for the Air Force sophomore tailback as he had a career-best 99 yards rushing in leading the Falcons to a 42-24 win over New Mexico on Saturday. His pre-engagement jitters turned into postgame nerves once time expired. He had the perfect game plan all set up, inviting her parents to attend the game -- unbeknownst to her -- and having his teammates join him on the field as he proposed. She said yes. "A near-perfect day, I would say," said Remsberg, who had a 54-yard TD run. "It was great how it turned out."

A well-scripted afternoon all the around. Quarterback Donald Hammond III rushed for a career-high 136 yards to re-energize the ground game and threw two TD passes to tight end Kade Waguespack. Defensive back Grant Theil made the most of his first start by powering the Air Force defense with an interception and a forced fumble that led to a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter to give the Falcons (4-6, 2-4 Mountain West) some breathing room. His parents made it in from Indiana to see him play. Hammond's big day also included a 37-yard TD run to help the Falcons snap a two-game skid and keep their bowl aspirations afloat.

"It was like the playoffs," defensive lineman Jordan Jackson said. "It's either win or go home."

At times this season, the Falcons have struggled to get things revved up on the ground. Tailback Christian Mallard and fullback Cole Fagan added TD runs as the Falcons finished with 478 yards rushing -- 237 more than their season average.

"We're not real good right now," New Mexico coach Bob Davie said. "They muscled us. We had a hard time with the fullback. We had a hard time with the quarterback."

The Lobos (3-7, 1-5) dropped their fifth straight game despite a defense that recovered three fumbles. Coltin Gerhart started at QB, but was relieved by Sheriron Jones. Gerhart stepped in again during the fourth quarter. Air Force was leading 21-17 in the third when Theil picked off a deep pass by Jones. Nine plays later, Hammond dropped back for a rare throw and found a wide-open Waguespack for a 43-yard score. On the next drive, Theil forced a fumble that was recovered by linebacker Kyle Johnson. Hammond and Waguespack connected again, this time for a 9-yard score to make it 35-17. New Mexico punter Tyson Dyer had an 84-yard punt -- the longest in school history -- that put the ball on the Air Force 1 late in the third quarter. On the next play, Hammond fumbled and it was recovered in the end zone by Jalin Burrell.

**THE TAKEAWAY**  
New Mexico: The Lobos are averaging 30.2 points this season, which is among the highest totals in school history.

Air Force: The Falcons have been to a bowl game nine times under coach Troy Calhoun, who took over in 2007.

**AURORA UPDATE**  
An Air Force falcon named Aurora is expected to make a full recovery from injuries she suffered at Army during a prank last weekend. The 22-year-old bird remains on antibiotics and didn't attend the game Saturday. She's expected to be back at Falcon Stadium on Nov. 22 when the team hosts Colorado State. Army officials at West Point apologized for the injuries the falcon suffered and promised a full investigation. Aurora is the Academy's official and oldest mascot.

**THE RING**  
Remsberg hid the engagement ring in his backpack until after the game. He and Kailey started dating in middle school in Kansas. He was going to ask her no matter the outcome.

"But it was very nice that we won today," Remsberg said.

**FRIENDLY BANTER**  
Hammond had quite a game through the air, completing 5 of 6 passes for 145 yards. And while Hammond considers himself speedy, his teammate Jackson laughed. "He's not that fast," Jackson cracked. "Oh, stop it," Hammond said. Could Jackson catch him? "Without a doubt," Jackson said. "Absolutely not!" Hammond said.

**ABOUT THAT PUNT**  
Dyer said his kick felt good off his foot. Once the ball hit the turf, it just started rolling and rolling. "It was a nice heavy ball, and then as soon as I saw the returner turn around, that's when I sort of knew he was in a bit of trouble back there," explained Dyer, who's from Australia. "That helped me out a little bit."

	F	A	F	A	T
UNM	0	17	7	0	24
AFA	7	14	14	7	42

**Scoring Summary -----**

	UNM	AFA
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
AFA TD 10:34		
Christian Mallard 16 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)	0	7
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:26		
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
AFA TD 13:48		
Donald Hammond III 37 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)	0	14
4 plays, 68 yards, 1:24		
UNM TD 11:41		
Zahneer Shuler 3 Yd Run (Andrew Shelley Kick)	7	14
5 plays, 71 yards, 2:00		
UNM TD 2:30		
Daevon Vigilant 11 Yd Run (Andrew Shelley Kick)	14	14
5 plays, 45 yards, 1:52		
AFA TD 1:40		
Kadin Remsberg 54 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)	14	21
4 plays, 75 yards, 0:50		
UNM FG 0:00		
Andrew Shelley 21 Yd Field Goal	17	21
6 plays, 71 yards, 1:40		
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
AFA TD 7:30		
Kade Waguespack 43 Yd pass from Donald Hammond III (Jake Koehnke Kick)	17	28
9 plays, 94 yards, 4:57		
AFA TD 4:46		
Kade Waguespack 9 Yd pass from Donald Hammond III (Jake Koehnke Kick)	17	35
4 plays, 21 yards, 1:55		
UNM TD 2:49		
Jalin Burrell 0 Yd Fumble Return (Andrew Shelley Kick)	24	35
1 play, -1 yard, 0:04		
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
AFA TD 10:01		
Cole Fagan 3 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)	24	42
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:59		

Team Stats	UNM	AFA
First Downs	14	27
Total Yards	305	623
Total Plays	54	73
Avg Gain Per Play	5.6	8.5
Net Yards Rushing	119	478
Rushes	36	67
Yards Per Rush	3.3	7.1
Net Yards Passing	186	145
Comp-Att	13-18	5-6
Yards Per Pass	10.3	24.2
Times Sacked	5	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-42	0
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	7	2
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	0	2
Penalty Yards	0	11
Fumbles	2	4
Fumbles Lost	1	3
Possession	23:52	36:08

**Individual Stats**

RUSHING					
UNM	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Daevon Vigilant	12	67	5.6	1	24
Tyrone Owens	8	47	5.9	0	29
Zahneer Shuler	3	19	6.3	1	12
Elijah Lilly	1	3	3.0	0	3
Sheriron Jones	6	-6	-1.0	0	8
Coltin Gerhart	6	-11	-1.8	0	11

PASSING					
AFA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Donald Hammond III	19	136	7.2	1	37
Kadin Remsberg	6	99	16.5	1	54
Cole Fagan	17	98	5.8	1	13
Taven Birdow	13	85	6.5	0	50
Andrew Smith	2	26	13.0	0	14
Christian Mallard	2	18	9.0	1	16
Joseph Saucier	2	8	4.0	0	6
Colton Parton	3	7	2.3	0	3
Garrett Amy	1	3	3.0	0	3
Joshua Stoner	1	1	1.0	0	1
Geraud Sanders	1	-3	-3.0	0	0

PASSING							
UNM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Sheriron Jones	6	9	114	12.7	0	1	150.8
Coltin Gerhart	7	9	72	8.0	0	0	145.0
AFA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Donald Hammond III	5	6	145	24.2	2	0	396.3

RECEIVING					
UNM	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Delane Hart-Johnson	3	83	27.7	0	41
Anselem Umeh	3	77	25.7	0	56
Jay Griffin IV	2	8	4.0	0	8
Marcus Williams	1	7	7.0	0	7
Emmanuel Harris	1	4	4.0	0	4
Daevon Vigilant	1	4	4.0	0	4
Tyrone Owens	1	2	2.0	0	1
Elijah Lilly	1	1	1.0	0	1
AFA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Marcus Bennett	1	54	54.0	0	54
Kade Waguespack	3	51	17.0	2	43
Brandon Lewis	1	40	40.0	0	40