

WEEK THREE
AIR FORCE at COLORADO

Remsberg scores in OT, Air Force beats Colorado 30-23

BOULDER, Colo. -- The game began with an Air Force fly-over and was decided by a flying leap.

Both made plenty of noise.

Kadin Remsberg scored on a 25-yard run to start overtime Saturday and Air Force beat Colorado 30-23 after squandering a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter. "People know us as hard workers and it's true," Remsberg said. "We're going to get the work in. We are going to work our craft and we are going to come out and beat people."

On his winning run, Remsberg took a pitch from QB Donald Hammond III and saw daylight.

"I knew," Remsberg said. "Touchdown."

He finished it off in style, by diving in for the go-ahead score.

The Falcons defense went to work and on fourth down forced Steven Montez to throw wide to Laviska Shenault Jr. in the corner of the end zone. The Falcons (2-0) stormed the field in the first meeting between the schools since 1974.

"We want to be the kings of Colorado," said Remsberg, whose team plays at Colorado State on Nov. 16. "That's how we look at it."

The Falcons rushed for 289 yards and overcame three turnovers to snap a five-game skid against the Buffaloes (2-1). It's their first win over Colorado since Nov. 23, 1968, at Folsom Field.

It was another furious finish for the Buffaloes, who trailed 23-10 with 10:23 remaining. The Buffaloes came back from a 17-point deficit to beat Nebraska 34-31 in OT a week ago in Boulder. This marked the first time in Colorado history the team has played in back-to-back overtimes.

"This is a very unforgiving game at times," first-year Colorado coach Mel Tucker said.

Running out of the wildcat formation, Shenault took a direct snap and twisted his way into the end zone from 2 yards out with 28 seconds remaining. James Stefanou's extra point tied it at 23.

This after Steven Montez found Dimitri Stanley for a 13-yard TD with 6:09 left. But the extra point by Stefanou was blocked, making it 23-16. That snapped a string of 107 straight extra-points made.

After Air Force went three-and-out -- the Falcons had two false-start penalties -- the Buffaloes methodically drove it down the field to tie the game.

Hammond threw for two TDs and ran for another as the Falcons offense kept the Buffaloes guessing most of the afternoon. Air Force set the tone with a throw on its first play. Then, the team effectively mixed the throw (Hammond was 7 of 12 for 155 yards) and the run (the team averaged 5.6 yards per carry). They also dominated time of possession 34:04 to 25:56 in a game the Falcons had two weeks to prepare. They had a bye week after beating Colgate 48-7 on Aug. 31.

"They'll just run you to sleep and then they'll hit you with the pass," Colorado linebacker Akil Jones explained. "It's just Air Force."

The Falcons proved to be the only one who could really stop themselves, punting just twice. Taven Birdow and Remsberg fumbled, while Hammond had a pass in the closing minute of the first half bounce off Birdow and intercepted by safety Mikial Onu in the end zone to keep it 20-10 Air Force heading into the locker room.

Montez threw an early strike to Shenault, but then banged up his right hand in the first half. He wore tape near his wrist and finished with 220 yards passing, two TDs and an interception.

THE TAKEAWAY

Air Force: It's the first win by Air Force on the road over a Pac-12 team since knocking off No. 23 California on Sept. 21, 2002.

Colorado: Once again, the Buffaloes fell behind. This time, they couldn't rally. "If you don't execute, it will catch up to you," Tucker said.

SCARY SCENE

Colorado safety Aaron Maddox was carted off in the third quarter with a left leg injury after he crashed into the Air Force sideline on a tackle. Tucker didn't have an update after the game.

"You hate to see that happen to a guy like that, that loves football that much, that cares about his team that much," Onu said.

REVENGE?

The two schools won't play again until Sept. 10, 2022, at Air Force.

"It's really cool we got to play again," Air Force linebacker Kyle Johnson said.

LONG PLAY

Hammond's 81-yard TD strike to Ben Waters in the second quarter ties the fourth-longest in school history. It was also the eighth-longest pass play surrendered by Colorado.

Final	1	2	3	4	OT	T
AFA	6	14	0	3	7	30
COLO	10	0	0	13	0	23

Scoring Summary -----

		AFA	COLO
FIRST QUARTER			
COLO TD 9:37	Laviska Shenault Jr. 42 Yd pass from Steven Montez (James Stefanou Kick)		
11 plays, 75 yards, 5:23		0	7
COLO FG 7:23	James Stefanou 36 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 15 yards, 1:17		0	10
AF TD 4:03	Geraud Sanders 32 Yd pass from Donald Hammond III (Jake Koehnke PAT failed)		
7 plays, 75 yards, 3:20		6	10
SECOND QUARTER			
AF TD 10:27	Donald Hammond III 2 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)		
12 plays, 78 yards, 6:05		13	10
AF TD 6:37	Benjamin Waters 81 Yd pass from Donald Hammond III (Jake Koehnke Kick)		
2 plays, 78 yards, 0:44		20	10
FOURTH QUARTER			
AF FG 10:23	Jake Koehnke 47 Yd Field Goal		
13 plays, 51 yards, 8:35		23	10
COLO TD 6:09	Dimitri Stanley 13 Yd pass from Steven Montez (James Stefanou PAT blocked)		
12 plays, 75 yards, 4:14		23	16
COLO TD 0:28	Laviska Shenault Jr. 2 Yd Run (James Stefanou Kick)		
13 plays, 60 yards, 3:53		23	23
OVERTIME			
AF TD Kadin Remsberg 25 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)			
1 play, 25 yards		30	23

	AFA	COLO
Team Stats		
First Downs	22	19
Passes for First	6	9
Rushes for First	16	10
Penalties for First	0	0
Third Down Efficiency	7-12	11-19
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	2-3
Total Yards	444	325
Total Plays	64	75
Avg Gain Per Play	6.9	4.3
Net Yards Rushing	289	105
Rushes	52	32
Yards Per Rush	5.6	3.3
Net Yards Passing	155	220
Comp-Att	7-12	26-43
Yards Per Pass	12.9	5.1
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-16	0
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	2	4
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	4	6
Penalty Yards	30	35
Fumbles	3	3
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Time of Poss	34:04	25:56

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
AIR FORCE					
Kadin Remsberg	23	146	6.3	1	25
Taven Birdow	12	67	5.6	0	19
Timothy Jackson	6	27	4.5	0	11
Donald Hammond III	6	22	3.7	1	7
Nolan Eriksen	3	18	6.0	0	9
Benjamin Waters	1	6	6.0	0	6
Team	1	3	3.0	0	3
COLORADO					
Jaren Mangham	10	56	5.6	0	19
Alex Fontenot	13	42	3.2	0	8
Laviska Shenault Jr.	3	25	8.3	1	19
Deion Smith	1	2	2.0	0	2
Dimitri Stanley	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	2	-4	-2.0	0	0
Steven Montez	2	-16	-8.0	0	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
AIR FORCE							
Donald Hammond	7	12	155	12.9	2	1	84.1
COLORADO							
Steven Montez	26	43	220	5.1	2	1	39.8

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
AIR FORCE					
Benjamin Waters	2	92	46.0	1	81
Geraud Sanders	4	56	14.0	1	32
Kade Waguespack	1	7	7.0	0	7
COLORADO					
Laviska Shenault Jr.	8	124	15.5	1	42
Dimitri Stanley	5	35	7.0	1	13
Jalen Harris	4	22	5.5	0	8
Tony Brown	2	20	10.0	0	13
K.D. Nixon	3	20	6.7	0	7
Brady Russell	1	2	2.0	0	2
Jaren Mangham	2	-1	-0.5	0	0
Alex Fontenot	1	-2	-2.0	0	0