

WEEK EIGHT
AIR FORCE at HAWAII

Schmidt accounts for 4 TDs, Air Force beats Hawaii 56-21

HONOLULU -- It's likely that Mike Schmidt won't soon forget his first trip to Hawaii.

Air Force's backup quarterback came off the bench to account for four touchdowns and the Falcons beat Hawaii 56-26 on Saturday night.

Air Force (5-2, 3-1 Mountain West), which had 324 total yards by halftime, scored touchdowns on its first four possessions and seven of 10 overall.

Schmidt, a fourth-year senior with just three carries for 28 yards -- and no pass attempts -- in five career games prior to Saturday, relieved starter Donald Hammond III, who left the game midway through Air Force's first possession after falling on his right (throwing) shoulder.

"It's a pretty great business trip," Schmidt said. "It's a beautiful place to be and we played a great team tonight and just playing with my buddies is the best feeling in the world. It's a memorable trip for sure."

Schmidt rushed for 120 yards on 14 carries, including scores of 1, 61 and 18 yards. He also completed 5 of 6 passes for 147 yards, with a 75-yard TD pass to Geraud Sanders, who finished with three receptions for 116 yards.

Air Force coach Troy Calhoun referenced legendary UCLA men's basketball coach John Wooden when he spoke about Schmidt seizing the moment.

"You hope that every guy realizes that there can be an opportunity. There was a pretty good basketball coach that worked at UCLA . and one of his favorite sayings is, 'If I'm prepared then perhaps my chance will come,' and Mike works extremely hard and it's neat to see a guy get an opportunity and he made the utmost of it," Calhoun said.

Schmidt connected on his first four pass attempts. His first throw resulted in a 39-yard completion to Kaden Waguespack.

"It feels great to do it, but it's just one of those things where you don't think, you just execute; we just do what we do every day," Schmidt said. "I have so much trust in my receivers and my o-line just makes it so easy. I'd be back there and not even get touched and just execute, just give it to my guys and let them do what they do."

Hawaii coach Nick Rolovich said the Falcons' change at quarterback did not have an effect on his team, but he credited Schmidt for his performance nonetheless.

"I don't think so, I think they run their offense and maybe he's better at certain things," Rolovich said. "I don't think that was necessarily what we saw tonight. I mean, they found something they wanted to work and he was very effective for them."

Timothy Jackson ran for 113 yards and a touchdown and Kadin Remsberg added 91 yards and two scores on the ground for the Falcons.

Hawaii's Cole McDonald threw for 404 yards and three touchdowns on 34-of-52 passing with one interception -- which Milton Bugg III returned for a 92-yard pick-6 in the closing minutes.

Jared Smart caught 11 passes for 140 yards for the Rainbow Warriors (4-3, 1-2), who finished with 486 total yards, but committed two turnovers and allowed four sacks.

THE TAKEAWAY

Air Force: The Falcons rushed for 353 yards and finished with a season-high 522 total yards. They averaged 9.0 yards per play, 6.9 yards per rush and 28.2 yards per completion.

Hawaii: The Rainbow Warriors ranked 12th (last) in turnover margin (minus-2) in the Mountain West and 129th in the nation coming into the weekend. Both of their turnovers Saturday came in the fourth quarter and represented their 10th lost fumble and 11th interception this season.

MARCHING FALCONS

The Falcons manufactured six scoring drives that covered at least 75 yards, including a 14-play drive that took seven minutes, 41 seconds off the clock to start the second half and culminated with a 10-yard TD run by Jackson. Still, the Rainbow Warriors won the time-of-possession battle -- just barely. Hawaii held on to the ball for 30 minutes and eight seconds to Air Force's 29 minutes and 52 seconds of possession time.

"A lot of credit needs to go to Air Force, how they came on this trip and how they played, took advantage of some opportunities and we didn't play good enough football to win tonight," Rolovich said. "They're very good at what they do on offense and they put pressure on you and they did it to us tonight."

IT'S A PLANE!

Air Force wore special uniforms that paid tribute to the C-17 aircraft, a large military transport. The gray jerseys included black lettering that featured the nine active C-17 Air Force bases in place of each player's last name. There was a C-17 flyover immediately following the national anthem. The pilots of the aircraft were former Hawaii wide receiver, Maj. Britton Komine, and former Air Force tight end, Capt. Nate Dreslinski.

Final	1	2	3	4	T		
AFA	7	21	7	21	56		
HAW	3	17	0	6	26		
Scoring Summary -----							
FIRST QUARTER							
AFA							
HAW							
HAW FG 9:46							
Ryan Meskell 41 Yd Field Goal							
10 plays, 52 yards, 5:14							
	0				3		
AFA TD 6:09							
Kadin Remsberg 2 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)							
8 plays, 75 yards, 3:37							
	7				3		
SECOND QUARTER							
AFA							
HAW							
AFA TD 14:35							
Mike Schmidt 1 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)							
10 plays, 75 yards, 5:08							
	14				3		
HAW TD 13:44							
Melquise Stovall 59 Yd pass from Cole McDonald (Ryan Meskell Kick)							
3 plays, 73 yards, 0:46							
	14				10		
AFA TD 13:33							
Geraud Sanders 75 Yd pass from Mike Schmidt (Jake Koehnke Kick)							
1 play, 75 yards, 0:11							
	21				10		
HAW FG 6:19							
Ryan Meskell 27 Yd Field Goal							
15 plays, 67 yards, 7:14							
	21				13		
AFA TD 3:34							
Kadin Remsberg 7 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)							
5 plays, 86 yards, 2:43							
	28				13		
HAW TD 2:04							
Melquise Stovall 5 Yd pass from Cole McDonald (Ryan Meskell Kick)							
4 plays, 71 yards, 1:30							
	28				20		
THIRD QUARTER							
AFA							
HAW							
AFA TD 7:19							
Timothy Jackson 10 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)							
14 plays, 75 yards, 7:41							
	35				20		
FOURTH QUARTER							
AFA							
HAW							
HAW TD 14:54							
JoJo Ward 10 Yd pass from Cole McDonald (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)							
10 plays, 58 yards, 2:27							
	35				26		
AFA TD 13:37							
Mike Schmidt 61 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)							
3 plays, 75 yards, 1:17							
	42				26		
AFA TD 7:49							
Mike Schmidt 18 Yd Run (Jake Koehnke Kick)							
7 plays, 42 yards, 3:32							
	49				26		
AFA TD 4:01							
Milton Bugg III 92 Yd Interception Return (Jake Koehnke Kick)							
9 plays, 79 yards, 3:44							
	56				26		
Team Stats							
	AFA	HAW					
First Downs	22	26					
Passes for First	5	19					
Rushes for First	16	6					
Penalties for First	1	1					
Third Down Efficiency	6-10	6-14					
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	2-2					
Total Yards	522	486					
Total Plays	58	73					
Avg Gain Per Play	9.0	6.7					
Net Yards Rushing	353	82					
Rushes	51	20					
Yards Per Rush	6.9	4.1					
Net Yards Passing	169	404					
Comp-Att	6-7	34-53					
Yards Per Pass	24.1	7.6					
Times Sacked	0	4					
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-17					
Interceptions	0	1					
Punts	2	3					
Punt Average	48.5	44.0					
Penalties	6	5					
Penalty Yards	55	50					
Fumbles	2	3					
Fumbles Lost	0	1					
Possession	29:52	30:08					
Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
AFA	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
16 Mike Schmidt	14	120	8.6	61	3		
34 Timothy Jackson	13	113	8.7	64	1		
24 Kadin Remsberg	11	91	8.3	24	2		
32 Matthew Murla	3	11	3.7	6	0		
33 Taven Birdow	6	11	1.8	4	0		
5 Donald Hammond III	1	9	9.0	9	0		
22 Joshua Stoner	1	5	5.0	5	0		
7 Geraud Sanders	1	-6	-6.0	0	0x		
HAW	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
13 Cole McDonald	10	41	4.1	15	0		
26 Miles Reed	6	36	6.0	16	0		
21 Fred Holly III	3	8	2.7	5	0		
12 Chevan Cordeiro	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		
PASSING							
AFA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
16 Mike Schmidt	5	6	147	24.5	1	0	344.1
5 Donald Hammond III	1	1	22	22.0	0	0	284.8
HAW	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
13 Cole McDonald	34	52	404	7.8	3	1	145.8
12 Chevan Cordeiro	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
RECEIVING							
AFA	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
7 Geraud Sanders	3	116	38.7	75	1		
87 Kade Waguespack	1	39	39.0	39	0		
33 Taven Birdow	1	16	16.0	16	0		
34 Timothy Jackson	1	-2	-2.0	0	0		
HAW	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
23 Jared Smart	11	140	12.7	25	0		
9 JoJo Ward	6	89	14.8	32	1		
10 Melquise Stovall	3	71	23.7	59	2		
6 Cedric Byrd II	7	59	8.4	13	0		
3 Jason-Matthew Sharsh	4	38	9.5	14	0		
14 James Phillips	2	10	5.0	7	0		
21 Fred Holly III	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		