

1958 Air Force Falcon Football Team



Playing a schedule comprised entirely of major college opponents for the first time in Academy history, the 1958 Air Force Falcon football team established a lofty benchmark against which all future squads would be measured.

Under the direction of

head coach Ben Martin, the upstart Falcons posted a 9-0-2 record that included victories over established programs such as Colorado State (36-6), Stanford (16-0), Utah (16-14) and Oklahoma State (33-29).

Following a season-opening victory against Detroit Mercy (37-6) and an improbable 13-13 tie against defending Big Ten champion Iowa, Air Force reeled off eight victories in a row. The Falcons were rewarded with an invitation to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas, where they battled defending Southwest Conference champion Texas Christian to a 0-0 tie.

Air Force finished the season ranked No. 6 nationally, earning immediate respect for a football program still in its infancy.

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vs. Iowa	13-13	T
vs. Colorado State	36-6	W
vs. Stanford	16-0	W
vs. Utah	16-14	W
vs. Oklahoma State	33-29	W
vs. Denver	10-7	W
vs. Wyoming	21-6	W
vs. New Mexico	45-7	W
vs. Colorado	20-14	W
vs. Texas Christian	0-0	T
Cotton Bowl		

Players

Don Baucom	Dan Johnson	George Pupich
Bob Best	Tom Jozwiak	Mike Quinlan
Peter Bobko	Jim Kerr	Mike Rawlins
Bob Brickey	John Kuenzel	Charles Rodgers
Jack Bright	Phil Lane	Eddie Rosane
Howard Bronson	Don Madonna	Neal Rountree
George Clark	Victor Maxwell	Brock Strom
Randy Cubero	Charles May	Larry Thomson
Emil Cwach	Rich Mayo	Robert Wagner
Steve Galios	Charles McCain	Tom Walker
John Goodley	Bill McLain	Chris Warack
John Gullede	Jay Mitchell	Charles Waterman
Donald Hallager	Monte Moorberg	Giles Wideman
Sam Hardage	Charles Moores	Phil Woods
Bruce Hinds	Dave Phillips	Charles Zaleski

Coaching Staff

Ben Martin, Head Coach	Capt. John Ignarski
Capt. Tom Bakke	Capt. Alf Miller
Tom Berry	Lt. Bob Peake
Lt. Jim Bowman	Lt. Pepper Rodgers
Lt. John Gurski	

Athletic Department Staff

Col. George Simler, Athletic Director
Col. J.E. "Tut" Frakes, Assistant Athletic Director
Maj. Frank Merritt, Assistant Athletic Director
Capt. Forrest Cook, Business Manager
Col. James Wilson, Officer Representative
Jim Conboy, Head Trainer
Clint Huey, Trainer
John Miltner, Senior Manager
Victor Apodaca, Manager
Burke Morgan, Manager
Earl Van Inwegen, Manager
Marty Reisch, Sports Information Director