



1970 AIR FORCE ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM

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The 1970 Air Force Academy football team is considered to be one of the top Air Force teams of all-time under the direction of Hall of Fame coach Ben Martin. The Falcons ran up a 9-3 record, outscored their opponents 366-239, averaged 30.5 points/game and finished ranked 16th in the Associated Press poll.

Behind the arm of quarterback Bob Parker, the Falcons opened the season with consecutive wins over Idaho (45-7) and Wyoming (41-17) before upsetting #9 Missouri (37-14). The victories continued with consecutive wins over Colorado State (37-22), Tulane (24-3), Navy (26-3), Boston College (35-10), and Arizona (23-20) before their first defeat, 46-35 at Oregon. The Falcons rebounded to upset #6 Stanford (31-14) and earned an invitation to the Sugar



Bowl where they battled Tennessee before falling 34-13.

Ernie Jennings led NCAA Division I football in receiving touchdowns with 17, caught 74 passes for 1,289 yards and was recognized as an All-American. Bob Parker recorded 2,789 total passing yards, including 391 passing yards against Wyoming and 21 touchdown passes on the season. Parker was an Academic All-American along with linebacker Phil Bauman.

Other notable stats include Mike Bolen's 14 receptions against Colorado, Cyd Maattala's 3 interceptions vs. Colorado State, Jim Smith's 7 interceptions on the season, Brian Bream's 19 touchdowns and 1,276 rushing yards and Willie Mayfield's 145 tackles.