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December 31 Post-game Quotes - Air Force

Chris Thomas, Air Force DB

"We knew coming in we'd have to play our best game pretty much all year. They're so potent on offense. We knew it would be a battle for 60 minutes. We prepared real hard. Coach did a great job putting us in the right spots to make plays. With our team, we have to be more disciplined than just about anyone in country because of the personnel we have. It's something we take pride in at practice every day."

On six interceptions of UH QB Case Keenum: "Up front, they played well getting pressure on him, and then our secondary took advantage of the opportunities we had, I guess."

Asher Clark, Air Force TB

On being disciplined for all four quarters: "That's what we had to do to win the game. The offense tried to control the clock and not turn the ball over. Our defense had to contain 'em and came up with some key turnovers to change the momentum of the game."

On matching UH's defensive speed and physical stature: "We weren't surprised. When we execute, we can pretty much handle anybody. They're a really good defense and fast. They really flow to the ball well and we had to use some misdirection."

On the MWC being 4-0 in bowls: "Hopefully TCU can pull it out and we can all be undefeated in the bowl season and show how good the Mountain West really is."

Tim Jefferson, Air Force QB

"We hit 'em with everything we had in our arsenal. It was mainly running the ball, which is what we did best the whole season."

On AFA dominating a ranked team: "We're on the rise. We might have lost five games, but we're doing great things. We got our first bowl win since 2000, so it's a great feeling in this locker room."

On breaking a long losing streak at Amon Carter Stadium in the regular season and the BHAFB: "We'll see (if the jinx ended). Next year we'll be coming to TCU, so hopefully we can continue our luck today."

On surpassing the overall performance of UH quarterback Case Keenum: "I wouldn't call it showing him up. He's a great player, and he had some Heisman talk. He didn't have the best game of his career, but we've all seen what he's capable of. He's a great passer and we know that. I wouldn't take anything away from him or his offense or his team."