



### Charting the 2009 Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl & Post-Season Play

**Fort Worth, Texas, January 8, 2009** - With the 20 days of bowl competition for 34 post-season college football games at 30 sites in two countries concluding Thursday, here are notes associated with the action highlighting the 2009 **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** facts and figures.

The post-season was played in 14 states and the District of Columbia with Texas tying California for the second-most games (five) behind Florida (six). Five Texas cities (Arlington, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio) hosted post-season games to match Florida's five (Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, St. Petersburg and Tampa). California's five games were held at three sites (Pasadena, San Diego and San Francisco).

- **ATTENDANCE** - With Thursday's attendance of 94,906 for the BCS Championship game in Pasadena, Calif., the final crowd count for the 34 postseason games for 2009-2010 was 1,769,886, just slightly behind (minus 708) of the 2008-2009 number of 1,770,594.

The **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** ranked 22nd in attendance this year and was one of 20 games to show an attendance increase as compared to 2009-2010. The 41,414 fans that attended Air Force's 47-20 win over Houston was the bowl's best crowd count in seven years. The previous two **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** games in 2007 and 2008 attracted 40,905 and 41,127, respectively. The seven **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowls** have now attracted 255,293 fans for an average of 36,470.

- **SCORING** - The 34 post-season games produced 1,735 points and 51.0 per game. There was just one shutout (Holiday: Nebraska over Arizona, 33-0), 64 of the 68 teams scored at least 10 points, with 46 scoring 20-plus, 25 going for 30-plus and 12 with 40 or more points. Florida had the post-season high in its 51-24 win over Cincinnati in the Sugar.

Air Force's 47 points set a **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** record as the Falcons' output ranked second to Florida's 51 points. The 67 total points produced by Air Force (47) and Houston (20) at the **2009 Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** was the eighth-best total this post-season and was the second-highest scoring game of the seven bowl contests at Amon G. Carter since 2003. Cal's 42-36 victory over Air Force in the 2007 game produced the most **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** points (78). The average points for a **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** game is 58.7. The average scoring margin for the seven games is 14.4 with three of the contests being decided by a touchdown or less.

- **TOTAL OFFENSE** - The 34 post-season games produced 24,533 total yards, or 360.8 yards per school. The average rushing and passing yards per school was 138.6 and 222.2 yards, respectively. The average first down per team was 18.7. Florida had the most total yards (659, 177 rushing and 482 passing with Northwestern producing the most passing yards (532) and first downs (33)

Air Force led all 68 schools in rushing with a **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** record of 402 yards on 72 attempts with five touchdown runs. The Falcons' 563 total yards (161 passing on 14 attempts with 10 completions) was the fifth-best post-season total this year behind Florida (659), Northwestern (625), Texas Tech (579) and Troy (572). The Air Force's 27 first downs tied Bowling Green for the seventh-best total this bowl season. By possessing the football 41 minutes, 3 seconds against Houston, the Falcons ranked second in ball control behind Ohio State's 41 minutes, 37 seconds in their 26-17 Rose Bowl win over Oregon.

The seven **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** games have now produced an average 786.1 total yards of offensive for both schools, including 354.6 yards rushing and 431.6 yards passing with 42.1 first downs. For the 2009 **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl**, Air Force and Houston combined for 894 yards, including 511 rushing and 383 passing with 45 first downs. Houston had 331 total yards with 109 yards rushing, 222 yards passing and 18 first downs. With Air Force appearing in the last three **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** games, the Falcons have now averaged 37.0 points, 24.0 first downs, 319.0 yards rushing, 127.7 yards passing and 446.7 total yards per contest.

- **MAINTAINING** - Despite only 331 total yards, including 222 yards passing, against Air Force, Houston maintained its national leadership in both departments. Air Force finished the 2009-2010 season tops nationally in turnover margin (1.69 per game) while placing fifth in pass defense, 11th in total defense and fourth in first down defense. The Falcons also finished with the third-best rushing attack with 283.6 yards per game to rank behind Nevada (344.9) and Georgia Tech (295.4).

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- **TOP EFFORTS** - Air Force's Jared Tew, Asher Clark and Jonathan Warzeka ranked among the post-season leaders. Air Force's six pass interceptions against Houston was a post-season-best this year. Tew (173 yards) and Clark (129) both rushed for over 100 yards against Houston as Alabama was the only other school to have two 100-yard plus rushers (Mark Ingram with 116 yards and Trent Richardson with 109 yards).. Tew's 71-yard touchdown run was also the second-longest rushing play during the post-season while Warzeka's 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown topped the list.

### 2009-2010 Bowl Individual Leaders, Team Highs

Passing, School	PC	PA	Yards	TDs	INT..Rating
Mike Kafka, Northwestern	47	78	532	4	5..... 121.7
Tim Tebow, Florida BCS	31	35	482	3	0..... 232.5
Kyle Padron, SMU	32	41	460	2	0..... 188.4
Landry Jones, Oklahoma	30	51	418	3	1..... 143.2
Dan LeFevour, C. Mich.	33	55	395	1	1..... 122.7

Rushing, School	Rushes	Yards	Average	TD	Long
Mike Ford, USF	20	207	10.4	1	36
Dwight Dasher, Middle Tennessee	27	204	7.6	2	35
Dexter McCluster, Ole Miss	34	185	5.4	2	86
<b>Jared Tew, Air Force</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>71</b>
Noel Devine, West Virginia	16	168	10.5	1	70
<b>13, Asher Clark, Air Force</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>

Receiving, School	Receptions	Yards	Average	TD	Long
Freddie Barnes, Bowling Green	17	219	12.9	3	51
Antonio Brown, Central Michigan	13	178	13.7	0	37
Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma	13	156	12.0	3	30
Damian Williams, USC	12	189	15.8	0	48
Darvin Adams, Auburn	12	142	11.8	0	26

#### Long Scoring Plays

- Rush - 86 yards, Dexter McCluster, Mississippi vs. Oklahoma State (Cotton)
- Pass - 80 yards, Tim Tebow to Riley Cooper, Florida vs. Cincinnati (Sugar)
- Field Goal - 50 yards, Alex Henery, Nebraska vs. Arizona (Holiday)
- Punt Return - 58 yards, Andre Booker, Marshall vs. Ohio (Little Caesars)
- **Kickoff Return - 100 yards, Jonathan Warzeka, Air Force vs. Houston (Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl)**
- Interception Return - 100 yards, Walter McFadden, Auburn vs. Northwestern (Outback)
- Fumble Return - 75 yards, Shannon Ballard, Ohio vs. Marshall (Little Caesars)

#### Team Highs

- Points - 51, Florida vs. Cincinnati (Sugar)
- Total Plays - 115, Northwestern vs. Auburn (Outback)
- Total Yards - 659, Florida vs. Cincinnati (Sugar)
- **Rushing Attempts - 72, Air Force vs. Houston (Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl)**
- **Rushing Yards - 402, Air Force vs. Houston (Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl)**
- Passing Yards - 532, Northwestern vs. Auburn (Outback)
- Passes Completed - 47, Northwestern vs. Auburn (Outback)
- Passes Attempted - 78, Northwestern vs. Auburn (Outback)
- **Passes Had Intercepted - 6, Houston vs. Air Force (Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl)**
- First Downs - 33, Northwestern vs. Auburn (Outback)
- Fumbles Lost - 3, Oklahoma State vs. Mississippi (Cotton)
- Penalties - 12, on two occasions
- Penalty Yards - 140, Auburn vs. Northwestern (Outback)
- Possession Time - 41:37, Ohio State vs. Oregon (Rose)
- Turnovers - 7, Oklahoma State vs. Mississippi (Cotton)
- Longest Drive, Plays - 19, Wyoming vs. Fresno State (New Mexico)
- 54 yards, FG), Ohio State vs. Oregon (Rose, 67 yards, FG)
- Longest Drive, Yards - 95, Wyoming vs. Fresno State (15 plays, TD)
- Longest Drive, Time - 8:00, Ohio State vs. Oregon (Rose, 19-67)
- Shortest Drive, Time - 0:07, UCLA vs. Temple (EagleBank 1-46)

#### Two-Team Highs

- Points - 85, Idaho (43) vs. Bowling Green (42), Humanitarian
- Total Yards - 1,076, Central Michigan (504) vs. Troy (572), GMAC
- **Rushing Yards - 511, Air Force (402) vs. Houston (109), Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl**
- Rushing Attempts - 94, Wyoming (50) vs. Fresno St. (44), New Mexico
- Passing Yards - 798, Central Michigan (395) vs. Troy (403), GMAC
- Passes Completed - 67, Northwestern (47) vs. Auburn (20), Outback
- Passes Attempted - 113, Central Michigan (56) vs. Troy (57), GMAC
- Passes Had Intercepted - 8, Okla. St. (4) vs. Mississippi (4), Cotton
- First Downs - 58, C. Mich. (27) vs. Troy (31), GMAC
- Fumbles Lost - 4, on two occasions
- Penalties - 20, Ore. State (11) vs. BYU (9), Las Vegas
- Penalty Yards - 169, Rutgers (96) vs. UCF (73), St. Petersburg



The 10 schools that have competed in the seven **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowls** combined for a 91-39 record this season. Eight of the 10 schools competing in bowl games this year. Of the two unbeaten teams in the NCAA's Football Bowl Subdivision, one was a past **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** participant - Boise State (14-0, 2003). The other undefeated team was Alabama (14-0).

#### MORE THAN A BOWL GAME

A total of 24 **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** records were set during the 2009 game, including 11 team, four two-team and nine individual. Another 11 records were tied, including five team, two two-team and four individual.

The Air Force's **Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl** win was the Mountain West Conference fourth's in the post-season as the league finished atop the ESPN Bowl Challenge with a 4-1 record. Wyoming, Utah and BYU posted bowl wins with TCU losing in the Fiesta Bowl to Boise State.