

WEEK ONE  
HAWAII VS COLORADO ST

McDonald leads Hawaii past Colorado State 43-34  
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Hawaii's Cole McDonald lofts one up to an open Cedric Byrd for a 55-yard touchdown to increase the Rainbow Warriors' lead. (0:51) Aug 26, 2018

FORT COLLINS, Colo. -- Cole McDonald led the Hawaii Warriors to their first win in Fort Collins since 1988, picking apart Colorado State's secondary in a 43-34 win over the Rams on Saturday night after nearly blowing a 30-point lead.

McDonald threw for 418 yards and three TDs, including a 55-yarder to Cedric Byrd that made it 37-7.  
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With his counterpart, University of Washington graduate transfer K.J. Carta-Samuels throwing for 537 yards and five touchdowns, McDonald and the Warriors had to fend off a furious Rams rally.

It included a four-play, 99-yard scoring drive and a 9-yard TD toss to Izzy Matthews that pulled CSU to 40-34 with 4:42 remaining.

The Rams didn't try an onside kick after that, and Tristin Kama-ka's fair catch at the Hawaii 13 gave the Warriors the ball at their 25 thanks to a new NCAA kickoff rule.

McDonald hit John Ursua for 10 yards on third-and-3 at midfield with a couple minutes left and Ryan Meskell's 35-yard field goal with 44 seconds left sealed it.

Despite a delay of game call to start the game, the Warriors (1-0, 1-0 Mountain West) were nearly unstoppable, scoring on all but one of their first-half possessions in taking a 23-7 lead into the locker room on their way to their first win at CSU since Sept. 10, 1988.

The Rams (0-1, 0-1), coming off a third straight bowl appearance, figured to be ahead of the Warriors, coming off a 3-9 season, but missing coach Mike Bobo for much of the two weeks leading into their opener apparently took its toll in the first half.

Bobo spent 10 days in the hospital for peripheral neuropathy after experiencing numbness in his feet. He called offensive plays from the coaches' box.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Hawaii: Snapping a five-game road losing skid is just what coach Nick Rolovich needed to jump-start his program.

Colorado State: This was the last thing Bobo needed with the Rams heading into a brutal stretch that includes games against Colorado, Arkansas and Florida.

**UP NEXT**

Hawaii: The Warriors host Navy (0-0) on Saturday when former Hawaii QBs Rolovich and Ken Niumatalolo square off.

Colorado State: The Rams have a short week before hosting the University of Colorado (0-0) in the Rocky Mountain Showdown at the Denver Broncos' stadium.

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HAW	10	13	14	6	43
CSU	7	0	13	14	34

**Scoring Summary** -----

Quarter	Time	Player	Yards	Time	Team	Score
FIRST QUARTER					NW	PUR
	TD 7:58	Jeremy Larkin 1 Yd Run (Charlie Kuhbander Kick)				0
	11 plays, 64 yards, 4:42				7	
	TD 5:34	John Moten IV 2 Yd Run (Charlie Kuhbander Kick)				0
	5 plays, 65 yards, 1:09				14	
	TD 4:20	Rondale Moore 32 Yd pass from Elijah Sindelar (Spencer Evans Kick)	4			7
	14 plays, 60 yards, 1:14				14	
	TD 1:02	Rondale Moore 76 Yd Run (Spencer Evans Kick)				14
	3 plays, 85 yards, 1:20				14	14
SECOND QUARTER					NW	PUR
	FG 13:37	Charlie Kuhbander 34 Yd Field Goal				14
	8 plays, 59 yards, 2:25				17	
	TD 7:06	TJ Green 1 Yd Run (Charlie Kuhbander Kick)				14
	3 plays, 55 yards, 0:58				24	
	FG 3:44	Spencer Evans 38 Yd Field Goal				17
	10 plays, 44 yards, 3:22				24	
	TD 0:37	Jeremy Larkin 4 Yd Run (Charlie Kuhbander Kick)				17
	5 plays, 30 yards, 2:04				31	
THIRD QUARTER					NW	PUR
	TD 11:37	D.J. Knox 2 Yd Run (Spencer Evans Kick)				24
	6 plays, 71 yards, 1:52				31	
FOURTH QUARTER					NW	PUR
	FG 14:56	Spencer Evans 27 Yd Field Goal				27
	14 plays, 76 yards, 6:46				31	

Team Stats	NEB	PUR
First Downs	25	23
Total Yards	242	270
Total Plays	80	71
Avg Gain Per Play	3.0	3.8
Net Yards Rushing	0	0
Rushes	42	25
Yards Per Rush	0.0	0.0
Net Yards Passing	242	270
Comp-Att	24-38	30-46
Yards Per Pass	6.4	5.9
Times Sacked	0	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-8
Interceptions	0	3
Punts	7	4
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	9
Penalty Yards	53	95
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

Player	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Northwestern					
Jeremy Larkin	26	143	5.5	46	2
Kyric McGowan	1	17	17.0	17	0
Clayton Thorson	3	8	2.7	6	0
John Moten IV	5	8	1.6	2	1
Cameron Green	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
TJ Green	4	-7	-1.8	4	1
Purdue					
Rondale Moore	2	79	39.5	76	1
D.J. Knox	7	77	11.0	45	1
Markell Jones	7	27	3.9	14	0
David Blough	5	19	3.8	7	0
Tario Fuller	2	2	1.0	2	0
Elijah Sindelar	2	-2	-1.0	3	0

**PASSING**

Player	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Northwestern							
Clayton Thorson	16	26	172	6.6	0	0	117.1
TJ Green	7	11	63	5.7	0	0	111.7
Purdue							
Elijah Sindelar	18	30	196	6.5	1	3	105.9
David Blough	12	16	74	4.6	0	0	113.9

**RECEIVING**

Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Northwestern					
Flynn Nage	15	58	11.6	22	0
Cameron Green	5	50	10.0	16	0
Bennett Skowronek	3	47	15.7	40	0
John Moten IV	2	25	12.5	18	0
Jeremy Larkin	4	20	5.0	8	0
Ramaud Chiaokhiao-Bowman	1	14	14.0	14	0
Riley Lees	2	14	7.0	11	0
Charlie Fessler	1	7	7.0	7	0
Kyric McGowan	0	0	-	-	0
Purdue					
Rondale Moore	11	109	9.9	32	1
Jared Sparks	6	76	12.7	19	0
Terry Wright	3	22	7.3	15	0
Isaac Zico	2	17	8.5	11	0
Tario Fuller	2	14	7.0	11	0
Jackson Anthrop	2	12	6.0	9	0
Jarrett Burgess	1	9	9.0	9	0
Brycen Hopkins	1	7	7.0	7	0
Markell Jones	1	5	5.0	5	0
D.J. Knox	1	-1	-1.0	0	0