

WEEK ONE
HAWAII VS COLORADO ST

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

FIRST QUARTER

	HAW	CSU
first Quarter		
H TD 10:02 John Ursua 4 Yd pass from Cole McDonald (Ryan Meskell Kick)10 plays, 75 yards, 4:58	7	0
C TD 5:26 Olabisi Johnson 10 Yd pass from K.J. Carta-Samuels (Wyatt Bryan Kick) 14 plays, 85 yards, 4:26	7	7
H FG 1:18 Ryan Meskell 21 Yd Field Goal9 plays, 72 yds, 4:08107		
second Quarter	HAW	CSU
H TD 11:32 Cole McDonald 12 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)	16	7
9 plays, 67 yards, 3:53		
H TD 0:28 Cole McDonald 6 Yd Run (Ryan Meskell Kick)	23	7
6 plays, 46 yards, 1:43		
third Quarter	HAW	CSU
H TD 8:48 John Ursua 19 Yd pass from Cole McDonald(Ryan Meskell Kick)	30	7
7 plays, 75 yards, 3:34		
H TD 3:35 Cedric Byrd 55 Yd pass from Cole McDonald (Ryan Meskell Kick)	37	7
3 plays, 70 yards, 1:24		
C TD 2:20 Preston Williams 7 Yd pass from K.J. Carta-Samuels (Wyatt Bryan Kick) 3 plays, 75 yards, 1:15	37	14
C TD 0:08 Olabisi Johnson 58 Yd pass from K.J. Carta-Samuels (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		
2 plays, 72 yards, 0:00	37	20
fourth Quarter	HAW	CSU
TD 8:15 Preston Williams 26 Yd pass from K.J. Carta-Samuels (Wyatt C Bryan Kick) 4 plays, 99 yards, 1:06	37	27
H FG 6:42 Ryan Meskell 30 Yd Field Goal 5 plays, 63 yards, 1:33	40	27
C TD 4:42 Izzy Matthews 9 Yd pass from K.J. Carta-Samuels (Wyatt Bryan Kick) 8 plays, 75 yards, 2:00	40	34
HFG 0:44 Ryan Meskell 35 Yd Field Goal 9 plays, 58 yards, 3:58	43	34

TEAM STAT

	HAWAII	CSU
Total Yards	617	653
Passing	418	537
Comp-Att	26-37	34-51
Yards per pass	11.3	10.5
Interceptions thrown	0	1
Rushing	199	116
Rushing Attempts	36	25
Yards per rush	5.5	4.6
Penalties	10-65	12-120
Turnovers	1	1
Fumbles lost	1	0
Interceptions thrown	0	1
Possession	34:43	25:17

Individual Stats

RUSHING

Hawaii	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Cole McDonald	13	96	7.4	21	2
Fred Holly III	16	68	4.3	21	0
Dayton Furuta	7	35	5.0	12	0
Colorado St.	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Izzy Matthews	15	63	4.2	15	0
Marcus McElroy	4	28	7.0	19	0
K.J.Carta-Samuels	6	25	4.2	7	0

PASSING

Hawaii	Comp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Cole McDonald	26	37	70.3	418	11.3	3	0	191.9
Colorado St.	Comp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
K.J.Carta-Samuels	34	50	68.0	537	10.7	5	1	187.2

RECEIVING

Hawaii	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Cedric Byrd	11	181	16.5	55	1
John Ursua	7	123	17.6	50	2
Fred Holly III	2	38	19.0	23	0
MarcusArmstrongBrown	2	34	17.0	26	0
Dayton Furuta	2	22	11.0	14	0
Jason-Matthew Sharsh	1	12	12.0	12	0
JoJo Ward	1	8	8.0	8	0
Justice Augafa	0	0	-	-	0
Colorado St.	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Preston Williams	9	188	20.9	69	2
Olabisi Johnson	6	157	26.2	58	2
Warren Jackson	5	72	14.4	24	0
Izzy Matthews	6	58	9.7	19	1
Cameron Butler	5	26	5.2	12	0
Griffin Hammer	2	19	9.5	14	0
Brenden Fulton	1	17	17.0	17	0