

WEEK TWO
CALIFORNIA AT BYU

California outlasts BYU for 21-18 win

PROVO, Utah -- Freshman Chase Garbers threw for 176 yards and two touchdowns, while adding 45 yards rushing, to lead California to a 21-18 win over BYU on Saturday night.

Sophomore quarterback Brandon McIlwain ran for 74 yards and a touchdown while also throwing for 38 yards on 5-of-7 passing for the Bears. Kanawai Noa eclipsed 1,000 career receiving yards after tallying 93 yards and a TD on seven catches.

California (2-0) beat the Cougars in the regular season for the first time in five meetings between the teams.

The Bears did it with defense. For the second straight game, they did not allow an offensive touchdown until the fourth quarter.

"You can just tell that this team and this defense really wants to just come and play every day and really dominate the football every single play," said linebacker Evan Weaver, who finished with 12 tackles and three pass breakups.

Tanner Mangum threw for 196 yards and a touchdown with two interceptions for BYU. The Cougars (1-1) lost their home opener for the second time in three seasons -- both times to a Pac-12 team.

California went up 7-0 near the end of the first quarter thanks to a pair of big plays. Vic Wharton hauled in a 12-yard pass to convert a fourth down and Patrick Laird followed with a 25-yard touchdown catch on the next play.

BYU got on the board with a 36-yard field goal from Skyler Southam in the second quarter.

The Cougars had 193 total yards and 13 first downs in the first half while holding California to 124 yards and seven first downs. Still, BYU struggled to finish drives, converting just 4-of-10 third downs and 0 for 2 on fourth down.

"We made way too many mistakes and we didn't have time to fix them by the end of the game," BYU coach Kalani Sitake said.

California extended its lead to 14-3 early in the third quarter when Kanawai Noa scored on a 52-yard catch. Noa got behind a defender along the sideline, hauled in the pass and streaked untouched into the end zone.

The Cougars got a temporary spark via their defense. Dayan Ghanwoloku scooped up a fumble by Derrick Clark and raced 36 yards untouched for BYU's first touchdown, cutting California's lead to 14-10.

McIlwain ran for a 2-yard score to give the Bears an 11-point lead again early in the fourth quarter.

"We were stringing drives together," California coach Justin Wilcox said. "Even if we didn't get the points, that was a possession game. We moved the ball down, punted, flipped the field -- those type of things -- and that's big."

BYU had a chance to cut into the lead after Ghanwoloku recovered his second fumble at the California 16, but Mangum threw a third-down interception.

The Cougars finally scored an offensive TD with 51 seconds left on a 1-yard strike from Mangum to Brayden El-Bakri. Cal's Jaylin Hawkins recovered the ensuing onside kick to prevent BYU from having a shot at a go-ahead score.

THE TAKEAWAY

California's defense shut down an opponent when it mattered once again. The Bears did not allow a first-half touchdown for the second consecutive game. They also held BYU to just 11 total yards on six plays in the third quarter.

BYU came through with some big plays on defense and special teams. It could not offset a mediocre offensive performance. The Cougars were stuck in neutral on most drives, much like a year ago, and struggled to keep their defense off the field.

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CAL	7	0	7	7	21
BYU	0	3	7	8	18

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER	CAL	BYU
CAL TD 1:46 Patrick Laird 25 Yd pass from Chase Garbers (Greg Thomas Kick) 11 plays, 80 yards, 4:31	7	0
second Quarter	CAL	BYU
BYU FG:53 Skyler Southam 36 Yd Field Goal		
13 plays, 67 yards, 6:15	7	3
third Quarter	CAL	BYU
CAL TD 12:10 Kanawai Noa 52 Yd pass from Chase Garbers (Greg Thomas Kick) 7 plays, 79 yards, 2:44	14	3
BYU TD 10:07 Dayan Ghanwoloku 36 Yd Fumble Return (Skyler Southam Kick) 2 plays, 8 yards, 0:37	14	10
fourth Quarter	CAL	BYU
CAL TD 13:42 Brandon McIlwain 2 Yd Run (Greg Thomas Kick)		
11 plays, 85 yards, 4:57	21	10
BYU TD 0:51 Brayden El-Bakri 1 Yd pass from Tanner Mangum (Tanner Mangum Pass to Micah Simon for Two-Point Conversion)		
13 plays, 73 yards, 2:47	21	18

Team Stats	CAL	BYU
First Downs	23	18
Total Yards	386	287
Total Plays	73	74
Avg Gain Per Play	5.3	3.9
Net Yards Rushing	182	91
Rushes	39	33
Yards Per Rush	4.7	2.8
Net Yards Passing	204	196
Comp-Att	22-34	22-41
Yards Per Pass	6.0	4.8
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-14	0
Interceptions	1	2
Punts	6	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	9	6
Penalty Yards	65	65
Fumbles	2	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Possession	30:42	29:18

Individual Stats

RUSHING

California	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
5 Brandon McIlwain	16	74	4.6	17	1
7 Chase Garbers	5	45	9.0	17	0
28 Patrick Laird	10	30	3.0	10	0
10 Jeremiah Hawkins	2	18	9.0	20	0
9 Kanawai Noa	2	11	5.5	6	0
33 Derrick Clark	1	5	5.0	5	0
29 Marcel Dancy	1	2	2.0	2	0
99 Malik Morris	0	0	-	-	0
BYU	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
22 Squally Canada	16	49	3.1	9	0
15 Aleva Hifo	2	16	8.0	9	0
4 Lopini Katoa	2	16	8.0	13	0
13 Micah Simon	1	8	8.0	8	0
3 Dylan Collie	2	7	3.5	8	0
7 Beau Hoge	3	6	2.0	4	0
84 Neil Pau'u	2	5	2.5	5	0
2 Matt Hadley	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
12 Tanner Mangum	4	-9	-2.3	3	0
Brayden El-Bakri	0	0	-	-	0

PASSING

California	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
7 Chase Garbers	18	28	176	6.3	2	1	133.5
Brandon McIlwain	5	7	38	5.4	0	0	117.0
BYU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
12 Tanner Mangum	22	41	196	4.8	1	2	92.1

RECEIVING

California	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
9 Kanawai Noa	7	93	13.3	52	1
28 Patrick Laird	7	53	7.6	25	1
2 Jordan Duncan	2	30	15.0	25	0
17 Vic Wharton III	4	24	6.0	12	0
11 Ray Hudson	1	9	9.0	9	0
33 Derrick Clark	1	3	3.0	3	0
99 Malik Morris	1	2	2.0	2	0
10 Jeremiah Hawkins	0	0	-	-	0
BYU	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Moroni Lailu-Pututau	5	56	11.2	24	0
80 Gunner Romney	2	29	14.5	18	0
3 Dylan Collie	2	25	12.5	20	0
15 Aleva Hifo	3	23	7.7	16	0
89 Matt Bushman	2	22	11.0	13	0
13 Micah Simon	1	11	11.0	11	0
4 Lopini Katoa	2	10	5.0	6	0
32 Dallin Holker	2	9	4.5	5	0
22 Squally Canada	1	7	7.0	7	0
84 Neil Pau'u	1	3	3.0	3	0
35 Brayden El-Bakri	1	1	1.0	1	1