

WEEK EIGHT
HOUSTON AT NAVY

ANNAPOLIS, Md. -- For 30 minutes, Navy went touchdown for touch-down with high-powered Houston. Their confidence soaring, the Midshipmen went into the locker room at halftime poised to pull off a huge upset.

Few teams, however, can keep up with D'Eriq King and the mighty Cougars offense. Certainly not Navy, which was buried under a barrage of big plays and TDs in Houston's 49-36 victory Saturday.

King threw for 413 yards and three touchdowns, ran for a score and deftly directed a Houston attack that rallied from a 24-14 second-quarter deficit with 35 straight points.

"It's great to be a Cougar and see home-grown talent like D'Eriq continue to make play after play," Houston coach Major Applewhite said. "We just need to get more guys like him."

With King leading the way, Houston (6-1, 3-0 American Athletic Conference) reached the 40-point mark in a seventh straight game, matching the school mark set in 2011.

"They obviously have a ton of speed at every position," Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. "You stop them on the inside they go to the edge, you stop them on the edge and they go inside. They have so many weapons."

Marquez Stevenson caught eight passes for 141 yards and had a rushing TD. Keith Corbin and Courtney Lark also exceeded 100 yards receiving, and Austin Robinson was credited with 21 tackles, including two sacks.

It all added up to Houston's fourth straight win, and Navy's fourth successive defeat.

King went 25 for 38 without an interception. The 5-foot-11 junior has 23 touchdown passes and four 300-yard games this season.

Malcolm Perry rushed for 97 yards for Navy (2-5, 1-3) despite sitting out most of the second half with a leg injury. The Midshipmen were outscored 28-0 in the second half before squeezing two touchdowns into the final two minutes.

"We started off greatly, and it's like someone unplugged us," Niumatalolo lamented.

A 14-yard touchdown pass from King to tight end Romello Brooker in the third quarter put Houston up 28-24, and Stevenson scored on a 1-yard run to raise the margin to 11 points.

King and Corbin collaborated on a 2-yard touchdown pass with 7:45 left, and Nick Watkins scored on a 50-yard interception return for a 49-24 lead.

"I'm proud of the way they responded," Applewhite said, "because we didn't always play well in the first half."

Houston rang up 337 yards in the first half but trailed 24-21 at the break.

"We talked about it as a staff at halftime with our players," Applewhite said. "They played a great first half, and now we've got to play our great half."

Navy took a 10-7 lead on a 32-yard touchdown run by Perry late in the first quarter. After Houston missed a field goal , an offside call against the Cougars on a fourth-and-4 play extended a Navy drive that ended with a touchdown run by Zach Abey .

King responded with a 17-yard touchdown run, but 45 seconds later Navy's Tazh Maloy capped a two-play drive by running 32 yards for a score.

Two plays after that, King connected with Lark for a 65-yard touchdown pass -- the game's fourth TD in a span of 3 minutes, 13 seconds.

THE TAKEAWAY

Houston: The Cougars are an offensive machine that can score quickly and frequently. Houston has some work to do defensively, but until improvement occurs in that area King has the ability to win a shootout.

Navy: The Midshipmen are having trouble backing up a good first half. Navy has been outscored 66-19 after halftime in its last three games against Air Force, Temple and Houston.

"I don't know what's going on, but for some reason we are not executing in the second half like we need to," quarterback Garrett Lewis said.

GETTING HIS KICKS

With a field goal and three conversions, senior Bennett Moehring became Navy's career leader in points by a kicker (195). His 129 extra points are also a school record.

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HOU	7	14	14	14	49
NAVY	10	14	0	12	36

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER				HOU	NAVY		
NAVY FG 8:45							
Bennett Moehring 43 Yd Field Goal							
9 plays, 22 yards, 5:36				0	3		
HOU TD 6:48							
Patrick Carr 22 Yd Run (Dalton Witherspoon Kick)							
8 plays, 75 yards, 1:57				7	3		
NAVY TD 1:50							
Malcolm Perry 32 Yd Run (Bennett Moehring Kick)							
9 plays, 75 yards, 4:58				7	10		
SECOND QUARTER				HOU	NAVY		
NAVY TD 8:05							
Zach Abey 1 Yd Run (Bennett Moehring Kick)							
12 plays, 76 yards, 6:50				7	17		
HOU TD 6:04							
D'Eriq King 17 Yd Run (Dalton Witherspoon Kick)							
8 plays, 75 yards, 2:01				14	17		
NAVY TD 5:19							
Tazh Maloy 32 Yd Run (Bennett Moehring Kick)							
2 plays, 75 yards, 0:45				14	24		
HOU TD 4:52							
Courtney Lark 65 Yd pass from D'Eriq King (Dalton Witherspoon Kick)							
2 plays, 75 yards, 0:27				21	24		
THIRD QUARTER				HOU	NAVY		
HOU TD 5:33							
Romello Brooker 14 Yd pass from D'Eriq King (Dalton Witherspoon Kick)							
10 plays, 88 yards, 3:20				28	24		
HOU TD 0:09							
Marquez Stevenson 1 Yd Run (Dalton Witherspoon Kick)							
5 plays, 71 yards, 1:25				35	24		
FOURTH QUARTER				HOU	NAVY		
HOU TD 7:45							
Keith Corbin 2 Yd pass from D'Eriq King (Dalton Witherspoon Kick)							
9 plays, 54 yards, 3:02				42	24		
HOU TD 6:01							
Nick Watkins 50 Yd Interception Return (Dalton Witherspoon Kick)							
5 plays, 20 yards, 1:44				49	24		
NAVY TD 1:58							
Myles Fells 14 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)							
15 plays, 75 yards, 4:03				49	30		
NAVY TD 0:06							
Taylor Jackson 15 Yd pass from Garret Lewis							
3 plays, 65 yards, 0:12				49	36		
Team Stats				HOU	NAVY		
First Downs				29	26		
Total Yards				570	522		
Total Plays				64	84		
Avg Gain Per Play				8.9	6.2		
Net Yards Rushing				157	344		
Rushes				25	68		
Yards Per Rush				6.3	5.1		
Net Yards Passing				413	178		
Comp-Att				25-39	10-16		
Yards Per Pass				10.6	11.1		
Times Sacked				3	0		
Yds Lost To Sacks				-21	0		
Interceptions				1	1		
Punts				1	4		
Punt Average				0.0	0.0		
Penalties				3	3		
Penalty Yards				20	32		
Fumbles				1	3		
Fumbles Lost				1	0		
Possession				17:27	42:33		
Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
HOU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
D'Eriq King	7	56	8.0	1	17		
Patrick Carr	7	45	6.4	1	22		
Mulbah Car	4	21	5.3	0	17		
Marquez Stevenson	2	13	6.5	1	12		
Kevrin Justice	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Terence Williams	2	12	6.0	0	10		
Bryson Smith	1	2	2.0	0	2		
Team	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		
NAVY	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Malcolm Perry	10	97	9.7	1	32		
Tazh Maloy	8	57	7.1	1	32		
Garret Lewis	22	56	2.5	0	28		
Myles Fells	4	30	7.5	1	14		
Nelson Smith	7	26	3.7	0	7		
Mike Martin	4	25	6.3	0	10		
Anthony Gargiulo	5	17	3.4	0	7		
Keoni-Kordell Makekau	3	16	5.3	0	7		
Tre Walker	2	9	4.5	0	14		
Tyreek King-El	1	7	7.0	0	7		
Mychal Cooper	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Zach Abey	1	1	1.0	1	1		
PASSING							
HOU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
D'Eriq King	25	38	413	10.9	3	0	97.5
Bryson Smith	0	1	0	0.0	0	1	0.0
NAVY	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Garret Lewis	9	14	135	9.6	1	1	34.4
Malcolm Perry	1	1	43	43.0	0	0	99.3
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--
RECEIVING							
HOU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Marquez Stevenson	8	141	17.6	0	40		
Courtney Lark	5	106	21.2	1	65		
Keith Corbin	6	104	17.3	1	41		
Raelon Singleton	2	23	11.5	0	12		
Jeremy Singleton	2	15	7.5	0	8		
Romello Brooker	1	14	14.0	1	14		
Bryson Smith	1	10	10.0	0	10		
NAVY	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Taylor Jackson	5	120	24.0	1	50		
OJ Davis	1	27	27.0	0	27		
Keoni-Kordell Makekau	1	14	14.0	0	14		
Malcolm Perry	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Mychal Cooper	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Myles Fells	1	3	3.0	0	3		