

WEEK THREE  
HAWAII at WASHINGTON

Eason throws 3 TDs, No. 23 Washington beats Hawaii 52-20

SEATTLE -- After just three plays, Hunter Bryant was celebrating in the end zone. Five plays later, it was Sean McGrew's turn. And after another seven snaps, it was Puka Nacua catching his first collegiate pass for a touchdown.

It didn't take long for No. 23 Washington to put last week's surprising home loss in the past. "It was just exciting knowing that doing our job we can do what we want to get done," Bryant said. "We can put points on the board not doing anything special, not doing anything extra, but just doing our own job."

Jacob Eason threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to Bryant on the third play of the game and added two more and Washington rebounded with a 52-20 romp over Hawaii on Saturday night.

Eason and the Huskies (2-1) overwhelmed the Rainbow Warriors, taking a 21-0 lead in less than 9 minutes. Eason was 18 of 25 for 262 yards, Richard Newton had three short TD runs, and Washington quickly bounced back from last week's 20-19 home loss to California in its Pac-12 opener.

"It always feels good to be in the end zone quick," Eason said. "Last week we struggled with some things and this week we got to jump on it early. That just shows how well we can bounce back and respond to adversity."

While the final numbers look impressive, Washington did what was expected. Other than showing it could respond to last week's setback, answers about how good the Huskies are will come the next three weeks with games at BYU, vs. USC and at Stanford.

Hawaii (2-1) was looking to beat three Pac-12 opponents in a season for the first time in school history. The Warriors opened with wins over Arizona and Oregon State at home, but the first trip away from the island was a quick slap of reality.

Hawaii coach Nick Rolovich jokingly tweeted out a picture of the Rose Bowl logo last week after beating the Beavers. He had to admit the Warriors aren't ready for Pasadena.

"Coach Pete had his guys ready. We knew it was going to be a challenge. I would have liked to have seen us get to the fourth quarter and make it a game but it got out of hand pretty early," Hawaii coach Nick Rolovich said. "I don't think we're ready for the Rose Bowl."

Cole McDonald was 22 of 35 for 218 yards and a touchdown, but was also intercepted three times.

Bryant's TD catch was the beginning of Washington's early onslaught. Myles Bryant came up with Washington's first forced turnovers on Hawaii's second offensive play, stepping in front of McDonald's pass for the first of his two interceptions in the first half. Washington made it 14-0 moments later on McGrew's 22-yard TD run, and it was 21-0 when Nacua's first career catch was a 28-yard TD on a perfectly placed throw from Eason.

Eason's best TD throw was his last one, hitting Aaron Fuller on a 37-yard TD early in the second quarter, placing the deep post ball just out of the reach of the defensive back.

"It's just really nice to be able to build a lead," Washington coach Chris Petersen said. "I don't think that happens most every game and I think that was really important for this game because Hawaii can score."

LATE WAKEUP CALL

It wasn't until nearly halftime before Hawaii's offensive finally woke up. After going scoreless on their first six possessions, the Warriors scored on back-to-back series on either side of halftime. Miles Reed recovered his own fumble in the end zone shortly before half for Hawaii's first points. Reed scored on a 7-yard TD run on the opening drive of the second half.

McDonald hit Cedric Byrd II on a 4-yard TD pass late in the third quarter to pull Hawaii within 38-20 but that was as close as the Warriors would get. Newton's second TD run early in the fourth quarter pushed the Huskies lead back to 25.

THE TAKEAWAY

Hawaii: The Warriors will lament their sluggish start on offense. Hawaii's first six drives led to just 100 yards of offensive, zero points and two missed field goal attempts. The three drives that followed led to 20 points and 228 yards. ... Hawaii rushed for 141 yards. Reed had 70 yards on 15 carries.

"This was a good barometer for us and we got some more work to do," Rolovich said.

Washington: Hunter Bryant has quickly developed into Eason's favorite target. The tight end had five catches for 115 yards. His most important may have been a 20-yard reception on third-down late in the third quarter after Hawaii had scored 20 straight points.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

With losses by Michigan State and Maryland, expect Washington to climb a couple of spots in the AP Top 25 next week.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
HAW	0	7	13	0	20
WASH	21	17	0	14	52

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER	HAW	WASH
WASH TD 13:44 Hunter Bryant 47 Yd pass from Jacob Eason (Peyton Henry Kick)		
3 plays, 76 yards, 1:16	0	7
WASH TD 11:36 Sean McGrew 22 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick)		
5 plays, 42 yards, 1:27	0	14
WASH TD 6:02 Puka Nacua 28 Yd pass from Jacob Eason (Peyton Henry Kick)		
6 plays, 72 yards, 2:44	0	21
SECOND QUARTER	HAW	WASH
WASH TD 13:32 Aaron Fuller 37 Yd pass from Jacob Eason (Peyton Henry Kick)		
5 plays, 60 yards, 1:21	0	28
WASH TD 7:45 Richard Newton 5 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick)		
5 plays, 69 yards, 1:58	0	35
WASH FG 3:27 Peyton Henry 23 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 28 yards, 2:58	0	38
HAW TD 0:39 Miles Reed 0 Yd Fumble Return (Ryan Meskell Kick)		
9 plays, 82 yards, 2:43	7	38
THIRD QUARTER	HAW	WASH
HAW TD 9:16 Miles Reed 7 Yd Run (Ryan Meskell Kick)		
14 plays, 93 yards, 5:43	14	38
HAW TD 1:56 Cedric Byrd II 4 Yd pass from Cole McDonald (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed)		
14 plays, 53 yards, 6:21	20	38
FOURTH QUARTER	HAW	WASH
WASH TD 12:02 Richard Newton 1 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick)		
11 plays, 75 yards, 4:54	20	45
WASH TD 8:13 Richard Newton 8 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick)		
6 plays, 31 yards, 3:04	20	52

Team Stats	HAW	WASH
First Downs	25	22
Passes for First	15	11
Rushes for First	10	10
Penalties for First	0	1
Third Down Efficiency	7-16	4-8
Fourth Down Efficiency	3-3	0-0
Total Yards	395	450
Total Plays	81	57
Avg Gain Per Play	4.9	7.9
Net Yards Rushing	141	190
Rushes	34	31
Yards Per Rush	4.1	6.1
Net Yards Passing	254	260
Comp-Att	26-47	19-26
Yards Per Pass	5.4	10.0
Times Sacked	1	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-6	-1
Interceptions	3	0
Punts	3	3
Punt Average	36.3	43.7
Penalties	3	3
Penalty Yards	25	30
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	35:29	24:31

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
HAWAII	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Miles Reed	15	70	4.7	2	12		
Cole McDonald	6	29	4.8	0	11		
Hekili Keliilikali	5	27	5.4	0	11		
Fred Holly III	4	13	3.3	0	5		
Chevan Cordeiro	3	2	0.7	0	4		
Melquise Stovall	1	0	0.0	0	0		
WASHINGTON	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Salvon Ahmed	8	83	10.4	0	42		
Sean McGrew	8	63	7.9	1	22		
Richard Newton	8	29	3.6	3	8		
Andre Baccellia	1	8	8.0	0	8		
Jacob Eason	3	7	2.3	0	8		
Kamari Pleasant	2	2	1.0	0	1		
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0		
PASSING							
HAWAII	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Cole McDonald	22	35	218	6.2	1	3	34.6
Chevan Cordeiro	4	12	36	3.0	0	0	3.8
WASHINGTON	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jacob Eason	18	25	262	10.5	3	0	91.3
Jacob Sirmon	1	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	4.2
RECEIVING							
HAWAII	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Cedric Byrd II	6	72	12.0	1	22		
JoJo Ward	6	66	11.0	0	15		
Jared Smart	6	54	9.0	0	13		
James Phillips	2	24	12.0	0	15		
Melquise Stovall	4	21	5.3	0	11		
Jason-Matthew Sharsh	2	17	8.5	0	10		
WASHINGTON	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Hunter Bryant	5	115	23.0	1	47		
Aaron Fuller	5	55	11.0	1	37		
Andre Baccellia	4	39	9.8	0	14		
Puka Nacua	1	28	28.0	1	28		
Salvon Ahmed	2	13	6.5	0	7		
Chico McClatcher	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Austin Osborne	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2		