

WEEK NINE
HAWAII at NEW MEXICO

McDonald, Reed help Hawaii run over New Mexico 45-31

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- Cole McDonald and Miles Reed led Hawaii's ground game and an expected passing mismatch failed to materialize as the Rainbow Warriors beat New Mexico 45-31 on Saturday.

Behind quarterback McDonald, Hawaii (5-3, 2-2 Mountain West Conference) entered the game with the country's third-leading passing attack with 359 yards per game. New Mexico is ranked 130th and last in NCAA FBS statistics, allowing 348 yards per game.

While McDonald certainly was effective through the air, completing 17 passes for 237 yards that included a touchdown, it was the Rainbow Warriors ground game that came up big with 255 yards. McDonald led the way, gaining a career-best 140 yards with two TD runs. Reed added 97 yards rushing and a touchdown.

"It's an added element we haven't used a whole lot this year, but I thought, you saw his speed," Hawaii coach Nick Rolovich said. "I thought their plan early on was not to let us throw it. I had a hunch we might have to run the ball a little more." In his first game of the season, Kumoku Noa had four catches for 120 yards and a touchdown for the Rainbow Warriors.

Ahmari Davis was a bright light for New Mexico (2-6, 0-4), gaining a career-high 200 yards rushing with two scores. Jordan Kress added 100 yards receiving and a TD.

But the New Mexico passing attack didn't catch fire until the second half, when Tevaka Tuioti threw for 190 of his 293 yards.

The rout began early as the Lobos went three-and-out, followed by a 76-yard McDonald touchdown run.

"That was a great read by him," Rolovich said. "He's got those long levers and he just gobbles up ground."

It was a stunning way to start the game, New Mexico coach Bob Davie said.

"We got shocked right off the bat," he said. "He runs the zone read on the second play of the game and goes (76) yards. In some ways, the biggest, fastest guy on the field. Wow."

New Mexico responded with a field goal in its next possession, but Hawaii got touchdowns on its four possessions before halftime to lead 35-3. The Rainbow Warriors started that run on an interception return for a score by linebacker Solomon Matautia.

"Matautia, he's done that a bunch in his career," Rolovich said. "He's made a lot of big plays. We have a lot of linebackers a lot of people talk about and he's kind of the one that doesn't get mentioned a whole lot. But he's been a major contributor since I've gotten this job."

The Lobos rallied for 21 straight points late in the fourth quarter after trailing 38-10.

"That's my fault for pulling the starters too soon," Rolovich said. "I felt like some guys deserved to play. I felt like the game was in our hands. Credit to New Mexico to keep battling. They made some plays and they showed some character to keep balling."

BIG PICTURE

Hawaii: The win puts the Rainbow Warriors in line for a potential bowl game, needing just one more victory to clinch six wins and eligibility.

New Mexico: The Lobos teeter on the brink of a third-consecutive losing season after reaching bowls following the 2015 and 2016 seasons.

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HAW	21	14	3	7	45
UNM	3	0	7	21	31

Scoring Summary -----

Quarter	Time	Player	Yards	Play	Score
FIRST QUARTER					
HAW	TD 13:14	Cole McDonald	76	Run (Ryan Meskell Kick)	7-0
UNM	FG 8:43	Andrew Shelley	39	Field Goal	7-3
HAW	TD 4:40	Solomon Matautia	14	Interception Return (Ryan Meskell Kick)	14-3
HAW	TD 1:56	Kumoku Noa	54	Pass from Cole McDonald (Ryan Meskell Kick)	21-3
SECOND QUARTER					
HAW	TD 8:50	Cole McDonald	1	Run (Ryan Meskell Kick)	28-3
HAW	TD 0:33	Miles Reed	1	Run (Ryan Meskell Kick)	35-3
THIRD QUARTER					
UNM	TD 11:02	Ahmari Davis	67	Run (Andrew Shelley Kick)	35-10
HAW	FG 3:09	Ryan Meskell	24	Field Goal	38-10
FOURTH QUARTER					
HAW	TD 9:16	Lincoln Victor	9	Pass from Chevan Cordeiro (Ryan Meskell Kick)	45-10
UNM	TD 7:16	Ahmari Davis	19	Run (Andrew Shelley Kick)	45-17
UNM	TD 4:41	Anu Somoye	9	Pass from Tevaka Tuioti (Andrew Shelley Kick)	45-24
UNM	TD 4:03	Jordan Kress	59	Pass from Tevaka Tuioti (Andrew Shelley Kick)	45-31

Team Stats	HAW	UNM
First Downs	21	23
Passes for First	11	12
Rushes for First	10	8
Penalties for First	0	3
Third Down Efficiency	5-15	4-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-3	0-2
Total Yards	578	500
Total Plays	74	71
Avg Gain Per Play	7.8	7.0
Net Yards Rushing	255	207
Rushes	34	31
Yards Per Rush	7.5	6.7
Net Yards Passing	323	293
Comp-Att	21-40	23-40
Yards Per Pass	8.1	7.3
Times Sacked	2	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-10	-12
Interceptions	1	2
Punts	4	3
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	10	5
Penalty Yards	85	34
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	32:04	27:56

Individual Stats

RUSHING

HAWAII	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Cole McDonald	9	140	15.6	2	76
Miles Reed	16	97	6.1	1	20
Chevan Cordeiro	2	16	8.0	0	10
Lincoln Victor	1	7	7.0	0	7
Hekili Keliiliki	4	5	1.3	0	3
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Justin Uahinui	1	-8	-8.0	0	0
NEW MEXICO					
Ahmari Davis	16	200	12.5	2	67
Bryson Carroll	8	10	1.3	0	4
Kentraill Moran	1	5	5.0	0	5
Bobby Cole	1	1	1.0	0	1
Tevaka Tuioti	5	-9	-1.8	0	1

PASSING

HAWAII	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Cole McDonald	17	30	237	7.9	1	1	96.2
Chevan Cordeiro	4	8	86	10.8	1	0	82.8
Justin Uahinui	0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0.4
NEW MEXICO							
Tevaka Tuioti	23	40	293	7.3	2	2	13.7

RECEIVING

HAWAII	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kumoku Noa	4	120	30.0	1	57
JoJo Ward	3	80	26.7	0	38
Cedric Byrd II	6	58	9.7	0	16
Jason-Matthew Sharsh	4	39	9.8	0	15
Lincoln Victor	1	9	9.0	1	9
Nick Mardner	1	7	7.0	0	7
Miles Reed	1	5	5.0	0	5
Jared Smart	1	5	5.0	0	5
NEW MEXICO					
Jordan Kress	4	100	25.0	1	59
Anselem Umeh	6	92	15.3	0	40
Emmanuel Logan-Greene	4	34	8.5	0	14
Marcus Williams	1	24	24.0	0	24
Jay Griffin IV	4	19	4.8	0	10
Anu Somoye	1	9	9.0	1	9
Cedric Patterson III	1	7	7.0	0	7
Daevon Vigilant	1	6	6.0	0	6
Thomas Vieira	1	2	2.0	0	2