

WEEK FOURTEEN
ARMY at HAWAII

McDonald’s 3 TD passes help Hawaii beat Army 52-31

HONOLULU -- Cole McDonald came off the bench to pass for 250 yards and three touchdowns and Hawaii rallied to a 52-31 win over Army on Saturday night.

The Rainbow Warriors (9-4) overcame 411 yards rushing by the Black Knights (5-7) to extend their winning streak to four games.

McDonald, who missed a few practices earlier in the week due to flu-like symptoms, entered the game late in the second quarter after an injury to starting quarterback Chevan Cordeiro and finished 19-of-29 passing without an interception.

McDonald threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Jason-Matthew Sharsh that gave Hawaii its first lead at 24-17 with 2:40 left in the first half. He also connected on second-half scoring strikes of 7 and 20 yards to JoJo Ward and Jared Smart, respectively.

Smart hauled in eight receptions for 123 yards and Cedric Byrd II notched eight grabs for 122 yards, including a 25-yard TD pass from Cordeiro in the second quarter.

Cordeiro threw for 109 yards on 7-of-12 passing. He also found Sharsh for a 26-yard score that tied it at 10-apiece late in the first quarter. Miles Reed carried 10 times for 92 yards and scored on a 1-yard run to cap Hawaii’s opening possession of the second half.

The Rainbow Warriors finished with 359 yards passing the air and 492 total yards.

“Army wasn’t to be taken lightly,” Hawaii coach Nick Rolovich said. “They’re a tough scheme, tough players and it got kind of tight there for a while and I’m glad our guys responded. The defense came up with a few stops and I liked the way we put the ball in the end zone.”

Army starting quarterback Kelvin Hopkins, Jr. was knocked out of the game in the second quarter. With backup Jabari Laws on the mend, third-stringer Christian Anderson filled in and finished with a game-high 114 rushing yards on 12 carries.

However, Anderson exited the game with an apparent injury in the closing minutes and freshman Jemel Jones finished out the game for the Black Knights, who finished with 538 total yards.

“(Anderson) did a good job after Kelvin got hurt,” Army coach Jeff Monken said. “I was proud of his effort and I thought he made some plays. Unfortunately he got hurt as well and we played the freshman (Jones) and he made some good plays for us, but overall it wasn’t enough; it wasn’t enough by our team.”

Sandon McCoy scored on runs of 3 and 7 yards. Connor Slomka and Malik Hancock added one rushing TD each in the loss.

“We made some big plays, unfortunately we didn’t capitalize on all of them, so they just outplayed us and Nick’s doing a great job and they played a great game,” said Monken, who began his coaching career as a Hawaii graduate assistant in 1989.

Hawaii led 24-17 at halftime.

The Rainbow Warriors, who are now 14-0 in games where they have scored at least 40 points under Rolovich, improved to 4-1 all-time against Army, including 3-0 in Honolulu.

THE TAKEAWAY

Army: After an academy-record 11 wins last season, the Black Knights saw their bowl hopes dashed with the loss. They had appeared in a bowl game in each of the past three seasons.

Hawaii: The Rainbow Warriors four-game win streak is the longest in Rolovich’s four seasons as head coach at his alma mater. It is their first nine-win season since 2010, when they finished 10-4.

COSTLY TURNOVERS

The Black Knights out-gained the Rainbow Warriors in total yards but were hindered by two costly interceptions that the hosts were able to cash in on.

The first turnover came with Army leading 17-10 with about eight minutes left in the second quarter. Five plays after its defense forced a Hawaii punt, Hopkins was pressured as he dropped back on third-and-14 and his pass was picked off by linebacker Solomon Matautia, who returned it to the Army 25-yard line. On the very next play, Cordeiro hit Byrd for the touchdown and Ryan Meskell knocked through the extra point to tie it at 17 with 8:08 remaining until halftime.

Hawaii’s other takeaway proved to be the nail in the coffin for the Black Knights. Cornerback Rojesterman Farris II jumped a Jones’ pass near the sideline before taking it back for a 100-yard interception return for touchdown to close out the scoring with 1:34 left to play.

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ARMY	10	7	14	0	31
HAW	10	14	14	14	52

Scoring Summary -----

	ARMY	HAW
FIRST QUARTER		
ARMY TD 13:16 Sandon McCoy 3 Yd Run (Zach Potter Kick)	8	6
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:44		
HAW FG 9:45 Ryan Meskell 42 Yd Field Goal	7	3
8 plays, 51 yards, 3:31		
ARMY FG 3:31 David Cooper 32 Yd Field Goal	10	3
11 plays, 60 yards, 6:14		
HAW TD 2:33 Jason-Matthew Sharsh 26 Yd pass from Chevan Cordeiro (Ryan Meskell Kick)	10	10
2 plays, 56 yards, 0:50		
SECOND QUARTER		
ARMY TD 13:40 Sandon McCoy 7 Yd Run (David Cooper Kick)	17	10
8 plays, 75 yards, 3:53		
HAW TD 8:08 Cedric Byrd II 25 Yd pass from Chevan Cordeiro (Ryan Meskell Kick)	17	17
1 play, 25 yards, 0:06		
HAW TD 2:40 Jason-Matthew Sharsh 4 Yd pass from Cole McDonald (Ryan Meskell Kick)	17	24
7 plays, 33 yards, 3:09		
THIRD QUARTER		
HAW TD 12:31 Miles Reed 1 Yd Run (Ryan Meskell Kick)	17	31
6 plays, 76 yards, 2:25		
ARMY TD 10:49 Connor Slomka 30 Yd Run (David Cooper Kick)	24	31
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:42		
HAW TD 5:30 JoJo Ward 7 Yd pass from Cole McDonald (Ryan Meskell Kick)	24	38
11 plays, 73 yards, 5:19		
ARMY TD 1:26 Malik Hancock 10 Yd Run (David Cooper Kick)	31	38
8 plays, 75 yards, 4:04		
FOURTH QUARTER		
HAW TD 3:51 Jared Smart 20 Yd pass from Cole McDonald (Ryan Meskell Kick)	31	45
6 plays, 70 yards, 2:43		
HAW TD 1:34 Rojesterman Farris II 100 Yd Interception Return (Ryan Meskell Kick)	31	52
9 plays, 87 yards, 2:06		

Team Stats	ARMY	HAW
First Downs	23	25
Passes for First	3	18
Rushes for First	19	7
Penalties for First	1	0
Third Down Efficiency	4-12	4-8
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-4	0-0
Total Yards	538	492
Total Plays	74	60
Avg Gain Per Play	7.3	8.2
Net Yards Rushing	411	133
Rushes	63	19
Yards Per Rush	6.5	7.0
Net Yards Passing	127	359
Comp-Att	5-11	26-41
Yards Per Pass	11.5	8.8
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-13	-4
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	2	3
Punt Average	53.5	45.7
Penalties	3	4
Penalty Yards	29	36
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	35:20	24:40

Individual Stats

RUSHING

ARMY	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Christian Anderson	12	114	9.5	0	40
Sandon McCoy	15	91	6.1	2	40
Kelvin Hopkins Jr.	10	87	8.7	0	35
Connor Slomka	11	65	5.9	1	30
Kell Walker	8	37	4.6	0	12
Malik Hancock	1	10	10.0	1	10
Jemel Jones	6	7	1.2	0	14
HAWAII	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Miles Reed	10	92	9.2	1	30
Chevan Cordeiro	2	18	9.0	0	12
Dayton Furuta	4	13	3.3	0	5
Cole McDonald	2	7	3.5	0	11
Jason-Matthew Sharsh	1	3	3.0	0	3

PASSING

ARMY	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kelvin Hopkins Jr.	1	3	69	23.0	0	1	50.2
Jemel Jones	3	4	43	10.8	0	1	0.1
Christian Anderson	1	4	15	3.8	0	0	48.9
HAWAII	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Cole McDonald	19	29	250	8.6	3	0	89.5
Chevan Cordeiro	7	12	109	9.1	2	0	94.3

RECEIVING

ARMY	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Artice Hobbs IV	1	69	69.0	0	69
Malik Hancock	1	32	32.0	0	32
Camden Harrison	1	15	15.0	0	15
Michael Roberts	2	11	5.5	0	6
HAWAII	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jared Smart	8	123	15.4	1	26
Cedric Byrd II	8	122	15.3	1	45
Jason-Matthew Sharsh	6	80	13.3	2	27
JoJo Ward	2	17	8.5	1	10
Fred Holly III	0	10	0.0	0	10
Dayton Furuta	2	7	3.5	0	8