

WEEK FIFTEEN
HAWAII at BOISE ST

Jaylon Henderson leads Boise St past Hawaii for Mountain West title

BOISE, Idaho -- Jaylon Henderson threw for 212 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score to lead No. 19 Boise State to a 31-10 victory over Hawaii in the Mountain West championship game Saturday.

Boise State (12-1, No. 19 CFP) won its second conference title in three years, beating Hawaii again this season after winning the Oct. 12th meeting, 59-37. After rolling up 518 yards of offense in the first game, the Broncos leaned on their defense in the rematch.

“Coming into this game the message was about finishing,” said Boise State coach Bryan Harsin, whose team lost last year’s title game to Fresno State 19-16 in overtime. “We started this journey back in January when the question was how do we get back to this game and how do we win it. This one was really special.”

The Broncos made two defensive stands inside the 5, once in the second quarter and another early in the third.

Hawaii (9-5) was making its first appearance in the title game. It enjoyed some success through the air with Cole McDonald passing for 241 yards, but couldn’t overcome early problems in the red zone.

“We got a few stops early and thought we started to have some control,” Hawaii coach Nick Rolovich said. “But that fourth down stop near the goal line really shifted things.”

Henderson, a senior who began the season as the third string quarterback on the depth chart, started the final four games of the season after both Hank Bachmeier and Chase Cord suffered injuries.

The offense didn’t seem to miss a beat with him at the helm.

Tied at 3 late in the first half, Boise State scored two touchdowns in a 53-second span on a pair of 36-yard touchdown strikes. Henderson dropped the first one into Khalil Shakir on a streak down the near sideline with 1:07 remaining in the half.

Then after Boise State stuffed Hawaii to get the ball back with 38 seconds remaining, Henderson fired a bullet to John Hightower, who made a leaping catch as he was undercut but used his left hand to maintain his balance before racing into the end zone.

THE TAKEAWAY

Hawaii: The Rainbow Warriors were denied their first 10-win season since 2010 when they finished 10-4. However, Hawaii has continued to improve under fourth-year coach Rolovich after suffering through five consecutive losing seasons before his arrival. With McDonald returning next season along with the team’s top two rushers, Hawaii should be in the mix for the Mountain West title in 2020.

Boise State: The Broncos might be left to wonder what could’ve been if they don’t get the nod from the playoff committee for the Group of Five’s slot for the New Year’s Six bowl game. The lone blemish on Boise State’s record came against burgeoning rival BYU, when sophomore Cord made his first start in place of the injured Bachmeier and the Broncos fell short, 28-25.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
HAW	3	0	0	7	10
BSU	3	14	14	0	31

Scoring Summary -----

	HAW	BSU
FIRST QUARTER		
HAW FG 6:44 Ryan Meskell 47 Yd Field Goal		
11 plays, 35 yards, 6:52	3	0
BSU FG 0:30 Eric Sachse 34 Yd Field Goal		
15 plays, 58 yards, 6:14	3	3
SECOND QUARTER		
BSU TD 1:07 Khalil Shakir 36 Yd pass from Jaylon Henderson (Eric Sachse Kick)		
8 plays, 80 yards, 2:37	3	10
BSU TD 0:14 John Hightower 36 Yd pass from Jaylon Henderson (Eric Sachse Kick)		
2 plays, 57 yards, 0:24	3	17
THIRD QUARTER		
BSU TD 1:09 Khalil Shakir 4 Yd Run (Eric Sachse Kick)		
11 plays, 79 yards, 5:54	3	24
BSU TD 0:18 Jaylon Henderson 5 Yd Run (Eric Sachse Kick)		
2 plays, 9 yards, 0:41	3	31
FOURTH QUARTER		
HAW TD 12:00 Miles Reed 21 Yd Run (Ryan Meskell Kick)		
8 plays, 75 yards, 3:18	10	31

Team Stats	HAW	BSU
First Downs	16	20
Passes for First	9	9
Rushes for First	6	10
Penalties for First	1	1
Third Down Efficiency	4-12	8-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-5	2-2
Total Yards	320	364
Total Plays	62	68
Avg Gain Per Play	5.2	5.4
Net Yards Rushing	79	144
Rushes	26	37
Yards Per Rush	3.0	3.9
Net Yards Passing	241	220
Comp-Att	20-36	21-31
Yards Per Pass	6.7	7.1
Times Sacked	3	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-22	-7
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	2	3
Punt Average	44.0	43.0
Penalties	9	3
Penalty Yards	61	21
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Time of Poss	27:53	32:07

Individual Stats

RUSHING								
HAWAII	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG			
Miles Reed	12	87	7.3	1	25			
Dayton Furuta	1	5	5.0	0	5			
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0			
Cole McDonald	12	-11	-0.9	0	9			
BOISE ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG			
George Holani	16	67	4.2	0	15			
Jaylon Henderson	14	51	3.6	1	21			
Khalil Shakir	2	10	5.0	1	6			
Robert Mahone	3	7	2.3	0	7			
Andrew Van Buren	1	6	6.0	0	6			
Akilian Butler	1	3	3.0	0	3			
PASSING								
HAWAII	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat	
Cole McDonald	20	36	241	6.7	0	1	27.3	
BOISE ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat	
Jaylon Henderson	20	29	212	7.3	2	1	84.8	
Khalil Shakir	1	1	8	8.0	0	0	98.0	
John Hightower	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.7	
RECEIVING								
HAWAII	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG			
Jason-Matthew Sharsh	7	74	10.6	0	13			
Jared Smart	4	72	18.0	0	46			
JoJo Ward	3	69	23.0	0	45			
Cedric Byrd II	4	19	4.8	0	11			
Dayton Furuta	2	7	3.5	0	5			
BOISE ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG			
Khalil Shakir	7	89	12.7	1	36			
John Hightower	3	64	21.3	1	36			
John Bates	2	27	13.5	0	17			
George Holani	2	13	6.5	0	13			
Octavius Evans	1	8	8.0	0	8			
Matt Pistone	1	7	7.0	0	7			
Garrett Collingham	2	5	2.5	0	5			
Robert Mahone	1	4	4.0	0	4			
Akilian Butler	1	3	3.0	0	3			
CT Thomas	1	0	0.0	0	0			