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FOOTBALL SPECIAL

Not being in game hurt Chang more

By Dayton Morlock

The most surprising 10 minutes of Tim Chang's career came in the fourth quarter of last night's 27-24 Hawaii loss to Rice at Aloha Stadium.

Chang said, "I have to be out there, but... I'm hard to explain how I'm feeling right now."

While the UH defense was on the field, Chang bawled the injury and... "I tried to throw a ball and couldn't," he said.

In any case, Chang admitted that he was not at his best, even prior to his injury. He completed 27 of 49 passes for 362 yards and two touchdowns—both to Latai.

One of his interceptions was returned 74 yards for a touchdown by Dan Dawson. Another was returned 37 yards by Brandon Green.

How they scored

Table showing game score: UH 0, Rice 27. Scoring drives: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th quarters.

Scoring drives

1st QUARTER: UH—3 plays, 73 yards, 2:09 elapsed time. Ashley Latai 6 pass from Tim Chang (Latai 100 kick). Rice—11 plays, 52 yards, 3:23 elapsed time. Dan Dawson 12 sack from Brandon Green (Dawson 100 kick).

Stars of the game

DAN DAWSON, Rice senior led 12 sacks, including two on Tim Chang, and intercepted 74 yards for a touchdown.

ASHLEY LATAI, Hawaii's wide receiver caught 13 passes for 385 yards and two touchdowns.

Game statistics

Table with columns for TEAM, RICE, and UH, listing statistics like First downs, Passing, Rushing, etc.

Individual

Table listing individual player statistics for RICE and UH, including passing, rushing, and receiving stats.

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tion's leader in total offense, suffered the injury while he was knocked down while releasing a pass in the fourth quarter.

Nick Sabala, who had chased Chang on the play, said, "I feel bad. I said to ourselves to him, 'I don't want to do anything.'"

The Warriors appeared to have solved their problem in the red zone (the area between the Rice 20 and end zone). In setting a 21-7 halftime, they scored three red-zone touchdowns—two on wideout Ashley Latai catches and freshman Mike Lane's 3-yard run.

On defense, the Warriors were able to contain the Owls' non-oriented, triple-option offense. They were aided by four defensive linemen and four linebackers by shifting safety Robert Clark to outside linebacker.

Rice kicker redeems himself in end

Skeen connects on two field goals to win it

"It was unbelievable," said Skeen, whose longest career field goal is 47 yards. "It's been such a roller coaster, both with the score and for me emotionally."



Rice defender Dan Dawson sacks UH quarterback Jared Flint. Dawson made 12 solo tackles and scored on a 74-yard interception return.

Rice's 'bandit' steals one from UH

By Stacy Kaminaka

If Hawaii's football could not believe Dan Dawson's defensive performance in last year's 38-13 loss to Rice, he made believers out of them, in last night's 27-24 win against the Warriors.

Dawson led the Owls with 12.5 sacks, including four for negative 74 yards for a touchdown, blocked a field goal that might have given UH the lead and deflected a pass that was intercepted by Brandon Green.

For the senior linebacker—the "bandit" in Rice's 4-3 defense—he was redemption from a 48-8 loss at Nebraska Sept. 21.

"I was so angry at my buddy," he said. "I've been struggling a bit lately." Dawson led the Owls with 12.5 sacks, including four for negative 74 yards for a touchdown.

"I saw it differently at practice," he said. "They were blocking differently. I was getting blocked at practice. (The Warriors) let me loose."

"When you have a player like Dan Dawson on your team, it can only make you play better," Rice's defensive lineman Nick Sabala said.

"I give complete credit to my guy," Skeen said. "They had faith in me. They told me they'd love me no matter what happened."

"I'm a field goal," he said with a sophisticated smile. Besides winning the game with his foot, Skeen earned something more important to kickers: confidence.

"Brandon Skeen really grew up in this game," Hufsch said. "He gained a lot of confidence. To be out and win the game—what the heck, baby, you can't get any better than that."