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20-GAME WINNER UNLIKELY
Justin Santana's loss to Boston on Thursday made it virtually certain that the major leagues will not have a 20-game winner in a full season for the first time, according to the New York Times. When the Minnesota lefty gained his 19th victory Sept. 18, he was in good shape to reach 20. But the loss and the preceding no-decision vs. Cleveland left him with enough starts only if the Twins need a win next Sunday to make the playoffs. No other pitcher has enough starts left to reach 20.



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BOISE STATE 41, HAWAII 34



Boise State's Kyle Gigg hit Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan during the first half of the Broncos' victory over the Warriors in Boise, Idaho.



SIDELINES
Kahanu Simpson

Murakami still having a ball

His eyes have been with a ball, and with more balls you would take that as a story, just something to say. But not with this man. With this man, sometimes, you think it must ring true. "Everybody remembers," Les Murakami says. "I used to go to my grandfather's house. And I used to tell her to throw the ball and I'd hit the ball. And I was young at that time."
"So I'd break a lot of stuff in the house."
And he cracks. That laugh. Those eyes.
They're laughing here again. Of course they are. How many times over the years? "Quite a few times," he says. That happens, when you've coached the University of Hawaii to 1979 wins.
Saturday, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii is honoring Murakami. One of AAA baseball and softball organizer Mike Koser and former-Steve and Japan Baseball Hall of Famer Wally Yocum are there. They weren't kidding about that story.
"It's disappointing," Hawaii coach June Jones said. "But they're a good football team."
But that the Broncos were one-three. They suffered from numerous dropped passes and were penalized nine times for 99 yards, compared to four for Boise State.
"Sometimes I wonder how come it is in this group," Coach Les says.
"Right."
They should have seen it coming, when he was born with a ball.
COACHING
Les Murakami has loved baseball for so long he can't even remember how or when or where it started. He just always did. He didn't become a baseball player at some point. He just always was.
"Not coaching."
No, you know when coaching happens?
"When I couldn't play in the (AAA) leagues because I had played to a higher classification," Murakami says. "I had no choice but to coach."
Had he had a hard time?
"Well, not really a hard time," he says. "It's just that I didn't know what I was doing."
That changed, of course. Murakami calls himself a "Tatsumi ball." He studied everything. Asked everyone when he got to UH, when they played at the pros, he did the same. He asked the managers.
"A lot of these things I learned from that and error more than anything else," he says. "I got caught in their trap."
None, he was setting them. Before we knew it, he was over of the pros. He knew exactly what he was

Broncos boot Warriors

The Warriors come closer, but mistakes keep them from winning in Boise for the first time
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ian Johnson rushed for 178 yards, and UH was betrayed once again by its special teams in 20th-ranked BSU's 41-34 victory. A solid crowd of 30,642 swelled on a mostly rainy night at Bronco Stadium as BSU beat UH for the 11th season in a row. Hawaii lost its WAC season opener despite two touchdown passes by Colt Brennan, including three to Jason Rivers.

"They have an offense that can score from anywhere, so we knew we had to keep the pressure on," Brennan said. "We just made too many mistakes. Our defense did some good things for us, but we just didn't get it done overall."
UH fell to 1-2 overall, while fourth-year league champion Boise State went to 4-0 and 1-0 in the WAC with its third victory over UH without a loss here.
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Wahine keep streak going

Hawaii shaves off the loss of Jamie Houston to win again
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Hawaii's Jenica Keeble blocked a ball attempt by Fresno State's Curt Hayes during last night's match at the Sun Sheriff Center.

Europeans leave U.S. team clinging to hopes of comeback

Sergio Garcia is still unstoppable as his team opens a 10-6 lead
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