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The Boise Blues

Warriors victimized by own mistakes in losing WAC opener

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BOISE, Idaho — For the University of Hawaii football team, it wasn't just one thing, it was another... and another... and another...

All of the mistakes and missed opportunities added up to a 41-34 loss to 25th-ranked Boise State before a capacity crowd of 30,642 at Bronco Stadium.

And in the smolder postgame locker room, it was the Warriors who were as blue as the artificial surface.

"This really hurts, and it's not going to stop hurting until we win again," UH free safety Leonard Peters said.

The Warriors' fingerprints were all over their second loss — both on the road — in three games this season. It was the Western Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

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Malfactions on a field-goal attempt and two punts-after tries cost the Warriors a potential five points — seven, if the tab includes Boise State parlaying one of the botched PATs into two points.

The Warriors also turned the ball over three times, dropped two passes in the end zone and went zip-for-two on replay decisions.

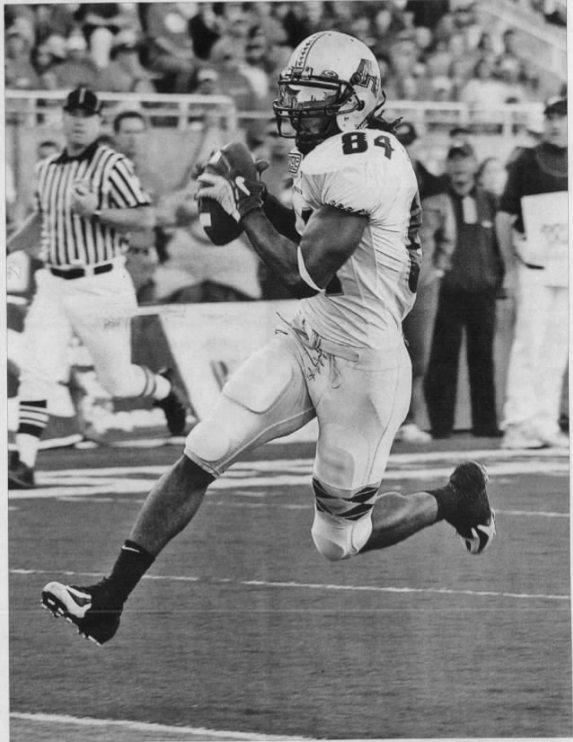
"We just have a real bad tendency to do that to ourselves, especially in games on the road," said UH quarterback Colt Brennan, who completed 25 of 36 passes for 388 yards and five touchdowns.

"We put ourselves in such a hole. It kills us. The weird thing is, Boise State doesn't do that. They're so sound in what they do. They don't make mistakes, and we do, and that's why we were playing catch-up the entire game."

And yet, the Warriors remained in contention until the final minute. They closed to 41-34 on Brennan's 8-yard pass to Jason Rivers and Daniel Kelly's punts after kick with 2:57 remaining.

But the Warriors failed to secure the ensuing on-side kick. The Broncos then advanced to the UH 44, where they faced a fourth-and-1 situation with 1:07 to play.

Ian Johnson, a tailback playing on a strained right knee, took a handoff, ab-



Hawaii's receiver Jason Rivers scoots into the end zone for a 26-yard score in the second period. Rivers caught six passes for 81 yards and three touchdowns. **STEVE CONNER** | Special to The Advertiser

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