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SIDELINES  
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UH's fun and games end with Army

**Y**OU know how this one was going to go right away. No, not in the way as Timmy Chang thought an interception on Hawaii's first possession of the night — though the way this season has gone, it did make you wonder.

No, the big clue was what happened the minute late UH freshman Jason Rivers ran through a couple of would-be-catchers on the sidelines, pulled away from a few future superior officers and the next thing you knew a potential 3-yard gain was a flayed highlight of a touchdown strike. Touchdown. Boom.

On the very next play from scrimmage, Hawaii corner Kevin Millhouse stepped in front of an errant pass and took it as an easy score.

Those are the kind of things that happen to you when you're a UH.

And the next thing you know, it was 20-0.

I'm not 100 percent sure, but I swear I heard Vill and his drum crew playing "Fight Like a Warrior."

Yes, UH — the Hawaii team — is in a bowl game.

But more on that later this week. For now let's let these guys celebrate a return to Aloha Stadium glory, and concentrate on the night that was.

Army. Um, Army was determined to get to Hawaii for things to say about a team, when you get to "they never give up," that's usually a bad sign. UH had them going to the physical ability department before they got out of the bus, and then the Cadets made all the mistakes losing teams make. Mixed tactics. "They made us men," Army coach John Mendenhall would say. "Take start on fourth-and-short. A bad interception, a goal-line fumble. Wasted. Third-and-short. When will coaches learn to stop trying to get cute against Tereza LaBoy? What was that trick play about? Doesn't anybody watch the film?"

Perfect timing.

Great scheduling.

Hawaii needed this seventh win on a couple of levels.

So is the Hawaii offense back? Yes and no. It looked a lot better. It felt a lot better. All the numbers were there, a school record. Regardless of the level of competition, these guys did what they needed to do. Let's use the magic word: They executed.

Rivers may have become a man on this night. A tackle-breaking touchdown. A great long kicking game. A crushing block. Whatever. He's not a freshman anymore, and that's the big news.

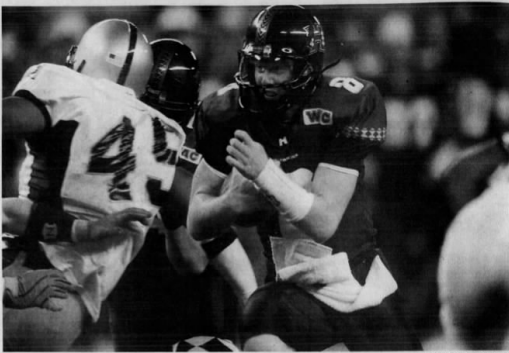
And there of course there was Chad Owens lighting it up like a video game. Sweet electricity. But let's hope this brilliance doesn't result in a bad habit. Running backward may not always work against the kind of athletes who are coming next week.

Which brings us to three interceptions (including one returned for a touchdown) against D-I Army. That's the single stat that doesn't look so hot with Alabama coming to town to desperate need of a win and Boise State playing like it is on some level of genius.

"These next two home games against Tama and Boise are going to test out what our team is really made of," senior receiver Clinton Herbert said. "Alabama. Just says you, 'is going to be tough.'"

That's the thing about playing Army. Hawaii should feel good about this win. But these next couple of opponents have more than determination, discipline and patriotism on their side.

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Hawaii quarterback Jason Whieldon was 16-of-17 and passed for 178 yards and a touchdown off the bench last night against Army.

Whieldon, Miranda get it right

NOTEBOOK

The worst pass Hawaii backup quarterback Jason Whieldon threw during Hawaii's 28-24 win last night was his first. It was a high lob that was nearly picked off by Army's Dylan Tarver and Curt Dunfee, but tucked for him, it fell to the ground.

The second time Diego Calzavara of Saddleback Community College completed an interception on a 54-yard scoring drive capped by Mike Bam 69-yard run and a 24-yard midway through the second quarter.

It was typical stuff for Whieldon, who continues to prove he can be counted on when needed. After the 17, starter Chad Owens recovered late in the third quarter and led the Warriors to their fourth 3TD, including one on a 36-yard short pass to John West. He finished an impressive 16-of-17 for 178 yards and also rushed five times for 42 yards.

"Good thing that first pass wasn't picked off," Whieldon said. "I was a little bit in the game. All I needed to do was get the ball down."

Nolan Miranda, a Castle High School alum, led off at Aloha Stadium, but he eventually contributed to a UH touchdown. But Herbert, who broke into the open field in the fourth quarter only to fall short of the goal line, but only disappointment after his night's game.

"It was wide open and I missed it. I straight passed it. I'm not even gonna lie. Herbert had made a couple of nice moves and picked up a handful of nice blocks, and was spending his daylight with only Army punter Tom Dreyerforth between him and six points.

But Dreyerforth was able to keep Herbert in his sights, cut him off, and somehow stopped him up, forcing Herbert to attempt a 27-yard punt.

"I think I made my move on the punter like 30 yards away."



Hawaii kicker Nolan Miranda, who made a field goal and eight extra points last night, ended Justin Aya's two-year run.

he can come back for the bowl game."

And the Kerrigan inclusion search seems to have finally come to an end.

"They call me J-Dub and they call him Big Dub," John West said.

Resnick in the house! Junior Mist Resnick, a former Hawaii resident who attended Pearl City Elementary School, did some action in yesterday's game. The inside linebacker was in on two solo tackles for the Black Knights. Aside from the look, it was a pleasant trip back to the island.

"Everybody I grew up with was here. My head coach, who I used to play for was here," Resnick said. "It was good for me. I got to see my old house when we were driving down H2. That's it though. Every day we pour our hearts out. For whatever reason, we can't get everything together at one time."

Three stars in attendance for Army last night was Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr., the superintendent of the US Military Academy, Lennox serves a role similar to other university presidents. He was probably the highest-ranking officer on the island, according to an Army spokesperson.

Early show: The spectacle started even before the game began. Parachuting in and landing on the football field were the Black Knight parachute team. Four of the five successfully landed on the 17 at Aloha Stadium to kick off the game festivities.

Demonstrating Army's connection to Schofield Barracks was the Black Knight Wesley Willard. The holder ran onto the field with the flag of the 25th Infantry Division. Traditionally, Army enters the field with the American flag and the school flag.

Short yardage: Hawaii won 7-11 against service academy teams. UH is 1-0 against Navy and 6-1-1 vs. Air Force, which used to play in the Western Athletic Conference.

Warriors: Improve to 5-0 at home with 3 games, including Hawaii Bowl, left at Aloha Stadium

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linebacker Chad Kallimokos, Tereza LaBoy, who had another fine game with two sacks, recovered the ball in the end zone.

Dalman's twin's complaint about the ruling, but agreed it was a fair to mirror.

"That fumble down by the goal line really hurt us," Dalman said.

Chang was intercepted on UH's first series by Ryan Kent, but Army was forced to punt. UH scored first when Nolan Miranda, the first kicker for UH other than Justin Kent in more than two years and 36 games, knocked a 25-yard field goal through at 8:11 of the first.

featuring three tackles by David Gimore. Hawaii took over at its own 35.

"We didn't take them lightly," said Gimore, who had a team-high eight tackles. "They're a tough team to play because you know they're 6-11 and in the back of your mind you don't want to be the one to lose them."

That Chang completed a short pass to Jason Rivers across the middle. Rivers broke two tackles and carried the rest of the Army defense for a 16-yard touchdown and 15:11 UH.

the Army's next play, Kevin Millhouse picked off a pass by Dalman at the Black Knight 20 and ran in for UH's second defensive touchdown in two

games.

After another successful PAT by Miranda, Hawaii led 17-0 at the 5:17 mark. Miranda finished with 11 points.

"The battles were gone after the first one," he said.

The Warriors increased the lead to 24-0 at 12:54 of the second quarter when Chang ran for a 27-yard TD on a bounding short pass to Jason Rivers. Rivers scored Hawaii's next touchdown on a 69-yard run.

Backup quarterback Whieldon replaced Chang and engineered the 7:40, 7-yard drive.

Chang returned to the game and — after a 25-yard completion to Owens and a 36-yard run by Michael Brewster — had a

pass picked off by Greg Walsh, tight end.

But UH's Abraham Elmstrom returned the favor six plays later, gathering in his team-high third interception and second in two games.

The Warriors drove to the Black Knight's 17. Then Hill stopped in front of Bam and intercepted Chang's pass and sprinted 79 yards for an Army score.

The Cadets continued to get back in the second half with two long TDs. The Jocks, one on a 59-yard pass from Dalman and another on a 69-yard interception run.

But Hawaii scored on West's 59-yard TD run, his 29-yard pass and run from Whieldon, and fi-

nally an 8-yard run to cap it with 5:09 left.

Jones scored a final touchdown on a 1-yard run against UH backup with 2:01 left.

"Our kids were playing their tails off, but we came up against a pretty good throwing team," number 1 said. "They made us miss. It's a team you have to go against every play. It's like going against a two-minute offense every play."

The Warriors emptied their bench, with players like transfer backup quarterback Keanon Akins and freshman running back Kallimokos seeing their first game action.

"We wanted to get everyone in the game, and we did," Jones said.