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HAWAII	17	14	14	14	59

Every play is a kick return

By Nick Abramo

Chad Owens' days as a high-voltage kick returner weren't that long ago, but pretty soon he may make Hawaii fans forget it about them.

Owens' daring, high-flying act in a record-breaking wide receiver is what the junior is all about now.

The 5-foot-9, 174-pounder taught a school-record 14 passes for 168 yards and a touchdown last night in the Warriors' 56-28 victory over Army at Aloha Stadium.

The 14 receptions broke the former record of 12, which

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Owens shared with Walter Murray and Craig Stutzman. Owens had 12 receptions in a game against Nevada last week and set a school record for a player.

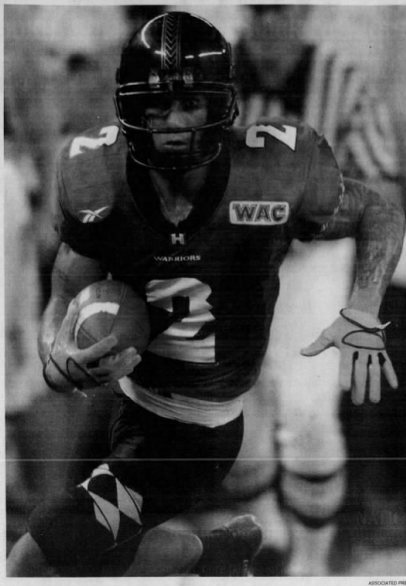
The Roosevelt High School lineman has caught at least one pass in his last 13 games, but he didn't know he broke the reception record until he was interviewed by reporters after the game.

"Now I'm aware of the record," Owens said. "But I don't play these games to make records. Records just come. This was a big-time confidence boost for me. We want to take it into next week's game against Alabama and finish the last two games of the season right."

Owens' specialty — as it was his brother's — is kick returns. Owens, who was suspended for two games earlier this year, also showed his resilience last night. He bounced right back to return to the game after getting the word knocked out of his when an Army player landed as close to his midsection.

Owens' 24-yard touchdown catch came with 4:46 left in the third quarter and it was a prime example of how to stick with a zone. He did a quick cut to the left at the goal line and continued sprinting down the line and waited until Chang could see his upturned arm above defender Dyan Turner.

"The (Chang) put some real good touch on the ball — so



Hawaii's Chad Owens, who had 14 catches last night, has 26 receptions in the Warriors' past two games.

only I could get it," said Owens of the TD. "It was just like we do in practice."

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"You'd have to kill me before I stop playing," he said. The kind of come down on me like a wrecker off the top of the ropes. I got a little upset, but I was right back out there playing."

Owens caught the attention of Hawaii fans two seasons ago when he returned a kickoff 109 yards for a touchdown against

Air Force. He then returned a kickoff and a punt for TDs in a blowout victory in the season 6 game against Brigham Young.

This year, including last night's kickoff, he has 79 catches for 1,017 yards and eight TDs. Going into last night, he was the Western Athletic Conference leader and second nationally in receptions per game (7.75) as

well as the WAC leader and third nationally in receiving yards per game (106.1).

"He's a genius," coach June Jones said. "He has unbelievable quickness and makes some tough catches. He's that way (a guy who would die before quitting). He walked on with us and, like Ashley Lohie, he might walk his way right into the NFL."

[KEY STATS]

BY THE NUMBER

- Field goals: 2
- Points: 28
- Passing yards: 443
- Receiving yards: 168
- Receptions: 14
- Total yards: 711
- Touchdowns: 1
- Time of possession: 31:09
- Ball control: 25:09

[GAME STATS]

RECEIVING LEADERS

- Chad Owens: 14, 168
- Walter Murray: 12, 100
- Craig Stutzman: 12, 100
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[INDIVIDUAL STATS]

WARREN

- 1st Quarter: 7-10, 28
- 2nd Quarter: 10-14, 34
- 3rd Quarter: 14-14, 41
- 4th Quarter: 14-14, 49
- Total: 45-56, 142

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[TURNING POINT]

Army fumbles hopes into Hawaii end zone

There is nothing more dramatic than a steady, effective march that ends in defeat. It was the Warriors' 56-28 victory over Army last night during its 25th season at Aloha Stadium.

After getting first downs on consecutive plays, the Black Knights found themselves on the Hawaii 21-yard line. Yet, Army trailed 31-0 already. That it was midway through the second quarter, and a touchdown here would keep the Cadets' hopes for an upset alive.

But after a short pass from Zac Tabone to William Wim, put the ball inside the 1, those hopes were quickly dashed.

Tabone tried to drive into the end zone, but first. Although it appeared he crossed the plane with the football, the officials ruled a fumble when QB quarterback Chad Kallimoku knocked the ball loose.

Hawaii recovered the ball and took over at the 29-yard line, and the rout continued.

[COMING UP]

Shula bringing Tide back to the islands

Hawaii hosts Alabama (44) on Saturday at Aloha Stadium, and the Warriors hope the Crimson Tide will still be hung over from yesterday's loss to rival Auburn.

Alabama fell 28-25 to the Tigers in an undisputed disappointment in an unopposed game.

The Tide best LH here 21-16 in the first meeting between the schools last year.

Alabama first-year coach Mike Shula is no stranger to the islands. The son of legendary Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula quarterbacked the Crimson Tide to a 24-7 victory over UCL in the 1985 Aloha Bowl.

[COMING UP]

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In the second quarter with quarterback Zac Tabone in the backfield, Army 43 yards. The sophomore completed six straight passes and the Black Knights benefited from a 10-yard Hawaii penalty to arrive at the Hawaii 1.

But Tabone was unable to drive over the meter of players

Future looking brighter for Black Knights

By Garco Win

There's not much that looks good during a winter football season. And after last night's 50-18 loss to Hawaii at Aloha Stadium, the Army football team has only look to the future.

Sophomore running back Carlton Jones has the future looking better, if not brighter, for the Black Knights (4-2).

Jones has been one of the few bright spots for the Army football team this season. He rushed for 53 yards on 16 carries with two touchdowns.

Jones also hauled in a 59-yard pass in the third quarter that made the score a bit more respectable (20-14) after the Warriors opened with a 17-0 lead.

"It was kind of a seven pass and it was a high ball so I had to jump real high and catch it," Jones said. "As soon as I found around, it just opened up. I just tried to hit the holes as hard as I could. Guys were dazed and I just tried to follow their backs."

Unfortunately for Army, Jones didn't get going until the second half.

True to previous form, the Black Knights were slow starting on offense in 11 previous games. Army has scored in the first half only five times.

Not that there didn't have their chances to get on the board early. The Black Knights came close on one possession



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for the score and fumbled the ball. Hawaii's Kandi Aguir recovered the ball for the touchback.

The Cadets seemed set for another scoreless first half with another Hawaii drop starting with 44 ticks on the clock. But Brian Hill intercepted Hawaii quarterback

Tim Chang and ran 79 yards for the score and Army's first points of the game.

"I gave Army a breath of fresh air in a stagnant game where the Black Knights struggled to do much right."

"It was kind of like plugging the disk up," Army coach John Mumford said. "We were hoping

(the momentum) could be taken into the second half. We made a few adjustments defensively."

"Offensively, we splattered around a little bit. There they go, and I was really proud of them. We had great protection for the most part for Zac."

"You have to take the positives back on the plane. You have to focus on today."

A winter season leaves the Black Knights clinging to their season finale with Navy in two weeks as a means of salvaging their season.

Army will be granted to have a bye week, after playing 11 consecutive games, and going on the road for four of the last five. But the Black Knights won't be returning to West Point while.

Four defensive players had to be held out of the field last night.

Despite the loss, Army earned the respect of at least one Hawaii player.

"They play hard for 40 minutes," Oklahoma Union Meneses said. "They're truly America's team."

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