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How they scored

At Aloha Stadium

FRESNO STATE (6-2, 2-2)	10	10	7	7	34
HAWAII (5-2, 4-2)	3	0	22	38	

FIRST QUARTER
FNU—Charles Smith 8 pass from David Carr (Sean Aspinewer kick)
FNU—FG Aspinewer 35
UH—FG Justin Aye 23

SECOND QUARTER
UH—FG Aye 30
FNU—Smith 27 pass from Carr (Aspinewer kick)
UH—Andre Latta 3 pass from Carr (Aspinewer kick)
FNU—FG Aspinewer 35

THIRD QUARTER
FNU—David Shabagian 10 pass from Carr (Aspinewer kick)
UH—FG Aye 27
FOURTH QUARTER
FNU—Channon Harris 13 pass from Carr (Aspinewer kick)
UH—Latta 11 pass from Robert (Latta kick)
FNU—Shannon Wright 15 pass from Carr (Aspinewer kick)
UH—Latta 14 pass from Robert (Latta kick)
Hawaii—35, 0-0.

Scoring drives

FIRST QUARTER
■ FRESNO STATE — 5 plays, 49 yards, 5:00 seconds elapsed time. Charles Smith 8 pass from David Carr. Sean Aspinewer kick. Big play: Sean Aspinewer 35 yard return from Carr. Score: Fresno State 10, Hawaii 0.
■ FRESNO STATE — 13 plays, 42 yards, 6:30 elapsed time. FG Aspinewer 35. Big play: FNU gets three touchdown conversions. Time: 4:46. Score: Fresno State 30, Hawaii 0.
■ HAWAII — 5 plays, 24 yards, 3:22. FG Justin Aye 23. Big play: Carr 65 yard kickoff return to FNU 30. Time: 2:27. Score: Fresno State 30, Hawaii 3.

SECOND QUARTER
■ HAWAII — 4 plays, 5 yards, 1:27 elapsed time. FG Aye 23. Big play: Latta 10 yard FG. Kickoff return to the FNU 30. Time: 12:55. Score: Fresno State 30, Hawaii 6.
■ FRESNO STATE — 6 plays, 71 yards, 2:52 elapsed time. Smith 27 pass from Carr. Aspinewer kick. Big play: Smith 27 pass from Carr on touchdown at UH 46. Time: 12:11. Score: Fresno State 37, Hawaii 6.
■ HAWAII — 5 plays, 78 yards, 4:13 elapsed time. Andre Latta 3 pass from Carr. Aspinewer kick. Big play: Carr 18 pass from Robert on touchdown at the 46. Time: 12:06. Score: Fresno State 37, Hawaii 13.
■ FRESNO STATE — 12 plays, 50 yards, 4:03 elapsed time. FG Aspinewer 35. Big play: FNU gets two touchdown conversions. Time: 0:00. Score: Fresno State 30, Hawaii 13.

THIRD QUARTER
■ FRESNO STATE — 5 plays, 30 yards, 3:50 elapsed time. David Shabagian 10 pass from Carr. Aspinewer kick. Big play: Carr 18 pass from Robert on touchdown at the 46. Time: 11:51. Score: Fresno State 37, Hawaii 13.
■ HAWAII — 11 plays, 65 yards, 5:34. FG Aye 27. Big play: Robert 58 run on touchdown at the FNU 31. Time: 2:45. Score: Fresno State 37, Hawaii 15.

FOURTH QUARTER
■ HAWAII — 11 plays, 73 yards, 5:28 elapsed time. Channon Harris 13 pass from Robert. Theo Mitchell run. Big play: Personal foul vs. FNU on touchdown at the FNU 34 after an interception return to the FNU 30. Time: 12:55. Score: Fresno State 37, Hawaii 15.
■ HAWAII — 9 plays, 50 yards, 3:13 elapsed time. Latta 11 pass from Robert. Big play: Latta 11 pass from Robert on touchdown at the FNU 31. Time: 12:51. Score: Fresno State 37, Hawaii 22.
■ FRESNO STATE — 11 plays, 40 yards, 5:00 seconds elapsed time. Rodney Wright 30 pass from Carr. Aspinewer kick. Time: 4:55. Score: Fresno State 34, Hawaii 22.
■ HAWAII — 6 plays, 24 yards, 2:55 elapsed time. Latta 14 pass from Robert. Aye kick. Big play: Latta 14 pass from Robert on touchdown at the FNU 31. Time: 2:45. Score: Fresno State 34, Hawaii 25.

Game statistics

TEAM	FNU	UH
First downs	19	11
Running	11	11
Passing	8	0
Penalties	13	16
Running yards	235	158
Passing yards	15	0
Yards per rushing	15	12
Yards per passing	1.9	0
Net yards rushing	220	158
Net yards passing	15	0
Total offense	235	158
Time of possession	31:05	28:55

INDIVIDUAL

FRESNO STATE

Passing

Player	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD	Int
Charles Smith	1	1	8	1	0

Rushing

Player	Att	Yds	TD
David Shabagian	1	10	1

Receiving

Player	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD
Andre Latta	1	1	3	1

Field Goals

Player	Made	Att
Sean Aspinewer	3	3

PUNTS

Player	Yds	Ret
Justin Aye	23	1

FOULS

Player	F	Yds
David Carr	1	10

TEAM

Player	F	Yds
David Carr	1	10

Amazing Warriors refuse to lose

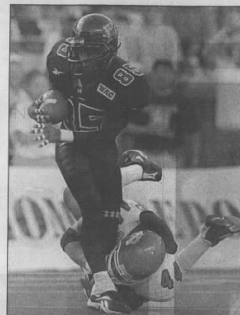
Ford Lewis
Staff columnist

The magic is back! On a night when the excitement of the 1991 national championship season is still fresh in the minds of fans, the Warriors refused to lose. They did it with a big-play defensive back, Nate Jackson, who had been a mystery since earlier in the week, and entered the game himself as an injury replacement, making two of the biggest plays. And they put it away with a wide receiver, Ashley Latta, making a game-winning leap.

They would be among the most visible symbols of this team and how far its journey has taken it in the past four weeks. A team apparently with no problem finding ways to win or players to deliver them.

The magic is definitely back," said senior guard Marty Kanna III, pumping a tape-measured arm skyward. "This was just the 39th except that we didn't need any overtime to beat Fresno this time."

No, this time the Warriors weren't going to have anything to say about it. Not even a victory march. Not here and certainly not now with a fourth consecutive victory against them on national TV.



EUGENE THOMAS • The Honolulu Advertiser
Warrior receiver Channon Harris tries to shake free from Fresno State linebacker Maurice Rodriguez after making a first-quarter reception. Harris also caught a 19-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.

They had come too far for that, bounding back from 27-13 and 34-31 deficits and enduring the Bulldog taunts that had accompanied them.

What was a season on the brink barely a month ago, one seeming by headed toward mediocrity, now is a campaign alive with truly wondrous possibilities for a team that is suddenly 4-2 with the games, all at home, remaining.

WAC

Team	W	L	T
Boise State	5	0	1
Idaho State	3	1	3
Utah State	3	1	3
Hawaii	4	2	2
Fresno State	2	6	2
San Jose State	4	2	4
UTEP	1	2	5
TCU	6	4	6

Yesterday
Hawaii at San Jose State
Fresno at Boise State
Hawaii at Boise State

teams passing in the humid night. One had seen on a Sports Illustrated cover and in the Top 10 and now looking desperately for answers as it shuffled slowly and surely off to the visitors' locker room.

And the other, a team grasping at loose ends in September now acclimated with an answer for everything and a star in waiting as they turn these past four weeks.

"It is an amazing thing, what's going on right now," said Robert, one of the scorers. "So amazing that I think Chris Brown dropped to his knees on the confetti-covered Aloha Stadium turf and howled at the moon after the final gun. This feels so good," Brown roared.

Meanwhile, an embittered and, possibly, embittered Pat Hill, the Fresno State coach, looked on from the sidelines. "Only over here are they going to win. It is never close at our place."

No matter how compelling the evidence, some people, it seems, don't believe in magic.

Warriors: UH wins a dogfight

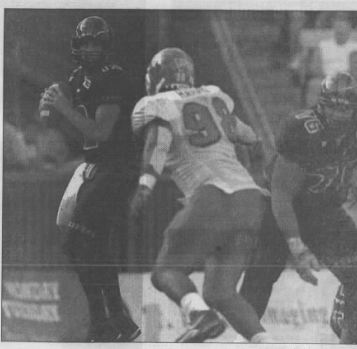
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player, and I knew if I gave him a chance, he would catch it."

UH cornerback Channon Harris said when he saw single coverage on Latta, "I knew that was money. We were going to get this. (Latta) can fly, jump, do whatever he needs to do."

When wide receiver Rodney Wright was tackled on the only play of Fresno State's ensuing possession, a wild celebration was triggered as the Warriors stormed toward midfield. Robert, rubbing his nose shut, gingerly hugged teammates. Latta's cheeks were stained with tears.

"So many people doubted us, even during the game, but we always believed we could do it," UH offensive guard Vince Manuwa said. "Before the game, we were really relaxed, almost calm. I told the other guys, 'We can win, but we're going to come out and explode.'"



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Warrior quarterback Nick Rolovich scans the field as Bulldog defensive tackle Alan Harper awaits pressure.

In winning their fourth consecutive Western Athletic Conference game for the first time since 1984, the Warriors improved to 5-2 overall and 4-2 in league play.

But it appeared the night would not end happily ever after for the Warriors. They could not slow the Bulldogs' catch-and-throw offense. Charles Smith, who missed Fresno State's first three games because of an ankle injury, caught two scoring passes and seldom-used David Shabagian's 10-yard scoring reception gave the Bulldogs a 27-13 lead in the third quarter.

The Warriors repeatedly intercepted Rolovich, starting his fourth consecutive game in place of injured Tim Chang, was intercepted on consecutive possessions in the third quarter. Harris dropped two passes in a row at the doorway of the end zone. One Fresno State drive was extended when, after off-setting penalties, a UH player was called for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"We weren't going to give up,"

Latta advancing the ball to the 11. From there, Rolovich again sought out Latta, who made a leaping catch at the end zone to make it 31-27.

But the Bulldogs quickly surged back, regaining a 34-31 lead when Wright turned a snide pass into a 30-yard touchdown.

It appeared the Bulldogs (6-2, 2-2) had sealed control of the game when they forced UH to punt on the ensuing possession. Also, Rolovich said his non-throwing "shoulder popped out" on that possession.

"There was no way I was going to not play," Rolovich said. "Nothing was going to keep me out of the game."

Jackson made sure the Warriors received another chance when he blazed from the Bulldogs' left side, slammed into Carr and forced a fumble. Defensive end Le'ani Correa, who earlier intercepted a