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FOOTBALL SPECIAL

Jackson makes Bulldogs feel pain

Injured safety forces fumble that set up UH's winning score

By Steve Kassinis
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Nate Jackson did it again. The University of Hawaii's first injury was involved in a Car accident.

Jackson, playing with two layers of stitches for injuries suffered when his motorcycle was involved in an accident Monday, crossed Fresno State quarterback David Carr's hands that set up the Warriors' winning touchdown.



JACKSON: Played despite car accident

Remarkable for someone who could not practice most of the week to be recovered from injuries to his left shin.
"Football is a whole different story," Jackson said. "When I put on this jersey, there's no pain."
Till that is Carr, who moments earlier had called the Bulldogs to a 34-31 lead with 1:50 left.



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Hawaii's La'unalua Correa (58) is ready to pounce on the ball after Hake Jackson (12) stripped it from Fresno State quarterback David Carr with 3:03 to play. UH then drove for a touchdown and held on for a 38-34 victory.

He said when UH was forced to punt after three plays, giving the Bulldogs the ball with 3:22 remaining, Fresno State had the ball at its 38. After a no-gainer by running back Paris Galois on first down, Carr dropped back to pass. Jackson, who did not start but played because of injuries to safety Robert Grant and cornerback Abraham

play to win the game," Correa said. "Now come up with our 'big play'." Jackson said the scheme was a designed safety hit. He said he held strong safety Jacob Epstein that Carr rolls to his side, he would hit instead of being Epstein crossing over.

That Jackson was able to play was a miracle in itself. Defensive coordinator Kevin Longue said Jackson practiced a little on Friday during a slow-down session.
"We didn't think he was going to play," Longue said. "The wound that he was at, but not a 100 percent. We played him a little bit and watched him. He didn't look bad at all." But on that last play, he was still going.

Longue said doctors cleared Jackson, assuring the coaches that his stitches would hold.
Jackson is familiar with pain. He played the 2000 season with a fractured foot, and still made big plays. He shared the Western Athletic Conference lead with seven interceptions. And then he went out and played for the UH baseball team in the spring.

But as fantastic a finish as it was for the Warriors, Jackson said last night's win was even better than the 1999 double-overtime finish when UH beat Fresno State, 31-34, for a share of the conference championship.
"There's no comparison," Jackson said. "This was even better than two years ago."

Traffic OK for some, bad for others

By Dayton Marlinga
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The game plan for fans attending yesterday's football game between the University of Hawaii and Fresno State was similar to most football strategies.

Get ahead early and enjoy the rest of the game.
With the game scheduled to start at 4:00 p.m. at Aloha Stadium, leaving work early to beat the Friday p.m. traffic was a key to avoiding late-arrival frustration.

"I left my house at 1 and got here in 15 minutes," said Charles Hill of Punahou. "That gave us almost three hours to relax."
The annual Friday afternoon start accommodated a national television appearance on ESPN. It was originally scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Saturday.

Stadium parking lots were opened at 2:30 p.m., leaving fans ample time to arrive before kickoff.
"That was the best thing they could have done," said Bill, a Federal Express driver who took the extra day off. "The traffic normally starts around 5 if you were smart, you got here before late."

Many fans shared a similar strategy. By 3 p.m., a majority of the parking stalls were filled, while traffic on the west-bound H-1 was crawling at a snail's pace. Around 3:45, all stadium parking lots were filled.
"We barely made it," said Leon To of Islander. "We left about 2:30, and it took us about one hour to get here. The traffic was bad, but not as bad as I thought."

Others weren't so fortunate. Greg and Deborah Chen found out the hard way. Despite leaving work "early" at 2:30 p.m. from the Federal Courthouse building in downtown Honolulu, Deborah spent more than 90 minutes in traffic — 35 minutes to go from downtown to the airport to pick up Greg, and then another hour to get from the airport to the stadium.
By the time they got to the stadium, all parking in gates were closed, so they parked at Redford High School, ending in an additional 15-minute walk. When they finally walked through the turnstiles, Fresno State was already ahead, 7-0.

"It's a little frustrating," Deborah said. "But it's one of those things that can't be helped. We kind of expected the traffic to be pretty bad anyway."

Lelie soars to new heights in victory

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Is it the hair or the hips? Either way, Ashley Lelie was walking on air after floating through the air to catch three touchdowns in Hawaii's 38-34 victory over Fresno State yesterday at Aloha Stadium.

"I'm so happy I don't even know what to say," said Lelie, a 6-foot-3 junior under center of football. "I feel like I can fly right now."
He certainly appeared to be in flight for two spectacular touchdowns given in the fourth quarter, including the game-winning with 13 seconds remaining.
"What a performance he put on," gushed UH receivers coach Ron Lee. "It's always had the talent, but in a big game like this, only the cream rise to the top. That's exactly what Ashley did."

Lelie's first touchdown came midway through the second quarter on a trick play. Chad Kippen, a former quarterback at Roosevelt High, sent an option pitch and then kicked a 3-yard pass to Lelie, who was jumped

three chasing defenders to grab the football.
It was one of only three catches Lelie made in that first half for 27 yards.
"I dropped some I should have had," he said. "I knew I had to make up for it."

So with less than six minutes remaining in the game and Fresno State leading 25-14, Lelie and quarterback Nick Rolovich put on a performance that will rank among UH's most memorable.
With the ball at the UH 48-yard line, Rolovich lobbed a deep sideline pass that Lelie snugged just before jumping his feet in bounds at the Fresno State 11 for a 45-yard gain.
On the next play, Rolovich threw a pass high over the middle of the end zone that Lelie soared to catch over Bulldog safety Bryce McGill.

"I don't know if I've ever jumped that high in my life," said Lelie, who has a vertical leap of 38 inches. "But Fresno had big guys."



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Ashley Lelie celebrates after catching an 11-yard touchdown pass that gave Hawaii a 21-27 lead with 1:50 remaining in the fourth quarter. He later caught a 34-yard touchdown pass to give UH the lead for good.

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VOLLEYBALL

Few mysteries surround Wahine-Wolf Pack match

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Surprise will not be an element of tonight's Western Athletic Conference volleyball match between 11th-ranked University of Hawaii and Nevada at Stan Sheriff Center.

The Wolf Pack (15-4, 7-3 WAC) is a match behind the Wahine in the Western Division and its starters have been together at least three years.
Hawaii (15-4, 7-3) might be the easiest team in the country to scout, and not just because every home match is televised.
"They will see Glenn Wiloughby, and then Wiloughby, and then Wiloughby," Nevada coach David Scraggs says. "And every once in a while (Deby) Gustie will get set. You don't even need videotape. It's phenomenal. Ron takes as many swings as she does. But I'm not knocking that. If I had her, I'd get her every day too."
Wiloughby leads the country in hits, by a touch. She averages

Hawaii vs. Nevada

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(O'Connell) and Jen (Cory) set them any opportunity they can to practice so when it happens in a game they'll have done it already. That's not to say we're not going to get Glen and Maja the ball on the left. They're definitely our strength. But we need to find more confidence going other ways."
"All the beginning of the game we need to be able to set everybody because at the end, especially the way rally-coming in, if you're at 27 the ball is probably going outside."
The Pack's attack is much more diversified. Junior setter Jill Crowderdown or Juday Anderson

find junior middle Michelle More (1.5 hits, 211) early and often, but thereby setting the ball out to seniors Shannon Steiner, Nervonna Chambers, Suzanne Stoenberger and Kelle LaPostolle.
All average at least two kills and in Nevada's system, present a particularly tough challenge to the Wahine block on the left and sophomore middle Lauren Duggins and Nobus Tani.

The Wolf Pack tilted their No. 7 Pacific five weeks ago with a drop-off offense set free by strong serving. But, after winning straight, Nevada has lost three of its last five.
Scraggs says part of her players' problem was that teams no longer overworked them.
"We're playing tougher teams now and we have to get better and we haven't gotten better," she admits. "We're making the same mistakes we made for a long time. We've got to quit making those mistakes, mostly at the net. We need to be better than we are now."

WAC Standings

Team	W	L	T	WAC	All America
Arizona	7	1	0	1-1	1-1
Arizona State	7	1	0	1-1	1-1
California	7	1	0	1-1	1-1
Colorado State	7	1	0	1-1	1-1
Idaho	4	4	1	2-4	2-4
Utah	4	4	1	2-4	2-4
Utah State	4	4	1	2-4	2-4
Washington State	4	4	1	2-4	2-4
Western Michigan	4	4	1	2-4	2-4
Wyoming	4	4	1	2-4	2-4
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