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UH 24, Colorado State 13

Rainbows hold destiny in their hands

On a clear night at Aloha Stadium you can see a lot more than the lights of Makakiki.

If you look close enough you can almost see ... the Holiday Bowl!

"I've been seeing it (the Holiday Bowl) for a while," Michael Carter, the University of Hawaii quarterback, admitted last night. "It has been in a lot of my day dreams, night dreams, everything."

It got a lot clearer, Windyclear you might say, for Carter and the Rainbows with last night's 24-13 victory over Colorado State.

And, for once, you don't need rose-colored glasses to see it.

Six games and a 5-1 conference record (7-1 overall) into their 14th Western Athletic Conference season the Rainbows are closer than they've ever been to a championship.

They are closer than they've ever been to the Holiday Bowl in San Diego. In fact, like the trip to see Shamu that goes with it, you'd have to say they have a whole of a chance, never before have they been in first place this late in the season, much less all alone as they are today, a full game ahead of San Diego State, Fresno State and Brigham Young with but two conference games to play.

Yes, I think we can finally say it: Hawaii is more than a husbun team.



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After years of being the team other schools climbed over to get to the title, the Rainbows are the ones leaving the cleat marks.

So far they've beaten the contenders, Air Force, BYU and Fresno State, and avoided the booby traps that the Texas A&M and Colorado State, a team that hasn't been good enough to win the conference but good enough to keep the Rainbows from doing it, became the latest victim and convert last night.

"They could just do it this year," agreed CSU coach Earle Bruce. "Their star is rising and I'm not sure where San Diego State is going."

You suspect the Atteca are

going down the tubes.

But the way the Rainbows are playing, it might not matter what San Diego State does or doesn't do. The Rainbows appreciate the help, but they might not need it.

For as they showed in Jeppia-and-Hyde halves last night, the only team left that can stop them ... are themselves.

"We just want to have our destiny in our hands," said wide receiver Derrick Branch. "We've been waiting a long time to be in this kind of position and we want to be the first team to do it."

On this night it was hard to see how they couldn't.

GAME STATISTICS

TEAM	UH	CSU
First downs	18	20
Rushing	14	13
Passing	3	7
Penalty	1	0
Rushing attempts	47	49
Yards gained rushing	319	321
Yards lost rushing	22	24
Net yards rushing	297	297
Passing attempts	13	26
Yards passing	60	100
Passes completed	3	10
Net yards passing	3	10
Interceptions	3	2
Total offense plays	60	74
Total net yards	300	297
Avg. gain per play	5.0	4.0
Return yards	54	52
Fumbles-lost	2	3
Fumbles-yards	4-48	3-30
Interceptions-yards	3-0	0-0
Punt average	44-44	54-43
Punt return-yards	3-48	2-30
Kickoff return-yards	3-25	5-90
Time of possession	27:33	32:37

INDIVIDUAL

HAWAII

Player	Pos	Yds	TD	Int	Def
Blair	QB	23	0	1	0
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COLORADO STATE

Player	Pos	Yds	TD	Int	Def
Blair	QB	23	0	1	0
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UH secondary figures a way to stifle CSU

Last year's debacle erased

By Stacy Kaneshiro
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The University of Hawaii's secondary was the toast of the town last night. And not because it got burned.

After last year's debacle in which Colorado State torched the Rainbows for more than 300 yards passing, the secondary limited the Rams to just 100 yards on 10 receptions last night.

Last season, All-Western Athletic Conference wide receiver Greg Primus carved the Rainbows up for 256 yards and two touchdowns. Last night, Primus was not a factor, catching five passes for 42 yards and no scores.

"I was going to shut him down," free safety Brian Addison said. "Last year, he did a good job reading our defense and we weren't ready. This year, we disrupted it, changed some things up. He wasn't making the reads."

Despite the damage Primus caused last year, Addison said the secondary wasn't concerned too much about him. He said stopping the run was the plan.

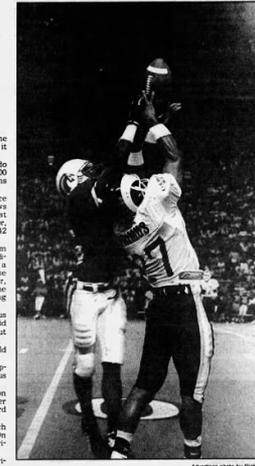
"We knew if we could stop the run, we could stop the offense," Addison said.

Addison had one of three Rainbow interceptions on Tuesday. Zac Odum and Demetrius Henderson had the others.

The Rainbows recycled Odum's interception into a 23-yard touchdown run by Michael Carter in the first quarter. Addison set up a 39-yard field goal by Jason Elam in the third quarter.

Addison said he had CSU quarterback Erich Prull read all the way on the interception. On the play, Addison was on the right side and Prull came over on a cross from the left side.

"The quarterback looked all the way to Primus and I just ran and took the ball," Addison said of his team-high fourth interception. "He actually threw it right to me."



Demetrius Henderson is up to the challenge of CSU as he bats away a pass intended for Colorado State's Greg Primus.

Sims runs up big bill

It's payoff time for 1,000 yards

By Ferd Borch
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Porterhouse steak, prime rib, lobster tails, prawns or shrimp, whatever it is, the menu they can have.

That was the promise running back Travis Sims made to his mom when he set the 1,000-yard mark in rushing this season.

As of Sims' first carry in the second half last night, the starting offensive line will be eating quite well.

"I thank you," Sims said.

"I made the promise, and I will keep that promise," said Sims, who has 1,000 yards at the University of Hawaii. "I'm a member of the Western Athletic Conference with a 5-1 record."

"We're holding out for the Hanabusa Room at the Sheraton Waikiki," said starting left tackle Travis Finocchia. "We have been reminding him of that promise before every game."

Sims, who entered the game with 885 yards, gained at least two millions last night.

In addition to surpassing 1,000 yards, he also became only the third running back in Rainbow history to have six 100-yard games rushing in one season.

Albert Holmes became the first Rainbow runner to achieve this feat during the front of the Mualaha High band sitting behind the 21-0 shortly before the half. This time, they missed the clock, taking nearly five minutes, and 11 plays to drive 77 yards. The final seven yards came on Sims' run off a stumbling start.

At halftime, Sims had 990 yards for the season.

"I would be nothing without those guys," said Sims, who cracked the magic 1,000-yard mark when he carried for eight yards on his first run of the third quarter. "I would be running around without a head without them."

Because of the bumps and bruises incurred against Texas A&M last weekend, Sims was a visible observer during practice this week.

"But I was paying attention to the plays," he said. "I was watching for the holes to open up. I was ready for the game."

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'Bows: Stand alone atop the WAC

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The groundswell of emotion began with the ground game. Sims rushed for 165 yards — the sixth time he has surpassed the century mark this season — and two touchdowns. He also eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark for the season, extending his total to 1,000.

Quarterback Michael Carter, handling the HJ option like a Vegas card dealer, gained 69 yards, including a 39-yard field goal, but every time he touched the ball, three times on pitches and once on a pass — he gained a first down.

UH also got a boost from its defense, which held the Rams to 171 yards through the first three quarters.

The Rainbows stored to a 21-0 lead at halftime and after Jason Elam's 39-yard field goal, led 24-0 entering the fourth quarter.

The Rams, trying to catch up with an option offense, scored two late touchdowns on a four-yard run by Lene Amosa and a two-yard run by John Holmes, but it was not nearly enough.

The Rainbows had little trouble in racing to their

HOW THEY SCORED

COLORADO STATE 0 0 0 13 — 13
HAWAII 7 14 3 0 — 24

FIRST QUARTER Time CSU UH
UH—Sims 8 run (Elam kick) 11:34 9 7

SECOND QUARTER
UH—Carter 23 run (Elam kick) 14:07 0 14
UH—Sims 7 run (Elam kick) 0:58 0 21

THIRD QUARTER
UH—Elam 39 FG 5:49 0 24

FOURTH QUARTER
CSU—Brown 4 run (Rantzau kick) 12:47 7 24
CSU—Brown 2 run (pass failed) 2:22 13 24
Attendance—11,001

21-0 halftime lead. They controlled the line of scrimmage and then the Rams.

The Rainbows' spread offense spread the Rams thin. When Carter wasn't attacking the perimeter with slants or pitches to slotbacks Eddie Keolaha and Gordon, Sims was powering his way through the heart of the Rams' defense.

Sims' first score — an eight-yard run around left end — concluded a 69-yard drive that was set up by Derrick Branch's 69-yard punt return and a subsequent unorthodox conduct penalty against the Rams.

The Rainbows extended their lead to 14-0 early in the second quarter, capitalizing on Odum's interception at the UH 48 Hill threw a crossing pass toward Greg Primus on the right side.

Primus, who had 10 receptions in a game against UH last season, tried to turn back for the underthrown pass but Odum stepped in front.

After moving to the CSU 25, Carter called his own number. With Amosa clearing a hole the size of an HJ lane, Carter ran up the

middle and continued running until he stopped in front of the Mualaha High band sitting behind the 21-0 shortly before the half. This time, they missed the clock, taking nearly five minutes, and 11 plays to drive 77 yards. The final seven yards came on Sims' run off a stumbling start.

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