

GAME 1 HAWAII VS. NORTHERN COLORADO

Brennan adds to record book

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Could University of Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan be twice as good as last year? Brennan needed only one half last night to continue the record-breaking pace he set over all last season.

Brennan completed 34 of 40 passes for 406 yards in just the first two quarters of a 63-0 blowout of Northern Colorado in the season opener for the Warriors last night at Aloha Stadium. He had six touchdowns — six — as incompletions, and all were thrown on interceptions.

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• Most passing yards in a half, breaking the old mark of 399 he set against Arizona State in last year's Sheraton Hawaii Bowl.

• Most completions (34) in a half, breaking the previous mark of 29 set by Tim Chang in 2003.
• Most completions in a quarter (10) in the first quarter, tying three other quarterbacks.

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STARS OF THE GAME

Grid of photos and names for stars of the game: Colt Brennan, Ryan Grice-Mellins, Jason Rivers, Michael Washington, Malcom Lane, Brad Kalamoku, Solomon Elumman, and Tivo Paepule.

KEEPING TRACK OF COLT

Table showing Colt Brennan's season statistics: Attempts, Completions, Yards, Touchdowns, Interceptions.

WAC STANDINGS

Table showing WAC conference standings for various teams like Hawaii, Boise State, Fresno State, etc.

This week's results: Hawaii 63, Northern Colorado 0. Hawaii 35, UC 14. UH 23, Utah State 16.

FUTURE UH/WAC GAMES

Table listing future games for Hawaii and WAC teams, including dates and opponents.

UH COACHING LEADERS

Table listing coaching leaders by year, including names like Dick Tarmy, Bob Wagner, Dave Holmes, and Larry Price.

FUTURE UH FOES

Table listing future opponents for Hawaii, including dates and team names.

NEXT UP FOR THE WARRIORS

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

Saturday, 1:05 p.m. (Hawaii) time. Joe Alesh Stadium, Ruston, La. Series information: 63 meetings.

WARRIORS' DEFENSE MADE OF RIGHT STUFF

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