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Chang says picks cost UH game

By Dave Reardon

PROVO, Utah — His teammates didn't point fingers, and they tried to share the blame the best they could. But Tim Chang knows that as the quarterback, he has to shoulder the most.

Especially because he threw four interceptions.

"Too many picks. I let the team down," Chang said moments after Hawaii's 35-12 loss at Brigham Young yesterday.

Last week, Chang was regarded as the starter for three touchdowns in Hawaii's 61-36 season-opening victory against Eastern Illinois.

But this was different. This was BYU. On the road. The sophomore is now 0-4 as a starter in road games, and the Warriors have lost more of these games.

Chang didn't know where to begin in dissecting his performance yesterday, which went to include completing 22 of 52 passes for 277 yards. He had two touchdowns, but he had two interceptions.

Whaddya completed two of three passes for 7 yards and two touchdowns. Shaun Willy-Alen also played quarterback, rushing once for 15 yards.

Chang refused to see the broken picks on his throwing hand as an excuse, but he had no answers for his error-prone play.

"Four interceptions. That's really too many to begin thinking about explaining," Chang said. "All I know is I did all the blame. That's what this position is about."

But his teammates and coaches weren't going to place it on him. They're ready to learn from the loss and move on.

"I know Timmy had picks, but it's nobody's fault," right guard Vince Meneval said. "The game just makes us hungry. I just want for the team to play better."

UH coach June Jones said it wasn't any one thing — or four things — that lost this game.

"It was a combination of both," Jones said. "A couple of them they just got away from him a little bit. It doesn't really matter what caused them."

Schools want to continue rivalry

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PROVO, Utah — Although the date hasn't been written down in ink yet, Hawaii and Brigham Young have tentatively agreed to play each other in football again in a coming year, at Hawaii.

The agreement actually goes back to before Herman Freder became athletic director at UH, and Freaser said he intends to make it and would like to continue playing BYU.

"I spoke to their Cougar Club (booster club) today, and expressed how we'd like to play again," Freaser said. "I'll be giving them a call next week."

BYU athletic director Val Hale also said he wants to continue the relationship.

"We tentatively have agreed to a third game, in Hawaii," Hale said. "We haven't been able to determine when the season's over, so we definitely want to talk more about continuing the series. We think it's a good fit for both programs."

UH coach June Jones said he is all for playing BYU in another home-and-away arrangement.

"I only hope that we will be able to come up here and have them come to our place," Jones said. "I think that would benefit us."

Rivalry? What rivalry? As he has in December, Rose Mabe had a fine game for the Cougars. He caught eight passes for 83 yards and rushed once for 12 yards. Although he doesn't consider the Warriors to be the Cougars' rivals, he had kind words for the series.

"No. That's only between us and Utah," Mabe said. "But those guys (the Warriors) are awesome. Not only athletically, but as guys, too. A lot of them just as on the field and off it. Good play."

As for the revenge factor stemming from the 75-45 pasting, BYU coach Steve Lutz said, "I think last year at Hawaii, Cougar linebacker Levi Madariia was credited with half of Hawaii's only sack (of the other half). It came at a key juncture, while the Warriors were trying to rally in the fourth quarter."

Revenge? UH reserve running back and special teamer player Jonathan Kana said he is a good player before he's done. "Hawaii defensive coordinator Kevin Lempa said of Madariia, 'Another true freshman, cornerback Kenny Patton, also played a few games and caught himself well.'"

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Vince Meneval UH guard on the crowd at BYU.



Hawaii linebacker Chris Brown brought down BYU's Chris Brown near the goal line to keep him from scoring during the second quarter yesterday. Chris Brown had a touchdown. UH kicker.

UH schedule

All times PST	W	L	T
Aug. 31 @ Boise	W	35-12	
Sept. 6 at BYU	L	35-12	
Sept. 13 at UH	W	61-36	
Sept. 20 SMU	W	61-36	
Oct. 5 at Boise State	W	61-36	
Oct. 12 Nevada	W	61-36	
Oct. 25 at Fresno State	W	61-36	
Nov. 2 at San Jose State	W	61-36	
Nov. 15 @ Rice	W	61-36	
Nov. 23 @ Oklahoma	W	61-36	
Nov. 30 Alabama	W	61-36	
Dec. 7 San Diego State	W	61-36	

level a mild concussion.

BYU cornerback Braden Hansen dislocated a shoulder the third quarter and did not return.

Youngsters play: UH true freshman defensive tackle Alex Madariia was credited with half of Hawaii's only sack (of the other half). It came at a key juncture, while the Warriors were trying to rally in the fourth quarter.

He's a rookie, but he's going to be a good player before he's done. Hawaii defensive coordinator Kevin Lempa said of Madariia, "Another true freshman, cornerback Kenny Patton, also played a few games and caught himself well."

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Vince Meneval UH guard on the crowd at BYU.

It was the largest crowd Hawaii has played in front of since 1997, when 64,558 watched host BYU beat 31-13.

Short yardage: BYU's short yardage was 40-45 yards. The Cougars had 10 sacks from the line.

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UH	10	7	0	15	32
BYU	0	14	14	7	35

[KEY STATS]

First downs

UH 22, BYU 25

Passing yards

UH 277, BYU 173

Rushing yards

UH 101, BYU 101

Total yards

UH 378, BYU 274

Turnovers

UH 4, BYU 2

Time of possession

UH 31:45, BYU 28:15

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Sidelines: First hit may help Chang

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In the fourth quarter, he couldn't be injured again, he just couldn't.

Unfortunately, it's an easy habit to fall into. And for three quarters yesterday, he kept telling himself that. He was too sure he never let himself vulnerable to that one big, blinding shot from the end zone.

And you know how good Chang is? He still completed passes. Hawaii still moved the ball. UH still scored points and took the lead. He is so good he can almost get away with it, and against a lesser he would lose.

But you can't be tentative, not at BYU.

Then, in the fourth quarter, something happened. Chang got hit. He got hit hard, he never saw it coming. For once, his Spider Sense failed him. Or maybe he locked on to something he never noticed before.

Or, perhaps, at last, it was a conscious decision to just stop giving a you-know-what.

He stood there, to the last split second, stepped, threw, threw all of himself into it. Let himself completely disintegrate. And he got blasted. It was a great hit, a major-league hit. Wow, it was a big hit.

And down the field, Chad Owens caught just as big. Chang got up, he got up, and then it didn't, but it did play well enough to win.

Hawaii showed a lot of heart. It was a real, genuine, on-the-road, against a rival, fighting adversity, fatigue and four interceptions. To play a game like this the second week of the season bodies well, no matter how much they hurt.

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Warriors: Failed to force a turnover against Cougars

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Cougars coach Gary Crowton said, "A lot of hype for that game and I knew that they would come in ready, and it was going to be a tough game."

In the end, altitude (5,500 feet), attitude (BYU wanted payback after being pounded 75-45 by UH last year) and the home crowd didn't really matter. It came down to making plays in a game that was filled with mistakes by both — including four interceptions by Chang.

The Cougars ended up making fewer mistakes, and Marcus Whalen rushed for 14 yards and two touchdowns. Backup quarterback Lance Pendleton carried for two more scores.

Hawaii ran well at times, too, with Mike Bass rushing for 92 yards on just nine carries, and Mitchell banging for 41 yards and two TDs.

But what of the passing display? Quarterback Brett Engemann and Chang were supposed to supply for the ESPN national television audience and 63,885 on hand?

Both completed less than half their passes, and Chang was intercepted four times — twice by Kip Nelson.

Some of the mistakes might have been caused by the rain that started late in the first half and continued through most of the third quarter. But not all.

The way it started, it appeared BYU might suffer some injury similar to the Aloha Stadium malfunction of last December as special teams problems continued to plague the Cougars.

Two bad snaps by Gabriel Reid led to a 22-yard field goal by Ayat and a 5-yard scoring pass from Jason Whiddon to Neal Gossett, giving the War-

riors a 10-0 lead with 6:15 left in the first quarter.

But UH should have been building by now.

After the opening kickoff, the Warriors drove to the BYU 21, where UH had a second-and-1 situation. But Chang threw two incomplete passes and Ayat missed a 39-yard field goal.

On the next possession, UH couldn't score a touchdown with two tries from the BYU 5, and the Warriors settled for the field goal.

"It's nobody's fault, but we didn't make the best of our opportunities," UH right guard Vince Meneval said.

When the Warriors pummeled the Cougars in December, quarterback Brandon Dumas at the UH goal line, hurting the Cougars' hopes for a second-half comeback. This time, the momentum swung right before intermission was the opposite — BYU rolled down the field