

Sunday Sports

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UH wins 1st game on 4th try

Cherry is Rainbows' main man

By Andy Yamaguchi

It is clear the University of Hawaii should revise quarterback Raphael Cherry's scholarship and give him a policy from Loyd's of London.

Last night, Ralph of Hawaii looked like he could single-handedly insure an end to the Rainbow's 63 season would not occur.

After three quarters against Nevada-Las Vegas (the deadline for this story), Cherry was Hawaii's leading rusher, passer and scorer. That certainly makes him the Rainbows' leading man.

He had 178 of UH's 270 yards. He passed for 104 yards and ran for 74. He not only had more rushing yards than any other Rainbow, he had more rushing attempts — 17.

At least five of those runs came when he dropped back to pass.

Cherry gained 48 yards on those five scrambles, including a 27-yarder after he spun out of a sack.

Cherry also had to think quick on his feet when UH turned to option plays, which it did more often than in the three previous games.

This is what he did: first-and-goal at the UNLV 3. Cherry scooted right on an option, turned upfield and glanced at pitcher Marco Johnson.

UNLV cornerback David Holts was standing directly in front of Cherry but went for the foot. Holts was still looking at Johnson when Cherry braced his shoulder as he crossed the goal line.

On UH's third play of the second half, Cherry left the pocket as if to scramble again, then dumped a short pass to tight end Kent Litterman, who ran to the UNLV 24.

A fumble penalty put the ball on the 12, setting up a 25-yard field goal by Richard Spelman, his second field goal of the game.

The Rainbow defense held UNLV to 153 first-half yards. Through three quarters, Rebel quarterback Randall Cunningham completed 16 of 29 passes for 200 yards.

In the third quarter, UNLV's George Thomas beat cornerback Fred Hemphill deep, 62-yard touchdown pass.

Joy DeGiovanna's punt-after-kick cut Hawaii's lead to 13-10 with 6:19 left in the third quarter.



Life as a quarterback won't be pleasant last night. Above, Randall Cunningham of Nevada-Las Vegas gets yarded down by Hawaii's Alvis Satele. At right, UH's Raphael Cherry gets smothered by defensive tackle Aaron Moog.

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How they scored

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Interception prevents Rebel comeback, 16-12

By Ferd Lewis

Kurt Kalamatis intercepted two fourth-quarter passes last night, helping the University of Hawaii hold on to defeat University of Nevada-Las Vegas, 16-12, for the Rainbows' first victory of the season.

Kalamatis intercepted a Randall Cunningham pass at the UNLV 29 to set up the third of three field goals by Richard Spelman, and intercepted Cunningham pass at the Hawaii 19 with 1:50 left to stop Rebel's final threat.

UNLV got its final points on safety with 10 seconds left when UH punter Tom McCluskey ran out of the end zone.

The victory, before an Aloha Stadium crowd of about 30,000 (41,000 tickets sold), ended UNLV's three-game winning streak.

The victory also ended the Rainbows' five-game losing streak, the team's longest in 19 years.

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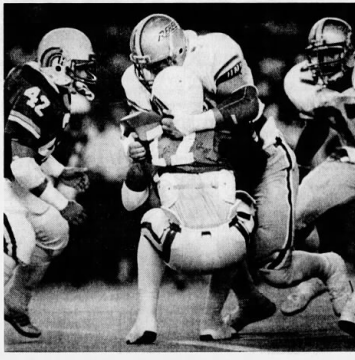
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Syracuse humbles mighty Nebraska

By Rich Cimmi

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Syracuse University football coach Dick MacPherson doesn't claim to be a coach, but he said he was overcome with positive vibes on the eve of yesterday's 17-9 upset of top-ranked Nebraska.

During a bed check Friday night, MacPherson noticed that most of his players were asleep by 9 o'clock, an hour earlier than usual. He knew something was up when the Syracuse players weren't.

"The last time I saw something like that was when I was coaching at Massachusetts and we had to play Western Illinois, the number one Division I-AA team at the time," MacPherson said. "And you know what? We beat them, too."

The extra hour of sleep gave the Orangemen more time to dream of what it would be like to beat the mighty Cornhuskers, who had won 34 consecu-

tive regular-season games. When it was over, Syracuse placekicker Don McKay thought he still might have been dreaming.

"Pinch me so I know it's real," McKay said to a teammate during the postgame pandemonium.

Yes, it was real. But was it realistic? The Orangemen, who advanced their record to 3-1 before 47,200 fans at the Carrier Dome came into the game off a 19-4 loss to mediocre Rutgers and were listed as 24-point underdogs. How, then, did they manage to hold the nation's strongest offense to its lowest point total since 1981?

With an intense, swarming defense, that's how. Digest these numbers: Nebraska, which amassed 468 yards in total offense in a 42-3 drubbing of UCLA last week, had only 214 yards against Syracuse.

After Craig Samberg's 25-yard touchdown pass to Todd Fran with 7:51 left in the first quarter, the Cornhuskers (3-1) could

muster only three penetrations into Syracuse territory.

"Their defense played as good a game against us as anyone has in the last three or four years," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "We got banged around today."

The words sounded incongruous coming from a coach whose team usually leaves its opponents hurting. After last week's game, nine UCLA players weren't healthy enough to play against Colorado yesterday.

Meanwhile, Nebraska suffered only one injury, a big one. I-gate back Jeff Smith, who was averaging 128 rushing yards a game, hurt an ankle and didn't dress for yesterday's game. He was replaced by sophomore Doug Dufosse, who gained 108 yards.

But Osborne felt that Smith's absence wasn't a factor. "Syracuse outplayed us without Jeff Smith," he said. "And they

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James Covington (48) of Syracuse tries to avoid a diving tackle attempt by Nebraska linebacker Marc Marford (41).