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Warriors fizzle in frigid weather

Passing game goes into deep freeze

Ferd Lewis
Staff columnist

RENO, Nev. — All you need to know about the University of Hawaii's 24-14 loss to Nevada yesterday is summed up in one telling play call.

With the game still within reach, and the Warriors sitting at fourth and 11 at the Nevada 46-yard line down by 10 points with five minutes left, UH head coach June Jones called a "draw."

Not a crossing pattern to Chad Owens. Not a screen to Gerald Wildt. Not even a pass to Jeremiah Colburners. Just a draw.

This from the man who



drawn on fourth-and-one, throws from his end zone and then in his sleep.

He called a run on fourth-and-11.

John Wain got a good burst and eight yards, but without a first down, that was essentially by the bygone and the Warriors' best chance at forcing a



Nevada running back Chance Kretschmer goes up and over a wall of defenders for a touchdown.

Nevada, elements stymie UH offense in 24-14 defeat

By Stephen Tasi
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RENO, Nev. — Blame it on the day-long blizzard chilled by the Sierra Nevada wind that eventually dropped the mercury to 29 degrees.

Blame it on an ineffective offense that crumbled against a relentless pass rush, producing a season-worst 358 yards. Or Justin Ayer's two missed field goals, or a drive inside the 10 that netted 20.

Blame it on "all of the above" that left the University

of Hawaii's football team being low in a party-popping 24-14 loss to Nevada yesterday at Mackay Stadium.

"Anytime you do that on the road, you're going to get your forehead whopped," UH cornerback Abraham Elmish said.

"The Warriors' coach — and I said — road game was to be a celebration. A Warrior victory would ensure a winning

season and meet the requirement to receive an automatic berth in Sheraton Hawaii Bowl on Christmas Day. As a bonus, it would set up a winner-take-all game against 20th-ranked Boise State (9-1 overall, 5-0 in Western Athletic Conference) Dec. 9 at Aloha Stadium.

"We were in the driver's seat," Elmish said, "and now we're in the back seat."

The Warriors' 6'3 and 5-2 in the WAC) have three remaining home games to earn their seventh victory, starting Saturday against "wildcat" Army.

"You'll get the best game," co-captain Jeremiah Colburners vowed. "The bowl game really wasn't a problem."



Musashimaru, right, who started his sumo career in 1991, attained yokozuna (grand champion) status in 1999.

Musashimaru's injured left wrist forces retirement

Penitani ends with 12 titles, sixth on all-time career list

By Ferd Lewis
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IN the tranquil neighborhood where he has lived in Tokyo, it is said that when the 6-foot-6, 321-pound sumo star Flamsa Penitani walks, you can feel the vibrations.

And so it will be with his retirement from the ring, which will have the historical repercussions of ending a nearly 40-year streak in which Hawaii has been represented in the sport of emperors.

The former Waianae High football player, who has competed under the ring name of Musashimaru since

Joining Japan's national sport at age 14, competed in his last match Friday at age 32, ending a string of professional sumo from Hawaii that began with Maui's Jesse (Yokoyama) Kubanaka in 1964.

In the end, Musashimaru, who rose to the highest rank of yokozuna and became the most decorated of all the Hawaii's sumo wrestlers with 12 championships — eight best all-time — succumbed to a chronic wrist injury which has forced him to either sit out or drop out of every tournament since last November.

He was 3-4 in the current 15-day Kyushu Basho in

Rainbows sweep San Jose



University of Hawaii's rainbows, from left, Hishio Tama, Lauren Duggins, Maja Gustin, Keiri Lundquist, Melissa Villaroman, Lily Kahumoku and Kim Wiloughby were honored by fans, friends and family after a sweep of San Jose State in the final regular season home match.

Seniors say 'aloha, cap another perfect WAC regular season

By Ann Miller
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Never has a crowd so deeply wanted to see a volleyball match end.

Sounding the end of an era is something else entirely.

Second-ranked San Jose State team like an untamed

giant last night, finally closing out the Spartans 30-25, 30-27 in the sold-out Stan Sheriff Center crowd could have what is so impetuously waited for all night.

That would be the opportunity to celebrate what could be the final home match for the Rainbow Warriors' seven seniors —

Kim Wiloughby, Melissa Villaroman, Noboa Tama, Keiri Lundquist, Lily Kahumoku, Maja Gustin and Lauren Duggins. They have about 100 more final fans — at least — and a 122-11 record the past four seasons.

All had family come in — from as far as Europe, Abbe-

ma and Louisiana — and onto the court at the bitter-sweet end. "You won't see anything like this anywhere else in the world," said Gustin's step-father Joao Griznik, who came from Slovenia.

"Karin said this was a big from as far as Europe, Abbe-

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8 a.m. — Ravens @ Patriots, Ch. 9 (7)
11:30 a.m. — Packers @ Buccaneers, Ch. 2 (3)
2:30 p.m. — Cowboys @ Patriots, ESPN

Iolani sweeps state cross country team championships

Seabury Hall's Ferguson captures girls race

By Christie Wilson
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KARLELL, Mead — Seabury Hall's Tia Ferguson shattered predictions of slow times on a tricky course at the Honoahu Marathon, Hawaii High School Athletic Association girls cross country championship, held yesterday in blustery

Kamehameha's Kamaka'ala wins boys title

condition at the Dunes of Mead Last fall course.

Ferguson finished in 11 minutes, 46 seconds, outpacing O'ahu Interscholastic Association champion Emily King of Moanalua by 32 seconds. It was the fourth-fastest time since the event was extended to 2

By Christie Wilson
Advertiser Staff Writer

KAMEHAMEHA, Mead — Iolani placed five runners in the top 30 to capture its first Hawaii High School Athletic Association boys cross country championship yesterday at the Dunes of Mead Last fall course.

Iolani, the IHJ champion, ended

Kamehameha-O'aha's six-year reign as state cross country champions, but the Warriors claimed the individual crown when sophomore Jeremy Kamaka'ala bested the Raider' Jon Yasuda to cap a season-long rivalry. At last week's IHJ championship at the Central Oahu

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