



SHERATON HAWAII BOWL RECORD BOOK

2002 Tulane def. Hawai'i, 36-28

2003 Hawai'i def. Houston, 54-48 (3 OT)

2004 Hawai'i def. UAB, 59-40

2005 Nevada def. Central Florida, 49-48 (OT)

2006 Hawai'i def. Arizona State, 41-24

2007 East Carolina def. Boise State, 41-38

2008 Notre Dame def. Hawai'i, 49-21

**DECEMBER 25, 2002
ALOHA STADIUM (35,513)**

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | Final |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Hawai'i | 7 | 7 | 0 | 14 | - | 28 |
| Tulane | 0 | 6 | 20 | 10 | - | 36 |

HONOLULU – The University of Hawai'i won the pre-game entertainment contest with a savvy Polynesian dance routine, but fell short against the Green Wave that tore into Honolulu to defeat the Warriors, 36-28, in the ConAgra Foods Hawai'i Bowl Dec. 25 at Aloha Stadium.

Tulane gained 384 total yards and sacked Warrior quarterbacks eight times to win the program's fourth bowl game. But it was the Tulane special teams that sparked a 30-point second half to overcome a 14-6 halftime deficit.

Hawai'i took its first drive of the game 64-yards on seven plays capped by a one-yard run by Thero Mitchell to take a 7-0 lead and struck again when senior reserve running back Josh Galeai ran around the left side for a two-yard touchdown to put the Warriors up, 14-0. The Green Wave settled for two field goals, 22- and 37-yards respectively by Seth Marler to get on the board before the end of the first half.

Tulane came out of the locker room like a team on a mission behind big returns by Lynaris Elpheage, who cut the lead to two with a 60-yard punt return for a touchdown early in the third quarter. Elpheage set-up Tulane's go-ahead score with a 56-yard punt return. Six plays later, Tulane quarterback J.P. Losman took it in from one yard out to give Tulane its first lead of the game, 20-14, with 6:17 left in the third quarter.

Tulane added to the lead after UH quarterback Shawn Withy-Allen fumbled in UH territory. One play later, Mewelde Moore rumbled 25 yards for a touchdown and Tulane had a 26-14 lead.

Hawai'i got the ball back just before the end of the third quarter after blocking a field goal attempt and turned it into a touchdown. Withy-Allen, facing fourth-and-one, tossed a 57-yard strike to Justin Colbert who turned and dashed untouched to the "house" to bring the Warriors within five at 26-21.

Tulane answered with a 10-play, 80-yard drive that took 4:32 off the fourth quarter clock. Withy-Allen hit Colbert on a crossing pattern for a 31-yard score to put the Warriors within reach, but a safety by the Green Wave ended all hopes of a second bowl victory for Warrior Head Coach June Jones.

Scoring Summary

| | | | |
|----|-----|-------|--|
| UH | 1st | 10:34 | Thero Mitchell 1 run (Justin Ayat kick) |
| UH | 2nd | 8:34 | Josh Galeai 2 run (Justin Ayat kick) |
| TU | 2nd | 5:01 | Seth Marler 22 FG |
| TU | 2nd | 2:28 | Seth Marler 37 FG |
| TU | 3rd | 10:44 | Lynaris Elpheage 60 punt return (J.P. Losman pass failed) |
| TU | 3rd | 6:17 | J.P. Losman 1 run (J.P. Losman rush) |
| TU | 3rd | 2:16 | Mewelde Moore 25 run (J.P. Losman pass failed) |
| UH | 4th | 13:26 | Justin Colbert 57 pass from Shawn Withy-Allen (Justin Ayat kick) |
| TU | 4th | 8:54 | J.P. Losman 3 run (Demarcus Davis pass) |
| UH | 4th | 5:12 | Justin Colbert 31 pass from Shawn Withy-Allen (Justin Ayat kick) |
| TU | 4th | 3:02 | Safety |

Team Statistics

| | Warriors | Green Wave |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| First Downs | 23 | 25 |
| Total Net Yards | 429 | 384 |
| Rushing (Att-Yards) | 22-66 | 44-144 |
| Passing (C-A-I-Yards) | 32-52-1-363 | 20-39-0-240 |
| Sacks Against-Yards | 8-43 | 2-24 |
| Punting | 5-269-53.8 | 4-188-47.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 5-2 | 3-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 12-88 | 6-64 |
| Time of Possession | 28:11 | 31:49 |

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS



*Justin Colbert
Hawai'i*



*Lynaris Elpheage
Tulane*



Individual Leaders

Rushing (Att-Yards-TD) – Hawai'i: Thero Mitchell (5-38-1). TU: Mewelde Moore (30-116-1).

Passing (Cmp-Yards-TD) – Hawai'i: Shawn Withy-Allen (18-239-2). TU: J.P. Losman (20-240-0).

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD) – Hawai'i: Justin Colbert (9-158-2), Jeremiah Cockheran (9-87-0). TU: Mewelde Moore (6-80-0).

Punting (Att-Yards-Avg) – Hawai'i: Mat McBriar (5-269-53.8). TU: Seth Marler (4-188-47.0).

Sacks By (No-Yards) – Hawai'i: Laanui Correa (1-15), Travis LaBoy (1-9). TU: Kenan Blackmon (2-15), Floyd Dorsey (2-13).

Leading Tacklers – Hawai'i: Abraham Elimimian (5-3-8), Laanui Correa (4-4-8), Travis LaBoy (3-5-8), Pisa Tinoisamoa (2-6-8). TU: Sean Lucas (5-3-8).

DECEMBER 25, 2003
ALOHA STADIUM (29,005)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | Final |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Houston | 10 | 10 | 0 | 14 | 14 | 48 |
| Hawai'i | 3 | 10 | 14 | 7 | 20 | 54 |

HONOLULU – An all-world performance by quarterback Timmy Chang, a defense that came up with timely big plays and three overtimes resulted in a 54-48 Hawai'i win over Houston in front of 29,005 in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl Christmas Day at Aloha Stadium.

Chang came off the bench to throw for 475 yards and five touchdowns on 26-of-42 passing, and Kelvin Millhouse snagged two interceptions, one that led to the go-ahead touchdown, to help Hawai'i win its second bowl game in three tries under head coach June Jones.

Chang completed passes to eight different receivers, most notably to senior Jeremiah Cockheran who finished with five catches for a game-high 162 yards, and true freshman Jason Rivers, who had a career night with seven catches for 143 yards and three TDs.

Houston jumped out to a quick 10-0 lead when quarterback Kevin Kolb drove the Cougars 73-yards on eight plays capped by a 34-yard touchdown pass to Chad McCullar. Less than three minutes later, a 60-yard punt return by McCullar led to a 21-yard field goal by Dustin Bell. Kolb finished 19-of-34 for 332 yards and two TDs.

Hawai'i managed a 19-yard field goal by Nolan Miranda and Chang needed one play to tie it up. Chang, who came off the bench for starter Jason Whieldon on UH's third possession, found Clifton Herbert wide open across the middle for a 48-yard touchdown strike to tie the game at 10.

Houston took a 20-13 lead at the break, but the Warrior defense and Chang came out of the locker room ready to play. The defense forced two punts and two interceptions, while Chang connected on 8-of-12 for 191 yards and two scores to take the lead 27-20 at the end of the third.

Houston scored 14 points in the fourth, the tying TD on an 81-yard pass from Kolb to Vincent Marshall with 22 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime.

The teams matched touchdowns in two overtimes and Michael Brewster scored the game-winner on an 8-yard run to leave it up to the Warrior defense which held Houston to four-and-out on the final stand. And then the celebration began.

Scoring Summary

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|---|
| HOU | 1 | 11:53 | Chad McCullar 34 pass from Kevin Kolb (Dustin Bell kick) |
| HOU | 1 | 9:05 | Dustin Bell 21 FG |
| UH | 1 | 5:48 | Nolan Miranda 19 FG |
| UH | 2 | 14:28 | Clifton Herbert 48 pass from Timmy Chang (Nolan Miranda kick) |
| HOU | 2 | 11:16 | Jackie Battle 2 run (Dustin Bell kick) |
| HOU | 2 | 4:42 | Dustin Bell 35 FG |
| UH | 2 | 1:53 | Nolan Miranda 29 FG |
| UH | 3 | 13:23 | Michael Brewster 1 run (Nolan Miranda kick) |
| UH | 3 | 4:35 | Jason Rivers 7 pass from Timmy Chang (Nolan Miranda kick) |
| HOU | 4 | 14:18 | Jackie Battle 2 run (Dustin Bell kick) |
| UH | 4 | 9:51 | Jason Rivers 4 pass from Timmy Chang (Nolan Miranda kick) |
| HOU | 4 | 0:22 | Vincent Marshall 81 pass from Kevin Kolb (Dustin Bell kick) |
| UH | OT1 | 0:00 | Britton Komine 11 pass from Timmy Chang (Nolan Miranda kick) |
| HOU | OT1 | 0:00 | Anthony Evans 6 run (Dustin Bell kick) |
| HOU | OT2 | 0:00 | Jackie Battle 4 run (Dustin Bell kick) |
| UH | OT2 | 0:00 | Jason Rivers 18 pass from Timmy Chang (Nolan Miranda kick) |
| UH | OT3 | 0:00 | Michael Brewster 8 run (Timmy Chang pass failed) |

Team Statistics

| | Cougars | Warriors |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| First Downs | 25 | 30 |
| Total Net Yards | 517 | 641 |
| Rushing (Att-Yards) | 54-185 | 38-114 |
| Passing (C-A-I-Yards) | 19-34-2-332 | 29-47-1-527 |
| Sacks Against-Yards | 1-2 | 6-53 |
| Punting | 5-233-46.6 | 4-164-41.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-0 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 10-105 | 5-45 |
| Time of Possession | 29:50 | 30:10 |

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS



Jackie Battle
Houston



Timmy Chang
Hawai'i



Individual Leaders

Rushing (Att-Yards-TD) – Houston: Jackie Battle (19-124-3). Hawai'i: Michael Brewster (14-79-2).

Passing (Cmp-Yards-TD) – Houston: Kevin Kolb (19-332-2). Hawai'i: Timmy Chang (26-475-5).

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD) – Houston: Vincent Marshall (7-157-1), Chad McCullar (5-103-1). Hawai'i: Jeremiah Cockheran (5-162-0), Jason Rivers (7-143-3).

Punting (Att-Yards-Avg) – Houston: Jimmy McClary (5-233-46.6). Hawai'i: Kurt Milne (4-164-41.0).

Sacks By (No-Yards) – Houston: Eddie McCray (2-14). Hawai'i: Lance Samuseva (1-2).

Leading Tacklers – Houston: Lance Everson (6-3-9). Hawai'i: Leonard Peters (7-5-12).

DECEMBER 24, 2004
ALOHA STADIUM (39,754)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | Final |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Hawai'i | 21 | 7 | 17 | 14 | - | 59 |
| UAB | 13 | 13 | 7 | 7 | - | 40 |

HONOLULU – Hawai'i outscored Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) 31-14 in the second half to win the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl, 59-40, Dec. 24 at Aloha Stadium. A crowd of 39,754 filled the stands, the largest in Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl history.

Quarterback Timmy Chang threw for 405 yards (31-of-46) and four touchdowns, and rushed for another, while slot receiver Chad Owens caught eight passes for 114 yards and two touchdowns, and scored another on a 59-yard punt return, to put an exclamation point on both storied careers. The two were named the game's co-MVPs.

The teams traded scoring and UAB's Nick Hayes added a 36-yard field goal to make it 28-26 at halftime.

The Warriors took control in the second half. Chang threw a 15-yard strike to Owens to put Hawai'i ahead, 35-26. The pass put Chang over the 17,000-yard mark as college football's career passing leader. Four minutes later, Owens took a punt down the near sideline for a 59-yard score, to put the Warriors up 42-26.

Justin Ayat added a 43-yard field goal, but Hackney managed an 80-yard drive and scored on a 4-yard touchdown rush to bring the score to, 45-33, heading into the fourth quarter.

Chang helped put the game out of reach, putting together a 15-play, 85-yard drive, capped by a 4-yard touchdown scramble with 9:05 left to play. Hackney hit Lance Rhodes for a 17-yard touchdown to cut the Warrior lead to 12 with 2:05 left in the game, but Britton Komine returned the onside kick 42-yards to the house to end all hopes for the Blazers.

Scoring Summary

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|-----|---|-------|--|
| UAB | 1 | 11:06 | Roddy White 51 pass from Darrell Hackney (Nick Hayes kick blocked) |
| UH | 1 | 10:45 | Jason Rivers 74 pass from Timmy Chang (Justin Ayat kick) |
| UAB | 1 | 8:19 | Dan Burks 4 run (Nick Hayes kick) |
| UH | 1 | 5:32 | West Keliikipi 4 run (Justin Ayat kick) |
| UH | 1 | 3:57 | Gerald Welch 29 pass from Timmy Chang (Justin Ayat kick) |
| UAB | 2 | 13:43 | Nick Hayes 22 FG |
| UH | 2 | 9:14 | Chad Owens 13 pass from Timmy Chang (Justin Ayat kick) |
| UAB | 2 | 6:03 | Norris Drinkard 10 run (Nick Hayes kick) |
| UAB | 2 | 0:03 | Nick Hayes 36 FG |
| UH | 3 | 11:47 | Chad Owens 15 pass from Timmy Chang (Justin Ayat kick) |
| UH | 3 | 7:44 | Chad Owens 59 punt return (Justin Ayat kick) |
| UH | 3 | 3:41 | Justin Ayat 43 FG |
| UAB | 3 | 0:21 | Darrell Hackney 4 run (Nick Hayes kick) |
| UH | 4 | 9:40 | Timmy Chang 4 run (Justin Ayat kick) |
| UAB | 4 | 2:06 | Lance Rhodes 17 pass from Darrell Hackney (Nick Hayes kick) |
| UH | 4 | 1:55 | Britton Komine 42 kickoff return (Justin Ayat kick) |

Team Statistics

| | Warriors | Blazers |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| First Downs | 23 | 31 |
| Total Net Yards | 489 | 590 |
| Rushing (Att-Yards) | 16-84 | 36-173 |
| Passing (C-A-I-Yards) | 31-47-0-405 | 31-54-1-417 |
| Sacks Against-Yards | 1-8 | 2-8 |
| Punting | 4-171-42.8 | 6-245-40.8 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 6-43 | 12-104 |
| Time of Possession | 26:32 | 33:28 |

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Att-Yards-TD) – Hawai'i: Michael Brewster (7-60-0). UAB: Dan Burks (14-55-1), Corey White (8-53-0).

Passing (Cmp-Yards-TD) – Hawai'i: Timmy Chang (31-405-4). UAB: Darrell Hackney (31-417-2).

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD) – Hawai'i: Jason Rivers (11-148-1), Chad Owens (8-114-2). UAB: Roddy White (6-113-1).

Punting (Att-Yards-Avg) – Hawai'i: Kurt Milne (4-171-42.8). UAB: Parker Mullins (6-245-40.8).

Sacks By (No-Yards) – Hawai'i: Darrell Tautofi (2-8). UAB: Jermaine McElveen (1-8).

Leading Tacklers – Hawai'i: Watson Ho'ohuli (9-1-10). UAB: Dominique Cospser (10-0-10).

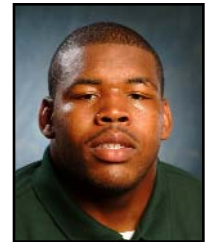
MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS



Timmy Chang
Hawai'i



Chad Owens
Hawai'i



Darrell Hackney
UAB



**DECEMBER 24, 2005
ALOHA STADIUM (26,254)**

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | Final |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Nevada | 7 | 21 | 0 | 14 | 7 | 49 |
| UCF | 17 | 3 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 48 |

HONOLULU - B.J. Mitchell and Robert Hubbard combined for 304 yards and five touchdowns to help Nevada to a 49-48 overtime win over Central Florida in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl, Dec. 24, 2005, at Aloha Stadium. Nevada finished with its best season (9-3) since 1996 and spoiled Central Florida's bowl debut.

Wolf Pack quarterback Jeff Rowe scored the go-ahead touchdown on 4-yard naked bootleg in the overtime period. Brett Jaekle added the PAT to give Nevada a seven-point lead. Two plays later, UCF running back Kevin Smith, who finished the game with a Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl record 202 rushing yards and three touchdowns (29 carries), scored on a 19-yard run. But UCF place-kicker Matt Prater missed the tying extra point wide right to give Nevada the victory.

UCF jumped out to a 14-0 lead before Nevada pumped out 21 points in the second quarter to take a 28-20 lead at the half. The Golden Knights reclaimed the lead with two touchdowns in the third quarter, a 29-yard pass from Steven Moffett to Brandon Marshall and a 3-yard run by Kevin Smith.

The Wolf Pack answered with Hubbard's third touchdown of the day, a 5-yard run that capped an 80-yard drive early in the fourth quarter. Rowe hit Travis Branzell for a 7-yard touchdown to give Nevada a 42-32 lead with 3:18 left to play, but UCF ran off 10 points in the next two minutes, including a 16-yard touchdown pass from Meffett to Marshall to tie the game at 42 with 55 second remaining.

The teams combined for 1,178 yards of total offense, a Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl record. Marshall finished with 11 catches for a SHB record 210 yards and three touchdowns, while Roosevelt Cooks led all tacklers with 16.

Scoring Summary

| | | | |
|-----|----|-------|---|
| UCF | 1 | 13:20 | Brandon Marshall 51 pass from Steven Moffett (Matt Prater kick) |
| UCF | 1 | 9:24 | Kevin Smith 78 run (Matt Prater kick) |
| UN | 1 | 8:33 | Robert Hubbard 4 run (Brett Jaekle kick) |
| UCF | 1 | 4:08 | Matt Prater 47 FG |
| UN | 2 | 11:32 | B.J. Mitchell 1 run (Brett Jaekle kick) |
| UN | 2 | 7:37 | B.J. Mitchell 1 run (Brett Jaekle kick) |
| UN | 2 | 5:01 | Robert Hubbard 24 run (Brett Jaekle kick) |
| UCF | 2 | 0:56 | Matt Prater 38 FG |
| UCF | 3 | 8:19 | Brandon Marshall 29 pass from Steven Moffett (Steven Moffett pass failed) |
| UCF | 3 | 1:51 | Kevin Smith 3 run (Steven Moffett pass failed) |
| UN | 4 | 13:02 | Robert Hubbard 5 run (Brett Jaekle kick) |
| UN | 4 | 3:18 | Travis Branzell 7 pass from Jeff Rowe (Brett Jaekle kick) |
| UCF | 4 | 1:32 | Matt Prater 46 FG |
| UCF | 4 | 0:55 | Brandon Marshall 16 pass from Steven Moffett (Matt Prater kick) |
| UN | OT | 0:00 | Jeff Rowe 4 run (Brett Jaekle kick) |
| UCF | OT | 0:00 | Kevin Smith 19 run (Matt Prater kick failed) |

Team Statistics

| | Wolf Pack | Golden Knights |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| First Downs | 30 | 30 |
| Total Net Yards | 623 | 555 |
| Rushing (Att-Yards) | 51-369 | 44-254 |
| Passing (C-A-I-Yards) | 22-32-1-254 | 19-36-1-301 |
| Sacks Against-Yards | 1-7 | 3-28 |
| Punting | 3-132-44.0 | 3-115-38.3 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 10-92 | 6-30 |
| Time of Possession | 30:37 | 29:23 |

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS



*B.J. Mitchell
Nevada*



*Brandon Marshall
UCF*



Individual Leaders

Rushing (Att-Yards-TD) – UN: B.J. Mitchell (23-178-2), Robert Hubbard (15-126-3). UCF: Kevin Smith (29-202-3).

Passing (Cmp-Yards-TD) – UN: Jeff Rowe (22-254-1). UCF: Steven Moffett (19-301-3).

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD) – UN: Caleb Spencer (11-114-0). UCF: Brandon Marshall (11-210-3).

Punting (Att-Yards-Avg) – UN: Justin Bergendahl (3-132-44.0). UCF: Aaron Horne (3-115-38.3).

Sacks By (No-Yards) – UN: Ezra Butler (1-12), Scott Garrison (1-10), Charles Wilson (1-6). UCF: Steven Baker (1-7).

Leading Tacklers – UN: Roosevelt Cooks (7-9-16). UCF: Johnell Neal (9-2-11).

DECEMBER 24, 2006
ALOHA STADIUM (43,435)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | Final |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Hawai'i | 0 | 3 | 21 | 17 | - | 41 |
| Arizona State | 3 | 7 | 0 | 14 | - | 24 |

HONOLULU – The largest crowd in Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl history (43,435) saw Hawai'i score 38 second-half points to defeat Arizona State, 41-24, Dec. 24 at Aloha Stadium.

Warrior quarterback Colt Brennan threw for a school record and Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl record 559 yards (33 of 42) and five touchdowns, giving him 58 touchdowns passes on the season, a new NCAA record. Jason Rivers tied the school record with 14 catches for a school-record and NCAA bowl game record 308 yards and two touchdowns. Both were named Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl co-Most Valuable Players, along with Arizona State's Ryan Torain who finished the game with 18 carries for 160 yards and one touchdown.

For the first time since opening day, Hawai'i (11-3) did not score a touchdown in the first half, squandering scoring opportunities, a missed field goal in the first quarter, and an interception in the second, allowing Arizona State to take a 10-3 halftime lead.

But the Warriors erupted for 21 points in the third quarter when Brennan threw touchdown strikes to Rivers (38 yards), and two to Ryan Grice-Mullen (7 and 36-yards respectively) to take a 24-10 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Grice-Mullen finished with eight catches for 111 yards and two touchdowns.

Dan Kelly added a 43-yard field goal before Arizona State (7-6) scored 14 straight points to cut the Warrior lead to three, 27-24, with 10:25 left to play.

But Brennan and the Warrior offense were not finished. Brennan found Davone Bess for a 21-yard touchdown to cap an 80-yard drive, and Rivers capped a 95-yard drive with a 79-yard touchdown catch-and-run to seal the win.

Scoring Summary

| | | | |
|-----|---|-------|--|
| ASU | 1 | 1:59 | Jesse Ainsworth 44 FG |
| UH | 2 | 12:35 | Dan Kelly 42 FG |
| ASU | 2 | 5:21 | Brandon Smith 37 pass from Rudy Carpenter (Jesse Ainsworth kick) |
| UH | 3 | 12:29 | Jason Rivers 38 pass from Colt Brennan (Dan Kelly kick) |
| UH | 3 | 8:46 | Ryan Grice-Mullen 7 pass from Colt Brennan (Dan Kelly kick) |
| UH | 3 | 2:14 | Ryan Grice-Mullen 36 pass from Colt Brennan (Dan Kelly kick) |
| UH | 4 | 13:04 | Dan Kelly 43 FG |
| ASU | 4 | 12:21 | Ryan Torain 12 run (Jesse Ainsworth kick) |
| ASU | 4 | 10:25 | Michael Jones 4 pass from Rudy Carpenter (Jesse Ainsworth kick) |
| UH | 4 | 5:16 | Davone Bess 21 pass from Colt Brennan (Dan Kelly kick) |
| UH | 4 | 2:01 | Jason Rivers 79 pass from Colt Brennan (Dan Kelly kick) |

Team Statistics

| | Warriors | Sun Devils |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| First Downs | 32 | 18 |
| Total Net Yards | 680 | 391 |
| Rushing (Att-Yards) | 27-121 | 36-200 |
| Passing (C-A-I-Yards) | 33-42-1-559 | 13-26-0-191 |
| Sacks Against-Yards | 4-17 | 4-24 |
| Punting | 1-44-44.0 | 4-196-49.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-1 | 3-2 |
| Penalties-Yards | 10-103 | 5-32 |
| Time of Possession | 32:15 | 27:45 |

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Att-Yards-TD) – Hawai'i: Nate Ilaoa (18-97-0). ASU: Ryan Torain (18-160-1).

Passing (Cmp-Yards-TD) – Hawai'i: Colt Brennan (33-559-5). ASU: Rudy Carpenter (13-191-2).

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD) – Hawai'i: Jason Rivers (14-308-2), Ryan Grice-Mullen (8-111-2). ASU: Michael Jones (5-72-1).

Punting (Att-Yards-Avg) – Hawai'i: Kurt Milne (1-44-44.0). ASU: Jonathan Johnson (4-196-49.0).

Sacks By (No-Yards) – Hawai'i: Melila Purcell (2.0-10), Leonard Peters (1.0-13), Ikaika Alama-Francis (1.0-1). ASU: Keno Walter-White (1.0-7), Dexter Davis (1.0-5), Beau Manutai (1.0-3), Mike Nixon (1.0-2).

Leading Tacklers – Hawai'i: Solomon Elimimian (6-2-8). ASU: Beau Manutai (8-0-8).

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS



*Colt Brennan
Hawai'i*



*Jason Rivers
Hawai'i*



*Ryan Torain
Arizona State*



DECEMBER 23, 2007
ALOHA STADIUM (30,467)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | Final |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Boise State | 7 | 7 | 10 | 14 | - | 38 |
| East Carolina | 10 | 21 | 7 | 3 | - | 41 |

HONOLULU – Chris Johnson set an NCAA bowl record with 408 all-purpose yards, while Ben Hartman hit a 34-yard field goal as time expired to lead the East Carolina Pirates to an exciting 41-38 victory over No. 24 Boise State in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl at Aloha Stadium, Dec. 23.

Johnson finished the game with 223 yards rushing, 32 yards receiving and 153 yards in kickoff returns, passing the old bowl mark set by Alabama's Sherman Williams (359 yards set against Ohio State in the 1995 Citrus Bowl). Johnson had two touchdowns (one rushing, one receiving) He was named the game's Most Valuable Player, along with Boise State's Jeremy Avery, who rushed for 69 yards with four catches for 43 yards and a touchdown.

East Carolina (8-5) jumped out early in the game as Johnson's 18-yard touchdown reception from Patrick Pinkney gave the Pirates a 24-7 lead with 8:51 left in the second quarter. Boise State (10-3) answered with a 69-yard drive, capped by a three-yard touchdown pass from Taylor Tharp to Ryan Putnam, before ECU capped its big first half with a 3-yard touchdown run by Dominique Lindsay with just 33 seconds left, giving the Pirates a 31-10 halftime lead.

The Pirates added another touchdown to start the third quarter, extending its lead to 38-14, before Boise State mounted a ferocious comeback. A 25-yard touchdown pass from Tharp to Avery and a one-yard D.J. Harper touchdown run that capped an 80-yard BSU drive sandwiched a Kyle Brotzman field goal, pulling the Broncos within a touchdown at 38-31.

Boise State then got a big break as Johnson fumbled late in the fourth quarter, his first fumble of the season, with Marty Tadman returning the miscue for a 47-yard touchdown with just 1:25 left in regulation, tying the game at 38-38.

With a third overtime finish in just six years of the Hawai'i Bowl looking probable, the Pirates drove quickly, using just four plays, highlighted by a 36-yard pass from Rob Kass to Jamar Bryant, to get to the Boise State 17-yard-line. With four seconds on the clock, Hartman knocked the 34-yarder through the goal posts, giving ECU its first bowl victory since 2000 (Galleryfurniture.com Bowl).

Scoring Summary

| | | | |
|-----|---|-------|---|
| ECU | 1 | 8:22 | Ben Hartman 36 FG |
| BSU | 1 | 8:10 | Austin Smith 89 kickoff return (Kyle Brotzman kick) |
| ECU | 1 | 4:25 | Chris Johnson 68 run (Ben Harman kick) |
| ECU | 2 | 12:31 | Dominique Lindsay 3 run (Ben Hartman kick) |
| ECU | 2 | 8:51 | Chris Johnson 18 pass from Patrick Pinkney (Ben Hartman kick) |
| BSU | 2 | 4:18 | Ryan Putnam 3 pass from Taylor Tharp (Kyle Brotzman kick) |
| ECU | 2 | 0:33 | Dominique Lindsay 3 run (Ben Hartman kick) |
| ECU | 3 | 9:02 | Brandon Simmons 3 run (Ben Hartman kick) |
| BSU | 3 | 8:10 | Jeremy Avery 25 pass from Taylor Tharp (Kyle Brotzman kick) |
| BSU | 3 | 3:11 | Kyle Brotzman 31 FG |
| BSU | 4 | 7:09 | D.J. Harper 1 run (Kyle Brotzman kick) |
| BSU | 4 | 1:25 | Marty Tadman 47 fumble return (Kyle Brotzman kick) |
| ECU | 4 | 0:00 | Ben Hartman 34 FG |

Team Statistics

| | Broncos | Pirates |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| First Downs | 22 | 22 |
| Total Net Yards | 368 | 476 |
| Rushing (Att-Yards) | 24-98 | 50-322 |
| Passing (C-A-I-Yards) | 30-44-2-270 | 13-22-0-154 |
| Sacks Against-Yards | 1-7 | 2-10 |
| Punting | 4-169-42.2 | 7-302-43.1 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 3-2 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 4-50 | 7-50 |
| Time of Possession | 26:16 | 33:44 |

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Att-Yards-TD) – BSU: Jeremy Avery (10-69-0). ECU: Chris Johnson (28-223-1).

Passing (Cmp-Yards-TD) – BSU: Taylor Tharp (30-270-2). ECU: Patrick Pinkney (12-118-1).

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD) – BSU: Austin Pettis (9-89-0). ECU: Jamar Bryant (6-78-0).

Punting (Att-Yards-Avg) – BSU: Kyle Brotzman (4-169-42.3). ECU: Matt Dodge (7-302-43.1).

Sacks By (No-Yards) – BSU: Ryan Winterswyk (1.0-8), Tim Brady (1.0-2). ECU: C.J. Wilson (1.0-7).

Leading Tacklers – BSU: Marty Tadman (7-3-10). ECU: Pierre Bell (9-0-9).

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS



*Chris Johnson
East Carolina*



*Jeremy Avery
Boise State*



DECEMBER 23, 2007
ALOHA STADIUM (30,467)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | Final |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Boise State | 7 | 7 | 10 | 14 | - | 38 |
| East Carolina | 10 | 21 | 7 | 3 | - | 41 |

HONOLULU – The University of Hawai`i Warrior football concluded its 2008 campaign with a 49-21 loss to Notre Dame in the Sheraton Hawai`i Bowl Christmas Eve at Aloha Stadium. UH finished the year with a 7-7 record.

Making its sixth bowl appearance in the last seven years, the Warriors could do little to contain the Fighting Irish who finished with a 7-6 mark. The loss ended a string of three straight Hawai`i Bowl wins for the Warriors dating back to 2003.

Jimmy Clausen passed for 401 yards and five touchdowns to end Notre Dame's nine-game bowl losing streak and give the Fighting Irish their first bowl win in 15 years. Clausen completed 22-of-26 passes en route to co-MVP honors.

Clausen shared the MVP award with sophomore receiver Golden Tate his primary target, who hauled in six passes for 177 yards. Tate caught touchdown passes of 69, 18 and 40 yards. The three touchdown receptions tied a Hawai`i Bowl record.

Clausen passed for 302 yards and three touchdowns by halftime as the Irish took a comfortable 28-7 into the locker room

Senior wide receiver Aaron Bain earned bowl MVP honors for Hawai`i after scoring two touchdowns on the day. Bain finished with career highs in receptions (8) and yards (109). Junior quarterback Greg Alexander finished with 23-of-39 for 261 yards for UH. Senior Solomon Elimimian, the school's all-time leader in tackles, led UH with nine stops, including one sack.

Notre Dame got on the board first with 3:07 left in the first quarter when Robert Hughes rushed from 2 yards out to cap a nine-play, 87-yard drive. Notre Dame extended it lead to 14-0 five minutes into the second quarter when Clausen found David Grimes in the corner of the end zone for a 14-yard touchdown.

UH made it a 14-7 game when Bain scored on a 10-yard connection from Alexander midway through the second quarter. It was all Irish after that. Notre Dame answered right back on its next possession with a 69-yard bomb from Clausen to Tate to move its cushion to two touchdowns and begin a string of 28 unanswered points by the Fighting Irish.

Scoring Summary

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| ND | 1 | 3:07 | Robert Hughes 2 run (Brandon Walker kick) |
| ND | 2 | 10:25 | David Grimes 14 pass from Jimmy Clausen (Brandon Walker kick) |
| UH | 2 | 8:12 | Aaron Bain 10 pass from Greg Alexander (Dan Kelly kick) |
| ND | 2 | 6:49 | Golden Tate 69 pass from Jimmy Clausen (Brandon Walker kick) |
| ND | 2 | 0:01 | Golden Tate 18 pass from Jimmy Clausen (Brandon Walker kick) |
| ND | 3 | 10:50 | Armando Allen 18 pass from Jimmy Clausen (Brandon Walker kick) |
| ND | 3 | 7:22 | Golden Tate 40 pass from Jimmy Clausen (Brandon Walker kick) |
| UH | 3 | 4:25 | Aaron Bain 21 pass from Greg Alexander (Dan Kelly kick) |
| ND | 3 | 4:12 | Armando Allen 96 kickoff return (Brandon Walker kick) |
| UH | 4 | 1:45 | Michael Washington 27 pass from Inoke Funaki (Dan Kelly kick) |

Team Statistics

| | Fighting Irish | Warriors |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| First Downs | 23 | 22 |
| Total Net Yards | 478 | 358 |
| Rushing (Att-Yards) | 34-65 | 19-32 |
| Passing (C-A-I-Yards) | 24-28-0-413 | 28-44-1-326 |
| Sacks Against-Yards | 2-8 | 8-55 |
| Punting | 5-219-43.8 | 7-242-34.6 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-0 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-60 | 8-69 |
| Time of Possession | 33:00 | 27:00 |

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS



Jimmy Clausen
Notre Dame



Golden Tate
Notre Dame



Aaron Bain
Hawai`i



Individual Leaders

Rushing (Att-Yards-TD) – ND: Robert Hughes (17-55-1). UH: Kealoha Pilares (2-19-0).

Passing (Cmp-Yards-TD) – ND: Jimmy Clausen (22-401-5). UH: Greg Alexander (23-261-2).

Receiving (Rec-Yards-TD) – ND: Golden Tate (6-177-3). UH: Aaron Bain (8-109-2).

Punting (Att-Yards-Avg) – ND: Eric Maust (5-219-43.8). UH: Tim Grasso (6-225-37.5).

Sacks By (No-Yards) – ND: Steve Quinn (2.0-19), Ethan Johnson (2.0-6). UH: Solomon Elimimian (1.0-6).

Leading Tacklers – ND: Kyle McCarthy (6-1-7). UH: Solomon Elimimian (5-4-9).