## How Can The Rainbow Warriors Climb To The Top of the Mountain West?





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The 2022 College Football season is right around the corner and the University of Hawaii football team looks to win the Mountain West. Hawaii's football program finished second to last in the Mountain West with a 6-7 record. The biggest accomplishment for the program was beating New Mexico State twice. One win at home and the other on the road.

## Improvements needed for the Rainbow Warriors

The Rainbow Warrior's offense was solid last season averaging 28.7 points per game and 405.0 yards per game. Quarterback Chevan Coderio threw for 2,793 yards and had a 17-11 touchdown to interception ratio. If the Warriors hope to compete in the Mountain West they have to continue to play well on offense to keep up with teams in their division.

The Warriors need to get better on defense. According to the NCAA Football website, the Warriors allowed 446.0 yards per game in 2021. Hawaii ranked 113 out of 130 qualifying football teams in the country. Defenses have to play well in order to have a chance to win games. Hawaii's defense must support its offense so the Warriors can reach the top of the Mountain West.

## Who did Hawaii recruit to improve its defense?

Hawaii signed nine defensive recruits to help improve its defense. Four linebackers were signed which will help Hawaii's defense stop the run and cover the intermediate area of the field. Three defensive backs were signed to cover the fast, big, and dynamic receivers in the Mountain West. Defensive back Kona Moore was signed and was the number eight recruit in the state of Hawaii according to ESPN.com. Hawaii also recruited two defensive linemen to shore up their defensive line.

With improvements on defense and continued growth on offense, Hawaii can compete for a Mountain West championship.