

# What happened to Hawaii's football pedigree?



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NEW ORLEANS – JANUARY 01: Quarterback Colt Brennan #15 of the Hawaii Warriors takes a break on the field during a time-out against the Georgia Bulldogs on January 1, 2008 during the Allstate Sugar Bowl at the Louisiana Superdome on January 1, 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana. (Photo by Layne Murdoch/Getty Images)

Hawaii's football program was once blessed with good quarterback play. Football season is right around the corner and the quarterback position has some question marks. Former Hawaii quarterback Chevan Cordeiro transferred to San Jose State after the 2021 season. Cordeiro threw for 2,793 passing yards, 17 touchdowns, and 11 interceptions last season.

## Notable quarterbacks who play for the University of Hawaii



The Rainbow Warriors football program was once regarded as quarterback university. Colt Brennan was one of the best quarterbacks at the University of Hawaii. Brennan posted over 14,000 passing yards in three seasons. Brennan also recorded 20 games with 400 passing yards.

Hawaii's head coach Timmy Chang was one of the best quarterbacks in NCAA football history. Chang finished his career with 17,072 passing yards and 117 passing touchdowns. Chang led Hawaii to three straight bowl games and threw for 4,000 passing yards three times. Former Hawaii receiver Jason Rivers called Chang a magician because of his play.

Nick Rolovich threw eight touchdowns in a single game, which is the most in Hawaii's history. During the 2001 season, Rolovich set a school record by throwing for 34 touchdowns. Rolovich beat an undefeated BYU football team in 2001.

## Quarterbacks who have Left since the June Jones era



June Jones coached the University of Hawaii from 1999-2007. Jones's run-and-shoot offense helped Colt Brennan, Nick Rolovich, and Timmy Chang succeed.

Since Jones's departure, many quarterbacks have left Hawaii to play on the mainland. Mililani High School quarterback Gabriel chose to play for the University of Central Florida. Gabriel has thrown 70 touchdowns during his collegiate career. McKenzie Milton also played for Central Florida and threw 72 touchdowns before transferring to Florida State. Milton led the Knights to four straight bowl games.

Former Saint Louis quarterback Marcus Mariota went to the University of Oregon and was drafted second overall by the Tennessee Titans. Pearl City High School quarterback Jordan Ta'amu went to the University of Mississippi. Ta'amu currently plays for the Tampa Bay Bandits in the USFL. Tua Tagovaiola attended Saint Louis and committed to the University of Alabama. Tagovaiola currently plays for the Miami Dolphins.