Hawaii Football (gridironheroics.com)

Hawaii's football season ended on a sour note as the Rainbow Warriors lost to San Jose State. The Rainbow Warriors suffered a disappointing <u>27-14 loss</u>. Saturday's loss was disappointing because Hawaii football fans wanted to see their team finish the season strong. Hawaii beat UNLV before playing San Jose State. Coaches, fans, and players believed they could build on the win against San Jose State. Timmy Chang's team finishes the 2022 season with a <u>3-10 record</u>. Hawaii football finishes the season with a 2-6 record in the mountain west. The door has closed on the 2022 season and will stay closed until 2023.

Hawaii Football Offense

Hawaii's offense played fairly well in Saturday's loss. The Rainbow Warriors recorded 273 yards of offense. Additionally, Hawaii didn't turn the ball over. Hawaii had struggled to protect the ball and turnovers killed their offense this season. Brayden Schager completed 25 out of 45 passes, recorded 230 passing yards, and threw a touchdown. Schager's play has been up and down this season. However, he did what he could against a talented Spartans defense. Schager directed the offense and helped Hawaii score points.

A coin has two sides and the same is true for Hawaii's offense. Hawaii's offense played well for the majority of the game. The Rainbow Warriors could have won the game by scoring more frequently. Ian Shoemaker's offense didn't score in the <u>first and third quarter</u>. The outcome of the game would have been drastically different. Hawaii football would have won the game 28-27. Hopefully, Hawaii can learn from the game and consistently score points in 2023.

Hawaii Football Defense

Hawaii's defense has been the team's Achilles heel and it showed against San Jose State. Jacob Yoro's defense allowed 399 yards of offense. Hawaii football also allowed significant yards on the ground and in the air. San Jose State wide receiver Elijah Cooks recorded 121 receiving yards. Cooks also scored a touchdown. Running back Kairee Robinson rushed for 148 yards and scored a touchdown. Hawaii's defense recorded a takeaway.

The Future

Hawaii's football program has work to do over the offseason. Timmy Chang has to recruit well and bring in players who can make plays. Chang also has to establish a winning culture and connect with his new recruits. Hawaii added 53 new players last off-season. How many more will com this offseason? Let the offseason begin for the Rainbow Warriors.