

Hawaii Football: A Tale Of Two Seasons



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Hawaii football players trot out before a game. Photo provided by Tom R. Smedes KITV Island Television.

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Hawaii's football program has experienced some good times and bad times. Hawaii dominated the Mountain West during the June Jones Era. Countless memories, hard-fought games, the run-and-shoot offensive scheme, and a feeling of pride were on display in the past. Unfortunately, Timmy Chang's team has not been blessed by the football gods this season. In order to comprehend Hawaii's journey this season we have to look at both halves of the season. A lot of things have transpired this season for [Hawaii football](#) and the events should be documented.

Hawaii Football First Half



Dedrick Parson runs 37 yards for a touchdown on Hawaii's opening drive in the first quarter against Vanderbilt. Photo provided by JAMM AQUINO / JAQUINO@STARADVERTISER.COM.

Hawaii started the season on a sour note. In Timmy Chang's first game as head coach [Hawaii lost 63-10 to](#) Vanderbilt. The loss was bad because Hawaii played well in the first half of the game. However, it was completely understandable with a new head coach and roster. Hawaii football had a massive overall during the offseason. Timmy Chang acquired 53 new players who had to adapt to Chang's culture. Despite the loss fans, coaches, and players believed Hawaii would turn things around.

The Rainbow Warriors were given a tough schedule to start the season. Their [first three games](#) came against non-conference teams. Hawaii was outscored 129-83 in the first three games. Chang's offense committed eight turnovers and struggled to move the ball. The quarterback situation was a mystery as well. Timmy Chang never announced who would start which left fans in the dark. Brayden Schager and Joey Yellen were at the helm. Jacob Yoro's defense was [giving up 40 points](#) a game along with 1,460 yards of offense in three games. Hawaii couldn't get into a groove and show what they were made of.

Hawaii Football Second Half



Hawaii takes on Duquesne for homecoming. Photo provided by Hawaii Athletics. Com

Homecoming was the perfect time for Hawaii to get things back on track. Hawaii defeated [Duquesne 24-14](#) and earned its first win. Hawaii was due for a win and played

well. After losing to Vanderbilt, Western Kentucky, and Michigan Hawaii had to get ready for conference games. Hawaii's defense started playing better and only gave up 40 points once. Hawaii's offense still struggled but found a running game with Dedrick Parson.

After showing promise and improvements Hawaii was thrown a curveball. Hawaii has not been able to win close games. Winning close games is critical because most football games come down to the wire. Hawaii has lost three close games. A 16-14 loss to San Diego State, a 17-13 loss to Colorado State, and most recently a 27-20 loss to Wyoming. The Rainbow Warriors have experienced blowouts and close losses. It has been a frustrating and puzzling season for fans. Hawaii has been able to move the ball early in games, but has fallen flat in the second halves. Simply put, Hawaii football has been through the ringer.

Hawaii Football Future

Hawaii's season is quickly winding down. Chang's team has four games left and sit at 2-7. Hawaii's final four Mountain West opponents have a combined record of 16-15. If Hawaii wants to end its season on a high note they have to win out. Winning could increase Hawaii's chances of going to a bowl game. We shall see what happens.