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44.8 seconds left. Reedley was forced to attempt the field goal after Cabrillo cornerback Jonathan Brumfield made a crucial deflection on a pass into the end zone on a third-and-11 play from the 34-yard line.

Reedley took the lead for the first time at 23-20 on Nigel Simmons’ 25-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter for his second score of the game. Reedley started its comeback, in the third quarter when it pulled to within 20-18 on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Jedd Alford to Travis Green.

Both teams entered the game with 0-2 records. Cabrillo suffered a home loss to American River before road loss to Solano last week. Reedley has losses to Foothill and San Mateo.

The Seawolves — who entered the game with 4 of their 6 points this season coming in the fourth quarter — got off to a hot start and led 20-11 at the half. For the first time this season, Seawolves receiver Fernandes Oliveira was kept out of the end zone. Oliveira entered the game with a state-leading eight touchdowns, all coming through the air.

After a long run by shifty quarterback Jerry Alvarez in the first quarter, Cabrillo produced its first rushing touchdown this season on a 5-yard run by running back Cabral. After Reedley chipped back with a 21-yard field goal from Torres in its next drive, the Seawolves worked with a short field to produce another scoring drive.

Kojo Jordan had an 8-yard kickoff return that helped set up a 38-yard touchdown pass from Alvarez to freshman wide receiver Jake Prager. It was the second touchdown of the season for Prager, who last week at Harper High was among the state leaders with 36 receptions.

Cabrillo increased its lead to 28-13 early in the second quarter. Alvarez hooked up with receiver Daniel Shores on a 35-yard scoring play to cap a nine-play, 65-yard drive.

Reedley, powered down-field with running backs Nigel Simmons and Jordan Andrews, added a 24-yard field goal by Torres after Cabrillo made its second goal-line stand in the first half.

Cabrillo seemed poised to turn the game into a rout after Nick Peterson scored a 6-yard run with 4:05 left in the second quarter. But, Alvarez threw a deft touchdown interception — one that Seawolves coach Bill Garrison protested was out of bounds — and the Tigers had new life.

The Tigers marched down-field from their own 18-yard line at a quick pace, producing a 24-yard scoring drive backed by a number of long runs. Simmons scored on a 14-yard scamper with the last play of the first half.

Cabrillo next plays on Oct. 2 at home against Foothill at 7 p.m.