Mistakes mar game for Seahawks

QB Romanski throws for season-high 281 yards

That’s a team we should have beaten today, but small things kept us from winning,” Cabrillo quarterback Lucas Romanski said afterward. “That was definitely a winnable game.”

The Seahawks had four turnovers in the game — all of which came deep at either end of the field.

Twice Cabrillo turned the ball over at or near the Chabot goal line, while on the very first offensive play for the Seahawks, a bad snap into the end zone resulted in six points for the Gladiators.

An interception by Romanski in the third quarter set Chabot up at the Cabrillo 31. The Gladiators converted it into a touchdown five plays later.

Turnovers and costly penalties had a way of rearing their ugly head on Saturday night.

“I think we had opportunities that, once again, we’ve talked about self-inflicted wounds amongst ourselves, and you can’t turn the ball over,” Garrision said. “Our execution has to be better if we want to win football games. And our players under-

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stand that and we’re very honest with them.”

Despite its 1-4 record, Cabrillo has put itself in a position to win three times this season. It lost its previous game 25-19 to Redwoods in overtime, and its season opener to Los Medanos, 35-33.

In that game, Cabrillo quarterback Brent Moyer was picked off in the end zone in the final minute, while the loss to Redwoods saw the Seahawks unable to convert on a fourth-and-1 play that would have extended the game.

Saturday’s game against No. 19 Chabot (1-4) didn’t have any last-minute efforts by the Seahawks. But the host team did have its chances early in the game and even later in the third quarter, when a Hank Strauss interception set the Seahawks up at the Chabot 5, trailing 28-23.

Cabrillo was unable to convert.

“I’m upset about the loss. But it’s just small things, inconsistencies — everything is fixable,” Romanski said. “It’s all something we can go back and fine tune. We’re a good team. We just need to get rid of the small mistakes.”

The Seahawks moved the ball well at times, finishing with 439 total yards, and received nine points from the defense. But they weren’t efficient enough when it mattered.

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Cabrillo will open Coast Conference play on Saturday at San Jose City College at 5 p.m. Believing Chabot might be one of the best teams the Seahawks will face all season, Romanski said he was confident going into the league opener.

“We just played a really tough team. Knowing that we went toe-to-toe with them, we’re really excited,” he said.

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AIRING IT OUT

Romanski, a 5-foot-10, 175-pound freshman out of Valley Christian in Dublin, threw a season-high 281 yards on 20 of 41 passing. It was the most passing yards by any Cabrillo quarterback this season — 117 more yards than the previous season-high.

Romanski’s previous high this season was 136 yards passing.

“I thought he threw some beautiful balls,” Garrision said. “I thought he made good choices. Some of the choices he made were to throw the ball high and get it out of the way so it would be us or nobody.”

“I was very encouraged and very happy with the way he managed it and played the game tonight.”

INJURY UPDATE

Cabrillo learned earlier in the week that it lost defensive back Joe Gottleib for the season.

Gottleib (knee) is a 5-foot-11, 160-pound freshman out of Leigh in San Jose.

The Seahawks lost Jalen Cahill and David DaRosa to similar injuries earlier in the year.