Junior College Football

Slow start for Seahawks

Layne, who has been out for 2 years, replaces injured Romanski at QB

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PITTSBURG — Backup quarterback Brandon Layne thought he would get a chance to play Saturday. He just hoped it would have been under better circumstances.

But Cabrillo College returning starting quarterback Luke Romanski suffered a dislocated shoulder late in the first quarter of the Seahawks’ 20-1 season-opening loss to host Los Medanos College.

“We had talked about it before hand,” Layne said of possible playing time. “But then Luke went down and I had to be ready to go.”

Layne took over and led the Seahawks to their only scoring drive of the afternoon, a 30-yard field goal from Devon Varas.

At least Romanski went down fighting. He completed a 16-yard pass to Kyle Hosfeld, who caught five passes for 55 yards, for a first down.

The two quarterbacks combined for 152 passing yards on 12 of 24 completions.

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Cabrillo, which hosts De Anza College next Saturday at 7 p.m., had trouble moving the ball against the Mustangs (1-0). Layne did get the Seahawks going in the third quarter, running 22 plays to Los Medanos’ 10, but both drives stalled as Cabrillo twice failed to convert on fourth down.

“Brandon managed a difficult situation very well,” Cabrillo coach Bill Garrison said. “He had a great deal of poise.”

What makes Layne’s efforts even more impressive is that he had not played in a football game in two years.

“I took a year off but still trained, hit the weight room,” Layne said. “I always wanted to come back if there was an opportunity. This being the first game, we needed to get the kids off. We’re going to be a lot better.”

Cabrillo had a bye last week when most teams held their season opener.

It was actually a solid effort for the Seahawks defense during the first half. A short punt gave Los Medanos a short field late in the second quarter and that turned into a 53-yard field goal with 14 seconds remaining.

Cabrillo came out firing in the third quarter.

After getting sacked for a loss of nine yards, Layne completed passes to Dominice Bonner and Jon An White for first downs.师范 Serrano, who led the team with 37 rushing yards, gained valuable yardage.

“My job is to step up and we came out firing,” Layne said. “I felt a lot more comfortable. We just have to make our opportunities.”

Garrison said it’s a matter of fine-tuning to guide the Seahawks the rest of the way.

“We’re going to look at every aspect of the game,” he said. “We’ll evaluate where we broke down, whether it was execution or being overpowered. Our level of execution needs to be higher.”