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Surge falls short for ’Hawks

Cabrillo can’t overcome 10-point first-half deficit

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APTOIS — Quarterback Lucas Romanski threw a pair of touchdown passes in the second half and had the Cabrillo College offense running on all cylinders over the final 20 minutes. But the Seahawks couldn’t complete the comeback, falling to visiting Hartnell, 33-21, Saturday in a Coast Conference South contest.

“We have to learn how to play in the first half,” Romanski said. “We can’t wait until we need to force it.”

Cabrillo’s defense held potent Hartnell (6-2, 2-0) to 10 first-half points. The Seahawks did not get the ball into the end zone, however.

Romanski, who has missed four weeks with various injuries, said he felt rusty.

“You have to play through it,” Romanski said.

Hartnell led 10-0 at the half.

Fabian Serrano, Jon Jon Moore and Dominic Bonner all scored for the Seashawks. The Seashawks put together a sustained drive late in the third quarter to get on the scoreboard.

Cabrillo needed seven plays to go 67 yards, with Serrano going the final yard through a hole opened by

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Chris Moule and Joel Clasen.

The key play was Romanski’s 86-yard completion to Bonner to set up a first-and-goal situation. Romanski was hit as he threw and still managed to fire a strike to Bonner. Kendell Clark also made a big play during the drive, turning a short pass into a critical first down.

Hartnell was called for pass interference in the end zone, giving the Seashawks a new set of downs. They only needed one more play to score.

Serrano and Romanski also hooked up for a two-point conversion.

The Panthers responded with their own touchdown drive, aided by a pass interference and personal foul on the same play.

The Seashawks still had plenty left, though, and came roaring back with another nice drive, topped off with a 25-yard scoring play from Romanski to Moore.

Hartnell’s Nias Martin intercepted the two-pointer and returned it to the other end zone, giving the Panthers a 33-14 lead after three quarters.

Cabrillo added another score early in the fourth quarter, with Bonner catching a 6-yard toss from Romanski to make it 33-21.

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