JUCO Football: Cabrillo hands Gavilan 61-35 loss

Gavilan Rams

"Gavilan's very athletic," Cabrillo coach Bill Garrison said. "They have some exceptional players. I don't know if you can stop them. You can only hope to contain them."

Cabrillo took advantage of Gavilan errors for two touchdowns with 4:26 gone in the game.

"We had some breaks early," agreed Garrison. "We were able to take advantage of their mistakes."

The Rams defense forced Cabrillo punt after three plays, but a fumble on the punt return set up the Seahawks at Gavilan's 19. Quarterback Brendan Davis (20 of 36 for 311 yards and three TDs) found tight end Lucas Schmidt open on the next play. Aiden Daly's punt after left Cabrillo up 7-0 at the 10:39 mark.

Gavilan lost a 10-yard pass play on the ensuing play from scrimmage because of a cut block. Back to the Ram 13, a lateral pass was fumbled and Seahawk Kyle Dunn fell on the ball in the endzone at 10:24 for the 14-0 Cabrillo cushion.

"Penalties at key moments stopped us," said Gavilan co-captain Tyler DeCarlo.

The Rams were able to respond with two touchdowns within four minutes.

Denico Carter ignited the comeback with an 85-yard kick-off return to make it 14-7. Carter bolted through two tacklers at the right side of the return, then cut back and raced down the left sideline for the first of his four touchdowns.

Gavilan's offense improved in the second quarter, taking advantage of two interceptions for good field position.

Daily snapped the tie with a 26-yard field goal two plays into the second quarter. Cabrillo's Brian Johnson picked off a Frykoff pass at the Ram 38. Steven Ross scored on the next play on a draw play at 10:54 for the 24-14 Cabrillo lead.

Johnson added a second interception four plays later to give the hosts possession at the Seahawk 43. Ross scored on a 46-yard screen pass from Davis at 11:02 for a 31-14 cushion.

"Our screen game was very productive," Garrison said. The Seahawks covered 107 yards with two touchdowns with four screen passes.

Gavilan, with both Miller and Carter on the sidelines in the second quarter, mustered a touchdown after defensive back Pat McQueen recovered a Cabrillo fumble on the Ram 18. Frykoff led the 13-play march by converting three third down plays, including a touch pass to Jesse Barber for the 14-yard pay dirt.

Daily recorded a 31-yard field goal on the final play of the half.

Cabrillo broke the game open with a 13-yard screen pass from Davis to Naji Wilcox with 9:50 minutes to play in the third quarter.

Carter, back on the field for the next series, completed the Ram scoring with two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Cabrillo began the final quarter with a 10-play drive over 78 yards that Wilcox capped with a one-yard plunge for a 48-21 lead.

Frykoff was injured on the next scrimmage play and was replaced by Sterling Montgomery. Four consecutive pass completions followed, including a bubble screen that Carter turned into a 46-yard TD highlight romp through the Cabrillo defense.

After Davis rolled out for two yards to a touchdown with 4:04 left, Montgomery directed the Rams on a 50-yard drive to a final score. Carter set up the march with a pitch-off return to Motifel. A 35-yard toss from Montgomery to Jose Marquez put Cabrillo in Gavilan territory. Montgomery lined a pass into the left corner of the endzone that Carter pulled in for the seven-yard scoring play.

The Hawks countered with a Demetris Campos 11-yard run with 51 seconds left.

"Montgomery did a good job coming in for us," said Gifford. "Carter has played well each game. He continues to improve."

Anthony Brooks led the Ram rushers with 92 yards. Carter had seven gains for 139 yards. Montgomery was 7 for 8 for 117 yards.

Gavilan (2-4 overall, 0-3 in league) plays the Menzies Blue Devils at 5 p.m. Oct. 25 at Garcia-Elder Sports Complex.