

Cal Retools, Beats CWU

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Ellensburg, Wash. - California beat Central Washington, 44-14, on Saturday using a team that reflected wholesale changes from the lineup that faced UBC two days earlier. Five Golden Bears scored a total of seven tries, with two apiece from freshman fullback Jake Anderson and sophomore inside center Jared Braun.

Flyhalf Alex Aronson kicked a 15-meter penalty to open the scoring and added six points on 3-of-7 conversions as Cal improved to 19-0 overall and 3-0 in divisional play.

Wildcats flanker Jacob Bates scored a try in the 14th minute, converted by outside center Ryan Hamilton, to keep CWU within one point at 8-7, but the Bears settled down to create a 32-point lead before prop Patrick Farrell scored Central Washington's final try. Anderson's second try ended the scoring.

Anderson had two consecutive clearance kicks blocked in the first half, with the first resulting in a CWU try, but the freshman also typified the Bears' perseverance against the Wildcats. "In the beginning we struggled a little bit but we settled down and found our composure. Central Washington was pretty strong," he said.

The Golden Bears made 12 full changes to its starting lineup against the Wildcats and offered still more developmental opportunities to their reserve bench. Senior Drew Hyjer was given match-day captain responsibilities, and he and two other holdover starters from the "World Cup" decider came off during the second half as Cal created a more comfortable lead in slippery conditions.

Among the Bears who met the physicality of Central Washington was sophomore lock Brendan Daly, who often smothered Warrior ball carriers just as they received the ball. "They were a physical team but all of us in the forwards took it upon ourselves to keep it tight, especially in the rucks," Daly said. "From there, the backs did a good job running the ball."

"Cal does a great job of retaining possession, transferring the ball and scoring tries. They were clearly the better side on the day," said Wildcats head coach Bob Ford. "We had some pressure on them early and put a few phases together, but that's one heck of a good team."

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Cal 44

Tries: Bosco, D. Barrett, Anderson 2, Braun 2, Tucker,
Convs: Aronson 3
Pens: Aronson

CWU 14

Tries: Bates, Farrell
Convs: Hamilton 2

Cal team v. CWU

15. Anderson, 14. Tucker, 13. Smith (Richter @ 62:00), 12. Braun, 11. McTurk, 10. Aronson, 9. Bosco, 1. Klaas, 2. N. Barrett (Wrobel @ 58:00), 3. Davenport, 4. D. Hyjer © (Bowman @ 62:00, 5. Daly, 6. Fry, 7. Colin, 8. D. Barrett (Coleman @ 62:00)

(Cal team that played UBC on Thursday

15. Lombardo, 14. Muhn, 13. Kelly (Chehade @ 67:00), 12. Gallinger (Nafisi @ 69:00), 11. Scully, 10. Bailes, 9. Ring (Bosco @ 18:00), 1. Deterding, 2. N. Barrett, 3. Besser (Davenport @ 61:00), 4. D. Hyjer, 5. R. Hodson (Daly @ 63:00), 6. Asbun ©, 7. Rooke (Colin @ 67:00), 8. D. Barrett)