

# Hurricanes Remain Undefeated in 31-21 Home Opener vs. Stuttgart Scorpions

Corey Brown-Alex Hauptert connection scores twice while defense and special teams of Hurricanes continue to dominate with two interceptions, one score, and a handful of devastating kick returns.



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Tom Smythe's Saarland Hurricanes remain undefeated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> game of 2017 season and home opener, handling the Stuttgart Scorpions 31-21.

The 'Canes offense continues to improve as the season progresses. Alex Hauptert had more time to connect with his dependable receiving corps, making two touchdown strikes through the air to Corey Brown. Brown terrorized the Scorpions defense all day with long catches over the middle, scrapping for yards after catch and also taking carries from the backfield. Leon Helm also made a significant impact on a handful of carries, plunging through the middle for the Hurricanes last score of the day from 2 yards out.

**“What a great start into the season! We had 1640 visitors, which is the most ever in Ellenfeldstadion! The 'Canes fans were fantastic again, making noise and pushing our team to the win. It's only our second year in that stadium and it already feels like home.” – General Manager, Torsen Reif**

Defensively the 'Canes were tested in a different way as the Scorpions lined in heavy sets, trying to bully their way to the end zone with their run game and mobile QB. The Hurricanes defensive line and Linebacker corps stood tall and stuffed the powerful run attack. As usual, the 'Canes Secondary did their 'No Fly Zone' thing, netting two interceptions; one from Darius Marmol Carmona and the other from Hurricane Charles Clay, which he politely returned for a touchdown from 51 yards out.

**“Again we had day and night performances on Defense and Special Teams. The defense played tough, but we had too many missed tackles and gave those scores to them. We have to fix the kickoff team. Again both units had big plays when we needed them to seal the win. - Defensive & Special Teams Coordinator, Paul Motzki**

David Oku saw limited time on offense as he only got into Saarbrücken on Thursday. However, David made his intentions with the GFL clear through some dazzling carries

out of the back field, spectacular catches from the slot and kick returns that all crossed midfield. Oku's last return stretched to the Scorpions 30 yard line where he was seemingly brought to the ground only by jetlag. The return and his next two runs did however set up the final touchdown by the 'Canes offense.

29 April - Munich	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
<b>Hurricanes</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Scorpions</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>

Interceptions: D. Marmol Carmona, C. Clay

Touchdowns: C. Brown (Rec-A. Hauptert), C. Brown (Rec-A. Hauptert), C. Clay (INT), L. Helm (Rush)

Field Goals: P. Gabel

The first win at home will be savored, but not for long. The 'Canes are right back to work after the weekend to prepare for their next home battle versus the Schwäbisch Hall Unicorns.

Don't miss a home game this season. Season tickets still available: <http://www.saarland-hurricanes.com/tickets/>