

# SAARLAND HURRICANES

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## SAARLAND HURRICANES TAKE CLEAR LOSS TO UNIVERSE 58-7

*Losing streak continues for Hurricanes in Frankfurt as the 'Canes give up 4 turnovers, 2 blocked punts and a safety in 58-7 loss to Frankfurt Universe*



Photo: Carsten Wolf

On Saturday Head Coach Felix Motzki and his Hurricanes traveled Frankfurt to play the Universe and it was a very long day highlighted by penalties, 4 turnovers, 2 blocked punts, and a safety to go with very poor offensive play and a defensive performance that was left with a very short field to defend.

Alex Hauptert made his return to the Hurricanes roster after missing much of the first half of the season due to a hamstring injury suffered versus the Schwäbisch Hall Unicorns. Alex was able to lead the offense to one score on an 8-17 passing day with 1 touchdown and 2 interceptions. Len Helm lead all Hurricane rushers with 25 yards, and Stephan Mertsching continued to lead the receiving corps with 40 yards receiving and one touchdown.

**“Frankfurt was able to stop our run with a 5-man box, which made it tough to establish anything throughout the day. Alex got some valuable reps in the new system and we’ll take lessons from this film and move on.” – Tyler Reese, Offensive Coordinator**

Defensively the Hurricanes were dealing with a short field the entire day and when not the Universe continuously moved the ball with big plays from new Quarterback J. Awini and star running back S. Nacitas. With 14 points already given up on turnovers the Hurricanes were able to hold the Universe’s offensive attack to 265 yards of total offense. Bijan Jelvani lead the Hurricanes with 10 tackles and Charles Clay had 158 totals yards of production in the return game.

**“Obviously not what anyone wants, but we can’t get down on ourselves. We identified problems and have to focus on the next game.” – Paul Motzki, Defensive Coordinator**

### Scoring Summary

*FU J.Awini 42 yd run (A.Feuerherdt kick)*

*FU S.Nacita 1 yd run (A.Feuerherdt kick)*

*FU S.Inkinen 34 yd interception return (R.Moell kick)*

*FU A.Feuerherdt 29 yd pass from J.Awini (R.Moell kick)*

*FU J.Awini 33 yd run (R.Moell kick) FU S.Richard 1 yd run (R.Moell kick)*

*FU A.Feuerherdt 1 yd pass from S.Weishaupt (A.Feuerherdt kick)*

*FU S.Souleymanov safety*

*FU J.Tidwell 5 yd blocked punt return (R.Moell kick)*

*SH S.Mertsching 26 yd pass from A.Hauptert (P.Gabel kick)*

Again, Hurricanes face a two-week break before facing the Ingolstadt Dukes at home in Neunkirchen on 29/7 at 17:00. The goal is to learn from mistakes, get healthy and prepare to get back to winning ways. For tickets and information on game day:

<http://www.saarland-hurricanes.com/einzeltickets/>