

Masina brothers keep Bengals going

Brighton moves to 3-0 with another victory over a tough opponent

By Bruce Smith
Matchup

The Brighton Bengals are trying to figure out if they're for real.

After two victories over Region 1 powers, the Bengals took a bus road to Cache Valley and came away with another impressive win. Osa and Uaea Masina each ran for over 100 yards as Brighton improved to 3-0 with a 30-21 non-region win over Sky View.

"That was a big win ... to go up there and do what we did," said Brighton coach Ryan Bullett. "Not many teams do that."

The Masina brothers combined for 226 of Brighton's 261 rushing yards as Brighton controlled the ball and played its well-known style – "smash-mouth" football.

"We knew coming up here we were going to be in for a dog fight," Bullett. "They got after us, they got us off balance and they did a pretty good job of taking it to us."

What mattered, however, was Brighton countered every Sky View threat. It started in the first quarter. After the Bobcats scored on the opening drive with a 42-yard pass from junior quarterback Braxton Godderidge



Osa Masina takes advantage of a block.

to senior wide receiver Daniel Lemon, Uaea Masina returned the kickoff 90 yards.

Moments later, Uaea picked off a pass from Godderidge, which led to a 30-yard field goal by Brighton kicker Hunter Dall to make it 10-7.

"We did pretty well overall," Uaea said. "If they didn't turn the ball over it's a totally different game. We should have capitalized three or



Brady McCloyn

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BRIGHTON FOOTBALL: Bengals 30, Sky View 21



GAME SUMMARY

Brighton	10	10	10	0	- 30
Sky View	7	7	7	0	- 21

SV – Daniel Lemon 42 pass from Braxton Godderidge (Nelson Griffiths kick)
B – Uaea Masina 90 kickoff return (Hunter Dall kick)
B – FG Dall 30
B – Josh Thompson 8 pass from Drew Jensen (Dall kick)
SV – Ethan Dursteler 3 run (Griffiths kick)
B – FG Dall 37
B – Uaea Masina 4 run (Dall kick)
SV – Skyler Hunt 60 run (Griffiths kick)
B – FG Dall 42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: Brighton – Uaea Masina 12-111, Osa Masina 19-94, Brady McCloyne 11-39, Josh Thompson 5-13, Jensen 1-1. Sky View – Hunt 14-106, Dane Anderson 9-26, Dursteler 4-14, Godderidge 1-(-2).

PASSING: Brighton – Jensen 5-16-0-53 yards. Sky View – Godderidge 12-25-4-190 yards.

RECEIVING: Brighton – Uaea Masina 3-34, Thompson 2-19. Sky View – Lemon 4-75, Anderson 4-62, Nate Payne 2-28, Mitch Larsen 1-22, Dursteler 1-3.

TOP: Hunter Dall nails another field goal, with the help of holder Drew Jensen.

MIDDLE LEFT: Josh Thompson snags a short pass and then ran unescorted into the end zone.

MIDDLE: J.J. Mahe focuses on the Sky View back and gets ready to make the tackle.

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four different times that we didn't. We got field goals sometimes, which is always a plus, but leaving points on the field, sometimes you won't get them."

Brighton recorded four interceptions – one each from Uaea, Brady McCloyne, Isaiah Kaufusi and Jake Giles.

Brighton added seven more minutes later on an 8-yard pass from freshman quarterback Drew Jensen to senior Hunter Smedley to go up 17-7.

Jensen, once again, had a decent game. He completed just 6 of 16 passes for 62 yards, but was not intercepted. He let his teammates do their job, including the special teams.

Besides Uaea's kickoff, nailed three field goals, including a 42-yarder. In the end, that was the

difference.

"Our special teams stepped it up every way," Masina said. "I mean, Hunter Dall kicking all those field goals and the PATs, you can't ask for anything more from a kicker."

Sky View looked to have life when senior running back Skyler Hunt broke a couple of tackles to score on a 51-yard run to make it 27-21 Brighton with five minutes left in the third quarter.

The Sky View defense made a final stand late in the fourth quarter, as the Masinas and Jensen put together another long drive that staved off a momentum change and allowed the Bengals to leave the field and enjoy the bus ride home with another win.