

Too much to overcome

No. 13 ranked BYU jumps out to big lead, beats No. 7 CSUN 7-4

PROVO, Utah - No. 13 ranked BYU jumped out to a 5-0 lead Friday and never looked back beating No. 7 CSUN 7-4.

The Cougars special teams were practically unstoppable. BYU scored five times on the power play in just six opportunities and they added a shorthanded goal as well. Meanwhile the Matadors finished just 1-for-7 on the man advantage and are only 2-for-16 on the road trip.

Ashton Shimbashi opened the scoring at 17:02 on the power play. At 6:45 Aleks Stroud stole the puck at the blue line and scored on a shorthanded breakaway. Teagan Pitcher finished off a strong first period for the Cougars with a power play goal at 3:14. Senior Brandon Kalvoda was then pulled for senior Vincent Sepe.

BYU continued the onslaught in the second when Chase Christensen scored just 1:05 in on a carry over power play. At 8:04 Jacob Eisenstat potted another power play goal. CSUN finally got into the game at 3:01 when freshman Christian Parks beat Jeremy Manzella with a wrist shot from the left circle.

CSUN was able to get its game going in the third. At 17:22 junior Quentin Abaya scored to make it 5-2. A little under three minutes later senior Cameron Rorick scored on the power play to narrow the gap to just two. It was Rorick's team leading sixth goal on the man advantage. But once again BYU made the Matadors pay for their undisciplined play. Shimbashi scored on a 5-on-3 this time to make it 6-3. The Cougars got the four goal lead back at 8:08 on their only even strength goal of the game from Shad Karlson. Freshman Grayson Szumilas finished the game by getting a goal at 5:52.

Kalvoda dropped his record to 4-3-0-1 giving up three goals on just 11 shots in 17 minutes. Sepe gave up the final four goals on 25 shots.

The Matadors gave up a season high seven goals against and five power play goals against.

CSUN's seven game winning streak overall and five game road winning streak both came to an end.

The Matadors go for a series split and a winning record on their three game Utah road trip Saturday. Once again puck drop is scheduled for 6 p.m. Pacific.