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## POLL

At the halfway point of the season which team is most likely to win World Bowl XII?

- Berlin Thunder  
 Frankfurt Galaxy  
 Rhein Fire  
 Amsterdam Admirals  
 Cologne Centurions  
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## Four-star Davey does it again

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**Berlin Thunder 33**

**Amsterdam Admirals 29**

**Olympic Stadium, Berlin. Attendance: 12,909**

Rohan Davey threw four touchdown passes and ran for one score as the Berlin Thunder continued their perfect start to the season with an exciting win against the Amsterdam Admirals.

The New England Patriots-allocated led the Thunder from behind in the fourth quarter for the second straight week after the Admirals had made a spirited comeback to lead 21-19 with less than six minutes remaining.

Davey, the league's top-rated passer, finished with 10 completions from 17 attempts for 149 yards, including a pair of touchdown throws to Cleveland Browns receiver Richard Allston, who had 6 catches for 84 yards.

It all added up a memorable 400th game in league history, with the Thunder emerging as the first team since the 1998 Rhein Fire to begin a season with five straight win.

Admirals quarterback Clint Stoerner passed for 249 yards and three touchdowns and Carlos Rosado had 6 receptions for 96 yards as their team saw a two-game winning streak come to an end.

The Admirals mounted a confident opening drive, with Stoerner's safe and accurate passing being complemented by the quick feet of running back Chris Downs, who made good yardage on six straight plays, including two receptions, to put the ball on the Thunder 1-yard line.

But then he was halted in his tracks on two plays, forcing Amsterdam to settle - after a penalty - for Silvio Diliberto's 33-yard field goal attempt, which hooked wide right.

Defenses dominated the rest of the first quarter, with Berlin's Jason Kazar sacking Miami Dolphins' play-caller Stoerner at the Admirals' 1-yard line as the period ended. That gave the Thunder good field position after an Amsterdam punt, and on the first play of their possession Davey hooked up down the right sideline with Cleveland Browns receiver Richard Alston for a spectacular 47-yard touchdown.



**Rohan Davey threw four TD passes.** photo: photo-stock.co.uk

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Berlin's defense quickly came up with another big play when Keith Davis intercepted Stoerner. Then Alston showed his versatility by hitting Eric McCoo with an 11-yard pass on a trick play and gaining 10 yards on a reverse, setting up a 1-yard toss from Davey to tight end Mike Pinkard for a 12-0 lead. For the second time, the PAT was unsuccessful.

The Admirals responded positively, Stoerner's 21-yard pass to Mexican receiver Carlos Rosado putting them in a threatening position. And it was Rosado to whom Stoerner looked as he fired a 29-yard scoring strike down the middle, the first touchdown of the seven-year veteran's NFL career.

The Thunder almost made an explosive start to the second half as running back Ray Jackson failed to grab hold of what would have been a 62-yard touchdown pass from Davey on the first play. But the Thunder soon got the ball back via an Amsterdam fumble and Davey went over from 1-yard for a 19-7 lead.

Gibran Hamdan's 38-yard connection with Chris Horn was the key play as the Admirals drove towards a 1-yard touchdown run by the Washington Redskins quarterback late in the third quarter.

And when Stoerner returned at quarterback for Amsterdam in the fourth quarter he used a couple of passes to the impressive Rosado to put himself in position to hit Houston Texans wide receiver Chris Taylor in the corner of the end zone for a 21-19 lead with 11:42 remaining in the game.

Davey seemed to take the Admirals' lead as a personal affront. Twice he ran for first down yardage before flinging a delicate pass into the arms of Alston for a 17-yard touchdown and a 26-21 lead with 5:42 remaining. Then Chicago Bears receiver Aaron Boone used his speed to turn a short pass from Davey into a 37-yard touchdown.

Amsterdam refused to give in and Tony Donald caught a 21-yard pass from Stoerner, whose two-point conversion pass made the score 33-29 with 0:54 remaining.

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