



## 2016 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL / POSTGAME NOTES (2 OF 2)



Colorado Buffaloes (1-0) 44, Colorado State Rams (0-1) 7

► **QB Sefo Liufau (33-23-0, 318, 1 TD, 160.6 rating; 14-66 rushing; 384 yards total offense).** He became CU's all-time leader in passing yards (7,715, passing Cody Hawkins, 7,409, 2007-10), and he also passed Hawkins in all-time offensive plays with 47 tonight, giving him 1,356 (Hawkins had 1,335). He threw his 50th career TD pass (trails Hawkins by 10; Liufau is second). He already owned the career total offense mark, but he surpassed the 8K level, finishing the game with 8,226. He passed Joel Klatt (1,095, 2002-05) into second in passing attempts (1,126).

--His 384 yards of total offense were the 15th most in school history, as he added to his previous records in 300-yard passing games (10) and 300-yard total offense games (8).

--It was his 21st 200-yard passing game, tying Cody Hawkins for the most at Colorado.

--His 66 rushing yards were the third-most of his career; he had 81 at Hawaii last year (18 attempts), and 72 at Cal in 2014 (10 tries).

--He now holds or shares **78** Colorado records.

► **TB Phillip Lindsay (20-95, 2 TD rush, 3-23 receiving, 1-26 KOR, 145 all-purpose yards).** He jumped from 49th into 45th on CU's all-time rushing list (1,139 yards), and from 33rd into 25th on the all-time all-purpose yards list (2,521, passing such names as Mike Pritchard, Cliff Branch and Paul Richardson tonight). It was also the third two-TD game of his career.

► **WR Devin Ross (8-97, 1 TD).** The receptions and yards were the second-most in each category in his career.

► **SS Tedric Thompson** had the seventh interception of his career, moving into a tie for 22nd on his career list.

### MORE TEAM NOTES

► With four turnovers gained tonight (2 INT, 2 FR), Colorado has now:

--Extended its streak to forcing CSU into at least one turnover every year since 1999 (the four ties the most, as CU forced four in 2005—all interceptions).

--CU has now forced at least one turnover in **14** straight games, tied with Northern Illinois for the second-longest active streak in the nation (Boise State leads with 18 – both play tomorrow).

► This was just the third time dating back to 1990 (27 games), that CU allowed a single score in a season opener; in 1995, the Buffs won 43-7 at Wisconsin and in 2010, CU bested the Rams, 24-3, also in Denver.



## FIRST HALF SCORING SUMMARY

<b>COLORADO — Alex Kelly recovered fumble in the end zone (Diego Gonzalez kick)</b>	<b>7- 0</b>	<b>10:31</b>	<b>1Q</b>
<i>Drive: 11 plays, 73 yards, 2:59. KEY PLAYS—Liufau 11 pass to Lindsay to CS39 (long play of drive); Lindsay 6-39 rush, 1-11 receiving on drive</i>			
<b>COLORADO — Devin Ross 17 pass from Sefo Liufau (Diego Gonzalez kick)</b>	<b>14- 0</b>	<b>7:38</b>	<b>1Q</b>
<i>Drive: 6 plays, 70 yards, 1:56. KEY PLAYS—Liufau 14 pass to Fields to C47 on 3rd-&amp;-7; Liufau 31 pass to Ross to C22</i>			
<b>COLORADO — Phillip Lindsay 1 run (Diego Gonzalez kick)</b>	<b>21- 0</b>	<b>1:39</b>	<b>1Q</b>
<i>Drive: 3 plays, 61 yards, 1:09 (one def. penalty). KEY PLAY—Liufau 60 pass to Fields to CS1 (sixth play of 50+ yards in Fields' career)</i>			
<b>COLORADO —Diego Gonzalez 30 FG</b>	<b>24- 0</b>	<b>13:59</b>	<b>2Q</b>
<i>Drive: 4 plays, 1 yard, 1:14. KEY PLAY—Gilbert sack/forced fumble of CSU QB Stevens, Olugbode recovery at CS13</i>			
<b>COLORADO — Phillip Lindsay 1 run (Diego Gonzalez kick)</b>	<b>31- 0</b>	<b>2:46</b>	<b>2Q</b>
<i>Drive: 5 plays, 59 yards, 1:01. KEY PLAYS—Awuzie INT/return to C41; Liufau 46 pass to Bobo to CS1</i>			

## MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

	CU	CSU
HALFTIME SCORE.....	31	0
Time Spent in the Lead ( <i>Tied 4:29</i> ).....	25:31	0:00
Total Plays-Yards.....	44-364	37-79
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards.....	16-135	9-(-2)
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory.....	6 of 8	3 of 9
First Down Plays/Yards.....	22/239	14/43
Average on First Down.....	10.9	3.1
Total Possessions/Average FP.....	8/C35	9/CS27
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20.....	2 (2/0)	0 (0/0)
Drives Started In Plus Territory.....	1 (3 pts)	0 (0 pts)
Three Plays & Out.....	1	6
*Red Zone (pts).....	5-5 (31)	0-0 (0)
Plays-Yards.....	9-28	0-0
Third Down Efficiency.....	0-1	0-0
Yards by Quarter: 1st.....	253	10
2nd.....	111	69

**QUICKLY** TB Phillip Lindsay earned five first downs in the game's first 10 minutes and accounted for 50 of CU's 73 yards on the opening TD drive ... **WR Shay Fields'** 60-yard reception was the sixth 50-plus yard play of his career

## FIRST CAREER ...

► **ACTION:** 10 players made their Buffalo debuts in the first half tonight (\*—mainly saw action on special teams):

**TRUE FRESHMEN (3):** TB \*Beau Bisharat, WR Johnny Huntley, WR/CB Tony Julmisse

**REDSHIRT FROSH (5):** SN \*J.T. Bale, TE \*Chris Bounds, OL \*Aaron Haigler, OG Tim Lynott Jr., DT \*Brett Tonz

**SOPHOMORES (1):** DB \*Daniel Talley

**JUNIORS (1):** WR Kabion Ento

**SENIORS (0):** +,

► **STARTS:** Two Buffaloes made their first career starts: **S Afolabi Laguda** and **G Tim Lynott Jr.**

Lynott becomes the 13th freshman to start a season opener on the offensive line (12 redshirt, 1 true – **OG Clint Moore** vs. Wyoming in 1991). The last player to start a season opener on the offensive line was **OT Bryce Givens** vs. CSU in 2009.

And speaking of firsts, **C Alex Kelley** scored the first TD by a Buff offensive lineman since Oct. 28, 1995, when **OG Heath Irwin** recovered a fumble in the end zone in a 44-21 loss to Nebraska.

**OLB Kenneth Olugbode** had his first career sack at the end of the first half.

**DEFENSIVE BUFFS** Colorado held CSU to just 10 yards in the first quarter; in fact, 14 of CSU's first 18 plays went for three yards or less and it did not pick up their initial first down until there was 10:23 left in the second quarter after opening up with six three-and-outs.

## HALFTIME QUOTES FROM THE FIELD

### CU Coach Mike MacIntyre (to KOA)

**ON THE DEFENSIVE PLAY**—"They're playing hard. We gave up a couple first downs in their hurry offense. We have to do better there. We got lucky on one of those deep balls; we knocked it down through the guy. They've just got to keep playing hard."

**ON WHAT HE WAS GOING TO TELL THE TEAM AT HALFTIME**—"They've never been in this situation, so I'm going to go in there and get after them. We're going to come out hard and we're going to keep playing hard."

### OG John Lisella

**ON KELLEY'S FR/TD**—"It's awesome for Alex. He had a few fumble recoveries last year, so to get one for a TD is so great for him."

**KELLEY, WHEN ASKED IF HE RECOVERED THE FUMBLE:** "I guess."

### WR Shay Fields (2-74 receiving)

**ON HIS LONG RECEPTION**—"I just ran by him and got it in the end zone, or so I thought. I guess I came up a little short, but it still felt good."

**SEAN IRWIN ON THAT PLAY:** "That's the Shay-Irwin dig-post combo. It's deadly."

*At first I couldn't even see the ball, I felt it tap my hand and I was thinking, 'Okay, I made up for that last drop.' I'll be honest, I was really excited."*

### WR Bryce Bobo (4-77 receiving)

**ON HIS ACROBATIC CATCH**—"At first I couldn't even see the ball, I felt it tap my hand and I was thinking, 'Okay, I made up for that last drop.' I'll be honest, I was really excited."