

2016 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL / POSTGAME NOTES (1 OF 2)



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

(Sports Authority Field at Mile High, Denver; September 2)

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS	AP)	
FINAL SCORE	44	7
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 4:29)	55:31	0:00
Total Plays-Yards	89-578	64-225
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	49-281	22-48
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory		6 of 13
First Down Plays/Yards	39/309	25/120
Average on First Down	7.9	4.8
First Half	10.9 (22-239)	3.1 (14-43)
Second Half	4.1 (17-70)	7.0 (11-77)
Rushes/Average	25/5.4	17/5.5
Passes/Average (includes sacks)	14/12.4	8/3.4
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+	4/9/20	0/5/10
Times Gained: 2-/0/Neg		11/4/0
Second Down Efficiency	10-30	3-20
First Half	8-15	2-13
Second Half	2-15	1-7
Yards Gained	132	20
Third Down Efficiency	12-19	5-16
Rushing	7-10	3-4
Passing	5-9	2-12
Average Yards To Go	5.3	5.0
Yards Gained	133	80
3rd & 5 or less	9-11	5-10
3rd & 6 or more	3-8	0-6
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)		1-3 (0)
Total Possessions/Average FP	13/C36	13/CS28
First Half	8/C35	9/CS27
Second Half	5/C37	4/CS30
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20	2 (2/0)	0 (0/0)
Drives Started In Plus Territory	2 (10 pts)	0 (0 pts)
Three Plays & Out	1	6
*Red Zone (points)	8-8 (44)	1-1 (7)
Plays-Yards	18-55	4-10
Third Down Efficiency	1-4	0-1
Yards by Quarter: 1st	253	10
2nd	111	69
3rd	110	98
4th	104	48

*—red zone is inside-the-20 ("the 20 is NOT in the zone"—the creator.)

► Players who carried out CU's symbolic instruments today:

Sledgehammer: Ryan Severson
United States Flag: Kyle Evans
Special Teams Belt: NA

Toolbox: Derek McCartney
Colorado Flag: Terran Hasselbach

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ATTENDANCE Tonight's attendance of **69,850** was the most in the series since 2003 (76,219); this was the sixth-highest in the 16 games in Denver; Colorado sold **33,486** tickets (**9,217** student) for the game; the Broncos moved 3,697 ducats; CU accounted for that number despite season ticket holders of just under 2,800 tickets opted out for the game to receive an equal value in number for a Pac-12 game.

OUICKLY Colorado is now **8-2** in non-conference games under Mike MacIntyre (**3-1** vs. CSU), and the Buffs now lead the series **64-22-2** (**10-6** in Denver) ... MacIntyre is now **2-2** in season openers and **5-1** against CSU overall (**2-0** at San Jose State) ... Colorado is now **78-44-5** in season openers (**7-4** in season openers in the fourth year of a head coach's tenure) ... **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; his 10-yard run on CU's opening play was the first in double-digits for CU on its first play of the year since 2007 ...

WR Shay Fields' 60-yard reception was the sixth 50-plus yard play of his career ... Colorado's **31-0** halftime lead was its largest since Nov. 15, 2003, when it led Iowa State 37-0 in Ames (an eventual 44-10) ... CU's **44** points were the most in the series by either team since 1996, when the Buffs won 48-34 in Fort Collins ... The **578** yards on offense by the Buffaloes were their most in a season opener since 1994 (649 in a 48-13 win over NE Louisiana); the 37-point margin was the largest in an opener since 1988, when CU beat Fresno State in Boulder, 45-3 ... Colorado is now **49-9** all-time when both rushing and passing for at least 200 yards in a game (and is now **116-2** when scoring 43-plus points).

P FIRST CAREER ...

► **ACTION**: A total of 14 players made their Buffalo debuts tonight (*—mainly saw action on special teams):

TRUE FRESHMEN (4): TB *Beau Bisharat, WR Johnny Huntley, WR/CB Tony Julmisse, QB Steven Montez

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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. Kelley is the first offensive lineman in CU history to score the team's first points of the year (127 seasons).

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. In the first half, CSU ran nine plays in CU territory for minus-2 yards.

▶ The **225** yards allowed by CU is the fewest by an opponent in a season opener since 1998 (CSU: 202 in a 42-14 Buff win).

INDIVIDUAL LINER NOTES

- ▶ PK Diego Gonzalez (3-3 FG, 5-5 PAT, 14 points). He became the 49th player in CU history to score 100 career points (103 at the end of the night), and his 21 career field goals are tied for ninth in school annals.
- ► CB Chidobe Awuzie (8,0—8 TT, 3 3DS, INT). He made his third career interception in the second quarter; it was the third time in his career he had three third down stops in a game.
- ► WR Bryce Bobo (5-99, 0 TD receiving). He has a career-high in receiving yards,

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- ▶ 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

COLORADO — Alex Kelly recovered fumble in the end zone (Diego Gonzalez kick)	7-	0	10:31	1Q
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			
COLORADO — Devin Ross 17 pass from Sefo Liufau (Diego Gonzalez kick)	14-	0	7:38	1Q
Drive: 6 plays, 70 yards, 1:56. KEY PLAYS—Liufau 14 pass to Fields to C47 on 3rd-&-7; Liufau 31 pass to Ross to C22				
COLORADO — Phillip Lindsay 1 run (Diego Gonzalez kick)	21-	0	1:39	1Q
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)				
COLORADO —Diego Gonzalez 30 FG	24-	0	13:59	2Q
Drive: 4 plays, 1 yard, 1:14. KEY PLAY—Gilbert sack/forced fumble of CSU QB Stevens, Olugbode recovery at CS13				
COLORADO — Phillip Lindsay 1 run (Diego Gonzalez kick)	31-	0	2:46	2Q
Drive: 5 plays, 59 yards, 1:01. KEY PLAYS—Awuzie INT/return to C41; Liufau 46 pass to Bobo to CS1				

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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 auess."

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 aood."

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

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