



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



Colorado Buffaloes (10-2, 8-1 Pac-12) 27, Utah Utes (8-4, 5-4 Pac-12) 22

(Folsom Field, Boulder; November 26)

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS



FINAL SCORE.....	27	22
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 14:21).....	36:22	9:17
Total Plays-Yards.....	82-378	81-339
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards.....	26-138	38-169
First Half.....	19-87	13-18
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory.....	5 of 16	9 of 16
First Down Plays/Yards.....	34/140	30/111
Average on First Down.....	3.9	3.7
First Half.....	3.6 (17-62)	0.3 (11-3)
Second Half.....	4.6 (17-78)	5.7 (19-108)
Rushes/Average.....	19/3.5	17/6.1
Passes/Average (includes sacks).....	15/4.9	13/0.6
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+.....	1/5/12	1/4/9
Times Gained: 2-/0/Neg.....	18/8/4	6/19/5
Second Down Efficiency.....	3-26	3-26
First Half.....	1-11	1-11
Second Half.....	2-15	2-15
Yards Gained.....	125	113
Third Down Efficiency.....	9-22	6-21
Rushing.....	3-7	3-7
Passing.....	6-15	3-14
Average Yards To Go.....	5.4	6.4
Yards Gained.....	113	89
3rd & 5 or less.....	7-13	4-9
3rd & 6 or more.....	2-9	2-12
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards).....	0-0 (0)	2-4 (26)
Total Possessions/Average FP.....	16/C24	16/U37
First Half.....	7/C25	7/U35
Second Half.....	9/C23	9/U38
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20.....	5 (5/0)	3 (2/1)
Drives Started In Plus Territory.....	1 (3 pts)	4 (9 pts)
Three Plays & Out.....	7	8
Opponent Turnovers (Pts).....	4 (7)	2 (3)
*Red Zone (pts).....	4-4 (20)	4-5 (15)
Plays-Yards.....	13-42	11-27
Third Down Efficiency.....	1-3	0-3
Yards by Quarter:		
1st.....	92	46
2nd.....	94	40
3rd.....	116	148
4th.....	76	105

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

Sledgehammer: Tim Lynott, Jr. Toolbox: Jeromy Irwin
United States Flag: Alex Kelley Colorado Flag: Frank Umu

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QUICKLY Colorado is now **10-2** overall for the first time since 2001, and its **8-1** mark in league play is CU's first-ever 8-win conference season ... CU is the fifth team to win the Pac-12 South Division title (As a member of the Big 12, the Buffs won four North Division titles (2001-02-04-05) ... The Buffs have their first six-game overall and conference game winning streak since 1996, when they lost the third and final non-league game of the season and then reeled off seven straight conference wins in the inaugural season of the Big 12 (under then-coach **Rick Neuheisel**) ... Colorado has its most wins since finishing 10-3 in 2001, and this marks CU's **seventh 10-win** season in its history ... The Buffs finished undefeated at home (**6-0**) since a similar mark in 1994; it's the sixth time the Buffs have finished 6-0 at home (1937, 1975, 1989, 1990, 1994, 2016) ... Colorado has now won **11** of the **12** coin tosses this season (and has deferred to the second half all **11** times; USC is the only game it lost the

toss) ... This was CU's **401st** all-time victory at home (309th at Folsom Field) ... **Uniforms:** The Buffs are now **22-26-1** when wearing all black (**22-21-1** with a gold helmet) ... CU is now **56-19** against unranked teams in November dating back to the early 1990s ... In 2013, 31 schools hired new head coaches; 23 remain at those institutions; of those, only Western Michigan (P.J. Fleck, 12-0) has a better fourth-year record than CU's **Mike MacIntyre** (Willie Taggart at USF is also 10-2); MacIntyre is now **20-29** at Colorado ... Colorado had **no** penalties for just the fifth time in recorded history, and for just the second time since 1985 (last: vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006).

Attendance ... Tonight's attendance of **52,301** was: **a)** the first **sellout** since Oct. 4, 2008 (53,927 vs. Texas; Folsom's capacity then was 53,613, but 3,000+ seats were removed during 2014's renovation); **b)** the largest since Oct. 2, 2010 (52,855 vs. Georgia); **c)** the first over 50,000 since Nov. 4, 2011 (50,083, USC); and **d)** the largest for a non-Nebraska home finale since 1996 (53,550 for Kansas State on Nov. 16), as well as the fifth-most ever for a Folsom finisher that didn't involve the Huskers.

► CU averaged **46,608.7** for the season (**279,652** for 6 home games), its highest average since 2011 (50,355 for 5 games).

Series Notes ... Colorado now leads the series by a **32-28-3** count, but Utah holds the edge as members of the Pac-12 by a **4-2** margin; all six of those games have been decided by one score (3, 7, 7, 4, 6, 5), all came down to the last or next-to-last possession, and have been decided by a total of **32** points.

Versus The Ranked ... CU has defeated two ranked teams in back-to-back weeks since 2002 (31-17 over #20 UCLA, 35-31 over #13 Kansas State; that was also the last time the Buffs won two in a row over ranked opponents. Colorado last won three in a row over the ranked in 2001, and last did it three weeks in a row in 1994 ... Colorado is now 4-1 as a ranked team this year.

Offense Notes ... **WR Kabion Ento** made his first career start tonight in place of the injured Bryce Bobo (ankle sprain) ... Colorado has now scored in 14 straight quarters (extending that streak twice today with scores at 0:00 of the 1st and 3rd stanzas) ... The Buffs were an uncharacteristic 3-for-26 on second down efficiency, but averaged just 5.4 yards to go on a season-high 22 third down tries (inflated due to the last one being 13 yards to go on kneeldowns); CU was 6-of-8 on 3rd-&-1 plays (and seventh Liufau had earned the first down before fumbling).

Defense Notes ... The opponent has failed to score on its first possession in all 12 games this season (six 3-and-outs, five others with just one first down earned) ... Utah's longest gain on first down in the first half was 5 yards; it gained a net of 3 on 11 plays (0.3 per); its 86 first half yards were the third-lowest this year against the Buffs ... Utah had the fourth field goal drive against the Buffs this season that went for minus yards ... Utah was 2-of-11 for 20 yards passing on first down (sacked twice for 12 yards) ... Utah had four goal-to-go situations and was stuffed on its first nine plays (kicking three field goals), before scoring a TD on its 10th try.

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UPDATED PAC-12 STANDINGS

South Division (-4)		conference-----					overall-----					Next Up
School (AP/Coaches/CFP)		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
COLORADO (#9/#9/#9).....		8	1	.889	289	166	10	2	.833	417	225	D 2 Washington (Pac 12 Champ)
Southern California (#12/#12/#12).....		7	2	.778	299	180	9	3	.750	395	266	bowl game TBA
Utah (#21/#20/#22).....		5	4	.556	284	251	8	4	.667	362	287	bowl game TBA
Arizona State.....		2	7	.222	256	372	5	7	.417	400	478	season complete
UCLA.....		2	7	.222	216	264	4	8	.333	299	330	season complete
Arizona.....		1	8	.111	203	393	3	9	.250	297	460	season complete

North Division (+4)		conference-----					overall-----					Next Up
School (AP/Coaches/CFP)		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
Washington (#6/#5/#5).....		8	1	.889	389	184	11	1	.917	537	214	D 2 Colorado (Pac 12 Champ)
Washington State (#23/#23/#23).....		7	2	.778	358	244	8	4	.667	484	326	bowl game TBA
Stanford (RV/RV/#24).....		6	3	.667	233	202	9	3	.750	317	242	bowl game TBA
California.....		3	6	.333	304	392	5	7	.417	445	511	season complete
Oregon State.....		3	6	.333	230	291	4	8	.333	314	366	season complete
Oregon.....		2	7	.222	296	408	4	8	.333	425	497	season complete

ALL-TIME BIGGEST OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN PAC-12 CONFERENCE PLAY FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT

School	Improvement		Previous Season		Next Season		School	Improvement		Previous Season		Next Season	
	Overall	Wins	Record	Year	Record	Year		Overall	Wins	Record	Year	Record	Year
*Colorado	+ 7	+ 7	1-8	2015	8-1	2016	Stanford	+ 5	+ 5	2-6	1998	7-1	1999
*Stanford	+ 6½	+ 7	0-6-1	1939	7-0	1940	UCLA	+ 4	+ 5	2-3	1945	7-0	1946
*California	+ 5	+ 5	1-6	1957	6-1	1958	Washington	+ 4	+ 5	1-5-1	1951	6-2	1952
Oregon	+ 5	+ 5	2-6	1993	7-1	1994	#Washington	+ 1½	+ 5	1-1	1944	6-3	1945

***—LAST TO FIRST:** Colorado is technically the first AND fourth team to go from “worst to first” in Pac-12 history. The Stanford and Cal teams did it, along with the '59 Washington team that was 1-6 in 1958 but went 3-1 in 1959 (the year Oregon, Oregon State and Washington State left the conference for up to five seasons). But in all three cases, Idaho was a member of the league those years but always played an abbreviated schedule (finishing 0-3 all three times).

INDIVIDUAL LINER NOTES

► **SS Tedric Thompson (4,0-4 TT, 1 TFL, 2 INT, 4 PBU, 4 3DS).** He had one of the best defensive “farewell games” in Folsom history, with four passes broken up, four third down stops. His interception at the end of the first half **extended CU's nation-best streak to forcing at least one turnover to 25 straight games** (Alabama is next with 24). His fourth quarter pick gave him seven on the season, tying him for the single-season best in CU history (matching Dick Anderson in 1967, Cullen Bryant in 1972). He has tied Tim James (1987-90) for fifth place all-time with 13 career interceptions.

► **QB Sefo Liufau (44-23-0, 270, 1 TD passing; 21-59, 1 TD rushing; 329 total offense).** He earned his 86th and 87th school records as he tied Cody Hawkins for the all-time CU mark in touchdown passes with 60. He upped his career best marks of passing yards (9,547) and total offense (10,475). He also went over the 2,000-yard mark for the season (2,150), tying Kordell Stewart (1992-94) and Joel Klatt (2003-05) for the most 2,000-yards passing seasons in a career with three. Liufau also threw for over 2,000 yards in 2014 (3,200) and 2015 (2,418).

► **ILB Kenneth Olugbode (5 TT, 1 FR/TD).** He scored his second career touchdown with his 10-yard fumble return for a score in the fourth quarter (he returned an interception 60 yards for a score against Colorado State in 2015).

► **CB Chidobe Awuzie (8 TT, 1 FR, 1 QBS).** He had his ninth career quarterback sack tonight, adding to his record by a CU defensive back.

► **WR Devin Ross (9-94, 0 TD).** He matched his career-high with 9 receptions (also had nine against UCLA earlier this month).