



2015 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



HAWAII 28 COLORADO 20

SEPTEMBER 3, 2015
ALOHA STADIUM, HONOLULU

GAME **1**

COLORADO	0	14	3	3	—	20
Hawai'i.....	8	10	7	3	—	28

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Hawai'i — Pedroza 11 pass from Wittek (Pedroza pass from Wittek)	0-8	12:35	1Q
COLORADO — Adkins 5 run (Gonzalez kick)	7-8	9:21	2Q
Hawai'i — Kemp 79 pass from Wittek (Sanchez kick)	7-15	8:07	2Q
COLORADO — Adkins 3 run (Gonzalez kick)	14-15	4:47	2Q
Hawai'i — Sanchez 27 FG	14-18	0:00	2Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 40 FG	17-18	8:44	3Q
Hawai'i — Bernard 1 pass from Wittek (Sanchez kick)	17-25	1:17	3Q
Hawai'i — Sanchez 27 FG	17-28	12:45	4Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 40 FG	20-28	3:48	4Q

Attendance: 19,511 Time: 3:48

Weather (81°): cloudy skies, 81% humidity, 5 mph winds from the east

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	HAWAII
First Downs	23	14
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	6-19 (1-2)	7-19 (0-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	53-215	34-99
Passing Yards	156	202
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	40-23-1	38-19-2
Total Offense	371	301
Return Yards	74	21
Punts: No-Average	8-31.5	9-44.4
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-2	2-0
Penalties/Yards	5/70	9/50
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-16	4-22
Time of Possession	33:16	26:44
Drives/Average Field Position	16/C31	17/H36
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-4 (12)	4-4 (21)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Adkins 22-90, Liufau 18-81, Lindsay 8-35, Powell 5-9. **Hawai'i:** Harris 17-68, Lakalaka 11-30, Pedroza 2-19, Wittek 4-minus 18.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 39-23-1, 156, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Hawai'i:** Wittek 38-19-2, 202, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 8-69, Fields 6-60, Ross 3-18, Lindsay 3-2, Adkins 2-3, Irwin 1-4. **Hawai'i:** Kemp 6-116, Pedroza 5-41, Collie 2-21, Unga 2-19, Bernard 2-4, Haynes 1-2, Harris 1-minus 1.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 7-36.0 (42 long, 1 In20); Team 1-0. **Hawai'i:** Sanchez 9-44.4 (53 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Spruce 4-14, Fields 2-1. **Hawai'i:** Ewaliko 1-15, Pedroza 2-3. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lindsay 2-64. **Hawai'i:** Harris 4-72.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Moeller 7,1—8; Witherspoon 6,0—6; McCartney 5,1—6; Carrell 4,2—6; Olugbode 3,3—6; Thompson 3,3—6; Franke 4,1—5; Gillam 4,1—5; Awuzie 4,0—4; Solis 1,3—4; Crawley 3,0—3; Gamboa 2,1—3; Jackson 2,1—3; Kafovalu 2,0—2. **Hawai'i:** Shawley 8,6—14; Nelson 10,1—11; Williams 5,2—7; Phillips 6,0—6; three with 5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Franke 1-16, Gamboa 1-0. **Hawai'i:** Shawley 1½-9, Kema 1-7, Tulimasealii 1-5, Garcia 1½-1.

Interceptions—Colorado: McCartney 1-33, Awuzie 1-26. **Hawai'i:** Gener 1-3. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Awuzie 2, Crawley, Gillam, Moeller, Olugbode, Witherspoon. **UH:** Nelson 3.

GAME NOTES

The game ended at 2:57 a.m. Colorado time (MDT), the latest any CU sporting event has ever ended (four hours difference between Colorado and Hawai'i) ... Despite threats from three hurricanes in the Pacific the week prior to the game, none reached the islands and expected residual rainfall never materialized and the game was played under cloudy skies, though it was rather humid ... Colorado debuted a new look for the game, wearing silver (gray) helmets and pants with white uniforms; the Buffs wore silver helmets in the 50s and off and on in the 60s, but never the pant in this color before ... Colorado is **77-44-5** in season openers (**9-5-2** in season openers in the third year of a head coach's tenure) ... The **99** rushing yards by Hawai'i marked the 16th time in the last 31 season openers the Buffaloes held the opponent to 100 or fewer on the ground ... Hawai'i's **301** total on 72 plays were hard earned (4.2 per play), but 79 came on one play, lowering the average for the other 71 to 3.1; it was the Warriors' only play of 20 yards or longer (CU allowed 72 in 2014) ... **Chidobe Awuzie's** second quarter interception ended a streak of **262** passes by the opponent dating back to 2014 (CU's last pick was on the first play of the game at Cal on Sept. 27, 2014) ... Colorado had **215** yards rushing, its most in a season opener since having 255 against Colorado State in the 2004 opener (Sept. 4); the Buffs had two games with 200+ yards last year (against Arizona State and at UCLA).

HONOLULU — The host Hawai'i Rainbow Warriors scored early and staved off Colorado on several occasions and also benefited from a bizarre ending in dealing the Buffaloes a 28-20 defeat in the season opener for both teams.

Hoping to get off to a fast start, the Buffs fell behind in the first few minutes of the game, thanks to a blocked punt, and played catch-up all night long. Three times they pulled to within one point — 8-7, 15-14 and 18-17 — but each time, Hawai'i answered, and CU contributed to their woes by ending two potential scoring drives with turnovers deep in Hawaii territory.

The Buffs did do some things well, owning edges in total offense (371-301), rushing yards (215-99) and time of possession (33:16 to 26:44). But they also turned the ball over three times in addition to the blocked punt, which led to an easy Hawaii touchdown and two of the turnovers killed potential scoring drives deep in UH territory. Warrior quarterback Alex Wittek tossed an 11-yard touchdown pass to Quinton Pedroza on the third play after the blocked punt, and then found Pedroza again for a two-point make and an 8-0 edge.

Hawaii finally pulled away with a touchdown late in the third quarter and a field goal early in the fourth to take a 28-17 lead. Colorado managed to cut the gap to 28-20 on Diego Gonzalez's second field goal of the night, but a last-gasp drive that began with just under two minutes to play ended inside the Hawai'i 10-yard line when a chaotic final play resulted in the clock running down before the Buffs could take one last shot at the end zone.

It appeared as if the Buffs had gained a first down on the final play and that the clock should have been at least temporarily stopped, but regardless, when attempted to set the ball, the official hit a Hawaii player with the ball, enabling the ball to roll away as the clock expired. Sefo Liufau finished with just 158 yards passing on a 23-for-40 night but failed to throw a touchdown pass for the first time in his career, a streak that stopped at 20.

After the two teams traded punts following Hawaii's opening score, Chidobe Awuzie intercepted a Wittek pass and returned it 26 yards, giving CU the ball at Hawaii's 33. But eight plays later, Liufau was intercepted to end the threat at UH 12. Two series later, Derek McCartney leapt high in the air and came down with a Wittek pass and rumbled 33 yards to the Hawaii 23, and finally, the Buffs didn't waste the opportunity.

Three plays after McCartney's interception, running back Michael Adkins slipped in from the 5 and a Gonzalez PAT pulled the Buffs to within one, 8-7. Adkins finished as CU's leading rusher with 90 yards on 22 carries.

Hawai'i answered immediately, however. Wittek reared back and lofted a deep ball to Marcus Kemp, who had a step on Ken Crawley. Crawley tried to tackle and strip the ball at the same time, but Kemp eluded the maneuver and raced 79 yards for a score and a 15-7 UH lead.

Colorado's offense answered with a long drive. Phillip Lindsay's 41-yard kick return gave the Buffs good field position and nine plays later, Adkins scored his second TD of the night, this one from three yards out; Gonzalez' PAT kick pulled CU to within one again, 15-14.

After another Hawaii punt, the Buffs drove across the 50, but saw the scoring chance slip away when Christian Powell fumbled on third down. Hawaii then answered with a nine-play scoring drive in the final 1:12 of the half, culminated with a 27-yard Rigoberto Sanchez field goal as time expired to take an 18-14 lead.



COLORADO 48 MASSACHUSETTS 14

SEPTEMBER 12, 2015
FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME **2**

Massachusetts.....	7	7	0	0	—	14
COLORADO	14	17	17	0	—	48

BOULDER — Colorado enjoyed its best effort on the ground in eight years and literally ran away from Massachusetts, as the Buffaloes defeated the Minutemen, 48-14, in CU's home opener at Folsom Field.

Recent home openers hadn't been that kind to the home team either; CU had lost six of its past nine. But this Saturday was different. The Buffs, said coach Mike MacIntyre, "physically dominated" an opponent for the second consecutive week in snapping a nine-game losing streak dating back to the previous September. The Buffs got their win and then some, with their 48 points the most in a CU home opener since the 1999 team scored 63 against San Jose State.

Now 1-1 on the year, the Buffs turned an early shootout with UMass (0-1) into a basic ground war – and CU's stable of backs overpowered the UMass defense. The Buffs rushed for 390 yards of their 558 in total offense and scored five rushing touchdowns, with Michael Adkins II and Christian Powell each topping 100 yards. The last time CU could boast a pair of 100-yard rushers in the same game was in 2010, and easily could have had a third if CU didn't call off the dogs in the fourth quarter.

Adkins carried 19 times for 119 yards and a touchdown, while Powell ran eight times for 105 yards and two TDs; Phillip Lindsay added 73 yards on 10 attempts with his first career score. None of the three played in the fourth quarter, and all the first-teamers exited the game as well.

The game had the appearance of being a shootout, much like the meeting between the two in Foxborough a year earlier, when the Buffs won, 41-38. The teams swapped two touchdowns apiece in the first 18 minutes, with Powell and quarterback Sefo Liufau providing CU scoring runs on 15 and seven yards, respectively. With 10:29 left in the half, Adkins scored on a nifty 21-yard run to put the Buffs ahead, 21-14.

The game would then turn on the next two possessions. CU held UMass to one first down on the next possession, but when Minutemen punter Logan Laurent retrieved the center snap, his knee touched the ground before he kicked the ball and Colorado took over at the UMass 28. Diego Gonzalez converted the miscue into a 31-yard field goal for a 24-14 CU lead. Massachusetts got up off the ground and drove to the CU10, where on third-and-goal, Jimmie Gilbert pressured quarterback Blake Frohnapfel into a hurried throw with Ryan Moeller picking the ball off in the end zone to end the threat. UMass did not threaten to score the remainder of the game.

Colorado added another score before halftime, Lindsay capping an eight-play, 80-yard drive with a two-yard burst for his first career TD; he had the pivotal play on the drive, a 37-yard gallop that set the Buffs up on the UMass 11.

Gonzalez nailed a 30-yard field goal on CU's opening possession of the second half, and Liufau soon followed with an 18-yard TD pass to Nelson Spruce, who earlier in the game became the school's all-time reception leader when he caught his 216th career pass (he needed three coming into the game to pass Scotty McKnight). Powell then closed the day's scoring with an impressive 35-yard run around the left side, aided by some tremendous blocks, including a great downfield one from receiver Lee Walker that cleared the final path to end zone.

The Buffs hadn't rushed for over 300 yards in a game since rolling up 359 against Miami-Ohio in 2007, and nearly had 400 for the first time since 2002. For the 17th time in school history, CU did not commit a turnover or allow a quarterback sack as the offensive line played one of its finest games in years.

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Powell 15 run (Gonzalez kick)	7-0	11:45	1Q
Massachusetts — Wilson 2 run (Lucas kick)	7-7	7:40	1Q
COLORADO — Liufau 7 run (Gonzalez kick)	14-7	0:11	1Q
Massachusetts — Michel 18 pass from Frohnapfel (Lucas kick)	14-14	12:22	2Q
COLORADO — Adkins 21 run (Gonzalez kick)	21-14	10:29	2Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 31 FG	24-14	6:18	2Q
COLORADO — Lindsay 2 run (Gonzalez kick)	31-14	1:23	2Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 30 FG	34-14	10:33	3Q
COLORADO — Spruce 18 pass from Liufau (Gonzalez kick)	41-14	8:41	3Q
COLORADO — Powell 35 run (Gonzalez kick)	48-14	1:32	3Q

Attendance: 19,511 Time: 3:48

Weather (77°): sunny skies, 28% humidity, 3 mph winds from the southeast

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	UMASS
First Downs	32	20
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	9-15 (0-0)	6-16 (2-4)
Rushes—Net Yards	59-390	29-147
Passing Yards	168	250
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-15-0	42-24-1
Total Offense	558	397
Return Yards	1	0
Punts: No-Average	4-29.2	5-41.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	7/65	4/50
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	3-15	0-0
Time of Possession	35:57	24:03
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C30	13/M27
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	6-6 (34)	2-4 (14)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Adkins 19-119, Powell 8-105, Lindsay 10-73, Carr 10-55, Liufau 8-36, Evans 3-4, Gehrke 1-minus 2. **Massachusetts:** Young 7-62, Abrokwah 9-56, Michel 1-22, Wilson 5-21, Comis 1-8, Long 1-6, Woodley 1-1, Frohnapfel 3-minus 15, Team 1-minus 14.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 24-15-0, 168, 1 td. **Massachusetts:** Frohnapfel 34-20-1, 225, 1 td; Comis 8-4-0, 25, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 6-64, Lindsay 2-48, Fields 2-16, Bobo 1-13, Ross 1-12, S.Irwin 1-8, Adkins 1-4, Frazier 1-3. **Massachusetts:** Sharpe 11-138, Michel 4-60, Young 2-21, Custis 2-16, Wilson 2-minus 5, Long 1-9, Porter 1-7, Lemieux 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 4-29.2 (46 long, 1 In20). **Massachusetts:** Laurent 5-41.0 (56 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: MacIntyre 1-2, Spruce 1-minus 1. **Massachusetts:** none. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lindsay 1-18. **Massachusetts:** Bailey-Smith 3-54, Oliphant 1-28.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Crawley 8,2—10; Moeller 4,2—6; Thompson 4,1—5; Awuzie 4,0—4; Solis 3,1—4; Olugbode 1,3—4; Carrell 3,0—3; Gilbert 3,0—3; McCartney 2,1—3; Faló 2,0—2; Mathewes 2,0—2; Oliver 2,0—2; fourth with 1,1—2. **Massachusetts:** Bailey-Smith 12,0—12; Colton 7,0—7; Huber 4,3—7; Santos-Knox 5,1—6; Jette 5,0—5; Giles 5,0—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Awuzie 1-7, Solis 1-5, McCartney 1-3. **Massachusetts:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Moeller 1-0. **Massachusetts:** none. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Crawley, Gillam, Mathewes, Oliver, Thompson. **Massachusetts:** Bailey-Smith 2, Jette 1.

GAME NOTES

Colorado dressed **78** players for the game and played **71**, including 10 who saw their first game action in a CU uniform ... The 34-point margin of victory was the most in the MacIntyre Era (topping a 43-10 win over Charleston Southern in 2013) ... This was CU's **1,200th** all-time game, the Buffs also won numbers 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 700, 800, 900 and 1,000 ... Moeller's interception was CU's third in two games, matching its entire total for the 2014 season ... The **558** yards were the second-most in the Mac Era to the 630 at Cal last year, but that was a double OT game ... The offensive line was honored as the state's "player of the week" by the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation; Colorado averaged **9.1** yards per first down rushing play – picking up five or more yards 19 times in 28 tries ... Powell enjoyed his fifth career 100-yard rushing game while Adkins had his fourth ... Spruce ended the game with 219 career catches, as well as closing in on the yardage and touchdown records ... This was the second of a three-game series with Massachusetts; the third contest is several years out, as the Minutemen will return to Boulder to open the 2021 season.



COLORADO 27 COLORADO STATE 24 (OT)

SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

SPORTS AUTHORITY FIELD AT MILE HIGH, DENVER

GAME **3**

COLORADO	0	10	7	7	3	—	27
Colorado State.....	14	0	3	7	0	—	24

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Colorado State — Dawkins 13 run (Bryan kick)	0-7	7:47	1Q
Colorado State — Higgins 25 pass from Stevens (Bryan kick)	0-14	2:44	1Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 52 FG	3-14	13:06	2Q
COLORADO — Fields 65 pass from Liufau (Gonzalez kick)	10-14	4:44	2Q
COLORADO — Ross 24 pass from Liufau (Gonzalez kick)	17-14	11:28	3Q
Colorado State — Bryan 24 FG	17-17	6:54	3Q
COLORADO — Olugbode 60 interception return (Gonzalez kick)	24-17	8:50	3Q
Colorado State — Oden 1 run (Bryan kick)	24-24	4:29	4Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 32 FG	27-24	OT1

Attendance: 66,253 Time: 3:45

Weather (78°): sunny skies, 22% humidity, 3 mph winds from the northeast

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	CSU
First Downs	18	27
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	3-13 (1-1)	8-18 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	32-125	49-218
Passing Yards	220	282
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	29-15-0	39-25-2
Total Offense	345	500
Return Yards	72	27
Punts: No-Average	7-39.1	3-44.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	6/65	8/65
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	23:17	36:43
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C31	14/CS33
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-2 (3)	3-4 (17)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Powell 15-58, Lindsay 8-22, Fields 1-17, Liufau 3-15, Lee 1-12, Adkins 1-3, Ross 1-3, Carr 1-minus 2, Team 1-minus 3. **CSU:** Dawkins 20-118, Oden 25-80, Stevens 3-11, Gaines 1-9.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 28-15-0, 220, 2 td; Spruce 1-0-0, 0. **CSU:** Stevens 39-25-2, 282, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 6-63, Fields 3-79, Ross 2-36, Keeney 1-23, Lindsay 1-9, Powell 1-6, Walker 1-4. **CSU:** Higgins 8-125, Dawkins 6-59, Hansley 3-23, Long 2-17, Oden 2-7, Gaines 1-33, Cartwright 1-12, Williams 1-4, Johnson 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 7-39.1 (48 long, 3 In20). **CSU:** Hunt 3-44.3 (54 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **CSU:** Hansley 3-27. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lee 2-58. **CSU:** Gaines 3-91.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Olugbode 7,10—17; Moeller 8,3—11; Gamboa 4,7—11; McCartney 5,5—10; Solis 2,8—10; Awuzie 5,1—6; Crawley 5,1—6; Jackson 2,4—6; Gilbert 5,0—5; Moeller 4,2—6; Thompson 4,1—5; Witherspoon 4,0—4; Carrell 2,2—4. **CSU:** Davis 4,5—9; James 4,4—8; Matthews 3,5—8; Watson 3,3—6; Simmons 4,1—5; Pierre-Louis 3,2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **CSU:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Thompson 1-60, Crawley 1-12. **CSU:** none. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Awuzie 2, Crawley 2, Thompson. **CSU:** Foster, Matthews, Simmons.

GAME NOTES

CBS College Sports let KOA's **Larry Zimmer** voice the prerecorded opening for the broadcast of the game (it was Zimmer's 480th CU football game) ... Colorado sold **31,796** tickets (**7,145** student) for the game, CSU sold 31,601 and the Broncos 2,856; that despite 30 percent of CU's season ticket holders opted not to take their tickets for the game and received an equal value in number for a Pac-12 game (and yet most of the difference was made up by single game sales) ... Colorado improved to **7-2** in non-conference games under Mike MacIntyre (2-1 vs. CSU), **6-7** in overtime games and now leads the series **63-22-2** (**9-6** in Denver) ... CSU opened the scoring 7:13 into the game, snapping a **49:35** scoreless run by the CU defense—the longest since the 2010 opener when Colorado held CU scoreless the first 50:24 (and a 57:07 run counting the '90 finale) ... Colorado rallied from **14** points down for the win, tying its eighth largest comeback in its history; it eclipsed its largest deficit ever against the Rams to come back for a victory: in 1988, CSU jumped out to a 13-0 lead early in the second quarter but the Buffs rallied for a 27-23 win (on a Sal Anunese-to-Mike Pritchard 13-yard TD pass with 0:38 left) ... **SS Tedric Thompson** had CU's first block of an opponent field goal since Sept. 4, 2010, when DE Will Pericak blocked one late in the first half against CSU. It was the first blocked kick of any kind in the MacIntyre Era.

DENVER — DENVER – Colorado kicker Diego Gonzalez made the most of a second chance, calmly booting a 32-yard field goal in overtime to lift the Buffaloes to a 27-24 victory over in-state rival Colorado State at Sports Authority Field.

The winning kick came just minutes after Gonzalez had missed a 48-yard attempt on the last play of regulation.

Gonzalez's game winner was his fourth field goal attempt of the night. After hitting a 52-yarder in the second quarter, he had a 36-yard try blocked just before halftime. He didn't get another chance until his potential game winner near the end of regulation, then received his second chance on the Buffs' fifth play in OT.

The game winner was set up by safety Tedric Thompson, whose block of CSU kicker Wyatt Bryan's 27-yard attempt in the extra period put CU in position for the win.

CSU struck first, taking a commanding 14-0 first-quarter lead on a 13-yard run from Dalyn Dawkins and a 25-yard scoring pass from Nick Stevens to Rashard Higgins.

But after the Rams bottled up the Buffs' rushing attack early, CU turned to the air and the arm of quarterback Sefo Liufau.

CU opened the second quarter by marching to the CSU 28 before having an apparent touchdown pass from Liufau to tight end Dylan Keeney nullified by a penalty. The Buffs then settled for a 52-yard field goal to cut the deficit to 14-3.

Roughly nine minutes later, the Buffs got their first touchdown. Following a missed CSU field goal, Liufau connected with Shay Fields for a 65-yard touchdown to reduce the Rams' lead to 14-10. CU had a chance to pull even closer late in the quarter, but couldn't take advantage of a Ken Crawley interception and went into the locker room at half still trailing, 14-10.

The Buffs finally took their first lead of the game early in the third quarter by taking

the opening possession and driving 75 yards in nine plays for a touchdown. Liufau connected with wide receiver Devin Ross for a 24-yard strike and Colorado held a 17-14 lead with 11:28 left in the third quarter.

The Rams responded with a drive of their own, reaching CU's 7-yard line before the Buff defense stiffened, forcing CSU to settle for a field goal to knot the game at 17-17 with 4:34 left in the third.

The Buffs took the lead once again midway through the fourth quarter when junior linebacker Kenneth Olugbode returned an interception 60 yards for a touchdown. The interception, Olugbode's first of his career, came on his 20th birthday, and was assisted by linebacker Rick Gamboa, whose hit on CSU running back Dalyn Dawkins popped the ball loose.

Trailing 24-17, the Rams then drove 75 yards to tie the game again on a 1-yard scoring run from Jason Oden with 4:21 remaining.

That set the stage for a last-gasp drive by the Buffs at the end of regulation. CU reached the CSU 30, setting the stage for Gonzalez's attempt to win it in regulation.

Liufau completed 15-of-28 for 228 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. Fields ended the night with three receptions for 79 yards; Ross two for 36. Nelson Spruce had six catches for 63 yards.

CU's leading rusher heading into the game, Michael Adkins II, was injured early, but Christian Powell picked up some of the slack with 58 yards on the ground.

The Buffs did not commit a turnover or allowing a quarterback sack for the second week in a row — the first-ever such back-to-back performances for the Buffs, and only the 18th such effort in CU history. It was also the first time since 1989 that CU did not throw an interception or allow a sack in two consecutive games.



COLORADO 48 NICHOLLS STATE 0

SEPTEMBER 26, 2015
FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME **4**

Nicholls State.....	0	0	0	0	—	0
COLORADO	21	3	17	7	—	48

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Lindsay 4 run (Gonzalez kick)	7-0	13:25	1Q
COLORADO — Powell 1 run (Gonzalez kick)	14-0	9:34	1Q
COLORADO — MacIntyre 38 pass from Liufau (Gonzalez kick)	21-0	4:55	1Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 46 FG	24-0	2:21	2Q
COLORADO — Lindsay 1 run (Gonzalez kick)	31-0	7:15	3Q
COLORADO — Lee 59 run (Gonzalez kick)	38-0	4:22	3Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 46 FG	41-0	0:57	3Q
COLORADO — Evans 2 run (Graham kick)	48-0	4:46	4Q

Attendance: 37,302 Time: 3:06

Weather (68°): sunny skies, 43% humidity, 5 mph winds from the east

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	NICHOLLS
First Downs	33	8
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	9-18 (2-3)	4-16 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	62-358	34-126
Passing Yards	278	40
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	31-18-0	22-6-2
Total Offense	636	166
Return Yards	33	0
Punts: No-Average	2-38.0	10-41.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties/Yards	4/30	4/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-17	0-0
Time of Possession	35:49	24:11
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C47	14/NS15
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	5-9 (31)	0-0 (0)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Lindsay 17-113, Lee 10-103, Powell 13-73, Evans 15-48, Gehrke 1-13, Liufau 4-11, Team 2-minus 3. **Nicholls:** Henry 15-65, Figaro 8-30, Lofton 4-18, Wilson 5-18, Ledet 1-3, Klann 1-minus 8.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 21-13-0, 168, 1 td; Apsay 6-4-0, 48, 0 td; Gehrke 4-1-0, 3. **Nicholls:** Figaro 22-6-2, 40, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 5-80, MacIntyre 3-53, Powell 3-50, Fields 3-47, Walker 1-19, Bobo 1-14, Evans 1-8, Hill 1-7. **Nicholls:** Bates 2-27, LeBouef 1-5, Singleton 1-5, Lucas 1-5, Marcus 1-minus 2.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 2-38.0 (43 long, 1 In20, 1 TB). **Nicholls:** St. Germain 9-41.3 (52 long, 0 In20, 1 TB); Sciambra 1-38.0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: MacIntyre 2-35, Spruce 1-minus 2. **Nicholls:** none. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lee 1-27. **Nicholls:** Marcus 2-30, Wilson 1-12, Lofton 2-5.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Gamboa 7,2—9; Mathewes 5,1—6; Olugbode 2,3—5; Awuzie 3,1—4; Coleman 2,2—4; Faló 2,2—4; Shaver 2,2—4; Crawley 3,0—3; Laguda 3,0—3; Solis 3,0—3; Oliver 2,1—3; Robbins 2,1—3; Moeler 1,2—3. **Nicholls:** White 9,2—11; Abraham 5,3—8; Adams 6,0—6; Sanders 5,1—6; three with 5,0—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Gilbert 1-9, Mathewes 1-8. **Nicholls:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Bell 2-0. **Nicholls:** none. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Crawley, Laguda, Oliver, Thompson, White. **Nicholls:** Dullary.

GAME NOTES

CU has won three straight games for the first time since the first three games of the 2008 season ... CU recorded its first shutout since a **24-0** blanking of Wyoming in Boulder on Sept. 19, 2009; it was also CU's largest margin of victory since a **66-14** win over NE Louisiana on Sept. 16, 1995 ... The **48**-point margin of victory is the most in the MacIntyre Era (topping a 48-14 win over UMass two weeks earlier) ... CU has **143** points in four games, its most after four games since 1999 (152; **20-plus** in all, last time accomplished in 2002 to open a season) ... Colorado did not have a negative play on offense until its 92nd and 93rd plays—the two kneel-downs at the end of the game ... Colorado ran 71 plays in plus territory (Nicholls ran 3); the only drive CU did not run a play on the Nicholls side of the field out of 14 drives was the one where Donovan Lee scored on a **59-yard** run ... CU had **33** first downs, earned by **13** different players ... Nicholls' average field position was its own 15, starting 10 of 14 drives at its 20 or worse (eight inside-the-20) ... The **636** yards are the most in the Mac Era to the 630 at Cal in 2014 (in 2 OT); the regulation high was 558 against UMass two weeks ago ... With **358** yards rushing and **278** passing, it marked the 56th time the Buffs had over **200** yards in each (**48-8** in those games) ... This is the second shutout in MacIntyre's career; at San Jose State, the Spartans shutout Navy, **12-0**, in 2012 ... CU played **70** of **78** players who dressed for the game.

BOULDER – On a hot, cloudless early autumn Saturday, Mike MacIntyre's Colorado Buffaloes warmed up for their Pac-12 opener by taking a 48-0 win over the Nicholls Colonels at Folsom Field.

Scoring on its first three possessions, CU (3-1) won its third consecutive game for the first time since the 2008 team opened that season 3-0. Also, the Buffs' shutout was their first since 2009 — 24-0 against Wyoming — and their margin of victory was the largest of the MacIntyre Era and CU's fattest since a 66-14 rout of Northeast Louisiana in 1995.

By afternoon's end, the Buffs had amassed 636 yards in total offense (358 rushing, 278 passing) while holding the Colonels to 166 total yards. CU ran 71 of its 93 total plays in plus territory; Nicholls ran only three. The Buffs' average starting field position was their own 47; the Colonels' was their own 15.

Colorado led 21-0 after the first quarter and 24-0 at the half.

CU totaled 242 of its 636 yards in the first quarter, and driving those early offensive numbers were senior Nelson Spruce and sophomore Phillip Lindsay. Spruce's 60 first-half receiving yards pushed him ahead of Michael Westbrook as the school's career receiving leader. Westbrook totaled 2,548 yards from 1991-94; Spruce ended Saturday with 2,570.

Lindsay's 13 first-half carries netted 101 yards for his second career 100-yard rushing game. He finished with 113 yards and two TDs, and was one of two 100-yard rushers. Receiver-turned-tailback Donovan Lee ran 10 times for 103 yards, including a 59-yard scoring run.

CU quarterback Sefo Liufau finished the first two quarters 9-of-17 for 156 yards, including a 38-yard touchdown pass to redshirt freshman Jay MacIntyre.

The Buffs scored on three consecutive drives to open the game, none of them requiring more than eight plays or three minutes and the shortest march covering 50 yards (the others were 70 and 55). The running game accounted for the Buffs' first two scores — a 4-yard run by Lindsay, a 2-yarder by Christian Powell — before Liufau teamed with Jay MacIntyre for their 38-yard score. Powell's afternoon concluded after three quarters, producing 73 yards on 13 attempts and one score.

Diego Gonzalez added a 47-yard field goal that was set up by sixth-year senior Jered Bell's first interception of the season, and Bell would add another before the day was over. Liufau played three series into the third quarter before being replaced by backup Jordan Gehrke and went to the bench 13-of-21 for 227 yards and one TD. Liufau has not thrown an interception in his last 105 attempts.

Lindsay accounted for CU's first points after intermission with a 1-yard run, capping a six-play, 58-yard drive that would be Liufau's last of the afternoon. The Buffs shot ahead 31-0, but less than three minutes later Lee — a former high school running back shifted to his former position five days ago — broke free on a 59-yard scoring run that pushed CU up 38-0 with 4:22 left in the third quarter.

Gonzalez's 46-yard field goal made it 41-0 in the final minute of the third quarter and No. 3 quarterback Cade Apsay engineered a 13-play, 66-yard drive in the fourth period, handing off to Kyle Evans for his first collegiate TD — a 2-yard run to complete the scoring.

The Buffs also completed their third straight game without allowing a quarterback sack, and while they did have their first offensive turnover in three games — a fumble — they also forced three Nicholls turnovers, their third straight game leading the turnover battle.



OREGON 41 COLORADO 24

OCTOBER 3, 2015
FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME **5**

Oregon	7	10	14	10	—	41
COLORADO	7	10	0	7	—	24

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Oregon — Freeman 29 run (Schneider kick)	7-0	9:11	1Q
COLORADO — Powell 2 run (Gonzalez kick)	7-7	1:44	1Q
COLORADO — Fields 8 pass from Liufau (Gonzalez kick)	14-7	13:07	2Q
Oregon — Nelson 39 pass from Addison (Schneider kick)	14-14	11:49	2Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 52 FG	17-14	9:21	2Q
Oregon — Schneider 39 FG	17-17	1:57	2Q
Oregon — Freeman 3 run (Schneider kick)	17-24	10:03	3Q
Oregon — Griffin 2 run (Schneider kick)	17-31	2:12	3Q
COLORADO — Liufau 7 run (Gonzalez kick)	24-31	10:29	4Q
Oregon — Brown 43 pass from Taylor Alie (Schneider kick)	24-38	8:43	4Q
Oregon — Schneider 33 FG	24-41	2:37	4Q

Attendance: 46,222 Time: 3:23

Weather (52°): light rain/drizzle, 100% humidity, 7 mph winds from the north

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	OREGON
First Downs	18	27
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	7-17 (1-2)	7-16 (0-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	36-77	60-361
Passing Yards	231	176
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	42-25-1	21-13-1
Total Offense	308	537
Return Yards	1	6
Punts: No-Average	6-46.0	4-34.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties/Yards	6/41	4/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	3-6	5-38
Time of Possession	30:05	29:55
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C27	15/O38
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-3 (21)	3-4 (21)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Lindsay 12-37, Powell 10-30, Lee 1-8, Liufau 13-2. **Oregon:** Freeman 27-163, Griffin 10-109, Benoit 8-32, Alie 5-22, Lockie 5-18, Addison 2-17, Brooks-James 1-4, Team 2-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 42-25-1, 231, 1 td. **Oregon:** Alie 9-4-0, 83, 1 td; Lockie 11-8-1, 54, 0 td; Addison 1-1-0, 39, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 6-87, Fields 5-31, Lindsay 4-60, Bobo 2-13, Ross 2-13, Powell 2-8, Lee 2-1, Irwin 1-14, MacIntyre 1-4. **Oregon:** Griffin 3-41, Freeman 3-32, Nelson 2-44, Addison 2-9, Brown 1-43, Stanford 1-7, Mundt 1-0.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 6-46.0 (57 long, 2 In20). **Oregon:** Wheeler 4-34.8 (44 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Spruce 1-1. **Oregon:** Addison 1-6. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lee 1-24. **Oregon:** Nelson 4-124.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Thompson 9,3—12; Awuzie 10,0—10; Gamboa 4,5—9; Moeller 6,1—7; Olugbode 4,3—7; Witherspoon 6,0—6; Gilbert 4,1—5; Solis 4,1—5; Jackson 3,2—5; Severson 1,4—5; Carrell 4,0—4; McCartney 3,1—4; Crawley 2,1—3. **Oregon:** Hardrick 7,1—8; Ihenacho 6,0—6; Walker 4,2—6; Robinson 5,0—5; Prevot 4,1—5; Buckner 4,1—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Jackson 1-3, Solis 1-2, Gilbert 1-1. **Oregon:** Hardrick 1-11, French 1-9, Jelks 1-7, Balducci 1-6, Mondeaux 1-5.

Interceptions—Colorado: Witherspoon 1-0. **Oregon:** Walker 1-0. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** McCartney. **Oregon:** Daniels, Jelks.

GAME NOTES

Oregon now leads the series by a **12-8** count, claiming the last six in a row and all five with both as members of the Pac-12 ... With ESPN sliding the kickoff back five minutes from the originally intended 8:07 p.m. start, plus the **56**-minute delay due to lightning in the area, the **9:08** kickoff and the **12:31 a.m.** finish were the latest in Folsom Field history (ESPN also televised the previous latest: Sept. 15, 2007 vs. Florida State - 8:15 p.m.; that game also was the latest to end at Folsom Field, at **11:46 p.m.**) ... Thus, this was the first game in Boulder to start on one day of the week and end on the next; in fact, on CU's 45-yard drive to cut the Oregon lead to 31-24, the Buffs gained **38** yards on Saturday and the final **7** on Sunday ... Light rain fell during a game at Folsom for the first time since 2006 (second half vs. Texas Tech) ... The **24** points CU scored against Oregon was its most in the series since a 51-43 win over the Ducks in the 1998 Aloha Bowl ... The game was tied at **17** at halftime; since joining the Pac-12, Oregon had outscored CU in the first half by **164-19** (35-0, 56-0, 43-16, 30-3) in the four previous games ... There was a moment of silence before the national anthem for the victims of the previous Thursday's shooting at **Umpqua Community College** in Roseburg, Ore.; both teams wore decals in tribute to the nine who died at the hands of the 26-year old gunman.

BOULDER – The Colorado Buffaloes twice held the lead in the first half, but Oregon used a strong ground game to break a 17-17 halftime tie and claim a 41-24 Pac-12 win at Folsom Field.

CU (3-2, 0-1) still trailed only by a touchdown with 10:29 to play. But Oregon (3-2, 1-1) reeled off 10 quick points and left with its fifth consecutive win against CU since the Buffs joined the Pac-12 in 2011. The Buffs entered the game with a 3-game winning streak, their first since 2008, while UO was out to avoid losing consecutive league games for the first time since '07.

Oregon rolled up 361 yards rushing and limited the Buffs to only 77, their lowest output of the season. CU quarterback Sefo Liufau passed for 231 yards and a touchdown, but was intercepted once and lost a fumble. The Buffs' 308 yards of total offense was their lowest output in five games.

Oregon's Royce Freeman, the Pac-12's No. 3 rusher (112.5 ypg), ran 27 times for 163 yards and two TD's, while teammate Taj Griffin added 110 yards and a score.

The game was delayed by an hour because of lightning in the area. The 9:08 p.m. kickoff was the latest ever at Folsom Field.

CU's first six plays were sabotaged by two turnovers – a Liufau interception that ended his streak of attempts without a pick at 107 and a lost Phillip Lindsay fumble.

An Ahkello Witherspoon interception in the end zone ended Oregon's first threat, but the Ducks took advantage of the fumble recovery with a 29-yard Freeman touchdown run to take a 7-0 lead.

CU, though, quickly answered with an 11-play, 63-yard scoring drive, getting a 2-yard touchdown run from Christian Powell. After Colorado's defense held, the Buffs took a 14-7 lead on an 8-yard scoring pass from Liufau to Shay Fields before the Ducks responded with a 39-yard wide receiver pass from Bralon Addison to Charles Nelson to tie the game again.

CU grabbed its last lead of the night on a 52-yard Diego Gonzalez field goal, but the Ducks got a 39-yard field goal from Aidan Schneider to produce a 17-17 score at intermission. Liufau finished the first half 17-of-27 for 192 yards while Oregon's quarterback rotation of Jeff Lockie and Taylor Alie combined for 10 completions in 16 attempts (one pick).

Oregon immediately went back to its ground success to open the second half, running on nine of 10 plays in a 74-yard scoring drive. Freeman ran 3 yards for the touchdown. The Ducks then extended their lead to two touchdowns by capitalizing on a CU fumble. The Ducks drove 54 yards in 10 plays and Griffin's 2-yard run gave Oregon a 31-17 lead.

The Buffs, though, wouldn't quit. On the first and second plays of the fourth quarter, they halted Freeman on third-and-one and fourth-and-one at the Ducks' 45. Nine plays later, CU pulled to within 31-24 with 10:29 still left in the game. Liufau ran for 23 yards in the 45-yard march, including a 7-yard option keeper up the middle for the score.

But the Buffs couldn't contain the Ducks after that. Alie threw a 43-yard TD pass to Jalen Brown with 8:43 left in the game, boosting the lead back to two scores, 38-24.

After CU failed to move on its next possession, Schneider added a 33-yard field goal with 2:37 remaining for the game's final points. The game ended at 12:31 a.m. Sunday, the latest-ever Folsom Field finish.

Defensively, the Buffs forced just one Oregon turnover, CU's lowest takeaway total of the season.



ARIZONA STATE 48 COLORADO 23

OCTOBER 10, 2015
SUN DEVIL STADIUM, TEMPE

GAME **6**

COLORADO	7	3	7	6	—	23
Arizona State	17	7	14	10	—	48

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Colorado Buffaloes came close to matching Arizona State in offensive yardage but couldn't keep up on the scoreboard, as the Sun Devils took a 48-23 victory at Sun Devil Stadium.

The loss dropped CU to 3-3 on the season (0-2 Pac-12), and marked the Buffs' 13th consecutive conference loss. ASU improved to 4-2 (2-1).

Colorado finished with 450 yards total offense, including 389 yards passing from quarterback Sefo Liufau. Arizona State finished with 491 yards offense, with quarterback Mike Bercovici throwing for 260 yards and five touchdowns.

While both teams moved the ball successfully, the Buffs were also victimized by a pair of bad bounces, both of which led to ASU touchdowns.

The first came early in the first quarter, when ASU's Demario Richard fumbled — and the ball bounced directly to teammate Kody Kohl, who took it 28 yards to the end zone for the first score of the game.

The second bad break for the Buffs came early in the third quarter, with the Sun Devils facing a fourth-and-2 from the CU 45-yard-line. CU cornerback Ahkello Witherspoon tipped a Bercovici pass into the air, only to see the ball land squarely in the hands of ASU's Tim White, who gathered it in and ran 45 yards to the end zone for a 31-10 ASU lead.

The Buffs also hurt themselves with turnovers, losing a fumble and an interception. An interception thrown by Liufau led to ASU's second touchdown of the night and a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, but Liufau then engineered a 75-yard scoring drive for the Buffs. Liufau threw a 42-yard pass to tight end Sean Irwin and Phillip Lindsay ran three times for 33 yards on the march, including a 16-yard scoring run that cut the Sun Devils lead to 14-7.

CU then appeared to grab even more momentum when Witherspoon intercepted Bercovici, but the Buffs couldn't move the ball and the ensuing punt was blocked. CU's defense stiffened and held ASU to a field goal and 17-7 lead, but the Buffs never managed to cut the deficit to single digits again.

Witherspoon's interception gave the Buffs at least one interception in all six games and nine for the season. The Buffs managed just three interceptions in all of 2014.

ASU extended its lead to 24-7 on a 38-yard Bercovici pass to Tim White, but Colorado did manage to get a field goal just before the half to go into the locker room trailing 24-10 at intermission.

After the tipped pass touchdown in the third period, ASU scored again on a 10-yard Bercovici pass to Devin Lucien. Colorado cut the deficit to 38-17 when Liufau threw a 68-yard touchdown to Devin Ross — CU's longest play of the year — but ASU answered with a field goal early in the fourth period for a 41-17 lead.

Both teams scored once more in the fourth, with Lindsay tallying his second touchdown of the night on a 2-yard run.

Liufau finished with 389 yards passing on 25 completions in 40 attempts — the second-best total of his career — and one touchdown and one interception, but he was also sacked eight times. Shay Fields had his first 100-yard game as a Buff, reeling in five catches for 103 yards, and Lindsay led CU with 48 yards on 10 rushes.

Colorado also fell short in the turnover battle, forcing just one ASU turnover.

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Arizona State — Kohl 28 fumble advance (Gonzalez kick)	0-7	11:02	1Q
Arizona State — Kohl 4 pass from Bercovici (Gonzalez kick)	0-14	8:33	1Q
COLORADO — Lindsay 16 run (Gonzalez kick)	7-14	7:12	1Q
Arizona State — Gonzalez 22 FG	7-17	0:46	1Q
Arizona State — White 38 pass from Bercovici (Gonzalez kick)	7-24	14:13	2Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 27 FG	10-24	0:05	2Q
Arizona State — White 45 pass from Bercovici (Gonzalez kick)	10-31	11:39	3Q
Arizona State — Lucien 10 pass from Bercovici (Gonzalez kick)	10-38	7:28	3Q
COLORADO — Ross 68 pass from Liufau (Gonzalez kick)	17-38	6:05	3Q
Arizona State — Gonzalez 26 FG	17-41	14:52	4Q
COLORADO — Lindsay 2 run (pass failed)	23-41	13:13	4Q
Arizona State — Foster 12 pass from Bercovici (Gonzalez kick)	23-48	10:21	4Q

Attendance: 44,157 **Time:** 3:07
Weather (92°): partly cloudy, 24% humidity, 3 mph winds from the west

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	ARIZONA STATE
First Downs	19	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	6-16 (0-1)	10-17 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	28-49	40-231
Passing Yards	401	260
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	41-26-1	31-20-1
Total Offense	450	491
Return Yards	0	48
Punts: No-Average	6-31.8	3-34.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties/Yards	9/88	3/19
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-7	8-42
Time of Possession	26:36	33:24
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C22	13/AS39
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-3 (16)	5-5 (27)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Lindsay 9-43, Carr 4-24, Lee 2-10, Powell 3-6, Liufau 10-minus 34. **Arizona State:** Foster 5-80, Ballage 15-45, Bercovici 7-40, Richard 8-21, Wilkins 2-10, Hayes 1-4, Brimhall 1-2, Wilson 1-1, Kohl 0-28.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 40-25-1, 389, 1 td; Spruce 1-1-0, 12. **Arizona State:** Bercovici 31-20-1, 260, 5 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 6-77, Fields 5-103, Bobo 4-29, Lee 3-10, Ross 2-90, Frazier 2-11, Irwin 1-42, MacIntyre 1-18, Liufau 1-12, Carr 1-9. **Arizona State:** White 7-144, Lucien 4-39, Kohl 3-32, Foster 3-21, Chambers 2-24, Lauderdale 1-0.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 5-38.2 (50 long, 2 In20), Team 1-0. **Arizona State:** Haack 2-35.5 (40 long, 2 In20), Bercovici 1-33.0 (1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Arizona State:** Hayes 1-15, Tautalatasi 1-3. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** none. **Arizona State:** White 3-82, Hayes 1-8.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Crawley 7,0—7; Thompson 5,1—6; Awuzie 4,2—6; McCartney 4,2—6; Carrell 3,3—6; Witherspoon 4,1—5; Gamboa 3,2—5; Jackson 3,2—5; Severson 3,2—5; Robbins 4,0—4; Awini 3,1—4; Solis 1,3—4; Moeller 2,0—2. **Arizona State:** Longino 7,1—8; Brown 6,0—6; Fiso 6,0—6; Sam 5,1—6; Simone 4,2—6; Calhoun 3,3—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Awuzie 1-7. **Arizona State:** Longino 2½-12, Calhoun 1½-8, Adams 1-7, Carrington 1-7, Smallwood 1-2, Johnson ½-3, Cherry ½-3.

Interceptions—Colorado: Witherspoon 1-0. **Arizona State:** Orr 1-30. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Crawley, Gamboa, Oliver. **Arizona State:** Latu.

GAME NOTES

Arizona State now leads the series by a **7-0** count (**4-0** in Tempe), with only USC reeling off more wins at the start of a series against Colorado ... CU's **24-10** halftime deficit was much different than its last two trips to Tempe, when CU trailed by a combined **76-13** (31-7 in 2011, 45-6 in 2013) ... Colorado made at least one field goal in its first **six** games this season, the longest streak since ending 2010 with six games and starting 2011 with two for eight overall ... **CB Ahkello Witherspoon's** second career interception (second this season) gave CU an interception for all six games this season; the last time the Buffs picked off a pass in six straight games were the final six games of the 2004 season ... CU's first down defense in the first half limited ASU to **52** yards on 14 plays ... the longest two plays being **9** yards; that was 3.7 per play. For the game, ASU ran 27 plays for 107 yards (**3.96** per), earning a first down just once (an 11-yard run by Bercovici) ... Colorado improved to **10-of-10** on 3rd-&-1 this season ... Arizona State had the most sacks (eight) since Missouri and Texas A&M both had eight against the in back-to-back games against Buffs during the 2009 season ... **WR Shay Fields** (5-103, 0 TD) had his first career 100-yard game ... TE Sean Irwin's 42-yard reception in the first quarter almost doubled his previous long (22; he had 11 career receptions for 100 yards prior to the play) ... **Spruce-to-Liufau** connected in reverse for the fourth time in their careers: Liufau's four career receptions from Spruce have covered **68** yards with one TD. Spruce is **5-of-6** for **83** yards as a passer in his CU career.



ARIZONA 38 COLORADO 31

OCTOBER 17, 2015
FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME 7

Arizona	17	0	0	21	—	38
COLORADO	7	10	7	7	—	31

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Arizona — Skowron 44 FG	0-3	14:01	1Q
Arizona — Baker 79 run (Skowron kick)	0-10	10:15	1Q
COLORADO — Fields 72 pass from Liufau (Gonzalez kick)	7-10	9:31	1Q
Arizona — Kern 5 pass from Solomon (Skowron kick)	7-17	7:53	1Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 20 FG	10-17	13:30	2Q
COLORADO — Liufau 2 run (Gonzalez kick)	17-17	2:26	2Q
COLORADO — Liufau 4 run (Gonzalez kick)	24-17	11:51	3Q
Arizona — Baker 45 run (Skowron kick)	24-24	14:24	4Q
Arizona — Baker 25 pass from Solomon (Skowron kick)	24-31	9:17	4Q
Arizona — Randall 1 run (Skowron kick)	24-38	4:40	4Q
COLORADO — Fields 30 pass from Liufau (Gonzalez kick)	31-38	2:19	4Q

Attendance: 39,666 Time: 3:43

Weather (63°): cloudy skies, 32% humidity, 5 mph winds from the northwest

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	ARIZONA
First Downs	22	26
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	6-18 (2-2)	8-17 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	43-128	44-291
Passing Yards	339	325
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	44-28-0	40-25-0
Total Offense	467	616
Return Yards	0	10
Punts: No-Average	8-42.9	7-34.6
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	5-2
Penalties/Yards	9/65	3/25
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	4-20	2-23
Time of Possession	33:02	26:58
Drives/Average Field Position	17/C28	15/A31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-3 (12)	2-2 (14)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Lindsay 23-91, Carr 7-28, Liufau 10-13, Lee 1-4, Powell 1-1, Fields 1-minus 9. **Arizona:** Baker 23-207, Randall 11-81, Johnson 3-16, Solomon 6-minus 6, Team 1-minus 7.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 43-28-0, 339, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Arizona:** Solomon 37-22-0, 283, 2 td; Randall 3-3-0, 42.

Receiving—Colorado: Fields 8-168, Spruce 8-63, Bobo 6-51, Irwin 2-52, Lee 2-5, Lindsay 2-minus 1, Ross 0-1. **Arizona:** Phillips 6-106, Jones 6-94, Richards 3-49, Baker 3-40, Grant 3-8, Kern 2-15, Griffey 1-7, Jackson 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 8-42.9 (54 long, 3 In20). **Arizona:** Riggelman 7-34.6 (47 long, 3 In20, 2 TB).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Arizona:** Phillips 2-13, Griffey 1-minus 3. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lee 6-129. **Arizona:** Johnson 3-66.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Watanabe 11,3—14; Moeller 9,1—10; Gamboa 6,4—10; Awini 3,7—10; Thompson 4,4—8; Awuzie 7,0—7; McCartney 4,3—7; Gilbert 2,4—6; Falo 4,0—4; Crawley 3,1—4; Solis 3,1—4; Witherspoon 3,1—4. **Arizona:** Whittaker 11,0—11; Matthews 10,1—11; Denson 8,0—8; Magiore 4,3—7; Jackson 4,1—5; Parks 4,0—4; Gilbert 4,0—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Awuzie 1-13, Solis 1-4, Watanabe 1-2, McCartney 1-1. **Arizona:** Fuimaono 2-23.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Arizona:** none. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Thompson 2, Moeller, Walker. **Arizona:** Denson.

GAME NOTES

Colorado now leads the series by a **13-5** count, though Arizona leads **4-1** with both as members of the Pac-12 ... Colorado again wore a new look from head-to-toe in the game, all silver (helmets/jersey/pant) ... The loss was CU's 14th straight in league play, tying the school mark set over the 2012-13 seasons (eight of which have been at home, snapping the old mark of seven within the previous 14 game streak) ... **ILB Grant Watanabe** (Fr.) made his first career start in his first-ever collegiate game; he is just the second Buff to start a game at inside linebacker as a true freshman since 2006 (joining Addison Gillam, who started all 12 games in 2013) ... Pac-12 opponents had scored on CU in **13** straight quarters until Arizona went scoreless in the second; with Colorado shutting out the Wildcats in the second and third quarters, it marked just the second time ever and the first since Nov. 25, 2011 at Utah. CU had shut out a Pac-12 foe in back-to-back periods (Utah was scoreless at halftime). UA also went **38:29** between scores, the longest stretch CU has held a Pac-12 opponent scoreless since that Utah game (34:31) ... CU's streak of having at least one interception ended at six straight games, but still won the turnover battle, 2-1; the Buffs converted those into **10** points ... **QB Sefo Liufau** moved into third place all-time in passing yards at CU with **6,709**, as he moved by Kordell Stewart (6,481, 1991-94); the 43 attempts were the most he's ever had in a game without an interception (third most in CU history) ... **WR Nelson Spruce** continued to add to his school marks in career receptions (**250**) and yards (**2,797**). He moved into fourth all-time in the Pac-12 in receptions, moving past three players in the game including his position coach, Troy Walters (who had 248 at Stanford, 1996-99).

BOULDER – The Colorado Buffaloes overcame an early 10-0 deficit to take a 24-17 lead into the fourth quarter, but couldn't withstand an Arizona onslaught in the final period and dropped a 38-31 Homecoming decision to the visiting Wildcats. The loss was CU's 14th consecutive defeat in Pac-12 play.

The Wildcats scored 21 points in the final period. Jerrard Randall replaced UA starting quarterback Anu Solomon and promptly directed touchdown drives of 97 and 94 yards that pulled the Wildcats back into the game. They hadn't scored since midway through the first quarter. Arizona (5-2, 2-2) amassed 616 yards in total offense, including 291 on the ground.

When Randall was injured and sat out one play, Solomon returned and threw a 25-yard scoring pass to running back Jared Baker, giving Arizona the lead (31-24) again. Randall returned on the next series and engineered a 35-yard scoring march to give the Wildcats a 38-24 lead.

The Buffs pulled to within 38-31 on a 30-yard Liufau-to-Shay Fields pass with 2:19 to play, and gained possession one more time with less than a minute left in the game, but could not muster one more scoring drive.

CU quarterback Sefo Liufau was 28-of-43 for 339 yards and two scoring passes to Fields. Liufau also ran for a pair of touchdowns. The Buffs finished with 467 yards in total offense, with Phillip Lindsay gaining 91 of CU's 128 rushing yards on 23 carries.

Arizona opened the scoring by putting points on the board on two possessions that required 59 and 32 seconds. UA got a 48-yard Casey Skowron field goal and 79-yard scoring run by Baker and shot ahead 10-0 in the first quarter.

But Liufau and the Buffs had a quick answer, a 72-yard TD pass to Shay Fields.

Liufau was sharp in the first quarter, completing eight of nine attempts for 146 yards and the TD to Fields. For the half he was 13-of-17 for 183 yards. And after being sacked eight times the previous week against Arizona State, Liufau wasn't hauled down once in Saturday night's first half and only twice for the game.

The Wildcats answered with a six-play, 75-yard march capped by Solomon's five-yard TD toss to tight end Josh Kern, sending the visitors up 17-7 with Skowron's PAT.

The Buffs began their comeback with a 20-yard Diego Gonzalez field goal (17-10) that was set up when defensive lineman Jordan Carrell snatched the ball from Solomon after the QB fumbled.

Late in the second quarter, a CU possession appeared to end in a three-and-out, but Alex Kinney's punt grazed Arizona's Trey Griffey and was recovered by Jaleel Awini. Five plays later, Liufau powered in from two-yard line, Gonzalez kicked the PAT and CU took a 17-17 tie to intermission.

The Buffs took the second-half kickoff and drove 75 yards to take their first lead of the night. The big play was a 47-yard Liufau-to-Sean Irwin completion to the Wildcats' 15. Liufau scored his second TD of the night on a four-yard run, and Gonzalez's point after put CU up 24-17.

The CU offense, however, went quiet after that, and the Buffs' seven-point lead lasted three plays into the final quarter. UA brought Randall in at quarterback, and he promptly engineered a pair of long scoring drives that put his team back in the lead.

The Buffs held Arizona scoreless in the second and third quarters, only the second time the Buffs had held a Pac-12 foe without a point in back-to-back periods since joining the conference.



COLORADO 17 OREGON STATE 13

OCTOBER 24, 2015
RESER FIELD, CORVALLIS

GAME **8**

COLORADO	3	7	0	7	—	17
Oregon State.....	7	3	0	3	—	13

CORVALLIS, Ore. — The Colorado Buffaloes used a fourth-quarter touchdown and three consecutive big defensive stands to end a 14-game Pac-12 skid and carve out a 17-13 victory over Oregon State at Reser Field.

The Buffs started what proved to be their winning drive in the third quarter and finished it in the fourth. Boosted by 31 yards in offense from Donovan Lee — 27 yards rushing and a 4-yard reception — and a 22-yard pass from Sefo Liufau to tight end Sean Irwin, the Buffs drove 85 yards in 13 plays.

After back-to-back 6-yard runs from Lee, Liufau capped the drive with a 4-yard touchdown run for a 17-10 lead with 12:31 still left in the game.

OSU answered with a Garrett Owens field goal on its next possession to cut the lead to 17-13, but from that point, Colorado's defense took over. After the long touchdown march, CU could not put together another sustained drive, as OSU forced three consecutive three-and-outs.

But each time OSU got the ball, the Buffs defense turned away the threat. The Buffs twice recorded fourth-down stops in the fourth quarter, sandwiched around a three-and-out from the Beavers.

OSU's last possession ended with 24 seconds left on the clock when CU's Chidobe Awuzie picked off a Nick Mitchell pass on fourth down at the CU 38. The Buffs' needed just one more snap from "victory formation" to run out the clock.

OSU's 13 points were the fewest allowed by Colorado since the Buffs joined the Pac-12 in 2011, eclipsing 14 allowed against Utah in their first year in the conference.

Lee finished as CU's leading rusher, picking up 55 of CU's 188 yards on the ground on eight carries. He also caught two passes for 8 yards. Liufau carried 18 times in the game for 44 yards and a touchdown and completed 16 of 23 passes for 140 yards and a touchdown. The Buffs did not turn the ball over once, as Liufau extended his streak of attempts without an interception to 98.

For the first time in four Pac-12 games, the Buffs scored first, taking the opening kickoff and driving 73 yards before being forced to settle for a 21-yard Diego Gonzalez field goal. Lee provided the big play on the drive, a 17-yard run.

Oregon State quickly answered CU's field goal with an eight-play, 74-yard touchdown drive. OSU quarterback Seth Collins had a 27-yard run early in the drive, then completed an 11-yard pass to fellow quarterback Nick Mitchell on a trick play to put the ball inside the CU 5. The Beavers scored two plays later on a Ryan Nall 1-yard run to take a 7-3 lead.

After punting on their next possession, the Buffs turned to their defense to come up with a stop. The Beavers drove inside the CU 35-yard line, but on fourth and 1, Buffs defensive tackle Justin Solis stopped the 260-pound Nall for no gain. Oregon State was 0-for-3 on fourth-down tries.

The Buffs took advantage of the stop and drove 67 yards in 10 plays for a go-ahead touchdown. Phillip Lindsay had a 24-yard run to spark the drive and Liufau completed six passes, including a beautiful strike to Nelson Spruce for a 15-yard touchdown as the Buffs took a 10-7 lead. Spruce finished with six catches for 60 yards and a touchdown.

OSU responded with a nine-play drive that yielded a 42-yard Garrett Owens field goal to tie the game at 10-10. Neither team scored in the third, setting the stage for the deciding fourth period.

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Gonzalez 21 FG	3-0	6:26	1Q
Oregon State — Nall 1 run (Garrett kick)	3-7	2:58	1Q
COLORADO — Spruce 15 pass from Liufau (Gonzalez kick)	10-7	9:11	2Q
Oregon State — Garrett 42 FG	10-10	5:44	2Q
COLORADO — Liufau 4 run (Gonzalez kick)	17-10	12:31	4Q
Oregon State — Garrett 42 FG	17-13	9:12	4Q

Attendance: 36,977 Time: 3:13

Weather (56°): cloudy, 64% humidity, 1 mph wind from the northwest

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	OREGON STATE
First Downs	20	17
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	5-14 (1-1)	6-15 (0-3)
Rushes—Net Yards	44-171	41-202
Passing Yards	157	199
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-17-0	32-13-1
Total Offense	328	401
Return Yards	0	0
Punts: No-Average	6-42.0	3-36.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards	9/80	8/65
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	5-31	1-9
Time of Possession	33:44	26:16
Drives/Average Field Position	11/C28	11/OS28
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-4 (17)	2-2 (10)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Lindsay 9-51, Liufau 17-50, Lee 7-38, Powell 7-33, Carr 2-7, Team 2-minus 8. **Oregon State:** Nall 20-122, Collins 9-50, Brown 5-42, Bolden 1-5, Woods 1-1, Haskins 1-0, Mitchell 4-minus 18.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 24-17-0, 157, 1 td. **Oregon State:** Mitchell 24-9-1, 122, 0 td; Collins 7-4-0, 77; Team 1-0-0.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 6-60, Lee 3-25, Bobo 2-14, Lindsay 2-14, MacIntyre 2-3, Irwin 1-22, Ross 1-19. **Oregon St.:** Villamin 4-65, Guyton 4-56, Bolden 3-60, Mitchell 1-11, Lucas 1-7.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 6-42.0 (58 long, 2 In20). **Oregon State:** Porebski 3-36.7 (40 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Oregon State:** none. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lee 2-41, Hill 1-17. **Oregon State:** Bolden 4-110.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Awuzie 5,3—8; Bell 5,3—8; Kafovalu 5,1—6; Olugbode 3,3—6; Gamboa 1,5—6; Awini 4,0—4; Crawley 4,0—4; Gilbert 4,0—4; Witherspoon 4,0—4; Jackson 3,1—4; Solis 3,1—4; McCartney 3,0—3; Carrell 2,1—3; Thompson 2,1—3. **Oregon State:** Mageo 3,5—8; Hungalu 1,6—7; Peko 4,2—6; Saulo 2,4—6; Hill 4,1—5; Nol-Lewis 3,2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: McCartney 1-9, Kafovalu 1-8, Gilbert 1-7, Jackson 1-4, Awuzie 1-3. **Oregon State:** Pritchard ½-5, Noland-Lewis ½-4.

Interceptions—Colorado: Awuzie 1-0. **Oregon State:** none. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Awuzie 2, Olugbode, Thompson. **Oregon State:** Peko, Pritchard.

GAME NOTES

Oregon State now leads the series by a 5-3 count (1-1 in Corvallis, 3-1 in the state of Oregon where the Buffs are now 3-8 all-time; CU snapped a five-game losing streak in the state since its last win: Sept. 23, 1967 at Oregon in the first game ever at Autzen Stadium) ... CU snapped a 14-game losing streak in Pac-12 conference games and a 13-game road losing streak in league games as well (last win was a 35-34 win at Washington State on Sept. 22, 2012) ... The 13 points are the fewest CU has allowed in a Pac-12 game since joining the league in 2011; previous low came in a 17-14 win at Utah on Nov. 25, 2011 (thus ends a run of 30 straight games where Pac-12 teams scored 20 or more points) ... Colorado wore gold helmets, white uniforms and gold pants for the first time this season ... This was CU's first game as a member of the Pac-12 (out of six trips) at the Pacific Northwest schools closest to the coast (Oregon State, Oregon, Washington) where it did not rain during the game ... The game was tied for 31:47, the longest CU has been tied with an opponent in a game this season ... OSU gained 401 yards on 73 plays, but its eight plays of 20 yards or longer added to 210 yards, thus it gained 52 percent of its yards on 11 percent of its plays (the other 65 netted 191 total) ... CU now has at least one interception in seven of eight games this season and has 10 total ... CU was 13-of-13 on 3rd-&1 this year until the run ended on its ninth possession of the game ... Colorado's first down defense was some of its best in recent memory, holding the Beavers to 3.0 (88 yards on 29 plays), including 4-of-13 passing for a net 20 yards (with two sacks) ... **WR Nelson Spruce** e moved into third all-time in the Pac-12 in receptions (256) ... QB Sefo Liufau has now scored five TDs this year; that's the most scored in a season by CU quarterback since 2006 (7, Bernard Jackson).



UCLA 35 COLORADO 31

OCTOBER 31, 2015
ROSE BOWL, PASADENA

GAME **9**

COLORADO	0	6	10	15	—	31
UCLA	7	14	7	7	—	35

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
UCLA — Perkins 31 pass from Rosen (Fairbairn kick)	0-7	8:01	1Q
UCLA — Adams 96 interception return (Fairbairn kick)	0-14	7:01	2Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 25 FG	3-14	3:29	2Q
UCLA — Perkins 82 run (Fairbairn kick)	3-21	3:09	2Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 23 FG	6-21	0:00	2Q
COLORADO — Lee 1 run (Gonzalez kick)	13-21	12:06	3Q
UCLA — Starks 11 run (Fairbairn kick)	13-28	7:35	3Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 45 FG	16-28	1:06	3Q
COLORADO — Kafovalu 33 fumble return (Gonzalez kick)	23-28	14:37	4Q
COLORADO — Carr 6 run (Spruce pass from Liufau)	31-28	12:04	4Q
UCLA — Jamabo 2 run (Fairbairn kick)	31-35	8:28	4Q

Attendance: 51,508 Time: 3:31

Weather (87°): sunny skies, 13% humidity, negligible wind

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	UCLA
First Downs	34	16
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	7-22 (3-4)	6-14 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	56-242	26-138
Passing Yards	312	262
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	58-37-2	33-19-0
Total Offense	554	400
Return Yards	33	100
Punts: No-Average	5-43.2	7-46.4
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties/Yards	7/68	10/101
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-15	1-6
Time of Possession	41:05	18:55
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C28	13/U20
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	4-6 (21)	2-2 (14)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Carr 19-100, Lee 13-62, Liufau 15-45, Lindsay 6-24, Powell 3-11.
UCLA: Perkins 12-118, Jamabo 4-20, Starks 7-17, Rosen 1-minus 15, Team 2-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 57-37-2, 312, 0 td; Spruce 1-0-0, 0. **UCLA:** Rosen 33-19-0, 262, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 11-90, Ross 9-101, Lee 7-15, Fields 4-39, Lindsay 2-16, Bobo 2-13, Irwin 1-31, Frazier 1-7. **UCLA:** Payton 8-134, Perkins 4-41, Duarte 3-61, Andrews 2-20, Lasley 1-7, Starks 1-minus 1.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 5-43.2 (48 long, 3 In20). **UCLA:** Mengel 7-46.4 (64 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **UCLA:** Adams 1-0. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lee 2-47. **UCLA:** Johnson 4-111, Adams 1-14.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Thompson 9,0—9; Gilbert 4,4—8; Awuzie 6,0—6; Watanabe 5,0—5; McCartney 4,1—5; Witherspoon 4,1—5; Carrell 4,0—4; Gamboa 4,0—4; Kafovalu 1,2—3; Olugbode 2,0—2; Bell 0,2—2; Crawley 1,0—1; Solis 1,0—1. **UCLA:** Brown 12,6—18; Goforth 5,4—9; Johnson 7,0—7; Rios 6,1—7; Ankou 5,2—7; Clark 5,2-7.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Carrell 1-15. **UCLA:** Wallace 1-6.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **UCLA:** Adams 1-96, Meadors 1-4. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Crawley 2, Thompson 2, Awuzie, Coleman, Gamboa, Watanabe. **UCLA:** Adams, Ankou, Hollins, Johnson, Pickett, Wallace.

GAME NOTES

UCLA now leads the series by a **9-2** count (3-1 in Pasadena, 5-1 in California) ... Colorado is now **2-19-1** all-time in the state of California; the Buffs have lost nine straight in the Golden State since that last win (at UCLA in 2002)... CU fell to **10-7-1** in games played on Halloween (**5-4** on the road) ... The Bruins were the first ranked opponent CU played in 2015; the Buffs have lost **20** straight games overall against ranked teams, and have dropped **25** in a row against the ranked on the road (last win: at UCLA in 2002) ... Colorado ran a school record **114** plays from scrimmage, topping the previous marks of 110 at California in 2014 (double OT); the previous mark in regulation was 105 against Kansas State in 1992 ... CU held a **61-21** edge in plays in the first half, including a **40-4** edge in the second quarter; the 40 plays for a quarter were the most in a quarter in school history (old: 36 on two occasions); the **61** was a record for a half (old: 58 in the first half at Air Force in 1970) ... The **14:03** possession time in the second quarter was also a school best (old: 13:14 vs. Indiana in Boulder in 1980; the TOP for the game was not a record) ... Colorado has outscored UCLA **42-21** in the second half in the last two games ... This marked the 40th time since 1993 that CU has accomplished the **200/200** (at least 200 in both rushing and passing yards), and the 57th time in its history (**48-9** record in those games) ... **DT Samson Kafovalu's** 33-yard fumble return for a touchdown was the first by a CU down lineman since 2002, when Tyler Brayton returned one 14 yards in a 37-13 win over Texas Tech ... **WR Devin Ross (9-101, 0 TD)**. He had career-highs in receptions and yards, accomplishing both very close to where he played high school ball in Altadena.

PASADENA, Calif. — In a topsy-turvy affair that saw the Buffs rack up a huge statistical edge but trail 21-6 at the half before rallying to take the lead in the fourth quarter, Colorado couldn't hold on and UCLA slipped out of the Rose Bowl with a 35-31 victory.

After putting 278 yards offense on the board in the first half — and running 40 offensive snaps in the second quarter alone — the Buffs still had only six points on two Diego Gonzalez field goals to show for their efforts, and trailed 21-6 at intermission.

But after falling behind 28-13 in the third quarter, the Buffs fought back with a field goal, a fumble return for a touchdown and finally a long touchdown drive to take a 31-28 lead with 12:04 left in the game.

The Bruins, however, had enough left in their tank to retake the lead midway through the fourth period, and the Buffs couldn't muster another scoring drive on their last three possessions.

The game was full of big plays. UCLA's Ishmael Adams returned an interception of a Sefo Liufau pass 96 yards for a touchdown for a 14-0 UCLA lead. CU defensive lineman Samson Kafovalu had a 33-yard "scoop and score" of a fumble by UCLA quarterback Josh Rosen in the fourth quarter to cut UCLA's lead to 28-23. The Buffs had a 62-yard Liufau pass to Devin Ross on a two-play, 68-yard scoring drive that produce a 31-28 CU lead; the Bruins had a one-play, 82-yard scoring drive courtesy of a Paul Perkins run that put them up 21-3 in the first half.

Liufau finished with 312 yards passing and the Buffs rushed for 242. Colorado had 554 yards total offense and more than 41 minutes of time of possession on a school-record 114 offensive snaps, and wide receiver Nelson Spruce finished with 11 catches for 90 yards to become the Pac-12's all-time receptions leader.

After the frustrating first half, the Buffs took the opening kick in the third quarter and drove 75 yards in eight plays for a touchdown to cut the lead to 28-13. Donovan Lee carried three times for 27 yards, including the 1-yard touchdown run. Freshman Patrick Carr, who finished with 100 yards rushing for his first 100-yard game as a Buff, ran three times for 34 yards on the drive.

Later in the third, the Bruins answered with an 81-yard drive, getting an 11-yard touchdown run from Nate Starks to bump the lead back to 28-13.

CU then put 18 unanswered points on the board, first getting a 45-yard Gonzalez field goal to cut UCLA's lead to 28-16 before CU's defense came up with a big play. With UCLA facing a third-and-15, CU's Jordan Carrell sacked Rosen and forced a fumble, which Kafovalu scooped up and carried 33 yards to the end zone to cut UCLA's lead to 28-23 at the 14:37 mark of the fourth quarter.

Colorado's defense then recorded another stop of the Bruins and the Buffs needed just two plays to take the lead. Liufau hit Ross with a 62-yard pass on the first play to set up a 6-yard Carr touchdown run, giving the Buffs a 31-28 lead with 12:04 left in the game.

But UCLA once again responded. Rosen completed passes of 26 and 38 yards before Soso Jamabo carried in from 3 yards out and UCLA took a 35-31 lead with 8:28 left in the game.

The Buffs then had three more possessions, but could not muster a scoring drive as the Bruins held on for the win.



STANFORD 42 COLORADO 10

NOVEMBER 7, 2015
FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME 10

Stanford	7	21	7	7	—	42
COLORADO	7	0	3	0	—	10

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Stanford — Wright 1 run (Ukropina kick)	0-7	7:49	1Q
COLORADO — Lee 4 run (Gonzalez kick)	7-7	6:07	1Q
Stanford — Rector 43 pass from Hogan (Ukropina kick)	7-14	11:53	2Q
Stanford — Schultz 6 pass from Hogan (Ukropina kick)	7-21	1:51	2Q
Stanford — Hogan 1 run (Ukropina kick)	7-28	0:01	2Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 29 FG	10-28	11:36	3Q
Stanford — Love 47 run (Ukropina kick)	10-35	11:23	3Q
Stanford — Hooper 28 pass from McCaffrey (Ukropina kick)	10-42	14:52	4Q

Attendance: 40,142 **Time:** 3:00
Weather (45°): sunny skies, 36% humidity, negligible wind

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	Stanford
First Downs	15	25
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	2-11 (0-1)	10-16 (2-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	30-83	48-275
Passing Yards	148	197
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	23-13-2	27-18-1
Total Offense	231	472
Return Yards	71	38
Punts: No-Average	4-45.0	4-40.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	3-0
Penalties/Yards	3/21	7/55
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-7	4-30
Time of Possession	21:59	38:01
Drives/Average Field Position	11/C30	11/S34
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-4 (10)	3-3 (21)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Liufau 7-43, Lee 7-17, Carr 7-16, Lindsay 5-14, Apsay 4-minus 7.
Stanford: McCaffrey 23-147, Love 3-58, Hogan 9-40, Sanders 6-18, Burns 2-8, Wright 4-6, Chryst 1-minus 2.
Passing—Colorado: Liufau 18-10-1, 125, 0 td; Apsay 5-3-1, 23, 0 td. **Stanford:** Hogan 23-17-1, 169, 2 td; McCaffrey 1-1-0, 28, 1 td; Chryst 3-0-0, 0.
Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 5-75, Bobo 4-29, Lee 2-10, Ross 1-23, Keeney 1-11.
Stanford: Rector 4-66, Hooper 3-62, McCaffrey 3-15, Owusu 2-12, Love 2-9, Schultz 2-8, Irwin 1-20, Marx 1-5.
Punting—Colorado: Kinney 4-45.0 (49 long, 0 In20). **Stanford:** Bailey 3-40.0 (56 long, 1 In20, 1 TB); Robinson 1-41.0 (0 In20).
Punt Returns—Colorado: MacIntyre 1-0. **Stanford:** Sanders 1-25, McCaffrey 1-12.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Lee 2-55, Lindsay 2-38, Howard 1-minus 2. **Stanford:** McCaffrey 2-46.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Thompson 8,2—10; Olugbode 6,4—10; Gamboa 5,4—9; Awuzie 7,1—8; Watanabe 6,1—7; Bell 4,3—7; McCartney 4,2—6; Falo 3,0—3; Laguda 3,0—3; Crawley 2,1—3; Kafovalu 2,1—3; Gilbert 2,0—2; Solis 2,0—2; Franke & Jackson 1,1—2. **Stanford:** Thomas 5,0—5; Anderson 5,0—5; Tyler 4,1—5; Harris 4,0—4; Martinez 4,0—4.
Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Gilbert 1-6, McCartney 1-1. **Stanford:** Tyler 2-17, Shober 1-8, Anderson 1-5.
Interceptions—Colorado: Thompson 1-71. **Stanford:** Reid 1-1, Lloyd 1-0. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Bell 2, Witherspoon. **Stanford:** none.

GAME NOTES

Stanford now leads the series by a 6-3 count (3-0 with both as members of the Pac-12); Colorado leads 3-2 in Boulder ... The game took exactly 3 hours, the fastest this season involving CU ... **C/OG Sully Wiefels (Jr.)** made his first career start, doing so at left guard; he became the 21st different player to make his first career start for CU this season ... Colorado gained 80 yards of offense in the first quarter; in Stanford's 48-0 win in Boulder in 2012, CU had 76 for the game ... **Strength vs. Strength:** Colorado came in averaging 82.9 plays a game (fifth nationally); Stanford was allowing 68.3 (in the top 20 for the fewest allowed). And the winner was: Stanford. The Cardinal held CU to a season-low 53 plays, also the fewest since 2012 when it had 44 – against Stanford ... CU did a decent job corralling Christian McCaffrey, the nation's all-purpose yards leader, when it came to post-contact rushing yards (57 of his 147 yards) ... **SS Tedric Thompson** returned a third-quarters interception 71 yards to the Stanford 3; it was the fourth pick of his career and his first this season (he became the eighth CU player to record an INT in 2015) ... **WR Nelson Spruce** continued to add to his school and Pac-12 marks in career receptions (272) and went over the 3,000-yard plateau (3,022) in adding to his CU record; the first to reach 3,000 receiving yards at Colorado, four have done it in rushing ... **TB Christian Powell** did not have a rushing attempt, the first time in his career he did not carry the ball.

BOULDER — For one quarter, Colorado went toe-to-toe with No. 9 Stanford, but in the end, the Buffs could not keep up and the Cardinal took a 42-10 win.

CU (4-6, 1-5) lost its 21st consecutive game to a ranked opponent while Stanford (8-1, 7-0) won for the eighth consecutive time and dropping its season opener at Northwestern.

Each team scored on its first possession. Stanford capped an 81-yard drive with a one-yard dive by Remound Wright while CU ended a 75-yard march with a four-yard run by Donovan Lee for a 7-7 tie that carried to the end of the first quarter.

Lee had three carries for 13 yards on CU's first scoring drive and quarterback Sefo Liufau completed a 36-yard pass to Nelson Spruce.

But the Cardinal roared ahead with 21 unanswered points in the second period to take a 28-7 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Stanford took a 14-7 lead on a 43-yard pass from Kevin Hogan to Michael Rector on a third-and-18 play early in the second quarter. The Buffs appeared to be in position to stop the Cardinal after a Derek McCartney sack of Hogan on second down, but Hogan connected with a streaking Rector down the left sidelines on the next play to give the Cardinal a lead they would never relinquish.

CU took the ensuing kickoff and marched deep into Stanford territory, but then missed an opportunity to narrow the gap when Diego Gonzalez was wide left on a 37-yard field goal try.

Hogan then threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to cap an 80-yard drive and extend Stanford's lead to 21-7 before running for a 1-yard touchdown just before the end of the half. Stanford's final drive of the quarter was set up by an interception of Liufau.

The Buffs struggled all day to find an answer for Stanford running back Christian McCaffrey, the nation's leader in all-purpose yardage. McCaffrey rushed 23 times for 143 yards, caught three passes for 15 yards, threw a 28-yard touchdown pass and had three returns (two kickoffs, one punt) for 58 yards.

With seven carries for 43 yards, Liufau was CU's leading rusher in a running game that netted only 83 yards. Liufau also passed for 125 yards. Spruce was the Buffs' top receiver, catching five passes for 75 yards. Spruce continued to add to his school and Pac-12 record of career receptions (272), went over the 3,000-yard career mark (3,022) and pushed his streak of consecutive games with at least one catch to 35.

CU opened the second half by driving for a Gonzalez 29-yard field goal that brought the Buffs to within 28-10. But an onside kick attempt was recovered by Stanford and on their first play of the half, the Cardinal got a 47-yard touchdown run from Bryce Love to up their lead to 35-10.

CU later got a big defensive play from safety Tedric Thompson, who returned an interception of a Hogan pass 71 yards to the Stanford 3. The Buffs, though, were unable to capitalize and turned the ball back to Stanford on downs.

Stanford's final score was McCaffrey's toss to Austin Hooper early in the fourth quarter to bump the Cardinal's lead to 42-10. Both teams then turned to reserves for much of the rest of the game, and neither team scored again.

Stanford outgained Colorado 472-231, had 25 first downs to the Buffs' 15, owned a 75-53 advantage in plays and finished with a 38:01-19:20 advantage in time of possession. The Cardinal also converted 10-of-16 third downs and both fourth-down conversion attempts to 2-of-11 and 0-for-1 for CU in the same categories.



USC 27 COLORADO 24

NOVEMBER 13, 2015
FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME 11

Southern California	3	3	14	7	—	27
COLORADO	7	10	0	7	—	24

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Southern California — Wood 22 FG	0-3	10:35	1Q
COLORADO — Lindsay 4 run (Gonzalez kick)	7-3	5:15	1Q
COLORADO — Spruce 9 pass from Apsay (Gonzalez kick)	14-3	9:28	2Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 28 FG	17-3	3:14	2Q
Southern California — Wood 22 FG	17-6	0:00	2Q
Southern California — Pinner 4 pass from Kessler (Wood kick)	17-13	5:34	3Q
Southern California — McNamara 2 pass from Kessler (Wood kick)	17-20	2:32	3Q
Southern California — Smith-Schuster 36 pass from Kessler (Wood kick)	17-27	13:55	4Q
COLORADO — Frazier 1 pass from Apsay (Gonzalez kick)	24-27	6:13	4Q

Attendance: 37,905 Time: 3:06

Weather (41°): clear skies, 56% humidity, winds from the west at 3 mph

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	USC
First Downs	21	19
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	5-13 (1-2)	5-13 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	36-59	37-129
Passing Yards	222	204
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	31-24-0	27-17-1
Total Offense	281	333
Return Yards	71	41
Punts: No-Average	4-43.2	5-38.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	5/39	7/40
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-14	6-43
Time of Possession	31:10	28:50
Drives/Average Field Position	11/C38	12/SC32
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	4-4 (24)	4-4 (20)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Lee 7-32, Carr 7-24, Lindsay 8-24, Powell 4-11, Liufau 2-4, Apsay 8-minus 36. **USC:** Davis 14-89, Jones 19-61, Kessler 2-minus 14, Team 2-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Apsay 23-18-0, 128, 2 td; Liufau 8-6-0, 94, 0 td. **USC:** Kessler 27-17-1, 204, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 7-94, Fields 3-24, Ross 3-7, Carr 2-29, Lee 2-23, Irwin 2-21, Frazier 2-10, Lindsay 2-8, MacIntyre 1-6. **USC:** Smith-Schuster 3-66, Mitchell 3-59, Davis 3-28, Hampton 2-19, Rogers 1-14, Petite 1-9, Pinner 1-4, Jackson 1-3, McNamara 1-2, Jones 1-0.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 4-43.2 (49 long, 3 In20). **USC:** Albarado 5-38.0 (43 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Spruce 2-52. **USC:** Jackson 1-11. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lee 3-85, Powell 1-15. **USC:** Jackson 3-70, Davis 1-27, Ruffin 1-18.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Awuzie 8, 2—10; McCartney 7, 1—8; Bell 6, 1—7; Solis 5, 2—7; Kafovalu 4, 2—6; Gamboa 5, 0—5; Oluqbode 5, 0—5; Laguda 3, 2—5; Thompson 4, 0—4; Carrell 2, 2—4; Gilbert 2, 2—4; Oliver 2, 0—2. **USC:** Cravens 6, 2—8; Sarao 6, 1—7; Plattenburg 6, 0—6; Smith 5, 1—6; Marshall 4, 2—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Gilbert 1-6, McCartney 1-1. **USC:** Plattenburg 1-10, Cravens 1-8, Woods 1-8, Simmons 1-7, Bigelow 1-5, Sarao 1-5.

Interceptions—Colorado: Bell 1-19. **USC:** none. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Crawley, Watanabe, Witherspoon. **USC:** Jackson.

GAME NOTES

USC now leads the series by a **10-0** count (**5-0** in Boulder and with both as members of the Pac-12) ... The loss snapped a 9-game winning streak by CU on games played on November 13 (Colorado is 13-4 on the date and now 11-20 on Fridays; this was CU's first-ever football game on a "**Friday the 13th**") ... When Colorado took a 7-3 lead on Phillip Lindsay's 4-yard TD run, it marked just the second time in 10 games in the series the Buffs had a lead against USC (the other: when CU jumped out to a 7-0 lead against the Trojans in Boulder in 2011, CU's first year in the conference). That also was the biggest lead (11 points) CU had ever taken in the series ... In the first four Pac-12 games between these two, prior to tonight, USC had outscored CU 63-10 in the first quarter, 56-13 in the second quarter and 119-23 in the first half; tonight, CU won all, 7-3, 10-3 and 17-6. This season, USC had outscored its opponents **131-39** in the second quarter, but CU got the Trojans tonight (10-3) Before **QB Sefo Liufau** left the game after the first quarter with a season-ending injury (broken bone in his foot), he became CU's all-time leader in total offense (**7,842** yards; he did move into second place in career passing yards (**7,397**); the irony? Liufau, who wears No. **13**, was injured on Friday the **13th** ... **13** yards shy of becoming the school's all-time passing leader ... Following the game, **WR Nelson Spruce** was presented with the **Buffalo Heart Award** "by the fans behind the bench." The 17th annual award is coordinated by the same group of fans that initiated it in 1998; they select the player they feel best represents what it means to be a CU Buffalo.

BOULDER — The Colorado Buffaloes built their biggest lead ever over the USC Trojans in the 10-game history of the series, but couldn't make the lead hold and dropped a 27-24 decision.

It was USC's 10th win in 10 games against Colorado.

The Buffs also lost starting quarterback Sefo Liufau to a Lisfranc foot injury, sidelining him for not only the remainder of the season, but also for spring drills as he is expected to be out 6-8 months.

The Buffs jumped out to a 17-3 lead, scoring 17 straight points after the Trojans notched a field goal on their opening possession.

Liufau directed the first scoring drive, a seven-play march that covered 61 yards. Liufau completed a 12-yard pass to Nelson Spruce and a 20-yarder to Patrick Carr to fuel the drive, with Phillip Lindsay carrying in from 4 yards out for the score.

Following a USC punt, Liufau was injured on CU's next possession and the Buffs turned to backup Cade Apsay.

After an interception of USC's Cody Kessler by CU's Jered Bell, the Buffs extended their lead to 14-3 by going 26 yards to the end zone in five plays. Apsay capped the drive with the first touchdown pass of his college career, a 9-yard toss to Spruce. The catch was the 22nd touchdown reception of Spruce's career, moving him into a tie for the all-time CU mark with Scotty McKnight.

Following yet another three-and-out by the Trojans, the Buffs drove 65 yards in 11 plays before being forced to settle for a 28-yard Diego Gonzalez field goal. The 17-3 lead was the largest by the Buffs in the history of the series, and only the second time in the series the Buffs had held the lead. Apsay completed four passes on the drive, including a 20-yarder to Sean Irwin and an 11-yarder to Spruce, and Donovan Lee had a 13-yard run. Just before the half, the Trojans added to their total by driving 52 yards for a field goal as time ran out, cutting CU's lead to 17-6.

The Buffs defense was solid in the first half, limiting the Trojans to one third conversion in seven attempts, with three of those stops in the red zone.

But the Trojans stormed back in the second half. CU was stopped after receiving the second-half kickoff and the Trojans quickly took advantage. Kessler drove them 83 yards in 13 plays – eight of them runs – then hit fullback Jahleel Pinner with a 4-yard TD pass after the Buffs had sacked Kessler but given him another down due to lining up off-sides and the ensuing PAT cut CU's lead to 17-13.

On the first play of CU's next series, tailback Christian Powell fumbled and USC nose tackle Antwaun Woods recovered at the Buffs 34. Seven plays later, Kessler and tight end Taylor McNamara teamed for a 2-yard TD with 5:34 left in the third quarter, and Wood's PAT with gave the Trojans their first lead since their opening field goal.

The Buffs attempted to extend the lead early in the fourth quarter, driving into USC territory before stalling and sending Gonzalez on to try a 51-yard field goal. The attempt was blocked and returned it to the CU 36. On the next play, Kessler found receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster for a 36-yard touchdown to give USC a 27-17 lead.

Colorado scored once more to cut the lead to 27-24 when a 45-yard punt return from Spruce set up a 1-yard Apsay pass to tight end George Frazier with 6:13 remaining. CU gained one more possession, but it ended on downs and USC was able to run out the clock.



WASHINGTON STATE 27 COLORADO 3

GAME **12**

NOVEMBER 21, 2015
MARTIN STADIUM, PULLMAN

COLORADO	0	0	3	0	—	3
Washington State.....	7	7	3	10	—	27

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Washington State — Harrington 1 run (Powell kick)	0-7	1:17	1Q
Washington State — Williams 11 pass from Falk (Powell kick)	0-14	10:14	2Q
Washington State — Powell 31 FG	0-17	10:47	3Q
COLORADO — Gonzalez 24 FG	3-17	2:44	3Q
Washington State — Marks 16 pass from Bender (Powell kick)	3-24	14:25	4Q
Washington State — Powell 37 FG	3-27	3:51	4Q

Attendance: 25,121 Time: 3:15

Weather (31°): clear skies, winds from the east at 8-15 mph (wind chill: 20-24)

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	WASH. ST.
First Downs	17	30
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	5-16 (1-5)	3-12 (2-4)
Rushes—Net Yards	30-85	21-149
Passing Yards	238	332
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	41-26-2	57-40-1
Total Offense	323	481
Return Yards	27	42
Punts: No-Average	2-28.0	2-42.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	7/61	6/40
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-7	4-21
Time of Possession	29:05	30:55
Drives/Average Field Position	11/C26	11/WS34
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-3 (3)	5-5 (27)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Lindsay 16-78, Carr 2-9, Apsay 9-8, Powell 1-1, Team 2-minus 11. **Washington State:** Wicks 13-123, Morrow 4-27, Harrington 2-3, Falk 2-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Apsay 40-26-2, 238, 0 td; Spruce 1-0-0, 0. **Washington State:** Falk 35-27-0, 199, 1 td; Bender 22-13-1, 133, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 10-120, Lee 5-39, Keeney 3-31, Fields 3-31, Lindsay 3-6, Irwin 2-11. **Washington State:** Marks 11-110, Williams 6-71, Sweet 5-32, Lewis 4-42, Harrington 3-13, Wicks 3-minus 4, Baker 2-29, Morrow 2-17, Martin 2-7, Thompson 1-1, Priester 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 2-38.0 (40 long, 1 In20). **Washington State:** Charme 2-42.0 (54 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Washington State:** none. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lee 3-74. **Washington State:** Martin 2-38.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Gamboa 10,2—12; Awuzie 10,1—11; Bell 5,2—7; Oliver 5,1—6; Thompson 2,4—6; Olugbode 4,1—5; Watanabe 3,1—4; Kafovalu 1,3—4; McCartney 1,2—3; Carrell 2,0—2; Witherspoon 2,0—2; Laguda 1,1—2; Solis 1,1—2. **Washington State:** Allison 7,0—7; Luani 5,0—5; Dotson 5,0—5; Taliulu 4,1—5; McLennan 4,0—4; Palacio 4,0—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Kafovalu 1-7. **Washington State:** Vaeao 1-12, Mata'afa 1-8, McLennan 1-1, Paulo 1-0.

Interceptions—Colorado: Thompson 1-27. **Washington State:** Taliulu 1-42, White 1-0.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Crawley 3, Oliver 2, Awuzie, Gamboa, Olugbode, Thompson, Witherspoon. **Washington State:** Dotson, Luani, McLennan, Molton, White.

GAME NOTES

CU now leads the series by a 5-4 count (3-1 in the state of Washington, 1-1 in Pullman) ... the Buffs are 7-5-1 all-time in the state of Washington ... Colorado was shut out in the first half for the first time in 23 games, or since the 2013 finale at Utah (Nov. 30) ... The Buffs did not score a touchdown for the first time since a 38-3 loss to Washington in Boulder on Nov. 17, 2012 ... WSU had 149 rushing yards, its third most in the series, and five more than it had in the previous three games against the Buffs combined ... **QB Cade Apsay (40-26-2, 238, 0 TD)** became the 11th freshman (fifth redshirt frosh) to start a game at quarterback at Colorado; he threw for the seventh most passing yards in a starting debut by a CU quarterback (the third most by a freshman) ... **WR Nelson Spruce (10-120, 0 TD)** made his 45th career start, setting a CU record for the most starts by an offensive player (breaking a tie with **OG Joe Garten**, 1987-90, and **C Bryan Stoltenberg**, 1992-95); he also had his eighth 100-yard game of his career (and moved from 15th into 10th place in all-time on the Pac-12 receiving yards list ... **P Alex Kinney**. His first punt of the evening was downed inside-the-5, giving him CU freshman single-season records of 22 punts inside-the-20 and nine punts inside-the-10 ... **S Tedric Thompson** had his second interception of the season and the fifth of his career ... The wind chill hovered between 20 and 24 degrees for most of the game, but there was no precipitation.

PULLMAN, Wash. — Facing the No. 24 team in the country on the road with a freshman quarterback making his first college start, the Colorado Buffaloes needed a near-perfect effort to knock off Washington State.

They didn't get it. Instead, it was WSU quarterback Luke Falk who was near perfect in the first half while the CU made too many mistakes to keep itself in the game.

The result was the Buffs' seventh Pac-12 loss of the season, a 27-3 decision that officially eliminated hope of a postseason berth.

The Buffs had their chances in the first half, but couldn't take advantage. WSU took a 14-0 lead into the locker room at intermission, then added to the lead early in the third quarter with a field goal following an interception thrown by CU's Cade Apsay.

Apsay, making his first start as a Buff, played relatively well, especially given his inexperience. He completed 26 of his 40 pass attempts for 238 yards, but did not have a touchdown pass and threw two interceptions.

Falk, who left the game with a head injury after a sack in the third quarter, was 21-for-23 for 156 yards and a touchdown in the first half.

The Buffs kept the Cougars in check on WSU's first two possessions, forcing a punt on their opening drive, then stopping a Washington State fourth-down try.

But the Buffs couldn't take advantage either time. CU's first possession ended on a missed Diego Gonzalez field try from 47 yards out after CU drove to the WSU 30 and the second ended on its own 42 when the Buffs couldn't convert a fourth-and-1.

The Cougars didn't let that opportunity slip away. Falk completed a 29-yard pass on fourth-and-6 to keep the march alive and Keith Harrington capped a seven-play, 42-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run for a 7-0 Washington State lead.

CU's next possession ended after just four plays. An Alex Kinney punt pinned Washington State at its own 4, but 10 plays later, the Cougars were back in the end zone. Falk completed nine straight passes on the drive, with the score coming on an 11-yard toss to Dom Williams for a 14-0 lead.

Colorado then had one more chance to get on the board before the half ended. Starting from their own 15, the Buffs drove to the WSU 16 before a penalty stalled the drive. Gonzalez then missed a 33-yard field goal try.

Falk was injured late in the third quarter when his head slammed to the turf on a sack by Colorado defensive lineman Samson Kafovalu.

Backup Peyton Bender, however, finished the drive by putting the Cougars in position for a field goal and 17-0 lead.

Colorado finally scored late in the third period when Apsay engineered a 10-play, 66-yard drive that ended with a 24-yard Gonzalez field goal to cut WSU's lead to 17-3.

But WSU then put the game away by going 76 yards in 10 plays for a touchdown early in the fourth period. Bender tossed a 16-yard touchdown to Gabe Marks to give WSU a 24-3 lead with 14:25 left in the game.

Colorado had one more chance to score late in the game following a Tedric Thompson interception, but a bad snap led to an Apsay fumble on fourth-and-goal from the 2, and the Buffs turned it over on downs.

Washington State then drove 72 yards for a field goal and the game's final points.

Phillip Lindsay led the Buffs in rushing with 78 yards on 16 carries. Nelson Spruce had 10 catches for 120 yards, the eighth 100-yard game of his career.



UTAH 20 COLORADO 14

NOVEMBER 28, 2015

RICE-ECCLES STADIUM, SALT LAKE CITY

GAME 13

COLORADO	0	7	0	7	—	14
Utah.....	7	7	10	0	—	20

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Utah — Kenneth 16 pass from Wilson (Phillips kick)	0-7	4:45	1Q
Utah — Phillips 37 FG	0-10	7:27	2Q
COLORADO — Spruce 28 pass from Apsay (Gonzalez kick)	7-10	4:36	2Q
Utah — Williams 5 run (Phillips kick)	7-17	9:37	3Q
Utah — Phillips 27 FG	7-20	6:48	3Q
COLORADO — Lindsay 16 pass from Gehrke (Gonzalez kick)	14-20	4:13	4Q

Attendance: 45,823 Time: 3:15

Weather (26°): snow flurries throughout, winds from the northwest at 2 mph

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	UTAH
First Downs	19	18
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	5-16 (2-3)	7-17 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	33-49	50-216
Passing Yards	258	108
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	38-19-3	26-10-1
Total Offense	307	324
Return Yards	11	43
Punts: No-Average	6-37.0	7-50.6
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	7-2
Penalties/Yards	3/31	9/92
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-13	6-54
Time of Possession	28:32	31:28
Drives/Average Field Position	15/C26	14/U34
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-3 (10)	4-5 (20)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Lindsay 9-48, Awini 4-20, Carr 7-11, Powell 1-1, Apsay 6-0, Gehrke 5-minus 30, Team 1-minus 1. **Utah:** Williams 34-187, Wilson 13-32, Gonzalez 1-1, McClellon 1-minus 3, Team 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Apsay 18-8-2, 145, 1 td; Gehrke 20-11-1, 113, 1 td. **Utah:** Wilson 26-10-1, 108, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 5-111, Lindsay 5-49, Irwin 3-43, Bobo 2-31, Carr 2-14, Keeney 1-6, Ross 1-4. **Utah:** Poole 4-23, Scott 3-31, Smith 2-26, Handley 1-28.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 6-37.0 (47 long, 1 In20). **Utah:** Hackett 7-50.6 (59 long, 3 In20, 2 TB).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Spruce 1-minus 3. **Utah:** Hobbs 4-3. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lindsay 2-34, Hill 2-21. **Utah:** Butler-Byrd 2-44.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Olugbode 6,7—13; Gamboa 6,5—11; Bell 5,6—11; Carrell 7,3—10; McCartney 5,4—9; Awuzie 5,1—6; Gilbert 4,2—6; Solis 3,2—5; Kafovalu 3,1—4; Oliver 3,1—4; Thompson 2,2—4; Jackson 2,1—3; Watanabe 2,0—2. **Utah:** Paul 5,8—13; Fauonuku 5,2—7; Allen 3,3—6; Fanaika 3,3—6; Williams 3,3—6; Carter 3,2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Gilbert 1-9, Kafovalu 1-4. **Utah:** Fauonuku 4-31, Fitts 1½-17, Fanaika ½-6.

Interceptions—Colorado: Thompson 1-14. **Utah:** Butler-Byrd 1-29, Williams 1-8, Paul 1-3.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Awuzie 2, Crawley, Oliver, Olugbode. **Utah:** Fanaika, Fitts, Norris, Paul, Tu'ikolovatu, Williams.

GAME NOTES

CU now leads the series by a **31-28-3** count (**14-16-2** in Salt Lake City); Utah leads 4-1 since the two joined the Pac-12 in 2011; the five games have been decided by a total of **27** points (3, 7, 7, 4 & 6) ... CU wore silver helmets/white uniforms/white pants for the first time ever and wore 11 different uniform combinations in 2015 ... This was CU's first time with significant snowfall during the game since Nov. 11, 2000 (versus Iowa State in Boulder) ... The "Voice of the Buffs," **Larry Zimmer**, wrapped up his 42nd and final season calling CU games; it was his **486th** game (KOA surprised him pregame with special messages from 12 former players, including John Stearns, Mike Pritchard, Matt Russell and Chauncey Billups as well as three former head coaches (Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel and Gary Barnett) ... Utah at one point had converted 6-of-7 *second* downs into first downs, but finished the game 1-for-20 (including 0-11 in the second half) ... Utah's first down average (4.4) was skewed by the 64-yard run prior to halftime; otherwise the Utes averaged 2.6 yards per (including 3-of-10 for 13 yards passing). **TB Phillip Lindsay** finished the season with 1,042 rushing and 1,003 kickoff return yards for his career, going over the 1K mark for both during the game ... Apsay directed the offense for 32 plays (171 yards), Gehrke for 34 (107 yards) and Awini for five (29) ... **ILB Rick Gamboa** had 11 tackles to finish with 96 on the season, just the second freshman to lead the Buffs in single-season stops.

SALT LAKE CITY — Down to their third-string quarterback for more than half the game — and finally their fourth-stringer — the Buffs dropped a 20-14 decision to Utah to finish the season 4-9.

Colorado quarterback Cade Apsay made his second start in place of injured Sefo Liufau but suffered a concussion late in the second quarter and was replaced by Jordan Gehrke.

Colorado took the opening drive and moved deep into Utah territory for a first-and-goal at the Utes' 8-yard line. Apsay completed passes of 9 and 13 yards to Nelson Spruce and 16 yards to Sean Irwin. But when the Buffs hit the 8-yard line, Phillip Lindsay was stopped for no gain, Apsay threw incomplete on second down and was then sacked on third down.

That led to a 31-yard field goal try from Diego Gonzalez, and the attempt was blocked. It was the seventh-straight game the Buffs missed at least one field goal.

The Utes took advantage of the stop and methodically moved 80 yards in 13 plays for a touchdown and 7-0 lead. Joe Williams carried five times for 32 yards on the drive before quarterback Travis Wilson capped the march with a 16-yard touchdown pass to Kenneth Scott.

Then came another CU trip to the red zone and another empty possession. Apsay completed a 17-yard pass to Irwin on third-and-9, then threw 50 yards to Spruce, his longest reception of the season. The Buffs reached the Utah 6 on an Apsay run and penalty, only to see Apsay throw an interception on third down.

Utah pushed the lead to 10-0 two possessions later, getting a 37-yard field goal from Andy Phillips, but Colorado finally converted an opportunity into points on the next possession.

The Buffs were forced to punt from their own 15, but Utah's Boobie Hobbs muffed the kick and CU's Jered Bell recovered. Three plays later, Apsay hit Spruce with a 28-yard touchdown on a crossing pattern and the ensuing PAT cut Utah's lead 10-7.

The Utes took the opening kickoff of the second half and drove 68 yards in 13 plays for their second touchdown of the game and a 17-7 lead, then added a field goal on their next possession for a 20-7 lead.

CU's offense, meanwhile, struggled. Gehrke threw an interception on CU's first possession of the half, leading to the Utes' field goal, and could never get the offense untracked for a sustained drive.

The Buffs finally put together a long scoring drive late in the fourth quarter, with their fourth-string quarterback playing a major role.

The drive started with quarterback-turned-linebacker-turned-quarterback Jaleel Awini at the helm. With Awini and Gehrke alternating, the Buffs drove 80 yards for a score. Awini converted a fourth-and-2 with an 8-yard run before Gehrke came in to finish the drive, throwing a 15-yard scoring pass to Lindsay with 4:13 left.

The Buffs then held the Utes on their next possession to force a punt and take possession at the Colorado 19 with 2:28 left in the game. The Buffs put a scare into the Rice-Eccles Stadium crowd by driving into Utah territory, but Gehrke fumbled after being sacked from behind and Utah recovered to end the game.

Utah held a scant 1-yard edge in total yardage, 326-325. Lindsay led CU in rushing with 48 yards on nine carries while Williams had 187 yards on 34 carries for Utah.

Spruce's touchdown catch was the 23rd of his career, making him CU's all-time leader in the reception "big three," receptions (294, also the Pac-12 record), receiving yardage (3,347) and TDs. It was also his ninth 100-yard career game.