

GAME 1

COLORADO 90, SACRAMENTO STATE 53

Nov. 11, 2016, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Sacramento State 1-0

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
03 Strings, Justin	f 2-17	1-6	7-9	3	7	10	1	12	3	0	0	35
33 Hornsby, Nick	f 7-13	0-1	2-4	4	7	11	4	16	0	1	1	28
44 Suteville, Eric	c 1-6	0-0	1-5	3	4	7	2	3	0	2	1	26
00 Graves, Marcus	g 5-13	0-5	0-0	1	2	3	2	10	1	2	0	30
11 Jackson, Travis	g 0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
01 Jacobs, Chibweze	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	14
04 Ugojia, Iday	0-3	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	2	1	0	1	0	13
12 Dressler, Grant	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	12
14 Wu, Jeff	2-8	1-6	0-1	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	16
15 Battaglia, Matt	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
30 Patton, Joshua	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	7
50 Herrick, James	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	4
TEAM				3	3	4				1		

Totals..... 20-68 2-22 11-17 23 40 23 53 4 9 2 3 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 7-34 20.6%	2nd Half: 13-34 38.2%	Game: 29.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 1-9 11.1%	2nd Half: 1-13 7.7%	Game: 9.1%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-9 44.4%	2nd Half: 7-12 58.3%	Game: 52.4%	4

HOME: Colorado 1-0

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 3-8	0-0	1-2	3	9	12	1	7	2	2	1	23
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 3-7	0-0	0-1	0	7	7	1	6	2	1	0	25
21 White, Derrick	g 3-5	1-2	2-2	0	2	2	1	9	4	0	1	21
24 King, George	g 3-9	1-3	3-4	1	5	6	0	10	0	0	1	20
44 Fortune, Josh	g 4-5	2-2	1-1	1	3	4	4	11	2	2	2	24
00 Akyazili, Thomas	3-5	0-2	2-2	1	0	1	4	8	6	1	0	13
05 Brown, Deleon	3-4	1-2	2-2	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	15
12 Lombard, Mitch	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
14 Miller, Tory	3-6	1-1	2-4	1	4	5	2	9	1	1	2	19
15 Collier, Dominique	4-7	4-6	0-0	0	0	0	3	12	1	1	0	19
25 Siewert, Lucas	3-4	3-3	0-0	0	5	5	0	9	0	1	0	17
33 Repine, Josh	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM				3	2	5						

Totals..... 32-6013-2113-18 10 37 47 16 90 20 10 7 2 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 14-29 48.3%	2nd Half: 18-31 58.1%	Game: 53.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 7-11 63.6%	2nd Half: 6-10 60.0%	Game: 61.9%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 7-11 63.6%	2nd Half: 6-7 85.7%	Game: 72.2%	0

Officials: Keith Kimble, Jimmy Casas, Juan Corral

Attendance: 8322

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Sacramento State	19	34	53
Colorado	42	48	90

BOULDER — The Colorado Buffaloes shot down Sacramento State 90-53 on Friday night at the Coors Events Center, opening the 2016-17 men's basketball season with an impressive display of long-range shooting and overall balance.

CU, which shot 38.9 percent from 3-point range last season, hit 13 of its 21 3-point attempts (61.9 percent) and finished opening night at 53.3 percent overall from the field (32-of-60).

Dominique Collier (12 points), **Josh Fortune** (11) and **George King** (10) reached double figures on a night when 10 of **Tad Boyle's** 12 players who suited up scored.

Collier, coming off the bench, hit four of his six 3-point attempts while 6-10 freshman Lucas Siewert made all three of his shots from beyond the arc.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs rolled to a 23-point halftime lead (42-19), shooting 48.3 percent (14-of-29) from the field while holding the Hornets to 20.6 percent (7-of-34).

CU took a 3-0 lead on **Derrick White's** trey — the first field goal attempt of his Buffs career — and steadily pulled away over the next 8 minutes. White, who sat out last season after transferring from UCSC, finished the game with a team-high seven points and nine for the night.

Boyle said White "was about 70 percent" after suffering a twisted ankle in a midweek practice and Collier also was recovering from a foot injury.

Boyle used 10 players in the first half and nine of them scored. He cleared his bench in the final minutes.

The Buffs opened their first double-figure lead (16-6) on a 3-pointer by Fortune with just under 12:30 to play in the opening half. Fortune's trey was one of seven in the first half by CU, as the Buffs shot 63.6 percent (7-of-11) from behind the arc.

From that point, CU increased its lead to 17 points on two occasions before a layup by White at the first-half buzzer produced the 23-point bulge at intermission.

The Buffs kept up the pressure in the second half, building a 73-36 advantage with 7:47 remaining and coasting to their final margin. The Hornets never led and managed just one early tie.

TURNING POINT: After a 6-6 tie, the Buffs went on an 18-1 run to go up 24-7. CU hit four of its seven first-half treys during that surge, with Collier, Fortune, Tory Miller and Deleon Brown knocking down the four long-range shots.

CU STANDOUTS: Collier — 12 points (4-of-6 3-pointers); Fortune — 11 points (4-of-5 from the field, 2-of-2 3-pointers); **Wes Gordon** — 12 rebounds, 7 points; White — 9 points, 4 assists; **George King** — 10 points; **Thomas Akyazili**, 8 points, 6 assists.

KEY STATISTICS: The Buffs held the Hornets to seven first-half field goals in 34 attempts (20.6 percent) in building a 23-point halftime lead. Sac State's final shooting percentage was 29.4 percent (20-of-68) . . . CU finished with 20 assists on 32 made field goals and committed only 10 turnovers . . . The Buffs outrebounded the Hornets 47-40 but Boyle wasn't pleased with Sac State's 17 offensive rebounds.

WHAT IT MEANS: The best thing to be gleaned from most openers is a "W" — and that's what the Buffs took from this one. But that was far from the lone takeaway; Boyle's seventh CU team offered plenty of opening-night upside. It demonstrated depth, athleticism and every bit of the offensive firepower that was expected. As always, though, Boyle's emphasis in the coming weeks will be on ratcheting up his defense and board work.

GAME 2

COLORADO 67, SEATTLE U 55

Nov. 14 2016, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Seattle U 1-1

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
13 Chibuogwu, Emmanuel	f 3-4	2-3	1-3	2	1	3	5	9	0	3	0	1 21
21 Powell, William	f 1-2	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	4	4	3	2	0	28
41 Menzies, Aaron	c 4-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	4	8	1	0	2	13
00 Westendorf, Brendan	g 5-18	2-8	5-5	0	3	3	17	3	3	0	1	36
01 Means, Morgan	g 2-12	0-4	0-0	1	4	5	2	4	3	3	0	33
05 Kavaz, Matej	0-4	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	15
11 Ulameo, Scott	2-5	0-2	3-4	3	8	11	3	7	0	1	2	21
12 Do Campo, Mattia	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
14 Shaughnessy, Jack	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	3
30 Moore, Zachary	2-13	2-13	0-0	0	3	3	4	6	0	0	1	23
TEAM				3	1	4						

Totals..... 19-63 6-32 11-14 10 25 35 32 55 10 14 5 11 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11-31 35.5%	2nd Half: 8-32 25.0%	Game: 30.2%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-14 21.4%	2nd Half: 3-18 16.7%	Game: 18.8%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 6-8 75.0%	2nd Half: 5-6 83.3%	Game: 78.6%	1

HOME: Colorado 2-0

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 2-6	0-0	7-8	6	8	14	3	11	1	3	1	30
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 3-7	0-0	7-8	0	6	6	3	13	1	1	1	30
21 White, Derrick	g 6-12	0-3	3-8	3	6	1	15	2	3	1	1	26
24 King, George	g 3-8	1-5	0-1	1	5	6	1	7	0	3	0	19
44 Fortune, Josh	g 2-5	2-5	6-8	1	6	7	3	12	2	4	2	36
00 Akyazili, Thomas	1-5	0-3	3-4	0	3	3	1	5	4	2	0	18
05 Brown, Deleon	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	10
14 Miller, Tory	2-5	0-0	0-4	2	5	7	3	4	1	1	1	13
15 Collier, Dominique	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	7
25 Siewert, Lucas	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	8
TEAM				5	5							

Totals..... 19-53 3-18 26-41 19 36 55 18 67 12 19 6 7 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 10-29 34.5%	2nd Half: 9-24 37.5%	Game: 35.8%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 0-8 0.0%	2nd Half: 3-10 30.0%	Game: 16.7%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 11-17 64.7%	2nd Half: 15-24 62.5%	Game: 63.4%	5

Officials: Mike Reed, Kelly Pfeiffer, LaDonne King

Attendance: 6883

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Seattle U	31	24	55
Colorado	31	36	67

BOULDER — On a night when the Colorado Buffaloes' shooting deserted them, they were forced to fall back on the principles that head coach **Tad Boyle** holds sacred above all others: defense and rebounding.

Those came through, and they proved to be just enough to produce a 67-55 win Monday over visiting Seattle in the first round of the Legends Classic.

Colorado improved to 2-0 with the win.

HOW IT HAPPENED: One game after shooting a blistering 134-21 from 3-point range in a 90-53 win over Sacramento State, CU hit just 19 of its 53 field goal tries, including a 34-18 night from 3-point range.

But while their shots weren't falling, the Buffs still commanded a 55-35 edge on the boards and their defense provided a 36-24 scoring edge in the second half. **Wesley Gordon** had a 14-rebound, 11-point double-double — the 11th of his career — and **Derrick White** scored a game-high 15 points to go with six rebounds. **Xavier Johnson** added 13 points and six rebounds for the Buffs and **Josh Fortune** finished with 12 points and seven rebounds.

"That was the definition of winning ugly," head coach Tad Boyle said.

Indeed, the Buffs never seemed to find their offensive groove for any length of time. But after falling behind 33-31 early in the second half, Colorado put together a 16-2 run to take a lead the Buffs would never relinquish. **George King** started the surge with a 3-pointer — CU's first of the night after an 0-for-9 stretch — to give CU a 47-35 lead with 12:48 to go in the game.

CU's defense also stepped up in that stretch, as the Buffs collected four blocked shots and four steals along with forcing eight straight missed shots by the Redhawks.

The Redhawks, though, wouldn't go away and slowly chipped away at the lead. A Brendan Westendorf 3-pointer and free throw with 5:40 to go cut CU's edge to 54-51, and it took a White free throw and back-to-back 3-pointers from Fortune to give the Buffs some breathing room down the stretch. Fortune's second 3-pointer gave the Buffs a 61-53 lead with just 2:50 to go and they held the Seahawks at bay in the final minutes.

While the Buffs were no doubt cold offensively, their defense produced the same effect on the Redhawks: Seattle hit just 19 of its 63 field goal attempts, including a 6-for-32 effort from 3-point range.

The scoring difference came at the free throw line. Colorado shot 41 free throws and needed every attempt, as the Buffs hit just 26 of those tries. White, a career 83 percent free throw shooter at UC-Colorado Springs, was an uncharacteristic 3-for-8 from the line.

Colorado's shooting wasn't the only sore spot for the Buffs. One game after committing just 10 turnovers against Sacramento State, the Buffs had 19 miscues, which the Redhawks converted into 13 points.

TURNING POINT: After the Redhawks opened the second half with a bucket to take a 33-31 lead, the Buffs went on a 16-2 run, started by a George King 3-pointer. CU never trailed again.

CU STANDOUTS: Gordon had his 11th career double-double, a 14-rebound, 11-point effort that included six offensive boards. . . . White had 15 points, six rebounds, two assists, a block and a steal. . . . Fortune had 12 points and seven rebounds. . . . ohson had 13 points and six rebounds.

KEY STATISTICS: The Buffs had a dominating 55-35 edge on the boards, which included 19 offensive rebounds that produced 16 second-chance points. . . . Colorado also shot 41 free throws compared to Seattle's 14, and the Buffs hit 26 of those free throws.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Buffs improved to 2-0, but more importantly, learned that Boyle's insistence on rebounding and defense is something that will pay dividends when the shots aren't falling.

GAME 3

COLORADO 89, ULM 70

Nov. 17, 2016, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: ULM 1-2

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Munnings, Travis	f 5-10	2-5	0-0	0	6	6	4	12	3	3	0	27
24 Taylor, Roderick	f 2-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	5	4	0	2	0	21
03 Washington, Marcus	g 3-9	0-2	1-2	3	5	8	4	7	1	2	0	16
11 Coppola, Nick	g 3-8	0-3	3-7	0	2	2	1	9	5	0	0	35
25 Martin, Wade	g 1-1	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	3	3	1	0	0	14
04 Alabakis, Sam	1-3	0-0	2-4	0	3	3	4	0	2	1	0	22
05 Jean-Pierre, Marvin	5-9	2-3	0-0	1	0	1	3	12	0	2	1	21
23 Harris, Jordan	5-14	5-8	0-0	0	3	3	2	15	2	3	1	27
30 McDaniel, Sam	1-4	0-0	2-2	1	6	7	5	4	0	1	0	17
TEAM				5	2	7				1		

Totals..... 26-6310-22 8-15 9 28 37 30 70 12 15 3 6 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 7-28 25.0%	2nd Half: 19-35 54.3%	Game: 41.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-11 36.4%	2nd Half: 6-11 54.5%	Game: 45.5%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 5-11 45.5%	2nd Half: 34-75.0%	Game: 53.3%	4

HOME: Colorado 3-0

11 Johnson, Xavier	f	4-10	1-4	5-8	2	1	3	2	14	0	2	0	20
21 White, Derrick	g	4-15	1-2	3-3	2	1	3	0	12	4	2	0	23
24 King, George	g	4-6	2-3	2-2	0	4	4	1	12	0	1	0	20
44 Fortune, Josh	g	2-8	0-4	10-10	1	5	6	3	14	2	2	1	22
00 Akoyiz, Thomas		2-5	0-2	1-2	0	3	3	4	5	3	1	0	16
05 Brown, Deleon		3-4	2-3	1-1	1	0	1	0	9	0	1	1	20
12 Lombard, Mitch	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
14 Miller, Tony	3	1-0	0-0	4-5	5	3	8	2	10	4	1	0	18
23 Peters, Bryce	3	7-7	1-3	2-4	0	3	3	1	9	1	0	0	31
25 Siewart, Lucas	1	0-0	0-0	4	2	6	1	2	0	0	1	0	17
33 Repine, Josh	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
TEAM				2	1	3							
Totals.....		27-67	7-21	28-35	18	31	49	15	89	14	12	3	800

GAME 4

NOTRE DAME 89, COLORADO 83

Nov. 21, 2016, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Barclays Center)

VISITORS: Notre Dame 4-0

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
03 V.J. Beachem	f 5-15	2-7	5-5	1	6	7	2	17	1	1	1	1	37
23 Martinis Geben	f 2-5	0-0	2-2	4	4	8	4	6	0	1	0	0	21
35 Bonzie Colson	f 6-13	1-1	9-9	4	8	12	4	22	0	2	1	2	27
05 Matt Farrell	g 7-13	2-4	4-4	0	1	1	3	20	6	0	0	3	32
32 Steve Vasturia	g 6-14	0-3	5-5	0	0	0	1	17	3	1	0	1	33
00 Rex Pflueger	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	17
01 Austin Torres	0-3	0-0	0-2	2	4	6	4	0	0	1	0	0	18
02 T.J. Gibbs	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	9
04 Matt Ryan	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	6
TEAM				1	2	3				2			
Totals.....	28-66	6-17	27-29	14	27	41	23	89	11	8	2	7	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 18-33 54.5%	2nd Half: 10-33 30.3%	Game: 42.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6-12 50.0%	2nd Half: 0-5 0.0%	Game: 35.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-8 100%	2nd Half: 19-21 90.5%	Game: 93.1%	1

HOME: Colorado 3-1

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 2-4	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	4	0	0	1	1	1	19
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 8-15	2-4	5-6	4	3	7	3	23	2	0	0	0	30
21 White, Derrick	g 6-14	1-5	7-7	2	3	5	2	20	9	5	2	0	37
24 King, George	g 7-16	3-6	0-0	4	9	13	3	17	1	4	0	0	28
44 Fortune, Josh	g 1-4	0-3	2-2	0	1	1	1	4	1	1	0	0	27
00 Akyaizli, Thomas	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	12
05 Brown, Deleon	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	7
14 Miller, Tory	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	14
23 Peters, Bryce	2-4	1-2	2-2	1	1	2	3	7	1	0	0	0	18
25 Stewert, Lucas	2-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	8
TEAM													
Totals.....	29-69	7-22	18-19	13	25	38	20	83	15	10	3	1	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13-35 37.1%	2nd Half: 16-34 47.1%	Game: 42.0%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-8 25.0%	2nd Half: 5-14 35.7%	Game: 31.8%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 7-7 100%	2nd Half: 11-12 91.7%	Game: 94.7%	1

Officials: Brian Dorsey, Roger Ayers, Jeff Anderson

Attendance: 6780

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	50	39	89
Colorado	35	48	83

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Down by 15 points at halftime, the Colorado Buffaloes gamely battled back but couldn't overtake Notre Dame, losing 89-83 on Monday night in the semifinals of the Legends Classic at the Barclays Center.

CU, losing for the first time this season (3-1), closed to within four points twice in the final minute. Notre Dame (4-0) held off the Buffs by making 12 consecutive free throws in the final 1:33 and finished 27-of-29 for the game.

Xavier Johnson led the Buffs with 23 points, with **Derrick White** adding 20. The Irish had four players in double figures, headed by Bonzie Colson's 22 and Matt Farrell's 20.

HOW IT HAPPENED: CU didn't have an early defensive answer for Notre Dame's high-powered offense, and losing **Wesley Gordon** to a pair of quick fouls only exacerbated the Buffs' problems.

En route to hitting half of their 12 3-point attempts and shooting 54.5 percent from the field overall in the first half, the Fighting Irish opened their first double-digit lead (24-13) on a 3-pointer by V.J. Beachem. It was part of a 9-0 run that earned Notre Dame a 28-14 advantage.

The Buffs pulled to within 10 (38-28) on a 3-point play by White and two free throws by **Deleon Brown** with 4:02 left before the break. But the rest of the half belonged to the Irish. A 10-2 run opened their largest lead (48-30) of the game and by intermission they were still up 50-35.

Johnson and White had 9 first-half points each for the Buffs, who made only two of their eight 3-point attempts and shot 37.1 percent overall from the floor. CU finished at 42 percent from the field and 31.8 percent from beyond the arc.

The Buffs needed an explosive second-half start and at least got a glimmer of one. Finally back on the floor after only 3 first-half minutes, Gordon scored the first points of the final, and White followed with a trey. The Buffs were back to within 10 (50-40), but they needed to match that start on the defensive end.

Easier said than done . . . A 6-0 run pushed Notre Dame's lead to 56-40 and CU's goal of at least reducing its deficit to single digits halfway through the half was looking grim. But the Buffs weren't done.

At the 10-minute mark Steve Vasturia used a head fake at the free throw line to blow by his defender and score a layup that gave the Irish a 66-51 lead.

The Buffs answered quickly, getting back-to-back 3-pointers from freshman **Bryce Peters** and Johnson to creep to within 9 points (66-57) — their first single-digit deficit since 21-14.

The Irish responded with 5 quick points, the last 3 on a conventional three-point play by Beachem, who dunked on a baseline drive and was fouled. Notre Dame led 71-57 — and CU returned to catch-up mode.

This time the Buffs appeared serious about it. An 8-0 spurt — a field goal and two free throws by Johnson, a jumper from the left wing and two foul shots by Peters — pulled them to within 71-65 with 4:19 remaining.

CU finally got the deficit to 4 (81-77) on a 3-pointer from the left corner by George King with 45.5 seconds left and closed to 4 (85-81) once more on another basket by King. But the Irish stayed steady at the free throw line and closed it out.

TURNING POINT: After battling back from a 15-point halftime deficit to pull to within 4 points in the final minute the Buffs couldn't get over the hump, held off by 12 consecutive free throws by the Irish in the final 1:33.

KEY STATISTIC: The Irish shot 50 percent from beyond the arc and 54.5 percent from the field overall in the first half, digging a 15-point halftime hole for the Buffs.

WHAT IT MEANS: CU discovered what it takes to compete with and defeat a tested, talented team like Notre Dame. That would be 40 minutes — not 20 — of focus and intensity.

GAME 5

COLORADO 68, #22/21 TEXAS 54

Nov. 22, 2016, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Barclays Center)

VISITORS: Texas 3-2

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
31 Allen, Jarrett	f 6-9	0-0	3-4	4	2	6	1	15	0	3	1	1	34
32 Cleare, Shaquille	f 3-8	0-0	2-2	4	3	7	3	8	0	2	2	1	32
05 Yancy, Kendall	g 0-3	0-1	1-2	1	3	4	3	1	0	1	0	2	22
10 Davis Jr., Eric	g 3-11	1-6	0-0	1	0	1	1	7	1	1	0	1	31
12 Roach Jr., Kerwin	g 6-16	1-4	3-4	0	2	2	3	16	1	1	0	0	30
00 Mack, Tevin	1-6	1-6	0-0	1	1	2	0	3	1	3	1	0	29
01 Jones, Andrew	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	6	6	4	1	0	1	0	0	19
03 Young, Jacob	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TEAM				1	3	4							
Totals.....	21-57	3-17	9-12	12	20	32	11	54	4	11	5	5	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11-27 40.7%	2nd Half: 10-30 33.3%	Game: 36.8%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 1-7 14.3%	2nd Half: 2-10 20.0%	Game: 17.6%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 1-2 50.0%	2nd Half: 8-10 80.0%	Game: 75.0%	2

HOME: Colorado 4-1

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## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 3-11	0-0	0-0	4	5	9	3	6	2	1	2	2	30
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 3-8	1-1	0-0	2	1	3	7	1	0	0	0	25	
21 White, Derrick	g 7-10	1-1	1-1	1	4	5	2	16	2	3	2	2	33
24 King, George	g 5-9	1-2	1-1	5	8	13	0	12	1	3	0	0	32
44 Fortune, Josh	g 4-10	1-5	2-2	1	1	2	3	11	1	3	0	0	27
00 Akayizli, Thomas	3-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	13
05 Brown, Deleon	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	5
14 Miller, Tory	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	4	0	1	0	1	13
23 Peters, Bryce	0-4	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	11
25 Stewert, Lucas	1-4	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	11
TEAM				2	2	4							
Totals.....	29-65	6-14	4-5	17	24	41	15	68	7	13	5	7	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 14-38 36.8%	2nd Half: 15-27 55.6%	Game: 44.6%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-8 37.5%	2nd Half: 3-6 50.0%	Game: 42.9%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 2-3 66.7%	2nd Half: 2-2 100%	Game: 80.0%	1

Officials: Ed Corbett, Tom Courtney, Brandon Cruz

Attendance: 5711

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Texas	24	30	54
Colorado	33	35	68

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Tad Boyle's Colorado Buffaloes bounced back from their first loss of the season in fine fashion.

One day after falling to Notre Dame, 89-83, in the Legends Classic semifinals at the Barclays Center, the Buffs rebounded Tuesday to knock off No. 22 Texas, 68-54, to improve to 4-1.

Once again, the Buffs received excellent performances from junior **George King** and senior **Derrick White**. King turned in his second-straight double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds, coming on the heels of his 17-point, 13-rebound effort against the Irish. White followed up a 20-point, nine-assist, five-rebound effort Monday to log 16 points, five rebounds, two blocks, two assists and two steals in Tuesday's win.

The Buffs held the Longhorns to 36.8 percent shooting (21-for-57) while carving out a 43-32 rebounding edge. The Buffs also shot 44 percent from the floor (22-for-50) and had 13 turnovers.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After leading by as much as 11 in the first half and by 12 with just under eight minutes to play, Colorado withstood a late Texas surge to come away with the win.

The Buffs led by nine at the half, 33-24, and pushed the cushion to 12 on a King 3-pointer with 7:53 to go, 52-40.

Texas, though, wouldn't go away. The Longhorns employed a full-court press and slowly chipped away at the CU lead, putting together and 11-2 run to cut CU's lead to 54-51 with 5:12 still to go on a pair of Jarrett Allen free throws.

Colorado never allowed Texas to completely close the gap. Buckets from **Josh Fortune** and **Wesley Gordon** bumped CU's lead back up to seven, then after a Texas basket, Colorado put together a 7-0 run to ice the game. Fortune hit two free throws and a White 3-pointer with 2:39 remaining pushed CU's lead back to double-digits, 63-53, and the Longhorns never took it back to single digits again.

The Buffs took a 33-24 lead into the locker room at intermission after King had a seven-point, 10-rebound first half.

Following a Fortune 3-pointer at the 16:30 mark of the first half that gave the Buffs a 7-4 lead, CU extended the margin to 12-7 before the Longhorns battled back to tie the game at 12-12.

CU, however, responded with an 8-0 run and never relinquished the lead. White started the drive with a baseline drive before **Xavier Johnson** grabbed a loose ball under the basket and scored. **Thomas Akyaizli** then had a pair of coast-to-coast layups, giving CU a 20-12 lead and forcing Texas to call time out.

Colorado extended the margin to as much as 11, going up 31-20 on a King three-point play and again at 33-22 on a King bucket before the Longhorns closed the gap with a basket at the buzzer to make the halftime count 33-24.

TURNING POINT: Just after Texas had closed CU's lead to 54-51 with an 11-2 run, the Buffs got back-to-back buckets from Fortune and Wesley Gordon to create a 7-point cushion with 3:29 to go.

CU STANDOUTS: Derrick White had a solid all-around game on both ends of the floor, finishing with 16 points, five rebounds, two blocks, two assists and two steals. . . . King's second straight double-double was the third of his career, as he finished the Legends Classic with 29 points and 26 rebounds in two games. . . . Fortune had 11 points, three rebounds and an assist.

KEY STATISTICS: For the fourth time in five games this season, the Buffs had a commanding rebounding edge, 43-32.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Buffs return home after a 1-1 performance in the Legends Classic with a much better idea of how they stack up against NCAA Tournament-caliber teams and what they need to improve on.

GAME 6

COLORADO 75, WOFFORD 60

Nov. 27, 2016, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Wofford 1-5

## Player	fg	a	3fg	a	ft	a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
35 Sawwell, Ryan	f	3-4	1-2	3-3	0	3	3	3	10	1	1	0	0	0	0	27
50 Pegram, Matthew	c	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	5	2	1	2	1	2	1	0	15
03 Magee, Fletcher	g	4-17	4-10	3-5	1	5	6	2	15	4	1	0	1	0	1	34
05 Garcia, Eric	g	3-7	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	2	7	8	2	0	2	0	2	32
20 Allen, Jaylen	g	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	16
00 Lowery, Dishon	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
01 Brooks, Derrick	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
04 Theme-Love, Donovan	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	
10 Hoover, Nathan	3	3-8	1-5	0-0	0	2	2	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
23 Tucker, Justin	1	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
33 Jackson, Cameron	5	5-7	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	4	10	3	2	0	0	0	1	19
TEAM					2	2					1					
Totals.....	23	53	8	23	6	8	5	20	25	24	60	19	13	1	5	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13-26 50.0%	2nd Half: 10-27 37.0%	Game: 43.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-10 40.0%	2nd Half: 4-13 30.8%	Game: 34.8%	REBOUND
F Throw %	1st Half: 0-0 0.0%	2nd Half: 6-8 75.0%	Game: 75.0%	1

GAME 7

COLORADO STATE 72, COLORADO 58

Nov. 30, 2016, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Colorado State 6-1

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
00 Gordon, Kimani	f 0-4	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	20
02 Omogbo, Emmanuel	f 4-10	2-2	6-8	1	7	8	4	16	2	3	0	2	28
32 Caravcho, Nico	f 5-7	1-1	3-3	2	7	9	5	14	2	2	0	1	25
11 Nixon, Prentiss	g 1-9	0-2	3-4	0	2	2	3	5	0	1	0	0	17
22 Paige, J.D.	g 3-7	2-5	3-4	0	1	1	4	11	1	1	1	1	27
01 Butler, Devocio	4-6	1-2	4-4	0	3	3	1	13	1	1	0	0	34
10 Bob, Che	1-4	0-0	5-8	0	3	3	3	7	2	1	0	0	19
15 Bonner, Anthony	2-5	0-2	2-2	0	2	2	3	6	0	0	0	0	20
33 Koelliker, Braden	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
TEAM				4	1	5							
Totals.....	20-52	6-15	26-33	9	28	37	27	72	8	10	3	4	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 9:30 30.0%	2nd Half: 11:22 50.0%	Game: 38.5%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-9 33.3%	2nd Half: 3-4 50.0%	Game: 40.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 9-9 100%	2nd Half: 17-24 70.8%	Game: 78.8%	3

HOME: Colorado 5-2

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 4-10	0-0	3-7	5	4	9	4	11	0	1	3	0	21
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 1-7	0-4	4-9	3	4	7	5	6	1	0	0	2	25
21 White, Derrick	g 5-15	2-4	5-5	3	3	6	3	17	2	4	1	0	32
24 King, George	g 1-6	0-2	3-4	3	4	7	4	5	0	4	0	1	21
44 Fortune, Josh	g 4-7	1-3	0-0	2	5	7	5	9	0	2	0	0	25
00 Akayzili, Thomas	2-4	0-1	1-1	0	0	0	1	5	2	1	0	0	16
05 Brown, Deleon	0-2	0-2	0-2	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	15
14 Miller, Tory	2-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	8
23 Peters, Bryce	0-4	0-2	1-2	1	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	17
25 Siewert, Lucas	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
TEAM				2	1	3							
Totals.....	19-59	3-19	17-31	19	27	46	28	58	9	14	4	4	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11:25 44.0%	2nd Half: 8:34 23.5%	Game: 32.2%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-7 28.6%	2nd Half: 1-12 8.3%	Game: 15.8%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-9 33.3%	2nd Half: 14-22 63.6%	Game: 54.8%	7

Officials: Randy McCall, Deldre Carr, Rick Batsell

Attendance: 8715

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado State	30	42	72
Colorado	27	31	58

BOULDER — A sub-par night offensively and from the free throw line, plus a stifling Colorado State defense, made Wednesday night a miserable one for the Colorado Buffaloes at the Coors Events Center.

The Rams rolled over the Buffs 72-58, handing CU its second loss of the season (5-2) and snapping a 12-game winning streak at the CEC.

CSU (6-1) made 17 of its first 18 free throw attempts, finishing 26-of-33, while CU was 17-of-31 from the foul line (54.8 percent) and only 19-of-59 (a season-low 32.2 percent) from the field.

Derrick White led the Buffs with 17 points and **Wesley Gordon** added 11 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots. CSU had four players in double figures, topped by Emmanuel Omogbo's 15.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs led by as many as six points on two occasions in the first half, the last being 17-11 on a baseline drive and basket by **Thomas Akayzili**.

But the Rams didn't roll over. Instead, behind nine points by Omogbo, they reeled off an 11-2 run and finally overtook the Buffs 24-21 on Omogbo's only third trey of the season. CU would trail the rest of the night.

CSU's lead grew to 30-25 — its largest of the first half — on two free throws by 6-11 freshman Nico Caravcho with :58 seconds left before intermission.

Tory Miller brought the Buffs to within 30-27 with 17.9 seconds left in the half on a lay-in. But he missed a free throw that would have given him a 3-point and pulled CU to within a basket at the half.

Instead, the Buffs trailed 30-27, and they could point to 2-of-7 free throw shooting and disjointed offensive play (11-of-25 from the field, 44 percent) compounded by nine turnovers (14 for the night) as the main culprits.

Tad Boyle called his team's 14 missed free throws "a big factor tonight. It started in the first half and it bled over to the second half. That could have gotten us back into the game, maybe tied the score or got us a lead."

The Rams regained their five-point advantage (32-27) on a driving layup by Caravcho to open the second half. And Caravcho wasn't done. With the shot clock dwindling to 2 seconds, he drained a 3-pointer that preceded another trey by Omogbo and a layup by Prentiss Nixon.

Suddenly, CSU was up 40-31 with 15:57 remaining. And CU had one second-half field goal — a stuff by **Xavier Johnson** — and a pair of free throws. The Rams were on a 10-4 run and weren't slowing down — or at that point being slowed down.

Over the next 5:30 CU outscored the visitors 9-2 and crept to within 42-40 on a conventional 3-point play by Akayzili, who was fouled on a layup.

But by the half's halfway point, the Rams maintained a 46-40 lead and the Buffs were still struggling at the free throw line.

There was time enough for CU to pull it together, but a spark was needed. Gordon tried to provide it with a put-back (48-44) but he missed a free throw and yet another 3-point play opportunity slipped away.

The Rams increased their lead to seven points — 56-49 — on a pair of free throws by junior college transfer Che Bob with 4:35 remaining. White connected on a pair of foul shots 15 seconds later, reducing the Buffs' deficit to 56-51.

But Bob hit one of two free throws — his miss was CSU's first of the night after hitting 18 in a row — for another six-point Rams lead (57-51). The Buffs had 3:53 to make their comeback and avoid their first homecourt loss of the season.

A 3-pointer from the left wing by **Wesley Paige** with just over 3 minutes to play, one of two free throws by Bob and a layup by Devocio Butler pushed CSU's lead to 12 points — 63-51.

The Rams would push their lead to 16 with 1:08 remaining, and the night was (16 over for the Buffs.

GAME 8

COLORADO 76, PORTLAND 63

Dec. 3, 2016, Portland, Ore. (Chiles Center)

VISITORS: Colorado 6-2

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 2-5	0-1	2-4	5	5	10	3	6	2	1	1	1	24
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 5-11	1-2	8-10	2	3	5	4	19	1	1	1	0	34
21 White, Derrick	g 5-9	0-2	3-4	0	3	3	4	13	3	6	2	3	29
24 King, George	g 6-11	0-4	0-1	1	4	5	1	12	1	2	0	1	30
44 Fortune, Josh	g 3-7	2-3	6-8	1	4	5	3	14	2	0	2	0	32
00 Akayzili, Thomas	0-4	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	14
05 Brown, Deleon	1-4	1-3	2-2	2	1	3	3	5	0	0	0	1	16
14 Miller, Tory	2-4	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	7
23 Peters, Bryce	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	6
25 Siewert, Lucas	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
TEAM				3	3								
Totals.....	25-58	5-19	21-30	14	24	38	21	76	9	13	6	7	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11:30 36.7%	2nd Half: 14:28 50.0%	Game: 43.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 0-7 0.0%	2nd Half: 5-12 41.7%	Game: 26.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 6-10 60.0%	2nd Half: 15-20 75.0%	Game: 70.0%	7

HOME: Portland 4-3

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
24 Taylor, Gabe	f 3-13	0-5	2-3	0	4	4	4	8	0	2	0	0	29
33 Marshall, Jarrell	f 2-6	0-1	2-2	0	1	1	5	6	1	0	0	0	24
11 Hartwick, Phillip	c 0-0	0-0	0-0	2	5	7	4	0	0	2	2	1	21
02 Wintering, Alec	g 7-14	0-2	3-4	2	6	8	5	17	3	8	0	1	40
00 Akayzili, Thomas	g 5-11	2-5	6-8	1	2	3	3	18	2	3	0	1	40
03 Jackson, Rashad	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
05 Tyson, D'Marques	4-7	3-6	3-3	0	2	2	3	14	0	1	0	0	27
11 Ferguson, Andre	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
32 Barreno, Ray	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	13
TEAM				1	2								
Totals.....	21-52	5-19	16-20	7	21	28	26	63	6	18	3	6	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 9:20 45.0%	2nd Half: 12:32 37.5%	Game: 40.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-7 42.9%	2nd Half: 2-12 16.7%	Game: 26.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 9-11 81.8%	2nd Half: 7-9 77.8%	Game: 80.0%	4

Officials: Daryl Gelinis, Horace Shields, Nate Harris

Attendance: 2720

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	28	48	76
Portland	30	33	63

PORTLAND — The Colorado Buffaloes rediscovered their offensive abilities and ratcheted up their defense in the second half here Saturday night and downed Portland 76-63 at the Chiles Center. Shaking off the ill effects of a 72-58 home loss to rival Colorado State on Wednesday night, the Buffs (6-2) rallied from a 30-28 halftime deficit by outscoring the Pilots (4-3) 48-33 in the second half.

Four CU players scored in double figures, including **Xavier Johnson** (19), **Josh Fortune** (14), **Derrick White** (13) and **George King** (12).

Portland was led by Jazz Johnson (18) and Alec Wintering (17).

After hitting only 32 percent from the field against CSU, the Buffs shot just 37 percent in the first half Saturday night and missed all seven of their treys. From 3-point range against the Rams, the Buffs hit only 16 percent.

A shooting about face was needed — and CU got it in Saturday night's second half. The Buffs shot 50 percent from the field (14-of-28) and hit five of their dozen 3-point attempts (42 percent).

HOW IT HAPPENED: CU opened by hitting just three of its first dozen shots, including 0-of-3 from long range — a continuation of the offensive problems the Buffs suffered in their home loss four nights earlier to CSU.

And their accuracy didn't get much better; they finished the first 0-of-7 from beyond the arc and hitting just 37 percent (11-of-30) from the field.

Still, they trailed only 30-28 at intermission but closing to that margin required a 7-0 run that helped bring them back from a 20-13 deficit and pulled them to within two.

That run was fueled by three free throws by Johnson and baskets by Fortune and King. A **Tory Miller** put-back in the final minute produced CU's two-point deficit at the break.

Jazz Johnson opened the second-half scoring with a trey, increasing the Pilots' lead to 33-28. But the Buffs were finally about to regain their shooting touches.

Two-point baskets by King and White, followed by an "XJ" trey gave CU a 34-33 lead — its first since 10-8 — and the Buffs wouldn't relinquish it.

Of their next four field goals, two were treys — **Bryce Peters**, Fortune — that pushed the Buffs ahead 43-37. The Pilots stayed within four to six points until a Fortune 3-pointer capped a 15-4 run and opened CU's largest lead of the night at 14 points (66-52). The Pilots got no closer than nine points the rest of the way.

Wesley Gordon grabbed 10 rebounds but was only 2-of-5 from the field. He didn't score his first points until 10:26 remained, but his conventional three-point play — he was fouled on a put-back — gave CU a 50-45 advantage at a critical second-half juncture.

TURNING POINT: Trailing 30-28 at the half, the Buffs put together a 15-4 second-half run and pulled away. CU hit five 3-pointers in the second half after going 0-for-7 from beyond the arc in the first half.

KEY STATISTICS: The Buffs shot only 43 percent from the field for the game, but hit half of their second-half field goal attempts (14-of-28) . . . They outrebounced the Pilots 38-28 and held them to 38 percent shooting in the second half (40 percent for the game).

WHAT IT MEANS: A bounce-back game was needed after the disappointing home loss to the Rams, and the Buffs managed to get it in their first true road game of the season. It should give them momentum and a shot of confidence as they head into the final two games of a crucial non-conference stretch.

GAME 9

COLORADO 68, #13/14 XAVIER 66

Dec. 7, 2016, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Xavier 7-2

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
35 Gaston, RoShid	f 7-8	0-0	0-3	3	8	11	2	14	0	0	2	0	25
04 Sumner, Edmond	g 3-11	1-4	3-4	0	2	2	3	10	5	1	1	0	36
05 Bluiett, Trevon	g 8-18	6-13	5-6	0	3	3	0	27	3	1	0	2	35
11 Bernard, Malcolm	g 0-3	0-1	1-2	3	3	6	3	1	0	2	0	1	27
55 Mucura, J.P.	g 3-9	0-5	2-2	0	5	5	3	8	4	1	0	3	34
00 Jones, Tyrique	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	6
03 Goodin, Quentin	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	1	2	1	1	14
22 Gates, Kaiser	0-5	0-4	0-0	1	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	16
54 O'Mara, Sean	2-4	0-0	2-2	1	1	2	2	6	0	1	0	0	7
TEAM				3	2	5							
Totals.....	23-61	7-27	13-21	11	30	41	18	66	13	10	4	8	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-32 37.5%	2nd Half: 11-29 37.9%	Game: 37.7%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-16 31.3%	2nd Half: 2-11 18.2%	Game: 25.9%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 2-5 40.0%	2nd Half: 11-16 68.8%	Game: 61.9%	5

GAME 10

BYU 79, COLORADO 71

Dec. 10, 2016, Provo, Utah (Marriott Center)

VISITORS: Colorado 7-3

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 1-3	0-0	1-2	3	2	5	2	3	4	3	3	0 26
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 5-13	2-6	5-5	1	4	5	4	17	0	1	0	1 34
21 White, Derrick	g 7-12	3-6	4-4	0	2	2	4	21	1	2	1	0 29
24 King, George	g 5-13	0-4	4-4	2	10	12	2	14	2	1	0	0 30
44 Fortune, Josh	g 0-8	0-6	0-0	0	3	3	4	0	1	2	0	0 22
00 Akyaizili, Thomas	1-4	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	2	3	4	0	0	2 16
05 Brown, Deleon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1 5
14 Miller, Tory	2-2	0-0	2-4	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0 9
23 Peters, Bryce	1-4	0-3	0-1	0	2	2	3	2	1	2	0	1 21
25 Siewert, Lucas	2-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0 8
TEAM												
Totals.....	24-62	7-29	16-20	7	24	31	25	71	14	11	4	5 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 15-33 45.5%	2nd Half: 9-29 31.0%	Game: 38.7%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-16 25.0%	2nd Half: 3-13 23.1%	Game: 24.1%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-5 80.0%	2nd Half: 12-15 80.0%	Game: 80.0%	2

HOME: BYU 7-3

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
04 Emery, Nick	g 8-15	3-8	3-4	0	4	4	3	22	2	0	3	32
05 Rose, L.J.	g 2-8	1-4	0-0	1	0	1	3	5	3	1	0	1 24
12 Mika, Eric	f 3-11	0-0	11-13	3	4	7	3	17	6	5	3	0 30
23 Childs, Yoeli	f 5-7	0-0	1-5	2	10	12	3	11	0	1	1	0 34
30 Haws, TJ	g 5-9	4-5	2-3	0	5	5	3	16	4	4	0	2 36
02 Frampton, Zach	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
10 Beo, Steven	1-3	1-1	0-2	1	3	4	2	3	2	0	0	2 21
13 Leifson, Colby	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0 3
21 Davis, Kyle	2-4	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	4	0	1	0	0 11
24 Guinn, Davin	0-1	0-1	1-2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
31 Shaw, Braiden	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
40 Ayles, Jamal	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
TEAM												
Totals.....	25-56	9-20	9-14	6	30	36	17	68	15	13	5	1 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 16-33 48.5%	2nd Half: 10-25 40.0%	Game: 44.8%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-10 50.0%	2nd Half: 4-9 44.4%	Game: 47.4%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-4 75.0%	2nd Half: 15-25 60.0%	Game: 62.1%	6

Officials: Dick Cartmell, Mike Scyphers, Kevin Brill

Attendance: 13664

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	38	33	71
BYU	40	39	79

PROVO, Utah — Suffering from frigid shooting and being beat on the boards, Colorado succumbed to Brigham Young 79-71 at the Marriott Center.

The Buffaloes (7-3) scored only one field goal in the final 8:52, shot only 38.7 percent from the field (24-of-62) for the night and hit just 7 of their 29 3-point attempts. Making matters worse, BYU (7-3) outrebounded CU 46-31.

After battling back from a 10-point second-half deficit to take a 61-58 lead on **Thomas Akyaizili's** 3-pointer, the Buffs didn't get another field goal until **Derrick White** hit a trey with 44 seconds to play.

White, who sat out almost 8 minutes in the second half with four fouls, led CU with 21 points — 16 of them in the first half. **Xavier Johnson** added 17 points and **George King** recorded his fourth double-double in seven games — 14 points and 12 rebounds.

But beyond that threesome, the Buffs suffered. **Josh Fortune** went 0-for-8 from the field, including 0-for-6 from long range. **Wesley Gordon** took only three shots, making one, made one of two free throws and added five rebounds.

BYU had four players in double figures, topped by Nick Emery's 22. Yoeli Childs had a double-double — 11 points, 12 rebounds.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs led once (3-2) in the first half and trailed 40-38 at halftime. But they might have felt OK about that deficit; they trailed by as many as eight points twice before White put them on his shoulders.

The 6-5 senior scored 12 of CU's final 14 first-half points, bringing the Buffs to within 34-33 with a pair of free throws with 2:46 before the break. Exactly 2 minutes later, his second 3-pointer of the half produced a 38-38 tie, but a put-back by Eric Mika gave BYU its 40-38 halftime lead.

White led all scorers with 16 first-half points and was the only CU player in double figures. While he was 2-of-4 beyond the arc, his teammates went 2-of-12.

The Cougars, meanwhile, hit half of their 10 first-half trey attempts, with Emery canning three of those in four tries. They had the same number of field goal attempts (33) as the Buffs but made one more (16).

BYU continued its accurate long-range shooting to open the second half, getting a pair of treys from TJ Haws after a short jumper from the 6-10 Mika. After Haws' second triple, Mika added a pair of free throws and Childs a jumper to complete a 7-0 run and send the Cougars up by double digits (52-42).

To compound the Buffs' problems, White was whistled for his third foul with 16:54 to play and went to the bench. But CU's offense was stagnant without him — and he quickly returned.

But not for long. Just over 2 minutes later, he picked up his fourth personal foul and sat down with 14:06 remaining without having scored a second-half point.

Who would the Buffs turn to offensively?

"XJ" scored the next 10 points in a 10-1 run, pulling CU to within 53-52 with 12:06 left. During that stretch he hit a 3-pointer, added three more on a conventional 3-point play, a pair of free throws and a short jumper.

But Johnson joined White on the bench after being inadvertently elbowed in the face by Haws. Another Buff needed to step up, and it was King, whose two free throws gave CU a 54-53 lead — its first since 3-2.

The Buffs got a 3-pointer from Thomas Akyaizili to go up 61-58, but a trey by Haws tied the score at 61-61. And one of two free throws by Wesley Gordon, Haws added a 3-point play to give BYU a 64-62 lead with 7:41 to play.

The Cougars completed an 8-0 run with a layup by Emery, sending their lead to 69-62. That was when White checked back in, and 5:45 remained. It didn't help.

BYU increased its lead to nine points (73-64) and CU, able only to convert free throws until White's 3-pointer with 44 seconds to play, couldn't catch up.

GAME 11

COLORADO 81, FORT HAYS STATE 71

Dec. 17, 2016, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Fort Hays State

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
04 Gillum, Hadley	f 7-11	1-1	0-1	0	4	4	4	15	1	2	1	1 19
13 Smith, JaQuan	f 3-8	0-0	0-0	1	7	8	1	6	1	2	1	0 20
05 Kinnaman, Klyer	g 0-2	0-2	1-2	0	2	2	4	1	4	3	0	1 24
11 Davis, Rob	g 11-20	7-10	0-1	2	2	4	3	29	1	0	0	0 26
12 O'Neil, Trey	g 3-9	2-8	0-0	0	3	3	2	8	1	0	1	0 22
01 Nicholson, Aaron	0-4	0-3	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1 17
23 Holmes, Grant	0-1	0-1	4-4	0	1	1	1	4	1	1	0	1 12
24 Stephens, Payton	0-1	0-1	2-2	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	0	3 13
25 Warth, Brady	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	3	5	3	2	1	2	0	0 16
30 Sabic, Emir	0-1	0-1	0-1	0	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0 9
33 Kite, Drew	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	2	2	0	1	1	0 11
35 Reed, Luke	1-5	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	1	1 11
TEAM												
Totals.....	26-65	10-29	9-13	9	27	36	28	71	13	14	5	8 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 7-32 21.9%	2nd Half: 19-33 57.6%	Game: 40.0%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-16 18.8%	2nd Half: 7-13 53.8%	Game: 34.5%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 5-6 83.3%	2nd Half: 4-7 57.1%	Game: 69.2%	0

HOME: Colorado 8-3

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 2-3	0-0	3-3	1	6	7	3	7	1	3	1	0 24
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 5-8	0-1	5-7	1	4	5	3	15	0	2	0	1 23
21 White, Derrick	g 1-4	0-2	8-8	1	2	3	1	10	6	0	2	1 31
24 King, George	g 2-8	0-4	3-3	0	5	5	3	7	2	0	0	1 19
44 Fortune, Josh	g 5-9	3-6	2-2	0	2	2	1	15	1	0	0	1 23
00 Akyaizili, Thomas	0-1	0-0	1-6	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	2 14
05 Brown, Deleon	4-6	3-5	4-6	0	3	3	0	15	2	2	0	2 19
12 Lombard, Mitch	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
14 Miller, Tory	2-5	0-0	5-6	0	3	3	2	9	1	2	0	0 14
23 Peters, Bryce	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	0 14
25 Siewert, Lucas	1-4	0-2	0-0	1	3	4	0	2	0	1	1	0 17
33 Repine, Josh	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
TEAM												
Totals.....	22-51	6-22	31-41	7	33	40	16	81	15	13	4	8 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-26 46.2%	2nd Half: 10-25 40.0%	Game: 43.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-11 18.2%	2nd Half: 4-11 36.4%	Game: 27.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 13-18 72.2%	2nd Half: 18-23 78.3%	Game: 75.6%	6

Officials: Rick Batsell, Armando Rivas, Micah Pauldino

Attendance: 7268

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Fort Hays State	22	49	71
Colorado	39	42	81

BOULDER — Minutes after an 81-71 win over visiting Fort Hays State on Saturday, Colorado head coach **Tad Boyle** didn't sugarcoat his feelings.

"This coaching staff has been here for seven years and this team has two things going for it right now," Boyle said. "Number one they own the most disappointing loss in that seven-year span, the Colorado State game a few weeks ago. Now they can also add that they own the most disappointing win, which is the Fort Hays State game here today."

Boyle was clearly frustrated with the Buffs' second-half effort. After bumping a 17-point halftime lead up to 21 early in the second half, the Buffs then went into early vacation mode. Fort Hays cut the deficit back to single digits twice, including down to nine, 76-67, with just under three minutes left to play before the Buffs held on down the stretch.

Not that the Buffs were ever truly in danger of losing to the Division II Tigers. But instead of putting the game away when they had the chance, they allowed Fort Hays to stay close, thanks in great part to a 29-point second half from sharpshooter Rob Davis.

"We have to dictate defensively," Boyle said. "If we can't dictate against Fort Hays, I don't know how we're going to dictate against Utah or Arizona State or Arizona or anybody in the Pac-12."

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs threatened to blow the game open early, jumping out to an 18-2 lead in the first eight minutes. **George King** scored the first five points for CU and **Derrick White** hit six straight free throws in the early run.

But the Tigers then managed to keep the gap from expanding much more and Colorado led by 17 at the half, 39-22. King and **Josh Fortune** both had seven points in the opening half while **Xavier Johnson** and White had six apiece.

Davis, meanwhile, struggled for Fort Hays in the opening 20 minutes, going 0-for-4 from the field, a big part of Fort Hays' 74-32 shooting woes in the half.

Colorado then opened the second half much like the first, threatening to blow the game open. Fortune hit a 3-pointer in the first minute and Johnson followed with a free throw to bump CU's cushion to 21, 43-22.

But almost as soon as the Buffs built their big lead of the game, Davis caught fire and very nearly shot the Tigers back into the game by himself. The Fort Hays senior scored eight points in a 10-0 Fort Hays run and with 14:46 to go in the game, the Tigers had cut CU's lead down to eight, 47-39.

The Buffs, though, never let the Tigers get closer than eight. They quickly pushed the lead back to double digits, putting together a 12-2 run spurred by a pair of 3-pointers and two free throws from freshman **Deleon Brown**.

The Tigers then made one more run at the Buffs, narrowing the gap to nine, 76-67, with 2:55 to go, but Fortune and **Tory Miller** both hit a pair of free throws in the final two minutes to keep the Tigers at bay.

Johnson, Fortune and Brown finished with 15 points each for the Buffs while **Wesley Gordon** led CU with seven rebounds. Colorado also had a mere 40-36 rebounding edge on the Tigers, another statistic that left Boyle scratching his head.

TURNING POINT: After Fort Hays pulled back to within eight with 14:46 still to go in the game, the Buffs went on a 12-2 run to rebuild a comfortable cushion and the Tigers never pulled closer than nine again.

WHAT IT MEANS: While the Buffs have shown they can play well in spurts, consistency is still a huge issue with this team. With just two more non-conference games to go before the Pac-12 season, they need to figure out how to put together a full 40 minutes.

GAME 12

COLORADO 75, AIR FORCE 68

Dec. 19, 2016, USAFA, Colo. (Clune Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 9-3

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 4-5	0-0	2-4	2	7	9	4	10	3	3	5	1 27
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 5-7	1-2	3-4	0	6	6	2	14	1	1	1	0 31
21 White, Derrick	g 4-7	3-5	1-1	1	3	4	5	12	3	1	1	0 24
24 King, George	g 6-12	1-4	0-2	2	7	9	2	13	1	3	0	1 29
44 Fortune, Josh	g 1-4	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	3	2	0	0 21
00 Akyaizili, Thomas	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	2	0	0	0 10
05 Brown, Deleon	3-6	1-3	3-4	0	0	0	1	10	4	2	0	1 24
14 Miller, Tory	1-1	0-0	2-3	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	0 11
15 Collier, Dominique	3-6	3-6	0-2	0	0	0	2	9	0	2	0	0 19
25 Siewert, Lucas	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0 4
TEAM						1 2 3					1	
Totals.....	27-50	10-24	11-22	7	26	33	22	75	18	16	7	3 200

GAME 13

COLORADO 76, EASTERN WASHINGTON 68

Dec. 22, 2016, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Eastern Washington 8-5

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
14 Peatling, Mason	f 1-1	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	5	2	0	0	1	0 24
24 Wiley, Jacob	f 4-6	0-0	2-2	3	5	8	5	10	1	2	2	0 25
44 Von Hofe, Felix	f 3-14	2-10	1-2	0	4	4	0	9	1	0	0	0 37
13 Vukic, Luka	g 3-9	1-2	5-8	0	1	1	4	12	2	1	0	0 28
32 Bliznyuk, Bogdan	g 9-20	3-5	4-5	1	4	5	3	25	5	0	0	1 38
02 Gibson, Ty	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1 13
04 Washington, Sir	1-4	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0 13
20 Benzal, Cody	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0 5
34 Hunt, Jesse	1-3	0-2	2-3	0	4	2	4	2	4	0	0	0 11
40 McKay, Jeremy	0-0	0-0	1-4	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0 6
TEAM				3	2	5						
Totals.....	23-60	7-23	15-24	11	25	36	27	68	10	4	3	2 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13:29 44.8%	2nd Half: 10:31 32.3%	Game: 38.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4:12 33.3%	2nd Half: 3:11 27.3%	Game: 30.4%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 5:11 45.5%	2nd Half: 10:13 76.9%	Game: 62.5%	6

HOME: Colorado 10-3

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 3-5	0-0	5-7	5	5	10	1	11	1	1	2	0 26
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 3-5	0-1	4-5	0	3	3	4	10	0	2	0	0 24
21 White, Derrick	g 4-8	1-2	8-10	2	3	5	2	17	7	3	4	0 30
44 King, George	g 2-9	1-5	0-2	0	3	3	4	5	1	0	0	0 21
40 Fortune, Josh	g 4-10	3-7	2-2	0	5	5	1	13	4	1	0	0 30
00 Akyazili, Thomas	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	3	3	3	1	1	1	0	1 12
05 Brown, Deleon	1-4	1-3	2-2	1	0	1	0	5	0	1	1	1 25
14 Miller, Tory	3-3	0-0	0-0	0	5	5	2	6	0	0	0	0 15
15 Collier, Dominique	1-3	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0 6
23 Peters, Bryce	1-2	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0 7
25 Siewert, Lucas	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0 4
TEAM				1	2	3						
Totals.....	23-51	6-19	24-33	9	29	38	19	76	15	9	8	1 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 8:23 34.8%	2nd Half: 15:28 53.6%	Game: 45.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2:8 25.0%	2nd Half: 4:11 36.4%	Game: 41.6%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 14:21 66.7%	2nd Half: 10:12 83.3%	Game: 72.7%	3

Officials: Gregory Nixon, Eric Curry, Rick O'Neill

Attendance: 6958

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Eastern Washington	35	33	68
Colorado	32	44	76

BOULDER — Tad Boyle's Colorado Buffaloes hoped to finish their non-conference season with a wire-to-wire consistent effort.

Instead, the Buffs had to battle back from a big early deficit, then hold on down the stretch to come away with a 76-68 win over visiting Eastern Washington on Thursday at the Coors Events Center.

The Buffs received 17 points from **Derrick White** and an 11-point, 10-rebound double-double from **Wesley Gordon** to improve to 10-3. Bogdan Bliznyuk led all scorers with 25 points for the Eagles, who were playing their third road game in five days.

HOW IT HAPPENED: If the Eagles were tired from their road trip, they didn't show it, jumping out to a 19-2 lead on the strength of a 17-1 run that included 15 straight points from Bliznyuk.

The Buffs didn't help their cause in that stretch, missing their first eight field goal attempts. Freshman **Deleon Brown** finally ended the drought with a 3-pointer with 12:18 to go in the half and Colorado then slowly chipped away at the deficit, closing the gap to 35-32 by halftime. The Buffs got a big boost from their bench in the comeback, with the reserves scoring 16 of CU's first half points as well as contributing some key defensive stops.

"The way you chip away is not by trading baskets, you have to get stops," Boyle said. "The stops hopefully can lead to some transition baskets, which it did, especially in the second half. We know the only way to get back in this thing is to get some stops."

Colorado finally took the lead for the first time early in the second half. An 8-0 run, sparked by a pair of **Josh Fortune** 3-pointers, gave CU a 40-37 lead at the 17:16 mark, but the Eagles didn't go away. A pair of Jacob Wiley buckets helped EWU regain the edge, and the lead see-sawed for the next five minutes.

With just under nine minutes to play, Colorado finally began to take control when White helped spark a 17-3 run that turned a 55-53 deficit into a 70-58 lead.

Xavier Johnson started the roll with three of four free throws to give CU a 56-55 lead, followed by two **Tory Miller** buckets, both on assists from White. White then added a driving layup with just over six minutes to go before dishing a beautiful feed to Johnson for a fast-break layup. A White free throw, followed by a layup at the four-minute mark stretched CU's lead to 70-58.

Along with his 17 points, White finished with a game-high seven assists, four blocks and five rebounds.

Defensively, the Buffs did a much better job on Bliznyuk in the second half. After the EWU standout hit eight of 12 field goal tries in the first half, he went just 1-for-8 after intermission.

After CU built its 12-point edge, Eastern Washington managed to cut the lead back to single digits with under three minutes to go, then cut it to four with 1:03 to go. The Buffs, though, managed to hold the Eagles at bay for the win, with a Gordon dunk with 46 seconds remaining putting the lead back to six and White finishing the scoring with a pair of free throws.

"We did a much better job offensively in the second half of not settling for jump shots," Boyle said. "One of the reasons we fell down 19-2 is we settled for jump shots, the jump shots weren't going in, we weren't getting offensive rebounds, we were on our heels."

TURNING POINT: The 17-3 Colorado run in the second half gave the Buffs a double-digit lead. The CU offense finally hit its stride in the transition game and the defense forced six empty EWU possessions in the stretch.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Buffs take a 10-3 record into the holiday break and Pac-12 play.

GAME 14

UTAH 76, COLORADO 60

Jan. 1, 2017, Salt Lake City, Utah (Huntsman Center)

VISITORS: Colorado 10-4, 0-1 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 3-3	0-0	2-3	2	2	4	3	8	1	1	1	0 18
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 3-8	1-1	0-2	0	7	7	2	7	0	4	0	1 28
15 Collier, Dominique	g 1-6	1-3	2-2	0	1	1	1	5	0	2	0	0 16
21 White, Derrick	g 6-12	3-6	0-0	0	2	2	3	15	8	2	0	2 33
44 Fortune, Josh	g 1-5	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0 14
00 Akyazili, Thomas	1-4	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1 14
05 Brown, Deleon	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0 15
14 Miller, Tory	4-5	0-0	0-1	1	2	1	8	1	0	0	0	0 19
23 Peters, Bryce	0-4	0-0	2-2	0	3	3	0	2	2	0	0	0 12
24 King, George	4-6	1-2	2-2	2	3	5	4	11	0	2	0	0 22
25 Siewert, Lucas	0-1	0-0	0-2	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	9
TEAM				2	1	3						
Totals.....	23-57	6-18	8-11	9	24	33	16	60	11	15	1	5 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12:29 41.4%	2nd Half: 11:28 39.3%	Game: 40.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3:8 37.5%	2nd Half: 3:10 30.0%	Game: 33.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 2:2 100%	2nd Half: 6:7 66.7%	Game: 72.7%	2

HOME: Utah 10-3, 1-0 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
13 Colletta, David	f 7-11	0-0	0-0	1	8	9	1	14	2	1	0	24
35 Kuzma, Kyle	f 6-12	1-4	1-2	1	5	6	2	14	0	1	0	2 30
01 Zamora, Jolo	g 4-5	2-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	10	1	1	0	1 22
03 Daniels, Devon	g 3-8	0-1	0-0	0	4	1	6	1	0	1	0	0 28
15 Bonam, Lorenzo	g 6-8	3-3	0-0	0	0	0	2	15	1	1	0	1 24
02 Barefield, Sedrick	2-8	0-2	5-6	1	3	4	1	9	8	2	0	3 28
05 Van Dyke, Parker	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0 10
10 Connor, Jake	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
20 Rydaltch, Beau	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
21 Rawson, Tyler	2-3	0-1	0-2	1	2	3	2	4	2	1	2	1 19
30 Bealer, Gabe	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 3
34 Johnson, Jayce	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	2	1	2	0	0	0 8
40 Reiningner, Marc	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
43 Jakl, Jakub	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0 1
TEAM				1	2	3						
Totals.....	32-61	6-16	6-10	7	26	33	14	76	18	10	3	8 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 14:30 46.7%	2nd Half: 18:31 58.1%	Game: 52.5%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3:9 33.3%	2nd Half: 3:7 42.9%	Game: 37.5%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 5:6 83.3%	2nd Half: 1:4 25.0%	Game: 60.0%	2

Officials: Mike Reed, Steve Olson, Eric Curry

Attendance: 12108

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	29	31	60
Utah	36	40	76

SALT LAKE CITY — For about nine minutes Sunday, the Colorado Buffaloes looked ready to open the Pac-12 season on a high note at Utah.

But that note turned sour in a hurry. A 20-14 CU lead with just more than 11 minutes to play turned into a seven-point deficit by halftime, and when the dust had settled, the Utes had collected their sixth straight win over the Buffs, a 76-60 decision in the conference opener for both teams.

Sunday's game was the first of three straight on the road for the Buffs, who dropped to 10-4 overall while the Utes improved to 10-3.

Derrick White led CU with 15 points and **George King** chipped in 11, but the Utes had four players in double figures, led by Lorenzo Bonam with 15.

CU dropped to 10-4 overall (0-1 Pac-12 play) while Utah improved to 10-3, 1-0.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Early on, the Buffs looked ready to end Utah's five-game win streak in the series. White and **Xavier Johnson** scored five points each in the first four minutes as Colorado jumped out to a 10-2 lead, leading to a Utah timeout.

The Utes then rallied to knot the score at 14-14, but a quick 6-0 Colorado run put the Buffs back on top, 20-14, capped by a **Thomas Akyazili** steal and layup.

But that was the last spark the Buffs had to show. The Utes then went on a 13-2 run to take a 27-22 lead and finished the half outscoring Colorado 22-9 over the last 11 minutes to take a 36-29 lead into halftime.

"It just stopped," Colorado coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We stopped moving the ball offensively. We thought, 'OK, we can make one pass, it's going to be this easy the rest of the game.' Well guess what, you have to get the ball moved side to side, we have to play inside out, we have to give their defense a chance to make a mistake, but we had no patience on offense."

The Buffs also compounded their woes by turning the ball over. After taking advantage of six Utah turnovers in the early going, the Buffs returned the favor, committing 10 turnovers in the first half which the Utes happily converted into 14 points.

"They have 14 points of their 36 at halftime off our turnovers," Boyle said. "You put a lot of pressure on your defense when you turn it over that much."

The Buffs also lost their shooting touch over the last 11 minutes of the half. After hitting five of their first six shots, CU converted on just seven of its final 23 field goal attempts.

Any hopes Colorado harbored of a comeback in the second half were dashed in a hurry. The Utes scored on their first three possessions of the half before Wesley Gordon finally scored on a follow-shot dunk.

The Utes then continued to pour it on. After closing the first half with their 22-9 run, they opened the second with a 22-8 burst, a 44-17 differential that put the game away. Bonam, who scored 10 points in the Utes' second-half opening salvo, hit a 3-pointer to give Utah a 58-37 lead with 12:09 to go in the game and Colorado never challenged again.

Utah finished shooting a blistering 52.5 percent from the field (32-for-61) while Colorado was just 23-for-57.

TURNING POINT: After jumping to a quick 10-2 lead, then building a 20-14 edge, the Buffs gave up a 13-2 run that handed Utah the lead with 6:41 to go in the half. Colorado never led again.

WHAT IT MEANS: Life won't get any easier. The Buffs have two more games on the road, at Arizona State on Thursday and at Arizona on Saturday. They then get two home games, but they come against nationally ranked UCLA and USC. The Buffs need to establish some consistency soon or they could find themselves in a big hole early in the Pac-12 season.

GAME 15

ARIZONA STATE 78, COLORADO 77

Jan. 5, 2017, Tempe, Ariz. (Wells Fargo Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 10-5, 0-2 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 1-3	0-0	2-2	1	3	4	1	4	0	1	1	0 27
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 6-7	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	13	1	0	0	0 15
21 White, Derrick	g 10-20	3-6	12-12	3	2	5	2	35	5	6	3	1 36
24 King, George	g 1-9	0-6	2-2	2	5	7	2	4	1	0	0	1 32
44 Fortune, Josh	g 2-5	0-2	1-1	1	3	4	1	5	4	1	0	0 25
00 Akyazili, Thomas	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0 4
05 Brown, Deleon	2-4	1-2	0-1	1	2	3	2	5	1	1	0	0 17
14 Miller, Tory	4-5	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	3	8	1	0	0	0 15
15 Collier, Dominique	0-2	0-1	1-2	2	2	4	2	1	2	1	0	0 16
23 Peters, Bryce	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	0 13
TEAM				1	1	2						
Totals.....	27-59	5-22	18-20	13	23	36	16	77	16	12	4	2 200

GAME 19

WASHINGTON 85, COLORADO 83, OT

Jan. 18, 2017, Seattle, Wash. (Alaska Airlines Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 10-9, 0-6 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 2-6	0-0	1-3	5	6	11	5	5	2	3	5	0	31
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 10-19	1-3	3-4	5	6	11	2	24	1	4	0	0	39
15 Collier, Dominique	g 2-7	2-4	1-3	1	0	1	2	7	2	1	0	0	27
21 White, Derrick	g 9-24	0-5	5-5	1	1	2	1	23	8	2	1	2	41
24 King, George	g 4-6	2-3	1-1	2	5	7	2	11	2	2	0	0	30
05 Brown, Deleon	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	10
14 Miller, Tory	3-4	0-0	0-0	0	5	5	4	6	1	2	0	0	21
23 Peters, Bryce	0-2	0-1	0-1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
44 Fortune, Josh	3-5	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	0	7	1	1	0	0	15
TEAM					6	2	8						
Totals.....	33-74	6-18	11-17	20	28	48	19	83	17	15	6	3	225

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 17-33 51.5%	2nd Half: 10-30 33.3%	OT: 6-11 54.5%	Game: 44.6%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 0-3 0.0%	2nd Half: 1-5 20.0%	OT: 0-0 0.0%	Game: 33.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 0-3 0.0%	2nd Half: 7-10 70.0%	OT: 4-4 100%	Game: 64.7%	4

HOME: Washington 9-9, 2-4 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
15 Dickinson, Noah	f 4-5	0-0	2-6	2	5	7	4	10	0	1	2	0	18
41 Ateuw, Matthew	f 1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	2	0	17
01 Crisp, David	g 4-11	4-8	2-2	0	4	4	3	14	4	1	0	0	42
04 Thybulle, Matisse	g 3-11	1-5	0-0	1	3	4	3	7	0	1	3	1	38
20 Fultz, Markelle	g 13-24	0-2	11-15	2	3	5	2	37	8	3	3	3	43
22 Green, Dominic	4-10	3-7	0-0	2	2	4	3	11	1	3	1	1	36
23 Johnson, Carlos	1-6	0-3	0-0	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	25
33 Timmins, Sam	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	2	0	1	1	0	6
TEAM					3	2	5						
Totals.....	31-70	8-25	15-23	13	24	37	20	85	13	10	13	6	225

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 10-31 32.3%	2nd Half: 16-31 51.6%	OT: 5-8 62.5%	Game: 44.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 1-12 8.3%	2nd Half: 6-10 60.0%	OT: 1-3 33.3%	Game: 32.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-4 50.0%	2nd Half: 5-8 62.5%	OT: 4-7 77.8%	Game: 65.2%	5

Officials: Deron White, Tom O'Neill, Kevin Brill

Attendance: 6416

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Colorado	39	28	16	83
Washington	24	43	18	85

SEATTLE — Once again, the Colorado Buffaloes couldn't protect a lead in the final minute — but Wednesday night, it happened twice in the same game.

The result was an 85-83 overtime loss at Washington in a game the Buffs led by 17 early in the second half. The loss, CU's sixth straight, dropped Colorado to 10-9 overall and 0-6 in Pac-12 play while the Huskies improved to 9-9, 2-4.

Xavier Johnson had 24 points and 11 rebounds for the Buffs while **Derrick White** added 23 points and eight assists. UW star freshman Markelle Fultz led all scorers with 37.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Wednesday's game was the third time in six conference games CU has held the lead with less than a minute to play.

"We're finding ways to lose, we're not finding ways to win," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We had our chances. This team's got fight, it's got resolve, we just don't have that killer instinct that you need to have."

The Buffs did indeed have their chances, even after allowing Washington to completely erase a 41-24 lead the Buffs held early in the second half. Colorado still led by 12 at the midway point of the half, and by one, 65-64, with 57 seconds remaining after the Huskies had tied the game at 64-64.

But Fultz hit two free throws with 43 seconds left to give Washington its first lead since early in the game and Noah Dickinson extended the lead to two with one of two free throws after CU missed on its next possession.

Colorado did tie the game at 67-67 with 10 seconds remaining, enough to send the game into overtime when Fultz missed a last-gasp 3-point attempt at the buzzer.

But it was the same story in overtime. Colorado fell behind by four, 73-69, but battled back to take the lead four different times in the final minutes, the last on a Johnson offensive rebound and bucket with 33 seconds remaining.

The Huskies, though, had one more answer, getting a wide-open David Crisp 3-pointer in transition after Johnson's basket. The Buffs missed on their next possession. Crisp added two free throws with 12 seconds left for an 85-81 UW lead and all that was left was a meaningless Colorado basket with two seconds remaining.

For 20 minutes, the Buffs looked to be well on their way to ending their losing streak.

The two teams traded buckets early in the game before Colorado slowly began opening up a lead that hit 15 by halftime, 39-24.

The Buffs built the edge on some solid shooting from the floor — 17-for-33 in the first 20 minutes — while also playing some solid defense. Fultz produced his fair share of points with 12 on 5-for-10 shooting, but the rest of the Huskies were just a combined 5-for-21 from the field.

The Buffs took the lead at the 16:01 mark of the half, 8-6, on a **George King** 3-pointer. CU built the margin to eight midway through the half, 25-17, then took control minutes later. After Fultz hit a jumper to pull Washington to within 28-22, the Buffs finished the half with an 11-2 run to take their 15-point halftime lead.

White started the burst with a layup, followed by a **Tory Miller** bucket from the point. Colorado senior **Josh Fortune** then had a hand in the final seven points of the half. Fortune handed an assist to Johnson for an easy bucket, then grabbed a defensive rebound and went coast-to-coast for a layup for a 36-24 edge. He then finished the first-half scoring with a 3-pointer with 16 seconds remaining.

The Huskies chipped away at Colorado's lead on the strength of Fultz's scoring from all over the court and Crisp's 14 points, including four 3-pointers. After hitting just one of 12 3-point tries in the first half, the Huskies hit 7 of 13 tries after intermission.

The Buffs, meanwhile, who shot better than 50 percent in the first half, went cold from the field.

GAME 20

WASHINGTON STATE 91, COLORADO 89, OT

Jan. 21, 2017, Pullman, Wash. (Beasley Coliseum)

VISITORS: Colorado 10-10, 0-7 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 5-6	0-1	5-5	0	6	6	2	15	3	1	1	0	36
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 6-8	2-4	1-2	3	5	8	2	15	2	1	0	0	33
15 Collier, Dominique	g 0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	12
21 White, Derrick	g 8-16	1-6	8-8	2	3	5	2	25	6	3	2	0	37
24 King, George	g 6-9	3-5	3-4	0	9	9	3	18	0	1	0	0	32
00 Akyazili, Thomas	0-3	0-1	2-2	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	11
05 Brown, Deleon	1-6	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	15
14 Miller, Tory	3-7	0-0	0-0	3	2	5	3	6	1	2	0	0	17
23 Peters, Bryce	2-6	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	19
25 Siewert, Lucas	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
44 Fortune, Josh	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	10
TEAM					2	1	3						
Totals.....	32-67	6-21	19-22	12	28	40	18	89	17	12	5	2	225

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-27 44.4%	2nd Half: 18-34 52.9%	OT: 2-6 33.3%	Game: 47.8%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-10 20.0%	2nd Half: 4-9 44.4%	OT: 0-2 0.0%	Game: 28.6%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 9-10 90.0%	2nd Half: 8-10 80.0%	OT: 2-2 100%	Game: 86.4%	2

HOME: Washington State 10-9, 3-4 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
24 Hawkinson, Josh	f 7-12	1-2	3-4	1	5	6	4	18	3	1	0	0	43
42 Clifford, Connor	c 2-2	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	4	4	1	2	1	0	18
02 Iroegbu, Ike	g 8-16	0-3	4-5	2	6	8	4	20	4	2	0	0	41
22 Flynn, Malachi	g 2-8	2-6	0-0	1	1	2	2	6	6	3	0	2	36
23 Callison, Charles	g 12-16	6-9	0-0	0	1	1	3	30	2	0	0	5	37
03 Cronks, Robert	0-6	0-1	1-3	2	4	6	2	1	0	1	4	0	29
40 Daniels, Viont'e	4-5	4-5	0-1	0	1	1	0	12	1	0	0	0	21
TEAM					2	2							
Totals.....	35-65	13-26	8-13	6	23	29	19	91	17	9	5	7	225

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 15-29 51.7%	2nd Half: 17-30 56.7%	OT: 3-4 50.0%	Game: 53.8%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6-14 42.9%	2nd Half: 7-10 70.0%	OT: 0-2 0.0%	Game: 50.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 9-10 90.0%	2nd Half: 3-5 60.0%	OT: 2-2 100%	Game: 61.5%	2

Officials: Tony Padilla, Shawn Lehig, Scott Brown

Attendance: 2920

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Colorado	35	48	6	89
Washington State	39	44	8	91

PULLMAN, Wash. — The script changed slightly but the result was the same for the Colorado Buffaloes on Saturday, as they dropped their seventh straight game, a 91-89 overtime loss to Washington State.

The Buffs overcame a 10-point deficit in the final four minutes to force overtime, but were outscored 4-0 in the final minute of the extra period to leave them winless in Pac-12 play at 0-7, 10-10 overall.

"Same old story," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We let a team that's been struggling to score, that scored 47 points in this building two nights ago against Utah, hang 91 on us...They made some tough shots, don't get me wrong. But our defense right now is not good enough to beat anybody in this league. It doesn't matter who we play, it doesn't matter where we play them."

Indeed, the Cougars looked nothing like the team that came into the game as the second-lowest scoring team in the Pac-12 and the second-worst 3-point shooting team. The Cougars shot 54 percent from the field for the game (35-for-65), including 50 percent from 3-point range (13-for-26). WSU's Charles Callison had a career-high 30 points on 12-for-16 shooting, including 6-for-9 from 3-point range and Viont'e Daniels was 4-for-5 from long distance.

The Buffs shot a respectable 47 percent from the floor (32-for-67) but were just 6-for-21 from beyond the arc. **Derrick White** led the Buffs with 25 points, **Xavier Johnson** scored 17, **George King** had 16 and **Wesley Gordon** chipped in 15.

HOW IT HAPPENED: For the fourth time in their seven-game losing streak, the Buffs had the lead in the final minute of regulation or overtime but couldn't close the deal.

Saturday, they came back to force the extra period, then jumped out to a four-point lead in the first minute of overtime on two free throws from King and a Johnson basket.

But the Buffs turned the ball over on their next possession, then missed two straight shots while the Cougars hit a pair of buckets to tie the score, 87-87. Colorado finally regained the lead on a White drive to the basket with 1:49 remaining and had a chance to extend the lead to four after forcing a WSU miss, but a turnover handed the ball back to the Cougars with under a minute to go.

WSU's Josh Hawkinson then tied the game from the point with 40 seconds remaining. CU's Bryce Peters missed a short attempt on CU's next possession and Washington State's Ike Iroegbu grabbed the loose ball and went the length of the floor for the winning bucket with 10.5 seconds left.

Colorado's last chance ended with a White 3-pointer bouncing off the rim just before the buzzer.

As has also been the case in the losing streak, the Buffs started quickly in this one, jumping out to a 14-7 lead just six minutes into the game. Gordon had four points in the early run, Johnson added three and King added a 3-pointer.

But again, the Buffs couldn't maintain the pace. After hitting six of their first 10 field goal tries, they hit just four of their next 13. At the same time, their defense went lax and the Cougars heated up. Washington State put together a 13-4 run and finally took its first lead of the game at the 9:38 mark on a Callison basket.

WSU then built its lead to as much as seven, 34-27, with just under four minutes to play but the Buffs managed to close the gap to four, 39-35, by halftime. Johnson led the Buffs with 10 points in the first half and Gordon added eight.

Washington State built its lead to as much as 10 in the second half, mostly on the strength of Callison's 3-pointers. The Buffs closed the gap to two, 81-79, with 1:36 to go on a White three-point play, then finally tied it at 83-83 with 7 seconds left on two White free throws after WSU's Ike Iroegbu missed the front end of a one-and-one with 16 seconds to go.

Callison finally missed at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

GAME 21

COLORADO 85, OREGON STATE 78

Jan. 26, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Oregon State 4-17, 0-8 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
12 Eubanks, Drew	f 10-13	0-0	7-9	2	9	11	4	27	0	1	3	0	36
23 Rakocovic, Gligoric	c 0-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	22
00 McLaughlin, JoQuori	g 3-7	3-3	3-4	0	0	0	2	12	4	1	0	1	34
01 Thompson, Stephen	g 10-16	4-7	2-3	0	6	6	3	26	3	4	1	2	37
24 Manuel, Kendall	g 3-9	1-6	2-2	1	3	4	1	9	2	2	0	1	36
02 Stacy, Ronnie	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	7
14 Dahlen, Matt	1-1	0-0	0-1	2	4	6	4	2	0	1	1	1	19
15 Sanders, Tanner	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5
22 Muller, Daine	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0+
34 Kone, Ben	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
TEAM													
Totals.....	28-51	8-19	14-19	6	26	32	24	78	9	14	6	6	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 16-27 59.3%	2nd Half: 12-24 50.0%	Game: 54.9%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-10 50.0%	2nd Half: 3-9 33.3%	Game: 42.1%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %				

GAME 22

COLORADO 74, #10/10 OREGON 65

Jan. 28, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Oregon 19-3, 8-1 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Bell, Jordan	f 3-6	0-0	1-2	1	6	7	5	7	0	2	2	0	25
24 Brooks, Dillon	f 2-6	0-3	5-6	3	4	7	4	9	4	6	1	0	31
03 Pitchard, Payton	g 6-12	5-9	2-2	1	5	6	2	19	3	2	0	1	30
05 Dorsey, Tyler	g 4-12	1-7	0-0	2	2	4	1	9	1	2	0	1	33
31 Ennis, Dylan	g 3-10	3-7	1-4	0	2	2	5	10	3	2	0	2	32
02 Benson, Casey	1-3	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	22
11 Smith, Keith	3-8	2-6	1-2	2	5	7	5	9	0	1	0	0	24
41 Sarkin, Roman	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM				3	1	4				1			

Totals..... 22-5711-3410-16 13 25 38 65 12 16 3 4 200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 14-30 46.7% 2nd Half: 8-27 29.6% Game: 38.6% DEADBALL

3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-14 35.7% 2nd Half: 6-20 30.0% Game: 32.4% REBOUNDS

F Throw % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd Half: 9-14 64.3% Game: 62.5% 2

HOME: Colorado 12-10, 2-7 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 4-5	0-0	0-1	3	3	6	1	8	4	0	2	1	23
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 2-5	1-2	5-10	2	7	9	3	10	1	2	1	1	28
15 Collier, Dominique	g 1-7	1-5	2-2	1	1	2	0	5	1	1	0	1	22
21 White, Derrick	g 8-16	3-4	4-5	2	3	5	2	23	4	3	1	4	36
24 King, George	g 4-10	2-5	3-4	2	6	8	2	13	0	3	0	0	25
00 Akyczili, Thomas	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	8
05 Brown, Deleon	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8
14 Miller, Tory	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	0	2	4	0	1	0	14
23 Peters, Bryce	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	11
25 Siewert, Lucas	1-1	1-1	2-2	1	1	2	1	5	1	0	0	0	12
44 Fortune, Josh	1-3	0-1	0-2	1	3	4	3	2	2	1	1	0	13
TEAM				2	1	3							

Totals..... 25-598-2216-26 16 25 41 17 74 14 12 5 8 200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-29 44.8% 2nd Half: 12-30 40.0% Game: 42.4% DEADBALL

3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd Half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 36.4% REBOUNDS

F Throw % 1st Half: 4-5 80.0% 2nd Half: 12-21 57.1% Game: 61.5% 4

Officials: Dick Cartmell, Gregory Nixon, Bill Vinovich

Attendance: 9374

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Oregon	34	31	65
Colorado	35	39	74

BOULDER — It took longer than expected, but when the Colorado Buffaloes most folks expected to see all season finally showed up, it was a game to remember.

Derrick White scored 23 points — 17 in the second half — and a tenacious Colorado defense forced 16 Oregon turnovers to propel the Buffs to a 74-65 win over the No. 10 Ducks on Saturday at the Coors Events Center.

The win, Colorado's second straight, improved the Buffs to 12-10 and 2-7 in Pac-12 play. The Ducks, who saw their 17-game win streak come to an end, fell to 19-3 and suffered their first conference loss to fall to 8-1.

"That's the Colorado basketball team we all know and love," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "I couldn't be more proud of the guys."

HOW IT HAPPENED: The win was CU's third in six games against ranked teams this year and the highest-ranked team the Buffs have beaten since they knocked off No. 9 Arizona last February.

It was a team effort on both ends of the floor. **George King** added 13 points to White's 23 and **Xavier Johnson** scored 10. Johnson also led the Buffs in rebounding with nine. King nabbed eight and **Wesley Gordon** had an eight-point, six-rebound, four-assist night.

Defensively, White had four steals and the Buffs finished with eight, tying a season high and their most in Pac-12 play. The Buffs also reaped 15 points off the 16 Oregon turnovers and limited Oregon's Dillon Brooks to nine points, four under his season average. Oregon shot just 38.6 percent in the game (22-57), their worst performance in Pac-12 play, and had only two players in double figures.

Most importantly, the Buffs closed the deal down the stretch. After Oregon had cut a 12-point CU lead to four with just under two minutes to play, CU's defense took over. Oregon managed just four points on its final six possessions while the Buffs hit seven free throws and a layup in the final 1:48 to put the game away.

"Maybe the guys said 'enough is enough,'" Boyle said. "They did it, I didn't do it. We had our game plan, but it's the players' job to go out and execute what they've been told to do and tonight they did it to a 'T.' The good thing about our team is we didn't get our heads down, we didn't stop competing."

The Buffs started quickly, hitting their first four 3-point attempts — two from King and one each from **Dominique Collier** and Johnson — to produce a 14-2 run and a 14-5 lead just four minutes in.

The Ducks, though, slowly chipped away at the lead and briefly led before Colorado got a late bucket from **Tory Miller** to give CU a 35-34 edge at the half.

The second half was much like the first. The Buffs built a six-point edge midway through the period on back-to-back 3-pointers from White, only to see the Ducks rally to tie the game at 51-51 with 5:40 to go.

White then sparked a 13-1 run to give CU its first double-digit lead of the night. Gordon started the run with a strong move inside, followed by a White 3-pointer, a White three-point play and a King three-point play that also resulted in a double-technical foul on CU's Johnson and Oregon's Jordan Bell.

White then added two more free throws to give the Buffs a 64-52 lead with 3:11 to go.

But Oregon wouldn't go away quietly. The Ducks rallied with three straight 3-pointers while the Buffs could manage just one free throw to cut CU's lead to four.

That's when the Buffs' defense stepped up one more time to rebuild the lead over the final two minutes, forcing the Ducks to foul. Colorado struggled once again at the line — 16-26 — but did manage to hit seven of 10 ties in the final 1:48 to close out the win.

GAME 23

COLORADO 81, STANFORD 74

Feb. 2, 2017, Stanford, Calif. (Maples Pavilion)

VISITORS: Colorado 13-10, 3-7 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3	2	1	4	2	0	18
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 6-11	1-4	6-9	1	5	6	2	19	3	1	0	1	28
15 Collier, Dominique	g 2-5	2-4	2-2	0	1	1	3	8	1	2	0	1	21
21 White, Derrick	g 6-8	2-2	5-6	0	8	8	4	19	8	3	4	2	33
24 King, George	g 0-3	0-2	0-2	0	4	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	21
00 Akyczili, Thomas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
05 Brown, Deleon	1-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	10
14 Miller, Tory	4-5	0-0	2-3	3	4	7	3	10	2	4	0	0	20
23 Peters, Bryce	3-4	3-4	4-4	0	1	1	0	13	0	1	0	0	14
25 Siewert, Lucas	1-3	0-1	1-2	1	3	4	2	3	2	2	0	0	12
44 Fortune, Josh	2-5	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	0	5	0	1	0	0	20
TEAM				2	1	3				1			

Totals..... 26-499-2220-28 8 30 38 22 81 19 23 6 4 200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 15-26 57.7% 2nd Half: 11-23 47.8% Game: 53.1% DEADBALL

3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd Half: 5-10 50.0% Game: 40.9% REBOUNDS

F Throw % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd Half: 13-19 68.4% Game: 71.4% 3

HOME: Stanford 11-11, 3-7 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
10 Humphrey, Michael	f 6-9	0-2	1-2	3	5	8	4	13	1	2	1	1	23
11 Pickens, Dorian	f 5-9	3-6	0-0	1	1	2	3	13	1	0	0	1	32
22 Travis, Reid	f 4-11	0-0	1-2	3	2	5	3	9	0	3	0	1	36
02 Cartwright, Robert	g 3-8	0-3	2-4	0	2	2	8	2	2	0	1	2	26
15 Allen, Marcus	g 3-10	0-2	2-3	0	1	1	3	8	2	3	0	4	27
01 Sanders, Christian	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	0	4	1	0	1	11
03 Allen, Malcolm	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
14 Sheffield, Marcus	4-10	3-6	8-9	0	2	2	0	19	3	0	0	0	25
20 Sharma, Josh	1-1	0-0	0-2	0	1	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	8
21 Walker, Camerson	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	5
30 Verhoeven, Grant	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
TEAM				1	1	2							

Totals..... 27-606-1914-24 9 20 29 26 74 13 12 1 11 200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-22 50.0% 2nd Half: 16-38 42.1% Game: 45.0% DEADBALL

3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd Half: 2-11 18.2% Game: 31.6% REBOUNDS

F Throw % 1st Half: 5-12 41.7% 2nd Half: 9-12 75.0% Game: 58.3% 4

Officials: Michael Greenstein, Bert Smith, Kelly Pfeiffer, Alex Campoli

Attendance: 3849

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	41	40	81
Stanford	31	43	74

STANFORD, Calif. — At this point of the season, style points don't matter.

The Colorado Buffaloes played some solid defense in the second half Thursday and overcame a season-high 23 turnovers to collect an 81-74 win at Stanford, ending a 10-game road losing streak in Pac-12 play in the process.

The win, Colorado's third in a row, improved the Buffs to 13-10 overall and 3-7 in Pac-12 play while Stanford dropped to 11-11, 3-7.

CU senior **Derrick White** had an outstanding all-around game, finishing with 19 points, eight rebounds, eight assists, four blocks and a pair of steals.

"He's so important to us," head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "He just makes winning basketball plays. He knows how to play. You can't teach the things he does."

Xavier Johnson also had 19 points for CU to go along with five rebounds and three assists. CU's bench contributed 33 points to the win, including 13 from freshman **Bryce Peters** and 10 from **Tory Miller**, who also had seven rebounds.

"We overcame a lot to get this road victory," Boyle said. "Our guys played with great toughness and great determination and we overcame 23 turnovers on the road. That's really hard to do."

HOW IT HAPPENED: After taking a 10-point lead into the locker room at intermission, the Buffs saw Stanford cut that margin to four eight minutes into the half before a 13-2 CU run put Colorado in control for good.

"They cut it to four and we bowed our back, much like we did against Oregon State at home when they cut it to two," Boyle said. "This team is coming, they're starting to believe in each other a little bit."

Peters (13 points) fueled the run with eight points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and White also had a 3-pointer in the burst to give CU a 66-51 edge with just under eight minutes to play. The Buffs still led by 15 with six minutes to go, and while the Cardinal managed to whittle the edge down to single digits, they never got closer than seven in the final minutes.

The Buffs earned the win despite a scoreless night from junior **George King** and just two points from big man **Wesley Gordon**.

"We had other guys step up, there's no doubt," Boyle said. "Our bench was MVP of this game. They came in and gave us great minutes. ... We won this thing without some of our key guys having great nights. That's another good sign."

Had the Buffs taken care of the ball a little better, the game likely never would have been close. CU's 23 turnovers led to 23 Stanford points.

"Just silly stuff," Boyle said. "This time of year you can't be doing that kind of stuff, so we dodged a bullet with those tonight."

Still, Boyle was overall pleased with the effort, especially that of CU's defense. Stanford shot 50 percent from the field in the first half, but the Buffs clamped down in the second half and cut that percentage to 42. Colorado held Stanford forward Reid Travis to nine points on 4-for-11 shooting, seven points under his season average.

"I think they're really starting to take pride in their defense," Boyle said. "Our post guys took a big challenge. Reid Travis is a heck of a player down there and so is Michael Humphrey. Defensively we played well."

After a see-saw first 10 minutes of the game, the Buff put together a 10-0 run to take a 29-18 lead with six minutes to go in the half. White started the run with a 3-pointer before Johnson hit a pair of free throws and White added two more. **Dominique Collier** then tossed in a 3-pointer on an offensive rebound and assist from Miller.

That was enough to send CU into the locker room at halftime with a 41-31 lead.

Overall, it was a solid first half for the Buffs, as they shot 57 percent from the field (15-26) and held a commanding 17-9 edge on the boards. But, 12 turnovers that led to 11 Stanford points prevented the lead from being larger.

GAME 24

CALIFORNIA 77, COLORADO 66

Feb. 5, 2017, Berkeley, Calif. (Haas Pavilion)

VISITORS: Colorado 13-11, 3-8 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
14 Miller, Tory	f 4-7	0-0	2-3	2	7	9	3	10	2	1	1	2	33
25 Siewert, Lucas	f 2-4	1-3	2-2	1	0	1	5	7	0	0	0	0	18
15 Collier, Dominique	g 1-7	1-5	2-2	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	1	0	25
21 White, Derrick	g 8-18	3-9	6-6	3	1	4	2	25	3	3	2	0	34
24 King, George	g 2-7	0-0	3-4	4	4	8	5	7	1	2	1	1	33
00 Akyczili, Thomas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	7
05 Brown, Deleon	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
23 Peters, Bryce	3-8	0-1	1-4	1	1	2	1	7	1	0	0	0	18
44 Fortune, Josh	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
TEAM				2	1	3				1			

Totals..... 21-576-2118-22 14 18 32 20 66 13 9 6 4 200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 9-23 39.1% 2nd Half: 12-34 35.3% Game: 36.8% DEADBALL

3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 28.6% REBOUNDS

F Throw % 1st Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd Half: 13-13 100% Game: 81.8% 5

HOME: California 17-6, 8-3 Pac-12

GAME 25 COLORADO 81, WASHINGTON 66

Feb. 9, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Washington 9-15, 2-10 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
15 Dickerson, Noah	f 5-8	0-0	4-6	2	7	9	3	14	0	4	0	0	27
22 Green, Dominic	f 1-6	0-4	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	26
33 Timmins, Sam	f 1-3	0-0	0-0	5	6	11	3	2	1	1	3	0	31
01 Crisp, David	g 7-17	3-10	0-4	0	3	3	2	17	3	2	0	1	33
04 Thybulle, Matisse	g 3-9	2-4	3-4	0	0	0	3	11	3	3	0	1	28
00 Baruti, Bitumba	1-2	0-0	3-3	2	0	2	2	5	0	1	0	1	15
02 Kingma, Dan	2-3	2-2	0-0	0	3	3	2	6	1	0	0	1	21
23 Johnson, Carlos	4-7	0-2	1-1	1	2	3	4	9	1	2	0	0	16
24 Durousseau, Devenir	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
32 Bowman, Greg	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM				2	2								
Totals.....	24-56	7-22	11-14	12	22	34	21	66	10	14	3	4	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13-29 44.8%	2nd Half: 11-27 40.7%	Game: 42.9%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-10 30.0%	2nd Half: 4-12 33.3%	Game: 31.8%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 2-3 66.7%	2nd Half: 9-11 81.8%	Game: 78.6%	1

HOME: Colorado 14-11, 4-8 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
14 Miller, Tory	f 4-8	0-0	3-4	1	4	5	4	11	0	0	0	3	24
25 Siewert, Lucas	f 5-10	2-3	0-0	1	5	6	2	12	0	2	0	2	30
15 Collier, Dominique	g 4-8	0-1	2-3	0	2	2	1	10	5	0	0	4	27
21 White, Derrick	g 6-10	0-2	4-5	1	3	4	2	16	3	0	0	0	33
24 King, George	g 8-13	2-2	3-3	7	5	12	0	21	0	1	2	0	31
00 Akyaazili, Thomas	0-2	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	3	1	0	2	1	0	14
23 Peters, Bryce	5-8	0-2	0-0	2	0	2	2	10	6	1	0	0	25
44 Fortune, Josh	0-4	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	16
TEAM				1	1								
Totals.....	32-63	4-12	13-17	13	22	35	15	81	15	8	3	10	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 16-31 51.6%	2nd Half: 16-32 50.0%	Game: 50.8%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 8-23 25.0%	2nd Half: 2-4 50.0%	Game: 33.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-9 88.9%	2nd Half: 5-8 62.5%	Game: 76.5%	0

Officials: Verne Harris, Michael Irving, Tommy Nunez

Attendance: 7387

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Washington	31	35	66
Colorado	42	39	81

BOULDER — Both Colorado and Washington were missing some firepower Thursday night in their Pac-12 matchup at the Coors Events Center.

But the Buffs had plenty of other weapons while the Huskies ... not so much.

The result was an 81-66 Colorado win, with the Buffs getting six players in double-figure scoring, led by **George King's** 21-point, 12-rebound double-double.

The win, a little payoff for an overtime loss in Seattle earlier this season, was CU's fourth in the last five games and improved the Buffs' record to 14-11 overall and 4-8 in Pac-12 play. The Huskies lost their sixth in a row to fall to 9-15, 2-10.

Washington played without the Pac-12's leading scorer, freshman Markelle Fultz, who sat out with a knee injury. The Buffs played without seniors **Xavier Johnson** and **Wesley Gordon**, both of whom missed their second straight game because of a violation of team rules.

The Huskies obviously greatly missed Fultz, who scored 37 points against the Buffs in their first game.

The Buffs, however, had plenty of balance to make up for the absence of the two seniors. Along with King's 21 points, **Derrick White** added 16, **Lucas Siewert** had 12, **Tory Miller** had 11 and **Dominique Collier** and **Bryce Peters** each had 10.

David Crisp led Washington with 17 points.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs were in control for most of this one, breaking open a tight game nine minutes into the first half to build a double-digit lead that hit as much as 14 in the first half and was still at 11 at halftime, 42-31.

In their first meeting this year, the Buffs saw the Huskies erase a 15-point Colorado lead at the half to come back and force overtime, then collect the win in the extra period.

Thursday, the Buffs never let the Huskies back in the game. Colorado built the lead to as much as 16, 59-43, midway through the second half and while the Huskies did manage to momentarily close the gap to seven with just more than five minutes to go, Colorado quickly answered with an 11-0 run to seal the victory.

Siewert hit a 3-pointer to start the run, then grabbed a defensive rebound to lead to a White bucket. Peters continued the run with a drive down the lane and dunk before King hit two free throws and a basket to put the game away. CU's defense, meanwhile, forced five straight empty possessions in the run.

"It was a good victory for us," head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "I thought we played well, even though we were short-handed a few guys. We had six guys in double figures, 15 assists and eight turnovers, which is a really good ratio."

King's stat line was no doubt the standout of the night, as he continued to be Colorado's leading rebounder in Pac-12 play.

But the Buffs had plenty of help from other players, a necessity on a night when Johnson and Gordon didn't play.

Not only did the Buffs get contributions from virtually everyone, they got them at key moments.

Peters started a 10-0 run in the first half that broke an 18-18 tie by following his own miss and collecting a layup. White then added a layup before Peters scored again, this time getting a slam dunk courtesy of a Collier steal and assist. The Buffs then added four more free throws — two each from Collier and Miller — to take a 28-18 lead with 8:35 to go in the half.

The Buffs also turned up the defense in that stretch, forcing five consecutive empty UW possessions, including a pair of turnovers — two of Washington's 10 in the first half. The Huskies briefly cut the gap back to six, but Colorado rebuilt the cushion to 14, then took an 11-point edge into the locker room at the half, 42-31.

GAME 26 COLORADO 81, WASHINGTON STATE 49

Feb. 12, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Washington State 11-14, 4-9 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
13 Pollard, Jeff	f 1-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	12
24 Hawkinson, Josh	f 3-8	0-3	2-2	1	8	9	4	8	1	6	2	0	35
02 Iroegbu, Ike	g 2-7	1-2	0-0	2	3	5	2	5	2	3	0	0	30
22 Flynn, Malachi	g 2-9	2-6	0-0	0	2	2	2	6	1	4	0	0	29
23 Callison, Charles	g 3-5	3-4	0-0	0	0	0	4	9	3	4	0	0	28
03 Franks, Robert	3-6	2-2	2-2	0	4	4	2	10	1	0	3	0	21
04 Daniels, Vian'te	1-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	16
10 Langston, KJ	1-3	0-2	0-1	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	14
12 Shipreyregin, Steven	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
42 Clifford, Connor	1-1	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	13
TEAM				2	2								
Totals.....	17-44	9-22	6-8	4	20	24	17	49	9	24	6	0	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 8-18 44.4%	2nd Half: 9-26 34.6%	Game: 38.6%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-9 44.4%	2nd Half: 5-13 38.5%	Game: 40.9%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-4 100%	2nd Half: 2-4 50.0%	Game: 75.0%	0

HOME: Colorado 15-11, 5-8 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 3-4	0-0	1-1	3	4	7	2	7	2	0	1	3	20
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 1-8	0-2	2-4	2	3	5	2	4	3	1	0	1	20
15 Collier, Dominique	g 2-5	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	3	4	2	2	0	1	18
21 White, Derrick	g 9-11	3-4	2-3	1	2	3	3	1	1	3	1	3	26
24 King, George	g 5-11	1-3	0-0	0	4	4	0	11	0	1	1	1	23
00 Akyaazili, Thomas	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	15
12 Lombard, Mitch	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
14 Miller, Tory	4-5	0-0	3-4	2	2	4	3	11	0	0	0	0	19
23 Peters, Bryce	5-9	2-3	0-0	0	2	2	3	12	2	2	0	2	19
25 Siewert, Lucas	1-2	0-1	0-0	2	4	6	2	2	2	2	0	0	20
33 Repine, Josh	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
44 Fortune, Josh	2-4	2-4	1-2	0	1	1	1	7	1	1	0	1	6
TEAM				2	1								
Totals.....	32-62	8-21	9-14	12	25	37	18	81	16	11	3	12	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13-26 50.0%	2nd Half: 19-36 52.8%	Game: 51.6%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-11 45.5%	2nd Half: 3-10 30.0%	Game: 38.1%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 6-10 60.0%	2nd Half: 3-4 75.0%	Game: 64.3%	3

Officials: Mike Scyphers, Gregory Nixon, Chris Rastatter

Attendance: 7612

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Washington State	24	25	49
Colorado	37	44	81

BOULDER — History suggested the Colorado-Washington State game Sunday night might be a close one.

The Buffs didn't let history have a say. Colorado put together perhaps its most complete game of the season on both ends of the floor, rolling to an 81-49 win at home, the Buffs' fifth victory in their last six games.

Colorado improved to 15-11 overall and 5-8 in Pac-12 play while the Cougars, who lost for the fifth time in their last six games, fell to 11-14, 4-9.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The last time the two teams met, the Buffs dropped a 91-89 overtime decision — the third overtime contest between the two teams in their last five meetings.

The Buffs never gave overtime a chance in this one. CU used a 13-0 run late in the first half to build a 33-17 lead and take a 37-24 edge into the locker room at halftime. Colorado then scored the first seven points of the second half and the Cougars never came closer than 15 again, with the Buffs building the margin to as much as 35 down the stretch.

"That was our best all-around performance we've had all year," head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "There's not a lot of things I can point to as a coach that I was disappointed in. I thought our guys defended, they rebounded, we turned them over 24 times and we had 16 assists and 11 turnovers, a good ratio. Overall it was a great team effort."

Indeed, the Buffs dominated in virtually every facet of the game. Four Buffs scored in double figures, led by **Derrick White**, who finished with 23 points, three assists and three steals. **George King** and **Tory Miller** both added 11 points and four rebounds while **Bryce Peters** had 12 points, two assists, two rebounds and two steals as CU shot 51.6 percent from the floor (32-for-62).

Defensively, the Buffs were equally dominant. Colorado forced WSU into a season-high 24 turnovers — nine more than in any previous Pac-12 game — and CU converted those miscues into 34 points. The Buffs also had a 37-24 edge on the boards and held Washington State to just 38.6 percent shooting (17-for-44).

The difference between the Jan. 21 loss at WSU and Sunday night's win couldn't be more dramatic. In the first game, the Cougars shot 53 percent from the field (35-for-65), including 50 percent from 3-point range. Sunday, they managed only 44 shots and made just 17.

The explanation, White said, is simple.

"We guarded," the CU senior said. "They scored 91 points (in WSU) and tonight they scored 49 points. We've committed to the defensive end. We talked about it early but we really didn't commit to it. So these last few games, starting with the Oregon game, we committed to the defensive end and that is the reason we're on this run right now."

The Buffs put Sunday's game away late in the first half with the 13-0 run. King started the run with a baseline drive and two-handed jam. Miller then added a bucket inside, Peters hit a 3-pointer and **Lucas Siewert** then looped in a turnaround jump-hook before **Josh Fortune** closed the run with another 3-pointer, giving Colorado a 33-17 lead with 2:40 to go in the half.

Colorado led 37-24 at the half, then scored the first seven points of the second half to bump the lead to 20. WSU managed to briefly cut the lead to 15, but Colorado quickly regained control and steadily built the lead for the rest of the game, pushing it to as much as 35 in the final minutes.

CU also turned in another solid game in the point. Senior **Wesley Gordon** returned after a two-game suspension and finished with seven points and seven rebounds, and along with Miller, accounted for 18 of the Buffs 42 points inside.

Gordon and Miller also did a solid job on WSU big men Josh Hawkinson and Connor Clifford, limiting the duo to just 12 points. Hawkinson's eight points were only the fourth time this season he's been held to single digits.

GAME 27 COLORADO 60, OREGON STATE 52

Feb. 16, 2017, Corvallis, Ore. (Gill Coliseum)

VISITORS: Colorado 16-11, 6-8 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 2-4	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	4	4	1	1	1	0	19
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 6-10	2-2	3-7	1	3	4	2	17	1	2	1	2	32
15 Collier, Dominique	g 2-4	2-4	2-2	0	3	3	1	8	1	3	0	2	21
21 White, Derrick	g 7-11	3-5	0-1	1	1	0	20	4	2	2	3	35	
24 King, George	g 3-10	0-1	1-2	4	3	7	2	7	0	2	0	1	27
14 Miller, Tory	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	15
23 Peters, Bryce	1-5	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	25
25 Siewert, Lucas	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	13
44 Fortune, Josh	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	3	4	2	2	0	2	0	1	13
TEAM				3	2	5							
Totals.....	22-53	5-15	11-16	11	22	33	13	60	9	13	4	10	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 8-25 32.0%	2nd Half: 14-28 50.0%	Game: 41.5%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-8 25.0%	2nd Half: 3-7 42.9%	Game: 33.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 6-8 75.0%	2nd Half: 5-8 62.5%	Game: 68.8%	

GAME 28

#7/8 OREGON 101, COLORADO 73

Feb. 18, 2017, Eugene, Ore. (Matthew Knight Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 16-12, 6-9 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 0-3	0-0	0-2	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	21
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 3-11	0-7	3-4	2	2	4	3	9	2	1	1	0	23
15 Collier, Dominique	g 5-10	1-4	2-2	0	1	1	4	13	1	1	0	2	19
21 White, Derrick	g 4-10	1-4	1-2	1	0	1	10	2	3	2	1	0	29
24 King, George	g 7-10	3-4	1-2	0	4	4	3	18	2	1	0	0	30
00 Akyaizili, Thomas	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	2	1	2	0	0	9
05 Brown, Deleon	0-5	0-3	2-2	0	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	1	17
14 Miller, Tory	2-3	0-0	1-2	1	3	4	1	5	2	1	0	2	20
25 Siewert, Lucas	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	0	13
44 Fortune, Josh	3-4	3-3	2-2	0	1	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	19
TEAM				2	2								
Totals.....	26-60	9-29	12-18	7	17	24	20	73	12	4	5	200	

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-29 41.4%	2nd Half: 14-31 45.2%	Game: 43.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6-15 40.0%	2nd Half: 3-12 25.0%	Game: 33.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 2-4 50.0%	2nd Half: 10-14 71.4%	Game: 66.7%	4

HOME: Oregon 24-4, 13-2 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Bell, Jordan	f 3-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	0	6	4	0	1	4	26
24 Brooks, Dillon	f 9-16	5-8	0-0	0	3	3	2	23	1	3	3	2	24
03 Pitchard, Payton	g 1-5	1-3	0-2	0	3	3	3	11	4	0	2	31	
05 Dorsey, Tyler	g 2-8	1-5	3-4	1	3	4	0	8	1	2	0	24	
31 Ennis, Dylan	g 7-11	3-6	3-4	4	2	6	1	20	3	3	1	30	
02 Benson, Casey	3-4	2-2	6-6	1	0	1	0	14	3	0	0	21	
10 Noebel, Charlie	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
21 Gross, Evan	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	4
25 Boucher, Chris	6-7	2-2	4-5	0	7	7	5	18	0	1	2	0	18
35 Bigby-Williams, Kave	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	5	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	9
41 Sorokin, Roman	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	0	8
TEAM				2	3	5							
Totals.....	34-59	16-29	23-30	10	28	38	15	101	25	16	7	200	

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 15-27 55.6%	2nd Half: 19-32 59.4%	Game: 57.6%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 7-12 58.3%	2nd Half: 9-17 52.9%	Game: 55.2%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-10 80.0%	2nd Half: 9-13 69.2%	Game: 73.9%	5

Officials: Kipp Kissinger, Keith Kimble, Nate Harris

Attendance: 12364

Score by Periods

Colorado

Oregon

	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	32	41	73
Oregon	45	56	101

EUGENE, Ore. — Colorado's hopes of collecting a much-needed road win over a ranked foe lasted for roughly 16 minutes Saturday.

With 9:45 to go in the first half, the Buffs had matched No. 7 Oregon punch for punch and held a 25-23 lead over the Ducks on their home floor. With 3:57 to go in the half, the Buffs still trailed by just three after a **Lucas Siewert** 3-pointer pulled Colorado to within 35-32.

But from that point on, the two teams went in decidedly different directions. Colorado went ice cold, the Ducks put together a 10-0 run to close the half and continued the onslaught after intermission. By the time the dust had cleared, the Buffs were on the short end of a long afternoon, 101-73.

The loss dropped Colorado to 16-12 overall and 6-9 in Pac-12 play. Oregon, which collected its 42nd straight home win, improved to 24-4, 13-2, while avenging a 74-65 loss in Boulder in late January.

George King led Colorado with 18 points and **Dominique Collier** added 13. Oregon's Dillon Brooks led all scorers with 23.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs kept it close in the early going and actually led with less than 10 minutes to go in the first half. Oregon hit its first five 3-point tries to take an early 19-11 lead, but the Buffs responded with a 10-2 run to tie the game at 21-21, then took a 25-23 lead with 9:45 to go in the half on a pair of **Deleon Brown** free throws.

The Buffs fueled their comeback by hitting six of seven field goal tries, including a 3-pointer and short jumper from **Derrick White**. At that point, the Buffs were shooting better than 50 percent from the floor, including from behind the 3-point line.

But after taking the two-point edge, the Buffs went cold and the Ducks stayed hot. Oregon built its lead to 35-27 before Colorado managed to close the gap to 35-32 on buckets from King and Siewert, only to see the Ducks close the half on a 10-0 run. CU began taking ill-advised 3-pointers and missed its last six shots of the half, allowing Oregon to carry a 45-32 lead into the locker room at intermission.

"It's senior night here and they were loaded for bear," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We knew that coming in, that they would be ready for us, and they were. But I tell you what, we came out of the chute ready, too. We were toe to toe with them there for the first 15 minutes. But then our offense got very very stagnant and we kind of became '3-dependent.' They just kept rolling for the whole 40 minutes."

Any hopes the Buffs had of coming back in the second half were quickly snuffed as the Ducks opened the period with a 19-2 surge for a 64-34 lead with 13:13 still to play. The Buffs never closed the gap to less than 26 the rest of the game.

White, who had 23 points in the Buffs' win in Boulder, was held to just 10 points on 4-for-10 shooting.

"You have to give them some credit," Boyle said. "They played extremely well. They're legit. We knew that when they were in Boulder and they showed it tonight. Part of this you have to tip your hat to Oregon, the other part you've got to learn from if you're Colorado."

The Buffs were dominated in virtually every statistical category. Colorado shot just 43.3 percent from the field (26-for-60), including a 9-for-27 effort from beyond the arc. The Ducks shot 57.6 percent for the game (34-for-59), including 16-for-29 on 3-point attempts.

CU was also outrebounded 38-24, and while the Buffs committed just 12 turnovers, the Ducks converted those miscues into 21 points.

GAME 29

UTAH 86, COLORADO 81

Feb. 23, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Utah 18-10, 9-7 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
13 Collette, David	f 5-7	1-1	3-4	1	5	6	4	14	2	0	0	0	27
35 Kuzma, Kyle	f 7-11	1-2	10-12	2	4	6	3	25	1	0	0	0	24
01 Zamora, Jalo	g 3-6	2-5	0-0	0	1	1	3	8	1	2	0	1	24
15 Bonam, Lorenzo	g 3-4	2-2	4-4	0	3	3	5	12	3	2	0	1	27
30 Bealer, Gabe	g 3-7	2-5	0-0	0	4	4	0	8	1	2	0	0	26
02 Barefield, Sadrick	1-6	0-0	4-6	1	1	2	3	6	3	3	0	2	26
05 Van Dyke, Parker	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	11
21 Rawson, Tyler	2-3	1-2	3-4	0	1	1	3	8	0	0	0	0	19
34 Johnson, Jayce	2-2	0-0	1-2	0	7	7	3	5	0	1	0	1	16
TEAM									1				
Totals.....	26-47	9-19	25-32	5	28	33	24	86	14	10	1	5	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 14-26 53.8%	2nd Half: 12-21 57.1%	Game: 55.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6-12 50.0%	2nd Half: 3-7 42.9%	Game: 47.4%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-4 75.0%	2nd Half: 22-28 78.6%	Game: 78.1%	2

HOME: Colorado 16-13, 6-10 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 4-4	0-0	4-5	1	3	4	12	1	1	0	0	0	25
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 2-7	1-4	3-4	1	4	5	4	8	2	3	0	0	24
15 Collier, Dominique	g 1-6	0-3	6-8	2	2	4	3	8	2	1	0	0	25
21 White, Derrick	g 10-17	4-7	7-9	0	6	6	4	31	5	4	4	1	36
24 King, George	g 5-8	2-4	0-0	3	1	4	4	12	1	1	0	1	36
00 Akyaizili, Thomas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
05 Brown, Deleon	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
14 Miller, Tory	2-4	0-0	1-2	1	2	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	18
25 Siewert, Lucas	2-5	1-3	0-0	1	0	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	13
44 Fortune, Josh	0-5	0-1	0-0	1	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
TEAM				2	1	3							
Totals.....	26-59	8-24	21-28	12	21	33	24	81	13	10	4	2	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-32 37.5%	2nd Half: 14-27 51.9%	Game: 44.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-13 30.8%	2nd Half: 4-11 36.4%	Game: 33.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 1-3 33.3%	2nd Half: 20-25 80.0%	Game: 75.0%	0

Officials: Mike Reed, Frank Harvey III, Rick Randall

Attendance: 7142

Score by Periods

Utah

Colorado

	1st	2nd	Total
Utah	37	49	86
Colorado	29	52	81

BOULDER — The script may have been slightly different but the ending was the same for the Colorado Buffaloes.

Despite 31 points from senior **Derrick White**, the Buffs lost their seventh straight game to Utah, an 86-81 decision Thursday night at the Coors Events Center.

The loss, the Buffs' second in a row, dropped them to 16-13 overall and 6-10 in Pac-12 play while Utah improved to 18-10, 9-7.

"Our defense wasn't good enough tonight," head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "I mean Utah just came in here and schooled us. For us to beat anybody in this league, especially somebody like Utah who's as efficient and good as they are offensively, we can't have as many breakdowns as we had. We didn't guard the 3-point line, we didn't guard the basket, we didn't guard the ball, our ball screen defense was atrocious. We knew going in it was going to be a key, it wasn't good enough. It cost us the game."

Despite the defensive lapses, the Buffs had their chances down the stretch.

A White 3-pointer pulled the Buffs to within 81-78 with 1:36 remaining but Utah answered with a David Collette layup as the shot clock was set to expire. Colorado then closed to within two on three **Dominique Collier** free throws with 37.8 seconds remaining and stayed within three when Utah's Tyler Rawson hit just one of two free throws.

But Collier missed a 3-pointer on CU's next trip down the floor and the Utes were able to close the game out at the free throw line, hitting five in the final 30 seconds.

White led the Buffs in scoring with 31 and also had a team-high six rebounds and five assists. Kyle Kuzma led Utah with 25 points.

Utah shot 55.3 percent from the field (26-for-47), including a 9-for-19 night from 3-point range. The Buffs finished at 44.1 percent (26-for-59) and 8-for-24 from beyond the arc.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After falling behind 7-0 early, the Buffs slowly climbed back into the game and finally took a 15-13 lead at the 11:50 mark of the first half on a **Lucas Siewert** 3-pointer.

But the lead didn't last long. Utah answered with a 19-5 run, closing the burst with back-to-back 3-pointers to take a 32-20 edge with 5:25 remaining and Colorado never led again. Colorado did manage to cut the margin to eight, getting nine straight points from White and a **George King** bucket to narrow Utah's lead to 37-29 at the half.

The Utes hit 14 of their 26 field goal tries in the first half, including a 6-for-12 effort from 3-point range. The Buffs, meanwhile, were just 12-for-32 (37.5 percent) while hitting only four of their 13 3-point tries.

"I thought in the first half our offense got selfish and we took bad shots and that caused some problems for us," Boyle said. "I thought the second half our offense was much better. We shared the ball, we attacked the paint. I thought our defense wasn't good enough the whole game."

The Buffs did make a brief run early in the second half, jumping out with a 7-2 run to pull within three, 39-36.

But Colorado then turned the ball over three straight times and the Utes were more than happy to convert the miscues into three points and rebuild the cushion to eight, 44-36. From that point on, the Utes held the Buffs at bay until Colorado was able to close the gap in the final two minutes.

"We weren't consistent enough," Boyle said. "We cut the thing to six multiple times. We kept scoring the second half. We scored 52 points. But we could not get stops when we needed to get stops."

Indeed, Colorado scored unanswered points only three times in the entire second half, with the Buffs' longest run of the half just five points.

GAME 30

COLORADO 91, STANFORD 72

Mar. 2, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Stanford 14-15, 6-11 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
10 Humphrey, Michael	f 5-6	0-0	3-6	1	3	4	3	13	0	2	0	1	22
22 Travis, Reid	f 6-11	0-0	2-4	3	5	8	1	14	0	1	0	0	23
01 Sanders, Christian	g 3-5	2-2	1-3	1	0	1	1	9	2	1	0	0	20
11 Pickens, Dorian	g 0-5	0-3	1-2	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	20
15 Allen, Marcus	g 6-16	1-6	2-2	2	1	3	3	15	2	2	0	0	23
02 Cartwright, Robert	1-6	1-4	0-0	2	2	4	2	3	7	2	0	1	28
03 Allen, Malcolm	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	8
14 Sheffield, Marcus	4-6	2-4	0-0	2	2	4	2	10	2	1	0	1	18
20 Sharma, Josh	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	4	0	0	1	1	0	13
21 Walker, Cameron	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	7
30 Verhoeven, Grant	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	7
33 Stanback, Trevor	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	11
TEAM				1	1	2							

GAME 31

COLORADO 54, CALIFORNIA 46

Mar. 4, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: California 19-11, 10-8 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Rabb, Ivan	f 4-11	1-2	2-2	2	11	13	2	11	1	2	1	2	36
44 Rooks, Kameron	c 2-7	0-0	4-8	4	3	7	1	8	0	0	2	0	20
03 Mullins, Grant	g 4-11	2-7	0-1	0	6	6	3	10	1	0	0	3	37
13 Moore, Charlie	g 0-6	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	17
23 Bird, Jabari	g 3-8	1-4	4-5	1	2	3	2	11	0	4	0	2	37
02 Singer, Sam	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	5	0	2	0	0	1	22
12 Moute a Bidas, R	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
14 Coleman, Don	2-6	0-0	2-3	2	2	4	2	6	3	0	0	0	10
22 Okoroh, Kingsley	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	2	0	0	0	2	0	17
25 Davis, Roman	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM				2	2	4							
Totals.....	15-55	4-15	12-19	12	30	42	20	46	5	12	5	8	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 9-30 30.0%	2nd Half: 6-25 24.0%	Game: 27.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 1-8 12.5%	2nd Half: 1-8 12.5%	Game: 26.7%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-9 44.4%	2nd Half: 8-10 80.0%	Game: 63.2%	3

HOME: Colorado 18-13, 8-10 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	2	1	3	2	17	
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 5-13	1-4	8-8	2	4	6	1	19	0	2	0	1	33
21 White, Derrick	g 5-11	3-5	4-8	0	8	8	2	17	4	3	1	1	37
24 King, George	g 2-5	1-2	0-2	1	8	9	1	5	0	2	0	0	30
44 Fortune, Josh	g 0-1	0-1	2-2	1	2	3	0	2	1	3	0	0	22
00 Akayizli, Thomas	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
05 Brown, Deleon	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	10
12 Lombard, Mitch	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14 Miller, Tory	0-4	0-0	0-2	1	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	12
15 Collier, Dominique	4-6	2-3	0-0	0	0	0	1	10	1	0	1	3	24
25 Siewert, Lucas	0-4	0-1	1-2	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	12
33 Repine, Josh	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM				1	3	4							
Totals.....	16-47	7-17	15-24	7	32	39	15	54	9	12	5	7	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 7-28 25.0%	2nd Half: 9-19 47.4%	Game: 34.0%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 1-8 12.5%	2nd Half: 6-9 66.7%	Game: 41.2%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 7-12 58.3%	2nd Half: 8-12 66.7%	Game: 62.5%	3

Officials: Michael Irving, Deron White, Marc Beasley
Attendance: 8392
Score by Periods
Colorado 25 21 46
California 22 32 54

BOULDER — One game after putting on an offensive clinic against Stanford, the Colorado Buffaloes struggled to find the basket Saturday afternoon against Cal.

But the Buffs did play solid defense, and when it mattered most, they scored — enough to come away with a 54-46 win over Bears in the regular season finale for both teams.

The win improved Colorado to 18-13 overall and 8-10 in Pac-12 play and, combined with Arizona State's loss to Arizona on Saturday, clinched the No. 7 seed for CU in the Pac-12 tournament.

The Buffs shot just 34 percent from the field (16-for-47) but they also held Cal to just 27.3 percent shooting (15-for-55).

"This was the old-school grind-it-out Colorado basketball," head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "Obviously if you put that offensive performance on Thursday with the defensive performance today and you've got the recipe for beating anybody. ... We put it all together, defense and offense, we can beat anybody in this league. But we also know if we don't we could be one and done and on the way home."

Fittingly, it was a 3-point bucket from senior **Derrick White** on Senior Day that clinched Saturday's win. With 20 seconds remaining and the shot clock ticking down, White buried a trey in front of the CU bench to give the Buffs a 52-46 lead with just 20.6 seconds remaining. CU senior **Xavier Johnson** then hit two free throws with 5.9 seconds on the clock to finish the scoring.

Johnson led the Buffs in scoring with 19 points and White added 17 to go with eight rebounds and a game-high four assists. Junior **George King** had just five points, but added a team-high nine rebounds, eight coming in the second half. Ivan Rabb had 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Bears.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After trailing for much of the first half, the Buffs finally took the lead eight minutes into the second half when a **Dominique Collier** 3-pointer gave Colorado a 35-32 edge.

But the big play of the half might have been a spectacular King one-handed follow-dunk that tied the game at 32-32. King's basket ignited a previously sedate crowd and when Collier's 3-pointer gave Colorado the lead, the crowd helped carry the Buffs the rest of the way.

"That was a big-time play," Boyle said. "George has the ability to make those kind of plays, game-changing type plays."

But the Buffs could not manage to build a cushion bigger than five points over the ensuing eight minutes, and it took another Collier 3-pointer — coming as the shot clock was about to expire — to give the Buffs some breathing room in the final three minutes. Collier hit the bucket just after the Bears had closed the gap to one, 44-43, and two Johnson free throws a minute later pushed the margin to six.

Along with leading the Buffs in scoring, Johnson also spent much of his afternoon shadowing Cal's Rabb, the Bears' leading scorer and rebounder. Rabb needed 4-for-11 shooting to produce his 11 points — including just four after halftime — and missed two shots in the final minutes as the Bears attempted to close the gap.

The Buffs trailed by three at the half, thanks to shooting woes and a healthy Cal edge on the boards. CU's big men ran into foul trouble early — **Wesley Gordon** drew his second foul barely two minutes into the game and **Tory Miller** was whistled for his second a minute later — leaving the Bears' big men to roam the point virtually unimpeded. The Bears held a 28-19 rebounding edge by halftime, which produced eight second-chance points and helped Cal to a 25-22 halftime lead.

GAME 32

COLORADO 73, WASHINGTON STATE 63

Mar. 8, 2017, Las Vegas, Nev. (T-Mobile Arena)

VISITORS: Washington State 13-18

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
24 Hawkinson, Josh	f 4-7	1-3	3-4	3	9	12	4	12	5	1	0	0	36
42 Clifford, Conor	f 7-12	0-0	0-1	0	3	3	4	14	0	2	1	0	34
02 Iroegbu, Ike	g 5-10	3-3	3-5	2	0	2	3	16	3	2	0	2	36
22 Flynn, Malachi	g 0-6	0-1	0-1	0	2	2	2	0	3	1	0	0	31
23 Callison, Charles	g 7-17	2-6	0-0	0	1	1	2	16	2	2	0	0	34
03 Franks, Robert	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	10
04 Daniels, Viont'e	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	4	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	19
12 Shpreyregin, Steven	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
TEAM				1	1	2							
Totals.....	25-56	7-14	6-11	8	21	29	20	63	17	11	1	2	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 17-30 56.7%	2nd Half: 8-26 30.8%	Game: 44.6%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-8 62.5%	2nd Half: 2-6 33.3%	Game: 50.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 2-3 66.7%	2nd Half: 4-8 50.0%	Game: 54.5%	3

HOME: Colorado 19-13

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 4-7	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	3	8	3	1	2	1	27
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 6-10	1-3	6-7	2	4	6	4	19	0	1	1	2	33
15 Collier, Dominique	g 1-3	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	16
21 White, Derrick	g 8-15	3-8	7-10	1	4	5	1	26	5	0	1	1	38
24 King, George	g 2-7	1-6	2-2	1	4	5	2	7	2	2	0	0	30
05 Brown, Deleon	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
14 Miller, Tory	0-2	0-0	3-5	2	7	9	3	3	0	1	0	1	16
25 Siewert, Lucas	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
44 Fortune, Josh	2-6	1-2	2-2	3	2	5	2	7	2	1	0	1	25
TEAM				1	1	2				2			
Totals.....	23-53	7-23	20-26	12	25	37	15	73	13	11	5	6	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 8-25 32.0%	2nd Half: 15-28 53.6%	Game: 43.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-11 18.2%	2nd Half: 5-12 41.7%	Game: 30.4%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 9-13 69.2%	2nd Half: 11-13 84.6%	Game: 76.9%	3

Officials: Greg Nixon, Tony Padilla, Mike Greenstein

Attendance: 9978

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Washington State	41	22	63
Colorado	27	46	73

LAS VEGAS — Earlier this week, Colorado senior **Derrick White** said conference tournaments are moments when players make big-time plays.

White delivered exactly that for the Buffs on Wednesday, fueling a furious second-half Colorado rally that produced a 73-63 win over Washington State in the opening round of the Pac-12 tournament at T-Mobile Arena.

The win, Colorado's third in a row and ninth in their last 12 games, means the Buffs' season is alive for at least another day. The seventh-seeded Buffs (19-13) will face second seed Arizona on Thursday in a 7 p.m. matchup.

"It was a tale of two halves, obviously," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "First half, I thought our defense was atrocious. ... But our second half, our guys really dialed in, and the numbers show it."

Indeed, the Buffs appeared on their way to a one-and-done appearance after the first 20 minutes, a half in which they trailed by as much as 19 and were still down by 14 at intermission, 41-27.

But sparked by 15 points and four assists from White in the second half, the Buffs went on a 32-11 tear to turn a 14-point halftime deficit into a seven-point lead, 59-52, with just more than six minutes to go.

The Cougars then rallied to cut the margin back to two, but the Buffs quickly rebuilt the cushion to hold WSU at bay down the stretch for the win.

White finished with 26 points, five rebounds and five assists and **Xavier Johnson** added 19 points and six rebounds. **Tory Miller** had just three points but added a team-high nine rebounds.

Charles Collison and Ike Iroegbu each scored 16 for WSU while Josh Hawkinson finished his career with a 12-point, 12-rebound double-double.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After a first half in which the Buffs' defense seemed half-hearted and their offense struggled from everywhere on the floor, White helped reverse the momentum with a terrific start to the second half.

The Buffs opened the half with a 3-pointer from **Dominique Collier**, followed by seven straight points from White in a 10-2 CU run that cut WSU's once-comfortable margin to six. Two minutes later, White added six more points, then provided three assists in an 14-2 run that finally gave Colorado the lead.

White opened the stretch with a dish to Johnson that yielded a 3-pointer that gave CU a 52-49 lead, its first lead since 3-2. White then added another assist to **Wesley Gordon** for an easy layup, then finished with a toss to Johnson for an alley-oop tip and 56-52 edge.

Johnson, who had 12 of his 19 points after halftime, completed the run with a slam dunk in transition off an assist from **George King**, and an ensuing free throw gave the Buffs a 59-52 lead with just 6:16 remaining.

The Cougars did manage to cut the CU lead back to two, 60-58, and again at 62-60 with 2:28 remaining. But the Buffs answered with a King basket inside, Johnson produced a pair of big rebounds — one on each end of the floor — and White found **Josh Fortune** for a huge 3-pointer with just more than two minutes to go to bump Colorado's cushion back to five.

The statistical differences between the two halves were indeed stark. The Cougars shot 56.7 percent in the first half (17-for-30), then just 30.8 percent after halftime (8-for-26). The Buffs, meanwhile, after hitting just eight of their first 25 shots came back to hit 15 of 28 after halftime. Colorado also won the rebound battle, 37-29, by producing 10 more boards after intermission.

Colorado never found a rhythm in the first half. After the Cougars jumped out to a 9-3 lead, the Buffs managed to cut the gap to 9-7 — only to see Washington State put together a 21-4 run that gave WSU a 30-11 lead with seven minutes to go in the half.

Colorado managed to reduce the deficit to 14 by half, but still entered halftime trailing 41-27.

GAME 23

#7/7 ARIZONA 92, COLORADO 78

Mar. 9, 2017, Las Vegas, Nev. (T-Mobile Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 19-14

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 1-4	0-0	1-2	1	3	4	4	3	1	1	1	0	24
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 7-17	2-5	4-4	3	4	7	2	20	1	0	2	1	31
15 Collier, Dominique	g 1-5	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	19
21 White, Derrick	g 9-19	4-10	9-9	0	6	6	4	31	5	4	1	2	37
24 King, George	g 3-8	0-4	5-5	2	5	7	1	11	0	1	2	1	33
00 Akayizli, Thomas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
05 Brown, Deleon	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	0	1	6
12 Lombard, Mitch	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14 Miller, Tory	1-1	0-0	1-2	1	3	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	12
25 Siewert, Lucas	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	13
33 Repine, Josh	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44 Fortune, Josh	1-4	1-3	1-2	0	1	1	2	4	2	0	0	0	25
TEAM				1	1								
Totals.....	24-61	8-25	22-26	9	24	33	21	78	10	7	6	5	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-30 40.0%	2nd Half: 12-31 38.7%	Game: 39.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-11 18.2%	2nd Half: 6-14 42.9%	Game: 32.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 11-14 78.6%	2nd Half: 11-12 91.7%	Game: 84.6%	3

GAME 34

UCF 79, COLORADO 74

Mar. 15, 2017, Orlando, Fla. (CFE Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 19-15

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Gordon, Wesley	f 3-5	1-2	0-0	1	2	3	3	7	2	1	1	0	22
11 Johnson, Xavier	f 6-14	1-5	0-1	3	1	4	3	13	1	1	0	1	34
15 Collier, Dominique	g 1-3	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	16
21 White, Derrick	g 11-21	3-9	5-5	2	4	6	4	30	6	1	2	0	40-
24 King, George	g 1-5	0-1	0-0	3	1	4	5	2	0	0	0	1	30
05 Brown, Deleon	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
14 Miller, Tory	1-4	0-1	0-0	1	3	4	3	2	2	0	0	0	10
25 Siewert, Lucas	2-7	1-4	0-0	0	3	3	2	5	1	2	0	1	15
44 Fortune, Josh	5-10	2-6	0-0	2	2	4	2	12	1	0	0	0	26
TEAM				3	2	5				1			
Totals.....	30-71	9-33	5-6	15	19	34	24	74	14	7	3	3	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 15-32 46.9%	2nd Half: 15-39 38.5%	Game: 42.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-10 40.0%	2nd Half: 5-23 21.7%	Game: 27.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 0-1 0.0%	2nd Half: 5-5 100%	Game: 83.3%	2

HOME: UCF 22-11

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
03 Davis, A.J.	f 5-9	2-5	5-6	1	7	8	1	17	3	2	0	0	35
14 Banyard, Nick	f 2-4	1-3	1-4	0	5	5	1	6	0	2	0	0	33
24 Fall, Tacko	c 5-7	0-0	0-2	3	5	8	3	10	2	1	3	0	30
01 Taylor, B.J.	g 7-13	5-8	7-12	1	2	3	2	26	4	1	0	1	38
12 Williams, Matt	g 6-10	4-5	1-2	0	4	4	2	17	3	2	0	0	39
00 Efanayi, Tank	0-2	0-1	2-2	0	3	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	12
05 Murnin, Djordjije	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
21 Brown, Chad	0-1	0-0	1-4	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	10
51 Laing, Nathan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
TEAM				1	1	2							
Totals.....	25-46	12-22	17-32	7	27	34	10	79	12	10	3	3	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 16-26 61.5%	2nd Half: 9-20 45.0%	Game: 54.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6-10 60.0%	2nd Half: 6-12 50.0%	Game: 54.5%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 0-4 0.0%	2nd Half: 17-28 60.7%	Game: 53.1%	8

Officials: Tim Gattis, Terry Moore, Anthony Franklin

Attendance: 3675

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	34	40	74
UCF	38	41	79

ORLANDO, Fla. — Another spectacular performance from senior **Derrick White** couldn't save the Colorado Buffaloes on Wednesday.

Despite a 30-point, six-rebound, six-assist night from White, the Buffs dropped a 79-74 decision to UCF at CFE Arena in their NIT opener. The loss ended CU's season at 19-15, only the second time in the seven-year **Tad Boyle** era that the Buffs failed to reach the 20-win plateau.

Colorado fought back from a 12-point deficit in the first half to trail by just four at the half before White scored CU's first six points of the second half to tie the game at 40-40.

But UCF slowly built the lead back to as much as 13, then held Colorado off down the stretch at the free throw line. Colorado actually had five more field goals than the Knights, but the Buffs shot just 30-for-71 from the field, including only 9-for-33 from 3-point range. The Knights were 25-for-46 from the field, including 12-for-22 from beyond the arc.

UCF also made 17 of its 32 free throws while Colorado shot just six free shots and made five.

"This game kind of encapsulates the whole season when you look at it from a lot of different perspectives," Boyle said. "We dug ourselves a hole, we had to climb out of it and we did climb out of it. We battled, we fought, we scratched, we clawed. We had to overcome a lot of adversity. I'm proud of our fight."

"But at some point in these high-level games at the end of the year ... you have to make shots when the shots are there to be made. We had some open looks that we didn't make. They had open looks and they made them."

Two other Buffs playing in their last game in a CU uniform also finished in double digits, with **Xavier Johnson** scoring 13 and **Josh Fortune** adding 12.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Even after trailing by 13 with less than two minutes to go in the game, the Buffs very nearly forced the game into overtime.

Thanks to the Knights missing four of six free throws over the next minute and a half, Colorado was able to cut a 72-59 deficit to 74-71 with 23 seconds to go on a White 3-pointer, then narrow the gap to 76-74 nine seconds later on a Johnson trey.

UCF's A.J. Davis then made just one of two free throws on the Knights' next possession, but a White 3-point attempt with six seconds remaining banged off the rim and Davis then sealed the win with two more free throws.

"Our guys fought," Boyle said. "We came back, it was a one-possession game and Derrick had a great look to tie that thing and it didn't go in. They shot 32 free throws, we shot six. Now 14 of them, we were fouling at the end intentionally. You take those 14 away, they shoot 18 free throws, we shoot 6. Big difference in terms of being able to get to the free throw line. We weren't able to, they were."

The Buffs also couldn't get stops when they most needed them. Every time they closed the gap, the Knights answered with a mini-run to rebuild a cushion.

"That was our problem all year," White said. "We didn't guard well enough to win today. We didn't guard well enough to win all year long. That was our biggest issue."

One thing that wasn't as big of an issue as the Buffs thought it might be was the presence of 7-foot-6 UCF center Tacko Fall. While Fall finished with 10 points and eight rebounds, he had only four points and three rebounds after intermission.

The Buffs trailed 25-13 midway through the first half before closing the gap to four by intermission, 38-34. They momentarily tied the game at 40, but fell behind again by double digits before the final rally fell just short.

B.J. Taylor led UCF with 26 points on 7-for-13 shooting, including 5-for-8 from 3-point range.

