

# 2018 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL / POSTGAME NOTES (1 OF 1)



Southern California Trojans (4-2, 2-1 Pac-12) 31, Colorado Buffaloes (5-1, 2-1 Pac-12) 20 (Los Angeles Coliseum; October 13,

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FINAL SCORE		20	31
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 24:40)		1:47	33:33
Total Plays-Yards		84-265	61-334
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards		27-92	18-65
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory		6 of 16	5 of 13
First Down Plays/Yards		30/45	28/84
Average on First Down		1.5	3.0
First Half		0.9 (14-13)	2.8 (17-47)
Second Half		2.0 (16-32)	3.4 (11-37)
Rushes/Average		15/2.1	13/0.5
Passes/Average (includes sacks)		15/0.9	15/5.2
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+		0/0/9	1/2/8
	-/0/Neg	21/7/8	14/8/4
Second Down Effic	iency	4-27	12-23
First Half		2-12	7-14
Second Half		2-15	5-9
Yards Gained		81	210
Third Down Efficiency		7-23	2-10
Rushing		3-5	0-1
Passing		4-18	2-9
Average Yards To Go (All)		9.0	12.0
Average Yards To Go (Conversions)		5.0	11.0
Yards Gained		105	40
3rd & 5 or less		5-8	0-0
3rd & 6 or more		2-15	2-10
	ency (Yards)	2-4 (34)	0-0 (0)
Total Possessions/Average FP		16/C32	14/SC30
First Half		9/C33	9/SC26
Second Half		7/C31	5/SC36
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20		2 (1/1)	4 (4/0)
Drives Started In Plus Territory		1 (0 pts)	2 (3 pts)
Three Plays & Out		8	5
Opponent Turnovers (Pts)		2 (0)	1 (7)
*Red Zone (pts)		2-2 (13)	1-1 (7)
Plays-Yards		5-23	2-9
Third Down Efficiency			0-0
Yards by Quarter:	1st	21	55
	2nd	90	200
	3rd	53	57
	4th	101	22

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

▶ Players who carried out CU's symbolic instruments tonight: Sledgehammer: Drew Lewis Toolbox: Chase Newman **United States Flag:** *Tony Brown* Colorado Flag: Hunter Vaughn

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## **QUICKLY**

TV Replays: Sunday: 1 p.m. on AT&T Sports Net. Monday: 10 a.m. on Fox Sports 2; 5 p.m. & 9 p.m. on AT&T Sports Net. *Tuesday:* 1 a.m. on Fox Sports 1; 8 p.m. on AT&T Sports Net.

Colorado sold its entire ticket allotment for this game (3,000) ... The Buffs had won three straight games dating back to 2014 when wearing gold helmets/white jerseys/gold pants ... USC now leads the series by a 13-0 count (7-0 in Los Angeles) ... This marked the third time CU had a lead versus USC since the Buffs joined the Pac-12 in 2011: CU led 7-0 in '11, 17-3 in '15 and tonight... When USC took a 21-7 lead late in the first half, it marked the first time that

CU trailed by two scores in 2018 ... Of the **73** plays in the first half, only 13 were in plus territory (USC 8, CU 5) ...

Player One Liners. CB Chris Miller made his first career start ... WR Jaylon Jackson saw his first career action (the 42nd player to do so for CU this season), and also made his first career receptions ... Colorado has scored in 20 of 24 quarters this season ... PK James Stefanou is now 61-of-61 for his career in PAT kicks ... S Kyle Trego recovered CU's onside kick; the Buffs had not recovered one for the previous six tries (including one in this game), as WR Nelson Spruce recovered the last one at Oregon in 2014.

Scoreless First Quarter. The scoreless first quarter in tonight's game was just the ninth involving the Buffaloes over the last 196 games (dating back to 2003) ... but the second season in a row with the Trojans.

**Interceptions. ILB Drew Lewis** made his first career interception on the first play of the game; it was CU's fourth pick of the year, all by linebackers at that point. The secondary then got its first later in the quarter when S Evan Worthington had the fourth of his career.

Strength vs. Strength: Colorado came in allowing just 3 points in the fourth quarter (best in the nation); USC came in with **39** fourth quarter points (47th). Winner: Colorado won the quarter, 13-3, meaning CU has yet to allow a fourth quarter TD. CU outgained the Trojans 101-22, and over the last two games CU has outgained the opponent 198-25 with 22:36 of possession time.

Turnover Streak Ends. Ajene Harris' interception in the third quarter ended a run of 11 straight quarters by the Buffs without committing a turnover; it also ended a streak of 83 consecutive passes by QB Steven Montez without throwing a pick, his third streak of 80-plus in his career.

## INDIVIDUAL LINER NOTES

#### WR Laviska Shenault (9-72 receiving; 2-46, 1 TD rushing)

▶ Before leaving with a foot injury, he improved his numbers to 60 receptions for 780 yards (13.0 per) in six games; his streak of one receiving TD in five games came to an end (it tied for the second longest streak in CU history, two short of the record), but his career-long rush of 49 yards for a score extended it overall to six games (11 TDs on the season).

## **QB Steven Montez (47-26-1, 170 passing; 9-9 rushing, 1 TD)**

▶ With 179 yards total offense, he moved into fifth on CU's all-time list with (6,285), passing Tyler Hansen (6,183, 2008-11).