



# 2019 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL / POSTGAME NOTES (1 OF 2)



Colorado Buffaloes (1-0) 52, Colorado State Rams (0-1) 31

(Broncos Stadium at Mile High, Denver; August 30)

## MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS



FINAL SCORE.....	52	31
Time Spent in the Lead ( <i>Tied 12:12</i> ).....	43:36	4:12
Total Plays-Yards .....	60-525	78-505
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards.....	24-236	36-238
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory.....	7 of 11	8 of 11
First Down Plays/Yards .....	31/275	36/209
Average on First Down .....	8.9	5.8
First Half .....	9.2 (17-156)	4.9 (16-78)
Second Half .....	8.5 (14-119)	6.6 (20-131)
Rushes/Average.....	23/6.7	14/4.0
Passes/Average ( <i>includes sacks</i> ) .....	8/15.0	22/7.0
Second Down Efficiency .....	8-19	13-26
First Half .....	4-8	8-11
Second Half .....	4-11	5-15
Yards Gained .....	206	125
Third Down Efficiency .....	4-9	5-12
Rushing .....	1-5	0-1
Passing .....	3-4	5-11
Average Yards To Go (All) .....	4.5	6.8
Average Yards To Go (Conversions) .....	3.0	5.0
Yards Gained .....	39	122
3rd & 5 or less.....	2-6	3-5
3rd & 6 or more.....	1-3	2-7
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards) .....	1-1 (5)	2-4 (49)
Total Possessions/Average FP.....	11/C29	11/CS21
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20 .....	3 (2/1)	5 (3/2)
Drives Started In Plus Territory .....	1 (7 pts)	0 (0 pts)
Three Plays & Out .....	3	3
Opponent Turnovers (Pts).....	4 (17)	0 (0)
*Scores-Times Penetrated The 20 (pts) .....	4-4 (28)	2-2 (14)
Plays-Yards.....	9-42	3-22
Third Down Efficiency .....	1-1	0-0
Yards by Quarter:		
1st.....	110	116
2nd .....	153	166
3rd .....	98	75
4th .....	164	148

\*—red zone is inside-the-20 (*“the 20 is NOT in the zone”*—the creator.)

**CU GAME CAPTAINS** 53 Landman 56 Lynott 3 Nixon

**ATTENDANCE** Tonight's attendance of **66,997** finished the 19 Rocky Mountain Showdowns in Denver (16 at the new stadium, three at old Mile High) with **1,294,101** in attendance. CU sold **38,102** tickets (25,868 public, 12,234 student).

**TIME(S)** With kickoff at **8:47 p.m.**, it was the fourth latest kickoff in CU history (second latest in Colorado—latest was 9:08 vs. Oregon in 2015); the **37-minute** delay due to lightning was reminiscent of a 28-minute delay in the 2003 game here (that was in the third quarter) ... The ending at **12:06 a.m.** was the second latest in the state (Oregon, 12:31 a.m.).

**QUICKLY** CU has won four straight season openers for the first time since claiming eight in a row (1991-98) ... **Mel Tucker** joins Rick Neuheisel (1995) and Mike MacIntyre (2013) as the only coaches to win their first game at the reins of the Buffaloes dating back to 1932 ... Buffs now lead the series with CSU by **67-22-2** (13-6 in Denver, 23-8 since it was resumed in 1983) ... Colorado is now **81-44-5** in 130 season openers ... The **83** points scored tonight are the most in the 91 games in the series, topping the 82 in the 1996 game at Fort Collins (a 48-34 CU win) ... CU has won five straight in the series, the longest run by either

school since the Buffs claimed eight straight from 1987 through 1998 (CU has outscored the Rams 185-78 in the streak) ... The **52** points by CU are the most in the series since 1952, when CU won 61-0 in Boulder; it's also the sixth-most overall (all by Colorado) ... Colorado is now **124-2** all-time when scoring 43 or more points ... The Buffs have now made **102** consecutive PAT kicks dating back to October 2016 ... CU dressed **104** players for tonight, it's most in recent memory.

## FIRST CAREER ...

► **ACTION:** 13 players made their Buffalo debuts tonight:

**TRUE FRESHMEN (5):** TB Joe Davis, DT Janaz Jordan, TB Jaren Mangham, DT Na'im Rodman, DT Austin Williams

**REDSHIRT FROSH (5):** WR Clayton Baca, LB Ray Robinson, OL Casey Roddick, DT Jalen Sami, TB Deion Smith

**GRADUATE TRANSFERS (3):** OT Arlington Hambright, TE Jalen Harris, S Mikial Onu

► **STARTS:** Four Buffaloes made their first career starts:

**REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (1):** DT Jalen Sami

**SENIORS (1):** OLB Nu'umotu Falo

**GRADUATE TRANSFERS (2):** OT Arlington Hambright, S Mikial Onu

**200/200** The Buffaloes, with **243** rushing yards and **232** passes yards improved to 52-8 when topping 200 in both in the same game since 1981 (59-11 all-time). It's the third time in the last four games against CSU that CU accomplished that feat.

**SCORING FRENZY** Colorado scored it most points in a season opener since defeating Drake 61-0 back in 1954; it's the third-most ever in a season lid-lifter, as the only other in-between was a 54-0 win over Colorado Mines in 1942.

—The Buffs last scored 50+ points in week two of the 2016 season in a 56-7 win over Idaho State.

**WACKY STAT OF THE NIGHT** CU has now scored **52** of its last **53** times in goal-to-go situations (**44 TD/8 FG**) over the course of its last 29 games.

## INDIVIDUAL LINER NOTES

► **QB Steven Montez (20-13-0, 232, 2 TD, 195.4 QBR passing; 5-39 rushing; 271 yards total offense).**

—He is now **13-15** as CU's starting quarterback; his **28** starts tie Cody Hawkins (2007-10) for the sixth-most in CU history.

—His **25** consecutive regular season starts trail only Kordell Stewart (33, 1992-94) and Gale Weidner (31, 1959-61).

—He has now started games in four different seasons (3-2016, 12-2017, 12-2018, 1-2019); he joins his predecessor, **Sefo Liufau** (2013-16), **Tyler Hansen** (2008-11) and Hawkins as the four to do so in Colorado history.

—While remaining in fourth place on CU's all-time passing yards list (**7,073**), he became the fourth Buff to pass for 7,000 or more yards; he trails Sefo Liufau (9,568), Cody Hawkins (7,409) and Joel Klatt (7,375).

—But: he closed the game in second in total offense (**7,919**); he passed Kordell Stewart (7,770) and trails only Liufau (10,509).

—He now has **48** career TD passes (trailing 60 by both Hawkins and Liufau).

—Career numbers vs. CSU: **56-of-74, 772 yards (7 TD, 3 INT), 186.4 rating.**

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### ► WR Laviska Shenault (3-48, 1 TD receiving; 3-45 rushing).

He moved from 21st into 17th on CU's all-time receiving yards list (1,227); among those he passed tonight was his position coach, Darrin Chiaverini (1,199). *Chiaverini has now coached four players who have passed him on the chart.*

### ► P Alex Kinney (4-49.0 avg., 63 long, 1 In20).

—He joined a handful of players in CU history to play in five games against the same opponent (the first since **TE Quinn Sypniewski**, who lined up against the Rams in 2000-01-02-04-05); he lost two seasons after being injured early in 2003 and 2004 and was granted a sixth year).

—**But:** Kinney was **5-0** against Colorado State, believed to be either the first or second player in CU history to be involved in five wins against the same opponent. With no participation records available for the early years of the program, it can't be confirmed, but **Harry Gamble** lettered six times (1891-96) and could have been 5-0 against the University of Denver.

—Kinney had **21** punts in his career against CSU, for **895** yards (**42.6** avg.) with **9** inside-the-20.

### ► TB Alex Fontenot (19-125, 3 TD rushing)

—He had the most yards by a Buffalo in his starting debut at running back since Michael Adkins had 137 against Charleston Southern in 2013; the 125 yards rank as the 13th most in a starting debut, while his three touchdowns join **Bobby Anderson** (vs. Indiana in 1969) and **Christian Powell** (vs. Sacramento State in 2011) behind only Adkins, who scored four times against Charleston Southern.

### MORE TEAM NOTES

► In the last 14 season openers, the Buffaloes are 42-of-46 in the red zone (28 TDs, 14 FGs), including 36-of-38 against Colorado State (and one of the four misses was at Hawai'i in 2015 in a controversial ending when the Mountain West officials botched setting the ball as time ran out (CU was 2-of-4 in that game).

