



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



Colorado Buffaloes (2-0) 34, Nebraska Cornhuskers (1-1) 31 (OVERTIME)

(Folsom Field, Boulder; September 7)

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS



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| FINAL SCORE..... | 34 | 31 |
| Time Spent in the Lead (<i>Tied 12:25</i>)..... | 0:00 | 47:35 |
| Total Plays-Yards | 78-464 | 72-469 |
| Plus Territory: Plays-Yards..... | 31-128 | 24-100 |
| Drives With Plays in Plus Territory..... | 9 of 14 | 6 of 15 |
| First Down Plays/Yards | 33/216 | 32/231 |
| Average on First Down | 6.5 | 7.2 |
| First Half | 2.2 (11-24) | 4.7 (15-71) |
| Second Half | 8.7 (22-192) | 9.4 (17-160) |
| Rushes/Average..... | 20/2.8 | 19/5.0 |
| Passes/Average (<i>includes sacks</i>) | 13/12.4 | 13/10.5 |
| Second Down Efficiency | 8-26 | 8-24 |
| First Half | 1-11 | 7-12 |
| Second Half / OT | 7-15 | 1-12 |
| Yards Gained | 191 | 204 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 6-17 | 5-15 |
| Rushing | 2-4 | 5-9 |
| Passing | 4-13 | 0-6 |
| Average Yards To Go (All) | 7.6 | 6.3 |
| First Half | 8.9 | 3.5 |
| Average Yards To Go (Conversions) | 4.8 | 2.8 |
| Yards Gained | 50 | 28 |
| 3rd & 5 or less..... | 4-8 | 3-5 |
| 3rd & 6 or more | 2-9 | 2-10 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards) | 2-2 (7) | 1-1 (6) |
| Total Possessions/Average FP..... | 14/C20 | 15/N20 |
| First Half | 5/C27 | 5/N21 |
| Second Half | 9/C37 | 10/N28 |
| Drives Started Inside/At Own 20 | 3 (3/0) | 6 (5/1) |
| Drives Started In Plus Territory | 1 (3 pts) | 1 (3 pts) |
| Three Plays & Out | 3 | 5 |
| Opponent Turnovers (Pts)..... | 3 (3) | 2 (3) |
| Scores-Times Penetrated The 20 (pts)..... | 4-4 (20) | 3-3 (21) |
| Plays-Yards..... | 10-28 | 11-44 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 1-3 | 1-2 |
| Yards by Quarter: | | |
| 1st..... | 45 | 141 |
| 2nd | 39 | 125 |
| 3rd | 109 | 50 |
| 4th | 258 | 159 |
| OT..... | 13 | - 6 |

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

CU GAME CAPTAINS 34 Johnson 12 Montez 2 Shenault

ATTENDANCE Today's attendance of **52,829** (sellout) is the largest (and third crowd of 50,000-plus) since Folsom was reconfigured ahead of the 2015 season (club seats swapped in for bleacher seating in the north end zone and northeast corner). The other two crowds were: **52,681** against Arizona State last Oct. 6 (Family Weekend, not a sellout as the student section was oversold) and the last sellout, **52,301** against Utah on Nov. 26, 2016.

► This was CU's largest home opener crowd since 2009 (**53,168** vs. Colorado State).

QUICKLY Colorado is now **7-8** in overtime games in its history (1-1 vs. Nebraska; in the 1999 OT game won by the Huskers, CU rallied from down 27-3 tie the game but missed a 33-yarder that would have won it; NU held CU to a field goal in OT as it did today, but scored a TD on its possession to win) ... The Buffaloes snapped an 8-game losing streak against (AP) ranked teams, its last win coming over No. 21 Utah in 2016 ... CU has won **13**

straight non-conference games in the state's borders (**eight** in Boulder, five in Denver) ... Nebraska now leads the series **49-20-2 (23-11-2** in Boulder) ... CU was last shutout in the first half at Utah on Nov. 25, 2017 (down 28-0); last time at home on Nov. 11, 2017 (USC led, 20-0) ... Colorado gained 258 yards in the fourth quarter after having **193** at the end of three ... Colorado's first 10 plays in NU territory were for net negative 6 yards; the last 21 gained **134** yards ... Colorado had **six** quarterback sacks in the game, **four** coming on third downs (all in the second half) ... The Buffs have now made **106** consecutive PAT kicks dating back to October 2016 ... CU has now scored **54** of its last **55** times in goal-to-go situations (**45** TD/**9** FG) over the course of its last 29 games.

FIRST CAREER ...

► **ACTION:** OLB Joshka Gustav (on special teams). ► **START:** None

MONTEZ-TO-NIXON'S 96-YARDER ... It took nearly 65 years to break one of the oldest records in school history, but the 96-yard pass was the longest play from scrimmage in Colorado history. It was the longest play since Robert Hodge-to-Jeremy Bloom covered 94 yards for a touchdown against Kansas State on Oct. 5, 2002. The longest plays in sum history:

COLORADO / ALL-TIME LONGEST PLAYS FROM SCRIMMAGE

- 96 Steven Montez to K.D. Nixon vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Sept. 7, 2019 (TD).
- 95 Emerson Wilson run vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Nov. 20, 1954 (TD).
- 94 Robert Hodge to Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002 (TD).
- 92 Koy Detmer to Charles Johnson vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992 (TD).
- 91 Kayo Lam run vs. Brigham Young at Provo, Oct. 20, 1934 (TD).
- 91 Bob West run vs. New Mexico in Pueblo, Nov. 4, 1944 (TD).
- 90 Eddie Dove run vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 5, 1957 (TD).
- 90 Marc Walters to Jeff Campbell vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1988 (TD).
- 89 Koy Detmer to Herchell Troutman vs. Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 9, 1995.
- 89 Steven Montez to Laviska Shenault vs. Colo. St. in Denver, Aug. 31, 2018 (TD).
- 88 Mike Moschetti to Javon Green vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 30, 1999 (TD).

► **LONGEST FLEA FLICKER IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL HISTORY:** SBNation is reporting the play was the longest “flea-flicker” in college football history.

1-3/FOURTH A defensive battle through three quarters (**24** points, **509** yards) did a 180 in the fourth, when the teams combined for **38** points and **417** yards.

WACKY STAT OF THE GAME Nebraska was **7-of-12** on second down in the first half, but was held to **1-of-12** in the second half.

INDIVIDUAL LINER NOTES

► **QB Steven Montez (41-28-1, 375, 2 TD, 156.3 QBR passing; 8-(-17) rushing; 358 yards total offense).**

—He is now **14-15** as CU's starting quarterback; his **29** starts are now sixth-most in CU history.

—His **26** consecutive regular season starts trail only Kordell Stewart (33, 1992-94) and Gale Weidner (31, 1959-61).

—He moved into second place on CU's all-time passing yards list (**7,448**), trailing only Sefo Liufau (9,568) as he passed Cody Hawkins (7,409) and Joel Klatt (7,375) this afternoon.

—He topped the 8k mark in total offense (**8,277**) and again only trails only Liufau (10,509).

—He now has **50** career TD passes (trailing 60 by both Liufau and Cody Hawkins).

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► WR K.D. Nixon (6-148, 1 TD receiving).

He had the third 100-yard game of his career, and in the process 51st on CU's all-time receiving yards list into 41st with 830 yards. That included passing Jeff Campbell who was in 41st; Jeff was on hand to sub for Gary Barnett (who was ill) as analyst on KOA-Radio.

—He also moved from 48th into 40th in receptions with 62.

► WR Laviska Shenault (5-31 receiving).

He moved from 17th into 16th on CU's all-time receiving yards list (1,258), but with five receptions, he became the 18th player to record 100 career catches, ending the game with 101.

► PK James Stefanou (4-4 PAT, 2-2 FG, 10 points)

—He is now 19th in scoring at Colorado (151 points, which has him for eighth in kick-scoring).

—He is now 76-of-76 in PAT kicks in his career and 25-of-33 in field goals.

► CB Chris Miller had his first career interception.

► **DE Mustafa Johnson** had three sacks (for 21 yards) in losses; the first Buff with three since Leo Jackson against Texas State in 2017 (which was the first time since Josh Hartigan had three against Kansas State in 2010). So the third time in 10 seasons.

MORE TEAM NOTES

► The attendance of 52,829 was the largest at Folsom since 2010, when 52,855 were in the house for the Georgia game (a 29-27 win).

TUCKER JOINS ELITE CU COMPANY Mel Tucker is the 10th coach (out of 26) in CU history to win his first two games:

| Year | Coach | Wins | First Two Opponents |
|------|-------------------|------|---|
| 1894 | Harry Heller | 7 | EAST DENVER H.S., at Denver A.C. |
| 1905 | Willis Kleinholtz | 6 | at North Denver H.S., at Regis |
| 1900 | T.W. Mortimer | 5 | at Denver Manual H.S. at Denver West H.S. |
| 1995 | Rick Neuheisel | 5 | at Wisconsin, NE LOUISIANA |
| 1895 | Fred Folsom | 3 | DENVER MANUAL H.S., DENVER WHEEL |
| 1903 | Dave Cropp | 3 | at State Prep School, UTAH |
| 1920 | Myron Witham | 2 | at Denver, at Wyoming |
| 1932 | William Saunders | 2 | at Colorado Mines, UTAH STATE |
| 2013 | Mike MacIntyre | 2 | *Colorado State, CENTRAL ARKANSAS |
| 2019 | Mel Tucker | 2 | *Colorado State, NEBRASKA |

COMEBACKS CU rallied from a 17-point deficit to win, tying its fourth-largest comeback in school history. The top comebacks:

| Trailed By | Time, Qtr. | Final | Opponent (Date) |
|------------|------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 20 (7-27) | 8:01, 3Q | 28-27 | at Missouri (Oct. 28, 1978) |
| 19 (0-19) | 13:18, 4Q | 20-19 | KANSAS (Oct. 7, 1961) |
| 18 (17-35) | 8:20, 3Q | 43-38 | at Iowa State (Nov. 8, 1997) |
| 17 (0-17) | 7:00, 3Q | 21-20 | at Minnesota (Sept. 19, 1992) |
| 17 (7-24) | 12:23, 3Q | 27-24 | OKLAHOMA (Sept. 29, 2007) |
| 17 (14-31) | 14:47, 4Q | 35-34 | at Washington State (Sept. 22, 2012) |
| 17 (0-17) | 4:06, 3Q | 34-31 | NEBRASKA (Sept. 7, 2019) |

