



# 2021 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL / POSTGAME NOTES

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Colorado Buffaloes (2-4, 1-2 Pac-12) 34, Arizona Wildcats (0-6, 0-3 Pac-12) 0

Folsom Field, Boulder; October 16

## MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

FINAL SCORE.....	34	0
Time Spent in the Lead ( <i>Tied 6:34</i> ).....	53:26	0:00
Total Plays-Yards .....	58-365	70-280
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards.....	19-88	18-51
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory ....	5 of 10	5 of 12
First Down Plays/Yards .....	24/96	28/100
Average on First Down .....	4.0	3.6
First Half .....	3.3 (11-36)	3.3 (10-33)
Second Half .....	4.6 (13-60)	3.7 (18-67)
Rushes/Average.....	19/3.5	12/4.8
Passes/Average ( <i>includes sacks</i> ) .....	5/5.6	16/2.6
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+ .....	0/3/8	2/4/11
Times Gained: 2-/0/Neg .....	11/3/4	15/8/5
Second Down Efficiency .....	6-20	8-22
First Half .....	3-10	1-9
Second Half .....	3-10	7-13
Yards Gained .....	128	123
Third Down Efficiency .....	6-13	3-15
Rushing .....	3-6	3-7
Passing .....	3-7	2-12
Average Yards To Go (All) .....	4.5	7.8
Average Yards To Go (Conversions) .....	5.8	6.0
Yards Gained .....	141	44
3rd & 5 or less.....	4-9	1-5
3rd & 6 or more .....	2-4	2-10
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards) .....	0-1 (0)	1-3 (13)
Total Possessions/Average FP.....	11/C21	12/A25
First Half .....	5/C18	5/A28
Second Half .....	6/C22	7/A22
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20 .....	7 (2/5)	1 (1/0)
Drives Started In Plus Territory .....	0 (0 pts)	0 (0 pts)
Three Plays & Out .....	3	2
Opponent Turnovers (Pts).....	1 (7)	0 (0)
Scores-Times Penetrated The 20 (pts)..	3-3 (13)	0-2 (0)
Plays-Yards.....	7-25	6-0
Third Down Efficiency .....	0-2	0-1
Yards by Quarter:		
1st.....	90	33
2nd .....	71	66
3rd .....	105	93
4th .....	99	88

**CAPTAINS** 6 Blackmon, CB 53 Landman, ILB 12 Lewis, QB 38 Russell, TE

## QUICKLY

► **Records.** Colorado now leads the series a **16-8** count (7-5 in Boulder, 9-3 in Tucson) ... The Buffaloes are now **20-9** in games on Family Weekend dating back to 1992 (**4-6** in the Pac-12, **1-2** vs. Arizona) ... CU has won five of six coin tosses this year, and dating back to 2016, **42** of the last **62** ... CU is now **31-24** following a bye since World War II (**5-6** since joining the Pac-12).

► **Forward Ho ... Not.** CU had seven tackles for loss in the first half, eclipsing its season high of six for a game (versus Northern Colorado); UA ran 29 first half plays, 14 for zero or minus yardage (four gains of 0, three incomplete passes). CU finished with a season-high 9 nine TFL's.

► **Back In Front.** When CU took a 3-0 lead with 8:26 left in the first quarter, it ended a run of trailing the opponent for **201:27** (and tied for **47:48**). It also was CU's first score on an opening drive in 2021 (opponents are 0-of-6).

► **Goal Line Stands.** CU recorded its second goal-to-go stop of the season when it held Arizona to four straight gains of 0 at its 1-yard line; the other came in the opener against Northern Colorado.

► **TD-Less Half.** This was the first CU game where neither team scored a touchdown in the first half since Oct. 20, 2007, when Kansas led 3-0 in Boulder en route to a 19-14 win),

► **Reversal.** Dating back to the fourth quarter of the Texas A&M game, the Buffaloes had been outgained, **1,975** to **818**; but today, CU outgained Arizona, 365-280.

► **Non-Offensive Scores.** CU had two non-offensive touchdowns in the same game for the first time since 2013 and for the seventh time this millennium. It was the first time touchdowns were scored by all three phases of the game since two occasions in 2004. A look at all seven instances:

<b>Oct. 16, 2021</b>	<b>ARIZONA</b>	<b>W, 34-0</b>
	<i>Trevor Woods 36 blocked punt return</i>	
	<i>Carson Wells 50 interception return</i>	
<b>Sept. 7, 2013</b>	<b>CENTRAL ARKANSAS</b>	<b>W, 38-24</b>
	<i>Greg Henderson 46 interception return</i>	
	<i>Jered Bell 79 interception return</i>	
<b>Oct. 22, 2005</b>	<b>KANSAS</b>	<b>W, 44-13</b>
	<i>Dominique Brooks 28 blocked punt return</i>	
	<i>Stephone Robinson 81 punt return</i>	
<b>Sept. 11, 2004</b>	<b>at Kansas</b>	<b>W, 30-21</b>
	<i>Dominique Brooks 41 fumble return</i>	
	<i>Stephone Robinson 48 punt return</i>	
<b>Sept. 11, 2004</b>	<b>Washington State (at Seattle)</b>	<b>W, 20-12</b>
	<i>Joe Sanders 51 interception return</i>	
	<i>Lawrence Vickers recovered blocked punt in end zone</i>	
<b>Oct. 26, 2002</b>	<b>TEXAS TECH</b>	<b>W, 37-13</b>
	<i>Medford Mooror 51 interception return</i>	
	<i>Tyler Brayton 14 fumble return</i>	
<b>Sept. 1, 2002</b>	<b>Colorado State (at Denver)</b>	<b>W, 41-14</b>
	<i>Donald Strickland 51 interception return</i>	
	<i>Michael Lewis 41 interception return</i>	

## ► Firsts Since ...

**S Trevor Woods** blocked punt was CU's first since Alex Fontenot blocked punts at Cal (Nov. 24, 2018) and against Utah (Nov. 17, 2018), and his first blocked punt return for a TD since Lawrence Vickers recovered a punt in the end zone against Washington State in Seattle on Sept. 11, 2004.

**OLB Carson Wells'** interception return for a TD was the first since Dante Wigley returned one 27 yards for a score against Oregon State in Boulder on Oct. 27, 2018.

► **Shutout Roll Call.** CU shutout an opponent for the first time since a 48-0 blanking of Nicholls State on Sept. 26, 2015; and:

—It was CU's first shut out over an FBS opponent since a 34-0 win at Oklahoma State on Oct. 1, 2005 (the first in Boulder since three weeks earlier that year, 39-0 over New Mexico State on Sept. 10);

—It was the third time CU shutout an Arizona team (others: 14-0 in Boulder in 1955 and 18-0 at Tucson in 1959);

—It was only the second true shutout of a Pac-12 team as a conference member, with a 12-0 win at Washington State on Sept. 18, 1982 (Bill McCartney's first win); Arizona was not in the league in the 1950s and 13 shutouts over Utah all came prior to 1960;

—It was the first time an opponent had been shutout through three quarters since leading CSU 37-0 in Denver on Sept. 2, 2016;

—And it was the second time CU held an opponent scoreless in the first half this year (also UNC); the last FBS opponent not to score in the first half against the Buffs was Washington on Nov. 23, 2019 (CU led that, 13-0 at half en route to a 20-14 win).

**MORE TO COME**

**INDIVIDUAL LINER NOTES****OLB Carson Wells (4,0—4 TT, 4 TFL, 1 INT-TD)**

- He now has 31 career tackles for losses, moving him into a tie for 19th in the school history; one of those was a quarterback sack, the 12th of his career, now tied for 27th on CU's all-time list.
- The interception was the third of his career (other two were against UCLA's Dorian Thompson-Robinson).
- The first CU linebacker to return an interception for a TD since Rick Gamboa returned one against Oregon State in 2016 (20 yards; the longest since Kenneth Olugbode returned one 60 yards against Colorado State in 2015).

**ILB Nate Landman (4,3—7 TT; 1 TFL, 1 3DS, 1 4DS)**

- He is closing in on 400 tackles and the sixth to achieve that many in CU history; if these numbers hold up in coaches review, he will have 398 for his career (280 solo, 118 assists).
- He added to his all-time CU leading totals in third down stops (52) and fourth down stops(9).
- He is now alone in sixth with 40 career tackles for loss.

**TACKLES**

Rk	Player (Position, Seasons)	UT	AT	—	TOT	TFL
1	Barry Remington (LB, 1982-86) .....	245	248	—	493	21- 60
2	Matt Russell (LB, 1993-96) .....	282	164	—	446	44-144
3	Greg Biekert (LB, 1989-92) .....	280	161	—	441	33- 73
4	Jordan Dizon (LB, 2004-07) .....	293	147	—	440	35-137
5	Ted Johnson (LB, 1991-94) .....	253	156	—	409	21- 61
6	Nate Landman (LB, 2017-21) .....	280	118	—	398	40-120

**UNASSISTED TACKLES**

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3	Nate Landman (LB, 2017-21) .....	280

**QB Brendon Lewis (19-12-0, 248, 2 TD, 207.5 rating)**

- He threw for a career-highs of 248 yards and two touchdowns, and posted the best QB rating of his career as well.
- His rating of 207.5 was the best by a Buff QB since Steven Montez recorded a 246.8 figure in the 2018 season opener against Colorado State.

**WR Brenden Rice (3-111, 1 TD receiving; 2-9 rushing; 3 FDE)**

- He had the first 100-yard receiving game of his career (and CU's first this season).
- The 62-yard TD he scored receiving is the longest pass play for a TD since a 71-yard TD pass from Steven Montez to Laviska Shenault against USC in 2019.
- His three career TDs at Colorado have averaged **68.0** yards per (two TD receptions of 61 and 62 yards, one punt return of 81 yards).