



2021 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL / POSTGAME NOTES

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Colorado Buffaloes (1-0, 0-0 Pac-12) 35, Northern Colorado Bears (0-1, 0-0 Big Sky) 7

Folsom Field, Boulder; September 3

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

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| FINAL SCORE..... | 35 | 7 |
| Time Spent in the Lead (<i>Tied 16:09</i>)..... | 43:51 | 0:00 |
| Total Plays-Yards | 64-383 | 60-256 |
| Plus Territory: Plays-Yards..... | 37-210 | 25-76 |
| Drives With Plays in Plus Territory..... | 7 of 11 | 6 of 10 |
| First Down Plays/Yards | 31/168 | 24/98 |
| Average on First Down | 5.4 | 4.1 |
| First Half | 5.3 (10-53) | 4.7 (12-56) |
| Second Half | 5.5 (21-115) | 3.5 (12-42) |
| Rushes/Average..... | 28/5.9 | 6/0.7 |
| Passes/Average (<i>includes sacks</i>) | 2/1.5 | 18/5.2 |
| Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+ | 2/6/13 | 0/4/9 |
| Times Gained: 2-0/Neg | 11/3/3 | 12/8/3 |
| Second Down Efficiency | 11-23 | 4-20 |
| First Half | 3-9 | 0-8 |
| Second Half | 8-14 | 4-12 |
| Yards Gained | 131 | 111 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 6-10 | 3-14 |
| Rushing | 4-5 | 1-4 |
| Passing | 2-5 | 2-10 |
| Average Yards to Go (All) | 6.9 | 7.9 |
| Average Yards to Go (Conversions) | 5.2 | 3.7 |
| Yards Gained | 84 | 47 |
| 3rd & 5 or less..... | 3-3 | 2-4 |
| 3rd & 6 or more | 3-7 | 1-10 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards) | 0-0 (0) | 0-0 (0) |
| Total Possessions/Average FP..... | 11/C33 | 10/NC26 |
| First Half | 6/C38 | 6/NC23 |
| Second Half | 5/C27 | 4/NC31 |
| Drives Started Inside/At Own 20 | 4 (4/0) | 3 (2/1) |
| Drives Started in Plus Territory..... | 2 (7 pts) | 0 (0 pts) |
| Three Plays & Out | 3 | 3 |
| Opponent Turnovers (Pts)..... | 1 (0) | 0 (0) |
| Scores-Times Penetrated the 20 (pts)... | 5-5 (35) | 0-2 (0) |
| Plays-Yards..... | 11-77 | 6-(-5) |
| Third Down Efficiency | 1-1 | 0-1 |
| Yards by Quarter: 1st | 22 | 59 |
| 2nd | 70 | 47 |
| 3rd | 145 | 72 |
| 4th | 129 | 68 |

CAPTAINS 54 Lang, DE 12 Lewis, QB 53 Landman, ILB 65 Pursell, C

QUICKLY

- **Series.** Colorado now leads the series by an 11-2 (2-0 since the rivalry resumed in 2017 after being dormant since 1934). CU leads 7-1 in Boulder.
- **Attendance.** Tonight's attendance of **44,153** was bolstered late in the week by the announcement of **Ralphie VI** and an awesome turnout by the students; all 14,000 sport passes sold out (all-time student tickets sold were **14,442** in 1972, followed by **14,000** in 1990; **11,537** students were scanned in tonight).
- **General.** The Buffaloes are now **83-44-5** in 132 season openers, **55-20-1** at home; it was the first season opening win in Boulder since 2005, as most openers since 1988 took place in Denver ... Colorado is now **20-3** in non-conference regular season games dating back to 2013 ... CU is now **19-25** all-time on Fridays ... Karl Dorrell improved to **40-29** as a collegiate head coach **5-2** at Colorado) ... The late **Hank Aaron** would be proud: this was CU's **715th** all-time victory (**715-517-36**) ... UNC had 18 rushes for 20 yards; it was the fewest in a season opener since 1996, when Washington State had 21 rushes for a net 5 yards.

NO TURNOVERS AGAIN CU did not turn the ball over (or even have a fumble) in its third straight season opener; it's the second turnover-free game under Dorrell.

RED ZONE SOLID AGAIN, TOO Colorado was **5-for-5** in the red zone (5 TDs), and is now an incredible **54-of-58** over the last 16 season openers (93.1%; 39 TDs/15 FGs). CU is 19-of-19 in the last four season lid-lifters.

FOUR SCORE AND SIX YEARS AGO The last time four different running backs scored in a game was on Sept. 26,, 2015 when Phillip Lindsay (two), Christian Powell, Donovan Lee and Kyle Evans all scored TDs in a 48-0 win over Nicholls State. Tonight, Jarek Broussard, Alex Fontenot, Ashaad Clayton and Deion Smith all punched in touchdown runs..

FIRSTS OF CAREER Freshman WR Montana Lemonious-Craig had his first career TD reception; QB Brendon Lewis threw it to him for his first career TD pass. TB Deion Smith has his first career TD,

► CB Mekhi Blackmon has his second career interception.

FIRST CAREER STARTS Three made their first career starts: **FRESHMEN (2):** QB Brendon Lewis, OT Jake Wiley **JUNIORS (1):** ILB Quinn Perry

FIRST CAREER ACTION 17 made their Buffalo debuts tonight:

TRUE FRESHMEN (11): PK Cole Becker, QB Drew Carter, ILB Zephaniah Maea, DL Tyas Martin, CB Kaylin Moore, WR Chase Penry, CB Nikko Reed, WR Ty Robinson, CB Tyrin Taylor, DL Ryan Williams, S Trevor Woods

FRESHMEN (4): OT Gerad Christian-Lichtenhan, WR Michael Harrison, S Trustin Oliver, CL Jayden Simon

SOPHOMORE (1): OT Max Wray

GRADUATE TRANSFERS (1): ILB Jack Lamb

INDIVIDUAL LINER NOTES

DC Chris Wilson

- Making his debut tonight as defensive coordinator, the **7** points allowed tied for the third fewest in a DC debut game. The **256** yards gained by Northern Colorado were the third-fewest allowed in a CU DC's debut, while the **20** yards rushing were the lowest.

QB Brendon Lewis (8-44 rushing; 15-10-0, 102, 1 TD passing)

- Dating back to the 1959 season, quarterbacks are now **26-24-1** in their starting debut as the Buffs' signal caller. He is the sixth African-American to win his first game as the starting joining Mark Hatcher (1985), Marc Walters (1986), Darian Hagan (1990), Charles Johnson (1990) and Kordell Stewart (1992).

TBs Jarek Broussard (15-94,1 TD) & Alex Fontenot (8-40,1 TD)

- Both are closing in on 1,000 career rushing yards: Fontenot has 957 yards (58th all-time at Colorado), while Broussard has 907 (60th).