



2021 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL / POSTGAME NOTES

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Southern California Trojans (3-2, 2-2 Pac-12) 37, Colorado Buffaloes (1-4, 0-2 Pac-12) 14

Folsom Field, Boulder; October 2

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

FINAL SCORE.....	14	37
Time Spent in the Lead (<i>Tied 9:03</i>).....	0:00	50:57
Total Plays-Yards	55-234	64-494
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards.....	12-56	21-170
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory	4 of 12	7 of 13
First Down Plays/Yards	23/56	31/216
Average on First Down	2.4	7.0
First Half	2.7 (10-27)	9.5 (18-171)
Second Half	2.2 (13-29)	3.5 (13-45)
Rushes/Average.....	19/2.3	17/5.0
Passes/Average (<i>includes sacks</i>)	4/3.0	14/9.4
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+	0/0/6	3/9/15
Times Gained: 2-0/Neg	11/2/3	11/6/2
Second Down Efficiency	11-21	8-21
First Half	5-10	4-11
Second Half	6-10	4-10
Yards Gained	152	210
Third Down Efficiency	1-10	5-12
Rushing	0-2	2-5
Passing	1-8	3-7
Average Yards To Go (All)	10.0	8.3
Average Yards To Go (Conversions)	10.0	7.8
Yards Gained	25	68
3rd & 5 or less.....	0-1	2-4
3rd & 6 or more	1-9	3-8
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	0-1 (1)	0-0 (0)
Total Possessions/Average FP.....	12/C27	13/SC31
First Half	6/C30	7/SC25
Second Half	6/C25	6/SC38
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20	9 (2/7)	4 (3/1)
Drives Started In Plus Territory	1 (7 pts)	2 (10 pts)
Three Plays & Out	3	3
Opponent Turnovers (Pts).....	1 (7)	2 (10)
Scores-Times Penetrated The 20 (pts)..	2-2 (14)	4-4 (24)
Plays-Yards.....	5-28	8-24
Third Down Efficiency	0-0	1-2
Yards by Quarter: 1st.....	24	161
2nd	64	164
3rd	120	112
4th	26	57

CAPTAINS 3 Gonzalez, CB 6 Blackmon, CB 53 Landman, ILB

QUICKLY

► **Records.** USC now leads the series a **15-0** count (8-0 in Boulder, 7-0 in Los Angeles) ... The Buffaloes are now **24-31-1** all-time when wearing all black uniforms (**0-5** vs. USC) ... CU has won four of five coin tosses this year, and dating back to 2016, **41** of the last **61** ... Heading into the season's only bye week, the Buffs are **30-24** following a bye since World War II (**4-6** since joining the Pac-12).

► **Weird Stat of the Game.** The bulk of the yards in this game came on second down conversions: CU gained **158** yards on its 11 second down makes, while USC had **168** on its second down conversions.

► **This-N-That.** Five "new" NFL teams scouted the game today, bringing the total to **23** that have seen CU games in person in 2021 ... Colorado has run just **288** plays on offense through five games (57.6 per; high of 64 in the opener against UNC; the last time CU didn't have a game with at least 70 plays in the first five of a season was in 2006, and before that, 1986) ... **S Trustin Oliver** celebrated his 20th birthday today ...

► **FIRST CAREER STARTS** CB Nigel Bethel, Jr., and ILB Jack Lamb made their first career starts as Buffaloes; **DT Mustafa Johnson** made his first start of the season in the first game he became eligible.

► **PENALTIES** The flags were flying today, particularly against USC: the Trojans were penalized 12 times for 125 yards. It was the most penalties by an opponent since USCX had 13 in the 2018 game and the most yards since Arizona had 129 later than same season.

INDIVIDUAL LINER NOTES

TE Brady Russell (3-87 receiving)

► He had career-highs for yards (87) and long reception (65), topping his previous bests of 77 and 34, respectively, against UCLA last year. It was just the second time since 2012 that a tight end has led the Buffs in a game in receiving yards, and he had the other (5-77 vs. UCLA in 2020). It matched the most yards by a Buff tight end in a game also since 2012, when Nick Kasa caught three passes for 87 yards in CU's 35-34 win at Washington State, and the most in a home game since Oct. 20, 2007 (Tyson DeVree, 7-90 and a TD in a 19-14 loss to Kansas).

► He now has 42 career receptions for 463 yards, as he cracked CU's top 100 in the latter (ending the game 89th on the list).

ILB Nate Landman (7,2-9 TT; 1 TZ)

► His march to 400 tackles and the sixth to achieve that many in CU history continues; if his numbers hold up in coaches review, he will have 389 for his career (274 solo, 115 assists), and he will have passed Rick Gamboa (389; 2015-18) into sixth all-time. He thus would trail just the five with 400.

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).....	274	115	—	389	39-118
7	Rick Gamboa (2015-18).....	188	200	—	388	7- 20

UNASSISTED TACKLES

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3	Greg Biekert (LB, 1989-92)	280
4	Nate Landman (LB, 2017-21).....	274

► He had his 30th career stop for zero gains today, which thus gives him 69 for his career at or behind the line of scrimmage.

QB Brendon Lewis (17-10-1, 162, 1 TD, 146.5 rating)

► He threw for a career high 162 yards, and posted the best QB rating of his career as well.

► Both his career interceptions have come on tipped passes.

P Josh Watts (7-49.6 avg., 2 In20, 1 TB; 43.1 net, 56 long)

► He continues to have a run of career games; for the season, he now has 31 punts for 1,512 yards, a 48.8 average (with 14 of his last 28 punts traveling 50 yards or longer).