



2021 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL / POSTGAME NOTES

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Utah Utes (9-3, 8-1 Pac-12) 28, Colorado Buffaloes (4-8, 3-6 Pac-12) 13

Rice-Eccles Stadium, Salt Lake City; November 26

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

FINAL SCORE.....	13	28
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 2:28).....	15:09	42:23
Total Plays-Yards	55-148	68-444
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards.....	15-30	36-215
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory.....	4 of 10	9 of 11
First Down Plays/Yards	19/63	30/168
Average on First Down	3.3	5.6
First Half	3.1 (9-28)	6.3 (15-95)
Second Half	3.5 (10-35)	4.8 (15-73)
Rushes/Average.....	12/3.9	21/4.5
Passes/Average (includes sacks)	7/2.3	9/8.1
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+	0/1/5	3/6/10
Times Gained: 2-0/Neg	11/6/0	17/7/5
Second Down Efficiency	1-18	10-23
First Half	0-7	4-12
Second Half	1-11	6-11
Yards Gained	17	199
Third Down Efficiency	7-16	6-12
Rushing	5-7	3-7
Passing	2-9	3-5
Average Yards To Go (All)	8.3	5.8
Average Yards To Go (Conversions)	3.6	5.3
Yards Gained	68	73
3rd & 5 or less	4-6	4-7
3rd & 6 or more	3-10	2-5
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	0-2 (0)	1-3 (4)
Total Possessions/Average FP.....	10/C30	11/U37
First Half	5/C35	5/U36
Second Half	5/C24	6/U38
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20	4 (2/2)	1 (1/0)
Drives Started In Plus Territory	1 (3 pts)	3 (14 pts)
Three Plays & Out	3	0
Opponent Turnovers (Pts).....	1 (3)	0 (0)
Scores-Times Penetrated The 20 (pts).....	1-1 (3)	3-4 (21)
Plays-Yards.....	3-0	7-48
Third Down Efficiency	0-1	1-1
Yards by Quarter: 1st	50	78
2nd	32	141
3rd	42	139
4th	24	86

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

CU 2021 STATISTICAL CHAMPIONS

Rushing: Jarek Broussard, Soph.-2 (142-661, 4.7 avg., 2 TD)
Passing: Brendon Lewis, Fr.-2 (257-149-3, 1,540, 10 TD; 118.8 rating)
Receiving: Brady Russell, Jr.-2 (25-307, 12.3 avg., 0 TD)
Scoring: Cole Becker, Fr. (67 points: 25-25 PAT, 14-20 FG)
Punting: Josh Watts, Jr.-2 (66-3,154, 47.79 avg., 16 In20, 24 50+)
Punt Returns: Dimitri Stanley, Soph.-3 (10-123, 12.3 avg., 0 TD)
Kickoff Returns: Brenden Rice, Fr.-2 (17-469, 27.6 avg., 67 long, 0 TD)
Tackles: TBD Isaiah Lewis, Jr.-2 (had 67 entering today; had 11; subject to coaches video numbers)
Quarterback Sacks: Carson Wells, Jr.-2 (5½-16)
Interceptions: Mark Perry, Soph.-2 (3-55, 18.3 avg., 0 TD)
Special Team Points: TBD (Daniel Arias, Jr.-2, leads with 22)

QUICKLY

► **Records.** Utah has won nine of the 11 games between the two schools that bookend the Rockies and thus has taken a **33-32-3** series lead (Utah leads 19-14-2 in Salt Lake City) ... CU finishes its 132nd year of football with a **4-8** mark, and is now 8-10 under head coach Karl Dorrell) ... CU is now **19-26** in Friday games ... The Buffs finished **0-3** against ranked programs in 2021.

► **This-N-That.** CU has shutout Utah in the first quarter its last two visits to Salt Lake City ... **TE Brady Russell** is the first tight end to lead the Buffs in receiving, both catches and yards, since Riar Geer in 2006; Russell, Geer and Daniel Graham (2001) are the only three tight ends to lead in both categories since 1984.

► **Coldest Game in 2021.** The **46** degree temperature at kickoff was the coldest for a CU kickoff in 2021; the average temperature for all 12 games at kickoff was exactly **68** degrees.

► **Red Zone Record.** The Buffs set the school mark for Scoring Percentage Inside-the-20 (Red Zone), scoring **31-of-33** times (20 TD/11FG); **93.9** percent. Old mark of 90.6 was set in 1985 and matched in 1994. On defense, opponents finished 32-of-43, or **74.4** percent, the 19th-best figure dating back to 1953.

► **No Turnovers Again ... and Again.** CU did not have a turnover for the seventh game this year (old school record was four several times; CU had just one in the final five games (a strip-sack of Drew Carter late in the UCLA game).

—CU had **7** turnovers on the year, a **school record** for the fewest in a season (old: 11 in 1956, five fumbles lost, six interceptions). Toledo plays Akron tomorrow; the Blades have six on the year as CU's seven are the second-fewest in the NCAA.

—96th game dating back to 1946 with none; CU is **62-30-4**.

—CU under Dorrell now has eight TO-free games in 18.

► **First Career Start.** CB Nikko Reed, subbing for an injured Mekhi Blackmon. TE Matt Lynch made his second start of the season.

INDIVIDUAL LINER NOTES

PK Cole Becker (1-1 PAT, 2-3 FG, 7 points)

► His **56**-yarder at the end of the first half was the longest by a freshman in school history; old record was 54 by Evan Price versus Oregon State in Boulder on Oct. 1, 2016 old best by a frosh on the road was 53 by James Stefanou at Arizona State on Nov. 4, 2017. It ties the seventh longest in school history and the fourth longest on the road. It was

► He made three 50-plus yard field goals this season (51, 52, 56), the most in a season since Mason Crosby made 5 (of 7) in 2005.

► He is just the seventh freshman to lead the Buffs in scoring (67 points), the third placekicker to do so. The 67 points are the second-most by a frosh, trailing 86 by PK James Stefanou in 2017.

CB Nikko Reed (1-100, 1 TD KOR)

► He made his first career start; the KOR was his second career return (he had a punt runback for 5 yards earlier in the year).

► He had the 12th 100-yard play in school history (eighth kickoff return, four interception returns); the second by a freshman (Marques Mosley was a frosh when he went 100 against the Utes in 2012, also CU's last KOR touchdown).

► The first 11 100-yard returns all were in the state of Colorado (9 in Boulder, two in Denver). All 12 100-yard plays:

KICKOFF RETURNS

Yards	Player, Opponent, Site, Date (*—opening kickoff of game)
100	Byron White vs. Denver at Denver, Nov. 26, 1936 (TD).
100	*Cliff Branch vs. Kansas in Boulder, Nov. 7, 1970 (TD).
100	*Billy Waddy vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Nov. 22, 1975 (TD).
100	Howard Ballage vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 21, 1978 (TD).
100	Walter Stanley vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980 (TD).
100	*Ben Kelly vs. Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 9, 1999 (TD).
100	Marques Mosley vs. Utah in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2012 (TD).
100	Nikko Reed vs. Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 26, 2021 (TD).

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Yards	Player, Opponent, Site, Date
100	Dick Kearns vs. Denver at Denver, Nov. 24, 1938 (TD).
100	Johnny Zeigler vs. Colorado Mines in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1942 (TD).
100	Steve Rosga vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, Oct. 12, 1996 (TD).
100	Nick Fisher vs. California in Boulder, Oct. 28, 2017 (TD).