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Postgame Notes: Colorado 43, Colorado State 35 OT

Attendance: 53,141, or 105.9 percent of capacity. It's the second-largest crowd vs. the capacity since the second deck was added to the stadium in 1956, behind only last week's total of 53,241, which was 106.1 percent.

Game Time:

- After ESPN enacted the preapproved 5-minute slide to push kickoff back to 8:20 it became the latest schedule game in the history of Folsom Field. Actually kicking off at 8:21 p.m., it is the second-latest at Folsom behind the 2015 Oregon game, which started at 9:08 p.m. after a 61 minute weather delay.
- It's the fifth-latest start overall behind the Oregon game and three east coast games, the 1991 Blockbuster Bowl vs. Alabama (9:09 p.m.) in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a game at Toledo (9:08 p.m.) in 2009 and the 1990 Orange Bowl against Notre Dame in Miami, Fla., which kicked off at 8:34 p.m.
- The game lasted four hours and three minutes, the longest game in CU history and fourth game that hit the four-hour mark. The previous longest game in CU history was 4:01 at California, a 59-56 double overtime loss in Berkeley in 2014. The previously long game at Folsom Field was two four-hour games, a 46-39 win over Missouri in 1999 and a 41-34 loss to Oregon State in 2018.
- The end of the game was officially at 12:25 a.m., the second game in Folsom Field history to go past midnight, behind the above-mentioned Oregon game in 2015, which ended at 12:31 a.m. Overall, it's the fourth latest game local time to end in CU history, also behind at 12:55 a.m. game at Toledo in 2009 and a 12:54 a.m. end against Alabama in the 1991 Blockbuster Bowl.

With the win ...

- Colorado improves to 722-536-36 all-time.
- Colorado improves to 3-0 in 2023, the first time since 2020 the Buffs started a season 3-0 and it's the 43rd time in CU history.
- CU is the fourth team in FBS history to start 3-0 after losing 11 games the previous season.
- Coach Prime is now 30-6 as a collegiate head coach, including 26-3 in the last three seasons.
- Colorado improves to 68-22-2 against Colorado State, including six straight. Colorado is 12-2 against Colorado State since 1983 when not the season opening game.
- Colorado is now 3-0 against Colorado State in overtime, and it's the first win in OT vs. Colorado State since the 27-24 win in 2015, which started the current win streak vs. the Rams.
- CU is now 10-9 all-time in overtime, this being the 19th game. CU has now won three straight overtime games, a 37-34 double OT win over Oregon State in 2021 and a 20-13 single OT win over Cal in 2022. CU has won four of its last five and five of its last seven OT games dating back to 2015.



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The Fourth Quarter Comeback ...

- CU orchestrated a fourth-quarter comeback for the second time in three games this season. The 11-point fourth quarter deficit is the largest fourth-quarter comeback since coming back from 11 down against CSU on Sept. 3, 2005.
- It's tied for the fourth-largest fourth-quarter comeback in the last 30 years.
- Since 1994, this is the third win where CU has trailed by two scores with less than 10 minutes to play, the other two were a 35-34 win at Washington State in 2012 after trailing 31-14 and the Miracle at Michigan, where the Buffs trailed the Wolverines 26-14 before winning on the final play of the game, 27-26.
- The above two games and Saturday's are three of the four games during which the Buffs completed a fourth-quarter comeback in the final minute. At Washington State, the Buffs took a 35-34 lead with nine seconds left in the game, at Michigan the Buffs won on the final play of the game and against Colorado State, CU took a lead with 36 seconds remaining. The other game was the 2007 Oklahoma game, when the Buff tied the game with 4:05 and then won the game 27-24 at time expired after trailing 24-10 in the fourth quarter.
- CU has 14 times come back from a deficit of four or more points in the fourth quarter and won in the last 30 seasons (since 1994), and two have come this season. CU was down four points twice at TCU and took the lead, eventually winning, and tonight's 11-point comeback.

The Game-Tying 98-Yard Drive ...

- Shedeur Sanders orchestrated a brilliant 7-play, 98-yard drive in 90 seconds, taking the ball with just 2:06 left on the clock. Sanders was 5-of-6 passing for 106 yards, including a 45-yard strike to Jimmy Horn Jr. with just 36 seconds left. Sanders then hit Michael Harrison for the two-point conversion to tie the game.
- It's the longest game-tying or winning drive the last two minutes in CU history.
- Two other memorial game-winning drives:
 - 1994 vs. Michigan: 3 plays, 85 yards in 21 seconds down 26-20, Kordell Stewart-to-Michael Westbrook for 64-yards to take a 27-26 win, also known as the Miracle at Michigan.
 - 1981 vs. Oklahoma State: 10 plays, 92 yards in 1:22 down 10-3, Steve Vogel-to-Brad Parker for 9-yards, then a halfback pass from Derek Singleton to Steve Vogel for a successful 2-point conversion to take an 11-10 lead with just six seconds left.

Team Notes

- Takeaways. The Buffs had four takeaways for the second straight game, the first time that has happened in back-to-back games in 20 seasons. CU had six turnovers (five interceptions, one fumble recovery) against Texas Tech on 11/1/03 and followed it up with four (two interceptions, two fumble recoveries) against Missouri on 11/8/03.
- The Buffs are 2-0 in one-score games this season and have two fourth-quarter comebacks.
- Colorado scored on five of its last six possessions, two field goals and three touchdowns, after scoring only once on the first 10 drives of the game (plus a defensive touchdown in the first half).



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S Shilo Sanders

- He finished the game with two turnovers, an 80-yard pick six in the first quarter and a forced fumble, along with four tackles.
- Put up CU's first points of the game, an 80-yard interception return for a touchdown in the first quarter.
 - It's tied for the 15th-longest interception return in CU history.
 - It's the longest interception return since Nick Fisher vs. California in 2017 (100 yards)
 - It's the first interception return for a touchdown since Carson Wells vs. Arizona in 2021 (50 yards)
 - It's his sixth career interception and first touchdown of his career.
- Recorded his third career forced fumble in the third quarter.

C Hank Zalinkas

- Started for the injured Van Wells at center, becoming just the second player in school history to start at center as a true freshman, and just the 14th true freshman to start anywhere along the offensive line. Wells was the first to start at center as a true freshman.

WR Xavier Weaver

- He finished the game with nine catches for 98 yards and a touchdown.
- His 24 yard touchdown reception in the first quarter was his second touchdown of the season and he caught a touchdown for the second straight game. It is his 10th career touchdown reception.

S Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig

- He finished second on the team with nine tackles, all solo stop, with one tackle for loss and one interception, his second in as many games.
- His interception is the seventh of his career, second as a Buff and it's the second game in a row he's had an interception.

ED Jordan Domineck

- He finished the game with four tackles, including two for loss and one sack. He now has 31.5 tackles for loss in his career, including 17.5 sacks, and 4.5 tackles for loss this season with one sack.

TE Michael Harrison

- He finished the game with seven catches for 76 yards and two touchdowns with one two-point conversion. He caught the two point conversion to tie the game late in the fourth quarter and then both touchdowns in the two overtimes.
- It's the first two touchdowns of his career, and he scored 14 points in all.



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QB Shedeur Sanders

- He finished the game 38-of-47 for 348 yards with 4 touchdowns and 1 interception.
- He orchestrated a 98-yard drive in the final three minutes down eight to tie the game and force overtime. On that drive he was 5-of-6 passing for 106 yards and a 45-yard score to Jimmy Horn Jr. In the two overtime periods, he was 4-of-4 passing for 46 yards and two touchdowns, meaning in the last three minutes of the game and overtime he was 9-of-10 passing for 152 yards and three touchdowns.
- He is now 723-of-1,037 for 8,234 yards with 80 touchdowns and 15 interceptions.
- It's his 12th career 300-yard passing game, including his third in three games at Colorado. He has thrown for 300-plus yards in five straight games dating back to last year's SWAC Championship and Celebration Bowl.
- He improves to 26-3 as a starting quarterback.

S Trevor Woods

- He recorded five tackles and had one interception on the final play of the game. It's his second interception of the season, both in the end zone, and third of his career.

ILB Juwan Mitchell

- He led the Buffs with a career high 15 tackles in just his second game on defense after transferring late from Arizona State. He now has 170 career tackles.
- A total of 13 of his 15 tackles were solo stops.

