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Colorado Buffaloes Postgame Notes

Colorado at TCU, Sept. 2, 2023 (FOX)

LEADER JERSEYS - Shedeur Sanders and Shane Cokes

DAWG JERSEYS - Travis Hunter and Jace Feely

ATTENDANCE: 53,294 – Amon G. Carter record

CU IMPROVES TO...

- 1-0 in the Deion “Coach Prime” Sanders Era.
- 1-1 in the series vs. TCU.
- 8-1 in the last nine season openers.

TODAY MARKS...

- The first road game season opening victory for Colorado since 1995, when CU won 45-7 at Wisconsin.
- The first win over a ranked team since beating No. 24 Arizona State 34-31 in 2019.
- The highest ranked team CU has defeated since beating No. 17 Kansas 34-30 in 2009.
- The highest ranked true road win since CU defeated No. 12 Kansas State in 2001.
- The most points since scoring 48 against UCLA in 2020.
- The most points in a true road game since scoring 49 at Arizona in 2016.
- The most first downs by a CU offense in six years, since having 30 against Northern Colorado on 9/16/17.
- The 30th game in CU history with 30-plus first downs.
- The first time CU put up 500 yards of offense since 11/7/20 (525 vs. UCLA)
- The first time CU put up 500 passing yards in the past 28 seasons (533 vs. Northeast Louisiana, 9/16/95)
- The first time CU put up 400 passing yards in the past eight seasons (401 at Arizona State, 10/10/15)

FOUR BUFFS HIT CENTURY MARK RECEIVING

- For the first time in school history, four players recorded 100-yard receiving games in the same game. No previous trio had ever accomplished the feat and it's the 19th instance of two-plus players hitting the mark in the same game.
- The last time two players hit 100-yards receiving was Laviska Shenault and KD Nixon vs. Colorado State on 8/31/18.
- Dylan Edwards caught five passes for 135 yards and three touchdowns.
- Travis Hunter had 11 receptions for 119 yards.
- Xavier Weaver had six receptions for 118 yards.
- Jimmy Horn Jr. had 11 receptions for 117 yards and on touchdown.

FIRST TIME WITH TWO RECEIVERS HAVING 11-PLUS CATCHES

- For the first time in CU history to receivers caught 11 or more passes as Travis Hunter (119 yards) and Jimmy Horn Jr. (117 yards) both accomplished the feat.
- Hunter and Horn's performances are the 19th and 20th in CU history with 11-plus catches and the first time a player has had 11 or more since K.D. Nixon had 13 against Oregon State in 2018.

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SHEDEUR SANDERS (38-of-47, 80.9%, 510 Yards, 4 TDs, 0 INT, 200.1 QB Rating, 478 Yards Total Offense)

- SCHOOL RECORD: Passing yards in a single game (old record 474, Tyler Hansen vs. California, 9/10/11)
- First player in CU history with 500 passing yards.
- SCHOOL RECORD: Best completion percentage with a minimum of 40 attempts (old record .737, 31-of-41, Koy Detmer at Colorado State, 9/7/96)
- SCHOOL RECORD: Best completion percentage with a minimum of 30 attempts (old record .788, 26-of-33, Joel Klatt vs. North Texas, 9/18/04) *Klatt called the game for FOX*
- SCHOOL RECORD: Best pass efficiency rating with a minimum of 40 attempts (old record 171.2, Steve Montez at Nebraska, 9/8/18)
- SCHOOL RECORD: Most completions by a junior (old record 37, Sefo Liufau at UCLA, 10/31/15)
- SCHOOL RECORD (Tied): Most touchdown passes by a junior (four previous times, last Steven Montez vs. Colorado State, 8/31/18.
- SCHOOL RECORD: Most yards total offense by a junior (old record 430, Koy Detmer, Northeast Louisiana, 9/16/95)
- SCHOOL RECORD: Most yards total offense, season opener (old record 430, Kordell Stewart vs. Colorado State, 9/15/92)
- SCHOOL RECORD: Most yards total offense, first game of CU career (old record 270, Mike Moschetti vs. Colorado State, 9/5/98)
- Nationally through Saturday's Games:
 - Sanders 510 yards is the most in the country this season.
 - Sanders 478 yards of total offense is the second most in the country this season.
 - Sanders 38 completions is the most in the country.
- Sanders almost doubled the record for most passing yards in a first CU game of a career, topping 257 yards from Mike Moschetti against Colorado State in Denver on 9/5/98. It's also the most yards gained by a junior in their first CU game.
- Sanders had CU's first 300-yard game since Steven Montez had 324 against Colorado State on 8/31/18, and the first 400-yard game since Sefo Liufau had 455 at Cal on 9/27/14. CU was one of just three FBS teams without a 300-yard passer over the past four seasons.
- Third-most attempts without an interception in CU history, behind 49 from Tyler Hansen (Cal, 2011) and 50 from Steven Montez (Nebraska, 2018).
- Sanders had 328 passing yards in the second half, just 24 off the half record of 352 from Koy Detmer against Northeast Louisiana, 9/16/95.
- Sanders had 308 yards of total offense in the second half.
- Sanders 508 yards is 272 yards shy of the total passing yards the Buffs had in six road games in 2022 (780, 130.0 per game).
- Sanders four touchdowns is more than Colorado threw for as a team on the road in six games in 2022 (three).
- Sanders is the third quarterback to orchestrate a fourth-quarter comeback in a starting debut in the past 22 seasons, joining Steve Montez (41-38 win at Oregon in 2016) and Cody Hawkins (31-28 OT win vs. Colorado State in 2007).
- Sanders is the first quarterback to have four passing touchdowns since Steve Montez against Colorado State in 2018, and the first to have three or more since Brendon Lewis vs. Oregon State, 11/6/21.
- Sanders is now 24-3 as a starting quarterback in college, including 22 straight wins in the regular season.
- Sanders surpassed the 7,000 yard mark (and almost made it to 7,500), entering the game with 6,983 yards and now has 7,493 in his career. His career numbers are now 653-of-948 for 7,493 yards with 74 touchdowns and 14 interceptions.
- Sanders had his career high for yardage, the previous being 438 yards against Mississippi Valley State in 2022. It's his second career 400-yard game and 10th career 300-yard game. He also completed 75% of his passes for the 10th time in his career.
- Sanders is the first FBS player with 500-plus passing yards in his FBS debut, records kept since 1996 (see chart below).

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Most Passing Yards in FBS Debut – Since 1996

Player, Team	PASS Yds	Date
Shedeur Sanders, Colorado	510	9/2/23
Jared Goff, Cal	450	8/31/13
Anu Solomon, Arizona	425	8/29/14
Bailey Zappe, Western Ky	424	9/2/21
Deondre Francois, Florida State	419	9/5/16
Gunner Kiel, Cincinnati	418	9/12/14

TRAVIS HUNTER (11 Rec, 119 Yards, 1 INT, 1 PBU, 3 Tackles)

- SCHOOL RECORD: 138 plays from scrimmage, 59-of-81 on offense, 79-of-79 on defense (old record 114 by four players at UCLA in 2015).
- SCHOOL RECORD (tied): Most receptions in a starting debut at wide receiver (matched Jimmy Horn Jr. from Saturday and Laviska Shenault vs. Colorado State in 2018).
- SCHOOL RECORD: Most receptions, first CU game of career (tied with Jimmy Horn Jr., old record eight by three players, last Shay Fields vs. Colorado State, 8/29/14)
- Hunter is the only FBS player in at least the last 20 seasons to record 100 yards receiving and an interception in the same game.

DYLAN EDWARDS (5 Rec, 135 Yards, 3 TDs; 6 Rush, 24 Yards, 1 TD)

- SCHOOL RECORD: Most receiving yards by a running back (old record 112, Leon Mavity vs. Utah, 11/11/61)
- SCHOOL RECORD (tied): Most receiving touchdowns in a game (sixth time, last Tony Brown at Arizona State, 9/21/19)
- SCHOOL RECORD: Most receiving touchdowns by a running back (old record 2, many times).
- Edwards is one of three players to score four touchdowns thus far in the nation, joining Tre Harris from Ole Miss and Dylan Simpson from Tennessee. Edwards is the only freshman on the list.
- Nationally, Edwards three receiving touchdowns ranked tied for second behind Tre Harris from Ole Miss.
- Edwards is the first true freshman to start at running back in the season opener since 1991 and the first true freshman to start overall since Patrick Carr in 2015.
- Edwards had CU's first touchdown Saturday, making him the first true freshman to have the first points of the season since Jeremy Bloom returned a punt 75 yards against Colorado State in 2002.
- Edwards is the first CU player with four touchdowns since Laviska Shenault scored four (2, rush, 2 receiving) against Arizona State in 2018.
- Edwards is the first player in seven seasons to score four touchdowns from scrimmage in his FBS debut, and just the fourth true freshman to do so in the past 27 seasons (chart below).
- Edwards is the first true freshman to score four touchdowns nationally in any game since Devin Neal scored four for Kansas against Texas on 11/13/21. No true freshman scored four touchdowns in a game in 2022 (chart below).
- Edwards is the first true freshman in the Pac-12 to score four touchdowns since the 2018 season when Jermar Jefferson did so twice for Oregon State against Washington State and Southern Miss (chart below).

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Players with 4+ Scrimmage TD In FBS Debut – Since 1996

Player, Team	TOT TD	RUSH TD	REC TD	DATES
Dylan Edwards, Colo*	4	1	3	9/2/23
Benny Snell Jr., Kty*	4	4	0	9/17/16
Marlon Mack, USF*	4	4	0	8/30/14
Dominique Whaley, Okla	4	4	0	9/3/11
Lyle McCombs, UConn	4	4	0	9/3/11
DeMarco Murray, Okla	5	5	0	9/1/07
Chris Barnes, NMSt	4	4	0	9/2/99
Sedrick Irvin, MSU*	4	3	1	8/31/96

*TRUE FRESHMAN

FBS, Recent True Freshmen with 4+ Scrimmage TD In Game – Since 2019

Player	Team	OPP	DATE	RUSH TD	REC TD
Dylan Edwards	Colorado	TCU	9/2/2023	1	3
Devin Neal	Kansas	Texas	11/13/2021	3	1
Sean Tucker	Syracuse	Albany	9/18/2021	4	1
Montrell Johnson Jr.	Louisiana	Ohio	9/16/2021	4	0
Corey Rucker	Arkansas State	Louisiana-Monroe	12/5/2020	0	4
John Rhys Plumlee	Ole Miss	LSU	11/16/2019	4	0
Evan Hull	Northwestern	Massachusetts	11/16/2019	4	0
George Holani	Boise State	San Jose State	11/2/2019	4	0

Last Pac-12 true freshmen in any game (Since 2014):

Player	Team	OPP	DATE	RUSH TD	REC TD
Dylan Edwards	Colorado	TCU	9/2/2023	1	3
Jermar Jefferson	Oregon State	Washington State	10/6/2018	4	0
Jermar Jefferson	Oregon State	Southern Utah	9/8/2018	4	0
Myles Gaskin	Washington	Southern Miss	12/26/2015	4	0
Demario Richard	Arizona State	Duke	12/27/2014	2	2
Royce Freeman	Oregon	Washington	10/18/2014	4	0

JIMMY HORN (11 Rec, 117 Yards, 1 TD, 1 Punt Return, 2 Yards)

- SCHOOL RECORD (tied): Most receptions in a starting debut at wide receiver (matched Travis Hunter from Saturday and Laviska Shenault vs. Colorado State in 2018).
- SCHOOL RECORD: Most receptions, first CU game of career (tied with Travis Hunter, old record eight by three players, last Shay Fields vs. Colorado State, 8/29/14).
- Horn went over 1,000 receiving yards in his career. He now has 78 receptions for 1,076 yards and 5 touchdowns.

SY'VEON WILKERSON (13 rushes, 45 yards, 1 TD)

- Wilkerson played in his 30th career game, had his 500th carry with his first of the TCU game and now has 20 rushing touchdowns in his career.

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XAVIER WEAVER (6 Rec, 118 Yards)

- Xavier Weaver was one of four Buffaloes to hit the 100-yard receiving mark Saturday.

DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCES

- Along with Travis Hunter's interception, PBU and three tackle game, other Buffs made big plays, as well.
- Trevor Woods had an interception in the red zone in the first quarter to stall a potential scoring drive for the Horned Frogs. Woods also racked up nine tackles, one forced fumble and one pass breakup.
- Shilo Sanders led the team with nine solo stops and had 10 overall tackles. He surpassed the 100-tackle total in his career and has 102 career tackles.
- Marvin Ham matched Shilo Sanders with 10 total tackles.
- Myles Slusher had six tackles, including a key fourth-down stop late in the fourth quarter to secure the game for the Buffaloes.
- Travis Hunter wasn't CU's only two-way player. Bishop Thomas and Shane Cokes also got in on offense on CU's jumbo package, Thomas at fullback and Cokes at tight end when Sy'veon Wilkerson's scored his touchdown.

FOURTH 20-POINT AGAINST THE SPREAD WIN IN CU HISTORY

- The win at TCU was the fourth biggest against the spread in CU history, dating back to the mid-1950s and just the fourth over 20 points at 20.5. It's the largest since winning at Washington State 35-34 as 21-point underdogs in 2012, and just 1.5 points off the CU best of 22, done twice, against Oklahoma at home in 2007 and at Utah in 2011.

CU'S FOOTBALL WINS AS A BIG UNDERDOG

The list of CU's biggest upsets, listed by points the opponent was favored by in the final game day point spreads:

Sept. 29, 2007	OKLAHOMA	22	W, 27-24
Nov. 25, 2011	at Utah	22	W, 17-14
Sept. 22, 2012	at Washington State	21	W, 35-34
Sept. 2, 2023	at TCU	20½	W, 45-42
Oct. 25, 1986	NEBRASKA	17½	W, 20-10
Oct. 21, 1972	OKLAHOMA	16	W, 20-14
Oct. 15, 2022	CALIFORNIA (OT)	15½	W, 20-13
Nov. 16, 1974	at Oklahoma State	14	W, 37-20
Nov. 1, 1980	IOWA STATE	14	W, 17-9
Sept. 28, 1985	at Arizona	14	W, 14-13
Nov. 23, 2019	WASHINGTON	14	W, 20-14

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