

GAME 1

COLORADO 66, NORTHERN COLORADO 51

Nov. 10, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Northern Colorado 0-1

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
00 Davis, Jordan	g 4-5	0-1	2-5	0	2	2	4	10	2	4	0	1	17
11 Spight, Andre	g 8-26	3-16	0-1	2	6	8	1	19	1	3	0	0	34
12 Radebaugh, Jonah	g 3-6	3-6	2-2	1	4	5	1	11	0	0	0	1	38
24 Johnson, Anthony	g 3-15	0-10	1-1	0	1	1	4	7	1	2	0	1	31
20 Morgan, Tanner	f 0-3	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	18
40 Loose, Tyler	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
13 Glotta, Chaz	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
21 Vercellino, Roberto	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	6	8	4	0	0	0	1	1	20
22 Sanders, Jalen	1-3	0-1	0-1	2	2	4	2	2	0	0	1	3	27
25 Edwards, Kai	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM						3	4						
Totals.....	20-62	6-37	5-11	9	29	38	22	51	4	13	4	5	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 9-29 31.0%	2nd Half: 11-33 33.3%	Game: 32.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-19 10.5%	2nd Half: 4-18 22.2%	Game: 16.2%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-6 66.7%	2nd Half: 1-5 20.0%	Game: 45.5%	4

HOME: Colorado 1-0

#	Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
13	Wright, Naman	g 3-7	1-3	0-0	0	4	4	3	7	1	2	0	0	23
15	Collier, Dominique	g 1-6	0-3	0-1	0	1	1	1	2	3	1	0	2	26
24	King, George	g 4-7	1-2	3-6	2	7	9	4	12	0	3	0	0	19
25	Wright, McKinley	g 5-14	0-3	0-2	0	4	4	0	10	3	3	2	1	31
14	Miller-Stewart, Tory	f 3-5	0-0	5-8	0	5	5	1	11	1	1	0	0	27
00	Schwartz, D'Shawn	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	13
01	Bey, Tyler	2-5	0-2	2-2	0	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	7
05	Brown, Deleon	3-5	1-2	0-2	0	0	0	4	7	1	0	0	0	21
11	Nikolic, Lazar	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	6	6	0	3	1	1	0	0	15
23	Siewert, Lucas	2-4	1-1	0-2	3	3	6	1	5	0	1	1	0	16
35	Walton, Dallas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	TEAM					4	2	6						
Totals.....		25-57	5-17	11-25	9	36	45	19	66	12	13	3	3	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 14-29 48.3%	2nd Half: 11-28 39.3%	Game: 43.9%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-15 26.7%	2nd Half: 1-2 50.0%	Game: 29.4%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-16 50.0%	2nd Half: 8-19 42.1%	Game: 44.0%	7

Officials: John Higgins, Michael Greenstein, Jimmy Casas

Attendance: 7740

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Northern Colorado	24	27	51
Colorado	35	31	66

BOULDER — Colorado seniors **George King** and **Tory Miller-Stewart** did what seniors are supposed to do Friday night.

CU freshman **McKinley Wright IV** did what Buffs fans were hoping he would do — and the combination of all three led the Buffs to a season-opening 66-51 win over Northern Colorado at the Coors Events Center.

After missing most of the first half with two fouls, King led the Buffs with 12 points — all in the second half — and nine rebounds. Miller-Stewart added 11 points and five rebounds while Wright added 10 points, four rebounds and three assists in his first game as a Buff.

All three were instrumental in a 12-0 run midway through the second half that broke open a tight game and helped Tad Boyle's crew to the double-digit win.

Andre Spight led UNC with 19 points, but was just 3-for-16 from 3-point range, part of a 6-for-37 night from long distance for the Bears.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After taking an 11-point lead into the locker room at the half, 35-24, Colorado led the Bears back in the game in a hurry after intermission. Sparked by five points from Spight, UNC went on a 13-0 run early in the half to tie the game at 37-37 barely four minutes in. The Bears, who held 21-16 rebounding edge at the half, boosted that margin to eight early in the half and with just more than 10 minutes to play, CU was clinging to a 45-44 lead.

But following a media timeout, the Buffs began to hit the boards, increase their defensive pressure and pull away. Sparked by four points from Miller-Stewart, three from King and a Wright driving layup, the Buffs carved out a 12-0 run that produced a 57-44 edge with just more than five minutes left in the game. UNC ended its drought with a Jordan Davis bucket, but King answered with a 3-pointer to bump the margin to 14, 60-46, with just more than four minutes to play.

Colorado then kept the lead in double digits for the remainder of the game, and finished with a 45-38 edge on the boards, including a 20-5 edge down the stretch.

King played just four minutes in the first half after two "silly fouls" and just one rebound to show for his effort. But he took control in the second half, finishing with 12 points on 4-for-7 shooting as well as a game-high nine rebounds, including three big boards in the decisive 12-0 run.

Wright had just four points and one rebound in the first half, but added six points and three rebounds to that total after the half, and also had a pair of big assists in the decisive run.

Colorado held double-digit leads at two different junctures in the first half but could not put the Bears away early.

CU jumped out to a quick lead, getting five quick points from Naman Wright and four from Miller-Stewart to go up 11-7 just six minutes in. CU then built the lead to double digits when **Dominique Collier** swiped a pass near midcourt and drove for a layup to bump the Buffs' edge to 23-13.

But the Buffs went cold and the Bears slowly chipped away. Spight hit five straight points in a 9-2 UNC run, and with just under four minutes to go, Colorado's edge had been cut to 25-22.

That forced a Boyle timeout and his words in the huddle evidently had an effect. The Buffs emerged to put together a 10-2 run over the final four minutes of the half, sparked by five points from **Deleon Brown**, including a 3-pointer, and a **Lucas Siewert** trey from the top of the key. **McKinley Wright** closed the half with a driving layup on a nice halfcourt pass from **Lazar Nikolic** to give the Buffs a 35-24 lead heading into intermission.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Buffs got good performances from all four true freshmen, something Boyle had been hoping to see, as well as steady performance from the three senior starters.

GAME 2

COLORADO 89, DENVER 62

Nov. 14, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Denver 0-2

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
32 Abiola Akintola	f 0-0	0-0	1-4	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	10
44 Daniel Amigo	c 10-20	2-3	0-2	0	0	2	2	22	1	2	1	1	31
00 Ade Murkey	g 1-4	0-1	0-2	0	3	3	2	4	3	0	4	2	28
02 Joe Rosga	g 5-13	2-6	3-4	1	2	3	1	15	1	0	0	0	33
05 Jake Pemberton	g 3-6	1-4	0-0	0	5	5	1	7	1	1	0	0	29
03 Elvin Rodriguez	2-8	0-2	3-4	0	0	0	2	7	2	3	0	0	18
10 Jake Holtzman	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
11 Jake Krafka	2-4	1-2	1-2	0	4	4	2	6	2	1	0	0	25
12 Luke Neff	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
24 Christian Mackey	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	7
25 Emil Knighton	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
30 Donovan Carlisle	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
TEAM				1	4	5							

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 15-27 55.6%	2nd Half: 9-30 30.0%	Game: 42.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-7 42.9%	2nd Half: 3-12 25.0%	Game: 31.6%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 0-2 0.0%	2nd Half: 8-16 50.0%	Game: 44.4%	4

HOME: Colorado 2-0

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
14 Miller-Stewart, Tory	f 1-1	0-0	1-2	1	1	2	3	3	1	2	0	0	17
13 Wright, Naman	g 4-5	1-2	5-7	0	4	4	1	14	1	2	0	0	21
15 Collier, Dominique	g 2-6	1-3	2-2	0	2	2	3	7	1	1	0	0	18
24 King, George	g 5-8	0-2	1-2	1	6	7	3	11	0	1	0	0	24
25 Wright, McKinley	g 6-10	0-1	0-1	1	2	3	2	12	2	3	1	2	25
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	3-6	1-2	0-1	0	6	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	15
01 Bey, Tyler	1-5	0-0	2-3	3	2	5	2	4	1	1	0	0	16
05 Brown, Deleon	5-9	1-3	2-2	0	1	1	1	13	1	0	0	0	22
10 Stratting, Alexander	2-2	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	1
11 Nikolic, Lazar	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	12
23 Siewert, Lucas	2-3	1-2	2-2	1	6	7	3	7	0	0	2	0	15
33 Repine, Josh	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
35 Walton, Dallas	1-3	1-1	2-2	2	2	4	0	5	2	2	0	0	12
TEAM					1	2							
Totals.....	33-62	6-17	17-24	11	35	46	22	89	11	13	3	4	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 16-30 54.4%	2nd Half: 17-32 53.1%	Game: 53.2%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-8 50.0%	2nd Half: 2-9 22.2%	Game: 35.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 7-9 77.8%	2nd Half: 10-15 66.7%	Game: 70.8%	6

Officials: Tommy Nunez, Steve Olson, Maques Pettigrew

Attendance: 6451

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Denver	33	29	62
Colorado	43	46	89

BOULDER — Dominant rebounding and a strong perimeter game added up to Colorado's second win of the season Tuesday night as the Buffs dealt visiting Denver on 89-62 defeat at the Coors Events Center.

CU junior **Naman Wright** led the Buffs with 14 points, sophomore **Deleon Brown** scored 13 off the bench and freshman **McKinley Wright IV** added 12 in his second start for Colorado. **George King** chipped in 11 points and seven rebounds as Colorado improved to 2-0 while Denver fell to 0-2.

The Buffs dominated the Pioneers on the boards, finishing with a 46-23 rebounding edge, while also limiting the Pioneers to just 42 percent shooting (24-for-57) from the floor. But the Buffs didn't put the game away until midway through the second half, when they pushed the lead to double digits and never let the Pioneers back in the game after that.

"I like this team and I like our upside," head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "Right now we're functioning probably on a scale of 1 to 10, probably around a six, and that's exciting. ... This is going to be a fun team to watch"

Tuesday night's game also marked the return of Rodney Billups to the Coors Events Center. Now in his second year as DU's head coach, Billups served on Boyle's staff for six years.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs took the lead at the 17:09 mark of the first half and never relinquished it, but couldn't shake the Pioneers until the second half.

Denver managed to cut to a 10-point CU halftime lead down to six, 51-45, four minutes into the second half before the Buffs took control for good with a 12-1 run that saw the Pioneers go without a field goal for almost four minutes.

McKinley Wright started the run with a driving layup before Lucas Siewert added a pair of free throws and Brown drove the lane on a fast break bucket, getting an assist from **Lazar Nikolic**.

The Buffs then finished the run in style, getting a thunderous alley-oop dunk from **Tyler Bey** on a beautiful feed from McKinley Wright. Bey then added a free throw and Colorado's lead ballooned to 63-46 with 12:20 still to go in the game.

In that stretch, the Pioneers missed six straight field goal tries, a major reversal from the 56 percent shooting from the floor they had produced up to that point.

"When we contest shots high, good things happen," Boyle said. "I thought our defense helped our offense get out and run. That lob from McKinley to Tyler was pretty special."

Naman Wright said the Buffs wore the Pioneers down.

"Our big guys did a great job rebounding and contesting shots tonight," Wright said. "Defense is always our first priority, and we have a lot of depth where we can get fresh minutes from to support it."

The Buffs then slowly built their lead the rest of the game, pushing it past the 20-point mark on a King bucket.

The Buffs slowly pulled away midway through the first half, breaking away from a 16-16 tie with 8:40 to go to carve out a 43-33 lead at the half.

Dominique Collier sparked the late-half run with seven points, getting two free throws early, then a short jumper at the 7:12 mark before hitting a long 3-pointer with 5:40 to go. Naman Wright added another trey just 20 seconds later, followed by a Siewert three that bumped Colorado's edge to 35-27. Brown (nine points in the first half) then boosted the Buffs' edge to double digits, 39-29, with a driving layup and the Buffs held that cushion to the half, taking a 43-33 lead into intermission.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Buffs continue to get balanced scoring from a variety of sources and are also displaying good depth, something that will no doubt be a key this weekend when they travel to the Paradise Jam for three games in three days.

GAME 3

COLORADO 70, QUINNIPIAC 69

Nov. 17, 2017, Lynchburg, Va. (Vines Center)

VISITORS: Quinnipiac 1-2

#	Player	fg	a	3fg	a	ft	a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
32	Daniels, Chaise	f	4-10	0-0	4-6	1	4	5	3	12	0	1	1	1	1	1	24
01	Young, Cameron	g	7-13	4-8	8-9	5	7	12	2	26	5	2	2	0	2	0	37
11	Chigha, Alain	g	1-3	0-1	0-2	2	3	5	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	26
12	Washington, Isaiah	g	4-11	4-8	4-6	0	4	3	5	3	16	1	1	0	2	0	35
15	Kelly, Rich	g	2-9	1-6	3-4	1	0	1	0	1	3	8	5	6	0	1	31
14	Robinson, Andrew	1	1-8	0-0	0	0	4	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	25	
25	Rignoni, Jacob	0	0-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
34	Bundu, Abdulai	1	2-0	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
	TEAM							1									
	Totals.....		20-5910	32-19	27-13	24	37	18	69	12	11	1	7	200			
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TOTAL FG%		1st Half:	8-33	24.2%	2nd Half:	12-26	46.2%	Game:		33.9%	DEADBALL						
3-Pt. FG%		1st Half:	5-18	27.6%	2nd Half:	5-14	35.7%	Game:		31.3%	REBOUNDS						
FTHROW		1st Half:	8-17	47.2%	2nd Half:	11-16	68.8%	Game:		70.4%	4						

GAME 4

COLORADO 86, DRAKE 81

Nov. 18, 2017, Lynchburg, Va. (Vines Center)

VISITORS: Colorado 4-0

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
14 Miller-Stewart, Tory	f 5-6	0-0	1-1	1	1	2	0	11	0	3	0	0	22
13 Wright, Naman	g 5-9	0-2	9-11	0	3	3	1	19	1	2	0	1	30
15 Collier, Dominique	g 2-6	0-3	1-2	0	1	1	4	5	2	2	0	3	20
24 King, George	g 5-11	1-4	3-4	1	6	7	3	14	1	2	1	0	32
25 Wright, McKinley	g 9-12	1-1	2-3	2	3	5	5	21	9	1	0	1	29
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
01 Bey, Tyler	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	13
05 Brown, Deleon	2-3	1-2	2-4	1	3	4	4	7	0	0	0	1	27
11 Nikolic, Lazar	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
23 Siwert, Lucas	2-3	1-2	2-2	0	3	3	1	7	2	1	1	0	16
TEAM				1	1	2							
Totals.....	31-55	4-17	20-27	7	23	30	22	86	15	13	2	6	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 14-27 51.9%	2nd Half: 17-28 60.7%	Game: 56.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-10 20.0%	2nd Half: 2-9 28.6%	Game: 23.5%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 9-11 81.8%	2nd Half: 11-16 68.8%	Game: 74.1%	4

HOME: Drake 2-1

#	Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
35	McGlynn, Nick	f 7-9	0-1	1-2	3	7	10	5	15	1	0	2	0	30
00	Rivers, C.J.	g 2-5	1-2	1-4	1	3	4	3	6	3	3	0	1	27
04	McMurray, De'Antae	g 6-12	3-4	4-4	0	2	2	2	19	2	4	0	5	34
12	Timmer, Reed	g 5-11	2-5	16-18	1	3	4	1	28	2	1	0	0	37
23	Arogundade, Ore	g 0-4	0-1	2-2	1	1	2	5	2	2	1	0	3	26
03	Woodward, Graham	2-8	2-5	0-0	1	0	1	4	6	3	3	0	1	27
14	Thomas, Noah	1-3	0-1	1-1	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	8
22	Schlatter, Casey	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	1	2	0	2	0	0	9
32	Kuenstling, Kory	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	TEAM				4	1	5							
Totals.....		24-56	8-19	25-31	12	20	32	23	81	13	15	2	10	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11-28 39.3%	2nd Half: 13-28 46.4%	Game: 42.9%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-10 40.0%	2nd Half: 4-9 44.4%	Game: 42.1%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 5-7 71.4%	2nd Half: 20-24 83.3%	Game: 80.6%	3

Officials: Wally Rutacki, Al Desai, Garrick Shannon

Attendance: 568

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	39	47	86
Drake	31	50	81

LYNCHBURG, Va. — One night after a furious comeback produced a buzzer-beating win over Quinnipiac, the Colorado Buffaloes withstood an opponent's rally to claim an 86-81 win over Drake on Saturday in the Paradise Jam semifinals.

The Buffs led by as many as 17 points the second half, but saw that lead whittled down to one before rebuilding their lead down the stretch.

Now 4-0, Colorado will meet 4-1 Mercer, a 78-59 winner over Drexel, in Sunday's 6:30 p.m. championship game.

CU freshman **McKinley Wright IV** just missed his first collegiate double-double, finishing with 21 points, nine assists and five rebounds. Junior **Naman Wright** added 19 points and three rebounds and senior **George King** added 14 points and seven rebounds.

Reed Timmer led Drake with 28 points, including a 16-for-18 night from the free throw line.

"Last night we didn't panic when we were down," head coach **Tad Boyle** said of his Buffs, who overcame a 13-point deficit in the final four minutes against Quinnipiac to collect a 70-69 win. "Tonight we were up and they made a run and we didn't panic. We staved them off and I'm really proud of this team."

HOW IT HAPPENED: After taking an eight-point lead at intermission, the Buffs threatened to blow the game open early in the second half, jumping out to a 17-point lead after a Deleon Brown 3-pointer gave Colorado a 52-35 edge.

But the Bulldogs, much as they did one night earlier against Wake Forest, battled back. Drake put together a 23-7 run and with 7:54 to go in the game, the Bulldogs had cut Colorado's cushion down to one, 59-58, thanks in large part to regular trips to the free throw line. The Bulldogs were 25-for-31 from the free throw line, including 20-for-24 in the second half.

"In the second half they just started driving it and the whistles started blowing," Boyle said. "We have to do a better job with that. But it's hard to guard in college basketball now because any contact going to the rim seems like it's going to be on the defense."

The Buffs, however, regained their composure. After Drake had cut the lead to 59-58, Colorado went on an 18-9 run over the next five minutes to bump the cushion back to 10, 77-67, with just more than three minutes to go. McKinley Wright, who fouled out late in the game, had seven of the first eight points in the run, then finished it with a 3-pointer. Also getting key buckets in the surge were Naman Wright (five points) and **Tory Miller-Stewart**.

CU then kept the Bulldogs at bay down the stretch, getting buckets from **Dominique Collier** and **Miller-Stewart**, plus a handful of free throws in the final minute.

"They never gave up," Naman Wright said. "It was a great learning experience for us. We know how to play hard now."

Once again, the Buffs did not shoot the ball well from 3-point range. After going 4-for-20 from beyond the arc Friday, they hit just four of 17 tries Saturday. CU was also outrebounded, 32-30, but the Buffs outscored the Bulldogs 50-26 in the paint and also had an 8-0 edge on fastbreak points.

The Buffs finished with 15 assists after having just seven in Friday's 70-69 win over Quinnipiac.

Colorado led by as much as 15 in the first half when a Naman Wright layup gave CU a 31-16 edge with 6:28 to go. Colorado then went cold, going without a field goal over the last 5 minutes of the half, but still held a 39-31 edge at intermission thanks to hitting six of eight free throws in the final three minutes.

CU shot 14-for-27 from the field in the first half, but just 2-for-10 from 3-point range.



GAME 5

COLORADO 79, MERCER 70

Nov. 19, 2017, Lynchburg, Va. (Vines Center)

VISITORS: Mercer 4-2

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
00 Kinger, Desmond	f 2-4	0-0	3-4	1	1	2	4	7	0	1	0	0	16
34 Jenkins, Stephen	f 4-8	1-3	0-0	4	8	12	2	9	0	1	0	1	30
05 Strawberry, Jordan	g 2-9	1-3	0-0	1	3	4	2	5	3	3	0	0	23
10 Holland, Rio'n	g 3-7	2-3	5-5	0	2	2	4	13	0	2	0	2	28
23 Rivers, Demetre	g 6-11	2-6	0-0	0	0	0	1	14	1	1	1	0	34
01 Kilby, Cory	2-4	0-0	1-1	0	1	1	0	5	0	2	0	0	6
02 Stowe, Jaylen	1-2	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	20
03 Cohen, Marcus	3-6	0-0	1-3	0	1	1	2	7	3	2	0	0	18
11 Johnson, Ryan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
14 Stair, Ethan	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	19
21 Green, Mason	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	3
TEAM				3	3	6	1						
Totals.....	26-56	6-15	12-15	10	19	29	22	70	8	14	1	6	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13-27 48.1%	2nd Half: 13-29 44.8%	Game: 46.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-10 30.0%	2nd Half: 3-5 60.0%	Game: 40.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-8 100%	2nd Half: 4-7 57.1%	Game: 80.0%	2

HOME: Colorado 5-0

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
14 Miller-Stewart, Tory	f 1-1	0-0	3-7	1	2	3	5	5	0	4	0	1	21
13 Wright, Namon	g 3-10	1-3	6-6	1	2	13	0	1	0	0	0	0	29
15 Collier, Dominique	g 1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	11
24 King, George	g 9-13	3-6	4-5	3	5	8	1	25	1	1	1	0	32
25 Wright, McKinley	g 3-9	1-4	4-4	0	4	4	1	11	7	1	1	1	34
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	1-2	1-2	0-1	2	1	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	13
01 Bey, Tyler	0-2	0-0	2-2	1	3	4	2	2	3	1	0	0	18
05 Brown, Deleon	4-7	1-3	4-4	1	2	3	13	1	1	0	1	0	22
11 Nikolic, Lazar	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	13
35 Walton, Dallas	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	4	0	1	1	0	0	7
TEAM				1	3	4							
Totals.....	24-50	8-21	23-30	11	21	32	20	79	15	15	5	4	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11-26 42.3%	2nd Half: 13-24 54.2%	Game: 48.0%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-9 44.4%	2nd Half: 4-12 33.3%	Game: 38.2%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 13-18 72.2%	2nd Half: 10-12 83.3%	Game: 76.7%	3

Officials: Wally Rutecki, Dwayne Gladden, Al Desai

Attendance: 568

Score by Periods

Mercer

Colorado

1st	2nd	Total
37	33	70
39	40	79

LYNCHBURG, Va. — A tournament that started Friday with a heart-stopping buzzer-beater for a win culminated Sunday with a championship, as the Colorado Buffaloes carved out a 79-70 win over Mercer in the Paradise Jam title game.

George King, named to the tourney's All-Star team, scored 25 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Buffs to their third win in three nights as CU improved to 5-0 for the season. **Namon Wright** and **Deleon Brown** each added 13 points and Buffs freshman point guard **McKinley Wright IV** cemented his tournament Most Valuable Player award with 11 points, seven assists and four rebounds.

"These guys have unbelievable heart," head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "This guy (McKinley Wright) saved our bacon on Friday night and these guys have responded the next two games with unbelievable heart and desire. I've said I love this team's spirit from Day 1 and they showed it this weekend."

The Buffs indeed improved each day in the tournament. After erasing a 13-point deficit in the final four minutes Friday against Quinnipiac for a 70-69 win — capped by a McKinley Wright 3-pointer at the buzzer — they survived a Drake rally Saturday to claim an 86-81 semifinal win.

Sunday, they took the lead over Mercer for good with seven minutes to go in the first half and never trailed again.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After falling behind early by as many as seven, the Buffs slowly chipped away at Mercer's lead. Fittingly, it was a 3-point bucket from McKinley Wright at the 7:03 mark of the first half that gave them the lead for good. Colorado led by two at the half, 39-37, then slowly built a double-digit cushion, one that hit 13 points at the midway point of the second half, 64-51.

King put forth his best game of the season thus far, coming up with big baskets and rebounds and critical moments. He closed a 12-4 run that provided the big lead with a 3-pointer and a free throw, then came up with some crucial rebounds and baskets down the stretch when Mercer pulled back to within seven.

After the Buffs took their big lead, Mercer made a stab at a comeback, shaving the margin down to seven.

But with 3:34 to go, King drove inside for a basket to push the lead back to nine, 70-61. Less than a minute later, he grabbed an offensive rebound and converted it to a basket, drawing a foul in the process and hitting the free throw to bump the margin to 73-61.

Then, with just more than a minute to go, King extended a CU possession with an offensive rebound, which Namon Wright then converted into a basket for a 77-68 lead, putting the game away. At the same time, the Buffs kept up the defensive pressure on Mercer, refusing to allow easy baskets.

Wright also had his share of crucial plays while playing the point at a level far beyond that what would normally be expected of a freshman. After hitting the game winner Friday night (he had 21 points and five rebounds vs. Quinnipiac), he scored 32 points and dished out 16 assists in the next two games — and committed just two turnovers.

Sunday, he had three of his seven assists in a 13-6 Buffs run to start the second half.

But Sunday's win was by no means a two-man show. Along with Namon Wright's 13 points, the Buffs received another solid effort off the bench from Brown. The sophomore guard had six points in a CU run midway through the half, then drew a charging call that led to a King 3-pointer and the Buffs' big lead of the night.

CU also got a nice effort from redshirt freshman big man **Dallas Walton**, who had four points and a pair of rebounds.

GAME 6

COLORADO 81, AIR FORCE 69

Nov. 26, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Air Force 3-2

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
12 Scottie, Lavelle	f 1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	12
32 Manning, Ryan	f 6-14	5-11	0-0	1	4	5	2	17	2	1	0	0	29
33 Toohay, Frank	c 6-8	3-3	0-0	3	1	4	4	15	1	3	1	1	19
20 Lyons, Trevor	g 4-9	1-1	0-0	0	3	3	9	2	3	0	0	3	36
22 Louder, Pervis	g 2-5	1-1	2-3	0	1	1	5	7	2	2	0	0	19
01 Norman, Dane	2-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	12
02 Siples, CJ	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	4
03 Tames, Sid	1-6	0-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	1	21
15 Van, Jacob	1-4	0-1	2-2	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	11
34 Swan, Ryan	2-5	0-2	2-2	0	4	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	21
44 Van Soelen, Keaton	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	16
TEAM													
Totals.....	25-68	11-26	26-8-9	4	17	21	20	69	16	10	1	7	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11-26 42.3%	2nd Half: 14-32 43.8%	Game: 43.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 8-15 53.3%	2nd Half: 3-11 27.3%	Game: 42.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-5 80.0%	2nd Half: 4-4 100%	Game: 88.9%	0

HOME: Colorado 6-0

## Player	fg	a	3fg	a	ft	a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
14 Miller-Stewart, Tary	f	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	6	7	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	24
13 Wright, Nomon	g	2-8	1-5	2-2	1	2	3	2	7	4	2	1	0	1	0	20
15 Collier, Dominique	g	3-6	1-4	1-1	0	1	1	4	8	1	2	0	0	1	0	11
24 King, George	g	9-13	5-6	2-2	6	9	15	1	25	3	2	0	0	0	31	
25 Wright, McKinley	g	5-9	1-1	8-8	1	4	5	0	19	2	5	1	0	0	34	
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn		3-4	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	0	7	1	0	0	0	19		
01 Bey, Tyler		1-2	0-0	2-2	1	1	2	4	4	0	1	0	0	12		
05 Brown, Deleon		1-8	1-6	2-2	0	2	2	0	5	4	1	0	1	25		
11 Nikolic, Lazar		1-3	0-2	2-2	0	3	3	2	4	2	1	0	0	11		
35 Walton, Dallas		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	14		
TEAM					2	2										
Totals.....		26-54	10-26	20-12	30	42	16	81	17	15	3	1	200			

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11-26 42.3%	2nd Half: 15-28 53.6%	Game: 48.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-11 27.3%	2nd Half: 7-15 46.7%	Game: 38.5%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-8 100%	2nd Half: 11-12 91.7%	Game: 95.0%	0

Officials: Gregory Nixon, Deron White, Shawn Leigh

Attendance: 7427

Score by Periods

Air Force

Colorado

1st	2nd	Total
34	35	69
33	48	81

BOULDER — Colorado's **George King** is taking his rebounding seriously this year. Very seriously.

The Buffs senior posted his eighth career double-double Sunday with 25 points and a career-high 15 rebounds in an 81-69 win over Air Force at the Coors Events Center as the Buffs won their sixth straight to start the season. The 6-0 start matches Colorado's best beginning of a season since 2012-13, when CU also began the year with a 6-0 run.

Freshman **McKinley Wright IV** added 19 points and five rebounds as the Buffs finished with a commanding 41-21 edge on the boards to overcome an 11-for-26 night by the Falcons from 3-point range.

"Our emphasis is to defend and rebound," King said. "Coach **Tad Boyle** put that emphasis on us even more because we haven't been doing that the past couple of games. I'm happy we were able to come out and do that."

King is now averaging nearly nine rebounds per game.

"He was a beast tonight," Boyle said. "He let the game come to him. . . . He should be a double-double guy. No question in my mind George King should have 10-plus rebounds every single time we play."

HOW IT HAPPENED: This one didn't come easily. The Falcons hit eight of 15 3-point tries in the first half and took a 34-13 lead into the locker room at intermission after a half that featured 11 lead changes.

But some increased defensive pressure and a renewed focus on taking care of the ball (CU had nine turnovers in the first half) allowed the Buffs to take the lead for good early in the second half. A **Dominique Collier** basket and free throw gave CU a 43-40 lead less than four minutes into the half, and the Buffs slowly built the margin, finally bumping it to double digits on a King 3-pointer with just more than three minutes to go.

At the same time, Colorado also cooled down AFA's outside shooting. The Falcons hit just three of their 11 long-distance tries after halftime. The Buffs also had just six turnovers after halftime and recorded 13 of their 17 assists after halftime. **Namon Wright** led CU with four of those assists, all in the second half.

"We started the game very flat," McKinley Wright said. "We weren't moving the ball as well as we normally do. At halftime, we came together as a group and said we needed to share the ball. . . . We did a good job in the second half of swinging the ball and finding people with open shots."

But even after Colorado took the lead for good, the Falcons didn't go away quietly. After a King 3-pointer midway through the half bumped CU to eight, the Falcon came back with two quick buckets to cut the lead in half. But Colorado slowly increased the cushion again, getting it to nine on a Namon Wright trey with 8:28 to go and finally pushing it to 75-65 on King's fifth 3-pointer of the day.

King was an extremely efficient 9-for-13 from the field, including 5-for-6 from beyond the arc. Six of his 15 rebounds were on the offensive glass and he added three assists.

"The best thing about his 25 points are that they came on 13 shots — great efficiency," Boyle said. "McKinley's 19 points came on nine shots. That's what we need to do, is be more efficient offensively."

Boyle also took responsibility for part of the Buffs' slow start, saying he might have let them get "a little flat and happy" last week after returning from the Paradise Jam, where they won three games in three days.

That, though, won't be the case in the coming days. Next up for the Buffs is an 11 a.m. meeting Saturday with in-state rival Colorado State in Fort Collins.

"We need to keep taking care of business, but we need to keep getting better," Boyle said. "Next Saturday at 11 o'clock we'd better be ready because Colorado State will be a great challenge for us."

GAME 7

COLORADO STATE 72, COLORADO 63

Dec. 2, 2017, Fort Collins, Colo. (Moby Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 6-1

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
35 Walton, Dallas	f 3-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	6	0	0	1	0	16
13 Wright, Namon	g 2-9	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	3	5	4	2	0	0	29
15 Collier, Dominique	g 4-10	1-4	1-3	1	1	2	4	10	0	2	0	0	23
24 King, George	g 3-13	1-5	2-3	2	5	7	3	9	2	2	0	2	33
25 Wright, McKinley	g 7-15	4-8	1-3	3	5	8	1	19	4	2	0	1	36
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
01 Bey, Tyler	2-3	0-1	2-2	1	5	6	4	6	0	3	0	1	22
05 Brown, Deleon	1-4	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	18
11 Nikolic, Lazar	2-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	10
23 Siewert, Lucas	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
TEAM				2	2	4							
Totals.....	24-61	8-25	7-13	9	23	32	23	63	11	10	2	5	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13-28 46.4%	2nd Half: 11-33 33.3%	Game: 39.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-10 50.0%	2nd Half: 3-15 20.0%	Game: 32.0%	REBOUND
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-5 80.0%	2nd Half: 3-8 37.5%	Game: 53.8%	1

GAME 8

COLORADO 75, NEW MEXICO 57

Dec. 6, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: New Mexico 3-6

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 McNeal, Chris	g 1-6	0-3	2-3	0	2	2	1	4	3	2	0	0 25
03 Jackson, Antino	g 2-8	2-7	0-0	0	1	1	3	6	1	1	0	23
31 Simons, Troy	g 1-14	1-9	0-2	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	3	23
02 Logwood, Sam	f 1-7	0-0	0-2	0	3	3	2	2	1	0	0	18
05 Furstinger, Joe	f 2-7	0-1	2-5	1	6	7	4	6	0	0	0	32
10 Maluach, Makuach	3-8	0-0	0-1	3	2	5	2	6	2	1	1	19
11 Simmons, Jacchai	3-7	1-3	0-0	2	1	3	1	7	0	0	0	12
14 Kuiper, Dane	2-3	2-2	0-0	1	2	3	5	6	1	0	1	13
15 Pinchuk, Vladimir	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	14
32 Mathis, Anthony	5-9	3-6	2-3	1	1	2	0	15	0	2	0	21
TEAM				1	2	3						
Totals.....	21-71	9-31	6-16	9	21	30	21	57	10	7	2	10200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12:37 32.4%	2nd Half: 9:34 26.5%	Game: 29.6%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6:16 37.5%	2nd Half: 3:15 20.0%	Game: 29.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3:6 50.0%	2nd Half: 3:10 30.0%	Game: 37.5%	2

HOME: Colorado 7-1

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
05 Brown, Deleon	g 3-4	2-2	1-2	0	0	0	1	9	3	5	1	0 23
11 Nikolic, Lazar	g 3-5	1-2	0-2	1	7	8	2	7	2	2	0	0 27
24 King, George	g 3-6	1-2	3-3	2	9	11	5	10	1	4	1	0 21
25 Wright, McKinley	g 5-10	0-1	2-2	3	7	10	0	12	4	5	1	0 35
35 Walton, Dallas	f 1-3	0-0	0-0	2	6	8	5	2	2	2	1	1 15
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	2-5	1-2	1-2	0	6	6	1	6	0	0	0	1 15
01 Bey, Tyler	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	13
13 Wright, Namon	4-7	1-1	0-1	0	5	5	0	9	0	3	0	0 17
15 Collier, Dominique	4-8	2-3	6-8	0	2	3	3	16	2	0	0	0 18
23 Siewert, Lucas	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	3	3	4	3	0	1	1	1 16
TEAM				3	3							
Totals.....	26-52	9-15	14-22	9	49	58	21	75	14	23	5	3 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12:26 46.2%	2nd Half: 14:26 53.8%	Game: 50.0%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4:8 50.0%	2nd Half: 5:7 71.4%	Game: 60.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 7:12 58.3%	2nd Half: 7:10 70.0%	Game: 63.6%	4

Officials: Verne Harris, Gregory Nixon, Michael Greenstein

Attendance: 6610

Score by Periods

New Mexico

Colorado

	1st	2nd	Total
New Mexico	33	24	57
Colorado	35	40	75

BOULDER — Colorado's young Buffs are growing up in a hurry.

CU's freshmen sparked a decisive 12-3 run Wednesday night that broke open a one-point game in the second half and the Buffs pulled away down the stretch for a 75-57 win over New Mexico at the Coors Events Center.

The Buffs also had plenty of help from their seniors.

Senior **Dominique Collier** led the Buffs with 16 points — 14 in the second half — while freshman **McKinley Wright IV** recorded his first career double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. CU senior **George King** posted his ninth career double-double and second of the season with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The Buffs won despite committing a season-high 23 turnovers that led to 28 New Mexico points. Colorado made up the difference by putting forth a dominant 58-31 rebound edge, as well as holding the Lobos to just 29.6 percent shooting (21-for-71) — including a 9-for-34 performance in the second half.

Colorado improved to 7-1 with the win while the Lobos fell to 3-6.

"Certainly not a thing of beauty," head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "If we were in a beauty contest I think we would have gotten fifth place. But we did what we had to do to get the win."

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs knew the Lobos would apply pressure, and they did — to the tune of a season-high 23 Colorado miscues that led to 28 Lobos points. But CU held UNM to just 29.6 percent shooting (21-for-71) from the floor — including a 9-for-34 effort in the second half — while also posting a 58-31 edge on the boards to make the difference.

"I was really pleased with the second half," Boyle said. "We rebounded the ball well. If we'd rebounded like that last Saturday we'd be 8-0 night now instead of 7-1. But good bounce-back win. We have to keep getting better and learning."

The Buffs led by two at intermission before putting together their decisive 12-3 run midway through the second half, with freshmen providing the fuel for the burst. **Lazar Nikolic** scored the first five points, including a dunk on a beautiful alley-oop from **Deleon Brown**, McKinley Wright added four and **D'Shawn Schwartz** drained a 3-pointer to give the Buffs a 61-51 edge with 7:31 to go in the game.

"Laz is sneaky athletic," Wright said of his freshman classmate. "One of the guys with the most bounce on our team people don't know about yet. CU fans saw it tonight and they'll see more of it later in the season."

The Lobos briefly pulled back to within eight, but CU then produced a 7-0 run to take a 68-53 lead with 2:35 left to put the game away. Collier — the only Buff to have more assists than turnovers (2-0) — had four points in the run to help the Buffs seal the win.

"Dom was really good in the second half," Boyle said. "He played within himself. He didn't force the issue. He let the game come to him and I was really pleased with Dom's effort, especially in that second half."

The Buffs jumped out to an early lead in the first half, building the margin to as much as 11 midway through the period. But the Lobos refused to go away, staying in the game with 3-pointers, finally tying the game at 33-33 with 40 seconds to go.

Colorado regained the lead on Schwartz drive with 25 seconds to go, taking a 35-33 lead into the locker room at the half.

The Lobos hit six 3-pointers in the first half, but managed to connect on just 3 of 15 tries from beyond the arc after intermission.

TURNING POINT: CU's 12-3 run broke open a tight game midway through the second half and the Lobos never threatened again. CU held the Lobos scoreless for a 3:42 stretch in the run.

WHAT IT MEANS: Although they improved to 7-1, the Buffs know they can't have another game with 23 turnovers if they want to be competitive Saturday when they play at No. 15 Xavier.

GAME 9

#13/14 XAVIER 96, COLORADO 69

Dec. 9, 2017, Cincinnati, Ohio (Cintas Center)

VISITORS: Colorado 7-2

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
35 Walton, Dallas	f 1-4	0-1	2-2	1	1	2	2	4	0	1	2	0 19
05 Brown, Deleon	g 2-6	2-4	0-0	0	0	0	1	6	0	1	1	0 18
11 Nikolic, Lazar	g 1-4	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	4	2	0	3	1	0 20
24 King, George	g 5-15	1-5	4-4	6	2	8	1	15	0	3	1	0 28
25 Wright, McKinley	g 7-15	1-5	1-2	2	2	4	2	16	5	2	1	0 36
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1 8
01 Bey, Tyler	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0 14
13 Wright, Namon	7-13	2-5	4-4	0	0	0	2	20	1	3	0	6 25
15 Collier, Dominique	2-5	2-4	0-0	0	0	0	2	6	2	3	0	0 15
23 Siewert, Lucas	0-2	0-2	0-0	3	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	1 17
TEAM				1	3	4						
Totals.....	25-65	8-28	11-14	15	17	32	19	69	8	16	6	7 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12:29 41.4%	2nd Half: 13:36 36.1%	Game: 38.5%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3:12 25.0%	2nd Half: 5:16 31.3%	Game: 28.6%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 6:6 100%	2nd Half: 5:8 62.5%	Game: 78.6%	2

HOME: Xavier 9-1

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
00 Jones, Tyrrique	f 4-7	0-0	3-4	1	6	7	2	11	1	0	0	0 17
22 Gates, Kaiser	f 2-3	2-3	0-0	1	5	6	2	6	1	1	0	2 27
03 Goodin, Quentin	g 5-8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	10	8	2	0	2 29
05 Bluiett, Trevon	g 8-14	3-6	6-7	0	7	7	1	25	3	0	2	1 31
55 Macura, J.P.	g 6-8	3-3	2-2	1	1	2	2	17	1	2	0	2 28
01 Scruggs, Paul	2-3	0-0	1-2	1	1	2	3	5	1	3	0	0 14
04 Harden, Elias	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
11 Kanter, Kerem	1-5	1-2	0-1	2	4	6	1	3	0	0	0	1 16
13 Marshall, Naji	3-4	0-0	3-4	1	1	2	3	9	1	2	1	0 18
54 O'Mara, Sean	4-6	0-0	2-4	1	0	1	2	10	0	0	0	1 17
TEAM				2	1	3						
Totals.....	35-58	9-14	17-24	10	26	36	18	96	16	12	3	9 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 18:32 56.3%	2nd Half: 17:26 65.4%	Game: 60.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6:9 66.7%	2nd Half: 3:5 60.0%	Game: 64.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 7:11 63.6%	2nd Half: 10:13 76.9%	Game: 70.8%	3

Officials: Jeff Clark, Brian O'Connell, Tony Chiazza

Attendance: 10228

Score by Periods

Colorado

Xavier

	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	33	36	69
Xavier	49	47	96

CINCINNATI — Colorado's young Buffaloes got their first taste of the big stage Saturday, and the lesson delivered proved to be a harsh one.

Playing in front of a sold-out Cintas Center crowd, the Buffs fell behind in the first half by as much as 26 and could never completely close the gap, ultimately dropping a 96-69 decision to No. 13 Xavier.

"They took it from us like candies from a baby," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We got beat in every phase of the game today. There's not a lot of positive things you could take from this, other than maybe we can learn from Xavier in terms of how they execute offensively, how hard they play, how tough they are. This was men against boys today. It was very apparent in many ways."

Colorado dropped to 7-2 while Xavier improved to 9-1.

Namon Wright led CU with 20 points while **McKinley Wright IV** added 16 and **George King** chipped in 15 points and eight rebounds.

The Musketeers, who shot a blistering 60 percent from the floor (35-58) — including 9-for-14 from 3-point range — were led by Trevon Bluiett, who finished with 25 points.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs hurt themselves early with turnovers and the hot-shooting Musketeers were glad to take advantage. Xavier led 31-10 just eight minutes in — a stretch in which the Buffs committed eight turnovers — and slowly built the margin to 46-20 with just more than five minutes to play in the half.

But to their credit, the Buffs refused to quit. After narrowing Xavier's cushion to 16 by halftime, the Buffs then closed the gap to 13 midway through the second period with an 11-2 run. Namon Wright hit a 3-pointer, **Dominique Collier** had back-to-back 3s and McKinley Wright hit a fastbreak bucket to close the gap to 69-56.

But that led to an XU timeout and the Musketeers emerged to score the next eight points and end any threat of a Colorado comeback.

"This is a potential Final Four team we just played today on their home floor," Boyle said. "Sometimes you have to say, 'Look, your opponent just whipped your tail.' There's a lot of times you look at your deficiencies, and we have a lot of them. ... But Xavier could have beaten a lot of teams today and they will beat a lot of teams. We did not take care of the ball and we didn't defend."

Xavier jumped on the Buffs from the get-go, putting together an 18-3 run in a four-minute span that turned a 13-7 edge into a 31-10 cushion with 12 minutes still to play in the first half.

The Buffs helped dig the hole by turning the ball over. CU had eight turnovers in the first eight minutes of the game, which Xavier gladly converted into 13 points. The Musketeers hit 12 of their first 16 field goal tries, including a red-hot 5-for-6 stretch from 3-point range.

TURNING POINT: This one was decided early. Eight turnovers by the Buffs in the first eight minutes helped Xavier to a 31-10 lead and the Buffs never came closer than 13 again.

WHAT IT MEANS: If there's a positive to be gained, it is a lesson on how the Musketeers played on both ends of the floor. The good news is the Buffs didn't quit. Now they need to figure out how to reduce their turnovers and improve their 3-point defense.

GAME 10

SAN DIEGO 69, COLORADO 59

Dec. 12, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: San Diego 8-2

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
00 Pineiro, Isaih	f 4-10	0-1	2-3	1	6	7	4	10	2	2	0	0 31
20 Neubauer, Cameron	f 2-5	1-3	0-0	1	4	5	1	5	3	0	0	0 32
25 Massalski, Youhen	f 1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	0 11
03 Carter III, Olin	g 2-11	2-9	4-6	0	4	4	2	10	1	0	0	1 39
22 Wright, Isaih	g 6-11	3-4	5-7	1	5	6	4	20	2	3	0	0 33
01 Williams, Tyler	2-5	1-4	8-8	0	6	6	4	13	2	2	0	0 21
10 Nelson, Andy	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0+
12 Gray, Juwan	3-3	2-2	0-0	0	5	5	3	8	0	0	2	2 24
15 Floresca, Alex	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	4	1	1	0	0	9
TEAM				2	2							
Totals.....	20-49	9-23	20-26	7	31	38	23	69	11	13	3	3 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 10:26 38.5%	2nd Half: 10:23 43.5%	Game: 40.8%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5:12 41.7%	2nd Half: 4:11 36.4%	Game: 39.1%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 4:4 66.7%	2nd Half: 16:20 80.0%	Game: 76.9%	4

HOME: Colorado 7-3

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of
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GAME 14

OREGON 77, COLORADO 62

Dec. 31, 2017, Eugene, Ore. (Matthew Knight Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 8-6, 0-2 Pac-12

##	Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
35	Walton, Dallas	f 1-4	1-1	0-0	2	4	6	1	3	1	1	0	0	18
01	Bey, Tyler	f 1-3	0-0	1-2	2	2	4	5	3	0	1	0	0	14
05	Brown, Deleon	g 1-5	0-3	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	0	2	0	0	14
24	King, George	g 4-9	1-4	0-1	1	2	3	2	9	1	5	0	0	30
25	Wright, McKinley	g 5-13	0-2	3-4	1	1	2	1	13	7	4	0	1	29
00	Schwartz, D'Shawn	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
11	Nikolic, Lazar	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	5	6	1	2	2	1	0	2	23
13	Wright, Naman	8-13	3-6	1-1	0	3	3	1	20	0	3	0	0	25
15	Collier, Dominique	3-5	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	5	7	1	1	0	0	14
23	Siewert, Lucas	1-3	1-3	0-0	1	0	1	3	3	0	2	0	0	19
TEAM					1	1	2							
Totals.....		25-59	7-22	5-8	9	23	32	22	62	12	20	0	3	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-28 42.9%	2nd Half: 13-31 41.9%	Game: 42.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-12 33.3%	2nd Half: 3-10 30.0%	Game: 31.8%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 0-0 0%	2nd Half: 5-8 62.5%	Game: 62.5%	2

HOME: Oregon 11-4, 1-1 Pac-12

##	Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
00	Brown, Troy	f 7-11	1-2	6-6	1	6	7	0	21	2	0	0	4	32
01	Wooten, Kenny	f 4-4	0-0	5-6	1	6	7	3	13	0	1	3	1	31
22	McIntosh, Mikyle	f 2-9	0-3	0-0	1	5	6	2	4	2	4	0	0	32
03	Pritchard, Payton	g 4-8	2-2	2-4	0	1	1	3	12	4	3	0	3	36
05	Brown, Elijah	g 6-11	2-7	3-3	0	2	2	2	17	1	4	0	0	29
10	Bailey, Victor	2-4	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	5	0	3	0	1	1	16
11	Smith, Keith	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	3
13	White, Paul	1-4	0-2	1-1	1	4	5	3	3	0	1	0	1	21
TEAM														
Totals.....		26-51	6-19	19-22	4	26	30	15	77	9	17	3	11	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 15-23 65.2%	2nd Half: 11-28 39.3%	Game: 51.0%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-8 50.0%	2nd Half: 2-11 18.2%	Game: 31.6%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-3 100%	2nd Half: 16-19 84.2%	Game: 86.4%	1

Officials: Tony Padilla, Michael Greenstein, Eric Curry

Attendance: 7458

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	28	34	62
Oregon	37	40	77

EUGENE, Ore. — Another slow start, turnovers and poor shooting in crucial moments sent the Colorado Buffaloes home with another road loss Sunday night, this time a 77-62 defeat at Oregon.

The Buffs shot just 42 percent from the floor (25-for-59) and just 31 percent from 3-point range (7-for-22), and also committed 20 turnovers, which the Ducks converted into 18 points. Oregon also shot 51 percent from the field (26-for-51).

Colorado dropped to 8-6 overall and 0-2 in Pac-12 play while Oregon improved to 11-4 and 1-1. The loss was CU's fourth in as many road games this season and sixth overall in the last eight games.

Naman Wright led Colorado with 20 points while **McKinley Wright IV** added 13. Oregon's Troy Brown scored 21 points and Elijah Brown added 17.

But despite the outcome, CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said he was far more encouraged than he was after Friday night's 76-57 loss at Oregon State.

"I thought our guys really battled and they really competed," Boyle said. "I can't ask for anymore from them than that. ... I told our guys I have a total different feeling in my gut right now than I did Friday night. Friday night I was sick to my stomach because of our effort, our lack of concentration, that sort of thing. We didn't take care of the ball and we couldn't get to the free throw line, but it wasn't because we weren't trying. I like the spirit, I like the fight, I like the competitiveness of the group tonight."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Once again, the Buffs were plagued by a slow start. The Ducks jumped out to a 13-2 lead and maintained that cushion through the midway point of the first half, thanks to a bundle of early CU turnovers.

But, Colorado managed to cut the deficit to four late in the period with a 6-0 run, getting a pair of baskets from McKinley Wright and a **Lazar Nikolic** layup to pull to within 29-25. Oregon, though, promptly responded with an 8-3 run over the final four minutes to take a 37-28 lead at intermission, getting a 3-pointer from Payton Pritchard just before the buzzer.

"Obviously the area that hurt us were turnovers, on the road," Boyle said. "Twenty, and that was the key. That was our offensive key to the game, was not turning it over, and it was our defensive key to the game, not turning it over. You get them in transition and they can make plays. They've got great athletes and they get downhill."

The Buffs also faced a rather large disparity at the free throw line all night. Oregon connected on 19 of its 22 tries from the line while CU hit five of its eight free throws.

"Physical game both ways, but when you lose a game by 15 and you get outscored 14 at the free throw line, it's a little frustrating," Boyle said. "We have to figure out what's a foul and what's not a foul. Now sometimes a foul on one end is not a foul on the other end. That gets confusing for our players and certainly for me — but we have to do a better job of not fouling."

The second half was much like the first. The Buffs briefly cut the deficit to four early in the period when Dallas Walton hit a long 3-pointer and McKinley Wright banked in a floater from the lane to pull cut Oregon's lead to 39-35.

But that was as close as Colorado could come. Oregon answered with a 13-2 run to build a 15-point cushion, 52-37, thanks in part to six Buffs turnovers in the first 5:30 of the half.

Oregon then maintained control for the rest of the game, building its lead to as much as 16. The Buffs did manage to hold Oregon without a basket for a six-minute stretch, helping them narrow the deficit to 10 with just under five minutes to go on a Naman Wright three-point play. But that was as close as CU could come and Colorado never mustered a serious threat down the stretch.



GAME 15

COLORADO 90, #4/6 ARIZONA STATE 81, OT

Jan. 4, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Arizona State 12-2, 0-2 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
03 Mitchell, Mickey	f 3-4	0-0	2-3	4	6	10	5	8	4	1	1	0 32
23 White, Romello	f 5-12	0-0	0-2	3	8	11	3	2	1	1	1	0 31
00 Holder, Ira	g 8-20	2-9	6-7	1	1	2	5	24	1	3	0	3 41
11 Evans, Shannon II	g 3-14	0-8	5-6	0	2	2	3	11	2	0	0	1 41
44 Justice, Kodi	g 4-12	4-10	4-4	0	2	2	4	16	2	0	0	1 38
01 Martin, Remy	4-12	3-5	0-0	1	2	3	0	11	1	1	0	0 21
10 Shibel, Vitly	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0 7
14 Lawrence, Kimani	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0 4
35 Lake, De'Quan	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	3	0	0	0	0	0 10
TEAM				1	1							
Totals.....	27-76	9-34	18-24	13	28	41	27	81	11	7	2	5 225

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13-34 38.2%	2nd Half: 12-35 34.3%	OT: 2-7 28.6%	Game: 35.5%	DEAD
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-15 33.3%	2nd Half: 3-14 21.4%	OT: 1-5 20.0%	Game: 26.5%	BALL REB
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-3 100%	2nd Half: 13-17 76.5%	OT: 2-4 50.0%	Game: 75.0%	5

HOME: Colorado 9-6, 1-2 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 2-2	0-0	4-5	1	7	8	0	8	0	1	1	0 19
35 Walton, Dallas	f 0-4	0-1	2-5	2	5	7	3	2	1	2	3	0 19
05 Brown, Deleon	g 2-5	0-2	1-2	0	3	3	2	5	0	0	0	0 25
24 King, George	g 5-13	4-9	4-6	2	7	9	3	18	2	2	2	0 34
25 Wright, McKinley	g 8-15	0-3	3-4	3	0	3	2	19	5	5	0	2 37
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 4
11 Nikolic, Lazar	0-1	0-1	1-2	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	0	0 15
13 Wright, Naman	7-12	2-3	3-4	0	7	7	3	19	1	0	0	0 31
15 Collier, Dominique	4-7	3-5	0-0	0	3	3	2	11	6	1	0	1 25
23 Siewert, Lucas	1-3	1-2	4-4	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0 16
TEAM				2	3	5						
Totals.....	29-63	10-26	32-41	13	37	48	20	90	16	14	6	3 225

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 9-27 33.3%	2nd Half: 16-29 55.2%	OT: 4-7 57.1%	Game: 46.0%	DEAD
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-12 25.0%	2nd Half: 6-12 50.0%	OT: 1-2 50.0%	Game: 38.5%	BALL REB
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-11 72.7%	2nd Half: 7-12 58.3%	OT: 7-9 77.8%	Game: 68.8%	5

Officials: Randy McCall, Tom O'Neill, Rick Randall

Attendance: 7440

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Arizona State	34	40	7	81
Colorado	29	45	16	90

BOULDER — Thursday afternoon, Colorado coach **Tad Boyle** showed his team highlight clips of the program's 15 wins over nationally ranked teams in his tenure in Boulder.

He then told the Buffs it was their turn to add the next chapter — and that's exactly what they did.

Spurred on by a raucous Coors Events Center crowd, the Buffs rallied from an eight-point second-half deficit to knock off fourth-ranked Arizona State in overtime, 90-81, outscoring the visitors 16-7 in the extra period for the victory. The Sun Devils were the highest-ranked team beaten by Colorado in the Boyle era, and the highest-ranked team beaten by the Buffs since CU knocked off No. 3 Texas in February 2003.

The win also ended a three-game CU losing streak and improved Colorado's record to 9-6 overall and 1-2 in Pac-12 play. The Sun Devils lost their second in a row to fall to 12-2 and 0-2.

The win was a team effort in every regard as the Buffs battled back from big deficits in the first and second half to collect the win. Freshman **McKinley Wright IV** and junior **Namon Wright** each scored 19 points for Colorado while senior **George King** added 18 points and nine rebounds and senior **Dominique Collier** had 11 points and a team-high six assists.

Tad Holder led ASU with 24 points.
"What a resilient group we had," Boyle said. "Our guys were a little bit down, felt like maybe we should have finished a little stronger in regulation. But they didn't stay down. We came out in overtime and made winning plays. I'm just really proud of them."

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs trailed 12 early in the game, by five at the half and by as much as eight midway through the second half before putting together a 13-2 run that changed the complexion of the entire game.

McKinley Wright started the run with a driving layup and free throw before Collier drained a long 3-pointer. The Sun Devils momentarily halted the run with a Holder bucket before **Tyler Bey** scored inside. **Dallas Walton** hit a free throw and Bey followed with a bucket inside at the 8:20 mark to give Colorado its first lead of the game, 55-54.

CU then finished the run when Walton recorded a big block on the defensive end and pushed the outlet pass to Collier. The senior then dropped a pass to Naman Wright, who finished the transition with a thunderous dunk for a 57-54 CU lead with 7:41 to go.

Colorado then held the lead for much of the rest of regulation, only to see the Sun Devils tie it up in the final seconds. King hit one of two free throws with 29 seconds remaining to give Colorado a 74-72 lead before Arizona State's Mickey Mitchell rebounded a missed 3-pointer and dunked it home to tie the game at 74-74 and send it into overtime.

King also had a message for his teammates in the huddle prior to the overtime period.
"We're made for this," King told his teammates.
The Buffs then dominated the extra period, scoring the first five points and never giving up the lead. McKinley Wright started the run with an offensive rebound and bucket, followed a minute later by a King 3-pointer, and Colorado led for the remainder of the period.

The Sun Devils managed to pull within two in the final minute of overtime, but Colorado answered with seven free throws in the final 53 seconds, combined with three defensive stops on the other end. King virtually put the game away by grabbing a defensive rebound and drawing a foul with 41 seconds remaining and hitting both free throws to give CU a five-point lead.

In the first half, the Buffs once again put themselves in an early hole, falling behind 13-1 in the first five minutes. The Sun Devils hit five of their first eight field goal tries — including all three 3-point tries — while the Buffs missed their first seven attempts from the field.

But, Colorado switched to a zone defense and slowly climbed back in the game, putting together a 16-7 run at one point to pull within one, 27-26, before finally heading into the locker room at halftime trailing by five, 34-29.

By game's end, the Sun Devils hit just 35.5 percent of their field goal attempts (27-for-76) and just nine of their 34 3-point tries — after hitting their first three. Colorado also won the rebound battle, 48-41.

GAME 16

COLORADO 80, #14/16 ARIZONA 77

Jan. 6, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Arizona 12-4, 2-1 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
13 Aytton, Deandre	f 11-17	1-1	3-4	3	2	5	2	26	0	2	1	0 32
14 Ristic, Dusan	c 6-16	0-0	1-1	4	7	11	0	13	1	1	0	1 32
00 Jackson, Cartwright	g 0-6	0-4	2-2	0	1	1	4	2	8	1	0	4 31
01 Alkins, Rawley	g 6-14	2-7	2-4	1	5	6	4	16	4	2	1	3 28
35 Trier, Allonzo	g 3-9	2-8	0-0	1	2	3	1	8	3	2	0	2 32
03 Smith, Dylan	1-4	1-3	2-2	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0 8
05 Randolph, Brandon	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0 11
11 Lee, Ira	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0 9
20 Barcello, Alex	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0 5
24 Akot, Emmanuel	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1 6
25 Pinder, Keamu	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	1	0 6
TEAM				2	3	5						
Totals.....	28-73	7-25	14-17	16	20	36	18	77	18	7	4	12 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 9-30 30.0%	2nd Half: 19-43 44.2%	Game: 38.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-13 23.1%	2nd Half: 4-12 33.3%	Game: 28.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-10 80.0%	2nd Half: 6-7 85.7%	Game: 82.4%	3

HOME: Colorado 10-6, 2-2 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 1-2	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	4	4	0	2	0	0 15
35 Walton, Dallas	f 7-7	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	15	0	2	1	2	5
13 Wright, Naman	g 5-10	1-2	3-4	1	7	8	1	14	2	1	0	31
24 King, George	g 2-8	1-4	0-0	1	10	11	1	5	3	3	1	0 29
25 Wright, McKinley	g 5-11	0-1	6-7	2	2	4	2	16	10	7	0	1 34
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	3-4	2-3	2-2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	15
05 Brown, Deleon	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0 12
11 Nikolic, Lazar	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	7
15 Collier, Dominique	5-7	2-3	2-2	0	1	1	3	14	2	0	0	0 19
23 Siewert, Lucas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1 23
TEAM				2	2							
Totals.....	29-53	7-16	15-17	5	29	34	18	80	18	15	3	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 18-28 64.3%	2nd Half: 11-25 44.0%	Game: 54.7%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-7 57.1%	2nd Half: 3-9 33.3%	Game: 43.8%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 5-7 71.4%	2nd Half: 10-10 100%	Game: 88.2%	1

Officials: Mike Reed, Mike Scypers, Randy Heimerman

Attendance: 8519

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Arizona	29	48	77
Colorado	45	35	80

BOULDER — New year, new team.

2018 seems to suit the the Colorado Buffaloes quite well.

Saturday, for the second time in as many games, **Tad Boyle's** Buffs knocked off a top-20 team at the Coors Events Center, sending No. 14 Arizona back to Tucson with an 80-77 loss. The win, coming on the heels of Thursday's 90-81 win over No. 4 Arizona State, improved the Buffs to 10-6 overall and 2-2 in Pac-12 play while Arizona fell to 12-4, 2-1.

Just like the win over ASU, Saturday's win was a complete team effort. Five Buffs scored in double figures. Freshman **McKinley Wright IV** led CU with 16 points and 10 assists (his third double-double this year). **Dallas Walton** added 15 points, **Namon Wright** and **Dominique Collier** each scored 14 and **D'Shawn Schwartz** added 10. **George King**, meanwhile, led CU on the boards with 11 rebounds.

Arizona freshman Deandre Aytton led all scorers with 26 points. Arizona's Allonzo Tier finished with just eight points, 12 under his season average.

"The difference between our team now and a week ago (when CU lost at Oregon State and Oregon) is number one that we believe," Boyle said. "Number two, we're playing together and we're playing with great energy. We have good moments, we have bad moments. We showed that today but we have a toughness that we didn't show in Corvallis. ... At some point when you're on a slide, your players have to see that they're sick and tired of this and it's time to turn it up. Players win games. I haven't changed anything other than my little bit of zone between the Oregon trip and this trip."

But that "little bit of zone" has definitely made a difference. The Buffs stymied ASU on Thursday with their new-look defense and appeared to catch Arizona by surprise as well. The Wildcats shot just 38.4 percent from the floor (28-for-73), including just 7-for-25 from 3-point range. Colorado, meanwhile, once again found its shooting eye, hitting 54.7 percent of its field goal tries (29-for-53), including a respectable 7-for-16 afternoon from 3-point range.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Unlike the last five live games, the Buffs jumped out to a big lead early. Colorado led by as much as 20 in the first half and still led by 16 at intermission, 45-29.

But the Wildcats came back with a vengeance in the second half, outscoring Colorado 17-4 over the first eight minutes to cut CU's lead to three, 49-46. After having just two turnovers in the entire first half, the Buffs had eight turnovers in the first eight minutes of the second half.

The run sent a palpable shiver through the Events Center crowd of 8,519, and a sizable UA group into delirium.

Colorado, though, didn't fold. With a lineup on the floor that included four freshmen and senior Collier, the Buffs regrouped and slowly rebuilt the lead.

Schwartz ended the Arizona rally with a long 3-pointer, followed by a Collier drive to the hoop. Walton then scored on a jump hook over Aytton, Schwartz hit a pair of free throws and Collier drained a three to push the margin back to nine with a 3-pointer.

A minute later, Collier scored on another drive to the hoop, followed by a McKinley Wright transition layup and another Collier 3-pointer that gave CU a 68-58 lead with 4:33 to play.

From that point on, the Buffs protected their lead. Walton hit another big hook shot with 1:58 remaining, then had two blocks on an UA possession that led to a McKinley Wright slam dunk for a 74-65 CU lead with a minute to go.

The Buffs then hit six straight free throws in the final 40 seconds to clinch the win.

GAME 17

USC 70, COLORADO 58

Jan. 10, 2018, Los Angeles, Calif. (Galen Center)

VISITORS: Colorado 10-7, 2-3 Pac-12

# Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 4-6	0-0	0-1	3	4	7	5	8	0	3	2	2 23
35 Walton, Dallas	f 1-4	0-0	0-1	1	3	4	2	2	0	1	1	0 24
13 Wright, Naman	g 3-9	2-4	2-3	1	3	4	1	10	3	5	1	0 26
24 King, George	g 7-14	5-11	2-2	1	9	10	2	21	2	1	1	0 35
25 Wright, McKinley	g 2-9	1-1	2-2	3	1	4	1	7	4	5	0	0 34
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0 6
05 Brown, Deleon	1-4	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0 12
11 Nikolic, Lazar	1-4	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	1	4	2	2	0	0 18
15 Collier, Dominique	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0 15
23 Siewert, Lucas	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0 7
TEAM				4	2	6						
Totals.....	20-55	10-23	8-11	14	25	39	20	58	13	22	5	2 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13-29 44.8%	2nd Half: 7-26 26.9%	Game: 36.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6-11 54.5%	2nd Half: 4-12 33.3%	Game: 43.5%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 2-4 50.0%	2nd Half: 6-7 85.7%	Game: 72.7%	3

HOME: USC 12-6, 3-2 Pac-12

#	Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
04	Metu, Chimezie	f 3-13	0-1	8-8	5	8	13	3	14	1	1	0	28
25	Boothright, Bennie	f 1-9	1-4	0-0	0	3	3	2	3	2	3	0	19
00	Aaron, Shaquoun	f 2-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	4	4	1	3	0	10
11	McLaughlin, Jordan	g 6-8	4-4	0-0	5	5	1	20	3	1	1	0	26
30	Steward, Elijah	g 1-3	0-0	1-2	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	1	23
01	Usher, Jordan	g 2-2	1-1	0-1	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	10
02	Mashburn, Jonah	g 3-7	3-6	0-4	0	3	3	1	9	0	0	0	27
05	Thomanton, Derrick	4-6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	8	1	2	1	4
31	Rakocovic, Nick	2-4	0-0	0-0	4	0	4	3	4	2	2	1	08
	TEAM												
Totals.....		24-55	9-17	13-21	9	22	31	18	70	10	12	10	1200

GAME 18

COLORADO 68, UCLA 59

Jan. 13, 2018, Los Angeles, Calif. (Pauley Pavilion)

VISITORS: Colorado 11-7, 3-3 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 3-7	0-0	1-3	1	6	7	2	7	3	0	1	30
01 Walton, Dallas	f 3-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2	6	0	0	0	12
13 Wright, Naman	g 3-6	1-3	2-4	0	4	4	1	9	2	2	1	25
24 King, George	g 7-12	6-10	6-6	1	9	10	2	26	1	3	3	35
25 Wright, McKinley	g 1-8	0-2	2-2	0	1	1	4	7	2	0	0	30
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	1-3	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	14
05 Brown, Deleon	2-6	2-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	6	2	1	0	17
11 Nikolic, Lazar	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	5
15 Collier, Dominique	1-2	1-2	2-2	0	1	3	5	0	1	0	0	17
23 Siewert, Lucas	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	15
TEAM				2	2	4				3		
Totals.....	22-51	11-22	13-17	6	27	33	16	68	17	12	5	4 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 14-29 48.3%	2nd Half: 8-22 36.4%	Game: 43.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 8-14 57.1%	2nd Half: 3-8 37.5%	Game: 50.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-4 75.0%	2nd Half: 10-13 76.9%	Game: 76.5%	4

HOME: UCLA 13-5, 4-2 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
14 Goloman, Gyorgy	f 2-5	0-1	2-2	2	2	4	4	6	1	0	0	21
40 Welsh, Thomas	c 9-10	2-3	0-0	1	7	8	4	20	1	0	0	36
03 Holiday, Aaron	g 4-13	1-4	1-2	1	3	4	3	10	4	6	1	40
13 Wilkes, Kris	g 3-11	1-6	3-3	3	6	9	1	10	1	1	1	32
23 Ali, Prince	g 1-7	0-3	1-4	0	4	0	3	2	1	0	1	21
00 Olesinski, Alex	1-2	0-0	0-2	3	1	4	1	2	1	1	0	16
04 Hands, Jaylen	3-11	1-6	1-2	0	2	2	8	0	1	0	3	20
05 Smith, Chris	0-3	0-2	0-3	0	3	3	2	0	3	0	1	14
TEAM				1	1							
Totals.....	24-55	9-17	13-21	9	22	31	18	70	10	12	10	12200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-33 36.4%	2nd Half: 11-29 37.9%	Game: 37.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-11 18.2%	2nd Half: 3-14 21.4%	Game: 20.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-7 42.9%	2nd Half: 5-11 45.5%	Game: 44.4%	6

Officials: Dick Cartmell, Verne Harris, Jeff Wooten

Attendance: 10164

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	39	29	68
UCLA	29	30	59

LOS ANGELES — **Tad Boyle's** Colorado Buffaloes ended their road woes in the most unlikely of places Saturday night.

Senior **George King** recorded a 26-point, 10-rebound double-double and CU's defense smothered UCLA all night, leading the Buffs to a 68-59 win at Pauley Pavilion, the Buffs' first-ever win on the Bruins' home floor.

The win ended a seven-game road skid that stretched back to last February as well as an all-time eight-game losing streak at UCLA — including four in Pac-12 play.

CU improved to 11-7 overall and 3-3 in Pac-12 play while the Bruins, who entered the day in first place in the Pac-12, dropped to 13-5, 4-2.

"Just a great win for our program," Boyle said. "These young guys are growing up before your eyes. ... I'm just so proud of these guys. The road hasn't been good to us and we needed this first one to start believing. I told them it's our first road win, it better not be our last."

King, who had a career-high six 3-pointers, recorded his fifth double-double of the season and 12th of his career. **Namon Wright** added nine points, freshman **Tyler Bey** had seven points and seven rebounds and freshman **McKinley Wright IV** dished out seven assists.

HOW IT HAPPENED: UCLA entered the game averaging nearly 92 points per game in Pac-12 play. The Buffs held the Bruins 33 points under their average by limiting them to just 37 percent shooting from the field (23-for-62), including just 5-for-25 from 3-point range. Bruins leading scorer Aaron Holiday finished with just 10 points — nine under his average — on 4-for-13 shooting.

"That was our main focus coming in," King said. "We know one thing we can take on the road with us is defense and rebounding. You should never have an off night defensively and rebounding. We knew they were a talented offensive team and we were able to execute defensively and offensively we took care of the ball."

The Buffs did indeed take care of the ball, finishing with just 12 turnovers after averaging 20 in each of their first three Pac-12 road games.

Colorado also shot well, especially in the first half. The Buffs jumped out to an early lead and built the margin to as much as 17 points, 34-17, with just more than three minutes to play in the half. They had that lead cut to 10 at the half, 39-29, then spent the entire second half fighting off UCLA charges.

"We had to have 40 minutes of toughness tonight — and we did," Boyle said. "We didn't out-rebound them, but we got the rebounds when we needed to get the rebounds, and boy we guarded."

The Bruins made three big runs at Colorado in the second half, and each time the Buffs answered. UCLA first managed to cut CU's cushion to seven, 47-40, with 11:34 to go. The Buffs responded with an 8-1 run, with King scoring all eight points on a pair of 3-pointers and two free throws to bump the cushion back to 55-41.

That, however, was followed by a 10-0 UCLA run, all from big man Thomas Welsh, whose second 3-point of the run pulled the Bruins to within four, 55-51, with 5:31 still left to play.

But once again, Colorado answered with a 7-0 run. **Namon Wright** started the burst with a layup to break UCLA's press before King hit his career-high sixth 3-point of the night and a pair of free throws to put the Buffs back in control, 62-51.

The Bruins managed to cut the gap back to single digits one more time, 66-59, in the final minute, but McKinley Wright hit two free throws with 47 seconds left and CU forced two more empty possessions from UCLA to end the game.

GAME 19

COLORADO 82, WASHINGTON STATE 73

Jan. 18, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Washington State 9-9, 1-5 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
43 Bernstein, Drick	f 4-11	0-0	0-2	2	4	6	2	8	8	1	0	1 37
03 Franks, Robert	g 3-10	1-5	1-2	2	6	8	5	8	0	1	0	27
04 Daniels, Vion'te	g 6-10	6-9	0-0	0	1	1	1	18	1	0	0	1 40
22 Flynn, Malachi	g 2-8	1-5	0-0	0	2	2	3	5	5	2	0	28
40 Hinson, Kwintan	g 4-9	1-3	2-2	0	0	0	1	11	2	0	0	1 22
05 Acquahu, Milan	1-3	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	3	3	1	3	0	14
13 Pollard, Jeff	1-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	11
35 Skaggs, Carter	6-13	5-11	0-0	0	3	3	1	17	1	1	0	21
TEAM				4	3	7						
Totals.....	27-66	15-34	4-5	8	21	29	17	73	18	8	0	5 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11-33 33.3%	2nd Half: 16-33 48.5%	Game: 40.9%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-16 31.3%	2nd Half: 10-18 55.6%	Game: 44.1%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 0-0 0.0%	2nd Half: 4-5 80.0%	Game: 80.0%	1

HOME: Colorado 12-7, 4-3 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 2-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	1	4	3	0	2	1 21
35 Walton, Dallas	f 1-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	0 16
13 Wright, Naman	g 7-14	2-6	0-0	1	9	10	0	16	3	3	1	0 29
24 King, George	g 6-12	4-10	0-1	2	7	9	3	16	1	1	0	0 31
25 Wright, McKinley	g 6-10	0-2	5-6	4	4	0	17	5	2	0	2	30
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	0-2	0-1	2-2	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	12
05 Brown, Deleon	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
11 Nikolic, Lazar	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	8
15 Collier, Dominique	4-6	2-3	3-4	1	4	5	0	13	1	1	0	22
23 Siewert, Lucas	4-6	1-2	2-4	1	3	4	4	11	0	1	0	1 24
TEAM				1	2							
Totals.....	30-58	9-26	13-18	8	31	39	12	82	15	10	4	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 16-27 59.3%	2nd Half: 14-31 45.2%	Game: 51.7%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6-14 42.9%	2nd Half: 3-12 25.0%	Game: 34.6%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-4 100%	2nd Half: 9-14 64.3%	Game: 72.2%	4

Officials: Michael Irving, Brad Ferrie, D.G. Nelson

Attendance: 7477

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	Total
Washington State	27	46	73
Colorado	42	40	82

BOULDER — Prosperity was almost too much for the Colorado Buffaloes to handle Thursday night.

But when push came to shove, the Buffs had enough push to claim an 82-73 win over Washington State at the Coors Events Center. Colorado built a 26-point lead early in the second half, then held off a furious WSU rally before finally regaining control to come away with its fourth win in the last five games and fourth straight win at home.

The Buffs improved to 12-7 overall and 4-3 in Pac-12 play — their first time over .500 in Pac-12 play since late in the 2015-16 season — while the Cougars fell to 9-9, 1-5.

Junior **Namon Wright** led Colorado with his first double-double as a Buff, a 16-point, 10-rebound effort. CU freshman **McKinley Wright IV** scored 17 points — 13 in the second half — to go with five assists and four rebounds.

CU senior **George King**, meanwhile, continued his stretch of solid play with 16 points and nine rebounds. **Dominique Collier** contributed 13 points and five boards and **Lucas Siewert** had 11 points and four rebounds.

Vion'te Daniels led WSU with 18 points on six of the Cougars' 15 3-pointers.

"That was a good win," head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We made it interesting there in the second half, but hopefully we can learn from the lapses we had both offensively and defensively. We got a little complacent there in the second half, but we got the game back under control."

HOW IT HAPPENED: After leading by 15 at intermission, the Buffs built their cushion to 26 just five minutes into the second half and appeared ready to blow WSU out of the gym. King had two 3-pointers in the opening minutes and Namon Wright added one to put WSU on the ropes.

But the Washington State punched back, responding with a 26-5 run that finished with a 12-0 burst to shave Colorado's lead to just five, 63-58, with 8:13 left to play. The Cougars, who lead the Pac-12 in 3-pointers, hit only five treys in the first half but fueled their comeback with 10 after intermission. "Lack of focus, lack of defense," McKinley Wright said. "The biggest thing was letting their 3-point shooters loose. Letting them hit 10 in the second half hurt us."

But with the once-comfortable Events Center crowd again on edge, the Buffs regained their composure following a media timeout. King ended the Cougars' run with an offensive rebound and bucket, the beginning of a 12-0 CU burst that pushed the Buffs' lead back to 17, 75-58, with 3:30 to play. McKinley Wright had seven points in the run while Colorado forced seven straight missed shots from the Cougars, holding them scoreless for 4:35 in the stretch.

CU then held the Cougars at bay over the final three minutes for the win.

It was the second straight game the Buffs repelled a big second-half rally from an opponent. Last weekend at UCLA, the Buffs saw the Bruins cut a 14-point second-half lead to four before regaining control.

"It takes mental toughness to handle that," Boyle said. "But we've got to figure out why our 26-point lead became a five-point lead and we have to eliminate that."

The win was big for the Buffs in a number of ways. Most importantly, it kept alive their momentum from the UCLA win, setting up a key meeting with Washington on Saturday at the Events Center. A win would put the Buffs solidly in fifth place in the Pac-12 standings.

Colorado led by just two against the Cougars, 19-17, midway through the first half, but closed the period with a 23-10 run to take a 42-27 lead at halftime. Collier was perfect from the floor in the first half, hitting all four of his field goal tries — including a pair of 3-pointers — for 12 points. Namon Wright added nine points and five rebounds and King chipped in six points and four rebounds.

GAME 20

WASHINGTON 72, COLORADO 62

Jan. 20, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Washington 14-6, 4-3 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
15 Dickerson, Noah	f 4-13	0-0	2-4	5	9	14	3	10	0	1	1	0 33
33 Timmins, Sam	f 1-4	0-0	0-0	4	4	8	4	2	0	3	1	0 23
01 Crisp, David	g 4-7	1-3	5-7	0	4	4	1	14	3	2	1	2 34
04 Thybulle, Matisse	g 7-14	3-5	1-2	4	6	10	3	18	1	0	1	1 33
05 Nowell, Jaylen	g 7-13	2-5	3-4	1	6	7	2	19	1	4	0	1 37
11 Carter, Nahziah	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 2
13 Wright, Hameir	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0 7
14 Carter III, Michael	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 8
22 Green, Dominic	2-6	2-5	3-3	1	3	4	0	9	1	2	1	1 23
TEAM				1	2	3						
Totals.....	25-59	8-19	14-20	16	34	50	16	72	6	12	5	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13-33 39.4%	2nd Half: 12-26 46.2%	Game: 42.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-8 62.5%	2nd Half: 3-11 27.3%	Game: 42.1%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 5-8 62.5%	2nd Half: 9-12 75.0%	Game: 70.0%	2

HOME: Colorado 12-8, 4-4 Pac-12

HOME: Colorado 12-8, 4-4 Pac-12												
##	Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s min
01	Bey, Tyler	f 5-9	0-0	4-7	7	4	11	3	14	1	0	2 0 31
35	Walton, Dallas	f 6-13	0-0	1-2	0	5	5	2	13	2	0	0 4 0 31
13	Wright, Naman	g 0-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	5	0	1	0	0 0 22
24	King, George	g 5-13	3-10	0-0	0	6	6	3	13	0	1	1 1 34
25	Wright, McKinley	g 4-14	1-4	1-2	3	2	5	1	10	0	2	0 1 35
00	Schwartz, D'Shawn	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0 0 5
11	Nikolic, Lazar	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0 1 9
15	Collier, Dominique	2-7	2-3	4-5	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2 0 14
23	Siewert, Lucas	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	10	1	0	1 0 9
TEAM						2	2					
Totals.....		23-65	6-22	10-16	12	23	34	16	62	10	6	7 6 200

GAME 21

#11/12 ARIZONA 80, COLORADO 71

Jan. 25, 2018, Tucson, Ariz. (McKale Center)

VISITORS: Colorado 12-9, 4-5 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 5-9	0-1	1-2	2	5	7	1	11	2	0	1	3 22
35 Walton, Dallas	f 2-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	4	4	1	0	1	0 22
13 Wright, Namon	g 2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	0 10
24 King, George	g 9-12	4-5	0-0	1	5	6	3	22	0	2	0	0 32
25 Wright, McKinley	g 6-9	2-2	1-2	0	2	2	1	15	7	2	0	0 30
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0 11
05 Brown, Deleon	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0 13
11 Nikolic, Lazor	2-3	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	2	4	1	0	0	0 23
15 Collier, Dominique	2-7	1-4	3-4	0	1	1	0	8	1	0	0	0 23
23 Siewert, Lucas	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	1	3	0	0 7
TEAM				2	2	1				1		
Totals.....	29-52	8-16	5-8	4	21	25	18	71	13	10	2	3 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11-26 42.3%	2nd Half: 18-26 69.2%	Game: 55.8%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-10 40.0%	2nd Half: 4-6 66.7%	Game: 50.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-6 66.7%	2nd Half: 1-2 50.0%	Game: 62.5%	2

HOME: Arizona 17-4, 7-1 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
13 Aytton, Dandre	f 4-10	0-0	12-12	0	6	6	1	20	0	1	2	0 37
14 Ristic, Dusan	f 7-8	0-0	1-2	2	6	8	1	15	1	0	1	0 28
00 Jackson-Carwright	g 1-5	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	4	3	4	1	0	0 36
03 Smith, Dylan	g 4-8	3-6	2-2	1	3	4	2	13	3	2	0	1 34
35 Trier, Allan	g 8-13	2-6	5-5	0	0	2	23	3	0	0	0	0 33
05 Randolph, Brandon	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0 7
11 Loe, Ira	2-2	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0 8
24 Akot, Emmanuel	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0 10
25 Pinder, Keanu	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0 7
TEAM				1	1							
Totals.....	26-49	6-15	22-23	3	20	23	14	80	12	5	3	1 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 10-26 38.5%	2nd Half: 16-23 69.6%	Game: 53.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-9 22.2%	2nd Half: 4-6 66.7%	Game: 40.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-8 100%	2nd Half: 14-15 93.3%	Game: 95.7%	0

Officials: John Higgins, Kevin Drill, Celdre Carr
Attendance: 14644
Score by Periods
Colorado
Arizona

1st	2nd	Total
30	41	71
30	50	80

TUCSON, Ariz. — Free throws made the difference Thursday night, as the Colorado Buffaloes outbounded and outshot No. 11 Arizona but still came up on the short end of the scoreboard, falling 80-71 to the Wildcats at the McKale Center.

The Buffs shot 55.8 percent from the field, hitting 29 of their 52 field goal tries while Arizona shot 53 percent (26-for-49). Colorado also outbounded the Wildcats, 25-23.

But Arizona shot 23 free throws and made 22 while Colorado attempted just eight free throws all night, making five. After the game was tied 30-30 at halftime, the Buffs did not shoot a free throw in the second half until just 19 seconds remained in the game while Arizona attempted 15 free throws after intermission.

"It came down to free throws," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "They shot 22 out of 23 and we shot 5 out of 8. That was the ballgame, obviously. We have to learn to keep them off the line and we have to figure out how to get to the line. A very physical game on both ends. A little frustrating there, but you're on the road and you have to overcome those things. That's just the way it is."

The loss dropped Colorado to 12-9 overall and 4-5 in Pac-12 play while the Wildcats improved to 17-4, 7-1.

Still, despite the outcome, Boyle was by no means disappointed with his team's play. The Buffs rallied from an 11-point deficit in the second half to cut the gap to one, 60-59, with seven minutes to go and were still within three points with just under three minutes to play.

"I told our guys in the locker room I can live with this kind of effort," Boyle said. "If we would have played like this Saturday in the Coors Events Center (in a loss to Washington) it would have been a different story. Our guys battled. They really fought."

Senior **George King** led CU with 22 points on 9-for-12 shooting, freshman **McKinley Wright IV** added 15 points and seven assists and freshman **Tyler Bey** recorded 11 points and seven rebounds.

Allan Trier scored 23 for Arizona and Deandre Aytton added 20.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After the two teams battled to a 30-30 first-half tie, Arizona scored the first seven points of the second half to take control, but the Buffs never let the game get out of hand.

Colorado cut the deficit to five before the Wildcats then pushed the lead to 11 with a 6-0 run, 45-34, aided by a pair of free throws after Boyle was whistled for a technical foul. With 12:32 to go in the game, the Wildcats had hit seven of their eight field goal tries of the second half and had pushed their lead to 12 points, 53-41.

"I thought our zone got a little soft there like it did against Washington in the second half," Boyle said. "But a lot of it was good offense. I thought both teams offensively played very, very well."

But even when the McKale Center crowd came alive, the Buffs refused to bow under the pressure. After the "Cats took their 12-point lead, Colorado answered with an 18-7 surge to cut the Wildcats' lead to one, 60-59, with 7:09 to play.

King had six points in the run and when a McKinley Wright 3-pointer pulled the Buffs to within one, UA's Sean Miller called a timeout.

The Wildcats then emerged from the timeout to end their three-minute scoring drought with the next five points to take a 65-59 lead with 5:30 to play.

But the Buffs still refused to quit. Colorado pulled to within three several times in the last five minutes, the last time coming with just under three minutes to play on a Bey basket inside.

The Wildcats, however, answered with a Trier 3-pointer, then another big trey from Parker Jackson-Carwright in the final minute to put the game away.

GAME 22

#21/20 ARIZONA STATE 80, COLORADO 66

Jan. 27, 2018, Tempe, Ariz. (Wells Fargo Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 12-10, 4-6 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 3-4	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	6	6	3	0	0	19
35 Walton, Dallas	f 3-10	0-1	0-0	4	4	8	1	6	1	1	0	19
13 Wright, Namon	g 5-8	0-1	0-0	1	5	6	0	10	2	2	0	1 31
24 King, George	g 3-18	2-4	0-1	1	9	10	2	8	1	3	1	0 32
25 Wright, McKinley	g 1-10	0-4	0-0	0	3	3	3	2	7	2	3	0 23
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	2-3	1-2	2-2	0	1	1	2	7	0	0	0	1 10
05 Brown, Deleon	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1 8
11 Nikolic, Lazor	2-4	2-3	0-0	0	4	4	6	2	1	2	0	16
15 Collier, Dominique	3-6	1-2	4-4	1	1	2	2	11	2	3	0	0 20
23 Siewert, Lucas	4-5	0-1	2-2	0	2	2	3	10	2	0	1	0 22
TEAM				1	1	2				1		
Totals.....	26-61	6-20	8-9	9	35	44	22	66	17	17	8	2 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13-32 40.6%	2nd Half: 13-29 44.8%	Game: 42.6%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-10 20.0%	2nd Half: 4-10 40.0%	Game: 30.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-4 100%	2nd Half: 4-5 80.0%	Game: 88.9%	0

HOME: Arizona State 16-5, 4-5 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
10 Shibel, Vitaliy	f 1-4	1-4	0-0	0	2	2	3	3	0	1	0	9
23 White, Romello	f 4-6	0-0	2-5	2	2	4	0	10	0	2	0	20
00 Holder, Trae	g 7-14	4-8	4-5	0	5	5	1	22	4	0	1	2 36
11 Evans II, Shannon	g 6-13	4-9	3-4	0	3	3	3	19	3	2	1	0 31
04 Justice, Kodi	g 3-10	1-6	0-0	0	2	2	7	2	0	0	1	32
01 Martin, Remy	0-6	0-2	5-6	1	3	4	1	5	2	3	0	2 22
03 Mitchell, Mickey	1-5	0-1	2-2	1	4	5	3	4	2	0	0	2 26
14 Lawrence, Kimani	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
22 Witheill, Austin	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
24 Salzman, Jordan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25 Fogarty, Grant	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
35 Lake, DeQuan	5-5	0-0	0-0	0	5	5	3	10	0	2	1	18
TEAM				3	1	4						
Totals.....	27-64	10-31	22-27	7	27	34	16	80	15	7	7	8 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11-32 34.4%	2nd Half: 16-32 50.0%	Game: 42.2%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 0-10 0.0%	2nd Half: 10-21 47.6%	Game: 32.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 10-13 76.9%	2nd Half: 6-9 66.7%	Game: 72.7%	1

Officials: Gregory Nixon, Frank Harvey III, Bill Vinovich

Attendance: 13943

Score by Periods

Colorado

Arizona State

1st	2nd	Total
32	34	66
32	48	80

TEMPE, Ariz. — A flurry of Arizona State 3-pointers and another big discrepancy at the foul line put the Colorado Buffaloes in a hole from which they could not escape Saturday, as the Buffs dropped an 80-66 decision at Wells Fargo Arena.

Colorado rallied from an 8-point deficit in the first half to tie the game at intermission, 32-32, then scrapped to a 51-47 lead with 10:52 to go.

But the No. 21 Sun Devils, who had hit just three of their 21 3-pointers up to that point, rattled in six of their next seven, including five in a row, to build a 10-point lead with 6:37 remaining. The Buffs managed to briefly cut the lead back to seven, but the Sun Devils stayed hot down the stretch to collect the win.

After missing all 10 tries from beyond the arc in the first half, ASU finished the night 10-for-31 from 3-point range.

The loss, Colorado's third in a row, dropped the Buffs to 12-10 overall and 4-6 in Pac-12 play while the Sun Devils improved to 16-5, 4-5.

Dominique Collier led CU with 11 points while **Lucas Siewert** and **Namon Wright** each chipped in 10.

ASU's Tra Holder led all scorers with 22 points, including four 3-pointers after halftime.

"This is an explosive Arizona State team that we saw tonight," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We hold them to zero threes in the first half and they come out and make 10 of them in the second. We had too many defensive breakdowns."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Along with ASU's 3-point barrage in the second half, the Buffs also found themselves on the short end of a big difference at the foul line for the second game in a row.

In Thursday's loss to Arizona, the Wildcats shot 23 free throws while the Buffs shot eight. Saturday, the Sun Devils attempted 22 free throws and the Buffs nine — a 45-17 difference over the two games. It is the fewest number of free throws ever attempted in a two-game Pac-12 road swing by the Buffs, easily surpassing the 27 they shot on the same road trip three years ago.

"We have to figure out a way to get to the foul line," Boyle said. "For some reason we are not getting to the foul line. We have eight free throw attempts against Arizona, we have nine tonight. We have to figure out offensively a better way."

But even with the difference at the foul line, the Buffs managed to stay in the game until midway through the second half. CU overcame an eight-point deficit to tie the game by halftime, 32-32, then took its first lead of the game early in the second half on a **George King** basket, 36-35. The two teams then traded the lead five times before Colorado extended its margin to three, 48-45, on a King 3-pointer, then to four on a **D'Shawn Schwartz** trey, 51-47.

"I really felt like we could battle ourselves back in this game and we did early in the second half," Boyle said. "But we let them get going from three."

Indeed, the Sun Devils found their shooting eye after Schwartz's 3-pointer. Arizona State hit five straight 3-pointers and six of its next seven to forge a 65-55 lead with 6:37 to play. Holder had three in the surge and Shannon Evans hit a pair, fueling a 20-7 ASU run.

Colorado did manage to cut the deficit to seven twice in the ensuing minutes, but could never come closer and the Sun Devils slowly built their lead over the final few minutes.

Colorado's two leading scorers also struggled in the game. CU point guard **McKinley Wright** finished with just two points on 1-for-10 shooting, but he did have seven assists. King finished with eight points and 10 rebounds and **Dallas Walton** had eight boards.

Thanks to 11 turnovers and foul trouble early for starters **Tyler Bey** and King, the Buffs fell behind by as much as eight in the first half. But the Sun Devils, who missed all 10 of their 3-point shots in the opening half, could never pull away. Colorado slowly chipped away at the ASU lead and a Schwartz layup with 44 seconds left in the half sent the two teams into intermission tied at 32-32.

GAME 23

COLORADO 67, UTAH '55

Feb. 2, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Utah 13-9, 5-6 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
03 Tillman, Donnie	f 2-6	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	2	5	0	3	0	0 16
13 Collette, David	f 3-6	0-0	2-4	0	4	4	0	8	1	2	0	0 16
21 Rawson, Tyler	f 2-8	1-4	0-0	0	5	5	2	5	4	2	1	3 32
01 Bibbins, Justin	g 3-11	0-5	1-1	0	6	6	2	7	3	4	0	1 33
05 Van Dyke, Parker	g 2-5	2-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	1 22
00 Barefield, Sedrick	2-8	1-3	2-3	0	2	2	2	7	2	1	0	0 29
02 Caldwell, Kolbe	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 2
11 Seeley, Chris	2-4	0-1	1-2	0	1	1	1	5	1	0	0	0 5
30 Bealer, Gabe	2-5	2-4	0-0	0	2	2	2	6	1	0	0	1 20
34 Johnson, Jayce	2-4	0-0	2-2	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0 21
43 Jakl, Jakub	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0 2
50 Papoola, Christian	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0 2
TEAM				3	3	6						
Totals.....	20-57	7-23	8-12	7	27	34	15	55	13	14	2	6 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 9-33 27.3%	2nd Half: 11-24 45.8%	Game: 35.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-14 14.3%	2nd Half: 5-9 55.6%	Game: 30.4%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-12 66.7%	2nd Half: 8-12 66.7%	Game: 66.7%	?

GAME 24

COLORADO 68, CALIFORNIA 64

Feb. 7, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: California 8-17, 2-10 Pac-12

## Player	fg	a	3fg	a	ft	a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
10 Sueing, Justice	f	1-15	1-5	3-5	2	0	2	4	6	0	1	2	1	0	2	28
24 Lee, Marcus	f	4-8	0-0	2-4	6	6	12	2	10	1	2	1	0	1	0	32
22 Okorah, Kingsley	c	5-7	0-0	2-3	4	2	6	3	12	0	1	0	1	0	29	
01 McNeill, Darius	g	3-11	2-6	4-4	0	3	3	12	2	1	0	3	37			
02 Harris-Dyson, Juwan	g	4-6	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	5	9	0	1	0	1	0	22	
14 Coleman, Don	3	9	2-4	0-0	1	0	1	2	8	0	3	1	23			
15 Davis, Roman		2-2	0-0	2-2	2	3	5	3	6	0	2	0	15			
21 Hamilton, Nick		0-2	0-0	1-2	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	11			
42 Welle, Cole		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3			
TEAM					3	1	4									
Totals.....		22-60	5-16	15-22	18	36	54	24	64	3	13	1	10	20	200	

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 9-28 32.1%	2nd Half: 13-32 40.6%	Game: 36.7%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 0-6 0.0%	2nd Half: 5-10 50.0%	Game: 31.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 10-13 76.9%	2nd Half: 5-9 55.6%	Game: 68.2%	5

HOME: Colorado 14-10, 6-6 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 3-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	6	0	2	0	1	18
35 Walton, Dallas	f 4-6	0-0	0-0	2	5	7	2	8	1	3	2	1	25
11 Nikolic, Lazar	g 1-3	0-2	2-3	1	0	1	3	4	1	1	0	1	15
24 King, George	g 2-4	1-2	2-5	0	5	5	4	7	1	3	0	0	20
25 Wright, McKinley	g 3-6	0-1	11-14	3	3	6	0	17	5	3	0	1	34
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	3-7	1-3	1-1	0	2	2	3	8	0	1	0	0	21
05 Brown, DeLeon	1-3	0-2	2-3	1	2	3	0	2	2	1	0	1	19
13 Collier, Dominique	3-7	2-5	0-1	0	2	2	8	2	1	0	1	0	26
23 Siewert, Lucas	2-4	1-1	1-2	1	1	2	0	6	2	3	2	0	22
TEAM				2	1	3							
Totals.....	22-44	5-16	19-29	10	22	32	19	68	12	19	5	20	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 9-21 42.9%	2nd Half: 13-23 56.5%	Game: 50.0%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 1-7 14.3%	2nd Half: 4-9 44.4%	Game: 31.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 9-14 64.3%	2nd Half: 10-15 66.7%	Game: 65.5%	4

Officials: Mike Reed, Eric Curry, Larry Spaulding

Attendance: 6385

Score by Periods

California

Colorado

	1st	2nd	Total
California	28	36	64
Colorado	28	40	68

BOULDER — On a night when the Colorado Buffaloes struggled in almost every department, they still had freshman point guard **McKinley Wright IV**.

That was enough — barely. Wright scored a team-high 17 points and added six rebounds and five assists Wednesday to lead the Buffs to a 68-64 win over Cal at the Coors Events Center.

The Buffs survived a 19-turnover night — 13 in the first half — and 18 offensive rebounds by the Bears to improve to 14-10 overall and 6-6 in Pac-12 play. Cal dropped to 8-16, 2-9.

Despite the win, CU's second in a row in a key three-game homestand, Buffs coach **Tad Boyle** was not happy with the effort.

"Thank god we won," said Boyle, who opened his press conference by thanking the fans who attended the 9 p.m. tipoff — and then apologizing to those fans. "I can't remember a time in my coaching career when I've been this disappointed after a win in terms of our performance, the way we approached this game, especially after we really did a great job against Utah in terms of our effort, our energy, our toughness. Tonight we turned the ball over 19 times and we give them 18 offensive rebounds. Thank god we won, and we won for one reason. That's No. 25 (Wright) for the Buffs."

Wright shot just 3-for-7 from the field, but had 11 points from the free throw line. He scored eight of his points in the final 1:49, including a drive to the hoop that gave Colorado a six-point edge and six free throws in the final minute to help hold the Bears at bay.

D'Shawn Schwartz, **Dominique Collier** and **Dallas Walton** all chipped in eight points apiece for Colorado.

Kingsley Okorah led Cal with 12 points, most coming on second-chance points after offensive rebounds. The Bears finished with 18 second-chance points, but the Buffs did do a stellar job on Cal freshman Justice Sueing. The Bears' leading scorer finished with just six points on 1-for-15 shooting.

"We dodged a bullet," Boyle said. "You give a team 18 offensive rebounds, they're going to convert those to points and baskets better than Cal did tonight."

HOW IT HAPPENED: After going into halftime tied at 28-28, the Buffs briefly looked ready to take control and put the game away early in the second half with a 10-0 run. **Lucas Siewert**, **George King** and Collier all hit 3-pointers in the surge and Colorado led 38-31 just four minutes into the half.

But the Bears slowly chipped away at Colorado's lead, cutting the margin to one at 38-37 before the Buffs pushed the margin back to seven on six straight points from Schwartz.

"That felt good," Schwartz said. "Just trying to find and pick my spots where I can go score."

Sill, Cal refused to go away, pulling to within one again with just 4:41 to go on an Okorah second-chance bucket, cutting CU's edge to 52-51.

But the Buffs answered with a Wright coast-to-coast bucket, then got a 15-footer from Schwartz with 2:33 to go to push the lead back to five. Cal cut it back to three on another Okorah tip-in, but Wright scored again on another drive to give Colorado a 58-53 lead with 1:49 to play.

CU then forced an empty Cal possession before two free throws from Wright gave the Buffs a six-point lead with 50 seconds to go. The Bears hit three 3-pointers in the final minute but Colorado maintained its edge at the free throw line with Wright hitting four from the stripe and Collier a pair in the final 31 seconds. **Lazar Nikolic** added CU's final points on a slam dunk off an assist from Wright.

Along with his eight points, Walton had seven rebounds and King had five rebounds to go with seven points.

GAME 25

COLORADO 64, STANFORD 56

Feb. 11, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: Stanford 13-13, 7-6 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
00 Okpalu, KZ	f 1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	3	3	1	4	0	0	20
10 Humphrey, Michael	f 1-5	1-2	0-0	1	6	7	2	3	0	0	2	0	23
22 Travis, Reid	f 4-10	0-2	2-4	2	4	6	2	10	0	3	0	3	35
01 Davis, Daejon	g 5-16	4-4	2-6	0	4	4	1	12	2	3	1	4	38
11 Pickens, Dorian	g 5-15	4-9	4-4	1	3	4	2	18	1	2	1	0	38
04 White, Isaac	1-3	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	14
13 Da Silva, Osvaldo	1-3	0-2	0-0	2	3	5	3	2	1	1	1	0	13
33 Stanback, Trevor	2-2	0-0	1-1	3	2	5	4	5	0	0	3	0	19
TEAM				3	3	6							
Totals.....	20-56	7-21	9-15	12	26	38	17	56	5	14	8	200	

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 7-24 29.2%	2nd Half: 13-32 40.6%	Game: 35.7%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-8 37.5%	2nd Half: 4-13 30.8%	Game: 33.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-6 50.0%	2nd Half: 6-9 66.7%	Game: 60.0%	4

HOME: Colorado 15-10, 7-6 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	4-7	0-0	1-3	2	4	6	5	9	0	2	0	2	18
35 Walton, Dallas	2-5	1-1	1-1	0	2	2	1	6	0	0	0	1	19
11 Nikolic, Lazar	2-5	1-3	1-1	1	2	3	1	6	1	3	2	0	22
24 King, George	5-12	1-2	0-0	3	6	9	0	11	3	1	1	2	33
25 Wright, McKinley	4-15	1-2	1-3	3	3	6	2	10	7	3	0	0	33
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
13 Wright, Namon	0-4	0-2	2-2	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	1	15
15 Collier, Dominique	1-6	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	0	2	25
23 Siewert, Lucas	5-7	4-6	3-4	2	5	7	1	17	0	1	0	0	30
TEAM				3	1	4							
Totals.....	23-62	9-19	9-14	16	26	42	12	64	14	12	5	8	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-36 33.3%	2nd Half: 11-26 42.3%	Game: 37.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6-15 40.0%	2nd Half: 3-4 75.0%	Game: 47.4%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 1-2 50.0%	2nd Half: 8-12 66.7%	Game: 64.3%	2

Officials: Verne Harris, John Higgins, Kelly Pfeifer

Attendance: 8323

Score by Periods

Stanford

Colorado

	1st	2nd	Total
Stanford	30	36	66
Colorado	31	33	64

BOULDER — After a disappointing performance in Wednesday's win over Cal, Colorado coach **Tad Boyle** challenged his team to improve.

Sunday afternoon, the Buffs answered the challenge, putting forth another stellar defensive effort while also getting a career-high 17 points from sophomore forward **Lucas Siewert**. The result was a 64-56 win over Stanford in front of 8,323 at the Coors Events Center.

The win, Colorado's third in a row and ninth straight over the Cardinal, improved CU to 15-10 overall and also bumped the Buffs back above .500 in Pac-12 play at 7-6. Stanford dropped to 13-13 and 7-6, creating an even bigger logjam in the conference standings.

There are now eight teams within one game of each other in the second through ninth positions in the standings. The top four teams in the league earn a first-round bye in the Pac-12 tournament.

"We treated Wednesday night's win against Cal like a loss," Boyle said. "We didn't kill them physically on Thursday, but I really challenged them. I had individual meetings with certain guys and certain groups of guys. Let's just say they weren't feel-good, pat-you-on-the-back ataboy hype meetings — they were more challenging-in-your-face type meetings. ... The thing I love about this team is they really respond to challenges. They responded to that challenge today and played with great energy, great effort, great toughness. When we do that, I'll live with anything."

The Buffs definitely answered the challenge on defense, holding Stanford to just 35.7 percent shooting from the floor (20-for-56), the third straight game Colorado has held an opponent under 37 percent shooting.

Siewert, meanwhile, also responded, putting together his third double-digit scoring effort in his last four games. After a sub-par six-point, two-rebound performance against Cal, he not only produced his career-high in points — surpassing the 15 he scored against Stanford a year ago — he also tied his career high in rebounds with seven. Throw in 11 points and nine rebounds from senior **George King**, seven assists and six rebounds from freshman **McKinley Wright IV**, and nine points and six rebounds from freshman **Tyler Bey**, and it was the kind of balanced effort the Buffs need to make a late-season run.

Colorado held Stanford's leading scorer, Reid Travis, to just 10 points on 4-for-10 shooting, barely half his season average of 19.4 points per game. Cardinal guard Dorian Pickens did finish with 18, but he shot just 5-for-15 from the field.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado led by 11 at the half, 31-20, but couldn't put the Cardinal away. Stanford chipped away at the lead, finally closing to within three on a back-to-back 3-pointers before a McKinley Wright bucket and free throw after an offensive rebound pushed the margin back to six, 48-42, by 8:35 to go.

But the Cardinal had one more surge, closing to within one two more times before CU finally regained control for good with a 12-3 run down the stretch. Siewert had eight points in the run as CU turned a 50-49 lead with just under six minutes to go into a 62-52 edge with 1:09 left on the clock.

CU held Stanford to just seven points over the final six minutes of the game.

Bey sparked the first six points of the decisive 12-3 run with two buckets, a steal and an offensive rebound to put the Buffs back up by seven, 56-49. Bey, who sat much of the first half with foul trouble, had all nine of his points and five of his six rebounds after halftime.

After Bey's burst, Siewert helped salt the win away. The 6-foot-10 sophomore hit his third 3-pointer of the game with 2:58 to go to give the Buffs a 59-52 lead, then buried another trey at the 1:09 mark to bump Colorado's cushion to 10.

GAME 26

WASHINGTON STATE 73, COLORADO 69

Feb. 15, 2018, Pullman, Wash. (Beasley Coliseum)

VISITORS: Colorado 15-11, 7-7 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 3-5	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	2	6	0	0	0	1	15
35 Walton, Dallas	f 4-6	0-0	8-8	2	4	6	2	16	0	2	2	0	28
11 Nikolic, Lazar	g 2-8	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	16
24 King, George	g 2-8	1-4	4-4	2	9	11	1	9	0	2	0	0	33
25 Wright, McKinley	g 5-10	0-2	6-7	3	4	7	3	16	6	1	1	0	33
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	8
13 Wright, Namon	4-9	1-4	3-6	1	3	4	1	12	1	1	0	0	24
15 Collier, Dominique	0-5	0-3	4-9	1	2	3	1	5	4	1	5	0	24
23 Siewert, Lucas	2-4	1-2	1-1	0	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	20
TEAM				2	1	3							
Totals.....	20-51	3-18	26-35	12	27	39	18	69	10	15	3	2	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 10-25 40.0%	2nd Half: 10-26 38.5%	Game: 39.2%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-10 30.0%	2nd Half: 0-8 0.0%	Game: 16.7%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 6-10 60.0%	2nd Half: 20-25 80.0%	Game: 74.3%	6

HOME: Washington State 10-15, 2-11 Pac-12

## Player	fg	a	3fg	a	ft	a	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
04 Daniels, Viont'e	g	2-7	2-6	4-5	1	4	5	10	4	0	1	1	1	31	
22 Flynn, Malachi	g	11-19	3-8	5-6	1	4	5	2	30	0	2	0	0	3	35
35 Skogs, Carter	g	6	0-6	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	29
03 Francis, Robert	f	4-12	1-6	5-8	3	5	8	3	14	3	2	2	2	0	33
23 Cooper, Davante	f	4-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	5	8	0	1	1	1	11	
05 Acquavola, Milan		1-3	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	
12 Shprengstein, Steven		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
13 Pollard, Jeff		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
25 Chidom, Arizon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
40 Hinson, Kwinton		1-3	0-1	1-2	2	0	2	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	12
43 Bernsteins, Drick		2-5	0-0	1-2	1	4	5	4	5	0	0	1	0	0	29

GAME 27

WASHINGTON 82, COLORADO 59

Feb. 17, 2018, Seattle, Wash. (Alaska Airlines Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 15-12, 7-8 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 4-10	0-0	3-3	4	3	7	4	11	0	0	3	1 28
35 Walton, Dallas	f 3-9	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	4	8	3	2	2	0 27
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	g 2-4	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	5	0	0	0	0 26
24 King, George	g 2-6	0-2	0-0	2	4	6	1	4	2	3	2	1 31
25 Wright, McKinley	g 4-10	1-3	1-2	1	6	7	0	10	1	3	0	0 27
10 Stratton, Alexander	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0 1
13 Wright, Namon	3-5	1-1	0-0	2	3	5	0	7	3	6	0	1 23
15 Collier, Dominique	2-5	1-2	1-1	0	2	2	0	6	0	0	0	0 19
23 Siewert, Lucas	3-9	0-2	0-0	2	0	2	2	6	1	1	0	0 18
TEAM				1	2	3						
Totals.....	24-60	4-13	7-8	12	22	34	13	59	10	18	7	3 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 14-33 42.4%	2nd Half: 10-27 37.0%	Game: 40.0%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-7 42.9%	2nd Half: 1-6 16.7%	Game: 30.8%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-4 75.0%	2nd Half: 4-4 100%	Game: 87.5%	2

HOME: Washington 18-9, 8-6 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
15 Dickerson, Noah	f 6-11	0-0	2-2	4	6	10	2	14	1	1	1	2 29
22 Green, Dominic	f 3-4	3-4	2-2	0	0	0	2	11	1	0	0	1 22
33 Timmins, Sam	f 2-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	4	0	0	3	1 21
01 Crisp, David	g 3-11	1-5	0-0	2	4	6	0	7	7	3	0	2 36
04 Thybule, Mattise	g 8-11	4-5	6-6	0	3	3	3	26	2	2	2	4 26
02 Kingma, Dan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
05 Nowell, Jaylen	5-12	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	4	11	2	1	0	1 31
11 Carter, Nahziah	1-4	0-1	2-2	0	3	3	0	4	0	1	0	1 17
13 Wright, Hameir	1-4	0-2	0-0	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	1	0 13
14 Carter III, Michael	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
23 Johnson, Carlos	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0 2
32 Bowman, Greg	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
TEAM				1	2							
Totals.....	30-63	9-21	13-14	10	23	33	12	82	13	8	7	12200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 15-36 41.7%	2nd Half: 15-27 55.6%	Game: 47.6%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-13 38.5%	2nd Half: 4-8 50.0%	Game: 42.9%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-4 100%	2nd Half: 9-10 90.0%	Game: 92.9%	2

Officials: Dick Cartmell, Ryan McDaniel, Steve Olson

Attendance: 9258

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	34	25	59
Washington	39	43	82

SEATTLE — The road continues to be a tough place for **Tad Boyle's** Colorado Buffaloes.

Needing at least a split on their two-game swing through the Pacific Northwest to stay in the hunt for a top-four Pac-12 finish, the Buffs instead lost both, falling Thursday at Washington State and Saturday at Washington.

Saturday night's 82-59 defeat at Washington, CU's ninth this season in 10 road games, dropped Colorado to 15-12 overall and 7-8 in conference play. The Huskies improved to 18-9 and 8-6.

The Buffs' tale of woe against the Huskies was a familiar one, specifically turnovers. CU was once again unable to solve the Huskies' 2-3 zone defense and committed 18 miscues in the game, which Washington happily converted into 26 points — a big reason for UW's 17-2 edge in fast break points. Washington also finished with a 16-12 edge on second chance points.

"How many times on the road have we been talking about taking care of the basketball against a 2-3 zone?" Boyle asked after the game. "It's as simple as passing and catching the ball. It's not rocket science. . . . You put yourself in such a hole because there's no defense for those turnovers that lead to layups. There's no defense for that and it gets their crowd into it. We have to play better."

Freshman **Tyler Bey** led CU with 11 points and seven rebounds while freshman **McKinley Wright IV** chipped in 10 points and seven rebounds, but they were the only Buffs in double figures. Mattise Thybule led UW with a career-high 26 points.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs struggled for most of the night. After taking a temporary lead with a 9-0 run in the first half, Colorado then saw Washington regain control with an 18-4 surge that included an 11-0 run. The Buffs trailed by just five at the half, 39-34, but the Huskies quickly put the game away in the second half, building their cushion back to double digits early and then expanding it for much of the rest of the game.

Washington's lead hit the 20-point mark with 11:50 still left to play and Colorado never came closer than 16 again.

The Buffs did not shoot well, hitting just 40 percent of their shots (24-for-60) while Washington was 30-for-63. Senior **George King** finished with a season-low four points on 2-for-6 shooting.

"I put a lot of it on myself," King said of the Buffs' 0-2 road trip. "I don't think I did a good enough job in either game of setting the tone. . . . This was humbling."

When the Buffs left home earlier this week, they carried with them a three-game win streak and a chance to move up into the top four in the conference standings. They also were still at least in bubble contention for an NCAA Tournament bid.

Now, they sit in ninth place in the conference standings with three games to play and their only hope of an NCAA Tournament bid would be to win the Pac-12 tournament. Colorado returns home next week for a Wednesday game with USC (8:30 p.m.) and Sunday's regular season home finale with UCLA (2 p.m.).

"We still have a lot to play for," Boyle said. "Postseason play is still within reach of this team, but we better figure things out quickly. But it's past the point of learning. Now we have to start doing, we have to start performing. We have to start winning. That's the only way good things happen."

GAME 28

USC 75, COLORADO 64

Feb. 21, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: USC 20-9, 11-5 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
04 Metu, Chimezie	f 10-16	1-2	0-0	1	2	3	2	21	0	1	2	1 35
31 Rakocic, Nick	f 2-4	0-0	1-2	3	3	6	2	5	1	1	2	0 28
02 Matthews, Jonah	g 1-2	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	2	4	1	0	0	1 23
11 McLaughlin, Jordan	g 6-10	4-6	2-3	1	3	4	0	18	7	1	1	2 35
30 Stewart, Elijah	g 3-9	2-5	1-2	0	0	0	0	2	9	1	1	0 31
00 Aaron, Shaquan	2-3	2-3	0-0	0	3	3	1	6	1	0	1	0 16
01 Usher, Jordan	2-4	0-1	1-2	0	3	3	2	5	0	0	0	1 14
05 Thornton, Derrick	3-5	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	2	7	2	2	0	3 18
TEAM				2	2							
Totals.....	29-53	10-27	11	8	18	26	13	75	13	6	9	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 15-28 53.6%	2nd Half: 14-25 56.0%	Game: 54.7%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-9 55.6%	2nd Half: 5-11 45.5%	Game: 50.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 1-2 50.0%	2nd Half: 6-9 66.7%	Game: 63.6%	1

HOME: Colorado 15-13, 7-9 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 1-3	0-1	0-0	0	7	7	1	2	1	1	2	0 33
35 Walton, Dallas	f 3-9	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	0	6	4	1	2	0 23
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	g 2-2	2-2	2-2	0	2	2	0	8	0	1	0	0 14
24 King, George	g 0-6	0-4	4-4	1	5	6	1	4	1	1	0	0 32
25 Wright, McKinley	g 5-12	2-4	0-0	1	1	2	2	12	6	4	0	1 37
11 Nikolic, Lazar	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0 7
13 Wright, Namon	2-5	1-3	2-2	2	0	2	3	7	1	4	0	0 20
15 Collier, Dominique	3-5	3-5	0-0	0	0	0	5	9	0	1	0	0 17
23 Siewert, Lucas	6-11	2-2	2-3	5	3	8	3	16	1	0	0	0 17
TEAM				3	1							
Totals.....	22-53	10-23	11	13	19	32	15	64	15	13	4	1 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-30 40.0%	2nd Half: 10-23 43.5%	Game: 41.5%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-11 45.5%	2nd Half: 5-12 41.7%	Game: 43.5%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 2-2 100%	2nd Half: 8-9 88.9%	Game: 90.9%	1

Officials: Randy McCall, Verne Harris, Deron White

Attendance: 7008

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
USC	36	39	75
Colorado	31	33	64

BOULDER — Colorado couldn't hold off a late-game surge by USC on Wednesday, as the Buffs fell 75-64 to the Trojans at the Coors Events Center.

After falling behind by 12 early in the second half, the Buffs put together a 14-0 run to take the lead with just more than 12 minutes to play, 52-50, and the score was still tied 58-58 with 8:26 remaining. But the Trojans put together a 17-6 run — including a 12-0 burst — over the final eight minutes to produce the win.

The loss, CU's third in a row, dropped the Buffs to 15-13 overall and 7-9 in Pac-12 play while the Trojans improved to 20-9, 11-5. It was also CU's third loss of home this season, as the Buffs fell to 11-3 at the Events Center.

Lucas Siewert led CU with 16 points, McKinley Wright IV chipped in 12 and Dominique Collier added nine. Colorado senior **George King**, though, scored just four points — all on free throws — as the Buffs shot just 41.5 percent from the field (22-for-53).

Chimezie Metu scored 21 and Jordan McLaughlin added 18 for the Trojans, who shot a red-hot 54.7 percent from the field (29-for-53), including 10-for-20 from 3-point range.

"We scratched and clawed to get back in this thing, tied it at 58, and they came out and go on a 13-0 run, 11-0 run, whatever it was," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We just didn't have an answer. Metu played really well. Jordan McLaughlin played really well for them down the stretch. We couldn't get buckets, we couldn't get stops. That's the name of the game."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado trailed by five at the half, 36-31, then saw the Trojans expand that lead to 50-38 five minutes into the period.

But just when it looked like USC might run away with the game, the Buffs put together a 14-0 run to take a 52-50 lead with 12:27 to go. Siewert scored nine points in the burst, hitting a pair of 3-pointers, then collecting an offensive rebound, putback and free throw.

The Trojans, though, regained the edge by going to Metu inside and McLaughlin outside. Metu scored 10 points in a 14-4 USC surge that left Colorado trailing by eight, 66-58, with 5:22 to play, and a CU timeout couldn't halt the surge.

The Buffs committed three straight turnovers after the break, and a McLaughlin 3-pointer, part of a 12-0 USC run, gave the Trojans a 69-58 edge with just more than three minutes to play.

The Buffs, meanwhile, endured a seven-minute scoring drought, one that started with the score tied at 58-58 and didn't end until Siewert hit a bucket with just more than a minute to play.

In their last homestand, one that produced three straight wins, the Buffs held each opponent to under 37 percent shooting. But the Trojans got hot midway through the first half and stayed that way the rest of the game.

"Our defense was not good enough tonight," Boyle said. "When we did get stops, got some stops, we couldn't get rebounds."

The Buffs actually won the rebound battle, 32-26, but they also committed 13 turnovers compared to USC's six and USC reaped 17 points off those Colorado miscues.

Colorado led by as much as six early when a Collier 3-pointer gave CU a 16-10 lead. But the Trojans slowly chipped away at the edge, then put together an 11-3 run late in the half to take a 36-29 lead. USC hit eight consecutive field goal attempts over the last eight minutes of the half. Colorado, meanwhile, hit a four-minute scoring drought, finally getting on the board at the halftime buzzer on a McKinley Wright layup to cut USC's lead to 36-31.

GAME 29

COLORADO 80, UCLA 76

Feb. 25, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: UCLA 19-10, 10-7 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to bk	s	min
14 Golaman, Gyorgy	f 4-5	1-1	0-0	3	3	6	3	9	0	0	2	0 27
40 Welsh, Thomas	c 2-8	1-2	0-0	1	9	10	1	5	1	0	0	0 35
03 Holiday, Aaron	g 6-19	4-9	5-8	1	5	6	3	21	6	5	0	2 39
04 Hands, Jaylen	g 2-4	2-3	0-0	0	5	5	3	6	0	3	0	1 19
13 Wilkes, Kris	g 7-17	3-8	3-4	2	1	3	4	20	3	1	1	1 31
00 Olesinski, Alex	2-3	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	2	4	0	1	0	0 17
05 Smith, Chris	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0 13
23 Ali, Prince	4-7	3-6	0-0	1	4	5	2	11	2	0	0	0 19
TEAM				2	1							
Totals.....	27-65	14-31	8-12	11	30	41	21	76	12	11	4	2 400

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13-31 41.9%	2nd Half: 14-34 41.2%	Game: 41.5%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 8-14 57.1%	2nd Half: 6-17 35.3%	Game: 45.2%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 2-3 66.7%	2nd Half: 6-9 66.7%	Game: 66.7%	1

HOME: Colorado 16-13, 8-9 Pac-12

##	Player	fg	a	3fg	a	ft	a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01	Bey, Tyler	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	17
35	Walton, Dallas	f	2-5	0-0	0-1	0	7	7	3	4	2	1	1	0	1	0	21
15	Collier, Dominique	g	5-10	5-9	4-6	0	4	4	1	19	3	1	0	0	2	33	
24	King, George	g	4-11	3-9	5-6	1	3	4	2	16	1	2	3	2	3	28	
25	Wright, McKinley	g	4-13	0-2	2-4	0	4	4	3	10	8	3	0	2	32		
00	Schwartz, D'Shawn		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	
11	Nikolic, Lazar		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	17	
13	Wright, Naman		4-8	3-5	0-0	0	3	3	1	11	0	2	0	0	0	18	
23	Siewert, Lucas		3-5	2-2	7-8	3	2	5	2	25	0	1	0	1	0	23	
33	Repine, Josh		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+	
TEAM						3	3	6									

GAME 30

UTAH 64, COLORADO 54

Mar. 3, 2018, Salt Lake City, Utah (Huntsman Center)

VISITORS: Colorado 16-14 8-10 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 3-6	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	3	8	0	1	2	1	18
35 Walton, Dallas	f 3-8	0-0	1-2	2	1	3	2	7	0	0	0	1	20
15 Collier, Dominique	g 0-4	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	17
24 King, George	g 2-7	2-5	0-0	2	6	8	4	6	0	0	0	0	23
25 Wright, McKinley	g 7-11	0-4	2-2	1	5	6	3	16	3	5	0	1	35
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	2-6	0-2	2-2	1	5	6	1	6	0	1	0	0	21
11 Nikolic, Lazar	0-2	0-1	0-2	0	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	21
13 Wright, Naman	0-6	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	0	17
23 Siewert, Lucas	5-10	1-3	0-1	2	5	7	2	11	2	2	1	1	28
TEAM				4	4								
Totals.....	22-60	3-18	7-11	15	26	41	24	54	5	13	5	4	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 10:31 32.3%	2nd Half: 12:29 41.4%	Game: 36.7%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3:11 27.3%	2nd Half: 0:7 0.0%	Game: 16.7%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 1:2 50.0%	2nd Half: 6:9 66.7%	Game: 63.6%	2

HOME: Utah 19-10, 11-7 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
13 Collette, David	f 2-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	1	0	7
21 Rowson, Tyler	f 1-8	1-4	2-2	2	5	7	2	5	2	0	0	1	30
01 Bibbins, Justin	g 7-15	6-11	4-7	0	3	3	2	24	2	0	0	0	38
05 Van Dyke, Parker	g 0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	1	21
30 Bealer, Gabe	g 1-3	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	18
00 Barefield, Sedrick	2-7	0-2	10-10	0	1	1	14	1	1	0	2	25	25
02 Caldwell, Kolbe	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	8
03 Tillman, Domnie	3-4	0-0	4-6	1	3	4	2	10	0	2	1	2	26
10 Connor, Jake	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
11 Seeley, Chris	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	4	4	2	2	0	0	2	0	12
34 Johnson, Jayce	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	1	2	0	1	2	1	15
TEAM				1	4	5							
Totals.....	18-45	8-20	20-26	5	25	30	15	64	11	9	6	7	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13:24 54.2%	2nd Half: 5:21 23.8%	Game: 40.0%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5:9 55.6%	2nd Half: 3:11 27.3%	Game: 40.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 10:13 76.9%	2nd Half: 10:13 76.9%	Game: 76.9%	2

Officials: Michael Irving, Mike Reed, Scott Brown

Attendance: 13751

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	24	30	54
Washington	41	23	64

SALT LAKE CITY — After digging themselves a 17-point hole Saturday night, the Colorado Buffaloes came close to climbing all the way out.

But in the end, the Buffs rally fell short as CU dropped a 64-54 decision to Utah in their regular season finale at the Huntsman Center.

The loss, Colorado's 10th in 11 road games this year and sixth straight on Utah's home floor, dropped CU to 16-14 overall and 8-10 in the Pac-12 while Utah improved to 19-10, 11-7.

Colorado trailed by 17 at the half, 41-24, but slowly chipped away at the Utes' lead after halftime, closing to within four, 46-42.

That, however, was as close as CU could come, as the Utes finally ended an eight-minute scoring drought to slowly build the lead back up to nine, then hold on down the stretch.

"The second half, our guys scratched and clawed," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We cut it to four. Really proud of those young guys. We had four freshmen and a sophomore on the floor. Maybe they got out of a little bit of juice, but I can't fault them for their effort and their toughness."

Freshman **McKinley Wright IV** led CU with 16 points and six rebounds while sophomore **Lucas Siewert** added 11 points and seven rebounds.

Justin Bibbins scored 24 points, including six 3-pointers, for Utah. The Utes also hit 20 of their 26 free throws while Colorado was 7-for-11 from the line.

The Buffs will now face Arizona State on Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the first game of the Pac-12 tournament in at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Down by 17 at the half, the Buffs refused to call it a night. CU went on a 12-0 run that started with a Wright basket and continued with a pair of Siewert buckets, two **Tyler Bey** free throws and two **D'Shawn Schwartz** baskets. Schwartz's second basket pulled Colorado to within 46-42 with 9:25 still to go, sparking a timeout from Utah coach Larry Krystkowiak.

The Buffs then had a chance to close the gap to two, but missed a pair of free throws and the Utes finally ended a long drought with a Bibbins basket, made possible by an offensive rebound. Utah then built the cushion back to nine and Colorado never came closer than five again.

After hitting 18 field goals in the first half, the Utes managed just five in the final 20 minutes. Colorado ended up with a 41-30 edge on the boards, including 15 offensive rebounds that helped CU to a 15-5 edge in second-chance points.

But they couldn't completely overcome a poor first half. After Colorado took a 15-14 lead with 12:20 still on the clock — and Utah big man David Collette out with an ankle injury — the Utes put together runs of 11-1 and 14-0 that helped the Utes outscore Colorado 27-9 over the last 12 minutes of the half.

"I told our team that second half, the Colorado team effort, energy, toughness — I'll take that any day of the week," Boyle said. "The first half, unacceptable. We didn't have that eye of the tiger. I don't understand how at this time of year you can't play with that toughness you need to get for 40 minutes. It came back to bite us."

The Buffs' second half rally was sparked completely by underclassmen. The lineup on the floor for much of the 12-0 run included four freshmen — Wright, Schwartz, Bey and **Lazar Nikolic** — and sophomore Siewert.

"That's when we made our run, with that group on the floor," Boyle said. "They may have run out of gas a little bit. We got it to four, we just couldn't get over the hump. But we lost this game in the first half and that's really disappointing."

CU's seniors endured a difficult night. One game after scoring a season-high 19 points in a win over UCLA, guard **Dominique Collier** was held scoreless on 0-for-4 shooting. Fellow senior **George King** had six points on 2-for-7 shooting, but did have eight rebounds in 23 minutes on the floor.

GAME 31

COLORADO 97, ARIZONA STATE 85

Mar. 7, 2018, Las Vegas, Nev. (T-Mobile Arena)

VISITORS: Arizona State 20-11

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
03 Mitchell, Mickey	f 2-5	0-2	0-0	2	2	4	3	4	2	0	2	1	19
23 White, Romello	f 3-3	0-0	1-1	1	3	4	1	7	0	0	1	0	19
00 Holder, Ira	g 6-14	2-7	0-1	1	2	3	3	14	1	0	0	1	32
11 Evans II, Shannon	g 4-13	4-9	2-3	0	1	1	0	14	1	1	0	0	36
44 Justice, Keith	g 4-8	4-7	2-4	0	3	3	4	14	6	1	0	0	36
01 Martin, Remy	6-12	3-6	5-7	0	1	1	1	20	4	0	0	0	26
10 Shibel, Vitaliy	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
14 Lawrence, Kimani	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	11
22 Withenill, Austin	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
24 Salzman, Jordan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
25 Fogarty, Grant	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
35 Luke, De'Quan	5-6	0-0	2-2	2	6	8	5	12	0	1	0	0	18
TEAM				1	1								
Totals.....	30-63	13-21	21-7	7	19	26	18	85	15	3	4	3	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 14:30 46.7%	2nd Half: 16:33 48.5%	Game: 47.6%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6:14 42.9%	2nd Half: 7:18 38.9%	Game: 40.6%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3:7 42.9%	2nd Half: 9:14 64.3%	Game: 57.1%	6

HOME: Colorado 17-14

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 5-11	0-0	4-4	4	6	10	2	14	1	0	1	0	25
35 Walton, Dallas	f 2-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	17
11 Nikolic, Lazar	g 1-2	1-2	0-0	0	4	4	1	3	2	2	0	0	22
24 King, George	g 4-9	2-4	2-2	1	6	7	0	12	2	0	0	0	31
25 Wright, McKinley	g 8-14	2-3	2-2	2	6	8	1	20	11	2	0	1	37
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	4-7	2-3	0-0	0	4	4	3	10	1	0	0	0	16
13 Wright, Naman	2-4	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	14
15 Collier, Dominique	3-4	3-4	8-10	0	1	1	4	17	2	1	0	0	20
23 Siewert, Lucas	4-6	2-3	2-2	1	3	4	4	12	1	1	1	0	18
33 Repine, Josh	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
TEAM													
Totals.....	33-62	13-20	20-8	31	39	70	19	97	20	7	2	1	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 17:32 53.1%	2nd Half: 16:30 53.3%	Game: 53.2%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 7:11 63.6%	2nd Half: 6:10 60.0%	Game: 61.9%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 0:0 0.0%	2nd Half: 18:20 90.0%	Game: 90.0%	2

Officials: Mike Reed, Eric Curry, Kevin Brill

Attendance: 8619

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Arizona State	37	48	85
Colorado	41	56	97

LAS VEGAS — Colorado's first-round magic in the Pac-12 tournament remains strong under coach **Tad Boyle**.

McKinley Wright IV had 20 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds — his fourth double-double of the season — and fellow freshman **Tyler Bey** had his second career double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Buffs to a 97-85 win over Arizona State in the first round of the Pac-12 Tournament.

It was CU's seventh Pac-12 tourney opening win in as many tries and lifted the 17-14 Buffs into a Thursday 1 p.m. quarterfinal matchup with Pac-12 regular season champ Arizona. ASU fell to 20-11.

Dominique Collier added 17 points, **George King** had 12 points and 7 rebounds, **Lucas Siewert** had 12 points and **D'Shawn Schwartz** chipped in 10 to round out Colorado's balanced attack.

The Buffs used a 15-1 run midway through the second half to take control, turning a 60-56 deficit with 12 minutes to play into a 71-61 lead with 7:35 to go. ASU never came closer than five again.

"It was a hard-fought win for our guys," Boyle said. "I couldn't be more proud of our players and the grit that they showed and the toughness that they showed from start to finish. ... Our team's got heart, it's got fight, and I love coaching them."

Colorado shot 53.2 percent from the field (33-for-62), including a red-hot 13-for-21 from 3-point range. ASU shot 47.6 percent (30-for-63), including 13-for-32 from beyond the arc. The Buffs also finished with just seven turnovers, a season low against a Pac-12 opponent, and they held a commanding 39-26 edge on the boards.

It was also the first double-digit loss of the season for Arizona State.

HOW IT HAPPENED: While Colorado seniors King and Collier had productive afternoons, it was CU's freshmen who came up big in crucial moments, in particular the decisive 15-1 run.

Dallas Walton started the burst with a bucket inside, Schwartz had a pair of 3-pointers and Wright had a bucket, four assists and a steal as Colorado took command of a game that had been back and forth to that point.

ASU never came closer than five again.

"The freshmen are just growing up," Boyle said. "To do it on this stage in a big-time game against a big-time opponent — I think Arizona State is talented enough to be in the NCAA tournament, they were 12-0 in non-conference — is a big-time win."

Colorado trailed early but finally took its first lead of the game, 19-16, on a Siewert 3-pointer with just under 12 minutes to go in the half. ASU, though, quickly answered with a 12-3 run to go up 30-24 with 6:50 remaining.

But Colorado had the last run of the half, closing the final six minutes on a 17-7 surge to take a 41-37 lead at the half. The Buffs hit eight of their final 10 field goal tries, with Wright starting the final run with five straight points before Collier closed the half with a pair of 3-pointers, the last coming from the corner with just 10 seconds left on the clock.

"You can't have one or two guys," Boyle said. "Maybe one or two guys can carry you for a game, but they can't carry you through the tournament. The strength of this team is the depth and the number of weapons that we have."

But it was the decisive 15-1 run in the second half that turned the tide for good, then some key buckets down the stretch that kept the game in hand. Bey had a big jumper from the baseline with 3:34 to go to give CU a nine-point lead before Wright hit a huge 3-pointer with 2:17 left to give the Buffs a 14-point cushion, 82-68.

The Buffs did exactly that, hitting nine free throws in the final two minutes to advance while handing ASU — once 12-0 and ranked No. 3 in the nation — its fifth loss in its last six games.

GAME 32

#15/17 ARIZONA 83, COLORADO 67

Mar. 8, 2018, Las Vegas, Nev. (T-Mobile Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 17-15

## Player	fg	a	3fg	a	ft	a	de	tot	pf	tp	a	to	bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f	2-4	0-0	3-6	1	8	9	4	7	0	2	0	0	0	21
35 Walton, Dallas	f	3-6	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	2	7	0	1	2	0	0	19
11 Nikolic, Lazar	g	2-5	0-2	0-1	0	0	0	5	4	2	2	0	0	0	22
24 King, George	g	6-12	2-3	5-5	1	3	4	4	19	1	3	0	3	0	31
25 Wright, McKinley	g	3-5	0-1	2-2	0	4	4	0	8	5	2	0	0	0	22
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	0	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	21
13 Wright, Naman	0	2-2	0-1	2-2	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	13
15 Collier, Dominique	2	7	0-4	0-0	0	0	0	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	13
23 Siewert, Lucas	4	10	2-6	6-6	0	3	3	4	16	0	3	1	0	0	30
TEAM					2	1	3	1							