GAME 1

COLORADO 66. NORTHERN COLORADO 51

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

VISITORS: Northern Colorado 0-1														
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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	Ť	0-3	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	5	0	0	1	0	0	18
04 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	1	0	0	1	0	0	10
21 Vercellino, Roberto		0-1	0-1	0-0	2	6	8	4	0	0	1	1	1	20
22 Sanders, Jalen		1-3	0-1	0-1	2	2	4	2	2	0	1	3	1	27
25 Edwards, Kai		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM					1	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
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5 Collier, Dominique	g	1-6	0-3	0-1	0	1	1	1	2	3	1	0	2	26
4 King, George	g	4-7	1-2	3-6	2	7	9	4	12	0	3	0	0	19
5 Wright, McKinley	g	5-14	0-3	0-2	0	4	4	0	10	3	3	2	1	31
4 Miller-Stewart, Tory	Ť	3-5	0-0	5-8	0	5	5	1	11	1	1	0	0	27
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1 Bey, Tyler		2-5	0-2	2-2	0	2	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	7
5 Brown, Deleon		3-5	1-2	0-2	0	0	0	4	7	1	0	0	0	21
1 Nikolic, Lazar		1-2	1-1	0-0	0	6	6	0	3	1	1	0	0	15
3 Siewert, Lucas		2-4	1-1	0-2	3	3	6	1	5	0	1	1	0	16
5 Walton, Dallas		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
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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: 3-6 50.0%	2nd Half: 8-19 42.1%	Game: 44.0%	7

Officials: John Higgins, Michael Greenstein, Jimmy Casas Attendance: 7740

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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 lead 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 kent 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 Namon 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											
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00 Ade Murkey	g 1-4	0-1	0-2	0	3	3	3	2	4	3	0	4 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	1 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
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TEAM				1	4	5						
Totals	24-57	6-19	8-18	4	19	23	23	62	12	11	1	6 200
TOTAL FG% 1st Half:	15-27 55.6%	2nd	Half: 9	7-30 3	0.0%		Gan	ne: 42	.1%	DE	ADE	ALL
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half:	3-7 42.9%	2nd	Half: 3	3-12 2	5.0%		Gan	ne: 31	.6%	RE	BOL	INDS
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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	1	0	2	22
10 Strating, Alexander		2-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	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
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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

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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 an 89-62 defeat at the Coors

CU junior **Namon 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

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

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 trailed again, but couldn't shake the Pioneers until the second half.

Denver managed to cut 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

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." Namon 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

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. Namon 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, Vg. (Vines Center)

VISITORS: Quinnipiac	1-	2												
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s	min
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11 Chigha, Alain	g	1-3	0-1	0-2	2	3	5	2	2	1	1	0	0	26
12 Washington, Isaiah	g	4-11	4-8	4-6	0	4	4	3	16	1	1	0	2	35
15 Kelly, Rich	g	2-9	1-6	3-4	1	0	1	3	8	5	6	0	1	31
14 Robinson, Andrew	-	1-8	1-8	0-0	0	4	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	25
25 Rigoni, Jacob		0-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
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3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-18 27.6%	2nd Half: 5-14 35.7%	Game: 31.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-11 72.7%	2nd Half: 11-16 68.8%	Game: 70.4%	4

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01	Bey, Tyler		2-3	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	2	6	0	3	0	1 10
05	Brown, Deleon		0-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1 9
11	Nikolic, Lazar		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	5	6	1	0	1	1	0	0 15
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F Throw %	1st Half: 3-3 100%	2nd Half: 11-15 73.3%	Game: 77.8%	1

Officials: Tony Crisp, Tony Henderson, Greg Evans

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Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Tota
Quinnipiac	29	40	6'
Colorado	32	38	7

LYNCHBURG. Va. — Just three games into his college career. Colorado's McKinley Wright IV is already becoming a Buffs legend.

. Wright hit two 3-pointers in the final 16 seconds of the game Friday night, including one at the buzzer, to lift Colorado to a come-from-behind 70-69 win over Quinnipiac in the first round of the

Wright's shot capped a rally that saw the Buffs erase a 13-point second-half deficit in the final four minutes of the game as CU improved to 3-0 on the season.

The game winner came after Quinnipiac's Alain Chigha missed two free throws with 7 seconds remaining and the Buffs trailing 69-67. Wright rebounded Chigha's second miss, raced down the floor and got the shot off just before the buzzer. It bounced high in the air, then back down through the hoop.

"I'd hit one a couple plays before, and on the free throw I told my teammate D'Shawn (Schwartz), 'I'm going to shoot this and it's going to go in,'" Wright said. "He said, 'You're built for this.' I shot it and it went in.

Wright finished with 21 points, five rebounds, two assists and two steals. Teammate Namon Wright added 16 points — all in the second half, including six in the final 1:23 — along with four rebounds and two steals.

Cameron Young scored 26 for Quinnipiac.

"This kid is special," head coach **Tad Boyle** said of McKinley Wright. "He made a big-time shot. Big-time players make big-time plays down the stretch and he made that for us."

Buffs did not play well for much of the game. Colorado shot just 44 percent from the field,

including just 4-for-20 from 3-point range (the Buffs hit three of their last four 3-point attempts). CU also committed 17 turnovers, which the Bobcats converted into 14 points, and Quinnipiac also had 13 offensive rehounds

After leading by as many as eight in the first half and still leading by three at the half, 32-29, the Buffs went cold after halftime while the Bobcats reversed their first-half shooting woes

Paced by four 3-point buckets in the first six minutes of the second half, QU outscored Colorado 17-8 in that span to take a 46-40 lead. The Buffs managed to cut the deficit back to three, 48-45, at the midway point of the half on a Namon Wright layup, but the Bobcats put together a 12-2 run and led 60-47 lead with just under four minutes to play.

The Buffs hurt themselves with turnovers all night, and also found themselves in foul trouble for much of the second half, with George King, Dominique Collier and Deleon Brown all drawing their third foul just a few minutes after intermission.

But the Buffs never quit. A Lucas Siewert 3-pointer with 1:57 to go pulled the Buffs back to within five before the Bobcats bumped the margin back to eight, 66-58, with 1:37 to go.

Along with McKinley Wright's heroics in the final seconds, the Buffs also received some clutch moments from Namon Wright. The junior scored back-to-back buckets, driving for a layup with 1:23 to go, then grabbing a steal and going the length of the court for a dunk to pull Colorado to within four, 66-62. Barely 30 seconds later, he added a putback to keep the margin within four, setting the stage for McKinley Wright's 3 pointers.

After Namon Wright's putback, the Buffs forced a turnover, leading to a McKinley Wright 3-pointer with 16 seconds to go to cut QU's lead to 68-67.

Quinnipiac's Rich Kelly then hit the first of two free throws before Chigha rebounded the second, was fouled, and missed both attempts with seven seconds remaining. That left Wright just enough time to rebound the second miss, race down the floor and hit the game winner at the buzzer



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	α	to	bk	s	min
14 Miller-Stewart, Tory	f	5-6	0-0	1-1	1	1	2	Ō	11	0	3	0	0	22
13 Wright, Namon	g	5-9	0-2	9-11	0	3	3	1	19	1	2	0	1	30
15 Collier, Dominique	q	2-6	0-3	1-2	0	1	1	4	5	2	2	0	3	20
24 King, George	q	5-11	1-4	3-4	1	6	7	3	14	1	2	1	0	32
25 Wright, McKinley	q	9-12	1-1	2-3	2	3	5	5	21	9	1	0	1	29
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	۰	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	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
23 Siewert, 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 Holf: 14-27 51.9%	2nd Half: 17-28 60.7%	Game: 56.4%	DEADRAII
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3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-10 20.0%	2nd Half: 2-7 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	,	٠,	,.									
## Player		3fg-a		of	de	tot	pt	tр	α	to	bk	
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	10200

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 Hnlf: 5-7 71 4%	2nd Holf: 20-24 83 3%	Game: 80.6%	3

Officials: Wally Rutecki, AJ Desai, Garrick Shannon

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 daim 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, \bar{c} 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 Namon 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 stoved them off and I'm really proud of this toom."

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 Bulldags, 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 Bulldags had cut Colorado's cushion down to one, 59-58, thanks in large part to regular trips to the free throw line. The Bulldags 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 Namon Wright (five points) and **Tory Miller-Stewart**.

CU then kept the Bulldags 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," Namon 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 44or-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 Bulldags 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 Quinnipioc.

Colorado led by as much as 15 in the first half when a Namon 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

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	f	g-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s m	in
00 Ringer, Desmond	f	Ž-4	0-0	3-4	1	1	2	4	7	0	1	0	0 1	6
34 Jelks, Stephon	f	4-8	1-3	0-0	4	8	12	2	9	0	1	0	1 3	0
05 Strawberry, Jordan	g	2-9	1-3	0-0	1	3	4	2	5	3	3	0	0 2	3
10 Holland, Ria'n	g	3-7	2-3	5-5	0	2	2	4	13	0	2	0	2 2	8
23 Rivers, Demetre	g 6	5-11	2-6	0-0	0	0	0	1	14	1	1	1	0 3	4
01 Kilby, Cory		2-4	0-0	1-1	0	1	1	0	5	0	2	0	0 6	ó
02 Stowe, Jaylen		1-2	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	3	4	0	2	0	2 2	0
03 Cohen, Marcus		3-6	0-0	1-3	0	1	1	2	7	3	2	0	0 1	8
11 Johnson, Ryan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0 3	3
14 Stair, Ethan		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1.1	9
21 Green, Mason		2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0 3	3
TEAM					3	3	6	1						
Totals	2	6-56	6-15	12-15	10	19	29	22	70	8	14	1	6 20)0

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	α	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	1	2	1	13	0	1	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	4	2	2	3	2	0	18
O5 Brown, Deleon		4-7	1-3	4-4	1	1	2	3	13	1	1	0	1	22
11 Nikolic, Lazar		0-1	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	13
35 Walton, Dallas		2-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	4	0	1	1	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, AJ Desai

Affendance: 568			
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Mercer	37	33	70
Colorado	39	40	79

LYNCHBURG, Va. — A tournament that started Friday with a heart-stopping buzzer-heater 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 rehounds

"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 rehounds and baskets down the stretch when Mercer pulled back to within

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

But with 3:34 to ao. 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

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

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 sonhomore quard 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'

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-	Z												
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s min
12 Scottie, Lavelle	f	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	ż	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 Toohey, 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	3	9	2	3	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 Tomes, 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	0	4	0	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	311-26	8-9	4	17	21	20	69	16	10	1	7 200

HOME: Colorado 6-0													
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s min
14 Miller-Stewart, Tory	f	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	6	7	1	2	0	1	1	0 24
13 Wright, Namon	g	2-8	1-5	2-2	1	2	3	2	7	4	2	1	0 20
15 Collier, Dominique	g	3-6	1-4	1-1	0	1	1	4	8	1	2	0	0 10
24 King, George	g	9-13	5-6	2-2	6	9	15	1	25	3	2	0	0 31
25 Wright, McKinley	g	5-9	1-1	8-8	1	4	5	0	19	2	5	1	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						
Tatula		24-54	110-24	10-20	112	20	49	14	01	17	15	2	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
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Officials: Gregory Nixon, Deron White, Shawn Lehigh

ATTENDANCE: 7427			
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Air Force	34	35	69
Colorado	33	48	81

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

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

"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 34-33 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 an

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 CIJ 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's lead 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

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

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	f	g-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	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	1-10	1-4	1-3	1	1	2	4	10	0	1	0	0	23
	g 3	3-13	1-5	2-3	2	5	7	3	9	2	2	0	2	33
25 Wright, McKinley	g 7	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	1	5	0	0	0	0	10
23 Siewert, Lucas		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
TEAM					2	2	4							
Totals	24	4-61	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%	REBOUNDS	
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-5 80.0%	2nd Half: 3-8 37.5%	Game: 53.8%	1	

HOME: Colorado State	4	-4												
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s	min
10 Bob, Che	f	4-9	0-2	3-7	2	4	6	3	11	1	1	3	1	32
20 James, Deion	f	3-10	0-0	2-2	3	7	10	3	8	3	1	1	3	29
32 Carvacho, Nico	C	2-6	0-0	4-6	4	5	9	3	8	0	1	4	0	25
11 Nixon, Prentiss	g	5-14	4-10	2-2	0	5	5	3	16	0	3	0	2	35
22 Paige, J.D.	g	5-9	1-3	5-5	1	6	7	0	16	3	1	0	0	38
13 Jenkins, Lorenzo	_	2-5	1-2	3-5	3	3	6	1	8	0	2	1	0	24
15 Bonner, Anthony		1-1	1-1	2-2	0	2	2	2	5	1	1	0	0	17
TEAM						1	1				2			

TOTAL FG% 3-Pt FG%	1st Half: 13-29 44.8% 1st Half: 5-11 45.5%	2nd Half: 9-25 36.0% 2nd Half: 2-7 28 6%	Game: 40.7% Game: 38.9%	DEADBALL REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 7-11 63.6%	2nd Half: 14-18 77.8%	Game: 72.4%	4

22-54 7-18 21-29 13 33 46 15 72 8 12 9 6 200

Otticials: Dick Cartmell, Mike	Reed, Chris Rasta	ıtter	
Attendance: 5217			
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Tot
Colorado	35	28	6
Calamata Chata	20	0.4	7

FORT COLLINS — Call it a learning experience for the Colorado Buffaloes — a very painful learning experience.

Down by as much as 17 points in the second half Saturday at Colorado State, the Buffs rallied to cut the deficit to four in the final minute, but could never get over the hump in a 72-63 loss to the Rams. The loss dropped Colorado to 6-1 while CSU improved to 4-4.

CU was without the services of senior center Tory Miller-Stewart, who suffered a foot injury earlier this week in practice and is out for an "indefinite" amount of time, according to head coach **Tad**

McKinley Wright IV led CU with 19 points and eight rebounds while George King added nine points and seven rebounds — but King hit just 3 of his 13 field goal tries as the Buffs shot just 39 percent from the field (24-for-61).

The Rams also dominated the Buffs on the boards, 46-32, and blocked nine CU shots. Despite not recording a field goal in the final seven minutes of the game. CSU managed to hold on by hitting free throws down the stretch.

"CSU beat us at our own game," Boyle said. "We want to hold our opponents to less than 40 percent, they did that to us. We want to be plus eight on the boards, they did that to us. We want to make more free throws than our opponent shoots — they did that to us. They beat us at our own game. That's disheartening and hopefully it's a learning experience for our young guys."

HOW IT HAPPENED: It was the first true road game of the year for the young Buffs, and they played like it at times in front of a raucous Moby Arena crowd. Colorado played well in spurts — CU trailed just 38-35 at the half — but the Rams broke open a tight game after intermission with an 18-7 run in the first eight minutes to open up a 56-42 edge with 11:48 to go in the game.

CSU hit the Buffs from every position on the floor in the decisive run, getting an early 3-point bucket from Prentiss Nixon before going inside for six straight points. J.D. Paige pushed the CSU lead to double digits with three free throws — the result of King's third foul — and the deficit grew to 14 on a fast-break slam dunk, then as high as 17.

The Buffs, meanwhile, hit a cold stretch, Along with King's 3-for-13 day from the field (1-for-5 from 3-point range), **Dominique Collier** was just 4-for-10 and **Namon Wright** just 2-for-9. Overall, CU hit just eight of its 25 3-point tries.

"You go on the road, you know the 3s may or may not drop," Boyle said, "You know the free throws may or may not go in. You don't do either of those two things well, your margin for error goes down significantly. We didn't do anything well enough tonight to win this game."

But, the Buffs never quit. McKinley Wright scored 11 straight points in a 1:27 span to cut CSU's lead to six with 5:26 still to play and King's only 3-pointer of the night with 2:41 to go pulled the Buffs to within five, 65-60.

Wright was spectacular in the run, hitting a pair of 3-point shots, a conventional 3-point play and a driving layup.

The Rams went the last seven minutes without a field goal, but hit just enough of their free throws to keep the Buffs at bay. Colorado cut the CSU cushion to four, 67-63, with just under a minute to go when Collier hit one of two free throws, but that was as close as the Buffs would get. The Rams then hit five of six free throws in the final minute to salt away the win.

The Buffs trailed by as much as eight in the first half after an early CSU onslaught of 3-pointers helped spur an 8-0 Rams run. But the Buffs came back with a 9-2 run, sparked by a pair of McKinley Wright 3-pointers and a George King 3-point play. Colorado then took the lead momentarily on a Dominique Collier trey, 33-32, but the Rams regained the lead just before intermission.





COLORADO 75, NEW MEXICO 57

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

VISITORS: New Mexic	ю :	3-6											
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s min
01 McNeal, Chris	g	1-6	0-3	2-3	0	2	2	'n	4	3	2	0	0 25
03 Jackson, Antino	g	2-8	2-7	0-0	0	1	1	3	6	1	1	0	2 23
31 Simons, Troy	g	1-14	1-9	0-2	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	3 23
02 Logwood, Sam	f	1-7	0-0	0-2	0	3	3	3	2	1	1	0	0 18
05 Furstinger, Joe	f	2-7	0-1	2-5	1	6	7	4	6	0	0	0	1 32
10 Maluach, Makuach		3-8	0-0	0-1	3	2	5	2	6	2	1	1	1 19
11 Simmons, Jachai		3-7	1-3	0-0	2	1	3	1	7	0	0	0	1 12
14 Kuiper, Dane		2-3	2-2	0-0	1	2	3	5	6	1	0	1	1 13
15 Pinchuk, Vladimir		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0 14
32 Mathis, Anthony		5-9	3-6	2-3	1	1	2	0	15	0	2	0	1 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	α	to	bk	s min
05 Brown, Deleon	g 3-4	2-2	1-2	0	0	0	'n	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	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	2	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

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Score by Periods	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

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

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 right 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

"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 senson

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

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

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.

#13/14 XAVIER 96, COLORADO 69

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

VISITORS: Colorado 7-2	2													
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	S	min
35 Walton, Dallas	f	1-4	0-1	2-2	1	1	2	2	4	0	1	2	0	19
O5 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	0	17
TEAM					1	3	4							
Totals	1	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	α	to	bk	s min	
00 Jones, Tyrique	f	4 -7	0-0	3-4	1	6	7	2	Ü	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	2	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	

F Throw % 1st Half: 7-11 63.6% 2nd Half: 10-13 76.9% Game: 70.8% 3	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%	REBOUND
	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

AIRHUUHCE, TUZZO			
Score by Periods	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 field (35-58) — including 9-for-14 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. "Some times 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	α	to	bk	s min
00 Pineiro, Isaiah	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	3	0	0 32
25 Massalski, Yauhen	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, Isaiah	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, Ándy		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	1	0	1	4	1	1	1	0	0 9
TEAM					2		2						
Total.		20 40	0 00	20 06	7	21	20	22	40	11	12	2	2 200

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: 4-6 66.7%	2nd Half: 16-20 80.0%	Game: 76.9%	4

HUME: Colorado 7-3														
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s	min
35 Walton, Dallas	f	1-2	0-1	4-6	1	2	3	2	6	0	0	1	0	15
05 Brown, Deleon	g	1-5	1-3	3-3	1	1	2	5	6	1	2	0	0	21
11 Nikolic, Lazar	q	2-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	4	1	1	0	0	23
24 King, George	g	4-16	0-5	6-6	4	7	11	3	14	1	0	0	1	31
25 Wright, McKinley	g	3-10	1-2	5-6	2	1	3	4	12	1	3	0	2	27
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
01 Bey, Tyler		0-1	0-0	1-2	1	8	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	17
13 Wright, Namon		2-5	1-2	2-2	0	1	1	4	7	0	2	0	1	18
15 Collier, Dominique		1-9	0-4	3-5	0	1	1	1	5	0	1	0	0	25
23 Siewert, Lucas		0-2	0-1	4-4	1	2	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	17
TEAM					2	1	3							
Totals	1	4-54	3-18	28-34	13	24	37	23	59	4	9	1	4	200
TOTAL EG% 1st Holf: 7.	.27	25.0%	2ne	Holf- 7	.27.2	5 9%		Gan	no- 25	Q%	nı	ANR	AII	

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 7-27 25.9%	2nd Half: 7-27 25.9%	Game: 25.9%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 1-8 12.5%	2nd Half: 2-10 20.0%	Game: 16.7%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 6-7 85.7%	2nd Half: 22-27 81.5%	Game: 82.4%	2

Officials: Tony Padilla, Kipp I	Kissinger, Steve Ols	on	
Attendance: 6512	0 ,		
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Tota
San Diego	29	40	69
Colorado	21	38	59

BOULDER — As the old saying goes, the Colorado Buffaloes could not buy a basket Tuesday

As a result, the ice-cold Buffs dropped a 69-59 loss to visiting San Diego, their third loss in their last

Now 7-3, CU hit just 14 of its 54 field goal tries (25.9 percent), threatening for much of the night to break the CU record for fewest field goals in a game (12). The Buffs at one point missed 12 straight field goal attempts in the second half, but still managed to cut a 16-point deficit to five at one point before the Toreros pulled away down the stretch.

The 25.9 percent effort from the field, which included a 3-for-18 night from 3-point range, was CU's lowest percentage ever in the Coors Events Center, which opened in 1979.

"It was a rough night for us offensively, obviously we couldn't make a shot and that kind of act to us," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We got our heads hanging a little bit. . . . San Diego came in here and beat us. We have to live with that. It's a bitter pill to swallow. I'm really disappointed."

CU's George King had a 14-point, 11-rebound double-double — his third of the season and 10th of his career — but shot just 4-for-16 from the field. **McKinley Wright IV** had 12 points on 3-for-10 shooting.

The Toreros, who shot a relatively respectable 20-for-49, including 9-for-23 from 3-point range, improved to 8-2. San Diego's Isaiah Wright led all scorers with 20 points

HOW IT HAPPENED: After trailing by eight at intermission, 29-21, the Buffs saw that deficit doubled just four minutes into the second half as the Toreros built a 42-26 edge by knocking down three 3-pointers in the stretch.

CU, though, slowly climbed back into the game at the free throw line. Colorado put together an 18-7 run, with 14 of the points coming from free throws, to narrow USD's lead to just five, 49-44, with

"I thought we did a really good job of getting back in the game in the second half by getting to the foul line, which is what you have to do when your shots aren't falling," Boyle said.

With 5:30 to go, Colorado once again pulled to within five on a pair of King free throws. But the Buffs then proceeded to miss their next seven field goal tries and the Toreros kept the Buffs at bay with a 7-0 run, rebuilding the margin to 58-46 with three minutes to go.

Colorado finally ended its six-minute drought from the field when **Deleon Brown** banked in a 3-pointer with 2:28 to play, but the Toreros hit their free throws down the stretch when the Buffs were forced to foul to secure the win.

Only two Ruffs Dallas Walton (1-for-2) and Lazar Nikolic (2-4) managed to hit at least half their shots from the field. Colorado's three leading scorers — McKinley Wright, King and Namon Wright — combined for 33 points while shooting just 9-for-31.

The Buffs opened the game by hitting just one of their first 10 field goal tries, but the Toreros weren't much better, as both teams hit just six of their first 20 tries from the field.

Still, San Diego built an early lead before CU finally tied the game at 17-17 with 5:35 left in the half, then momentarily took a 19-18 lead on a pair of Lucas Siewert free throws a minute later.

But the rest of the half belonged to San Diego, as the Toreros outscored Colorado 11-2 over the final four minutes, including a 7-0 run to end the half, giving USD a 29-21 lead at intermission.

COLORADO 112, SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 103, 20T

Dec. 15, 2017, Boulder, Colo. (Coors Events Center)

VISITORS: South Dak	ota State	9-5											
## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s	min
23 Tellinghuisen, Reed	f 4-7	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	2	10	1	1	1	1	43
24 Daum, Mike	f 14-28	3-6	6-9	5	7	12	4	37	0	1	1	0	48
01 Flatten, Skyler	g 2-8	1-3	0-0	0	4	4	1	5	2	1	0	1	37
02 King, Tevin	g 3-7	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	5	6	3	4	0	1	37
05 Jenkins, David	g 10-23	7-12	4-5	0	1	1	3	31	2	2	0	1	45
00 Key, Brandon	4-9	0-2	4-4	1	0	1	1	12	5	0	0	3	23
03 Howell, Chris	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	8
25 Severyn, Lane	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	4	0	0	1	1	1	9
TEAM				3	4	7							
Totals	38-86	13-29	14-18	13	23	36	22	103	13	10	3	8	250

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 13-35 37.1%	2nd Half: 18-32 56.3%	OT: 7-19 36.8%	Game: 44.2%	DEAD
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6-14 42.9%	2nd Half: 6-10 60.0%	OT: 1-5 20.0%	Game: 44.8%	BALL REB
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-4 100%	2nd Half: 8-9 88.9%	OT: 2-5 40.0%	Game: 77.8%	3

HOME: Colorado 8-3												
## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s min
10 Strating, Alexander	f 0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	Ō	0	2	0	0 3
35 Walton, Dallas	f 2-2	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	0	4	0	0	0	0 8
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	g 2-4	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	0	4	1	0	0	0 20
15 Collier, Dominique	g 3-7	2-4	1-1	0	0	0	3	9	0	1	0	2 16
33 Repine, Josh	g 0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0 3
O1 Bey, Tyler	4-4	0-0	4-4	0	9	9	4	12	1	1	0	1 26
O5 Brown, Deleon	4-12	2-4	0-0	0	0	0	2	10	2	0	0	0 39
11 Nikolic, Lazar	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	5	2	0	2	0	2 19
13 Wright, Namon	3-8	2-4	2-4	0	4	4	2	10	1	3	0	0 30
23 Siewert, Lucas	6-9	2-4	0-0	0	4	4	2	14	2	2	1	0 27
24 King, George	5-7	4-6	3-4	1	4	5	4	17	2	2	1	1 19
25 Wright, McKinley	10-19	1-3	9-10	4	5	9	1	30	11	4	1	2 40
TEAM				3	2	5						
Totals	40-74	13-27	19-23	311	36	47	25	112	21	18	3	8 250

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 16-34 47.1%	2nd Half: 17-32 53.1%	OT: 7-8 87.5%	Game: 54.1%	DEAD
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 8-17 47.1%	2nd Half: 5-10 50.0%	OT: 0-0 0.0%	Game: 48.1%	BALL REB
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-5 60.0%	2nd Half: 4-4 100%	OT: 12-14 85.7%	Game: 82.6%	4

Officials: John Higgins, Gerry Pollard, Randy Heimerman

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Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT.	20T	Total
South Dakota State	36	50	8	9	103
Colorado	43	43	8	18	112

BOULDER — Colorado's freshmen are growing up in a hurry.
Friday night, they needed every bit of maturity they could muster — and they had just enough, leading **Tad Boyle's** Buffaloes to a 112-103 double-overtime win over South Dakota State at the Coors Events Center

Events Center.
"Huge win for us," Boyle said. "We needed that bad for our confidence level. We had some guys
"Huge win for us," Boyle said. "We needed that bad for our confidence level. We had some guys really grow up out there tonight and overcame some things even though we're playing at home. beat a really really good team.

Once again, it was CU freshman **McKinley Wright IV** leading the way. Wright just missed his first career triple-double, but still finished with 30 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds for his second double-double of the season.

But Winsh had allowed the life of the season. But Wright had plenty of help. Fellow freshman **Tyler Bey** finished with 12 points and nine re-

bounds — including eight points and three rebounds in the second overtime — while senior **George King** chipped in 17 points and sphomore **Lucas Siewert** added 14.

Bey also played a huge role in defending South Dakota State's Mike Daum. The SDSU star finished

with a game-high 37 points, but had just four in the two overtime periods. David Jenkins added 31 for the Jackrabbits, including 21 from 3-point range.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs, who led by seven in the second half and trailed by six in the second half and t

first overtime before rollying to force a second extra period, took charge in the final five-miniute period. Wright gave CU a 95-94 lead with one of two free throws early in the period before Bey hit two free throws with 3:51 to go, then added a short jumper to bump Colorado's lead to 99-96 at the three-minute mark.

three-minute mark.

SDSU then field the game one more time on a long Jenkins 3-pointer, but Wright then drove the lane for a bucket with 2:09 left to give CU the lead for good, 101-99. Bey added another jumper from the wing 30 seconds later and he and Wright each hit a pair of free throws in the ensuing minute, giving CU a 107-101 lead with just 37 seconds remaining.

The Buffs, then kept the Jacks at boy at the foul line over the final seconds, as SDSU shot just

3-for-12 from the field in the second overtime.

Colorado tried a variety of defenders on Daum all night, including King, **Lazar Nikolic** and

But in the overtime periods, it was Rev who made the difference - narticularly in the second OT Bey forced a Doum miss at the rim, then drew a foul on the rebound that resulted in its first two free throws; then forced another miss and collected another rebound with 37 seconds left, resulting in two more free throws and a 107-101 lead.

Wright, meanwhile, was spectacular in the two overtimes, scoring 13 points on a variety of drives, short jumpers and thips to the free throw line. Wright helped bring Colorado back from a six-point deficit in the first overtime with back-to-back buckets in the lane, then hit five free throws and a basket in the second extra period.

The Buffs' comeback in the first overtime was also aided by a pair of missed free throws from

Colorado lead by seven at the half and still had a seven-point cushion with just more than 11

But the Jacks put together a 13-5 run, sparked by a pair of 3-pointers from Reed Tellinghuisen, to take their first lead of the game with 7:26 to go. Colorado quickly regained the lead on a King 3-pointer before the Jacks field the game at 68-68 with 6:44 to go.

That set up a frantic final six minutes. Colorado managed to regain the lead eight times down the stretch, but each time the Jacksrobbits answered, with a Jenkins 3-pointer with 40 seconds to go tying the game at 84-84.

the game at 94-94.
Colorado then got an offensive rebound and bucket from Wright with 27 seconds remaining in regulation for an 86-84 lead, but Daum drew a foul on the other end and hit a pair of free throws to fie the game again with just 6.5 seconds remaining.

Alastsecond attempt by Wright at the free throw line was then partially blocked, sending the game

In the first overtime, the Jacks pulled out to a six-point lead with two minutes to go. But Colorado answered with a Wright floater in the lane before Dourn missed two free throw attempts. Wright then hit another jumper to pull the Buffs to within two, and following a Jenkins miss, Deleon Brown connected

on a fastbreak layup on an assist from King to fie the game again at 94-94 with 26 seconds to go.

Following a Jackrabbits timeout, Jenkins missed at the buzzer to send the game into a second

GAME 12

IOWA 80, COLORADO 73

Dec. 22, 2017, Sioux Falls, S.D. (Sanford Pentagon)

VISITORS: Colorado 8-	4											
## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tр	α	to	bk	s min
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	g 1-4	0-2	0-0	1	3	4	2	Ž	0	1	0	0 20
05 Brown, Deleon	g 2-5	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	4	5	1	4	0	2 20
24 King, George	g 5-11	0-4	0-0	1	3	4	4	10	0	0	0	3 20
25 Wright, McKinley	g 6-11	3-5	6-8	1	1	2	0	21	6	0	0	3 35
01 Bey, Tyler	f 2-7	0-0	1-4	4	3	7	2	5	1	2	1	1 25
11 Nikolic, Lazar	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0 7
13 Wright, Namon	5-15	1-5	1-3	1	4	5	3	12	0	0	0	1 23
15 Collier, Dominique	1-4	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	1 18
23 Siewert, Lucas	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	5	3	0	1	0	0 11
35 Walton, Dallas	6-10	0-0	1-2	1	1	2	3	13	0	0	1	1 21
TEAM				3		3				3		
Totals	29-68	3 6-23	9-17	12	19	31	25	73	10	11	2	12200

2nd Holf: 17-39 43.6%

2nd Half: 5-15 33.3%

Game: 42.6%

Game: 26.1%

REROLINDS

TOTAL EG%

F Throw %

Oregon State

1st Half: 8-29 27 6%

1st Half: 4-12 33.3%

1st Half: 3-7 42.9%

HOME: Iowa 8-6 ## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s	min
02 Nunge, Jack	*	1-2	0-1	1-1	0	1	1	Ō	3	1	0	0	0	10
03 Bohannon, Jordan	*	4-7	1-4	5-7	0	6	6	2	14	2	3	0	1	27
04 Moss, Isaiah	*	5-12	0-4	6-8	0	4	4	4	16	2	3	0	0	32
05 Cook, Tyler	*	4-7	0-0	4-8	3	3	6	2	12	0	4	2	0	31
51 Baer, Nicholas	*	1-5	0-2	0-0	0	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	19
01 Dailey, Maishe		5-7	2-3	4-6	1	4	5	0	16	1	0	0	0	27
15 Kriener, Ryan		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	0	0	5
24 Ellingson, Brady		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
30 McCaffery, Connor		1-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	1	3	1	3	0	1	12
35 Pemsl, Cordell		3-7	0-0	4-5	4	4	8	1	10	2	1	2	0	25
55 Garza, Luka		1-4	0-1	0-0	2	2	4	3	2	2	1	0	0	11
TEAM					1	3	4							
Totals	-	26-53	3-15	25-36	12	31	43	15	80	13	19	5	4	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11-27 40.7%	2nd Half: 15-26 57.7%	Game: 49.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-8 25.0%	2nd Half: 1-7 14.3%	Game: 20.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 8-10 80.0%	2nd Half: 17-26 65.4%	Game: 69.4%	7

Officials: Terry Wymer, DJ Carstensen, Donnie Eppley

1st Half: 12-29 41.4%

1st Half: 1-8 12.5%

3-Pt. FG%

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	31	42	73
Iowa	32	48	80

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Once again, the consistency bug bit the Colorado Buffaloes. After overcoming a 10-point deficit Friday night in the first half to take a five-point lead early in the second, the Buffs went cold and lowa rallied to take an 80-73 win at the Sanford Pentagon.

The Buffs dropped to 8-4 with the loss in their last non-conference game while lowa improved to

After trailing by 10 midway through the first half, the Buffs cut the margin to one by intermission, then used a quick start in the second half to go up 44-39 just 4:30 in. But the Hawkeyes, playing in front of a highly partisan lowa crowd, answered with a 17-4 run to regain control and Colorado never came closer than four again

"When they made their run, we weren't able to handle it," CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "We had about five empty possessions and we couldn't get stops at the other end. It turned and we weren't able to get back in the game.

McKinley Wright IV led Colorado with 21 points and also added six assists and three steals while not committing a turnover. **Dallas Walton** added a career-high 13 points for the Buffs and George King chipped in 10.

The difference in the game came down to shooting and rebounding. The Buffs hit just six of 23 attempts from 3-point range (29-for-68 overall from the field) while the Hawkeyes shot nearly 50 percent, including a 15-for-26 effort in the second half.

The Hawkeyes also dominated the Buffs on the board, holding a 43-31 rebound edge.

"They kicked our butt on the glass all night long," Boyle said. "We knew that was going to be a key to the game, the rebounding battle, and we didn't win it. Until we figure that out, it's going to be tough on the road,"

CU also hit just 9 of 17 free throw tries while Iowa was 25-for-36 from the stripe. Isaiah Moss led the Hawkeves with 16 points

HOW IT HAPPENED: After trailing by as much as 10 in the first half, the Buffs pulled to within one by intermission, 32-31, then jumped out to a 44-39 lead with a 13-7 run in the first 4:30 of the

Deleon Brown sparked the burst with a 3-pointer and layup before King recorded back-to-back steals and baskets, including one that led to a breakaway dunk. A Lucas Siewert 3-pointer gave Colorado its five-point lead with 15:33 still to play and the Buffs looked ready to take control.

But the Hawkeyes never let the game get away. Colorado managed to hang on to the lead for the next five minutes, and still had a three-point cushion, 51-48, after a pair of McKinley Wright free throws.

That, though, was the beginning of the end, as lowg put together a 17-4 run to take a 10-point lead, 65-55, with just more than six minutes remaining.

"We did not come up with the toughness plays," Boyle said. "This was a toughness game and we were not the tougher team. lowa was. They deserved to win and we didn't."

CU managed to make a couple more runs at the Hawkeyes, getting a 6-0 burst to pull within four,

65-61, with 5:15 to go; then reducing a nine-point deficit to five with 1:49 left on a Tyler Bey floater in the lone

That, though, was as close as Colorado could get, lowg answered with a second-chance bucket on its next possession, then added a free throw to go back up by eight with less than a minute to play.

McKinley Wright hit a pair of 3-pointers in the final minute for Colorado, but the Hawkeyes hit five free throws over that stretch to provide the final margin.

GAME 13

OREGON STATE 76, COLORADO 57

Dec. 29, 2017, Corvallis, Ore, (Gill Coliseum)

VISITORS: Colorado 8-	5, 0-1	Pac-12									
## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to bk	s min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 5-8	0-1	4-4	1	3	4	4	14	0	1 0	0 19
35 Walton, Dallas	f 2-4	0-0	1-2	1	4	5	3	5	0	3 2	0 22
05 Brown, Deleon	g 2-6	2-5	0-0	0	2	2	3	6	1	2 0	1 14
24 King, George	g 2-7	1-2	0-2	3	5	8	2	5	1	2 1	0 23
25 Wright, McKinley	g 3-14	1-7	0-1	4	2	6	2	7	6	4 0	0 35
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	1-4	1-3	1-2	0	3	3	2	4	0	1 0	0 15
10 Strating, Alexander	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0	0 1
11 Nikolic, Lazar	1-2	0-0	2-3	0	0	0	0	4	0	0 0	0 20
13 Wright, Namon	2-7	0-3	0-0	1	3	4	1	4	0	2 0	0 16
15 Collier, Dominique	2-4	2-3	2-2	1	2	3	1	8	2	2 0	0 17
23 Siewert, Lucas	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0 0	0 18
TEAM				2		2				1	
Totals	20-5	3 7-25	10-16	13	25	38	19	57	10	18 3	1 200

HOME: Oregon State 9)_/	l 1-0	Par-1	2										
## Player	, ,		3fg-a		of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s	min
03 Tinkle, Tres	f	9-14	2-5	3-3	2	2	4	2	23	6	1	1	3	34
12 Eubanks, Drew	f	3-6	0-0	1-3	3	6	9	3	7	0	3	6	1	28
32 Berger, Seth	f	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	3	0	1	2	0	0	14
01 Thompson, Stephen	q	8-13	3-4	5-9	0	3	3	1	24	3	3	0	2	38
05 Thompson, Ethan	g	5-10	1-3	3-4	0	7	7	1	14	5	1	1	4	35
02 Stacy, Ronnie	-	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
04 Hollins, Alfred		1-5	0-2	2-4	1	4	5	2	4	1	2	0	0	22
11 Reichle, Zach		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	5
15 Sanders, Tanner		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
22 Smith, Xavier		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
34 Kone, Ben		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	15
TEAM														
Totals	-	28-54	6-15	14-23	7	29	36	18	76	17	14	9	11	200

2nd Holf: 12-29 41 1%

2nd Half: 7-9 77.8%

Game: 34.5%

Game: 28.0%

Game: 62.5%

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REBOUNDS

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-28 42.9%	2nd Half: 16-26 61.5%	Game: 51.9%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-6 50.0%	2nd Half: 3-9 33.3%	Game: 40.0%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 5-8 62.5%	2nd Half: 9-15 60.0%	Game: 60.9%	3

Attendance: 4481			
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	23	34	57
Oregon State	32	44	76

Officials: Kinn Kissinger Michael Irving Keith Kimple

CORVALLIS, Ore. — The road continued to be an unfriendly place for the Colorado Buffaloes

Hounted by turnovers in the first half-snotty defense in the second half and cold shooting all night CU dropped a 76-57 loss at Oregon State in the Pac-12 opener for both teams.

The Buffs, whose last road win came last February at Oregon State, dropped their third road game in as many tries this season to fall to 8-5 overall while the Beavers improved to 9-4.

Colorado shot just 34.5 percent from the field (20-for-58), including just 28 percent from 3-point range (7-for-25). The Beavers shot 51 percent from the field for the game, including a blistering 16-for-26 in the second half.

Colorado also committed 18 turnovers, which the Reavers converted into 28 points

CU freshman **Tyler Bey** finished with 14 points, the only Buff in double figures. Buffs freshman McKinley Wright IV, who had scored in double figures in his first 12 games, saw the streak come to an end when he finished with just seven points on 3-for-14 shooting

Stevie Thompson Ir. scored 24 for OSU and Tres Tinkle added 23

"A little bit of an embarrassment in terms of how our team played both offensively and certainly defensively in the second half," CU coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We've talked about our lack of consistency and it was evident. We have these lapses both offensively and defensively that we can't have if you're going to win in this league. The second half our defense was non-existent. They just punked us."

HOW IT HAPPENED: With two minutes left in the first half, the Buffs looked ready to seize control. CU had overcome an eight-point deficit to take a 23-22 lead on a pair of Dominique Collier free throws and momentum seemed ready to shift to the Buffs bench. But the Beavers, who had opened the game with an 8-0 run, but together a 10-0 burst over the

final two minutes of the half to take a 32-23 lead at intermission. The Beavers took advantage of three CU turnovers in the stretch and the Buffs never recovered.

"They got hot, our defense took a nosedive and that can't happen, especially on the road," said CU senior George King, who finished with five points and a team-high eight rebounds. "They went on a 10-0 run ... and we just didn't guard. We allowed their guys to get hot, they started attacking us and we started turning the ball over more."

Fueled by brothers Stevie and Ethan Thompson, the Beavers came out on fire in the second half. OSU pushed it's lead to 15 early in period, then expanded the cushion to as much as 23 with just under

The Buffs managed to keep the deficit from growing any larger, but never threatened to come within striking distance over the final 10 minutes.

"We're not a tough team," Boyle said. "Our guys compete. They're competing. But they're not tough enough. That shows up in a lot of different areas. Eighteen turnovers against 40 minutes of zone is a lack of toughness. Just taking care of the ball and passing and catching cleanly. . . . Just a really frustrating night for us offensively and certainly defensively in the second half.

Oregon State shot 61.5 percent from the field in the second half (16-for-26) and outscored Colorado 40-26 in the paint.

"We have to be better in so many different areas." Boyle said. "Offensively it starts with just passing and catching the ball. We have some open looks and we're not making them. They get some open looks, they make them. We have to have somebody produce for us."



GAME 14

OREGON 77, COLORADO 62

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

VISITORS: Colorado	8-6,	0-2 I	Pac-12										
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s min
35 Walton, Dallas	f	1-4	1-1	0-0	2	4	6	'n	3	1	1	0	0 18
01 Bey, Tyler	g	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	2	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, Namon		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						
Totale		25.50	7-22	5-8	0	22	22	22	62	12	20	Λ	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	· f	a-a	3fa-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to bk	s min
00 Brown, Troy		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 é	5-11	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	1	5	0	3 0	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	2	6-51	6-19	19-22	4	26	30	15	77	9	17 3	11200

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.

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Namon 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 lock 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 baskes from McKinley Wright and a Lazar Mikolic 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. Oug et 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 fustrating," Boyle soid. "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. Inta 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 Namon Wright three-point play. But that was as close as CU could come and Colorado never mustered a serious threat down the stretch.







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

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

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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

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did

Spurred on by a raucous Coors Events Center crowd, the Buffs rallied from an eight-point sec-ond-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. Freshnam Karklinely 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.

The 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 traided 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.

MacKinely Wight started the run with a driving layup and free throw before Collier drained a long

Attendance: 7440 Score by Periods

Arizona State

complexion of the enfire 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 it's first led 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 Namon Wright, who finished the transition with a thunderous dunk for a 57-54 CU lod with 17-41 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 Mirchell 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.

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"We're mode for this," King told his tearmrates.

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 ramaged 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 detensive stops on the other end. King virtually put the game away by grabbing a defensive rebound and traving 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, folling behind 13-1 in the first then intues. The Sun Devils hit five of their first eight field good 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)

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VISITORS: ATIZONO 12	-4, 4-11	ruc-12										
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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, Rawle	g 6-14	2-7	2-4	4	1	5	5	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
23 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, Keanu	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	12200

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 66.7%	Game: 82.4%	3					
HOME: Calareda 10-6 2-2 Per-12									

HOME: Colorado 10-0	, 4	-2 PC	IC- I Z											
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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	1	15	0	0	2	1 25)
13 Wright, Namon	g	5-10	1-2	3-4	1	7	8	1	14	2	1	0	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	l
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	-	3-4	2-3	2-2	0	0	0	1	10	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	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	3
TEAM						2	2							

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

29-53 7-16 15-17 5 29 34 18 80 18 15 3 3 200

Officials: Mike Reed, Mike Scyphers, Randy Heimerman

Totals...

Score by Periods Arizona	1st	2nd	Total
	29	48	77
	45	35	80
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 Ayton led all scorers with 26 points. Arizona's Allonzo Trier 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 olayers 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 (284or-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 (294or-53), including a respectable 7-for-16 afternoon from 3-point range.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Unlike the last five five 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 Ayton, 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 maining, then had two blocks on one UA possession that led to a McKinley Wright slam dunk for a The Buffs then hit six straight free 74-65 CU lead with a minute to ao. throws in the final 40 seconds to clinch the win.

GAME 17

USC 70. COLORADO 58

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

VISITORS: Colorado	10-7	, z-s	rac-i.	4									
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	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, Namon	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	2	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	α	to	bk	s min
04 Metu, Chimezie	f	3-13	0-1	8-8	5	8	13	3	14	1	1	6	2 28
25 Boatwright, Bennie	f	1-9	1-4	0-0	0	3	3	2	3	2	3	0	0 29
00 Aaron, Shaqquan	g	2-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	4	4	1	3	0	1 10
11 McLaughlin, Jordan	g	6-8	4-4	4-6	0	5	5	1	20	3	1	1	2 36
30 Stewart, Elijah	q	1-3	0-0	1-2	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	1	2 23
01 Usher, Jordan	-	2-2	1-1	0-1	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	1 13
02 Mathews, Jonah		3-7	3-6	0-4	0	3	3	1	9	0	0	0	0 27
05 Thornton, Derryck		4-6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	8	1	2	1	4 18
31 Rakocevic, Nick		2-4	0-0	0-0	4	0	4	3	4	2	2	1	0 16
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TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 14-29 48.3%	2nd Half: 10-26 38.5%	Game: 43.6%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 6-11 54.5%	2nd Half: 3-6 50.0%	Game: 52.9%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 4-7 57.1%	2nd Half: 9-14 64.3%	Game: 61.9%	4

24-55 9-17 13-21 9 22 31 18 70 10 12 10 12 200

Officials: Tony Padilla, Michael	Greenstein, Sha	wn Lehigh	
Attendance: 3669			
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	34	24	58
IISC	38	32	70

Totals...

LOS ANGELES — Colorado couldn't shake the turnover bug on the road Wednesday night and the Buffs' miscues paved the way for a 70-58 Southern California win at the Galen Center.

The loss, Colorado's fifth in as many tries on the road this year, dropped the Buffs to 10-7 overall and 2-3 in the Pac-12. USC improved to 12-6, 3-2.

The Buffs committed 22 turnovers, which led to 25 USC points. George King led Colorado with 21 points, 15 coming in the first half, and Namon Wright

added 10. Tyler Bey added eight points and seven rebounds for the Buffs. CU's McKinley Wright IV, the reigning Pac-12 Player of the Week, struggled all night. The freshman finished with just seven points on 2-for-9 shooting and had five turnovers and just four assists.

"I'm extremely disappointed, obviously, because this was a winnable game," CU head coach **Tad** Boyle said. "In the first half we showed glimpses of things, and we talked about turnovers at halftime. You don't have to look at anything else in this one other than that." HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs played a solid first half and led, 34-33, with just more than

a minute to play in the period. CU shot 13-for-29 in the opening period, including 6-for-11 from

But USC scored the last five points of the half to take a 38-34 edge at intermission and Colorado never regained the lead.

While the Buffs turnover problems followed them into the second half, their good shooting didn't, as they hit just two of their first 11 field goal tries of the half. Colorado did manage to cut USC's lead to one, 40-39, early in the period, but USC answered with a 14-4 run and with 10:47 to play, the Trojans has stretched their lead to double digits, 54-43.

The Buffs did manage to reduce the deficit to nine, 59-50, with 5:45 left to go on a 3-pointer from McKinley Wright IV, but they could never come any closer down the stretch

CU shot just 7-for-26 from the field in the second half, including only 4-for-12 from 3-point range. USC finished 24-for-55 from the field, including 9-for-17 from beyond the arc.

Jordan McLaughlin scored 20 points for USC and Chimezie Metu scored 14 points and had six of USC's 10 blocked shots.

'They had 10 blocked shots against us, which tells us we're not making good decisions at the rim when we're penetrating," Boyle said. "We made some bad decisions offensively. Not just our turnovers, but you add 10 blocked shots with that and that's 32 times you have the ball and it doesn't get to the rim. So you have no chance for offensive rebound, no chance for a bucket. You give it to them 22 times and they block 10 shots, you're not going to win that game."

In three Pac-12 road games — all losses — the Buffs have committed 60 turnovers.

Colorado trailed by four at the half, 38-34, despite shooting 6-for-11 from 3-point range as turnovers once again plagued the Buffs on the road. Colorado committed 13 miscues in the first half and the Trojans turned them into 16 points, including a basket in an 8-2 run to end the half.

King had 15 of his points in the first period and Namon Wright added eight for Colorado





GAME 18

COLORADO 68, UCLA 59

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

VISITORS: Colorado	11-7	, 3-3	Pac-12	2										
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f	3-7	0-0	1-3	1	6	7	2	7	3	0	1	1	30
35 Walton, Dallas	f	3-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	12
13 Wright, Namon	g	3-6	1-3	2-4	0	4	4	1	9	2	2	1	0	25
24 King, George	g	7-12	6-10	6-6	1	9	10	2	26	1	3	3	2	35
25 Wright, McKinley	g	1-8	0-2	2-2	1	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	0	14
05 Brown, Deleon		2-6	2-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	6	2	1	0	0	17
11 NIkolic, Lazar		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	5
15 Collier, Dominique		1-2	1-2	2-2	0	1	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	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%			Game: 43.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%		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 fq-a 3fq-a ft-a of de tot pf tp a to bk s min													
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s min
14 Goloman, Gyorgy	f	2-5	0-1	2-2	2	2	4	4	6	1	0	0	1 21
40 Welsh, Thomas	C	9-10	2-3	0-0	1	7	8	4	20	1	0	0	0 36
03 Holiday, Aaron	g	4-13	1-4	1-2	1	3	4	3	10	4	6	1	1 40
13 Wilkes, Kris	g	3-11	1-6	3-3	3	6	9	1	10	1	1	1	0 32
23 Ali, Prince	g	1-7	0-3	1-4	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	0 16
04 Hands, Jaylen		3-11	1-6	1-2	0	2	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	0 14
TEAM						1	1						

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 Holf: 3-7 42 9%	2nd Holf: 5-11 45 5%	Game: 44 4%	6

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Officials: Dick Cartmell, Verne Harris, Jeff Wooten

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29	30	59
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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

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. Junior 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

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 outrebound 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-pointer 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-pointer 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	S	tate 9)-9, 1-:	5 Pac-	12									
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s min	
43 Bernstine, Drick	f	4-11	0-0	0-0	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	0 27	
04 Daniels, Viont'e	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	2 28	
40 Hinson, Kwinton	g	4-9	1-3	2-2	0	0	0	1	11	2	0	0	1 22	
05 Acquaah, Milan		1-3	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	3	3	1	3	0	0 14	
13 Pollard, Jeff		1-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0 11	
35 Skaggs, Carter		6-13	5-11	0-0	0	3	3	1	17	1	1	0	0 21	
TEAM					4	3	7							

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

27-6615-34 4-5 8 21 29 17 73 18 8 0 5 200

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

## Player		tg-a	3tg-a	tt-a	ot	de	tot	pt	tp	α	to	bk	S	min	
01 Bey, Tyler	f	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	ì	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, Namon	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	0	4	4	0	17	5	2	0	2	30	
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	Ť	0-2	0-1	2-2	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	12	
05 Brown, Deleon		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	
11 Nikolic, Lazar		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	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	0	22	
23 Siewert, Lucas		4-6	1-2	2-4	1	3	4	4	11	0	1	0	1	24	
TEAM					1	1	2								
Totals		30-58	9-26	13-18	8	31	39	12	82	15	10	4	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

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Tota
Washington State	27	46	73
Colorado	42	40	82

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

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 ao 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 noints and four rehounds

Viont'e 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, lock 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

"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	1	4-6, 4	-3 Pa	-12										
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	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	3	0	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	5	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-3 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-8 F Throw % 1st Half: 5-8	62.5% 2nd Half: 3-11 27.3%	Game: 42.4% DEADBALL Game: 42.1% REBOUNDS Game: 70.0% 2
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HOME: Colorado 12-8, 4-4 Pac-12 fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot f 5-9 0-0 4-7 7 4 11 f 6-13 0-0 1-2 0 5 5 **tp** 14 13 to bk s min ## Player 01 Bey, Tyler **pf** 3 2 **a** 1 2 0 31 4 0 31 35 Walton, Dallas 5 5 Ō 13 Wright, Namon g 0-3 0-2 0 0 22 0 13 10 0 0-0 6 2 3 0 24 King, George a 5-13 3-10 25 Wright, McKinley 1-4 0-1 5 0 2 35 0 0 5 ò 00 Schwartz, D'Shawn 11 Nikolic, Lazar 0 0 0-1 2-3 0-0 4-5 0 0 1 0 10 0-1 2-7 0 0 0 15 Collier, Dominique 23 Siewert, Lucas 1-4 0-1 0-0 0 0 TEAM 23-65 6-22 10-16 12 22 34 16 62 10 6 7 6 200 Totals

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 11-34 32.4%	2nd Half: 12-31 38.7%	Game: 35.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 2-12 16.7%	2nd Half: 4-10 40.0%	Game: 27.3%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-7 42.9%	2nd Half: 7-9 77.8%	Game: 62.5%	2

Officials:	Mike	Reed,	Jimmy	Casas,	Scott	Brown	
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Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Washington	36	36	72
Colorado	27	35	62

BOULDER — Every loss hurts, but conference home losses are especially damaging — and the Colorado Buffaloes will be feeling this hurt for a while.

The Buffs had all kinds of momentum heading into Saturday's matchup with Washington, a game head coach **Tad Boyle** called a "separation game." CU had won two in a row and four of its last five, and had a chance to hold onto at least a tie for fourth in the conference standings

But the Huskies provided their version of separation, dominating the Buffs on the boards and walking away from the Coors Events Center with a 72-62 win.

Colorado fell to 12-8 overall and 4-4 in Pac-12 play. Washington improved to 14-6, 4-3.

"I can't tell you how disappointed I am," Boyle said in his postgame press conference. "We had put ourselves in position to do something special — I'm not saying we still can't — but this is a blow to the aut."

Washington entered the game last in the conference in rebounding margin and last in offensive rebounds but owned the glass against the Buffs. The Huskies outrebounded Colorado 50-34, including 16 offensive boards, which they converted into 20 points.

"When you get outrebounded by 16 in your own building, something is wrong," Boyle said. "We

got out-toughed, we got punked, we got manhandled — you can name the adjective you want to name. All those fit today. This is not a hard game to analyze. Not a difficult game to break down. We lost by 10, they got 20 second-chance points and they outrebounded us by 16. Ballaame."

CU freshman Tyler Bey was one of the few bright spots for Colorado, finishing with his first collegiate double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds. CU freshman Dallas Walton had 13 points, five rebounds and four blocked shots; and senior George King had 13 points and six rebounds. McKinley Wright IV and Dominique Collier added 10 points each, with Wright also grabbing five rebounds and handing out five assists.

Jaylen Nowell led UW with 19 points and Matisse Thybulle added 18 points and 10 rebounds. HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs actually started off well, jumping out to an 18-9 lead 12 minutes into the game.

But when the momentum changed, it changed in a hurry. After hitting just four of their first 20 shots from the field, the Huskies proceeded to connect on nine of their next 13, sparking a 14-0 run that gave them a lead they would never relinquish. Washington took a 36-27 lead into the locker room at halftime and Colorado never came closer than seven again

The Huskies scored on eight straight possessions in the final eight minutes of the half, including six in a row in the 14-0 burst. Washington also had 10 second-chance points from offensive rebounds in the

Colorado did manage to pull within seven several times in the second half and get the Events Center crowd behind them. But each time, the Huskies answered with buckets — three times after offensive rebounds.

The Buffs didn't help themselves with their shooting. CU finished just 23-for-65 from the field (35.4 percent), including a dismal 6-for-22 effort from 3-point range. The Huskies, meanwhile, shot 25-for-59 and 8-for-19 from beyond the arc.

Washington stretched its lead to as much as 13 late in the game before the Buffs made one final run. A Walton free throw and bucket and McKinley Wright three point play pulled CU to within 63-56 with 3:39 still to play.

But the Huskies answered with a Nowell bucket on each of the next two possessions to basically put the game away. The Buffs pulled back within seven on two more instances but could

#11/12 ARIZONA 80, COLORADO 71

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

VISITORS: Colorado	12-9	, 4-5	Pac-12	2									
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s min
01 Bey, Tyler	f	5-9	0-1	1-2	2	5	7	'n	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
O5 Brown, Deleon		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0 13
11 NIkolic, Lazar		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% 1st Half: 4-10 40.0%	2nd Half: 18-26 69.2% 2nd Half: 4-6 66.7%	Game: 55.8%	DEADBALL REBOLINDS
3-Pt. FG% F Throw %		2nd Half: 1-2 50.0%	Game: 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	α	to	bk	s	min
13 Ayton, Dandre	f	4-10	0-0	12-12	0	6	6	'n	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-Cartwright	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, Allonzo	g	8-13	2-6	5-5	0	0	0	2	23	3	0	0	0	33
05 Randolph, Brandon	-	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
11 Lee, 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%	DEADRAII
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 Brill, Deldre Carr

Attendance: 14644			
Score by Periods	lst	2nd	1
Colorado	30	41	
Arizona	30	50	

TUCSON, Ariz — Free throws made the difference Thursday night, as the Colorado Buffaloes outrebounded 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 outrebounded 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

"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 ballaame, 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 12-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.

Allonzo Trier scored 23 for Arizona and Deandre Avton 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 an 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 Jack son-Cartwright in the final minute to put the game away.

#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	α	to	bk	s min
01 Bey, Tyler	f	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	5	6	0	3	0	0 19
35 Walton, Dallas	f	3-10	0-1	0-0	4	4	8	1	6	1	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	3-8	2-4	0-1	1	9	10	2	8	1	3	1	0 23
25 Wright, McKinley	g	1-10	0-4	0-0	0	3	3	3	2	7	2	3	1 32
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, Lazar		2-4	2-3	0-0	0	4	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	4 200

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	α	to	bk	s min
10 Shibel, Vitaliy	f	1-4	1-4	0-0	0	2	2	3	3	0	0	1	0 9
23 White, Romello	f	4-6	0-0	2-5	2	2	4	0	10	0	0	2	0 20
00 Holder, Tra	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
44 Justice, Kodi	g	3-10	1-6	0-0	0	2	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	4	2	0	2 26
14 Lawrence, Kimani		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 3
22 Witherill, Austin		0-0	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	0 1
25 Fogerty, Grant		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
35 Lake, De'Quon		5-5	0-0	0-0	0	5	5	3	10	0	0	2	1 18
25 Fogerty, Grant					•	0	0						

TOTAL 3-Pt. F F Thro	5% 1st Half: 0-10 0.0%	2nd Half: 10-21 47.6%		DEADBALL REBOUNDS 1
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Officials: Gregory Nixon, Frank Harvey III, Bill Vinovich

Attendance: 13943 Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	32	34	66
Arizona State	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 Farao 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

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

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

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 Bovle** 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	α	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	3	6	0	0	0	0 21
43 Jokl, Jakub		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0 2
50 Popoola, Christian		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0 2
TEAM					3	3	6						
Totals		20-57	7-23	8-12	7	27	34	15	55	13	14	2	6 200

HOME: Colorado 13-10, 5-6 Pac-12									
3-Pt. FG% F Throw %	1st Half: 2-14 14.3% 1st Half: 0-0 0.0%	2nd Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd Half: 8-12 66.7%	Game: 30.4% Game: 66.7%	REBOUNDS 2					
TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 9-33 27.3%	2nd Half: 11-24 45.8%	Game: 35.1%	DEADBALL					

## Player	fq-a	3fq-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 1-5	0-0	1-2	0	6	6	2	3	0	2	1	2 23
35 Walton, Dallas	f 1-5	0-1	0-0	1	4	5	2	2	0	2	1	1 21
	g 0-1	0-1	0-2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1 17
24 King, George	g 4-8	2-4	2-2	0	10	10	1	12	1	3	0	0 33
25 Wright, McKinley	g 8-12	1-3	4-4	1	2	3	2	21	4	1	1	0 32
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	2-2	2-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	6	0	0	0	0 13
05 Brown, Deleon	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0 12
10 Strating, Alexander	0-0	0-0	0-2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
12 Martinka, AJ	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0 1
15 Collier, Dominique	2-5	2-3	2-2	0	5	5	3	8	4	2	0	3 23
23 Siewert, Lucas	3-10	3-7	4-4	0	3	3	1	13	1	1	0	2 23
33 Repine, Josh	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
TEAM				1		1						
Totals	22-5	110-22	13-18	4	32	36	16	67	12	12	3	9 200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 10-23 43.59	% 2nd Half:	12-28 42.9%	Game: 43.1%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-10 40.0%	2nd Half:	6-12 50.0%	Game: 45.5%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-6 50.0%	2nd Half:	10-12 83.3%	Game: 72.2%	3
Officials: Verne	e Harris, Randy McCall,	Tommy Nunez			
Attendance: 7	645				
Score by Perio			Total		
Utah	20	35	55		
Colorado	27	40	67		

BOULDER — Heading into Friday night's game, Colorado senior George King was the only player on CU's roster who had ever played in a win over Utah.

King did his best to make sure there would be more Buffs who know what that is like, and he and his tenmmates did it in style. Kina recorded a 12-point, 10-rebound double-double — his sixth of the season — and the Buffs played stifling defense all night to produce a 67-55 win over the Utes, ending a seven-game losing streak to their Pac-12 rival.

Colorado improved to 13-10 overall and 5-6 in Pac-12 play while the Utes dropped to 13-9, 5-6. While a number of the games in the recent series have been close, the Buffs didn't allow. Friday's game to go down to the wire. Colorado overcame an early deficit to forge a seven-point lead at the half, then built the margin into double digits early in the second half and maintained the cushion for the remainder of the game

CU freshman McKinley Wright IV led all scorers with 21 points and sophomore Lucas Siewert chipped in 13, his second straight game in double figures.

But the biggest impact for the Buffs came on the defensive end of the floor as they held Utah to a season low in points. The Utes, who entered the game with four players averaging double-figure scoring, did not have a single player score in double digits. Utah shot just 20-for-57 from the field, including just 7-for-23 from 3-point range, and David Collette led Utah with eight points.

Colorado also held a 36-34 rebounding edge.

"Obviously it was a great win for our program," CU coach **Tad Boyle** said. "I have great respect for Utah and the job that Larry's done there since he's been there is remarkable. A lot of people forget that when he took that thing over it wasn't in the best of shape. I have a lot of respect for how they do their business and how they play. They went to Arizona last weekend and beat Arizona State in overtime, had a shot to beat Arizona at the buzzer. They're a good team."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado started slowly and trailed for much of the first half.

But a King basket with 4:07 remaining in the period — part of a 10-0 CU run leading into halftime — gave the Buffs a 22-20 lead and they never trailed again.

"We just had a lot of energy and effort," King said. "We had a sense of urgency tonight. I think that when we got stops it ignited us offensively as well."

Indeed, after leading by seven at halftime, 27-20, the Buffs quickly bumped the margin to double digits in the second half. A pair of Siewert 3-pointers pushed Colorado's edge to 40-27 with 13:43 to play, and not even a Krystkowiak timeout could halt the surge. The Buffs continued to build the cushion and with just more than four minutes to play, a King basket pushed CU's edge to 63-42.

The Utes never threatened again as Colorado's defense took care of business down the stretch. "We did a good job of taking away their strengths," King said. "The scouting report the coaches

had for us did a really good job of pointing out their strengths and keeping it simple. They just made sure we knew their strengths and what they look to do."

The Utes entered the game as one of the Pac-12's best 3-point shooting teams in conference play. But guard Justin Bibbins — the Pac-12 leader in 3-pointers per game — was 0-for-5 from beyond the arc and finished with just seven points. Utah guard Sedrick Barefield, another long-distance ace, hit just one 3-pointer and finished with just seven points.

Along with three players in double figures, the Buffs also got key contributions from senior **Dom**inique Collier (eight points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals), Tyler Bey (6 rebounds) and Dallas Walton (5 rebounds).



COLORADO 68. CALIFORNIA 64

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

VISITORS: Califor	VISITORS: California 8-17, 2-10 Pac-12													
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s	min
10 Sueing, Justice	f	1-15	1-5	3-5	2	0	2	4	6	0	1	0	2	28
24 Lee, Marcus	f	4-8	0-0	2-4	6	6	12	2	10	1	2	1	0	32
22 Okoroh, Kingsley	C	5-7	0-0	2-3	4	2	6	3	12	0	1	0	1	29
01 McNeill, Darius	g	3-11	2-6	4-4	0	3	3	3	12	2	1	0	3	37
02 Harris-Dyson, Juhwa	n g	4-6	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	5	9	0	1	0	1	22
14 Coleman, Don		3-9	2-4	0-0	1	0	1	2	8	0	3	0	1	23
15 Davis, Roman		2-2	0-0	2-2	2	3	5	3	6	0	2	0	0	15
21 Hamilton, Nick		0-2	0-0	1-2	0	2	2	2	1	0	2	0	1	11
42 Welle, Cole		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
TEAM					3	1	4							
Totals		22-60	5-16	15-22	18	18	36	24	64	3	13	1	10	200
TOTAL EG% 1ct l	Half- 9,28	32 1%	2ne	d Half- 1	2.37	40 A	NC.	Gan	no: 34	7%	n	And	ALL	

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	α	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	3-7	0-1	11-14	3	3	6	0	17	5	3	0	1	34
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn		3-6	1-3	1-1	0	2	2	3	8	0	1	0	0	21
05 Brown, Deleon		1-3	0-2	2-3	1	1	2	2	4	0	2	1	0	19
15 Collier, Dominique		3-7	2-5	0-1	0	2	2	2	8	2	1	0	1	26
23 Siewert, Lucas		2-4	1-1	1-2	1	1	2	0	6	2	3	2	0	22
TFAM					2	1	3							

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 Holf: 10-15 66 7%	Game: 65.5%	4

22-44 5-16 19-29 10 22 32 19 68 12 19 5 5 200

Officials: Mike Reed, Eric Curry, Larry Spaulding

Attendance: 6385			
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Tota
California	28	36	6
Colorado	28	40	6

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 Coars 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'Shwawn Schwartz, Dominique Collier and Dallas Walton all chipped in eight points apiece for Colorado.

Kingsley Okoroh 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 toniaht."

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

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." Still, Cal refused to go away, pulling to within one again with just 4:41 to go on an Okoroh

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 Okoroh 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

COLORADO 64, STANFORD 56

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

/ISITORS: Stanford 13-13, 7-6 Pac-12												
## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tр	α	to	bk	s min
00 Okpala, 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	0-4	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, Oscar	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	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 C.L.	HOME CL. LICIO T / D. 10							

HOME: Colorado 15-10, 7-6 Pac-12														
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s min	
01 Bey, Tyler	f	4 -7	0-0	1-3	2	4	6	5	9	0	2	0	2 18	
35 Walton, Dallas	f	2-5	1-1	1-1	0	2	2	1	6	0	0	0	1 19	
11 Nikolic, Lazar	g	2-5	1-3	1-1	1	2	3	1	6	1	3	2	0 22	
24 King, George	g	5-12	1-2	0-0	3	6	9	0	11	3	1	1	2 33	
25 Wright, McKinley	g	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%	DFADBALL
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

Score by Periods Stanford Colorado	1st	2nd	Tot
	30	36	5
	31	33	6

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 logiam 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 then physically on Thursday, but I really challenged them. I had individual meetings with certain grups and certain groups of guys. Let's just say they weren't feel-good, pat-you-on-the-back attaboy type meetings - they were more challenging in-your-face type meetings. . . . 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

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**, 10 points, 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, with 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.

WASHINGTON STATE 73, COLORADO 69

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

VISITORS: Colorado 1	5-1	1, 7-	7 Pac-	12									
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	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	0-4	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	1 33
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	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	1	2	5	4	1	5	0	0 23
23 Siewert, Lucas		2-4	1-2	1-1	0	2	2	2	6	0	0	0	0 20
TEAM					2	1	3						
Totale		00.51	2_10	24-25	12	27	20	10	40	10	15	2	2 200

3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 0-8 0.0% Game: 16.7% REBOL F Throw % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd Half: 20-25 80.0% Game: 74.3% 6	HOME: Washinaton State 10-15, 2-11 Pac-12								
TOTAL TOTAL TO ESTACION ENGINEER TO ESTACE OUTS OF THE SERVICE OF	3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3	0 30.0% 2nd Half: 0-8	0.0% Game: 16.7	7% REBOUNDS	,				

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s	min
04 Daniels, Viont'e	g 2-7	2-6	4-5	1	4	5	5	10	4	0	1	1	31
22 Flynn, Malachi	g 11-19	3-8	5-6	1	4	5	2	30	0	2	0	3	35
35 Skaggs, Carter	g 0-6	0-6	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	29
03 Franks, Robert	f 4-12	1-6	5-8	3	5	8	3	14	3	2	2	2	33
32 Cooper, Davante	f 4-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	5	8	0	1	1	0	11
05 Acquaah, Milan	1-3	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
12 Shpreyregin, Steven	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	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, Arinze	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
40 Hinson, Kwinton	1-3	0-1	1-2	2	0	2	3	3	2	1	0	0	12
43 Bernstine, Drick	2-5	0-0	1-2	1	4	5	4	5	0	0	1	0	29
TEAM				2	3	5							
Totals	25-62	7-29	16-23	11	22	33	24	73	9	7	5	8	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-31 38.7%	2nd Half: 13-31 41.9%	Game: 40.3%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 3-14 21.4%	2nd Half: 4-15 26.7%	Game: 24.1%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 3-7 42.9%	2nd Half: 13-16 81.3%	Game: 69.6%	6

Officials: Tommy Nunez, Shawn Lehigh, D.G. Nelson Attendance: 2249

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Tota
Coloradó	29	40	69
USC	30	43	73

PULLMAN, Wash. — With the table set for a strong stretch run, the Colorado Buffaloes instead went hungry Thursday night, dropping a crucial 73-69 loss at Washington State

The Buffs led by as much as seven in the second half but couldn't hold the edge over the final minutes, allowing the Cougars to take the lead late and hold on for the win.

The defeat, which ended a three-game win streak for the Buffs, dropped CU to 15-11 overall and 7-7 in Pac-12 play. The Cougars, who ended a seven-game losing streak, improved to 10-15, 2-11.

The game was critical in CU's bid for a top-four Pac-12 finish as well as remaining in the hunt for an NCAA Tournament bid. Colorado could have moved into a tie for fourth in the conference standings with a win — and just one game away from second place — but instead will head to Washington for Saturday's game tied for eighth. The loss and accompanying missed opportunity left CU head coach Tad Boyle in a sour mood.

erybody that's a part of Buff basketball. This is on us. ... We didn't execute, we didn't play with effort, energy and toughness. ... This was just an absolute awful performance. I'm the head coach and I take this upon myself." Despite 15 turnovers that led to 18 Washington State points, CU had its chances against the

"Pathetic is the only description I can come up with," Boyle said. "This is on me, this is on

Cougars but could not come up with defensive stops when they mattered most. Malachi Flynn did the biggest damage for WSU, scoring 21 of his 30 points in the second half. McKinley Wright IV had 16 points, seven rebounds and six assists for Colorado, Dallas

Walton added a career-high 16 points and six rebounds and George King had nine points and 11 HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado trailed 30-29 at intermission but put together a 9-2 run to open the second half and assume control. The Buffs maintained the lead for much of the half, leading by as

much as seven, but WSU stayed within range and finally regained the edge, 64-63, on a Robert Franks bucket with 2:56 to play. Colorado then fied the game three times and finally took the lead again with 51 seconds left on a McKinley Wright three-point play, 69-68. WSU, though, quickly answered with two Flynn free throws to

go back up by one, 70-69, with 46 seconds left. Colorado then whiffed on its next two possessions, one of which ended in a turnover, while the

Cougars added three free throws to sew up the win.

Flynn, who Colorado held to five points in a CU win earlier this season, was virtually unstoppable in the second half. He scored nine straight points for WSU at one stretch midway through the second half

and scored seven of the Cougars' final nine points in the last two minutes of the game.

Neither team established anything resembling a rhythm in the first half. Colorado led early before WSU rallied to lead by as much as four, 25-21. The Buffs then put together an 8-0 run, capped by a

Namon Wright three-point play that gave Colorado a 29-25 lead with 4:59 to play.

That, though, was the last time the Buffs scored in the half. Washington State then scraped together five points over the final five minutes to take a 30-29 lead at intermission. Neither team shot well from the field (CU was 10-for-25, WSU 12-for-31), but the biggest difference came in turnovers. The Buffs committed eight miscues in the first half, which Washington State converted into seven points.

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	α	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 Strating, 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	3	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	14-13	7-8	12	22	34	12	50	10	12	7	2	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	10-7	, o-u	ruc-i.	4										
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	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 Thybulle, Matisse	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	Ω	n	1

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	

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30-63 9-21 13-14 10 23 33 12 82 13 8 7 12200

Officials: Dick Cartmell, Ryan M	cDaniel, Steve (Olson
Attendance: 9258		

23 Johnson, Carlos

32 Bowman, Greg

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Totals

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. Matisse Thybulle 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 reagin 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

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

"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,													
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	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 Rakocevic, Nick	f	2-4	0-0	1-2	3	3	6	2	5	1	1	2	0 28
02 Mathews, 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	2	9	1	1	0	1 31
00 Aaron, Shaqquan	·	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, Derryck		3-5	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	2	7	2	2	0	3 18
TEAM					2		2						
Totals		29-53	10-20	7-11	8	18	26	13	75	13	6	6	9 200

3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd Half: 5-11 45.5%	Game: 54.7% Game: 50.0% Game: 63.6%	DEADBALL REBOUNDS 1
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HOME: Colorado 15-1	١3,	7-9 F	Pac-12											
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s min	
01 Bey, Tyler	f	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	7	7	ì	Ž	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	0	1	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	

TOTAL FOR	3 - 11 15 30 00 40 00	0 1111/ 2000 40 50/	0 43.50/	
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

33

22-5310-2310-11 13 19 32 15 64 15 13 4 1 200

Officials: Randy McCall,	Verne Harris, Dei	on White	
Attendance: 7008			
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Tot
lict	27	20	7

Colorado

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 Troigns improved to 20-9, 11-5. It was also CU's third loss at home this season, as the Buffs fell to 11-3.

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, fied it at 58, and they come out and go on a 13-0 run, 11-0 run, whatever it was," (U 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 field 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 aet 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 LICIA 76

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

VISITORS: UCLA 19-1	0,	10-7	Pac-12	!										
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tр	α	to	bk	s	mir
14 Goloman, 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	۰	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	1	1	0	13
23 Ali, Prince		4-7	3-6	0-0	1	4	5	2	11	2	0	0	0	19
TEÁM					2	1	3							
Totals		27-65	14-31	8-12	11	30	41	21	76	12	11	4	4	200

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	α	to	bk	s n	nin
01 Bey, Tyler	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	2	Ž	0	0	1	1	17
35 Walton, Dallas	f	2-5	0-0	0-1	0	7	7	3	4	2	1	1	0 :	21
15 Collier, Dominique	g	5-10	5-9	4-6	0	4	4	1	19	3	1	0	2 :	33
24 King, George	g	4-11	3-9	5-6	1	3	4	2	16	1	2	3	2 :	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	11
11 Nikolic, Lazar		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	17
13 Wright, Namon		4-8	3-5	0-0	0	3	3	1	11	0	2	0	0	18
23 Siewert, Lucas		3-5	2-2	7-8	3	2	5	2	15	0	1	0	1 :	23
33 Repine, Josh		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 (0+
TEAM					3	3	6							
Totals	- 1	24-58	314-30	18-25	8	30	38	15	80	15	10	5	8 2	200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 14-30 46.7%	2nd Half: 10-28 35.7%	Game: 41.4%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 10-20 50.0%	2nd Half: 4-10 40.0%	Game: 46.7%	REBOUNDS
F Throw %	1st Half: 7-8 87.5%	2nd Half: 11-17 64.7%	Game: 72.0%	3

Ufficials: Iony Padilla, Eri	ic Curry, Chris K	astatter	
Attendance: 8176	•		
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
UCLA '	36	40	76
Colorado	45	35	80

BOULDER — Colorado's seniors made their Coors Events Center finale one to remember

CU senior **Dominique Collier** scored a season-high 19 points — his most ever in the Coors Events Center — and fellow senior **George King** added 16 as the Buffs celebrated Senior Day with an 80-76 win over UCLA.

The win ended a three-game skid for the Buffs and improved Colorado to 16-13 overall and 8-9 in Pac-12 play while the Bruins dropped to 19-10, 10-7. Paired with CU's victory at UCLA in January, the win also gave Colorado its first-ever two-game season sweep of the Bruins.

Sophomore Lucas Siewert added 15 points and five rebounds, McKinley Wright IV had 10 points and eight assists, and **Namon Wright** had 11 points to give the Buffs five players in double figures. Colorado scored 18 points off 11 UCLA turnovers and shot 41 percent from the floor (24-for-58), including 14-of-30 3-point tries, Collier hit five of those trevs.

Aaron Holiday led UCLA with 21 points. "Today's a special day," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We have four really special seniors that we wanted to send out on the right note, on a high note, and we did that."

HOW IT HAPPENED: "It was really emotional," Collier said. "Coming in this morning for pregame, and through warmups, I didn't think I'd get really emotional. But when my family stood around me and I walked out there, I got real emotional. That's when it really hit me that it's the last time playing in this building. I just wanted to come out here and play well and come out with

The Buffs did exactly that, thanks to a huge boost from Collier. Making his first start in Pac-12 play this season, Collier had three straight 3-pointers in a late first-half surge to help Colorado to a 45-36 halftime edge, then added five straight CU points in a decisive 17-1 Colorado run in the second half after UCLA had rallied to take the lead

King, meanwhile, also had five points in deciding run, including a 3-pointer at the end, along with a huge block on a Kris Wilkes drive to the basket that resulted in a McKinley Wright layup on

Thanks to a barrage of threes to end the first half — seven of CU's final eight buckets of the half were 3-pointers - CU led by nine at intermission, 45-36.

But after taking a 50-40 lead four minutes into the second half, the Buffs went cold and the Bruins got hot. UCLA put together a 12-2 run to tie the game at 52-52, then finally took the lead, 56-54, with 8:42 to play. Colorado went six minutes without a field goal, missing seven straight attempts in the stretch.

Colorado, though, had another run in hand. Freshman Lazar Nikolic ended the CU drought with a 3-pointer from the corner, the beginning of the 17-1 run that put the Buffs back in control

Soon after Nikolic's 3-pointer, Collier added a pair of free throws and a long trey before King's block led to Wright's layup. King then added two more free throws, Wright connected on a drive down the lane and King buried a 3-pointer to give CU a 71-57 lead with 4:47 remaining.

"We made the plays, both offensively and defensively, down the stretch," Boyle said. "Players make plays. That's the bottom line. In tight games, when it is anybody's game, our guys made the plays tonight."

UCLA did manage to close the gap back down to single digits with some late 3-pointers, pulling to within four in the final minute. But a King steal and two free throws with 20 seconds remaining bumped the cushion back to seven to seal the win.





GAME 30

UTAH 64. COLORADO 54

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

VISITORS: Colorado	16-14 8	3-10 Pac	-12										
## Player	fg-	a 3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	to	bk	s	min
01 Bey, Tyler	f 3-	5 0-0	2-2	1	2	3	3	8	0	1	2	1	18
35 Walton, Dallas	f 3-	3 0-0	1-2	2	1	3	2	7	0	0	0	1	20
15 Collier, Dominique	g 0-	4 0-1	0-0	1	0	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 7-1	1 0-4	2-2	1	5	6	3	16	3	5	0	1	35
00 Schwartz, D'Shawn	2-	5 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, Namon	0-	5 0-2	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	0	17
23 Siewert, Lucas	5-1	0 1-3	0-1	2	5	7	2	11	2	2	1	1	28
TEAM				4		4							
Totals	22-	ሐበ 3-1 8	7-11	15	26	41	24	54	5	12	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	α	to	bk	s min	
13 Collette, David	f	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	ì	4	1	0	1	0 7	
21 Rawson, 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	1	14	1	1	0	2 25	
02 Caldwell, Kolbe		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0 8	
03 Tillman, Donnie		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 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				1			
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

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Tota
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 ran out of a little bit of juice, but I can't foult 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 dock — and Utah big man David Collette out with an ankle injury — the Utes put tagether 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 for 40 minutes. It rame bank to hite 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 sonhomore 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 S	tate	20-I	I										
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	α	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	1-4	1	3	4	1	7	0	0	1	0 19
00 Holder, Tra	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, Kodi	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 Witherill, Austin		0-0	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 0+
25 Fogerty, Grant		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0+
35 Lake, De'Quon		5-6	0-0	2-2	2	6	8	5	12	0	1	0	0 18
TEAM					1		1						
Totals		30-63	313-32	12-21	7	19	26	18	85	15	3	4	3 200

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

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HOME: Colorado 17-14 ## Player

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	0	1	0	0 16	
13 Wright, Namon	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 0+	
TEAM													

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

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Tota
Arizona State	37	48	8.
Colorado	41	56	97

LAS VEGAS — Colorado's first-round magic in the Pac-12 tournament remains strong under conth Tad Royle

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**

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 90. 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.

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

OTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-26 46.2%	2nd Half: 10-26 38.5%	Game: 42.3%	DEADBALL
-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 4-10 40.0%	2nd Half: 1-10 10.0%	Game: 25.0%	REBOUNDS
Throw %	1st Half: 5-5 100%	2nd Half: 13-17 76 5%	Game: 81.8%	6

22-52 5-20 18-22 4 23 27 28 67 10 15 3 3 200

HOME: Arizona 25-7

## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tр	α	to	bk	s min
13 Ayton, Deandre	f	4-14	0-0	2-6	2	4	6	5	10	2	3	3	2 25
14 Ristic, Dusan	С	5-10	0-0	6-8	2	9	11	2	16	0	0	0	0 35
00 Jackson-Cartwright	g	4-7	3-6	3-6	1	4	5	3	14	4	2	0	3 29
01 Alkins, Rawle	g	3-8	2-4	4-6	2	2	4	1	12	0	1	1	4 34
35 Trier, Allonzo	g	5-9	2-5	10-10	0	0	0	1	22	3	1	0	1 36
03 Smith, Dylan		1-4	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	0 8
05 Randolph, Brandon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 3
23 Barcello, Alex		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1
24 Akot, Emmanuel		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	1 14
25 Pinder, Keanu		2-4	0-0	1-2	3	3	6	2	5	0	0	0	0 15
TEAM						2	2						
Totals		25-57	7-18	26-38	10	26	36	18	83	11	8	4	11200

TOTAL FG%	1st Half: 12-27 44.4%	2nd Half: 13-30 43.3%	Game: 43.9%	DEADBALL
3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-12 41.7%	2nd Half: 2-6 33.3%	Game: 38.9%	REBOUNDS

3-Pt. FG%	1st Half: 5-12 41.7%	2nd Half: 2-6 33.3%	Game: 38.9%	REBOUNDS
				KEDUUNUS
F Throw %	1st Half: 6-7 85.7%	2nd Half: 20-31 64.5%	Game: 68.4%	9

Attendance: 15182 Score by Periods 1st 2nd

Officials: Verne Harris Mike Scynhers Nate Harris

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Colorado	33	34	67
USC	35	48	83

LAS VEGAS — Colorado's hopes of a Pac-12 tournament quarterfinals upset over top-seeded Arizona came to a crashing halt in the second half Thursday at T-Mobile Arena.

Not coincidentally, the end came at the same time Buffs starting point guard **McKinley Wright**IV crashed out of bounds and left the game with an ankle injury, helping pove the way for an 83-67

Arizona win.

Wright was injured with the Buffs trailing by just three, 42-39, early in the second half. Soon after he was helped from the floor, the Wildcats put together a 14-0 run to take a 58-41 lead and Colorado never seriously threatened again.

CU senior George King led the Buffs with 19 points in his final Pac-12 game while sophomore Lucas Siewert chipped in 16.

The Buffs held Deandre Ayton to just 10 points on 4-for-14 shooting, but Allonzo Trier scored 22

for the Wildcats and Dusan Ristic had a 16-point, 11-rebound double-double.

Colorado was 18-for-22 from the free throw line, but the Buffs were also whistled for 28 fouls to

Arizona's 18, and the Wildcots hit 26 of their 38 free throws.

The Buffs shot just 38.5 percent from the field (22-for-52) while the Wildcots shot 44 percent (25-

"Today was not Colorado's day, obviously, and Arizona had a lot to do with that," head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "My hat goes off to them. They played well. They played better than us today. We weren't good enough. We weren't good enough. We weren't good enough. We weren't good enough. But all gome long. I thought a lot of 50-50 balls that could have gone either way went to Arizona, which, again, they deserve them because they oot them. . . It was a frustning afternoon for us."

HOW IT HAPPENED: After a close first half, the Buff appeared ready to take the game down to the wire. The Buffs trailed by two at intermission and withstood an early UA run in the second half to pull back within three, 42-39, when Wright hit a jumper from the lane and Siewert hit a pair of free

But when Wright went crashing into the crowd on the baseline after pursuing an offensive rebound, CU's hopes dimmed considerably. UA's Deandre Ayton scored at the other end on the play before a timeout could be called, and Wright was helped to the floor and later to the locker room.

"I was crashing the glass, doing my job," Wright said. "I just came down on it very awkwardly."
After Wright's exit, CU temporarily palled back to within three on a pair of Namon Wright free
throws, but the Wildcats answered with their 14-0 run to put the game away. The Buffs didn't help their
cause, committing three turnoves in the stretch, each of which the Wildcats converted into buckets.

Arizona led by as much as 18 down the stretch, and Colorado was never able to close the gap to single digits again.

The big difference in the game came on the offensive boards, where Arizona outscored Colorado 10-2 on second-chance points; in tumovers, where 15 CU missues led to 19 Arizona points; and from behind the 3-point line, where Colorado hit just 5 of 20 attempts one day after shooting 61 percent from three in a win over Arizona State. The Buffs mode just one of 10 3-point tries after holltime.

Colorado led early, holding a 17-12 edge after six straight points from Lucas Siewert. But following a firmeout, the Wildcats answered with a 15-2 run to take a 27-19 lead with just under six minutes left in the half.

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Colorado, though, answered with a 10-2 surge, fueled by eight points from King. The CU senior had a pair of 3-pointers and a drive to the hoop in the bust to field the game at 29 before Arizona outscored Colorado 6-4 over the final three minutes to take a 35-33 lead into the locker room at halftime.