COLORADO 100, DRAKE 71

Nov. 13, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: Drake 1-1 a to s bk min 2 3 1 0 16 fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf f 2-4 0-0 0-1 0 2 2 5 f 3-10 0-4 7-9 2 5 7 0 g 5-10 4-7 2-5 0 2 2 3 ## Player 3 1 0 16 2 Tremell Murphy 13 16 35 Nick McGlynn D.J. Wilkins g 5-10 g 6-10 4-7 3 18 4 3 2 0 31 4 3 1 2 0 0 31 1 10 1 1 0 0 19 20 Nick Norton 2-2 1 2 3 g 1-9 0-1 0-1 22 Brady Ellingson 1-8 2-5 0 14 Noah Thomas 4-9 0 1 1 5 0 4 7 0 0 11 Antonio Pilipovic 0-0 1-2 2 0 0 0 5 1 0 1 27 21 Liam Robbins 0-0 0-0 0 0 2 4 Anthony Murphy 0-3 Samm Jones 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 1 0 2 24-62 11-37 12-21 8 21 29 26 71 14 13 5 2 200 Totals.

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-28 42.9% 2nd Half: 12-34 35.3% Game: 38.7% DEADBALL 1st Half: 7-18 38.9% 2nd Half: 4-19 21.1% Game: 29.7% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd Half: 9-15 60.0% Game: 57.1% 3 F Throw %

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| 21 Evan Battey | f | 3-6 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 20 |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | f | 4-4 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 0 Shane Gatling | g | 3-7 | 1-3 | 5-8 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 22 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | ġ | 3-7 | 0-2 | 3-5 | 3 | 11 | 14 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 21 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | ġ | 6-9 | 0-2 | 5-6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 25 |
| 13 Namon Wright | | 8-12 | 5-8 | 4-5 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 29 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | | 3-4 | 1-2 | 2-4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | | 2-4 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| 12 AJ Martinka | | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 33 Aidan McQuade | | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 34 Benan Ersek | | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
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| Totals | | 33-56 | 10-22 | 24-37 | 8 | 36 | 44 | 17 | 100 | 15 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 16-28 57.1% 2nd Half: 17-28 60.7% Game: 58.9% DEADBAL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 7-12 58.3% Game: 45.5% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 10-17 58.8% 2nd Half: 14-20 70.0% Game: 64.9% 7

Officials: Frank Harvey III, Doran Gotschall, Nate Harris

Attendance: 5695 Score by Periods

1st 2nd Total 37 71 55 100 34 45 Colorado

BOULDER — Colorado coach Tad Boyle had two directives for his Buffaloes in their season opener Tuesday night against Drake: play hard and play with con-

The Buffs did both, carving out a 100-71 win over the Bulldogs by utilizing hot shooting, balanced scoring and some solid defense. The 100 points was the most by CU in a season opener since a 113-89 win over Cal State-Northridge in 1990.

CU's effort showed up in the numbers: four players in double-figure scoring, 58.9 percent shooting (33-for-56) from the floor, a 44-29 rebounding edge, just 12 turnovers and 15 assists.

As for the confidence, "That's something you can't teach, you can't coach, but you want your players to have a little bit of swagger in terms of how they feel about themselves when they step on the floor," Boyle said. "You have to have that to be successful in college. You don't want it to be too much, but you want them to believe in what they've worked on over the summer and certainly through the fall. Overall I was pleased with the first game."

Senior Namon Wright led the Buffs, coming off the bench to finish with 25 points — his best effort as a Buff — along with eight rebounds. Sophomore **McKinley Wright IV** added 17 points and six assists, junior **Shane Gatling** scored 12 points and junior Lucas Siewert chipped in 11. Tyler Bey just missed a double-double, finishing with a career-high 14 rebounds and nine points.

Nick Norton led Drake with 18 points.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Bulldogs hit the Buffs early from the 3-point line with three treys in the first six minute and the first half featured eight lead changes before Colorado seized control with a 15-2 run over the last four minutes to take a 45-34 lead at the half.

"Early we got caught asleep a little bit," McKinley Wright said. "They hit two wide-open ones out the gate and we kind of talked about it in the timeout. We did a good job the rest of the way of running them off the 3-point line and making them go in the lane for tough twos."

Namon Wright, who was 5-for-8 from 3-point range, sparked the 15-2 run with seven points, including a 3-pointer. McKinley Wright added a pair of assists and four points in the surge, including a driving layup at the buzzer.

The Buffs then put the game away early in the second half. CU scored the first seven points of the half to bump its cushion to 52-35, and after a Drake timeout, the Buffs quickly bumped the edge into the 20s. Namon Wright had six points in the early surge and the Bulldogs never came closer than 17 again, with CU's big lead hitting 34.

"Having a good point guard, having good teammates, just being confident in shooting the ball when I'm open and just playing defense," Wright said of his game. "A few of the baskets I got from playing defense — getting in the lane or we were running in transition. We were just playing as a team and we were running when we got stops."

After hitting seven 3-pointers in the first half, the Bulldogs managed just four more after intermission.

"Overall we started contesting shots better in the second half," Boyle said. "You can't let a good 3-point shooting team get rhythm and get hot because then you've got your hands full. The 3-point line is a great equalizer in college basketball. We've got to understand that. There's some room for improvement there.

But Boyle also liked the killer instinct his team showed early in the second half, something that wasn't always present last season.

"That's something we lacked a lot last year," McKinley Wright said. "We'd have halftime leads and come out and let the team get right back in the game. This year, our focus is kind of put teams away when we have them down. I think we showed that tonight now we have to keep them going.

COLORADO 79, OMAHA 75

Nov. 16, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

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| 40 Matt Pile | f | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 29 |
| 44 Mitch Hahn | f | 4-13 | 0-4 | 1-1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| 0 JT Gibson | g | 7-11 | 4-7 | 0-0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 18 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 38 |
| 5 KJ Robinson | g | 4-8 | 2-4 | 3-4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 33 |
| 21 Zach Jackson | g | 7-14 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 34 |
| 22 Brett Barney | | 1-3 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 10 Ayo Akinwole | | 1-5 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 |
| 13 Waniang Tut | | 3-5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-29 41.4% 2nd Half: 17-32 53.1% Game: 47.5% DEADBALL 1st Half: 3-12 25.0% 2nd Half: 6-10 60.0% Game: 40.9% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 2-3 66.7% 2nd Half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 66.7% 3

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| 23 Lucas Siewert | f 6-10 | 4-6 | 0-0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 26 |
| 0 Shane Gatling | g 0-2 | 0-2 | 4-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 |
| | g 7-13 | 0-1 | 2-3 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 30 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | g 6-10 | 2-4 | 1-1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | g 3-7 | 0-1 | 7-8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 28 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 0-3 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 18 |
| 14 Deleon Brown | 1-4 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 21 |
| 13 Namon Wright | 3-6 | 1-4 | 4-4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 26-55 | 8-21 | 19-23 | 11 | 25 | 36 | 13 | 79 | 13 | 16 | 4 | 6 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-24 45.8% 2nd Half: 15-31 48.4% Game: 47.3% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd Half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 38.1% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd Half: 12-14 85.7% Game: 82.6% 3

Officials: Verne Harris, Jim Schipper, Rick O'Neill

Attendance: 5720 Score by Periods

1st 2nd Total Omaha 46 75 46 79 Colorado

BOULDER — Three nights after a runaway win in the season opener, Tad Bovle's Colorado Buffaloes found themselves in a nail-biter Friday night against visiting Omaha.

But with their backs to the wall, the Buffs came up with big plays down the stretch to wrap up a 79-75 win at the CU Events Center to improve to 2-0 while Omaha fell to 1-3.

"They found a way to win, they found a way to buck up and gets stops when they needed to get stops," Boyle said.

No Colorado play was bigger than ${\bf Tyler\ Bey's}$ steal, layup and free throw with 29.9 seconds remaining that gave CU a 77-72 lead. Omaha answered with a Zach Jackson 3-pointer to close the gap to two with 17 seconds to go, but Colorado held on down the stretch, with McKinley Wright IV clinching the victory with two free throws with 7.4 second on the clock

CU finished with five players in double-figure scoring, led by Bey and Lucas Siewert with 16 apiece. D'Shawn Schwartz added a career-high 15 points to go with a career-best seven rebounds, McKinley Wright added 13 points and Namon Wright chipped in 11.

The Buffs hurt themselves with 16 turnovers, which Omaha converted into 19 points. But the Buffs had a 36-27 edge on the boards and hit 19 of 23 free throw attempts while Omaha was 8-for-12 from the line.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After taking a 33-29 lead at intermission, Colorado threatened to take control with a 5-0 burst to open the second half. But the Mavericks responded with a 20-10 run to take a 59-58 lead, setting the stage for a see-saw final seven minutes in a game that featured 17 lead changes and 24 ties.

Colorado finally took the lead for good with 2:25 remaining when Siewert folowed a Deleon Brown miss to give CU a 72-70 lead. But the Mavericks, who shot 53 percent from the field in the second half — including 6-for-10 from 3-point range - kept it close right down to the end.

"They came in and brought it to us," McKinley Wright said. "They gave us their best effort. We weren't great from the start but we found a way to dig it out. A win is a win. We'll take it '

Wright, playing against long-time friend and high school teammate JT Gibson. was not at his best. He had an uncharacteristic five turnovers — the Buffs finished with 16 — and was just 3-for-7 from the field.

But even on an "off" night, Wright still had some game-deciding moments. He hit a huge bucket with 1:51 to go that gave the Buffs a 74-70 lead, then added his two clinching free throws in the final seconds.

Siewert, who had 11 points on 4-for-4 shooting in CU's 100-71 win over Drake, was 6-for-10 from the floor against the Mavericks, including 4-for-6 from 3-point range for his 16 points. Along with his putback that gave Colorado the lead for good in the final minutes, the CU junior had back-to-back 3-pointers early in the second half that helped end an 8-0 Mavericks run.

The Buffs seemed out of synch for much of the first half, particularly on the offensive end. Colorado had four turnovers in the first five minutes, which the Mavericks gladly converted into eight points en route to building an 11-6 lead.

CU finally found some offensive rhythm and put together a 7-0 run to take the lead, capped by a Siewert 3-pointer, only to hit another lull and allow the Mavs to momentarily regain a 22-21 edge with 7:42 to go in the half.

But two minutes later, the Buffs finally took the lead again when a Namon Wright basket gave CU a 26-24 lead. Bey added two baskets in the final two minutes — one fueled by a Brown steal and another off a nice pass down the lane from McKinley Wright - to give the Buffs a 33-29 edge at the half.

GAME 3

SAN DIEGO 70, COLORADO 74

Nov. 20, 2018, San Diego, Calif. (Jenny Craig Pavilion)

VISITORS: Colorado 2-1 ## Player Fig-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf 3-4 0-1 0-0 2 6 8 5 0-2 0-1 0-0 1 1 2 5 3-9 1-3 0-0 1 2 3 4 **a** 0 to s bk min **tp** 6 0 7 1 1 5 22 0 0 1 23 3 1 0 23 Tyler Bey 3 D'Shawn Schwartz f 23 Lucas Siewert 0 Shane Gatling g 2-6 2-3 2-3 0 g 5-13 1-5 3-4 2 1-2 0-0 0-0 0 2-3 0 1 1 3 3-4 2 5 7 4 0-0 0 2 2 0 8 0 1 0 1 24 14 2 0 25 McKinley Wright 36 4 1 0 0 0 2 Daylen Kountz 0 0 0 0 4 0 1 5 0 3 18 1 0 10 Alexander Strating 2-2 0-0 13 Namon Wright 1-4 0-0 0 1 1 0 18 14 Deleon Brown 2-3 1-2 0 1 0 0 20 21 Evan Battev 7-13 2-3 2-6 3 4 0 1 0 28 24 Eli Parquet TEAM 0-1 0-1 0-0 Ö 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-30 40.0% 2nd Half: 12-27 44.4% Game: 42.1% DEADBALL 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 2nd Half: 4-12 33.3% Game: 36.8% REBOUNDS 3-Pt. FG% F Throw % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 6-11 54.5% Game: 60.0% 3

24-57 7-19 9-15 10 25 35 25 64 13 14 7 6 200

HOMF: San Diego 4-1

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| 00 Isaiah Pineiro | f | 9-19 | 3-5 | 6-6 | 4 | | 7 | | 27 | 2 | | | | 37 |
| 25 Yauhen Massalski | f | 3-4 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 30 |
| 01 Tyler Williams | g | 1-7 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| 03 Olin Carter III | g | 7-15 | 4-9 | 4-4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 38 |
| 22 Isaiah Wright | g | 1-8 | 0-4 | 2-2 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 37 |
| 02 Joey Calcaterra | | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 13 Jose Martinez | | 0-2 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| 15 Alex Floresca | | 1-2 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| 22 Finn Sullivan | | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| TEAM | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Totals | | 22-60 | 8-25 | 18-21 | 15 | 26 | 41 | 18 | 70 | 11 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-31 38.7% 2nd Half: 10-29 34.5% Game: 36.7% DEADBALL 1st Half: 5-13 38.5% 2nd Half: 3-12 25.0% Game: 32.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd Half: 12-13 92.3% Game: 85.7% 1

Officials: Mike Reed, Larry Spaulding, Kelly Pfeifer

Attendance: 1880

Score by Periods Colorado 1st 2nd Total 30 San Diego

SAN DIEGO - Freshman Evan Battey scored a career-high 18 points and the Colorado Buffaloes had their chances to collect an important road win Tuesday night, but the Buffs fell short in the final minutes, dropping a 70-64 decision to San Diego.

The Buffs led at several junctures of the game, including 61-60 with just 1:56 to go after a pair of free throws from McKinley Wright IV.

But Colorado couldn't get a stop on the other end and the Toreros scored six straight points to regain control. A Shane Gatling 3-pointer with 22 seconds left pulled Colorado back to within two, 66-64, but USD hit four free throws in the final 20 seconds to put the game away.

Wright added 14 points to go with Battey's 18, but they were the only Colorado players in double figures. The Buffs hurt themselves by hitting just nine of their 15 free throw attempts, with two misses on the front end of one-and-one situations proving costly in the final four minutes. USD, meanwhile, hit 18 of 21 free throw tries, including eight straight in the final minute.

The biggest difference came in second-chance points. The Toreros outrebounded Colorado 41-35, including a 15-10 edge on the offensive boards. San Diego converted those offensive rebounds into 18 points.

CU was also slowed all night by foul trouble, with Tyler Bey missing most of the first half with two fouls and fouling out with his fifth in the final minute.

"We lost this game in two areas," head coach Tad Boyle said, "One I have to get better at as a coach, and that's our execution offensively. We have to execute better than we executed down the stretch. The area the players have to get better in is second shots. They shoot 36 percent, we shoot 42 percent, but they get 15 offensive rebounds. ... It was a game we could have won, I feel like we should have won, and our players feel like that. But the bottom line is we didn't win and we all have to take responsibility for that."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado trailed by five at intermission, 35-30, but put together a 12-0 run early in the second half to build a 45-37 lead. Battey had five points in the surge and Lucas Siewert added a 3-pointer.

But the Toreros slowly chipped away at the cushion by answering Colorado's run with a 17-6 surge that gave USD a 60-56 edge with just under five minutes to play. The run included a pair of San Diego buckets off of offensive rebounds, as well as a five-point possession.

Colorado answered with a 5-0 burst to take a 61-60 lead, with Wright scoring all five points. USD regained the edge on an Isaiah Pineiro dunk with 1:31 to go, and the Buffs then turned it over on their ensuing possession. Bey then fouled Pineiro — his fifth — with 58 seconds remaining and Pineiro hit two free throws to give USD a three-point lead.

Colorado then missed a pair of shots on its next possession and the Toreros put the game away at the free throw line in the final 30 seconds.

The Buffs were hampered by foul trouble for much of the first half, with starters Bey and D'Shawn Schwartz each playing just seven minutes before being tagged with their second fouls.

The Buffs managed to stay in the game thanks to nine first-half points from Battey, including a pair of 3-pointers. But Battey also drew his second foul with just under four minutes to play, and Lucas Siewert also had two fouls by the end of the

Colorado jumped out to a 6-0 lead, but the Toreros quickly came back and turned it into a see-saw game that saw seven ties and seven lead changes in the first half. With Battey, Bey and Schwartz on the bench with two fouls for Colorado, the Toreros scored the last five points of the half in the final minute to take a 35-30



COLORADO 93. AIR FORCE 56

Nov. 24, 2018, USAFA, Colo. (Clune Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 3-1

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| 23 Lucas Siewert | 6-6 | 3-3 | 2-2 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 17 | 2 | 4 1 | 0 22 |
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| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | 5-9 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 1 1 | 1 23 |
| 25 McKinley Wright IV | 1-4 | 0-1 | 3-4 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 4 2 | 0 27 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 5-6 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 0 0 | 0 16 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 10 |
| 13 Namon Wright | 5-8 | 3-6 | 00 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 1 0 | 1 18 |
| 14 Deleon Brown | 2-3 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 4 0 | 0 18 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 4-5 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 0 2 | 0 21 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 2-5 | 2-4 | 0-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 0 | 1 12 |
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Totals. 34-58 14-29 11-18 8 36 44 21 93 18 16 3 8 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-28 42.9% 2nd Half: 22-30 73.3% Game: 58.6% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 7-16 43.8% 2nd Half: 7-13 53.8% Game: 48.3% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd Half:6-10 60.0% Game: 61.1% 4

HOME: Air Force 2-4

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| 12 Lavelle Scottie | f 3-7 | 0-1 | 2-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 4 3 | 0 | 26 |
| 3 Sid Tomes | g 0-7 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 0 | 0 | 22 |
| 10 AJ Walker | g 4-9 | 0-1 | 5-6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 1 0 | 0 | 34 |
| 22 Pervis Louder | g 0-3 | 0-1 | 4-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 44 Keaton Van Soelen | g 2-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 2 | 1 | 20 |
| Caleb Morris | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 1 | 0 | 13 |
| 2 Zach Couper | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 5 Chris Joyce | 3-9 | 0-4 | 1-1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 0 0 | 0 | 28 |
| 11 Ameka Akaya | 4-5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 1 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 15 Abe Kinrade | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 20 Isaac Monson | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 21 Nick Rene | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 25 Bryce Hughes | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 34 Ryan Swan | 4-6 | 1-2 | 2-5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 2 0 | 0 | 14 |
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TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-26 38.5% 2nd Half: 10-28 35.7% Game: 37.0% DEADBALL 3-Pt FG% 1st Half: 0-6 0.0% 2nd Half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 7.7% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd Half: 9-18 50.0% Game: 53.6% 5 Officials: Tony Padilla, Deldre Carr, Tommy Nunez

1st 2nd Total Score by Periods Colorado 36 57 93 30 56 Air Force 26

USAFA, Colo. - On an afternoon when Colorado's leading scorer was held in check in the points column and its leading rebounder was forced to exit early with an injury, the Buffaloes went to their "go-to-player" - the open man.

Colorado shot nearly 60 percent from the field and four players scored in double figures as the Buffaloes sprinted to a 93-56 win over Air Force Saturday at Clune Arena.

Junior forward Lucas Siewert tied a career-high with 17 points to lead four double-digit scorers as Colorado emphatically put an end to a six-game losing streak in true road contests that dated back to last season.

Colorado drilled a season-high 14 3-pointers, hitting 48 percent beyond the arc. Namon Wright had 13 points while D'Shawn Schwartz and Daylen Kountz each had 11.

Leading scorer McKinley Wright IV was held to five points, but dished out five assists and grabbed six rebounds. Tyler Bey played only seven minutes after taking a rough fall on his right shoulder on an alley oop attempt in the first half and did not return.

Step up Siewert, and the rest of the Buffaloes whose depth took center stage. "The go-to-guy on this team is the open man," Colorado head coach Tad

Boyle said. "Some nights we're going to need McKinley to score for us and other nights he needs to distribute for us. He rebounded the ball well, especially when

Siewert was a perfect 6 of 6 from the field, including three from 3-point range. He also matched his personal best with eight rebounds.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Boyle implored his team to put the foot down on the gas pedal, and keep it there. Minus a brief lapse late in the first half, the Buffaloes did just that.

Colorado came out firing from long range, making five of its first six 3-point attempts to build an early 17-4 lead in the first six minutes. Siewert made two of those, with another coming from Bey, the first of his career.

Colorado's first seven field goals were all 3-pointers. Air Force missed 13 of its first 16 shots, which allowed the Buffs to run. When they did, they moved the ball fast, and well, which led to open looks.

After the early success outside, the Buffaloes began to attack the paint. Evan Battey scored a pair of baskets on post moves and Kountz had a driving layup to give Colorado a 33-18 advantage.

The Falcons made a run toward the end of the first half, after the Buffs had cooled off. Air Force used an 8-0 run to trim CU's lead to seven at 33-26 with 1:31 left in the half.

McKinley Wright IV ended that run with a driving layup with just under a minute left. He finished off the half with a free throw and Colorado's was back up to double digits, 36-26.

Once the second half started, Colorado put down the gas pedal, and left it on for good. The Buffaloes opened on an 18-3 run and doing so at an incredibly efficient pace. Colorado missed its first field goal attempt of the period, but made its next 12 before its next miss.

Schwartz, who played limited minutes early with two quick fouls, began the run with five straight points. From there the floodgates opened. Colorado scored on six of its next seven possessions, culminating with a Siewert steal and coastto-coast dunk that gave Colorado its largest lead of the game at 55-29.

Gatling hit a pair of 3-pointers, his second capping off Colorado's string of 12-straight made field goals and gave the Buffaloes a 64-38 advantage with 10:19 remaining in the game. Colorado ended up shooting 73.3 percent in the second half (22-30) alone and totaled 18 assists on 34 baskets overall.

COLORADO 93. PORTLAND 69

Nov. 28, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

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| 12 Theo Akwuba | С | 3-4 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 24 |
| 2 JoJo Walker | g | 2-6 | 0-2 | 5-6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 21 |
| 10 Marcus Shaver Jr | g | 3-13 | 0-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 32 |
| 11 Josh McSwiggan | g | 8-19 | 5-11 | 1-1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 30 |
| 13 Franklin Porter | g | 4-7 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 36 |
| 14 Tahirou Diabate | | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 20 Takiula Fahrensoh | n | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| 1 Malcolm Porter | | 3-8 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 28 |
| 21 Josh Phillips | | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 22 Brian Smith | | 3-3 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 32 Hugh Hogland | | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
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HOME: Colorado 4-1

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| 23 Lucas Siewert | f 5-9 | 2-4 | 6-8 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 27 | |
| 0 Shane Gatling | g 4-7 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 21 | |
| 1 Tyler Bey | 4-13 | 0-4 | 4-4 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 19 | |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | 1-6 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 20 | |
| 25 McKinley Wright | 7-11 | 2-3 | 6-6 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 22 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 26 | |
| 21 Evan Battey | 4-5 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 20 | |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 0-1 | 0-0 | 3-8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | |
| 13 Namon Wright | 3-5 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 20 | |
| 14 Deleon Brown | 2-3 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| 12 AJ Martinka | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| 33 Aidan McQuade | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 34 Benan Ersek | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| TEAM | | | | 1 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 31-63 | 8-22 | 23-30 | 11 | 33 | 44 | 13 | 93 | 11 | 13 | 8 | 2 | 200 | |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-31 41.9% 2nd Half: 18-32 56.3% Game: 49.2% DEADBALL 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd Half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 36.4% R 1st Half: 9-14 64.3% 2nd Half: 14-16 87.5% Game: 76.7% 7

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Jim Schipper, D.G. Nelson

Attendance: 5550 Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Portland 36 33 69 39 54 93 Colorado

BOULDER - Colorado coach Tad Boyle is a firm believer that good defense leads to a productive offense

The Buffs (4-1) followed that recipe Wednesday night, breaking open a tight game in the second half to run away with a 93-69 win over Portland (5-4) at the CU Events Center, Junior Lucas Siewert scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for his first career double-double and McKinley Wright IV added 22 points and seven rebounds for the Buffs.

The Buffs finished with five players in double figures, with **Evan Battey** (10 points, five rebounds), **Tyler Bey** (12 points, six rebounds) and **Shane Gatling** (11 points) joining Siewert and Wright. It was Wright's seventh career 20-point game, and the third time in five games thus far that the Buffs have surpassed the 90-point

Josh McSwiggan led Portland with 22 points.

Siewert scored 15 of his 18 points in the first half to keep the Buffs in what was a close game for the first 20 minutes. Wright scored 15 of his 22 after halftime, gniting a 16-1 run that broke open a 51-51- tie game and ultimately sparking a 28-4 surge that turned the game into a rout.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado led by just three at the half, 39-36, after alowing the Pilots to shoot 48 percent from the field (15-for-31). That included a 10-for-14 stretch that led to a 20-7 Portland run that erased a 12-point CU lead.

But following a halftime talk from Boyle, the Buffs produced a much better effort on the defensive end in the second half, which in turn led to an offensive outburst that put the game away. Colorado broke away from a 51-51 tie with 14 minutes to go with a 16-1 run, then built the lead to as much as 32 late in the game.

"I got after them pretty good at halftime and they responded in the second half," Boyle said. "One of the things we talked about at halftime is they have to take ownership of what we're trying to do defensively and I felt like they really did in the second half. It started with McKinley but it didn't end with McKinley. We got some eally good defensive possessions, broke the game open, and had a runaway."

Wright started the 16-1 run with a 3-pointer, then added a pair of free throws less than 30 seconds later. Bey added six points in the run and Namon Wright had four, including a steal and breakaway dunk

"Vintage McKinley Wright," Boyle said. "He just says, 'OK guys, it's time to get this train moving,' and the train starts moving.

Fueling the run was a CU defensive effort that held the Pilots without a field goal for more than four minutes.

"Once we get stops, we get out in transition and that's when we're at our best," McKinley Wright said. "We're trying to focus on defense this year. We're one of the best teams in the country when we get out and run."

Colorado finished with a 25-11 edge in fast-break points while shooting 48.4 percent from the field (31-for-64) to go with a commanding 44-27 edge on the boards. The Pilots, meanwhile, shot just 37.5 percent from the field after halftime

Siewert continued to be a weapon inside and out, hitting two of his four 3-point tries to go along with three baskets inside and six free throws

The Buffs threatened to break the game open in the first half, going on a 15-3 un to take a 26-14 lead with just more than nine minutes to go in the period. Siewert, McKinley Wright and Deleon Brown all had 3-pointers in the surge But just when it looked like the Buffs might blow the game open, their defense

went south. The Pilots battled back with a 20-7 run to take a 34-33 lead with just under two minutes to go, hitting 10 of 14 field goal attempts in the burst.

Colorado finally recovered to regain the lead and take a 39-36 edge at inter-

GAMF 6

COLORADO 86, COLORADO STATE 80

Dec. 1, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: Colorado State 4-4 ## Player fig-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf tp 6-11 0-0 3-8 2 10 12 4 15 1-5 1-3 0-0 0 1 1 3 3 1-2 0-1 2-2 0 1 1 1 4 a to s bk min 2 4 1 1 36 4 1 3 0 27 0 1 1 0 15 32 Nico Carvacho c 6-11 0-0 Kendle Moore 13 Lorenzo Jenkins g 15 A. Masinton-Bonnerg 5-7 4-5 0-0 0 3 3 3 14 0 2 0 0 29 7-14 1-4 8-14 3-6 22 J.D. Paige g 7-14 2-2 2-2 6 3 0 0 31 3 30 Kris Martin 4 21 0-0 Lonzia Tyson 31 Adam Thistlelwood 2-5 1-4 1-2 0 2 2 4 6 1 0 0 0 26 TEAM Totals. 30-58 10-23 10-16 3 26 29 21 80 11 12 6 1 200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-26 50.0% 2nd Half: 17-32 53.1% Game: 51.7% DEADBALL 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd Half: 5-12 41.7% Game: 43.5% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 1-5 20.0% 2nd Half: 9-11 81.8% Game: 62.5% 3

| 10ME | Colorado 5-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| # Play | er | | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
| 23 Luca | as Siewert | f | 7-11 | 2-4 | 0-1 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
|) Sha | ne Gatling | g | 5-13 | 3-8 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Tyle | r Bey | g | 7-11 | 0-1 | 9-9 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 23 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 22 |
| D'SI | nawn Schwartz | g | 0-3 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| 25 McK | inley Wright | g | 8-12 | 0-1 | 2-3 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 18 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 35 |
| 2 Day | len Kountz | | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 13 Nan | on Wright | | 1-3 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16 |
| 14 Dele | on Brown | | 1-7 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 21 Eva | n Battey | | 3-9 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| TEA | M | | | | | 3 | 1 | 4 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Tota | ıls | | 33-70 | 6-21 | 14-18 | 12 | 28 | 40 | 15 | 86 | 17 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-36 33.3% 2nd Half: 21-34 61.8% Game: 47.1% DEADBALL 1st Half: 3-14 21.4% 2nd Half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 28.6% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 12-14 85.7% Game: 77.8% 3

Officials: Mike Scyphers, Kevin Brill, Scott Brown Attendance: 7887 Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Colorado State

BOULDER — Big plays on both ends of the floor made the difference for Colorado down the stretch Saturday, as the Buffs fought back to collect an 86-80 win over rival Colorado State at the CU Events Center.

Colorado improved to 5-1 while CSU fell to 4-4 as CU ended a two-game losing streak to the Rams.

In a see-saw game that featured 12 lead changes and four ties, the Buffs found themselves down by one when a 10-0 CSU run gave Colorado State a 75-74 lead with 2:26 to play.

But the Buffs answered with a 3-point play from Evan Battey seconds later to regain the lead, then produced a decisive sequence to put the game away in the final two minutes. It included drawing an offensive foul on the defensive end, a breakaway slam dunk from Shane Gatling for a four-point lead after Lucas Siewert rebound, a huge block from Tyler Bey on the defensive end, and six consecutive free throws from Bey in the final 23 seconds.

"At the end of games, especially games like tonight, players make plays," CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "I can call the plays, CSU can call their plays, but the players who make the plays is the team that wins the game."

The Buffs had their fair share of players doing just that.

Bey was one of three Buffs with a double-double, scoring 21 of his career-high 23 points in the second half as well as grabbing seven of his 10 rebounds after intermission. McKinley Wright IV recorded an 18-point, 11-assist double-double and Siewert had a 16-point, 10-rebound effort for Colorado. Gatling finished with 13 points to give the Buffs four players in double-digit scoring while Battey added seven points, five rebounds and a pair of big second-half assists.

The Rams also had four players in double figures, led by Kris Martin with 21 points and J.D. Paige with 17.

The Buffs won despite Colorado State shooting 51.7 percent from the field (30-for-58). CU overcame a cold-shooting first half to shoot 61 percent in the second half (21-for-34), including a stretch in which the Buffs hit 12 field goal tries in

The Buffs also had a 40-29 edge on the boards.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After trailing for much of the first half and early in the second, Colorado finally regained the lead with a stretch that saw the Buffs hit 12 consecutive field goal tries. CU put together a 10-2 run that turned a 41-40 deficit into a 50-43 lead, with Wright starting the run with a 12-foot jumper before Siewert and Bey each added four points.

Colorado State came back several times to narrow CU's cushion, but each time Colorado answered. The Buffs finally built their lead to 10 points, 67-57, with 7:16 to go on a Gatling 3-pointer and Bey slam dunk.

But the Rams had one more rally in their pocket. A J.D. Paige drive threepoint play cut Colorado's lead to two, 74-72, with three minutes to play before a 3-pointer from Anthony Mastinton-Bonner capped a 10-0 run to give the Rams a 75-74 lead with 2:23 remaining.

That set the stage for the final two minutes, with Battey's drive to the hoop past CSU big man Niko Carvacho and ensuing free throw giving the Buffs the lead for good.

The Buffs struggled from the floor for the entire first half while the Rams had no such issues. Colorado shot just 33 percent, hitting 12 of its 36 field goal tries including 3-for-14 from 3-point range — while the Rams hit 50 percent of their shots, going 13-for-26 and 5-for-11 from beyond the arc.

As a result, the Buffs trailed for most of the half and entered the locker room down by three, 32-29, at intermission.

GAME 7

COLORADO 82. SOUTH DAKOTA 58

Dec. 4, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: South Dakota 4-4

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to s | bk | min | |
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| 12 Trey Burch-Manning | f 5-10 | 1-4 | 1-4 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 1 3 | 1 | 31 | |
| 13 Matt Johns | f 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 1 | 0 | 18 | |
| 3 Triston Simpson | g 3-11 | 0-5 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 4 0 | 0 | 31 | |
| 20 Brandon Armstrong | g 1-8 | 1-4 | 2-4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 29 | |
| 22 Tyler Peterson | g 5-12 | 1-4 | 4-5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 2 | 2 0 | 0 | 35 | |
| Stanley Umude | 1-3 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 1 | 0 | 12 | |
| 33 Logan Power | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 0 | 0 | 10 | |
| 24 Nathan Robinson | 0-6 | 0-3 | 5-8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 16 | |
| 32 Jay Harvey | 2-2 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 1 | 0 | 18 | |
| TEAM | | | | 4 | 2 | 6 | | | | 2 | | | |
| Totals | 19-56 | 4-23 | 16-27 | 13 | 20 | 33 | 23 | 58 | 4 | 13 6 | 1 | 200 | |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 7-25 28.0% 2nd Half: 12-31 38.7% Game: 33.9% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 1-13 7.7% Game: 17.4% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 11-14 78.6% 2nd Half: 5-13 38.5% Game: 59.3% 5

HOME: Colorado 6-1

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| 23 Lucas Siewert | 2-5 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| 0 Shane Gatling g | 2-3 | 1-1 | 6-6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 22 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | 5-7 | 0-0 | 3-4 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 19 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz g | 6-7 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 23 |
| 25 McKinley Wright g | 4-9 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 29 |
| 13 Namon Wright | 1-5 | 1-4 | 4-4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 3-7 | 0-2 | 8-10 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 22 |
| 14 Deleon Brown | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 3-6 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 12 AJ Martinka | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 33 Aidan McQuade | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 34 Benan Ersek | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TEAM | | | | 3 | 1 | 4 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Totals | 33-70 | 6-21 | 14-18 | 12 | 28 | 40 | 15 | 86 | 17 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-25 52.0% 2nd Half: 13-29 44.8% Game: 48.1% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd Half: 1-9 11.1% Game: 31.3% R F Throw % 1st Half: 11-15 73.3% 2nd Half: 14-15 93.3% Game: 83.3% 2 Game: 31.3% REBOUNDS

Officials: Michael Greenstein, Larry Spaulding, Nate Harris

| Attendance: 6462 | | | |
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| Score by Periods | 1st | 2nd | Total |
| South Dakota | 28 | 30 | 58 |
| Colorado | 41 | 41 | 82 |

BOULDER — Every night, it seems, Tad Boyle's Colorado Buffaloes turn to a different weapon, as CU has had six different players lead the team in scoring in

Tuesday night, it was redshirt freshman Evan Battey and sophomore D'Shawn Schwartz with the honors, as both tossed in a team-high 14 points in an 82-58 win over South Dakota at the CU Events Center.

The win, Colorado's fourth in a row, improved the Buffs to 6-1 while South Dakota fell to 4-4. It was CU's fourth straight game with at least 80 points and fifth in seven outings this season, as five Buffs hit double-figure scoring.

Tyler Bey added 13 points and seven rebounds to CU's totals while McKinley Wright had 11 points, six rebounds and five assists, and Shane Gatling finished with 11 points.

The Buffs continued their smooth-shooting ways, hitting 48 percent of their field goals (26-for-54), while also producing a 41-33 edge on the boards. CU also held the Coyotes to just 34 percent shooting shooting from the field (19-for-56), and nine different Buffs finished with at least 10 minutes of playing time.

Battey, who continues to shake the rust from his game after a two-year layoff from competitive play, also had four assists - all in the first half - and four rebounds.

"When we start hitting on all cylinders, this is a dangerous team," Boyle said. "We just have to understand that on any given night it might be someone else's night. We have to be OK with that. If we are, then we will be OK."

Tyler Peterson led the Covotes with 15 points.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs never trailed in the game, and built a 10-point lead midway through the first half before the Coyotes cut the margin back to five. Colorado, though, finished the half with an 18-10 surge, with Battey getting three assists in the run. The first went to Schwartz, who delivered a ferocious dunk, the second went to Lucas Siewert for a layup, and the third went to Gatling on the wing for a 3-pointer.

"I've always been a good passer and they know that," Battey said. "They cut, they space out so I can hit them."

After taking a 13-point lead into intermission, 41-28, the Buffs quickly blew the game open in the first three minutes of the second half. CU bumped the lead to 49-30 in the first two minutes of the period, then pushed the cushion into the 20s on a pair of baskets from Bey after a South Dakota timeout did nothing to halt Colorado's run. CU led 53-32 with 16:45 still to play, and the Buffs' cushion never dipped below 20 again the rest of the night.

Maybe the only blemish on Colorado's night was 13 turnovers, with nine of those coming in the first half. But the Buffs reduced their mistakes in the second half while also ratcheting up the defensive pressure, including a stretch in which they limited South Dakota to just 1-for-8 shooting.

Boyle was particularly pleased with CU's defensive effort. The Buffs, who

allowed Colorado State to shoot better than 50 percent from the field in last weekend's 86-80 Colorado win, entered the game 10th in the Pac-12 in field goal

The Covotes had no such luck, hitting just 19 of their 56 field goal tries. South Dakota did not make consecutive field goal attempts until less than four minutes remained in the game, and the Coyotes missed 17 straight 3-point tries after hitting three of their first five.

COLORADO 84, UIC 72

Dec. 8, 2018, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: UIC 4-6 ## Player 13 Jordan Blount 35 Travell Washington f Marcus Ottey g10-15

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TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-22 59.1% 2nd Half: 17-31 54.8% Game: 55.6% DEADBALL 1st Half: 1-6 16.7% 2nd Half: 5-10 50.0% Game: 37.5% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd Half: 4-4 100% Game: 60.0% 2

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| 3-5 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 26 |
| 3-8 | 0-3 | 6-8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 25 |
| 6-9 | 1-3 | 2-4 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 3 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 33 |
| 4-8 | 2-4 | 2-3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| 6-15 | 1-5 | 8-8 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 21 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 31 |
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| 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
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TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-30 40.0% 2nd Half: 15-30 50.0% Game: 45.0% DEADBALL 1st Half: 2-9 22.2% 2nd Half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 26.3% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 8-14 57.1% 2nd Half: 17-19 89.5% Game: 75.8% 2

Officials: Mike Reed, D.G. Nelson, Ryan Holmes

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| Score by Periods | 1st | 2nd | Total |
| UIC | 29 | 43 | 72 |
| Colorado | 34 | 50 | 84 |
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BOULDER — While Colorado's defense may not have been at its best Saturday afternoon, McKinley Wright IV was, particularly down the stretch.

That was enough for the Buffs. The sophomore point guard scored CU's final 10 points of the game, including all eight in a decisive 8-0 CU run, to lift the Buffs to an 84-72 win over Illinois-Chicago.

Colorado won its fifth straight to improve to 7-1 while UIC dropped to 4-6. CU also surpassed the 80-point barrier for the fifth straight time and sixth time this

Wright finished with 21 points, nine assists and six rebounds. Sophomore forward Tyler Bey collected his second double-double of the year with a 15-point, 15-rebound effort (a career high), and Shane Gatling and D'Shawn Schwartz each scored 12 for Colorado.

Marcus Ottey led the Flames with 22 points, as UIC shot 56.6 percent from the field (30-for-53). A big difference came at the free throw line, where Colorado hit 25 of 33 attempts while UIC was 6-for-10 from the stripe.

The Buffs finished with 16 turnovers, but forced 24 UIC miscues, which Colorado converted into 20 points. The Buffs also scored 50 points in the second half, the fifth time this season they have scored at least 50 after intermission

"That was a hard-fought win against a really talented UIC team," head coach Tad Boyle said, "We have a lot of room for improvement after a game like this, but

HOW IT HAPPENED: Wright's run started after UIC's Godwin Boahen hit a 3-pointer to pull the Flames within four, 74-70, with just more than three minutes to

Wright hit two free throws at the 2:20 mark to bump CU's margin to six, then hit a basket in the lane after a steal 20 seconds later. He drew an offensive foul on UIC's next possession and followed it up with another basket to give CU a 10-point cushion with 1:35 to play.

Wright also had a key rebound in the final minute, hit two free throws with 40 seconds left to give Colorado a 12-point cushion, and then iced the game with two more free throws with 30 seconds remaining.

"He's just a winner," Boyle said. "He makes winning plays. We expect so much of him and he just makes big plays down the stretch."

The Buffs never trailed in the game, and led for nearly 38 of the 40 minutes. But every time Colorado threatened to build a comfortable cushion, the hot-shooting Flames had an answer. CU led by five at the half, had 10-point leads at several junctures after intermission, and pushed the lead to 11 with 4:33 to go.

But the Buffs could not put the game away until the final two minutes. It was the second time in a week that the Buffs allowed an opponent to shoot better than 50 percent from the field, as CSU also managed the feat in an 86-80 Colorado win

"It seems like they couldn't miss," Wright said. "We have to do a better job of helping each other and having each other's back. We'll watch film and get better. Colorado did do a good job on UIC leading scorer Tarkus Ferguson, holding

him to just three points, 14 under his average. But along with Ottey's 22 — most of which came on drives to the rim — the Flames also got 20 from Jordan Blount and 15 from Boahen. The Flames did most of their damage in the paint, outscoring Colorado 42-30 near the rim.

Still, the Buffs made plays when necessary, CU held a solid 36-28 edge on the boards, which helped the Buffs to a 16-2 edge in second-chance points. Four of Bey's 15 rebounds were on the offensive end, and he finished with 33 minutes, 16 seconds of playing time, also a career high.

GAME 9

COLORADO 78, NEW MEXICO 75

Dec. 11, 2018, Albuquerque, N.M. (Dreamstyle Arena - The Pit)

VISITORS: Colorado 8-1 fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot of to a to s.bkmin

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| 23 Lucas Siewert | f 3-6 | 2-4 | 4-4 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20 |
| 0 Shane Gatling g | 2-5 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | 5-8 | 1-2 | 5-6 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | 0-7 | 0-3 | 3-4 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | 6-12 | 0-1 | 0-3 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 1-5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 13 Namon Wright | 2-4 | 0-2 | 4-5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 |
| 14 Deleon Brown | 2-8 | 1-4 | 3-6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 26 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 4-6 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | 3 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 26-62 | 5-19 | 21-32 | 14 | 37 | 51 | 18 | 78 | 10 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-33 36.4% 2nd Half: 14-29 48.3% Game: 41.9% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd Half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 26.3% REBOUNDS FThrow % 1st Half: 7-13 53.8% 2nd Half: 14-19 73.7% Game: 65.6% 3

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| 15 Vladimir Pinchuk | f 2-6 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| 02 Vance Jackson | g 4-16 | 2-6 | 0-2 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 27 |
| 14 Dane Kuiper | g 4-8 | 0-2 | 3-3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 27 |
| 22 Drue Drinnon | g 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 26 |
| 32 Anthony Mathis | g 7-11 | 7-10 | 2-3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 34 |
| 01 Corey Manigault | 3-10 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| 03 Keith McGee | 3-6 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 15 |
| 04 Tavian Percy | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 10 Makuach Maluach | 2-6 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 14 |
| 25 Karim Ezzeddine | 3-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 21 |
| TEAM | | | | 1 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 29-70 | 10-25 | 7-14 | 8 | 30 | 38 | 25 | 75 | 14 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 16-35 45.7% 2nd Half: 13-35 37.1% Game: 41.4% DEADBALL 1st Half: 5-12 41.7% 2nd Half: 5-13 38.5% Game: 40.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd Half: 1-4 25.0% Game: 50.0% 3

Officials: Kipp Kissinger, Verne Harris, John Higgins

| Attendance: 10800 | | | |
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| Score by Periods | 1st | 2nd | Total |
| Colorado | 34 | 44 | 78 |
| New Mexico | 43 | 32 | 75 |

BOULDER — Tad Boyle's Buffaloes pulled off one of the more improbable comebacks in Colorado history Tuesday night, rallying from 17 points down on the road to collect a gritty 78-75 win at New Mexico.

The Buffs improved to 8-1 with their sixth straight win while New Mexico fell to

4-4. It was the third-largest deficit overcome by the Buffs on the road since such records began being kept in 1947.

Sophomore Tyler Bey recorded his third double-double in four games for the Buffs, finishing with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Lucas Siewert, who hit two key free throws in the final seconds, had 12 points and six rebounds, McKinley Wright IV had 12 points and eight rebounds and Evan Battey chipped in 10 points and nine rebounds

Anthony Mathis led New Mexico with 23 points.

"We gutted out a win when we didn't play our best offensively," Boyle said. "We didn't shoot the ball well from 3. We missed a lot of shots in the lane. We didn't shoot the ball well from the free throw line - and we still found a way to win It's a gutsy win by our guys. The first half was not good. But I thought the second half our guys did what we had to do. We showed great toughness."

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs were indeed not at their best. CU trailed by

17 midway through the first half before slicing the deficit to nine by halftime, then saw the New Mexico lead balloon back to 14 early in the second period.

But each time, Colorado battled back, with the biggest difference in the two halves being turnovers. Colorado gave the ball away 12 times in the first half, resulting in 22 New Mexico points, but had just one turnover in the entire second

With just under 16 minutes to play, Colorado still trailed by 14 points, 52-38 and The Pit crowd of 10,800 was at a fever pitch.

But the Buffs found their footing and methodically began to put together a 28-12 run that finally produced a 66-64 lead with 4:35 remaining when Wright hit a drive to the basket. It was CU's first lead in the game since an early 7-6 edge.

The run started with a 10-0 burst, fueled by a basket inside from Battey and a three-point play from Namon Wright. McKinley Wright then capped the 10-0 surge with a drive to the basket, and New Mexico's lead was down to 52-48.

The Lobos then briefly pushed the margin back to six, but Colorado answered again with a Siewert basket inside, then a Bey 3-pointer on a beautiful pass from McKinley Wright. New Mexico expanded the edge back to five, but Colorado then ran off seven straight points to take the lead. Battey hit a 3-pointer in the decisive run before a McKinley Wright drive down the lane gave CU a 66-64 lead with 4:35

Colorado never trailed again. The Buffs built their cushion to as much as six in the final two minutes, and led by four with just 15 seconds to go when McKinley Wright went into the paint for a basket. A Mathis 3-pointer with 7 seconds left pulled New Mexico to within one, 76-75, but Siewert hit two free throws with 5.8 seconds on the clock to bump the margin back to three, and the Lobos missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The Buffs shot just under 42 percent for the game (26-for-62), but were 14for-29 in the second half. They also hit just five of their 19 3-point tries, and were an uncharacteristic 21-for-32 from the free throw line.

The Buffs put themselves in a huge hole in the first half, thanks in large part to 12 turnovers that led to 22 New Mexico points. A 17-3 Lobos run gave New Mexico a 32-15 lead with 7:06 to go in the half, and the Buffs appeared to be on the verge of being blown out.

But the Buffs didn't cave. Instead, Colorado put together a 14-0 run to pull within three, with Bev scoring five in the run. The Lobos, though, answered with an 11-0 run to bump the lead back to double digits before Colorado scored the last five points of the half. A 3-pointer from Deleon Brown at the buzzer pulled the Buffs to within nine at intermission, 43-34.



GAME 10

INDIANA STATE 72, COLORADO 67

Dec. 22, 2018, Honolulu, Hawai'i (Stan Sheriff Center)

VISITORS: Indiana State 7-3 fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf tp a to s bkmin *6-14 5-8 2-2 0 5 5 2 19 3 2 1 0 34 *5-16 1-2 3-3 2 5 7 3 14 3 1 2 0 27 ## Player 2 Jordan Barnes 10 Christian Williams * 5-16 1-2 3-3 2 5 7 11 Tyreke Key * 6-11 0-1 0-0 3 2 5 11 Tyreke Key 13 Clayton Hughes 2 12 4 1 1 0 30 1-4 0-1 0-0 0 0-0 0 2 2 0-0 0 2 2 4 0 3 0 41 Emondre Rickman * 2-5 0-0 0 1 1 14 Allante Holston 2 1-1 1-1 2-3 2-2 1 5 6 0 10 0 2 2 0 20 Cooper Neese 3 4 1 0 1 1 19 1 2 1 2 0 0 8 5 Bronson Kessinger 2-4 0-0 0-0 1 1 0-0 0 23 De'Avion Washington 1-1 35 Devin Thomas 1-1 0-0 0-2 1 1 2 2 2 1 2 0 0 14

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-29 44.8% 2nd Half: 15-34 44.1% Game: 44.4% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 8-12 66.7% 2nd Half: 1-4 25.0% Game: 56.3% REBOUNDS FThrow % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 5-5 100% Game: 77.8% 1

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HOME: Colorado 8-2

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| 23 Lucas Siewert | f 3-9 | 0-3 | 2-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 22 |
| Shane Gatling | g 4-7 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 21 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | g 6-7 | 1-1 | 3-4 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 1 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 34 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | 2-4 | 0-1 | 1-3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | 5-10 | 0-3 | 0-2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 2-3 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| 13 Namon Wright | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 11 |
| 14 Deleon Brown | 1-4 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 21 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 1-6 | 0-2 | 6-8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 25 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 25-52 | 5-18 | 12-19 | 7 | 25 | 32 | 15 | 67 | 10 | 19 | 6 | 9 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-24 41.7% 2nd Half: 15-28 53.6% Game: 48.1% DEADBALL 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd Half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 27.8% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd Half: 7-13 53.8% Game: 63.2% 4 3-Pt. FG%

Officials: Keith Kimble, Ken Ditty, Bart Lenox

Attendance: 6049 Score by Periods

1st 2nd Total Indiana State Colorado 28 39 67

HONOLULU — Paradise turned into Paradise Lost for the Colorado Buffaloes on Saturday.

The turnover-prone Buffs cut a 14-point Indiana State lead to one late in the game, but the Sycamores held on down the stretch to claim a 72-67 decision in the first round of the Diamond Head Classic.

The loss dropped CU to 8-2 while ISU improved to 7-3.

The Buffs were their own worst enemy in the contest. Colorado finished with a season-high 19 turnovers in the game, leading to 20 points for the Sycamores, and CU also lost the rebounding battle, 34-32, leading to a commanding 17-7 edge in second chance points for Indiana State.

It was a disappointing effort for a team that had visions of three more wins and plenty of momentum heading into Pac-12 Conference play.

"I don't mind getting beat — I don't like it, nobody likes it." CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "But I can't live with — and hopefully our players can't live with beating ourselves, and we beat ourselves tonight. Credit to Indiana State. I don't want to take anything away from them. Their kids played hard, they were dialed in. they were ready to play, there's no doubt about that."

But while the Sycamores played well and did have enough to hold off a late Colorado rally, the Buffs also committed too many errors, especially early.

"We lost this game for two reasons — because we didn't take care of the basketball and we didn't limit them to one shot," Boyle said. "And if you look at the numbers, they scored 37 points - 20 off our turnovers and 17 off second-chance points. That's 37 points we gave them because we don't do those two things."

Tyler Bey led CU with a 16-point, 13-rebound double-double while McKinley Wright IV and Shane Gatling each added 10 points. It was Bey's third straight double-double and fourth in his last five games. ISU's Jordan Barnes led all scorers with 19 points, including a 5-for-8 night from 3-point range.

Despite their mistakes, the Buffs had their chances. After ISU built a 14-point cushion early in the second half, Colorado went on a 16-4 run to close the gap to two, 52-50. Bey had 10 points in the surge and the Buffs — who never led in the game - had a chance to tie it up or take the lead after an Indiana State miss.

But on the ensuing possession, Colorado threw it away and the Sycamores turned the miscue into a basket and free throw to push the lead back to five.

Colorado stayed within range and managed to twice cut the deficit down to one in the final minutes. Gatling hit a 3-pointer to pull the Buffs to within 66-65 with 1:14 to go, only to see the Sycamores reap a second-chance bucket on the other end to push the lead back to three.

Wright then had a chance to tie it up scoring on a driving layup and drawing a foul — but he missed the free throw. The Buffs had a chance at the rebound, but the Sycamores came away with the ball and scored on the other end to bump the lead back to three, 70-67, with 22 seconds left. A Gatling 3-point try with 5 seconds remaining missed the mark and the Sycamores then iced the game with two more free throws.

The Buffs trailed 36-28, at the half. Colorado committed 10 first-half turnovers, which Indiana State converted into nine points. At the same time, the Sycamores lived up to their nation-leading 3-point shooting percentage, hitting eight of 12 attempts from beyond the arc in first 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, Colorado went cold after shooting relatively well early. After two Evan Battey free throws tied the game at 20-20 with 7:28 to go in the half, the Sycamores reeled off an 8-0 run, fueled by back-to-back 3-pointers from Cooper ese. CU's Daylen Kountz finally stopped the run with a steal and bucket, but the Sycamores then built their cushion to 11 before a Deleon Brown 3-pointer just before halftime pulled Colorado to within eight, 36-28, at intermission.

HAWAI'I 70, COLORADO 62 OT

Dec. 23, 2018, Honolulu, Hawai'i (Stan Sheriff Center)

VISITORS: Colorado 6-2

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| 0 Shane Gatling | * 0-6 | 0-5 | 1-2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | * 1-6 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 31 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | * 1-6 | 0-3 | 4-4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 31 |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | * 7-14 | 1-4 | 4-7 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 27 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | * 9-12 | 2-3 | 0-1 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 44 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 1-5 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 13 Namon Wright | 0-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 2-8 | 0-1 | 4-5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 0-2 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| TEAM | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Totals | 21-62 | 4-22 | 16-24 | 9 | 26 | 35 | 20 | 62 | 8 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 225 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-29 27.6% 2nd Half: 12-27 44.4% OT: 1-6 16.7% Game: 33.9% DEADBALI 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-9 11.1% 2nd Half: 3-10 30.0% OT: 0-3 0.0% Game: 18.2% REBOUNDS FThrow% 1st Half: 7-11 63.6% 2nd Half: 5-6 83.3% OT: 4-7 57.1% Game: 66.7% 5

HOMF: Hawai'i 7-5

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| 1 Drew Buggs | * 2-7 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 38 | |
| 3 Eddie Stansberry | * 5-12 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 41 | |
| 12 Jack Purchase | * 4-11 | 4-11 | 2-2 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 25 | |
| 14 Zigmars Raimo | * 4-10 | 0-0 | 6-10 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 4 | 14 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 41 | |
| 32 Samuta Avea | * 1-2 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 32 | |
| 0 Leland Green | 1-4 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | |
| 2 Brocke Stepteau | 5-10 | 0-2 | 3-3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 19 | |
| 11 Mate Colina | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | |
| 15 Owen Hulland | 0-3 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | |
| 42 Justin Hemsley | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Totals | 22-61 | 9-30 | 17-25 | 15 | 33 | 48 | 23 | 70 | 12 | 17 | 2 | 6 | 225 | |
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TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-26 30.8% 2nd Half: 11-28 39.3% 0T: 3-7 42.9% Game: 36.1% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd Half: 5-16 31.3% 0T: 2-4 50.0% Game: 30.0% REBOUNDS FThrow% 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd Half: 5-8 62.5% 0T: 6-7 85.7% Game: 68.0% 8

Officials: Kevin Brill, Nate Harris, Ryan Wells

Attendance: 5470 Score by Periods Colorado Hawai'i 1st 2nd OT Total

HONOLULU - Beaches and Buffaloes evidently are not a good mix - not, at least, for the Colorado basketball team.

Sunday, the Buffs lost their second game in as many days in the Diamond Head Classic, dropping a 70-62 decision in overtime to Hawaii on the Rainbow Warriors' home floor. The Buffs, who landed in Hawaii with a six-game win streak. saw their record drop to 8-3 while Hawaii improved to 7-5

Despite shooting poorly for most of the game, the Buffs still had their chances to win. After trailing for much of the game, Colorado fought back to regain the lead with just more than eight minutes to play, and led by six, 52-46, with just under four

But a 10-2 run by Hawaii in the final three-plus minutes put the Rainbow Warriors back in the lead, and it took a **McKinley Wright IV** layup with 16 seconds remaining to tie the game and send it into overtime.

The Buffs, though, managed just one field goal in the extra five minutes of play while Hawaii hit a pair of big 3-pointers, including one from Jack Purchase with 55

"Disheartening loss, but the one thing I can promise our fans is this team's not going to lose their heart," head coach **Tad Boyl**e said. "I can promise you that. They really aren't. ... I take ownership in this loss. I'm not going to blame our players. We're going to get better. We've taken a step backward, there's no doubt

about it, but we are going to get better."

Wright led the Buffs with 20 points on 9-for-12 shooting to go with eight rebounds and Lucas Slewert added 19 points on 7-for-14 shooting. But after those two, the rest of CU's roster was an anemic 5-for-36 from the field, as Colorado finished the day just 21-for-64. (34 percent). Hawaii wasn't much better — 22-for-61 — but the Rainbow Warriors did hit 9 of 30 3-point tries, and they also held a commanding 48-35 edge on the boards. **HOW IT HAPPENED:** After entering intermission tied at 24-24, the Buffs found

themselves down by eight, 34-26, just five minutes into the second half.

But following a timeout, Colorado slowly climbed back into the game, putting together an 1-13 run to lie the game al 37-37, then finally taking a 42-41 lead on a deep Wright 3-pointer with eight minutes to go. Colorado held onto the edge for the next four minutes, and even threatened to put the game away when a Siewert three-point play with 3:57 remaining gave the Buffs their biggest lead of the game,

But the Rainbow Warriors answered with a 10-2 run over the next 3:30 to take the lead before a Wright drive to the bucket with 16.9 seconds remaining tied the game at 56-56. Wright was fouled on the play and had a chance to put the Buffs back in the lead with a free throw, only to see the charity shot clang off the rin. Hawaii then missed a shot at the buzzer to send the game into overtime with the

The Buffs could not establish anything resembling rhythm on either end of the floor in the extra period. Siewert hit another three-point play with 4:27 remaining to tie the game at 59-59, but his was only last field goal the Buffs managed in overtime. The Buffs missed three of their next four free throws before Purchased long 3-pointer and two free throws from Brock Stepteau gave Hawaii a 67-60 lead

For the second night in a row, the Buffs were indeed their own worst enemy. Late in the first half, they had possession with 30 seconds remaining and called a timeout — then couldn't get a shot off before the buzzer. They also had a miscommunication that allowed Purchase to get open for his key 3-pointer in overtime, and they finished with 13 turnovers, which Hawaii converted into 13 points.

And, for the second night in a row, they were beaten on the boards. Hawaii's Zigmar Raimo finished with 17 rebounds, a big reason for Hawaii's 48-35 edge.

Both teams struggled from the floor in the first half, as the period ended in a 24-24 tie, Colorado's lowest-scoring half of the year. CU shot just 27.6 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes (8-for-29), including a 1-for-9 effort from 3-point range. The Rainbow Warriors fared little better, hitting just eight of their 26 attempts

GAMF 12

COLORADO 68, CHARLOTTE 53

Dec. 25, 2018, Honolulu, Hawai'i (Stan Sheriff Center)

VISITORS: Colorado 9-3

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| 23 Lucas Siewert | 6-13 | 3-5 | 2-2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 2 | 2 0 | 0 | 32 |
| 0 Shane Gatling g | 1-7 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 1 | 0 | 18 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | 4-5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 3 1 | 1 | 26 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz g | 4-8 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 1 | 0 | 20 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | 1-6 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 1 | 0 | 31 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 4-4 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 2 1 | 0 | 20 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 13 Namon Wright | 2-5 | 0-2 | 6-8 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 2 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 1-3 | 0-1 | 3-4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 0 | 1 | 21 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 1 | 0 | 11 |
| TEAM | | | | 3 | | 3 | | | | 2 | | |
| Totals | 24-53 | 7-20 | 13-16 | 10 | 22 | 32 | 17 | 68 | 15 | 15 6 | 2 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-23 47.8% 2nd Half: 13-30 43.3% Game: 45.3% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd Half: 5-12 41.7% Game: 35.0% R F Throw % 1st Half: 11-14 78.6% 2nd Half: 2-2 100% Game: 81.3% 3 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd Half: 5-12 41.7% Game: 35.0% REBOUNDS

| ## Player | | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
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| 15 Milos Supica | f | 5-6 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 28 |
| 2 Jaylan McGill | g | 2-5 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 29 |
| 3 Jon Davis | g | 7-15 | 1-4 | 10-11 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 25 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 37 |
| 12 Malik Martin | g | 3-4 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 13 |
| 22 Brandon Younger | g | 1-10 | 0-4 | 3-3 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 34 |
| Jailan Haslem | | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| 11 Bo Blight | | 0-2 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 20 Dravon Mangum | | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 21 John Kitoko | | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| TEAM | | | | | 2 | 3 | 5 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Totals | | 18-45 | 1-16 | 16-20 | 6 | 19 | 25 | 14 | 53 | 6 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 200 |

 TOTAL FG%
 1st Half: 11-23 47.8%
 2nd Half: 7-22 31.8%
 Game: 40.0%
 DEADBALL

 3-Pt. FG%
 1st Half: 1-8 12.5%
 2nd Half: 0-8 0.0%
 Game: 6.3%
 REBOUNDS

 F Throw%
 1st Half: 3-4 75.0%
 2nd Half: 13-16 81.3%
 Game: 80.0%
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Officials: Larry Spaulding, Nate Harris, Ryan Wells

Score by Periods

1st 2nd Total 35 33 68 26 27 53 Charlotte

HONOLULU - Colorado came to Hawai'i with more than a single win in mind, but after a frustrating week on the islands, the Buffaloes will take it.

Lucas Siewert had a team-high 17 points and two others scored in double digits as the Buffaloes claimed seventh place at the 2018 Diamond Head Classic with a 68-53 win over Charlotte Tuesday morning at the Stan Sheriff Center.

Colorado ended the nonconference portion of its schedule at 9-3. Charlotte

After a pair of losses that put the Buffs in the 8 a.m. local game time against Charlotte, most likely the earliest local start in program history, Colorado began to see glimpses of the team that had won six-straight earlier this month.

Colorado moved the ball well with 15 assists on 24 made baskets. The Buffaloes were able to knock down open shots and get contributions throughout the

Freshman Daylen Kountz had a career-high 12 points, hitting all four of his field goal attempts. Senior Namon Wright had 10 points, all in the first half.

"Our ball movement the last couple games has been really good and today it was nice to see some shots go in," head coach Tad Boyle said. "Lucas saw some go in, D'Shawn (Schwartz) saw some go in, Daylen played really well off the

Colorado also played timely defense. Charlotte shot just 32 percent in the second half and overall the Buffaloes scored 18 points off 49ers turnovers.

John Davis led Charlotte with a game-high 25 points, doing much of the damage from the free throw line, making 10 of 11.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs would roll late, but much like the last four games. it took them a while to get going. Charlotte pounded the paint early, making four of its first five shots to take an early 8-2 lead.

Siewert made his first of three 3-pointers to narrow the margin to four at 11-7, but the 49ers maintained an early edge by getting to the rim. Davis scored on a sharp cut to the basket and Malik Martin had a steal and breakaway layup for a 17-10 advantage. The 49ers scored 14 of their first 17 points in the paint.

Charlottle took its largest lead at 24-16 after a Jaylan McGill layup and Milos Supica free throw with 5:20 left in the half. From there Colorado started to get stops and went into attack mode.

The Buffaloes embarked on a 19-2 run to end the half, including 14 straight following the Supica free throw. Kountz and Wright combined for nine points during that stretch by attacking the basket and getting to the line.

Siewert ended the 14-0 run with a corner 3-pointer that gave the Buffaloes a 30-24 lead with 1:10 left.

Davis hit a floater in the lane to cut the lead to four with 30 seconds left, but the Buffaloes responded with five points in the last second due to a pair of technical fouls against the Charlotte bench.

After McKinley Wright IV missed a put back off a Namon Wright 3-point attempt, Evan Battey was fouled going for the offensive rebound with the Buffaloes in the double bonus. A lengthy protest by Charlotte head coach Ron Sanchez resulted in two technical fouls and thus the Buffaloes were awarded six free throws off the play. Colorado took advantage making five - three by Namon Wright and two by Battey – to take a 35-26 lead at the break.

Colorado kept Charlotte at or above double-digits length from there. A 7-0 run capped by a Tyler Bey dunk flying through the lane gave the Buffaloes a 49-32 lead with 13:28 remaining.

Colorado, which had struggled from long range as of late, started to see some shots fall. The Buffaloes made three of their first four in the second half and finished the game 7 of 20. Kountz hit both his 3-point attempts as the Buffaloes took their largest lead at 63-42 with 7:08 remaining.

Charlotte had a late 8-0 run to cut the lead to 63-50 with 3:49 during a stretch where the Buffaloes missed four straight shots, but **D'Shawn Schwartz** scored five of his nine points in the final minutes to keep the 49ers at a safe distance

GAMF 13

ARIZONA 64. COLORADO 56

Jan. 3, 2019, Tucson, Ariz. (McKale Center)

| VIOTIONS: COIOTAGO 5-4, 0-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to s bk min | | | |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | 3-7 | 3-5 | 2-2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 2 0 1 29 | | | |
| Shane Gatling | 1-6 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 0 0 24 | | | |
| 1 Tyler Bey | 2-9 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 9 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 0 2 22 | | | |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | 2-5 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 0 0 0 26 | | | |
| 25 McKinley Wright | 6-10 | 2-4 | 3-4 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 17 | 3 | 6 2 1 34 | | | |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 0 0 7 | | | |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 0 5 | | | |
| 13 Namon Wright | 1-3 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 0 0 20 | | | |
| 21 Evan Battey | 4-8 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 2 1 0 22 | | | |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 0-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 2 11 | | | |
| TEAM . | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | 2 | | | |
| Totals | 19-53 | 6-17 | 12-14 | 10 | 26 | 36 | 16 | 56 | 7 | 17 3 6 200 | | | |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-25 40.0% 2nd Half: 9-28 32.1% Game: 35.8% DEADBALL 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd Half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 35.3% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 2-2 100% 2nd Half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 85.7% 2 F Throw %

HOME: Arizona 10-4, 1-0

| HOME: Arizona 10-4, 1-0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to s | bk | min | |
| 4 Chase Jeter | 3-6 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 1 | 2 | 31 | |
| 2 Brandon Williams | 6-17 | 0-4 | 2-4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 6 | 2 1 | 0 | 33 | |
| 3 Dylan Smith | 2-9 | 2-5 | 1-2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 2 0 | 0 | 29 | |
| 5 Brandon Randolph | 4-8 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 1 0 | 0 | 26 | |
| 24 Emmanuel Akot | 3-3 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 0 | 0 | 24 | |
| Devonaire Doutrive | 3-5 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 3 0 | 0 | 12 | |
| 10 Ryan Luther | 1-3 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 2 | 0 | 20 | |
| 11 Ira Lee | 2-3 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 0 | 1 | 13 | |
| 12 Justin Coleman | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| 23 Alex Barcello | 1-3 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 8 | |
| TEAM | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 25-58 | 5-18 | 9-12 | 8 | 22 | 30 | 15 | 64 | 13 | 11 4 | 3 | 200 | |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 16-31 51.6% 2nd Half: 9-27 33.3% Game: 43.1% DEADBALL 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd Half: 1-10 10.0% Game: 27.8% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 3-3 100% 2nd Half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 75.0% 4 3-Pt FG%

Officials: Jim Schipper, John Higgins, Randy McCall Attendance: 13511

Score by Periods Colorado 1st 2nd Total Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz. — Colorado started fast and finished strong Thursday night in its Pac-12 opener, but a difficult stretch in the middle of game proved too much to overcome, as CU dropped a 64-56 decision to Arizona at the McKale Center.

The loss, CU's third in the last four games, dropped the Buffs to 9-4 overall

(0-1 in Pac-12) while Arizona improved to 10-4, 1-0. The loss was CU's seventh in as many tries at McKale since the Buffs joined the Pac-12 in 2011-12. Since the beginning of the 2013 season, Arizona is 90-4 on its home floor.

After trailing by as much as 17 in the second half, the Buffs cut the margin to seven, 57-50, with 2:42 still left to play on a D'Shawn Schwartz 3-pointer.

But that was as close as the Buffs could come. Arizona build the lead back to double digits, then held the Buffs off in the final minute.

Sophomore McKinley Wright IV led CU with 17 points and Lucas Siewert added 11, but they were the only Buffs in double figures as Colorado shot just 19for-53 from the field (35.8 percent). Schwartz had eight points and eight rebounds for CU and Tyler Bey had 11 rebounds and four points.

Brandon Williams led Arizona with 14 points as the Wildcats shot 25-for-58 (43.1 percent) and Brandon Randolph added 11.

CU was once again plagued by turnovers, committing 17 — including six by Wright — which led to 14 Arizona points. The Wildcats also dominated the game inside, outscoring Colorado 38-18 in the paint.

"We have some offensive woes right now," CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "When you combine 35 percent shooting with 17 turnovers, you put a lot of pres-sure on your defense. I thought our defense was great in the second half, it really was. But our offensive efficiency is just not very good right now. I've got to do a better job as a coach to get these guys to understand that it's about the execution. When you get good shots you have to be able to stick them in the basket. I don't care if you're in the paint, I don't care if you're wide open from three. You have to be able to capitalize."

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs started off hot, hitting five of their first six shots to take an 11-6 lead heading into the first media timeout.

But the Wildcats emerged from the timeout as a different team. The Buffs had empty possessions on four of their ensuing five tries with the ball while Arizona hit three of four from the field to finally take a 14-13 lead at the 11:37 mark on a Randolph 3-pointer

Just two minutes later, Bey drew his second foul, sending Colorado's best inside defender to the bench. From that point, the Wildcats poured it on, putting together a 13-2 run that included an 8-0 surge. The Buffs' shooting, meanwhile, went cold and they compounded their problems with turnovers. By the 4:36 mark, Arizona had a 31-17 lead, outscoring Colorado 25-6 in an 11-minute stretch.

Colorado momentarily halted the run with four straight points, but Arizona once again answered with an 8-3 burst to close the half with a 39-24 lead. Colorado finished the half with nine turnovers and just two assists, and the Wildcats also had a 16-13 edge on the boards, leading to a 7-2 edge in second-chance points.

The Wildcats threatened to blow the game open in the second half, building their cushion to as much as 17, 54-37, midway through the period.

But to their credit, the Buffs never quit. Colorado put together a 13-3 run to

narrow the deficit to seven, 57-50, getting 3-pointers from Wright, Siewert and

Schwartz in the surge.

That was as close as Colorado could come, however. Arizona outscored CU 7-1 over the next two minutes, then held the Buffs off down the stretch.

"I have to tip my hat to our guys," Boyle said. "I thought their competitive

nature could have gone away, it didn't. But we have to play better on the offensive end than we have the last four games."

The Buffs held Arizona to just 33 percent shooting in the second half (9-for-27), but never could resurrect their own offense, shooting just 9-for-28 in the final

ARIZONA STATE 83, COLORADO 61

Jan. 5, 2019, Tempe, Ariz. (Wells Fargo Arena)

| VISITORS: Colorado | 9. | 5, 0-2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ## Player | | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
| 1 Tyler Bey | * | 3-8 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 19 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | * | 2-6 | 1-3 | 5-5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | * | 1-9 | 1-5 | 0-0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 31 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | * | 1-5 | 0-4 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 21 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | * | 3-9 | 1-4 | 5-7 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 31 |
| Shane Gatling | | 3-7 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | | 3-9 | 0-3 | 4-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 25 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 21 Evan Battey | | 2-4 | 0-1 | 3-4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 24 |
| TEAM | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Totals | | 19-58 | 5-26 | 18-22 | 12 | 16 | 28 | 21 | 61 | 10 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-27 29.6% 2nd Half: 11-31 35.5% Game: 32.8% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-13 15.4% 2nd Half: 3-13 23.1% Game: 19.2% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 8-10 80.0% 2nd Half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 81.8% 2

| HOME: Arizona State | e 10-4 , 1 | -1 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to s | bk | min |
| 2 Rob Edwards | * 3-9 | 3-7 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 2 2 | 0 | 33 |
| 14 Kimani Lawrence | * 3-6 | 2-5 | 3-4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 1 1 | 0 | 23 |
| 23 Romello White | * 9-11 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 19 | 1 | 2 1 | 0 | 26 |
| 32 De'Quon Lake | * 5-6 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 45 Zylan Cheatham | * 4-7 | 0-0 | 4-5 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 5 | 3 0 | 1 | 29 |
| Luguentz Dort | 6-11 | 0-4 | 2-3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 5 0 | 0 | 26 |
| 1 Remy Martin | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 2 2 | 0 | 24 |
| 11 Elias Valtonen | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 35 Taeshon Cherry | 2-4 | 2-4 | 0-1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 0 2 | 0 | 17 |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | 3 | 5 | | | | 2 | | |
| Totals | 32-56 | 7-21 | 12-19 | 13 | 29 | 42 | 19 | 83 | 24 | 17 1 | 8 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 17-30 56.7% 2nd Half: 15-26 57.7% Game: 57.1% DEADBALL 1st Half: 6-14 42.9% 2nd Half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 33.3% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd Half: 8-12 66.7% Game: 63.2% 2

Officials: Michael Irving, Mike Reed, Scott Brown Attendance: 10003

1st 2nd Total 26 35 61 44 39 83 Score by Periods Colorado Arizona State

TEMPE, Ariz. - A trip to the desert proved to be no cure for the Colorado Buffaloes' recent ills away from home.

Playing their sixth straight game away from the CU Events Center on Saturday the Buffs fell behind early by double digits to Arizona State and never recovered, dropping an 83-61 decision to the Sun Devils at Wells Fargo Arena.

The loss, the Buffs' second in a row and fourth in their last five games, dropped their record to 9-5 overall and 0-2 in Pac-12 play while ASU improved to 10-4, 1-1

McKinley Wright IV led Colorado with 12 points and D'Shawn Schwartz and Davien Kountz each added 10. But the Buffs were cold all afternoon from the field. finishing just 19-for-58 on field goal tries (32.8 percent), including 5-for-26 from 3-point range. CU also lost the rebound battle, 42-28, and committed 15 turnovers, which ASU converted into 18 points.

The Sun Devils, meanwhile, shot a red-hot 57.1 percent from the field (32-for-56). Romello White led five ASU players in double figures with 19 points. ASU's 83 points were the most given up by the Buffs this year.

"We're just not making shots right now," head coach Tad Boyle said. "We just can't throw it in the ocean. When that happens, you have to come back and get stops. But tonight, we weren't good enough in any aspect of the game. We weren't good enough in rebounding, we weren't good enough in taking care of the ball, we weren't good enough offensively, we weren't good enough defensively. It was just a tail whipping. We deserved it and we got it."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Unlike Thursday's loss at Arizona, when the Buffs were able to close a double-digit deficit to seven with just under three minutes to play Colorado started slowly and the Sun Devils steadily pulled away for much of the

The Buffs missed their first seven shots and hit just one of their first 11 in the opening half while the Sun Devils hit seven of their first 13 to take a 16-5 lead less than nine minutes in. ASU then built the margin to as much as 16 before the Buffs finally shaved the margin down to 10, 34-24, with just under three minutes to play in the half.

But the Sun Devils responded to CU's mini-run by putting together a 10-2 burst to close the half to take a 44-26 lead into intermission.

Colorado finished the half just 8-for-27 from the floor (29.7 percent) while ASU was 17-for-30 (56.7 percent).

"We just couldn't get some of our shots to fall," Wright said. "First half we got a ton of good looks. We got a lot of open threes, just unable to hit them.

The second half was basically a repeat of the first. The Sun Devils continued to build on their halftime lead, pushing the cushion to as much as 26. ASU dominated the game on the boards with a 42-28 rebound edge as well as inside, as the Sun Devils outscored the Buffs 50-20 in the paint.

"This is the first time we've gotten our tails kicked," Boyle said. "This was a whipping. We got what we deserved and Arizona State (coming off a home loss to Utah) deserves credit. They played with an edge and desperation. They're a very talented team and we didn't do anything good enough tonight to even warrant being in the game, much less win the game.

The Buffs finally return home next week with a pair of games against the Washington schools, beginning with a Thursday matchup against Washington State.

"I don't want our players to lose their heart," Boyle said. "I don't believe we have. But we can't feel sorry for ourselves. We have to play more desperate in terms of our energy level, our toughness.'

GAMF 15

COLORADO 92. WASHINGTON STATE 60

Jan. 10, 2019, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: Washington State 7-8, 0-2 Pac-12

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | mir |
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| 13 Jeff Pollard | f 3-4 | 0-0 | 6-6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 29 |
| 2 CJ Elleby | g 2-10 | 0-4 | 2-3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| 5 Marvin Cannon | g 5-10 | 0-2 | 4-4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 31 |
| 23 Ahmed Ali | g 3-9 | 2-6 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 23 |
| 24 Viont'e Daniels | g 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| 0 Isaiah Wade | 5-7 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| Jervae Robinson | 2-9 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 4 Aljaz Kunc | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| 32 Davante Cooper | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 35 Carter Skaggs | 1-5 | 0-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | 2 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 21-57 | 2-18 | 16-19 | 10 | 17 | 27 | 18 | 60 | 5 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-32 37.5% 2nd Half: 9-25 36.0% Game: 36.8% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-11 9.1% 2nd Half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 14.3% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 0-1 0.0% 2nd Half: 16-18 88.9% Game: 84.2% 3

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | mir |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| 23 Lucas Siewert | f 2-6 | 1-4 | 3-6 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | f10-13 | 1-2 | 5-6 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 24 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | g 3-9 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 22 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | g 7-12 | 1-5 | 1-3 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 31 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | g 5-8 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 31 |
| Shane Gatling | 5-10 | 5-10 | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 22 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 24 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 12 AJ Martinka | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 34 Benan Ersek | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 33 Aidan McQuade | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TEAM | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 35-64 | 11-27 | 11-18 | 14 | 27 | 41 | 16 | 92 | 20 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 16-31 51.6% 2nd Half: 19-33 57.6% Game: 54.7% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-14 28.6% 2nd Half: 7-13 53.8% Game: 40.7% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd Half: 6-10 60.0% Game: 61.1% 4

Officials: Deldre Carr, Larry Spaulding, Kelly Pfeifer

Attendance: 6184 Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Washington State

35 51 60 92 41 Colorado

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{BOULDER}}$ — Home cooking appeared to be just what the doctor ordered for the Colorado Buffaloes on Thursday night.

The Buffs returned to the CU Events Center for their first home game in more than a month, and treated themselves to a runaway 92-60 win over Washington

Colorado ended a two-game losing streak and improved to 10-5 overall and 1-2 in Pac-12 play while the Cougars fell to 7-8, 0-2.

Thursday's effort was the textbook definition of a balanced effort. The Buffs put four players in double figures, led by a career-high 26 points from sophomore Tyler Bey, who also pulled down 10 rebounds for his seventh career double-double. Sophomore forward D'Shawn Schwartz added a career-high 16 points, seven rebounds and a career-high four assists; sophomore point guard McKinley Wright IV chipped in 10 points and seven assists; and junior guard Shane Gatling scored a career-high 17 with a career-best five 3-pointers. Freshman Evan Battey, meanwhile, had a career-high 14 rebounds.

The Buffs also regained their shooting eye, which had abandoned them on a recent swing through Arizona. After shooting just 34.2 percent from the field in a pair of losses in the desert, CU hit 35 of its 64 field goal attempts (54.7 percent) against the Cougars, while holding WSU to just 36.8 percent from the floor (21-for-57). Colorado was 11-for-27 from 3-point range and 24-for-37 from inside the arc. The Buffs also held a 41-27 edge on the boards and finished with a sea-

son-high 20 assists and just 12 turnovers, their fewest since having just eight against Colorado State in early December.

Marvin Cannon led WSU with 14 points.

"It's nice to see the ball go in the basket," head coach Tad Boyle said, "We haven't seen that in a while. We got some guys going. Making 11 threes is obviously big. We knew we were going to see a lot of zone, we didn't know how much. They started out man, and when they went to there zone, we did a good job there, too.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After spotting the Cougars an early 5-0 lead, the Buffs put together a 16-0 run to take command and Washington State never came closer than seven again. Gatling had a pair of 3-pointers in the surge, Bey added one trey and Wright wrapped up the run with a steal and coast-to-coast roll for a layup. The Buffs built their lead to 18 late in the first half, led by 16 at intermission, 41-25, and steadily built the lead throughout the second half, pushing it to 36 with just more than a minute to play.

"I don't know if it's home. I don't know what it is." Boyle said of the Buffs turnaround. "I just know it was just nice to see the shots go in and that gave us some energy on the defensive end, which helps."

Gatling's early 3-pointers set the tone for his best night yet as a Buff, as he came off the bench to finish 5-for-10 from long distance.

WSU briefly cut CU's lead to seven midway through the first half, but Colorado answered with an 8-0 run to take command for good. Bey punished the Cougars inside with 15 points in the first half while Battey had 10 rebounds in the first 20 minutes. Bey's night signaled the end of a scoring slump that had seen him score just 22 points combined in his last four games.

"Part of it was we did a good job of getting him the ball in the zone where we wanted to get the ball," Boyle said. "And then, Lucas (Siewert) and Evan and our perimeter guys did a good job of getting him the ball down low. He's really good around the baseline, he's really good around the rim. When Tyler catches it down there, usually good things happen." Sophomore Schwartz, meanwhile, may have had his best all-around game as

a Buff. He had five points in an 8-0 Colorado run late in the first half, then hit two quick buckets early in the second half just after WSU had shaved CU's cushion back down to double digits.

Now, the Buffs know the road gets tougher on Saturday, when Washington pays a visit to the Events Center for an 8 p.m contest. The Huskies are 11-4 overall and 2-0 in Pac-12 play after a convincing 69-53 win at Utah on Thursday.





GAME 16

WASHINGTON 77, COLORADO 70

Jan. 12, 2019, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: Washington 12-4, 3-0 Pac-12

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to s | bk | min |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|----|----|-----|----|----|---|------|----|-----|
| 4 Matisse Thybulle | f 1-4 | 1-4 | 6-7 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 1 1 | 2 | 27 |
| 13 Hameir Wright | f 2-3 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 2 | 2 | 17 |
| 15 Noah Dickerson | f 2-2 | 0-0 | 3-6 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 5 0 | 0 | 22 |
| David Crisp | g 4-8 | 4-7 | 4-4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 1.1 | 0 | 35 |
| 5 Jaylen Nowell | g 9-13 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 19 | 5 | 2 4 | 0 | 36 |
| 0 Jamal Bey | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 22 Dominic Green | 3-8 | 2-6 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 19 |
| 11 Nahziah Carter | 4-7 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 (| 1 | 22 |
| 33 Sam Timmins | 2-3 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 (| 1 | 15 |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | 4 | 6 | | | | 2 | | |
| Totals | 27-49 | 9-20 | 14-21 | 6 | 25 | 31 | 22 | 77 | q | 16.8 | 6 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 19-30 63.3% 2nd Half: 8-19 42.1% Game: 55.1% DEADBALL 1st Half: 8-13 61.5% 2nd Half: 1-7 14.3% Game: 45.0% REBOUNDS 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-2 100% 2nd Half: 12-19 63.2% Game: 66.7% 3

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|-------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| 23 Lucas Siewert | f 4-10 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | f 6-11 | 0-0 | 3-4 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 3-7 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | 6-10 | 4-5 | 6-6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 38 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| 0 Shane Gatling | 1-10 | 1-6 | 5-7 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 35 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 17 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 3-4 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | 3 | 5 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Totals | 24-54 | 6-15 | 16-23 | 9 | 20 | 29 | 21 | 70 | 13 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 200 |
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TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-25 48.0% 2nd Half: 12-29 41.4% Game: 44.4% DEADBALL 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd Half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 40.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 7-10 70.0% 2nd Half: 9-13 69.2% Game: 69.6% 3 3-Pt. FG%

Officials: Gregory Nixon, Marques Pettigrew, Rick Randall Attendance: 7758

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total 48 29 77 Washington Colorado 35 35 70

BOULDER — A furious Colorado rally in the second half came up just short Saturday night, as the Buffs dropped a 77-70 decision to Washington at the CU Events Center.

The Buffs, who played much of the game without star point guard McKinley Wright IV (shoulder injury), rallied from a 15-point deficit in the second half to cut the margin to one with just more than seven minutes left. But that was as close as the Buffs could come, as the Huskies answered each Colorado rally and held on down the stretch for the win.

CU fell to 10-6 overall and 1-3 in Pac-12 play while the Huskies improved to 12-4 3-0

D'Shawn Schwartz led Colorado with a career-high 22 points — his second straight game with a career high — and **Tyler Bey** added 15 points and nine rebounds. **Shane Gatling** added eight points and a career-high six assists.

Jaylen Nowell led UW with 19 points.

The Huskies shot 55.1 percent from the field (27-for-49), including a red-hot 19-for30 in the first half, paving the way for a 48-35 lead at intermission. The Buffs, who battled foul trouble for much of the night, connected on 44.4 percent of their field goal tries (24-for-54).

While obviously disappointed with his team's loss, CU head coach Tad Boyle still said he was proud of the way Colorado battled back.

"I thought there were some really good things that came out of tonight's game, out of a loss," Boyle said. "I don't say that very often, but I thought with all the things we battled tonight — our defensive atrociousness, them scoring 48 points and shooting 63 percent — as bad as that was, for our guys to battle back, with McKinley going out and the foul trouble we battled, is a testament to our guys."

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs had no answer for the Huskies in the first half. Colorado missed its first seven shots and had two turnovers in the first five minutes while the Huskies hit five of their first six field goal tries to take a 12-0 lead.

The Buffs finally found their footing and temporarily closed the gap to five with a 9-2 run, but Washington answered to quickly push the lead back to double digits. The Huskies hit eight 3-pointers in the opening half, paving the way for a 48-35 lead at intermission.

Wright, who suffered a shoulder injury in practice in late December, re-injured

his shoulder with just under eight minutes to play in the half.

That could have been the end for Colorado — but instead, the Buffs battled back in the second half with Gatling running the point and Schwartz and Daylen **Kountz** finding their offensive groove. After trailing by as much as 15 early in the

half, CU rallied to cut the deficit to one, 63-62, with 7:17 still remaining.

The Buffs first closed the gap to five with a 14-4 run, sparked by six straight points from Kountz, including a 3-pointer at the 12:30 mark. The Huskies then pushed the lead back to 10, but Colorado answered with a 9-0 run to narrow the lead to one. Schwartz had seven of the nine — a 3-pointer and four free throws before Evan Battey connected inside to cut Washington's lead to 63-62.

"I look at the way our team responded when McKinley went out — they could have folded their tents because we know how important McKinley is to us," Boyle said. "We could have got our heads down and felt sorry for ourselves and had an emotional deflation happen, but that didn't happen. That to me is a good sign for

The Buffs were also hampered by foul trouble with their big men all night. Battey, who played just 11 minutes because of foul troubles — he fouled out in the second half - still finished with six points and two rebounds. CU's Lucas Siewert

also fouled out, and Bey found himself in foul trouble early in the second half.

After Colorado cut the lead to one, Washington pushed the edge back to five, but the Buffs refused to go away. With 3:47, a Siewert bucket inside pulled Colorado back to within three, 70-67, only to see the Huskies draw a foul on a 3-point shot on their next possession. Matisse Thybulle drained all three foul shots and the Buffs never came closer than six again

UTAH 78, COLORADO 69

Jan. 20, 2019, Salt Lake City, Utah (Huntsman Center)

| VISITORS: Colorado | 10-7, 1- | 4 Pac | -12 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | f 5-9 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| 0 Shane Gatling | 6-18 | 3-10 | 6-6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 21 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 34 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | 1-7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 21 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | 4-9 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 32 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 6-9 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| 13 Namon Wright | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 2-5 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 16 |
| TEAM | | | | 3 | 2 | 5 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Totals | 26-64 | 6-17 | 11-16 | 12 | 25 | 37 | 23 | 69 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 9-30 30.0% 2nd Half: 17-34 50.0% Game: 40.6% DEADBALL 1st Half: 1-7 14.3% 2nd Half: 5-10 50.0% Game: 35.3% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 0-2 0.0% 2nd Half: 11-14 78.6% Game: 68.8% 2

HOME: Utah 9-8, 3-2 Pac-12

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| 20 Timmy Allen | f 6-9 | 0-0 | 9-13 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 21 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 32 |
| 21 Riley Battin | f 3-6 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| 34 Jayce Johnson | f 0-3 | 0-0 | 4-6 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 23 |
| Sedrick Barefield | g 7-15 | 5-11 | 3-4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 33 |
| 5 Parker Van Dyke | g 1-4 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| 1 Charles Jones | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 3 Donnie Tillman | 4-6 | 1-1 | 2-3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 28 |
| 11 Both Gach | 3-6 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 22 |
| 13 Novak Topalovic | 0-4 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 16 |
| 25 Beau Rydalch | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 30 Brooks King | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 31 Brandon Morley | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 40 Marc Reininger | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TEAM | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Totals | 25-55 | 9-22 | 19-29 | 9 | 29 | 38 | 22 | 78 | 16 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-29 44.8% 2nd Half: 12-26 46.2% Game: 45.5% DEADBALL 1st Half: 8-13 61.5% 2nd Half: 1-9 11.1% Game: 40.9% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 7-13 53.8% 2nd Half: 12-16 75.0% Game: 65.5% 6

 Officials: Kelly Pfeifer, Eric Curry, Tony Padilla

 Attendance: 10372
 1st
 2nd
 Total

 Score by Periods
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 Total

 Colorado
 19
 50
 69

 Utah
 41
 37
 78

SALT LAKE CITY — Colorado's first game without sophomore point guard McKinley Wright turned into a long 40 minutes for the Buffs on Sunday.

Colorado started slowly and couldn't find its footing until it was too late, as Utah collected a 78-69 win over the slumping Buffs at the Huntsman Center.

The loss, CU's seventh straight on the Utes' home floor, dropped the Buffs to

10-7 overall and 1-4 in Pac-12 play. Colorado has now dropped six of its last eight. The Utes improved to 9-8, 3-2.

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Wright did not play because of a shoulder injury suffered in last weekend's loss to Washington. Sunday's game was the first he has missed as a Buff.

But the Buffs needed more than just Wright, as Utah led by as much as 26 in the first half and 28 early in the second before a late Colorado rally narrowed the gap to a relatively respectable margin. CU cut Utah's lead to 10 points, 70-60, with 3:28 to go on a **Daylen Kountz** layup, but the Utes managed to hold Colorado off down the stretch for the win.

Shane Gatling finished with 21 points, Lucas Siewert and Kountz each added 13 and D'Shawn Schwartz had 11

To still be shawn schwartz had 11.

Sedrick Barefield led Utah with 22, with 17 of those coming in the first half, when he hit five of eight 3-point attempts to help Utah to a 41-19 halftime lead.

Freshman Timmy Allen had a 21-point, 10-rebound double-double for the Utes.
The Buffs' two halves Sunday were starkly different. After committing 11 firsthalf turnovers that led to 14 Utah points in the opening 20 minutes, CU did not have a turnover after intermission. Also, after scoring just 19 points in the opening half — CU's lowest production for a half since a 2016 loss at Oregon State — the Buffs scored 50 in the second half.

"Our sense of urgency, our toughness — whatever you want to call it — the fact of the matter is we're not executing game plans very well," CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "Offensively, this team is really hard to figure out, how we score 19 points in the first half and 50 in the second half. We have 11 turnovers in the first half, zero in the second half. It's a really hard team to figure out. The lack of consistency makes it really difficult for me and our staff to coach. We have to figure

HOW IT HAPPENED: Thanks to an early barrage of 3-pointers from the Utes, the Buffs fell behind early and watched Utah build its lead to as much as 26 in the first half. Utah hit eight of 13-point tries in the opening half—including a 5-for-8 effort from log distance from Barefield — and the Buffs compounded their problems by committing 11 turnovers in the first 20 minutes, which the Utes converted into 14

The deciding stretch of the game came early. With 15:33 still to go in the first half, the Buffs pulled to within 9-7 on a Kountz jumper. But the Utes then answered with a 12-0 run to take control, helped by three consecutive Colorado turnovers that led to Utah dunks. By the 5:49 mark of the first half, the Utes' run had reached 25-4, and Utah built its cushion to 41-15 before Colorado finally hit a pair of field goals in the final minutes to close the gap to 41-19 by halftime.

"It was an atrocious start," Boyle said. "This team's really hard to figure out. We

turn it over 11 times the first half against a team that doesn't press and plays zone and the second half we don't turn it over at all. We score 19 points the first half, we score 50 points the second half. It's like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and there's no

To their credit, the Buffs didn't fold up the tent. After Utah then built it lead to 28 early in the second half, the Buffs slowly chipped away at the lead. Gatling fueled a mini run with nine straight points, and Colorado began a comeback. A pair of 3-pointers from Siewert and Gatling helped CU narrow the deficit to 12 with five minutes to play before a Kountz layup following a timeout pulled the Buffs to within 10 with more than three minutes to play.

But the Utes had enough in the tank to keep the Buffs at bay down the stretch.

Gatling's pull-up jumper just before the final buzzer cut the final deficit to nine

GAMF 18

COLORADO 68. CALIFORNIA 59

Jan. 24, 2019, Berkeley, Calif. (Haas Pavilion)

VISITORS: Colorado 11-7, 2-4 Pac-12 11-7, 2-4 Pac-12 fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf f6-11 2-4 4-4 0 3 3 2 g 5-14 3-11 0-0 0 6 6 2 q 6-8 0-1 5-6 1 13 14 2 a to s bk min 1 2 0 0 32 **tp** 18 23 Lucas Siewert g 5-14 3-11 0-0 g 6-8 0-1 5-6 0 Shane Gatling 13 17 Tyler Bey 5 D'Shawn Schwartz g 1 4 4 1-2 0-1 0-0 3-7 2-3 0-0 1 2 4 2 0 0 0 17 3 8 1 5 3 5 1 0 25 McKinley Wright g 3 0 0 30 0-2 0 0 2 Davlen Kountz 2-6 1-2 0 Evan Battey 1 2 2 2 24 Eli Parquet 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 TEAM Totals. 25-50 7-22 11-15 5 32 37 18 68 18 13 0 4 200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-27 48.1% 2nd Half: 12-23 52.2% Game: 50.0% DEADBALL 1st Half: 3-13 23.1% 2nd Half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 31.8% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd Half: 6-8 75.0% Game: 73.3% 3

HOME: California 5-14, 0-7 Pac-12

| ## | Player | | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
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| 10 | Justice Sueing | f | 5-12 | 0-3 | 3-5 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 39 |
| 15 | Roman Davis | f | 0-3 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 22 | Andre Kelly | f | 2-4 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| 3 | Paris Austin | g | 6-10 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 38 |
| 20 | Matt Bradley | g | 3-8 | 2-6 | 4-4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 28 |
| 1 | Darius McNeill | | 3-12 | 3-8 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 33 |
| 2 | Juhwan Harris-Dys | or | า 1-2 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 |
| 23 | Connor Vanover | | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| 34 | Grant Anticevich | | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| | TEAM | | | | | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | Totals | | 21-54 | 5-21 | 12-18 | 4 | 20 | 24 | 17 | 59 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 9-23 39.1% 2nd Half: 12-31 38.7% Game: 38.9% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 0-5 0.0% 2nd Half: 5-16 31.3% Game: 23.8% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd Half: 7-9 77.8% Game: 66.7% 4

Officials: Chris Rastatter, D.G. Nelson, Glen Mayberry

Attendance: 5720 Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Colorado California

 $\label{eq:BERKELEY} \textbf{BERKELEY, Calif.} \ - \ \text{Prosperity on the road proved to be almost too much for}$

the Colorado Buffaloes to handle Thursday right.

The Buffs, searching for their first Pac-12 road win of the year, let an 18-point lead slip away in the second half before finally regaining their composure down the stretch to collect a 68-59 win over Cal.

Colorado improved to 11-7 overall and 2-4 in Pac-12 play while Cal fell to 5-14, 0-7. It was CU's first win at Cal since joining the conference in 2011-12.

Tyler Bey had 17 points and 14 rebounds for his eighth career double-double for the Buffs, Lucas Siewert added 18 points and three rebounds and Shane Gatling had 13 points and six boards.

But one of the biggest buckets of the game came from sophomore point guard McKinley Wright IV, who had eight points, four rebounds and four assists in his return to the lineup after missing last week's game at Utah with a shoulder injury. Wright scored all of his points in the second half, including a big 3-pointer with just 35 onds remaining in the game that gave the Buffs 66-59 lead to salt away the win. Paris Austin and Justice Sueing had 13 apiece for the Bears.

"Our resiliency was tested and our guys answered the bell, which I was really proud of," head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "It's much like November — it's a lot better to learn from a win than learn from a loss, and this would have been a crushing loss. I'm really proud of the way the guys reacted to the adversity."

HOW IT HAPPENED: After controlling the tempo for most of the first half and taking an 11-point lead at intermission, 34-23, the Buffs threatened to blow the game

open with a 7-0 run to start the second half to bump their cushion to 18.

But the quick run spurred a Cal timeout, and the Bears returned to the floor as a different team. Cal abandoned its zone defense and switched to man-to-man, which seemed to befuddle the Buffs. CU began to turn the ball over — Colorado had 10 turnovers in the second half after just three in the first — and the Bears also found their shooting eye. Sparked by five 3-pointers — three from Darius McNeil — Cal slowly chipped away at CU's 18-point cushion. With just more than seven minutes to play, the Bear finally took a 54-43 lead on a pair of Matt Bradley free throws to complete a 31-12 run.

"We have to handle those runs better," Boyle said. "Tonight in the second half we got sped up offensively and we turned that thing over. ... It's almost like we're trying to punch a square peg in a round hole rather than just keep playing."

But just when it looked as if the Buffs were ready to fade away for good, they

answered with a 7-0 run and never trailed again. Bey scored inside, Siewert hit a 3-pointer and Wright hit a short jumper to put the Buffs back on top, 60-54, with 5:38

"I think we let our guard down a little bit," Wright said. "It's something we can't do. We have to be better at that. We were up by 18 and they came back and took the lead. That just can't happen. Luckily we got enough stops and made enough plays to steal this road win.

Cal then cut the lead back to two, 60-58, but the Buffs got a **Daylen Kountz** free throw and a Gatling bucket with three minutes to go before Wright's 3-pointer with 35 seconds on the clock sealed the win.

"What can you say about McKinley's big-time shot? He's a winner," Boyle said. "We all know that. Anybody that saw us play against Utah and saw us play tonight saw both those games, know how important he is to us. At halftime he had zero points and zero assists. But his presence on the floor is so calming for our guys. I can't say

Indeed, the Buffs were a different team with Wright, even when he wasn't scoring

The Buffs had one of their better overall halves of the year in the first half, taking control midway through the period with an 11-1 run to take a 21-11 lead. Gatling started the run with his third 3-pointer of the half. Kountz added a pair of baskets and wert finished the surge with a 15-footer.

The Bears managed to cut CU's lead back to seven momentarily, but Colorado put together an 8-0 burst to push its lead to 15 before Cal managed to cut the gap to 11 by halftime, 34-23.

GAMF 19

STANFORD 75, COLORADO 62

Jan. 26, 2019, Stanford, Calif. (Maples Pavilion)

| VISITORS: Colorado | I I-0, Z· | o Pac | -12 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | f 6-15 | 0-4 | 1-2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 0 Shane Gatling | g 4-10 | 2-8 | 0-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | g 8-16 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | g 0-2 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 29 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | 9 6-12 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 35 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 0-3 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 2-6 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| TEAM | | | | 4 | 1 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Totale | 26-64 | 3-16 | 7-13 | 11 | 18 | 20 | 14 | 62 | 13 | 11 | 3 | Λ | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 16-36 44.4% 2nd Half: 10-28 35.7% Game: 40.6% DEADBALL 1st Half: 1-10 10.0% 2nd Half: 2-6 33.3% F Throw % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd Half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 53.8% 6

HOME: Stanford 10-10. 3-5 Pac-12

| ## Player | tg-a | sig-a | π-a | OT | ae | tot | pt | tp | а | to s | DK I | mın |
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| 00 KZ Okpala | f 2-8 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 2 | 0 | 26 |
| 13 Oscar Da Silva | f 8-13 | 3-7 | 2-2 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 21 | 0 | 1 1 | 0 | 33 |
| 20 Josh Sharma | c 3-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 3 0 | 1 | 23 |
| 01 Daejon Davis | g 5-7 | 1-2 | 5-5 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 6 | 5 1 | 0 | 39 |
| 02 Bryce Wills | g 4-7 | 0-2 | 4-5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 5 | 1 2 | 1 | 34 |
| 04 Isaac White | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 05 Kodye Pugh | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 11 Jaiden Delaire | 3-5 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 1 | 0 | 16 |
| 14 Marcus Sheffield | 2-5 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 0 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 32 Lukas Kisunas | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 5 |
| TEAM | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | 1 | | |
| Totals | 27-49 | 7-20 | 14-16 | 3 | 26 | 29 | 17 | 75 | 15 | 16 7 | 2 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 9-24 37.5% 2nd Half: 18-25 72.0% Game: 55.1% DEADBALL 1st Half: 5-13 38.5% 2nd Half: 2-7 28.6% Game; 35.0% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 8-10 80.0% 2nd Half: 6-6 100% Game: 87.5% 4

Officials: Casey McClellan, Mike Scyphers, Verne Harris Attendance: 3648

2nd Total 25 62 44 75 Score by Periods Colorado Stanford

STANFORD, Calif. — A chance for a Bay Area sweep instead turned into a second-half collapse for Colorado on Saturday, as the Buffs dropped a 75-62 decision at Stanford.

The Buffs led by as much as 12 in the first half and by nine early in the second period, but were outscored 42-20 by the Cardinal over the final 18 minutes.
The loss ended CU's nine-game win streak against Stanford and dropped the

Buffs to 11-8 overall and 2-5 in Pac-12 play. The Cardinal improved to 10-10, 3-5. It was also the first time this year in 10 games the Buffs have lost after leading at half, and it ended a program streak of 25 straight wins after leading at halftime.

The Buffs shot just 40.6 percent from the field in the game, including 10-for-28 in the second half. Stanford shot 55.1 percent from the field (27-for-49), including a blistering 72 percent in the second half (18-for-25). After collecting 21 rebounds in the first half. CU had just eight boards the entire second half.

Tyler Bey led CU with 17 points, McKinley Wright IV added 14, Lucas Siew ert chipped in 13 and Shane Gatling had 10.

Oscar Da Silva led Stanford with 21 and Daejon Davis scored 16.
The loss, coming on the heels of Thursday's win at Cal, also prevented Colorado from coming up with a rare conference road trip sweep, something the Buffs have accomplished only once since entering the Pac-12.

"I told our team, two things that we have to understand that we don't right now — that is basketball is a 40-minute game, and we don't handle adversity well enough," head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We're not mature enough and we're not tough enough. I know those are two of our issues. I'm not talking about physically tough, I'm talking about mentally tough. When things start going south, we don't have that dig-in, let's stop this kind of mentality. We just don't."

HOW IT HAPPENED: In Thursday's win over Cal, the Buffs allowed an

18-point lead to slip away in the second half before regaining their composure down the stretch to collect the win.

They couldn't recreate that effort against the Cardinal.
The Buffs controlled the first half, taking a 37-31 lead at intermission. CU had a 21-14 rebound edge in the first 20 minutes, which helped the Buffs to a 10-3 edge on second-chance points as well as a 26-8 lead in points in the paint. CU then quickly bumped the margin to nine early in the second half on five points from Bey

But from that point on, the Buffs went stone cold from the field and their dee turned porous. The Cardinal put together a 23-6 run to take a 56-48 lead with 9:18 to go, and the Buffs never came closer than four again. Stanford hit six straight field goal attempts at one point in the run while the Buffs endured a 1-for-11 stretch "Stanford was ready to be beaten today. They were ready to be put away,"

Boyle said. "But we miss some bunnies, we miss three out of four free throws and instead of being a 12, 14, 16, 18-point game, which it should have been, it's a sixpoint game and they've got hope."

Indeed, the Buffs missed an opportunity early in the second half when Gatling

missed two technical foul shots (called on Stanford's Davis) and Siewert hit just one of two. The Cardinal then began penetrating inside on Colorado's defense and the Buffs couldn't seem to find an answer. After Colorado held a commanding 26-8 edge on points in the paint in the first half, Stanford flipped the script and outscored CU 32-16 inside after halftime.

After Stanford pushed its lead to eight, 60-52, with just under seven minutes to play, the Buffs cut the deficit back to four on baskets from Bey and Siewert. But Colorado then gave up a dunk inside and back-to-back 3-point plays from Davis and Da Silva and the Stanford lead was back to 12 with four minutes to go.

Davis had 12 of his points in the second half. The Buffs were also beaten on the boards in the second half, 15-8, after holding a 21-14 edge in the first half. Colorado led for almost the entire first half, jumping out to an 8-2 lead after a pair of baskets from Gatling and stretching the lead to as much as 12 when a Bey bucket inside gave the Buffs a 31-19 lead with just under five minutes to play.

Stanford, however, came back to cut that margin in half by intermission, and CU took a 37-31 lead into the locker room at halftime.

OREGON STATE 76, COLORADO 74

Jan. 31, 2019, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

| VISITORS: Oregon St | ate 13- | 7, 5-3 | Pac-1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
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| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
| 3 Tres Tinkle | f 7-17 | 1-4 | 4-6 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 19 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 34 |
| 24 Kylor Kelley | f 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Stephen Thompson, Jr. g | 6-12 | 2-6 | 7-12 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 21 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 40 |
| 5 Ethan Thompson | 6-11 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 32 |
| 11 Zach Reichle | 0-3 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 27 |
| 23 Gligorije Rakocevic | 4-4 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| 4 Alfred Hollins | 3-6 | 3-3 | 0-0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 27 |
| 13 Antoine Vernon | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 22 Warren Washington | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | 2 | 4 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Totals | 27-56 | 7-20 | 15-25 | 8 | 24 | 32 | 18 | 76 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-31 41.9% 2nd Half: 14-25 56.0% Game: 48.2% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd Half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 35.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd Half: 11-19 57.9% Game: 60.0% 6

HOME: Colorado 11-9, 2-6 Pac-12

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | S | bk | min |
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| 23 Lucas Siewert | 2-8 | 1-5 | 0-0 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| 0 Shane Gatling g | 5-12 | 3-7 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | 1-7 | 0-1 | 2-4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz g | 1-4 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 25 McKinley Wright g | 6-7 | 1-2 | 5-8 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 2-3 | 0-1 | 2-5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 7-9 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| TEAM | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 26-52 | 6-20 | 16-26 | 7 | 25 | 32 | 20 | 74 | 15 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 16-27 59.3% 2nd Half: 10-25 40.0% Game: 50.0% DEADBALL 3-PI. FG% 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd Half: 4-14 28.6% Game: 30.0% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 6-12 50.0% 2nd Half: 10-14 71.4% Game: 61.5% 5

Officials: Gregory Nixon, Rick Randall, Larry Scirotto

Attendance: 6839 Score by Periods Oregon State 41 34 Colorado

BOULDER - Once again, the Colorado Buffaloes couldn't quite finish what they started.

One game after allowing a second-half lead to melt away at Stanford, the Buffs did the same on their home floor Thursday in a 76-74 loss to Oregon State. Colorado led by nine late in the first half and still held a five-point cushion at intermission but the Beavers hit 56 percent of their shots after the half to come away with the

The loss, CU's eighth in its last 11 games, dropped the Buffs to 11-9 overall and 2-6 in Pac-12 play while the Beavers improved to 13-7, 5-3.

"Same story, different game," head coach Tad Boyle said. "Same story that happened at Stanford. We were in Palo Alto, now we're in Boulder. We weren't good enough in the second half."

Sophomore McKinley Wright IV led CU with 18 points, freshman Evan Battey added 16 and junior Shane Gatling scored 15. Stevie Thompson Jr. led OSU with

Along with shooting 56 percent after halftime, the Beavers also held Colorado to just 40 percent shooting in the second half (10-for-25). The Buffs also hurt themselves by hitting just 16 of their 26 free throw attempts.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs put together a solid first half, breaking open a tie game with five minutes to go in the half with a 9-0 run to take a 34-25 lead. The Colorado run was spurred by CU's bench, with Battey getting two of his first-half 10 points in the surge and freshman guard Daylen Kountz scoring five straight points.

But instead of extending the margin for the rest of the half, the Buffs allowed OSU to cut the cushion almost in half by intermission, then completely erase the lead in the first three minutes of the second half. The Beavers hit six of their first seven shots of the half and scored on their first six possessions, with an Ethan-Thompson 3-pointer giving them a 48-47 lead with 16:10 to play.

"There was a stretch at the end of the first half when they scored on four straight possessions and then the first six or seven possessions of the second half they got layups," Boyle said. "Layup after layup after layup. Our defense just went

The Buffs played much of the second half without starter Tyler Bey, who played 11 minutes in the first half but just seven after halftime. Bey finished with just four points and four rebound, his second-lowest rebound total of the season.

"I just didn't think Tyler was giving us much tonight," Boyle said. "He's a good player, but I thought defensively and rebounding he wasn't the same Tyler Bey I've expected to see and we've expected to see. ... I love Tyler Bey. I'm not down on Tyler. I just think he's got to understand that he has to bring it every single game, every single possession."

After OSU regained the lead four minutes into the half, the game see-sawed back and forth, with the two teams trading the lead 10 times over the next 15 minutes as well as a half-dozen ties.

OSU finally took the lead for good, 71-69, with 1:00 on the clock on a pair of Gligorije Rakocevic free throws. Wright then turned the ball over on CU's next session and the Beavers hit five free throws down the stretch to clinch the win

as Colorado also missed shots on each of its ensuing possessions.

"McKinley's our guy," Boyle said. "He's 6-for-7 from the field. He's the heart of this team. He's a warrior. It's an inopportune turnover, but I'm going to battle with that guy. You have live with it and he's got to learn from it and hopefully not let it happen again.3

Wright did hit a 3-pointer with 1.8 seconds remaining to pull Colorado within one, 75-74, but Thompson hit another free throw and a last-second heave at the buzzer was off the mark

GAMF 21

COLORADO 73, OREGON 51

Feb. 2, 2019, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

| VISITORS: Oregon | 13-9, | 4-5 | Pac-1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ## Player | fg | ı-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
| 2 Louis King | f 5- | 13 | 0-5 | 2-2 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 29 |
| 13 Paul White | f 1 | -5 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14 |
| 33 Francis Okoro | f 0 | -2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Will Richardson | g 2 | -8 | 0-1 | 4-4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 33 |
| 3 Payton Pritchard | g 3 | -8 | 2-6 | 2-3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 37 |
| 4 Ehab Amin | 1 | -7 | 1-4 | 0-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 19 |
| 14 Kenny Wooten | 3 | -4 | 0-0 | 1-5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 24 |
| 5 Miles Norris | 1 | -2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 14 |
| 10 Victor Bailey Jr. | 2 | -9 | 0-4 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 14 |
| TEAM | | | | | 4 | 3 | 7 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 18 | -58 | 4-25 | 11-18 | 8 | 24 | 32 | 23 | 51 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 6 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 6-29 20.7% 2nd Half: 12-29 41.4% Game: 31.0% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-12 8.3% 2nd Half: 3-13 23.1% Game: 16.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd Half: 7-10 70.0% Game: 61.1% 3

HOME: Colorado 12-9, 3-6 Pac-12 of de tot pf 0 6 6 3 0 4 4 2 3 7 10 2 1 2 3 3 **fg-a 3fg-a** f 4-6 1-3 ## Player ft-a **tp** 10 9 **a** 0 23 Lucas Siewert 1-1 0 1 1 32 Shane Gatling g 3-13 1-8 2 2 0 0 30 Tyler Bey g D'Shawn Schwartz g 9-9 2-7 0-0 9-11 1-2 27 5 9 11 2 0 1 0 27 2 0 0 24 4 2 1 24 1 2 0 18 6 1 2 25 McKinley Wright 2-6 1-3 4-4 0 6 2 3-7 0-3 Daylen Kountz 1 21 Evan Battev 0-0 2-2 3 10 Alexander Strating 0-0 0-0 0 0 1 0 24 Eli Parquet 0-2 0-1 0-0 0 5 5 0 1 0 2 14 TFAM 23-53 3-20 24-28 9 36 45 16 73 7 14 6 4 200 Totals.

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-24 45.8% 2nd Half: 12-29 41.4% Game: 43.4% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-9 11.1% 2nd Half: 2-11 18.2% Game: 15.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 17-20 85.0% 2nd Half: 7-8 87.5% Game: 85.7% 1 F Throw %

Officials: Mike Reed, Rodrick Dixon, Nate Harris Attendance: 8654 Score by Periods 34 33 Oregon 17 40

Colorado

BOULDER — Throughout Colorado's early struggles in Pac-12 play this year,

in conference play. The Buffs turned up the volume in a big way Saturday night. Led by sophomore Tyler Bey's ninth career double-double (27 points, 10 rebounds), the Buffs put together their most complete game of the season to run away with a 73-51 win over Oregon in in front of 8,654, the biggest CU Events Center crowd of the season.

Colorado coach Tad Boyle has insisted the Buffaloes could still make some noise

Colorado improved to 12-9 overall and 3-6 in Pac-12 play while also improving to 8-0 all-time against the Ducks in Boulder. Oregon fell to 13-9, 4-5.

Colorado dominated the Ducks in virtually every regard. CU used a 17-0 run to take a 24-5 lead with 11:02 to play in the first half and Oregon never came closer than 15 again. Colorado led by 23 at the half, 40-17, and pushed the lead to as much as 30, 64-34, in the second half,

"Obviously it's a great win," Boyle said. "We defended, we rebounded. I think Oregon expended a lot of energy on Thursday against Utah. This is a tough road trip. We didn't get their best shot. I have great respect for coach (Dana) Altman and their players. They're good. They didn't play really well tonight, but hopefully I think we had something to do with that. I was extremely proud of our players for responding after a tough loss on Thursday."

Daylen Kountz added 11 points for Colorado and Lucas Siewert had 10 points

and six rebounds. McKinley Wright IV added nine points, six rebounds and a pair of assists

The Ducks had just two players in double figures, led by Louis King with 12 points.

Colorado also controlled the boards, finishing with an 45-32 rebound edge, and held Oregon to just 31 percent shooting from the floor (18-for-58) — the Ducks' worst shooting effort this season. Colorado's defense was particularly stifling in the first half, holding the Ducks to just 6-for-29 shooting (20.6 percent).

HOW IT HAPPENED: Bey was a dominant force from the beginning. After a four-point, four-rebound effort in Thursday's CU loss to Oregon State in just 18 minutes on the floor, he bounced back with a ferocious effort Saturday. Bey's seventh double-double of the season included an 18-point first half, when he outscored the Ducks by himself. Bey finished with a 9-for-9 night from the floor while also hitting 9 of his 11 free throw tries in finishing with a career-high 27 points.

The Buffs put forth their best 20 minutes of basketball this year in the first half, jumping out to a 40-17 lead. Colorado used a 17-0 run over a six-minute span to go up 24-5 with 11:28 to go in the half, then pushed the lead to 20 on a Siewert 3-point play with 9:47 to go.

But it was Bey who fueled the Buffs for the entire first half. Bey's 18 first-half points included 13 points in a 20-point CU run that featured an alley-oop dunk, a ferocious follow slam on a CU miss and an offensive rebound and putback and two free throws to cap the surge.

"To be honest, I should give my teammates credit," Bey said. "I had a bad game on Thursday and they were there for me. They always tell me to keep my head up and that's something I'm still working on. So I'm going to give the credit to them.

They got me shots and they were there for me when I was in deep." Even with a 23-point lead at the half, the Buffs knew they weren't out of the woods at halftime. Colorado came into the game having lost its last two - Oregon State and Stanford — after holding leads over both teams at intermission.

But the Buffs didn't let up on the gas against the Ducks. Colorado kept its cushion in the 20s for most of the half, building it to as much as 30 at one point.

"I'm really proud of us," Siewert said. "It's something coach has challenged us for I don't know how many games, but tonight we responded to it. You just saw how good we can be when we meet those goals.





COLORADO 84, UCLA 73

Feb. 6, 2019, Los Angeles, Calif. (Pauley Pavilion)

fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf tp a to s bkmin 23 Lucas Siewert f 2-6 1-4 0-0 0 4 4 1 5 4 2 1 1 30 g 8-10 7-9 5-6 1 3 4 0 28 5 2 0 3 35 0 Shane Gatling g 6-13 0-0 Tyler Bev 0-0 1 3 4 1 15 1 2 0 1 36 4-4 1 3 4 0 12 8 1 0 0 32 5 D'Shawn Schwartz g 6-10 3-7 25 McKinley Wright g 3-9 2-4 0-0 2-2 0 1 2 6 0 1 0 1 17 2 Daylen Kountz 2-2 10 Alexander Strating 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 21 Evan Battey 1-2 0-0 0-0 0 1 1 3 2 2 2 0 0 18 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 24 Eli Parquet

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 15-30 50.0% 2nd Half: 13-22 59.1% Game: 53.8% DEADBALL 1st Half: 6-12 50.0% 2nd Half: 7-12 58.3% Game: 54.2% REBOUNDS 3-Pt. FG% 2nd Half: 13-14 92.9% Game: 93.8% 1

28-52 13-24 15-16 6 23 29 9 84 22 14 3 7 200

HOME: UCLA 12-11, 5-5 Pac-12

Totals

VISITORS: Colorado 13-9, 4-6 Pac-12

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| 24 Jalen Hill | f 0-2 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Moses Brown | c 8-10 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 30 |
| 4 Jaylen Hands | g 5-10 | 3-5 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 30 |
| 13 Kris Wilkes | g 3-11 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| 23 Prince Ali | g 1-6 | 0-4 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 17 |
| Alex Olesinski | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 2 Cody Riley | 3-5 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| 3 Jules Bernard | 4-8 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| 5 Chris Smith | 7-12 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| 34 David Singleton | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| TEAM | | | | 3 | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 31-67 | 6-21 | 5-8 | 13 | 19 | 32 | 12 | 73 | 14 | 12 | 4 | 9 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 15-30 50.0% 2nd Half: 16-37 43.2% Game: 46.3% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd Half: 2-10 20.0% Game: 28.6% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd Half: 2-2 100% Game: 62.5% 2

Officials: Larry Spaulding, Chris Rastatter, Tony Padilla

Attendance: 6983

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Colorado 38 37 46 84 UCLA 36 73

LOS ANGELES — For the second year in a row, the Colorado Buffaloes

made Pauley Pavilion their home away from home.

Shane Gatling scored a career-high 28 points Wednesday night — including seven 3-pointers - and the Buffs broke open a tight game in the final seven minutes to collect an 84-73 win over LICLA on the Bruins' home floor

It was CU's second straight win at UCLA and third overall against the Bruins. The Buffs improved to 13-9 overall and 4-6 in Pac-12 play with their second straight conference win while the Bruins fell to 12-11, 5-5.

The Buffs entered the game with the Pac-12's worst 3-point shooting percentage, but finished the night a red-hot 13-for-24 from beyond the arc, including a 7-for-9 night from Gatling. A year ago, Colorado was 11-for-22 from 3-point range in a win at UCLA.

Tyler Bey added his second straight double-double for Colorado, finishing with 16 points and 10 rebounds. McKinley Wright IV added 12 points and eight rebounds and D'Shawn Schwartz added 15 points. Gatling, who had 22 of his points in the second half, also had five assists, four rebounds and three steals for the Buffs, Colorado finished with 22 assists on their 28 baskets.

"We're growing up," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "It's taking some time. Saturday (at USC) is not going to be easy, but I told our team, the way we're playing right now, if we continue to buy into defense and rebounding the ball, we can play with anybody."

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs led by as much as 13 early in the first half, only to see the Bruins cut the margin to one, 38-37, at intermission. UCLA actually then briefly took a two-point lead early in the second half, and while the Buffs managed to regain the edge, they led by only two, 63-61, with just more than seven minutes to play.

But then their defense kicked in and the offense put the game away. Following a timeout, the Buffs put together a 16-4 run over the next six minutes to build their cushion to 14, 79-65, and salt away the win.

Offensively, the Buffs got big buckets from Bey, Gatling and Wright in the run. Bey had back-to-back baskets inside, Gatling added a 3-pointer and Bey added a dunk off an assist from Gatling. Wright then finished the run with a 3-pointer and two free throws, and with 1:31 remaining, the Buffs had turned a tight game into one that had Bruins fans headed for the exits.

But it wasn't just offense that sparked the run. Colorado forced five straight empty UCLA possessions in the stretch, helping the Buffs finish their winning surge with a 10-0 burst.

Gatling opened the second half with a 3-pointer, then added three more in the next six minutes as the Buffs rallied from a 45-43 deficit. His fourth trey of the game put Colorado back in the lead for good and he quickly added two more to give CU a five-point edge.

The Bruins, though, cut the deficit back to one with just more than eight minutes to go, then pulled to within two with 7:15 on the clock.

That, however, is when the Buffs put together their decisive run.

The Buffs were dominated on the boards for much of the evening, with UCLA holding a 13-rebound edge at one point, a big factor in the Bruins' 14-4 edge in second-chance points. But down the stretch, the Buffs took command of the glass. closing the rebound deficit to just three, 32-29, by game's end.

The Buffs opened the game on fire, hitting nine of their first 15 field goal tries, including four of six from 3-point range. Colorado led by 13, 18-5, just six minutes in, and still led by 10, 38-28, with 2:39 to play. Schwartz led the Buffs with 12

points in the first half on 5-for-7 shooting.

But Colorado's defense went flat over the last couple of minutes of the half. UCLA scored on four of five possessions for a 9-0 run, and the Buffs finished the half with just a one-point lead, 38-37.

COLORADO 69, USC 65

Feb. 9, 2019, Los Angeles, Calif. (Galen Center)

| VISITORS: Colorado | 14-9, 5 | 6 Pac | -12 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | f 3-6 | 2-5 | 4-5 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Shane Gatling | g 3-7 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | g 1-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 24 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | g 5-12 | 0-4 | 3-3 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | g 9-14 | 1-5 | 1-1 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 38 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 5-7 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 27 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| TEAM | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 26-53 | 4-20 | 13-15 | 7 | 31 | 38 | 19 | 69 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-28 35.7% 2nd Half: 16-25 64.0% Game: 49.1% DEADBALL

HOME: USC 13-11, 6-5 Pac-12

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| 25 Bennie Boatwright | f 8-15 | 3-6 | 5-6 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 24 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 36 |
| 31 Nick Rakocevic | f 3-6 | 0-1 | 2-6 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 34 |
| 0 Shaqquan Aaron | g 5-10 | 2-5 | 1-1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| 2 Jonah Mathews | g 3-6 | 0-3 | 2-2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 28 |
| 5 Derryck Thornton | g 2-9 | 2-5 | 1-2 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 32 |
| 3 Elijah Weaver | 0-4 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 4 Kevin Porter, Jr. | 2-7 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 19 |
| 33 J'Raan Brooks | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 34 Victor Uyaelunmo | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| TEAM | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Totale | 23-57 | 7-24 | 12-19 | 8 | 21 | 29 | 14 | 65 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-30 36.7% 2nd Half: 12-27 44.4% Game: 40.4% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 4-14 28.6% Game: 29.2% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd Half: 8-12 66.7% Game: 63.2% 2

Officials: Bill Vinovich, Deron White, Gregory Nixon

Attendance: 3974 Score by Periods Colorado

LOS ANGELES - Colorado delivered in crunch time Saturday night, and as a result, the Buffaloes left Los Angeles with their first Pac-12 road sweep in six years.

McKinley Wright IV scored 20 points, including the go-ahead bucket with 1:36

to go, and **D'Shawn Schwartz** added a pair of clinching free throws with 14 seconds remaining to lift the Buffs past USC, 69-65, at the Galen Center. The win, coupled with Wednesday's victory at UCL, gave CU its first back-to-back conference road wins since 2013, when the Buffs swept the Oregon schools. It was CU's third victory in a row and improved the Buffs to 14-9 overall and 5-6 in

Pac-12 play. USC dropped to 13-11, 6-5.
Wright gave CU a 65-63 lead with a drive to the hoop with 2:20 to go, then broke a 65-65 tie less than a minute later with another drive. The Buffs then forced back-to-back empty possessions from the Trojans, including a missed a 3-point try

with 21 seconds on the clock.

Tyler Bey rebounded the missed trey and was fouled, giving CU the ball out of bounds. Colorado inbounded the ball to Schwartz, who was immediately fouled. Schwartz then hit both free throws with 14 seconds left on the clock to give CU a four-point lead, 69-65, and clinch the win.

Schwartz finished with 13 points, 11 in the second half. Evan Battey had 14 points and six rebounds for Colorado and Lucas Siewert added 12 points and six

rebounds. Benny Boatwright led USC with 24 points.
"We got stops tonight," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "McKinley made plays, D'Shawn made free throws, Evan was a beast — it was just a great team victory. I can't be more proud of our guys. It was just a toughness win. You win with tough-

ness on the road because you have to."

HOW IT HAPPENED: The game featured 16 ties and 16 lead changes, with neither team ever leading by more than five points. The Buffs also played most of the second half with their big men — Battey, Siewert and Bey — in foul trouble, with Siewert finally fouling out with 2:53 to play.

But Colorado's mental toughness made the difference down the stretch, with

virtually every player on the floor coming up with key plays.

Schwartz hit a basket and free throw with four minutes to go to give Colorado a 61-60 lead, then added another basket 30 seconds later to put Colorado up by one again, 63-62. The Trojans then fied if with a free throw before Wrights drive to the bucket with 2:20 to go put Colorado up by two, 65-63. The Trojans answered to

tie it up again one more time, before Wright then finally put CU in the lead for good with another drive down the lane with 1:36 to play.

That set the stage for the Buffs' back-to-back defensive stops, with Wright getting the first rebound and Bey the second.

The Buffs did not have the shooting eye they displayed in their win over UCLA. While they did shoot a respectable 26-for-53 overall from the field, they were just 4-for-20 from 3-point range — a far cry from their 13-for-24 effort from long distance against the Bruins.

But while their shots weren't falling, they came up with big defensive stops. Colorado held USC to 23-for-57 shooting (40.4 percent) and also held a commanding 38-29 edge on the boards.

After two straight double-double efforts, Bey was held to just two points Saturday, but he still had seven rebounds. Battey, however, picked up the scoring slack in the post, hitting five of his seven field goal tries and all four of his free throw attempts. He had back-to-back buckets with seven minutes to go that gave CU a

56-52 lead, then found Bey for a dunk a minute later.
Battey also played solid defense on USC big man Nick Rakocevic, helping hold him to just eight points — half his season average.

Neither team was able to establish control in the first half, with the two teams

entering intermission tied up at 29-29. USC's big lead of the half came early, 8-3, before Colorado came back to lead by three at several different junctures. Siewert led the Buffs in the first half with 10 points while Wright added eight points and also

GAMF 24

COLORADO 77, ARIZONA STATE 73

Feb. 13, 2019, Boulder, Colo, (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: Arizona State 16-8, 7-5 Pac-12 ## Player fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf tp a to s bkmin f 5-10 0-0 0-1 3 0 3 4 10 0 3 0 0 30 f 5-10 0-0 0-1 3 0 3 23 Romello White 45 Zvlan Cheatham f 4-9 1-1 3-5 3 7 10 3 12 1 2 2 0 28 g 5-13 3-6 8-9 0 4 4 2 21 2 g 4-10 1-3 0-3 3 1 4 0 9 6 Luguentz Dort 2 2 0 28 Remy Martin g 4-10 g 1-7 Rob Edwards 14 Kimani Lawrence 3-4 3-4 0-0 0 3 3 3 9 0 0 0 1 25 35 Taeshon Cherry 3-6 2-5 0-0 0 3 3 4 8 0 0 0 1 20 1 1 2 0 0 32 De'Quon Lake 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 1006 11 Elias Valtonen 0-0 0-0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 TFAM 25-59 10-23 13-22 11 22 33 20 73 11 11 7 2 200 Totals.

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-25 48.0% 2nd Half: 13-34 38.2% Game: 42.4% DEADBALL 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd Half: 6-14 42.9% Game: 43.5% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd Half: 9-15 60.0% Game: 59.1% 4

HOME: Colorado 15-9, 6-6 Pac-12

| ## | Player | fg | j-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
|----|--------------------|------|-----|-------|-------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| 23 | Lucas Siewert | f 2 | -9 | 2-7 | | 1 | | 4 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| 1 | Tyler Bey | f 9- | 13 | 0-0 | 4-6 | 1 | 16 | 17 | 1 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 32 |
| 0 | Shane Gatling | g 2 | -5 | 1-4 | 4-4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| 5 | D'Shawn Schwartz | g 2 | -8 | 1-4 | 1-3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| 25 | McKinley Wright | g 9- | 12 | 1-3 | 5-6 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 24 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 39 |
| 2 | Daylen Kountz | 1. | -5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 22 |
| 10 | Alexander Strating | 0- | -0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 21 | Evan Battey | 3 | -5 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 |
| | TEAM | | | | | 5 | | 5 | | | | 4 | | | |
| | Totals | 28 | -57 | 5-18 | 16-21 | 11 | 28 | 39 | 16 | 77 | 16 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 14-32 43.8% 2nd Half: 14-25 56.0% Game: 49.1% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-9 11.1% 2nd Half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 27.8% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd Half: 13-15 86.7% Game: 76.2% 1

Officials: Kevin Brill, Rick Bastell, Nate Harris Attendance: 6273

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Arizona State 32 41

BOULDER — Colorado's second-half toughness made the difference again Wednesday night.

McKinley Wright IV scored 24 points and Tyler Bey had a 22-point, 17-rebound double-double to lead the Buffaloes to their fourth straight win, a 77-73 victory over Arizona State at the CU Events Center

Colorado improved to 15-9 overall and 6-6 in Pac-12 play while the Sun Devils dropped to 16-8, 7-5. It is the first time since 2006 that the Buffs have won four straight conference games in the regular season, and it is the first time in CU history that Colorado has come from four games under .500 in conference play to get back to .500.

For the fourth straight game, the Buffaloes were the better team after halftime The game was tied 32-32 at intermission, and with 10:31 to play, the score was still knotted, 51-51, after the Buffs had erased a five-point deficit. That's when the Buffs took control, putting together a 15-7 run over the next eight minutes. Wright had seven points in the run, including a dagger 3-pointer as the shot clock wound down to give CU a 66-58 lead with 2:41 to go. The Sun Devils never came closer than five again until the final seconds, when a meaningless ASU 3-pointer just before the buzzer put the final points on the board.

The Buffs dominated the second half, particularly over the last 10 minutes. Colorado shot 56 percent from the floor after halftime (14-for-25) while holding ASU to just 38.3 percent shooting (13-for-34). The Buffs — who were outrebounded by the Sun Devils by 14 in their first meeting this year — finished with a six-rebound edge, including a 20-15 count after halftime.

"It's not me," head coach Tad Bovle said of his team's recent second-half efforts. "I wish I could say it was me, or our staff. It's our players. When your players decide to lock in like they did tonight, and like they have really the last four games. and dig in defensively and rebound the ball and play with the toughness they've been playing with - that's what changes things. Credit goes to our players, not our coaches.

Wright's 24 points were a season-high, and he added eight assists and six rebounds. Bey's double-double was the 11th of his career and ninth this season. and his 17 rebounds were a career high. Shane Gatling was CU's next high scorer with nine points, including seven in the second half.

Luguentz Dort led ASU with 21 points.

HOW IT HAPPENED: From the beginning, the Buffs were determined not to let the Sun Devils repeat their 83-61 domination earlier this year in Tempe. While ASU led for most of the first half, the Buffs never let the game get out of hand. Colorado trailed by six midway through the period, but came back to tie the game at 32-32 at intermission.

That led to a see-saw first 10 minutes of the second half before the Buffs finally took control. After ASU tied the game 51-51 on a Kimani Lawrence 3-pointer, Colorado exerted its will and the Sun Devils couldn't answer.

D'Shawn Schwartz started the decisive 15-7 run with a free throw before

Wright drove the lane for a bucket. Bey then scored inside on a feed from Wright. ASU then managed to cut CU's cushion to three but Wright answered with two free throws and Gatling added a pair.

Meanwhile, CU forced three empty ASU possessions, with Bey grabbing a pair of rebounds in the stretch. Then, with the crowd counting the shot clock down, Wright buried a long trey from the top of the key to give Colorado a 66-58 lead with iust 2:41 remaining.

Bey, meanwhile, was a monster on the boards all night while also scoring consistently inside. Colorado outscored the Sun Devils 38-26 in the paint — a far cry from the 50-20 edge the Sun Devils held in their first meeting.

After Wright's 3-pointer, the Buffs held the Sun Devils at bay down the stretch. A Bey dunk with 1:00 remaining gave CU a 70-63 lead and basically sealed the

GAMF 25

COLORADO 67. ARIZONA 60

Feb. 17, 2019, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

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| 10 Ryan Luther | f 6-1 | 3 4-9 | 1-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 1 | 3 2 0 34 |
| 4 Chase Jeter | c 5-1 | 1 0-0 | 0-0 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 1 2 0 28 |
| 3 Dylan Smith | g 6- | 9 4-6 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 2 1 1 31 |
| 5 Brandon Randolph | g 4-1 | 1 0-3 | 1-4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 1 2 0 34 |
| 12 Justin Coleman | g 0- | 2 0-1 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 2 0 0 37 |
| 11 Ira Lee | 3- | 4 0-0 | 1-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 0 2 18 |
| 23 Alex Barcello | 0- | 2 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 1 0 7 |
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TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-29 37.9% 2nd Half: 13-25 52.0% Game: 44.4% DEADBALL 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd Half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 38.1% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 40.0% 2

24-54 8-21 4-10 10 14 24 17 60 14 10 8 3 200

HOME: Colorado 16-9, 7-6 Pac-12

Totals

VISITORS: Arizona 14-12, 5-8 Pac-12

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to s | bk | min |
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| 23 Lucas Siewert f | 5-8 | 2-5 | 3-3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 1 2 | 0 | 28 |
| 1 Tyler Bey f | 4-5 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 4 1 | 0 | 27 |
| 0 Shane Gatling g | 3-7 | 1-4 | 4-4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 0 0 | 0 | 32 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz g | 1-4 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 0 | 1 | 32 |
| 25 McKinley Wright g | 5-10 | 1-2 | 3-3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 2 | 5 1 | 0 | 32 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 3-3 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 0 | 0 | 19 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 3-6 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 0 | 1 | 24 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 | 1 | 6 |
| TEAM | | | | 5 | | 5 | | | | 4 | | |
| Totals | 24-43 | 5-14 | 14-16 | 7 | 24 | 31 | 11 | 67 | 11 | 15 4 | 3 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-20 60.0% 2nd Half: 12-23 52.2% Game: 55.8% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-5 40.0% 2nd Half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 35.7% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 8-9 88.9% 2nd Half: 6-7 85.7% Game: 87.5% 0

Officials: Randy McCall, Tony Padilla, Michael Greenstein

Attendance: 7899

Score by Periods Arizona 28 32 60 33 67 34 Colorado

BOULDER - Once again, Colorado's big-time players came up with big-time plays in crucial situations Sunday night.

The result was the Buffaloes' fifth straight win, a 67-60 victory over Arizona at

the CU Events Center in front of 7,899 fans, the second-largest home crowd of the season. The Buffs broke open a tie game midway through the second half with a 15-3 run to take a 51-39 lead, and the Wildcats — who never led in the game did not come closer than seven again.

The five-game win streak is the Buffs' longest in league play since 2006 and

longest ever in Pac-12 play. CU improved to 16-9 overall and 7-6 in conference play while Arizona suffered its seventh straight loss to fall to 14-12 and 5-8. It is the Wildcats' longest losing streak since the 1982-83 UA team lost 14 straight Pac-10 games.

Lucas Siewert led Colorado with 15 points and nine rebounds. McKinley Wright IV added 14 points and Shane Gatling scored 11. Tyler Bey just missed his fourth double-double in the last five games, finishing with nine points and 10 rebounds. Ryan Luther led UA with 17 points.

"Another great team victory by the Buffaloes," CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "I thought we played with great toughness tonight. I want to just say Arizona played well. They are a good team. We took their best shot, certainly in the first half. We talked about that at halftime. I said this before the game, I said this every time we play those guys, you have to go out and beat Arizona because they're not going to beat themselves

HOW IT HAPPENED: After Colorado took a 34-28 lead at the half, Arizona opened the second period with an 8-2 run to tie the game at 36-36 with 15:33 to

But led by Wright, the Buffs regained control. The sophomore point guard scored the next seven points, getting a 3-point play off a drive to the bucket, then two more drives with shots off the glass to give Colorado a 43-36 lead. The Wildcats momentarily halted the run with a Dylan Smith 3-pointer, but CU then answered with an 8-0 run. Gatling scored on a short jumper, Bey delivered a basket and free throw and D'Shawn Schwartz hit a 3-pointer with 10:41 to go to give the Buffs a 51-39 edge with 10:41 to play.

Arizona never came closer than seven again.

Sunday's win was a total team effort. Freshman forward Evan Battey, who sat out the second half of Wednesday's win over ASU because of back spasms. returned to deliver some outstanding defense on Arizona big man Chase Jeter. The UA junior finished with 10 points, but after scoring the first six points of the second half, had just two the rest of the game.

The Buffs also got an outstanding all-around game from Siewert, who had a key 3-pointer with 2:53 left to bump CU's lead back to 10. His shot came just after Wright hit a trey from the corner — off an assist from Siewert — to keep CU's lead

Siewert also had three big "hustle" plays in the last 10 minutes that gave CU second chances at the basket, as well as a key drive down the lane.

After Siewert's 3-pointer, the Wildcats cut the CU edge back to seven one more time, 65-58, with 2:30 to go on a Dylan Smith 3-pointer. But the Buffs held the 'Cats scoreless over the next two minutes and Gatling hit two free throws with 40 seconds remaining to salt away the win.

The Buffs jumped out to a 6-0 lead to open the game and built their margin to as much as 11 at several different junctures. Colorado hit nine of its first 10 field goal tries while the Wildcats missed their first six. CU's last 11-point lead cam with

6:20 remaining, when Siewert's 3-point play gave Colorado a 32-21 cushion. But then came a CU scoring drought that lasted nearly six minutes, and the Wildcats chipped away the lead. UA cut the lead to six before Siewert finally hit a pair of free throws with 23 seconds left to end Colorado's drought. The Wildcats, however, collected a bucket just before the buzzer to send CU into the locker room at intermission with a 34-28 lead.

WASHINGTON STATE 76. COLORADO 74

Feb. 20, 2019, Pullman, Wash. (Beasley Coliseum)

| VISITORS: Colorado | 16-10, | 7-7 Pa | ic-12 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | f 1-10 | 1-7 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 24 |
| Shane Gatling | g 4-13 | 4-10 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 35 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | g 3-6 | 0-0 | 6-8 | 2 | 10 | 12 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 24 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | g 2-7 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | g 5-12 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 33 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 3-6 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 2-2 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 21 Evan Battey | 4-7 | 0-0 | 5-6 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 1-3 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| TEAM | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 25-66 | 9-29 | 15-19 | 13 | 26 | 39 | 19 | 74 | 16 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-30 43.3% 2nd Half: 12-36 33.3% Game: 37.9% DEADBALL 1st Half: 5-14 35.7% 2nd Half: 4-15 26.7% Game: 31.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd Half: 10-11 90.9% Game: 78.9% 1

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| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to s | bk | min |
| 3 Robert Franks | f 6-19 | 2-6 | 5-6 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 19 | 1 | 3 0 | 0 | 38 |
| 13 Jeff Pollard | f 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 18 |
| 5 Marvin Cannon | g 4-8 | 2-4 | 3-3 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 4 1 | 3 | 31 |
| 23 Ahmed Ali | g 4-6 | 3-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 1.1 | 0 | 16 |
| 24 Viont'e Daniels | g 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 0 Isaiah Wade | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 3 | 0 | 15 |
| Jervae Robinson | 2-3 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 1 | 0 | 24 |
| 2 CJ Elleby | 6-13 | 2-4 | 4-4 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 18 | 4 | 2 1 | 1 | 27 |
| 4 Aljaz Kunc | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 0 | 1 | 10 |
| TÉAM | | | | | 4 | 4 | | | | | | |
| Totals | 25-55 | 10-19 | 16-19 | 6 | 31 | 37 | 19 | 76 | 17 | 12 7 | 5 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-25 48.0% 2nd Half: 13-30 43.3% Game: 45.5% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-10 50.0% 2nd Half: 5-9 55.6% Game: 52.6% RI F Throw % 1st Half: 9-11 81.8% 2nd Half: 7-8 87.5% Game: 84.2% 1

Officials: Jim Schipper, Shawn Lehigh, Verne Harris

Attendance: 1911 Score by Periods Colorado 38 38 Washington State

PULLMAN, Wash. — Colorado had its chances Wednesday night, but unlike the last five games, the Buffs couldn't come up with the crucial plays in crunch time.

As a result, CU's five-game win streak came to an end with a 76-74 loss at Washington State.

The loss dropped the Buffs to 16-10 overall and 7-7 in Pac-12 play while the Cougars improved to 11-15, 4-9.

Tyler Bey had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Colorado for his 12th career double-double and 10th of the season. McKinley Wright had 13 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assists, Evan Battey added 13 points and 7 rebounds and Shane Gatling scored 12. Robert Franks led WSU with 19 points.

Colorado shot just 37.9 percent from the field, including just 9-for-29 from beyond the arc while the Cougars shot 45.5 percent, including a 10-for-19 night from

Still, the Buffs had an opportunity to claim their fourth conference road win of the year, as they led by one, 74-73, with 1:51 to go.

But the Cougars regained the edge on a tip-in with 1:24 remaining — after three straight misses - and Colorado then missed five shots at the basket in the

"You have to step up and make plays when plays have to be made," head coach Tad Boyle said. "We didn't do it on offense tonight and we didn't do it on defense. It's a one-possession game that goes in the loss column and it's an opportunity we'll never get back."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado trailed by two at intermission, 38-36, then engaged in a see-saw second half battle that featured 14 lead changes and five ties.

The Buffs led by as much as six in the second half, 59-53, thanks to a 10-2 run. that included six points from Daylen Kountz. But the Cougars answered with their own run, a 9-0 surge to regain the lead, 62-59. Wright re-injured his ailing shoulder during the run, leaving when Colorado still led by two with 10:10 to play and finally re-entering the game with 7:52 left and the Buffs trailing by three.

The Buffs did regain the edge with Wright back on the floor, pulling to within ne on a Bey basket inside before taking the lead on two Bey free throws with 1:51 left in the game - his 11th points of the half.

But Colorado couldn't come up with a key rebound on WSU's next possession. Franks missed a jumper from the corner, but the Cougars kept the ball alive at the rim, finally getting a tip-in from Isaiah Wade with 1:24 remaining to take a 75-74

CU then had several more chances to regain the edge, but missed five shots in the final 1:07, including two in the final 10 seconds.

"I thought we had some good looks down the stretch," Boyle said. "We had a wide-open three in the corner, we had a shot in the lane, a good look, didn't make that. You have to make plays when plays need to be made.

Colorado ended up winning the rebound battle, 39-37, but it was WSU's key offensive boards at the end that made the difference. It was only the second time in 17 games this year that CU has lost when out-rebounding the opponent. The Buffs struggled to find their offensive rhythm all night long. They were

hampered by foul trouble in the first half — five players had two fouls before intermission, including four starters — and they missed more than their share of open looks, both inside and outside.

"I thought we were ball watching a lot, kind of expecting the first shot to go in," Boyle said. "We didn't have anybody hunting offensive rebounds. Offensively, our guys were not clicking tonight."

Defensively, the Buffs couldn't contain WSU's 3-point shooters. The Cougars shot just 41.6 percent from 2-point range (15-for-36), but hit 10 of their 19 longGAMF 27

WASHINGTON 64, COLORADO 55

Feb. 23, 2019, Seattle, Wash. (Alaska Airlines Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 16-11, 7-8 Pac-12 fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf f 2-5 0-0 0-0 1 3 4 5 g 2-7 2-6 3-4 0 1 1 1 **a to s bk min** 1 3 0 0 17 ## Player **tp** 4 9 20 3 0 0 17 2 3 1 26 6 1 1 32 21 Evan Battey Shane Gatling
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TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-30 33.3% 2nd Half: 12-23 52.2% Game: 41.5% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd Half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 30.8% REBOUNDS Game: 63.6% 5 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd Half: 2-4 50.0%

HOME: Washington 22-5, 13-1 Pac-12 of de tot pf 2 1 3 5 2 3 5 2 ## Player
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 Nahziah Carter 0 2-6 2-6 1-2 0 0-0 33 Sam Timmins 0-0 3 0 3 0 2 2 TEAM Totals 24-57 8-20 8-14 13 15 28 14 64 11 1112 9 200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-32 40.6% 2nd Half: 11-25 44.0% Game: 42.1% DEADBALL 1st Half: 6-14 42.9% 2nd Half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 40.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 5-10 50.0% Game: 57.1% 2 3-Pt. FG%

Officials: Jim Schipper, Shawn Lehigh, Verne Harris Attendance: 10000 Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Colorado Washington

SEATTLE — Colorado couldn't solve Washington's zone defense Saturday night, dropping a 64-55 decision to the Huskies in front of a sellout crowd of 10,000 at Alaska Airlines Arena.

The Buffs fell to 16-11 overall and 7-8 in Pac-12 play with their second straight loss while the Huskies improved to 22-5, 13-1.

Colorado's Tyler Bey finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds on 9-for-17 shooting to record his 13th career double-double and 11th of the season. D'Shawn Schwartz finished with 10 points and five rebounds, but was the only other Buff in

Washington's Matisse Thybulle finished with 17 points, six steals, five blocked shots and three rebounds.

Colorado did not shoot well from the floor — 22-for-53 — but the Buffs' biggest downfall was turnovers. CU committed 19 miscues, which the Huskies conve into 18 points. And, while the Buffs did win the overall rebound battle, 39-28. Washington collected 13 offensive rebounds and turned them into 12 points.

Washington led by eight at the half and built its second-half lead to as much as 18 before the Buffs cut the deficit in half with a 9-0 run with seven minutes still to play. But the Huskies then built the lead back to 13 and managed to hold the Buffs off down the stretch.

"They got up 18 and then we started deciding to play and we guarded, and we guarded them down the stretch," CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "But you have to do that for 40 minutes. There's two reasons we lost this game tonight. No. 1 we gave them 13 offensive rebounds, which we knew we couldn't do. We have to be tougher on the boards. The second thing is you can't come into this building, especially when it's loud and sold out like it was tonight, and turn the ball over 19 times. The combination of the offensive rebounds and the turnovers put us in the

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado stayed in the game early and trailed by just two, 25-23, with 4:31 to go in the first half after Shane Gatling hit a long 3-pointer. But the Huskies closed the half with a 10-4 run to take a 35-27 lead at intermission, then assumed full control in the first five minutes of the second half with a 16-6 run. The Buffs committed three turnovers in the span, and the Huskies converted those into seven points.

Thybulle was a thorn in the Buffs' side all night, particularly in the second half The reigning Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year had 14 points, four blocks, three steals and three rebounds after intermission.

After falling behind by 18, the Buffs did make a run, cutting the margin in half with a 9-0 run. Bey had six points in the surge and Schwartz added a 3-pointer. A Bey basket inside capped the run and pulled Colorado to within nine, 59-50, with 7:09 still to play.

But Thybulle halted the run with a drive to the basket with 6:35 remaining and while the Huskies did not score another field goal the rest of the game, they still held the Buffs at bay. Colorado had four turnovers in its next five possessions and endured nearly a six-minute scoring drought. Gatling finally ended the skid with a pair of free throws with 1:24 remaining, then added a 3-pointer with under a minute to go, but the Huskies hit three free throws in the final two minutes to keep CU at arm's length.

Colorado trailed 35-27 at the half, as the Buffs struggled from the floor in the first 20 minutes (10-for-30) while also committing nine turnovers that led to seven UW points.

The Buffs managed to stay within striking distance by hitting the boards, holding a 24-14 rebound edge. Bey had eight of his points and six of his rebounds before intermission while Lucas Siewert, who did not have a rebound in the Buffs' loss at Washington State, had four boards.





GAME 28

COLORADO 71, UTAH 63

Mar. 2, 2019, Boulder, Colo, (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: Utah 15-13, 9-7 Pac-12

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
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| 3 Donnie Tillman | f 4-7 | 2-5 | 4-4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| 11 Both Gach | f 5-13 | 0-6 | 2-2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| 20 Timmy Allen | f 5-11 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 29 |
| 34 Jayce Johnson | f 1-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 27 |
| Sedrick Barefield | g 7-16 | 2-8 | 3-4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 37 |
| 5 Parker Van Dyke | 0-5 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| 13 Novak Topalovic | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 |
| 21 Riley Battin | 1-3 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Charles Jones | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 31 Brandon Morley | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Totals | 24-61 | 5-26 | 10-11 | 12 | 22 | 34 | 18 | 63 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-31 35.5% 2nd Half: 13-30 43.3% Game: 39.3% DEADBALL 1st Half: 3-16 18.8% 2nd Half: 2-10 20.0% Game: 19.2% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 1-1 100% 2nd Half: 9-10 90.0% Game: 90.9% 1 3-Pt FG% F Throw %

HOME: Colorado 17-11, 8-8 Pac-12

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| 21 Evan Battey | f 6-9 | 0-0 | 3-5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 28 |
| 0 Shane Gatling | g 1-4 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 29 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | g 7-10 | 0-0 | 3-4 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 34 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | g 5-10 | 1-4 | 5-6 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | g 3-10 | 2-4 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 37 |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | 1-5 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 1-3 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| TEAM | | | | 1 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 25-52 | 5-15 | 16-23 | 7 | 26 | 33 | 15 | 71 | 14 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 200 |
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TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 14-29 48.3% 2nd Half: 11-23 47.8% Game: 48.1% DEADBALL 1st Half: 1-7 14.3% 2nd Half: 4-8 50.0% Game: 33.3% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd Half: 10-15 66.7% Game: 69.6% 4 F Throw %

Officials: Tony Padilla, Mike Scyphers, Jimmy Casas

Attendance: 8405

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total 26 37 63 35 36 71 Colorado

BOULDER - Colorado produced an outstanding defensive effort and a balanced offensive performance Saturday to carve out a 71-63 win over Utah at the CU Events Center

The Buffs held the Pac-12's best 3-point shooting team to a season-low 19.2 percent day from long distance and put four players in double-figure scoring, led by a 17-point, 10-rebound effort from sophomore **Tyler Bey**.

CU improved to 17-11 overall and 8-8 in Pac-12 play with two games remaining while Utah dropped to 15-13. 9-7.

The Buffs led for much of the game, taking the lead for good midway through the first half and never trailing again. But they could never completely shake the Utes, and it took a pair of 3-pointers in the final two minutes — the first from **Lucas** Siewert with 1:41 remaining and the second from McKinley Wright IV with 48 seconds on the clock - to salt away the win.

Bey had 15 of his 17 points in the first half, and finished with a 7-for-10 day from the field for his third straight double-double, his 12th of the season and 14th of his career. D'Shawn Schwartz had 16 points and six rebounds for Colorado, Evan Battey added 15 points and four rebounds and Wright had 10 points and three assists

Wright's biggest contribution came on the defensive end, where he harassed Utah's Sedrick Barefield all night. The Utes' leading scorer did finish with 19 points, but he shot just 7-for-16 from the floor, including 2-for-8 from 3-point range.

Overall, CU held Utah to 39.3 percent shooting from the floor (24-for-61) and just 5-for-26 from 3-point range. It tied for the Utes' fewest 3-pointers this year and was their worst shooting percentage from beyond the arc this season.

CU also also forced 12 Utah turnovers and reaped 16 points off the miscues.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After scoring the last five points of the first half including a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Schwartz - Colorado led by nine at intermission, 39-28.

The Utes, however, cut the deficit to four on a Timmy Allen 3-pointer with 15:53 to go before the Buffs answered with a 9-2 run to go back up by 11, getting a three-point play from Alex Strating with 12:33 to go to bump the Buffs' cushion

That pattern then played itself out for the rest of the second half. The Buffs built their lead to as much as 13 at several different junctures, only to see the Utes cut the deficit back to single digits each time.

Along with playing solid defense all night, the Buffs came up with clutch shots on the offensive end in crucial moments. Schwartz's 3-pointer to end the first half was a huge momentum boost and Strating's 3-point play on an offensive rebound was also a momentum switch.

The Buffs then got a huge 3-pointer from Siewert with 1:41 left to play — his only basket of the night — before Wright put the Utes away with his trey from the top of the key with 48 seconds remaining. Siewert's basket ended a 5-0 Utah run while Wright's bucket gave CU a 10-point lead, 69-59.
The Buffs also received a stellar effort from Battey, who scored eight of his 15

points in the second half while shooting 6-for-9 for the game.

Early on, Colorado threatened to blow the game open quickly. CU hit its first three field goal attempts and jumped out to an 8-0 lead while Utah went scoreless in the first five minutes

But the Utes answered with a 9-0 run to take the lead while the Buffs endured and 0-for-8 stretch from the field. CU finally regained its shooting eye, however, and put together a 9-0 run to turn a 14-12 deficit into a 21-12 lead. Schwartz had four points in the run while Bey and Battey both added baskets.

The Buffs slowly built their lead to as much as nine with 3:11 to go in the half, 30-21, on a Battey bucket before the Utes scored five straight. CU, though, answered with five points in the final 40 seconds of the half, getting a pair of free throws from Bey and a Schwartz 3-pointer at the buzzer to take a 35-26 edge at

COLORADO 93, UCLA 68

Mar. 7, 2019, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: UCLA 16-14, 9-8 Pac-12

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| Moses Brown | c 1-4 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 14 | - 15 |
| 4 Jaylen Hands | g 5-12 | 2-5 | 6-6 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 0 0 | 31 |
| 5 Chris Smith | g 2-6 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 0 | 18 |
| 13 Kris Wilkes | g 6-16 | 1-5 | 6-9 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 0 0 | 28 |
| 34 David Singleton | g 1-4 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 0 | 15 |
| Alex Olesinski | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 0 | 15 |
| 3 Jules Bernard | 5-9 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 3 0 | 31 |
| 24 Jalen Hill | 0-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 1 | 20 |
| 2 Cody Riley | 2-6 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 2 | 20 |
| 14 Kenneth Nwuba | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 0 | 3 |
| 15 Armani Dodson | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 | 3 |
| 43 Russell Stong | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 | 3 |
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| Totals | 23-64 | 7-18 | 15-23 | 9 | 26 | 35 | 20 | 68 | 6 | 11 | 6 7 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 9-27 33.3% 2nd Half: 14-37 37.8% Game: 35.9% DEADBALL 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd Half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 38.9% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd Half: 9-15 60.0% Game: 65.2% 3

HOME: Colorado 18-11, 9-8 Pac-12

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| 21 Evan Battey | f 0-4 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 22 | |
| Shane Gatling | g 7-13 | 2-8 | 10-10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 28 | |
| 1 Tyler Bey | g13-20 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 1 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 27 | |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | g 6-13 | 2-7 | 1-2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | |
| 25 McKinley Wright | g 3-8 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 32 | |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | 2-4 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 25 | |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 2-6 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 16 | |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 11 | |
| 12 AJ Martinka | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| 33 Aidan McQuade | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| 34 Benan Ersek | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | 3 | 5 | | | | 2 | | | | |
| Totals | 34-69 | 7-21 | 18-20 | 10 | 37 | 47 | 19 | 93 | 18 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 200 | |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 14-35 40.0% 2nd Half: 20-34 58.8% Game: 49.3% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd Half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 33.3% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd Half: 13-13 100% Game: 90.0% 1 Officials: Kevin Brill, Deldre Carr, Kelly Pfeifer

Attendance: 7797 Score by Periods UCLA 1st 2nd Total 27 41 68 41 68 56 93 Colorado 37

BOULDER - Tyler Bey notched his fourth straight double-double with 27 points and 13 rebounds and Colorado's recent dominance of UCLA continued Thursday night as the Buffs routed the Bruins, 93-68, at the CU Events Center.

The win was Colorado's fourth in a row over the Bruins, completing back-toback regular season sweeps. CU improved to 18-11 overall and 9-8 in Pac-12 play while the Bruins, who saw a three-game win streak come to an end, fell to 16-14,

The win also kept the Buffs in contention for a top-four Pac-12 finish while UCLA's hopes of the same dimmed with the loss. Following Utah's win over USC on Thursday. Colorado was in a four-way tie for fourth place with one game left to

Bev's 27 points — 17 in the second half — tied a career high, and the Buffs added two other players in double figures, with Shane Gatling scoring 26 and D'Shawn Schwartz adding 15 points and six rebounds. McKinley Wright IV, meanwhile, had nine points, nine rebounds and five assists while also playing excellent defense all night on UCLA's Jaylen Hands.

Colorado held the Bruins — the Pac-12's highest scoring team — to under 36 rcent shooting for the night and 10 points under their season scoring average. Colorado, meanwhile, shot nearly 50 percent from the floor (34-for-69) while also holding a commanding 47-35 edge on the boards.

think we took these matchups personally," Wright said of CU's defensive effort. "We got tired of hearing certain guys' names over and over. Before the tip I told my gus to take their matchup personally and everybody did. When we come together and take our matchups personally, we're a really good defensive team."

Kris Wilkes led UCLA with 19 points, but shot just 6-for-16 from the field while Jaylen Hands had 18 points on 5-for-12 shooting.

Colorado coach Tad Bovle, who moved into a tie for second on CU's all-time victory list with his 184th win, called it a complete team effort.

"We've got some guys that are taking (defense) personally and taking it upon themselves," Boyle said. "That's how you're going to win games, especially this time of year, because some nights the shots are going to go and sometimes they aren't. Tonight I thought it was a pretty good effort on both sides of the ball. Anytime you have 18 assists and nine turnovers, you're doing something right. Especially the second half, we got things going offensively."

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs led by 10 at intermission, 37-27, then steadily built their lead throughout the second half, outscoring the Bruins 56-41 over the final 20 minutes. CU pushed the cushion to 14 in the first two minutes of the half on dunks from Schwartz and Bev and the margin never fell below 11 again as the Buffs pounded the ball inside, owning a 46-32 edge in points in the paint by game's

"In the second half I thought we penetrated the zone, we got to the free throw line, we attacked the basket and we got some plays at the rim," Boyle said. "Tyler had 27 and a lot of those were on dunks and plays at the rim. That's what you have to do. You have to play inside out against the zone. You can't settle for threes."

The Bruins did manage to stay within 12 to 15 points of the Buffs for much of the second half before Colorado delivered the knockout punch over the last 10 minutes. Back-to-back baskets from Schwartz gave CU a 67-50 lead with 7:18 to go and the cushion hit the 20s with two minutes to play.

Gatling was particularly effective from the free-throw line, hitting all 10 of his attempts, while also shooting 7-for-13 from the floor. Of his three 20-point games this year, two have come against the Bruins

Defensively, the Buffs also limited UCLA big man Moses Brown to just three points and three rebounds.

GAME 30

COLORADO 78, USC 67

Mar. 9, 2019, Boulder, Colo, (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: USC 15-16, 8-10 Pac-12 ## Player fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf
25 Bennie Boatwright f 4-10 1-4 0-1 1 2 3 5
31 Nick Rakocevic f 6-12 0-0 5-9 5 10 4
0 Shaoquan Aaron g 2-4 0-1 0-0 0 2 2 2 4
2 Jonah Mathews g 5-14 1-6 2-2 0 2 2 2 a to s bk min 0 3 0 0 22 1 1 0 2 28 0 0 0 1 29 2 1 2 1 31 9 17 4 13 Jonah Mathews g 5-14 1-6 2 Elijah Weaver 6 9 7 0 3-6 3-7 3-4 0-0 0-0 1-2 3 0 0 28 0 0 0 14 Kevin Porter, Jr. 3 0 Derryck Thornton 33 J'Raan Brooks 0-3 0-1 0-0 0 0 0 0 0009 34 Victor Uyaelunmo TEAM 26-64 7-20 8-14 12 19 31 26 67 8 11 2 5 200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 15-38 39.5% 2nd Half: 11-26 42.3% Game: 40.6% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-13 38.5% 2nd Half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 35.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 6-10 60.0% Game: 57.1% 3

HOME: Colorado 19-11, 10-8 Pac-12 fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf tp f 9-14 0-0 3-4 6 1 7 4 21 g 3-5 1-3 0-0 0 7 7 4 7 ## Plaver a to s bk min 0 0 0 28 21 Evan Battey 3 Shane Gatling g 3-5 3 17 1 8 2 17 1 4 0 0 1 4 3-4 2-2 5-6 1 10 11 1 2 3 0 3 3 Tyler Bey g 7-13 D'Shawn Schwartz g 3-6 g 7-13 0-0 2 1 1 31 0-2 2-4 25 McKinley Wright g 5-11 2 Daylen Kountz 0-5 3 0-2 0 10 Alexander Strating 0-0 0-0 0-2 2-2 0 0 5 0 0 23 Lucas Siewert 1 0 0 20 TFAM 28-57 3-12 19-24 11 29 40 16 78 16 8 4 3 200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-31 38.7% 2nd Half: 16-26 61.5% Game: 49.1% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-7 14.3% 2nd Half: 2-5 40.0% Game: 25.0% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd Half: 14-16 87.5% Game: 79.2% 4

Officials: D.G. Nelson, Bill Vinovich, Gregory Nixon Attendance: 9379 Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Colorado

Totals

BOULDER — Colorado's turnaround added another impressive chapter Saturday, as the Buffs wrapped up regular season play with a 78-67 win over Southern California at the CU Events Center.

Saturday's win came in front of 9,379, CU's largest home crowd of the season. It was the Buffs' third in a row and eighth in their last 10 games, and improved their record to 19-11 overall and 10-8 in Pac-12 play — a far cry from the 2-6 conference record they held just six weeks ago after a home loss to Oregon State.

As has been the story through much of their late-season run, Saturday's performance featured a balanced team effort. The Buffs received a career-high 21 points from freshman Evan Battey, a fifth straight double-double from sophomore Tyler Bey (17 points, 11 rebounds) and 17 points from sophomore point guard McKinley Wright IV.

The Buffs also held a 40-31 rebounding edge and shot 28-for-57 from the field while matching their season low in turnovers (eight) to go along with 16 assists.

Defensively, the Buffs held USC to just 40.6 percent shooting from the field and forced 11 Trojan turnovers, which resulted in 14 Colorado points. Colorado held the Pac-12's third-leading scorer, Bennie Boatwright, to just nine points, half his season average. Nick Rakocevic led USC with 17 points.

The Buffs rallied from a 37-30 halftime deficit to command the game down the stretch. Bey and Wright both had 12 points in the second half and Battey scored nine. Colorado also outrebounded the Trojans 18-10 after intermission and dominated the game inside, outscoring the Trojans 46-28 in the paint.

"We were 2-6" CU head coach Tad Boyle said when asked about the Buffs' rough start to conference play. "But I knew if we could just keep getting better in practice every day, this team has what it takes. Now we've won eight of 10. The credit goes to our players for not giving up, not getting down, just coming to work every day and getting better. That's gratifying."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado trailed by as much as 12 in the first half and still trailed by seven at intermission, 37-30, but quickly begin to chip away at the lead in the second half. Back-to-back baskets from Wright, including a 3-pointer, pulled Colorado to within two, 39-37, and a Battey bucket inside with 13:00 on the clock gave the Buffs their first lead since early in the first half, 44-43.

The Trojans momentarily regained the edge on a Rakocevic bucket but the Buffs took the lead for good on their next possession on a Battey basket inside off a nice feed from D'Shawn Schwartz, part of a 9-2 run that saw Colorado turn a 43-39 deficit into a 48-45 lead.

Colorado never trailed again. The Trojans tied the game with 9:08 remaining on two free throws, but the Buffs then took control down the stretch, exerting their will on the boards and taking advantage of foul trouble on USC's two big men.

Rakocevic drew his fourth foul with 5:22 to go and Colorado clinging to a 60-58 lead. While he stayed in the game, his defensive presence was altered and the Buffs took advantage, delivering a 12-2 knockout punch over the next three

Lucas Siewert started the run with a pair of free throws, Bey added backto-back dunks and a short jumper as Rakocevic looked on helplessly. Schwartz added a drive to the hoop and Wright hit two free throws to give Colorado a 72-60 lead with 1:26 remaining to put the game away.

The Buffs were not in synch for much in the first half. After a quick start, CU went cold in a hurry, watching an 11-5 lead melt away. USC put together a 10-2 run to take a 15-13 lead and Colorado never led again in the half.

The Buffs also failed to take advantage of a golden opportunity when Rakocevic and Boatwright both went to the bench with two fouls and the Trojans leading by six with 6:39 left in the half. Instead of cutting into the deficit, the Buffs allowed USC to push the margin to 12 before finally cutting the lead to seven by halftime, 37-30

GAME 31

COLORADO 56. CALIFORNIA 51

Mar. 13, 2019, Las Vegas, Nev. (T-Mobile Arena)

VISITORS: California 8-23

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to s bkm | nin |
|---------------------|--------|-------|-------|----|----|-----|----|----|---|----------|-----|
| 1 Darius McNeill | g 3-8 | 1-5 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 1 4 0 3 | 38 |
| 3 Paris Austin | g 2-9 | 0-0 | 5-7 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 3 2 0 3 | 35 |
| 10 Justice Suing | f 4-8 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 3 1 2 3 | 38 |
| 20 Matt Bradley | g 4-12 | 3-6 | 6-6 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 2 | 0 4 0 3 | 33 |
| 23 Connor Vanover | c 3-9 | 2-7 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 2 1 3 3 | 32 |
| 2 Juhwan Harris-Dys | on 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 0 1 1 | 11 |
| 22 Andre Kelly | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 0 | 8 |
| 34 Grant Anticevich | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 0 5 | |
| TEAM | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| Totals | 16-47 | 8-22 | 11-15 | 2 | 17 | 19 | 14 | 51 | 7 | 11126 2 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-25 32.0% 2nd Half: 8-22 36.4% Game: 34.0% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd Half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 16.4% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 9-11 81.8% Game: 73.3% 1

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| 21 Evan Battey | 2-6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 0 | 1 | 31 |
| 0 Shane Gatling g | 2-8 | 1-6 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 0 2 | 0 | 32 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | 1-6 | 0-0 | 6-8 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 7 0 | 0 | 29 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz g | 4-6 | 3-5 | 0-0 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 2 (| 0 | 35 |
| 25 McKinley Wright g | 7-9 | 4-6 | 0-0 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 18 | 3 | 5 1 | 1 | 35 |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | 1-6 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 3-5 | 0-1 | 2-4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 2 2 | 0 | 18 |
| TEAM | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | | |
| Totals | 20-46 | 8-20 | 8-12 | 10 | 30 | 40 | 13 | 56 | 10 | 23 5 | 2 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-26 42.3% 2nd Half: 9-20 45.0% Game: 43.5% DEADBALL 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd Half: 5-11 45.5% Game: 40.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 66.7% 5 3-Pt. FG% F Throw %

Officials: Chris Rastatter, Deldre Carr, Nate Harris Attendance: 9748

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total California Colorado 28 56

 $\textbf{LAS VEGAS} \ - \ \textbf{Above all else, Colorado head coach Tad Boyle} \ \textbf{stresses}$ defense and rebounding.

Those two building blocks of the Buffaloes program came in handy in a big way Wednesday. Colorado overcame a season-high 23 turnovers with a stellar effort on defense and on the boards, and McKinley Wright IV scored 18 points to lead the Buffs to a 56-51 win over Cal in the first round of the Pac-12 tournament at T-Mobile Arena.

The Buffs were not at their best, but their fourth straight win improved their record to 20-11 overall and moved them into a 3:30 p.m. Thursday quarterfinal matchup with Oregon State. The win gave Boyle his sixth 20-win season in his nine years in Boulder, and the Buffs' 10th in program history.

Wright scored his points on 7-for-9 shooting, including four 3-pointers to tie a career high. **D'Shawn Schwartz** added 11 points — nine in the second half — and eight rebounds for the Buffs and Tyler Bey had eight points and 11 rebounds. Bey missed his sixth straight double-double, but salted away the win with two free throws with 2.4 seconds left on the clock.

Matt Bradley led Cal with 20 points.

The fifth-seeded Buffs led for most of the game, but their biggest lead never surpassed 10 points, as the No. 12 Bears refused to go away quietly. But Colorado's defense and rebounding made up for the turnover issues. The Buffs held a commanding 40-19 lead on the boards and held Cal to under 35 percent shooting (16-for-47) for the game.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado took the lead for good, 13-12, with 12 minutes still to play in the first half on a Wright 3-pointer. The Buffs built their first-half lead to as much as nine, and still led by six at the half, 28-22.

But the Bears opened the second half with a 7-2 run to cut CU's edge to one - thanks in large part to four Colorado turnovers in five possessions - and they managed to stay within striking distance the rest of the game.

Still, every time the Bears threatened to take the lead, the Buffs answered, with Wright and Schwartz both delivering key 3-pointers at different junctures to

Wright hit a trey at the 15:12 mark and Schwartz added one from the top of the key three minutes later to give CU a five-point lead. Colorado then emerged from the timeout to score five in a row to push its cushion to 10, getting a 3-pointer from Shane Gatling and a Wright drive to the rim to give CU a 45-35 edge at the 10:23

The Bears, though, fought back to close the gap back to three, putting together a 7-0 run to pull within 50-47 with 3:42 to play.

Schwartz, however, answered with his third 3-pointer and the Bears never came closer than three again. Bey finally put the game away with two free throws

with 2.4 seconds left on the clock to close out the game.

The Buffs' 23 turnovers surpassed their previous season high by four — but their 19-turnover games both ended in losses (Indiana State and Washington).

Despite 12 first-half turnovers, the Buffs still held a 28-22 lead at half, thanks

to a defense that held the Bears to 32 percent shooting (8-for-25) over the first 20 minutes.

Colorado started slowly, as Cal jumped out to leads of 6-0 and 9-3. But the Buffs slowly climbed back into the game, taking their first lead on a Wright 3-pointer at the 13:05 mark, then going ahead for good, 13-12, on another Wright trey with 12:10 to go.

The Buffs put together a 13-2 run over an eight-minute span in half to take a 23-14 edge, and held the Bears to just one field goal over a nine-minute stretch. Freshman Davlen Kountz sparked the run with back-to-back steals and dunks.

Cal finally ended its drought with two baskets in the last three minutes of the half to cut Colorado's lead to six by halftime.

COLORADO 73. OREGON STATE 58

Mar. 14, 2019, Las Vegas, Nev. (T-Mobile Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 21-11

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| 0 Shane Gatling | 4-6 | 3-4 | 4-4 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 33 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | f 2-8 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 18 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | 3-8 | 2-5 | 3-4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| 21 Evan Battey | f 4-7 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 20 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | 4-8 | 1-2 | 8-8 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 17 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 1-3 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 17 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 4-6 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | 0-5 | 0-3 | 0-2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 26 |
| TEAM | | | | 4 | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| Totale | 22-51 | 6-16 | 22-27 | 11 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 72 | 1/ | 10 | 2 | 2 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 15-28 53.6% 2nd Half: 7-23 30.4% Game: 43.1% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd Half: 1-5 20.0% Game: 37.5% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 21-23 91.3% Game: 85.2% 2

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|---------------------------|--------|-------|-------|----|----|-----|----|----|---|----|---|----|-----|--|
| 1 Stephen Thompson, Jr. o | 3-10 | 0-5 | 4-4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 34 | |
| 3 Tres Tinkle | f 8-21 | 2-7 | 5-8 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 23 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 38 | |
| 4 Alfred Hollins | f 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 19 | |
| 5 Ethan Thompson | 4-12 | 1-3 | 7-8 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 39 | |
| 24 Kylor Kelley | f 3-3 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 22 | |
| 11 Zach Reichle | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | |
| 13 Antoine Vernon | 0-1 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | |
| 22 Warren Washington | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | |
| 23 Gligorije Rakocevic | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 14 | |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 18-53 | 3-18 | 19-24 | 8 | 20 | 28 | 22 | 58 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 200 | |

 TOTAL FG%
 1st Half: 8-29 27.6%
 2nd Half: 10-24 41.7%
 Game: 34.0% DEADBALL

 3-Pt. FG%
 1st Half: 0-9 0.0%
 2nd Half: 3-9 33.3%
 Game: 16.7% REBOUNDS

 F Throw%
 1st Half: 2-3 66.7%
 2nd Half: 17-21 81.0%
 Game: 79.2% 4

Officials: Greg Nixon, Michael Irving, Nate Harris

Attendance: 10556 Score by Periods Colorado 1st 2nd Total Oregon State

LAS VEGAS — Defense, rebounding and some clutch offensive plays down the stretch from some unlikely sources lifted the Colorado Buffaloes to another win Thursday in the Pac-12 tournament.

The Buffs carved out a 21-point first half lead, then withstood a furious Oregon State rally in the second half to collect a 73-58 win over the Beavers and advance to the tournament semifinals at T-Mobile Arena.

Now 21-11, the fifth-seeded Buffs next face regular season champ and topseed Washington in Friday's 7 p.m. semifinal matchup. It will be Colorado's fourth trip to a conference tourney semifinal under head coach **Tad Boyle** (three Pac-12, one Big 12), but the first since 2014.

The Buffs put five players in double figures, led by 17 points from sophomore point guard McKinley Wright IV, who also had five rebounds and four assists. Shane Gatling added had 15 points and six rebounds, Evan Battey had 10 points and eight boards, D'Shawn Schwartz had 11 points, three rebounds and three assists, and Alexander Strating had a career-high 10 points, including a huge basket down the stretch that began a decisive 8-1 Colorado run.

Tres Tinkle led Oregon State (18-13) with 23 points.

HOW IT HAPPENED: For the first 20 minutes Thursday, the game was no contest as the Buffs dominated OSU on both ends of the floor, leading by as many as 21 points and taking a 37-18 lead into intermission. Colorado shot 54 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes (15-for-28) while the Beavers were just 8-for-29 (28 percent), including a goose-egg 0-for-9 effort from 3-point range.

After 20 minutes, a Colorado win seemed all but a foregone conclusion

But fourth-seed Oregon State had other ideas and threw a major scare into the Buffs. While CU struggled from the floor after halftime — hitting just 3 of 17 field goal tries in the first 13 minutes — Oregon State put together a pair of 10-0 runs to cut Colorado's cushion to six at several junctures, the last coming with 5:34 to play.

Just when the Oregon State crowd began to feed off the momentum switch, the Buffs regained control. Strating - who entered the game with five points as his career high — scored his 10th point of the game by putting the ball on the floor and driving past 6-11 Oregon State big man Gligorije Rakocevic to score at the rim with

The basket from Strating — who did not play in Wednesday's win over Cal bumped Colorado's lead back to eight and started an 8-1 CU run that put the game

Strating, who had eight points in the first half after Battey and Tyler Bey both ran into foul trouble, said the play was designed to go to Wright, but Wright wasn't open on the screen.

Battey followed Strating's basket with another drive to the rim before Wright and Schwartz both hit a pair of free throws, sandwiched around one OSU free throw. With 2:55 to go, Colorado's lead was back to 13, 63-50, and the Beavers never closed it to single digits again.

The Buffs jumped on Oregon State from the beginning and never let up in the first half, carving out a 37-18 lead by intermission. Colorado led 7-0 barely four minutes in, built its lead to 15-6 at the 12:15 mark, then put together a 13-0 run that produced a 28-8 cushion with 6:55 to go in the half on Gatling's third 3-pointer of

It didn't matter who was on the floor for the Buffs. When starter Tyler Bey went out with his second foul less than six minutes into the game, reserve Alex Strating came in — and finished with a career-high eight points in the first half. Gatling led CU with 11 points before the half.

Defensively, the Buffs stymied the Beavers all half. OSU shot just 27.6 percent from the floor in the opening half (8-for-29), with Colorado holding Oregon State GAME 33

WASHINGTON 66, COLORADO 61

Mar. 15, 2019, Las Vegas, Nev. (T-Mobile Arena)

VISITORS: Colorado 21-12

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| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
| 0 Shane Gatling | g 1-7 | 1-5 | 3-4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 28 |
| Tyler Bey | f 5-11 | 0-0 | 12-14 | 5 | 11 | 16 | 2 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 35 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | g 3-9 | 2-7 | 0-2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| 21 Evan Battey | f 3-6 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 25 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | g 1-10 | 1-6 | 4-4 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 39 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 2-6 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | 2-4 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| TEAM | | | | 4 | 1 | 5 | | | | 2 | | | |
| Totals | 17-53 | 6-24 | 21-26 | 18 | 26 | 44 | 21 | 61 | 10 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-23 47.8% 2nd Half: 6-30 20.0% Game: 32.1% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd Half: 2-16 12.5% Game: 25.0% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 7-8 87.5% 2nd Half: 14-18 77.8% Game: 80.8% 5

HOME: Washington 26-7

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to s | bk | min |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|------|-----|-----|
| 1 David Crisp | g 3-12 | 1-7 | 3-6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 3 0 | 0 | 30 |
| 4 Matisse Thybulle | g 4-8 | 2-5 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 2 1 | 3 | 31 |
| 5 Jaylen Nowell | g 6-15 | 1-4 | 1-1 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 4 | 2 3 | 0 | 37 |
| 13 Hameir Wright | f 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 4 | - 1 | 21 |
| 15 Noah Dickerson | f 2-4 | 0-0 | 3-7 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 2 1 | 0 | 28 |
| Jamal Bey | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 11 Nahziah Carter | 4-7 | 1-2 | 5-7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 1 3 | 0 | 27 |
| 22 Dominic Green | 2-5 | 2-5 | 2-2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 1 | 0 | 16 |
| 33 Sam Timmins | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | 5 |
| TEAM | | | | 3 | | 3 | | | | | | |
| Totals | 21-53 | 7-24 | 17-27 | 7 | 20 | 27 | 22 | 66 | 11 | 1013 | 3 4 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-29 34.5% 2nd Half: 11-24 45.8% Game: 39.6% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-15 26.7% 2nd Half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 29.2% REBOUNDS FThrow % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 14-23 60.9% Game: 63.0% 7

Officials: Verne Harris, Chris Rastatter, Tommy Nunez, Jr. Attendance: 13955

1st 2nd Total 28 39 Washington

LAS VEGAS - The Colorado Buffaloes just didn't have quite enough gas in their tank Friday night.

Playing their third game in three days with a limited bench, the Buffs started fast but couldn't sustain the momentum after halftime, dropping a 66-61 decision to Washington in their Pac-12 tournament semifinal at T-Mobile Arena.

The fifth-seeded Buffs, who led 33-27 at the half, fell to 21-12 with the loss and will now wait for Sunday's postseason tournament pairings to be announced. Asked if he thought the Buffs were a strong NIT candidate, head coach Tad Boyle said, "Absolutely."

Sophomore forward Tyler Bey led CU with a 22-point, 16-rebound double-double — his 15th of the season — but he was the only Buff in double figures. Colorado's sophomore McKinley Wright IV delivered a stellar defensive effort against Washington's Pac-12 Player of the Year Jaylen Nowell, but he struggled on the offensive end, finishing with seven points and seven rebounds on 1-for-10 shooting. D'Shawn Schwartz and Evan Battey each finished with eight points for Colorado.

Nowell led Washington with 14 points on 6-for-15 shooting while Matisse Thybulle added 12 points.

Wright was by no means the only Buff to have a tough night from the floor against Washington's zone defense, as backcourt mate Shane Gatling was just 1-for-7. After shooting 11-for-23 in the opening half, Colorado hit just six of 30 field goal tries in the final 20 minutes to finish 32.1 percent (17-for-53) for the night.

That cold shooting, combined with 18 turnovers that led to 24 Washington points, was too much for CU to overcome. Colorado did hold a 44-27 rebounding edge and limited Washington to under 40 percent shooting (21-for-53).

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado led 33-27 at the half after an excellent first half, one in which the Buffs hit 11 of 23 field goal tries, with Bey scoring nine points and collecting five rebounds and Schwartz scoring all eight of his points.

But the Huskies erupted with a 16-2 run after intermission to take a 43-35 edge with 14:02 to go and stayed in command the rest of the game. The Buffs missed their first eight field goal tries and compounded their problems with five turnover, which the Huskies converted into seven points.

The Buffs momentarily halted UW's momentum with a Bey basket at the 12:40 mark, and he added a free throw 30 seconds later to cut the Huskies' cushion to five, 43-38. But Washington answered with a 9-0 run to take a 14-point lead, 52-38, with 8:57 to go. Colorado had seven turnovers in the first 11 minutes of the half, which Washington converted into 11 points.

Colorado, though, refused to guit. The Buffs slowly cut the Washington lead back to single digits, finally pulling to four, 60-56, with 1:01 to play on a pair of Bey free throws, and again with 26.2 on the clock when Bey tipped in a miss at the rim,

But the Huskies hit two free throws to bump the margin back to six before Wright hit his first field goal of the evening, a 3-pointer with 17 seconds left to pull Colorado to within three, 64-61.

Washington, however, iced the win with a David Crisp layup for the final points the game with 13 seconds remaining.

In the first half, the Buffs had the Huskies on their heels, including getting two quick fouls on Thybulle. Colorado burst from the gate to take a quick 8-0 lead, and although Washington responded with a 9-0 run to take a momentary 21-18 edge. Colorado answered with a 10-surge to regain control. Colorado then maintained

that momentum to take a six-point lead into the locker room. Bey finished the half with nine points — more than he totaled in CU's first two tournament games - along with five rebounds.



GAMF 34

COLORADO 78, DAYTON 73

Mar. 19, 2019, Boulder, Colo, (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: Dayton 21-12

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | | | | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
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| 0 Josh Cunningham | f 2-4 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| 1 Obi Toppin | f 9-12 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 21 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 28 |
| 33 Ryan Mikesell | f 4-8 | 1-5 | 4-4 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 35 |
| 4 Jordan Davis | g 5-10 | 0-4 | 2-3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 37 |
| 10 Jalen Crutcher | g 6-12 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| 3 Trey Landers | 3-7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | | 1 | | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 35 Dwayne Cohill | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| 23 Jack Westerfield | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0+ |
| TEAM | | | | 1 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 30-55 | 5-18 | 8-11 | 4 | 25 | 29 | 19 | 73 | 12 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 15-25 60.0% 2nd Half: 15-30 50.0% Game: 54.5% DEADBALL 3-Pt, FG% 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd Half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 27.8% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 6-7 85.7% Game: 72.7% 0

HOME: Colorado 22-12

| ## Player | īg-a | अष्टु-a | π-a | OT | ae | τοτ | pī | τp | а | το | s | DK | min |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|-------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| 21 Evan Battey | f 3-5 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| 0 Shane Gatling | g 1-6 | 0-4 | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | g 5-11 | 0-0 | 4-5 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 28 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | g 7-13 | 5-8 | 0-0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | g 6-14 | 2-4 | 5-5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 37 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 2-5 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 26 |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | 1-4 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 17 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 2-3 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| TEAM | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 27-61 | 8-21 | 16-18 | 10 | 24 | 34 | 12 | 78 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 14-34 41.2% 2nd Half: 13-27 48.1% Game: 44.3% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd Half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 38.1% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd Half: 11-12 91.7% Game: 88.9% 1

Officials: Randy McCall, Keith Kimble, Tony Padilla

Attendance: 3091

Score by Periods Davton 35 38 73 41 78 37 Colorado

BOULDER — D'Shawn Schwartz and McKinley Wright IV each scored 19 points and Tyler Bey recorded his 16th double-double of the season Tuesday night to lead the Buffs to a 78-73 win over Dayton in a first-round NIT game at the CU Events Center

Bey had 14 points and 12 rebounds in the game and Schwartz had two 3-pointers in a decisive 8-0 Colorado run down the stretch as the Buffs won their 11th game in their last 14 outings to improve to 22-12.

Tuesday's game was a see-saw affair that featured 18 lead changes and 10 ties, with the Buffs trailing by as much as eight in the first half and by seven early in the second half. But Colorado finally took the lead for good with 6:26 to go on a Daylen Kountz baseline drive and dunk, then extended the cushion to 74-65 with an 8-0 run that Schwartz capped with his fifth 3-pointer of the game.

Schwartz shot 7-for-13 from the field, including a 5-for-8 night from behind the international 3-point line used for NIT games. Wright had nine assists to go with his 19 points while Bey had 10 points and 11 rebounds before halftime.

Bey left the game for several minutes in the second half with a lower leg injury. but returned late in the game to help the Buffs down the stretch.

Obi Toppin led Dayton with 21 points. The Flyers shot 54.5 percent from the field (30-for-55) while CU shot just 44.3 percent (27-for-61). Colorado, however, hit 16 of 18 free throws and had a 34-29 edge on the boards for an 11-4 edge on second-chance points.

"That was a high-level basketball game," CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "The people that came tonight and saw that in person left saying "We saw two good college basketball teams.' ... Great win. Great team win."

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs spent much of their night withstanding Dayton runs that were fueled by their hot shooting. The Flyers led by eight early, 23-15, before Colorado came back to take a 37-35 lead at the half; and by seven early in the second half, 50-43, after a 7-0 run.

But each time, the Buffs had an answer. Dayton's last lead came with 6:45 to go when a long 3-pointer gave the Flyers a 63-62 edge.

Kountz, however, delivered a big baseline drive and dunk on CU's next trip

down the floor and the Buffs never trailed again.

"I love it when he drives the ball because he drives with aggressiveness, he drives with confidence and he drives to put the ball in the basket," Boyle said. "He puts pressure on defenses off the bounce and when he's got room like that, he'll

The Flyers managed to stay within striking range for the next minute, trading baskets with Colorado before the Buffs finally put the game away with an 8-0 run. Schwartz started the surge with a 3-pointer before Wright drove the lane for a bucket. Schwartz finished the run with another long trey, and with 2:08 remaining, Colorado had a 74-65 cushion.

"Our guys responded." Boyle said. "I thought McKinley Wright kind of took over offensively there midway through the second half. Big-time players do that. He made some really good ball screen reads, got D'Shawn some open looks. D'Shawn obviously likes the international three better than he likes the college

Colorado fell behind early and trailed by as much as eight in the first half. 23-15, after the Flyers hit 10 of their first 13 field goals.

But the Buffs slowly chipped away at the lead, finally putting together a 10-0 run to turn a 30-23 deficit into a 33-30 lead with 2:18 to go. Bey, who had 10 points and 11 rehounds before half, started the run with two free throws. Schwartz added a 3-pointer and **Alexander Strating** scored five points in the run.

Dayton finally ended the run with three points from Toppin before Colorado added four more points and the Flyers got a bucket just before the buzzer to send CU into the locker room with a 37-35 lead.

COLORADO 76. NORFOLK STATE 60

Mar. 25, 2019, Boulder, Colo, (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: Norfolk State 22-14

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
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| 22 Alex Long | f 5-10 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 25 |
| 45 Jordan Butler | f 1-2 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 20 |
| Mastadi Pitt | g 4-11 | 3-8 | 3-3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| 14 Nic Thomas | g 3-15 | 3-7 | 1-2 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 33 |
| 34 Steven Whitley | g 3-10 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 23 |
| 34 Derrik Jamerson | 1-8 | 0-6 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 27 |
| 5 Armani Branch | 2-5 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 55 Kyonze Chavis | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| 32 Chris Ford | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 4 Joe Bryant | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 1 BJ Fitzgerald | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| TEAM | | | | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Totals | 21-64 | 8-28 | 10-21 | 14 | 23 | 37 | 22 | 60 | 9 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 200 |
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| F Throw % 1st Half: | 2-5 40.0° | % 2n | d Half: | 8-10 | 6 50. | 0% | Ga | me: 4 | 47.6° | % 5 | | | |

HOME: Colorado 23-12

| ## Player | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
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| 21 Evan Battey | f 3-8 | 0-0 | 6-7 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 22 |
| 0 Shane Gatling | 1-6 | 1-6 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| 1 Tyler Bey | 7-8 | 0-0 | 3-4 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 25 |
| 5 D'Shawn Schwartz | 4-10 | 0-3 | 3-4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 33 |
| 25 McKinley Wright | 2-4 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 32 |
| 2 Daylen Kountz | 4-9 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| 23 Lucas Siewert | 2-4 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| 10 Alexander Strating | 3-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| 24 Eli Parquet | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 12 AJ Martinka | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 33 Aidan McQuade | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 34 Benan Ersek | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TEAM | | | | 3 | 2 | 5 | | | | 1 | | | |
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27-54 6-19 16-21 7 35 42 12 76 18 13 3 4 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 17-30 56.7% 2nd Half: 10-24 41.7% Game: 50.0% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd Half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 31.6% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 5-6.83.3% 2nd Half: 11-15 73.3% Game: 76.2% 2 Officials: Bill Vinovich, Nate Harris, D.G. Nelson

Attendance: 5891 Score by Periods Norfolk State 23 37 60 43 33 76 Colorado

BOULDER — Tad Boyle's Colorado Buffaloes made sure their last home game of the year wasn't their final game of the season.

The Buffs built a 20-point first-half lead over Norfolk State on Monday, then withstood a second-half Spartans run before regaining control down the stretch to take a 76-60 second-round NIT victory

The Buffs, now 23-12, will travel to Texas on Wednesday for a 7 p.m. quarterfinal game against the Longhorns, with the winner heading to Madison Square Garden next week for the NIT Final Four. The Buffs have now won 12 of their last

Norfolk State, the regular season MEAC champion, finished its year at 22-13. The Buffs put four players in double figures, including freshman Evan Battey, who finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds for his first career double-double. Tvler Bey led Colorado in scoring with 17 points to go with nine rebounds, D'Shawn Schwartz added 11 points and Daylen Kountz chipped in 10.

Mastadi Pitt led Norfolk with 14 points. Colorado held NSU's Derrik Jamerson, the nation's leading 3-point shooter, to just two points, including an 0-6 night from

Still, the Buffs weren't at their best, allowing Norfolk State to cut a 20-point lead down to nine early in the second half before regaining control. CU committed eight turnovers after half as the Spartans actually outscored Colorado, 37-33, over the

"I think it's a good sign for our program hen you win a game by 16 tonight at home and you feel a sense of disappointment," Boyle said. "I felt like we weren't at our best tonight, more so from an emotional standpoint than a physical standpoint or even an execution standpoint. We just weren't sharp offensively.

But, as Boyle noted, the Buffs extended their season by at least another game. CU's 23 wins ties for the third-most in program history, with all four of those seasons coming under Boyle.

"We got the win and we live to see another day," Boyle said. "It's about surviving and advancing this time of year and thank goodness we are.'

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado jumped out to an early lead and never trailed. steadily building the margin to take a 20-point lead at the half, 43-23.

But instead of putting the Spartans away after halftime, Colorado allowed the visitors to creep back within striking distance. The Buffs had just one field goal and five turnovers in the first seven minutes of the half, and with 13:36 to play. NSU cut

The Buffs did have enough in the tank to regain control after the Spartans had closed within nine. Battev hit two free throws to start a 14-3 run that also included a pair of Kountz 3-pointers, and with 8:12 to go, the Buffs' lead was back to 20,

The Buffs then kept their edge at a comfortable margin for the rest of the game. Norfolk head coach Robert Jones said the altitude had an effect on his team, particularly in the first half.

Early in the game, the Spartans did manage to stay within striking range, pulling to within 21-17 with 10:52 to go on a Jamerson basket.

But Colorado then reeled off a 16-1 run to take control. Bey had four points in

the surge and Shane Gatling, Lucas Siewert and McKinley Wright IV each hit 3-pointers. The Spartans finally ended an eight-minute field goal drought with a 3-pointer at the 2:14 mark, but the Buffs came back with a 6-2 run to close the half, including a Battev basket and free throw at the buzzer to take their 20-point edge

GAME 36

TEXAS 68, COLORADO 55

Mar. 27, 2019, Austin, Texas (Frank Erwin Center)

VISITORS: Colorado 23-13

| ## | Player | | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | of | de | tot | pf | tp | а | to | s | bk | min |
|----|--------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|----|----|-----|----|----|---|----|---|----|-----|
| 1 | Tyler Bey | f | 7-15 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 34 |
| 21 | Evan Battey | f | 0-5 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 15 |
| 0 | Shane Gatling | g | 0-4 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| 5 | D'Shawn Schwartz | g | 5-11 | 1-6 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| 25 | McKinley Wright | g | 4-9 | 2-4 | 1-2 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 37 |
| 2 | Daylen Kountz | | 2-6 | 1-3 | 4-4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| 10 | Alexander Strating | | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| 23 | Lucas Siewert | | 0-2 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| 24 | Eli Parquet | | 0-2 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | TEAM | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | Totals | | 18-55 | 4-17 | 15-18 | 8 | 28 | 36 | 18 | 55 | 6 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 200 |

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 7-24 29.2% 2nd Half: 11-31 35.5% Game: 32.7% DEADBALL 1st Half: 1-4 25.0% 2nd Half: 3-13 23.1% Game: 23.5% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd Half: 11-12 91.7% Game: 83.3% 4

HOME: Texas 19-16 fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf 1-4 0-0 1-2 3 7 10 2 7-11 1-2 0-0 1 4 5 3 4-7 3-5 0-0 0 0 0 4 ## Player **tp** 3 15 to s bk min 20 Jericho Sims 21 Dylan Osetkowski f 7-11 2 Matt Coleman III g 4-7 3 0 4 0 25 1 2 0 0 24 3 Courtney Ramey g 3-9 2-2 3-6 0 4 4 2 111 13 Jase Febres g 1-6 1-5 0-0 2 3 5 0 3 0 Gerald Liddell 1-3 1-2 0-0 1 2 3 3 3 2 3 0 29 1 2 3 3 3 0 0 0 2 17 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 2 3 2 2 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 6 6 2 14 3 1 0 0 22 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 2 0 1 0 0 7 0 0 0 1 4 0 0 1 0 1 Drayton Whiteside Royce Hamm, Jr. 1-3 0-0 0-0 5-12 1-3 0-0 0-0 3-4 0-0 12 Kerwin Roach II 22 Blake Nevins 33 Kamaka Hepa 1-3 0-2 0-0 0 2-4 0-1 0-0 0 55 Elijah Mitrou-Long ΤΕΔΜ 26-62 9-22 7-12 8 29 37 20 68 11 9 10 4 200 Totals.

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 18-36 50.0% 2nd Half: 8-26 30.8% Game: 41.9% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 7-13 53.8% 2nd Half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 40.9% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd Half: 6-10 60.0% Game: 58.3% 4 Officials: Terry Oglesby, Rod Dixon, Kelly Pfeifer

Attendance: 3982 1st 2nd Total Score by Periods Colorado

AUSTIN, Texas - The Colorado Buffaloes came up one game short of a trip to Madison Square Garden on Wednesday, dropping a 68-55 NIT quarterfinal decision to Texas at the Erwin Center.

The Buffs, who played a second-round game at home Monday, traveled Tuesday and played again Wednesday, fell behind early to the hot-shooting Longhorns and could never completely close the gap.

CU wrapped up its season with a 23-13 record, tied for the third-most wins in a season in program history. Texas improved to 19-16 and will advance to next week's NIT Final Four in New York with a Tuesday game against Big 12 rival TCU.

The Buffs appeared to be tired from the outset. While they trailed by just one with a little more than 10 minutes left in the first half, the Longhorns took control with a 15-0 run, part of a 23-2 surge that helped Texas to a 25-point lead at the half, 44-19

Colorado managed to cut the deficit to 15 early in the second half, but could never get closer until the final minutes.

Tyler Bey led the Buffs with an 18-point, 13-rebound double-double, his 17th of the season, with 16 of those points and nine rebounds coming after halftime. McKinley Wright IV had 11 points, nine in the second half, and six rebounds.

The Longhorns had four players in double figures, led by Dylan Osetkowski's 15 points.

Colorado shot just 29 percent from the field in the first half (7-for-24) while the Longhorns hit 50 percent of their field goal tries (18-for-36), including 7-for-13 from 3-point range.

"We dug (a hole) on defense, we dug it on offense," CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "We couldn't make a shot tonight at the rim. We had a lot of good looks in the first half. Texas was terrific defensively. We watched a lot of film on those guys and we have not seen that Texas team on film. ... Sometimes you have to tip your hat to your opponent.'

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs struggled to make a shot from the outset, but still managed to stay within striking range of the Longhorns for the first 10 minutes After falling behind 14-5 early, CU put together an 8-0 run to pull within one, 14-13. with 10:31 to play in the first half on a **Shane Gatling** free throw.

But just when the Buffs looked as if they had found a little rhythm, the Longhorns went on a 15-0 tear, with the Buffs coming up empty on seven straight possessions. Wright finally ended a five-minute CU scoring drought with a layup, but Texas answered with an 8-0 burst and took a 44-19 lead into the locker room at the half

Five different Longhorns hit 3-pointers in the first 20 minutes while the Buffs struggled to hit a shot from anywhere.

"When they play like that, they're good," Boyle said of a team that beat NCAA Tournament squads North Carolina, Purdue, Kansas and Kansas State this season, "I don't know how that team lost 16 games this year. This is a high-level team, high-level players. Their seniors didn't want their careers to end, you could tell. They took the fight to us. Our guys fight, we scratched, we clawed, we tried to come back in the second half, but just too little, too late."

The Buffs did threaten to make a game of it after intermission, taking advantage of a five-minute UT scoring drought to put together a 12-2 run and cut the deficit to 15. But that was as close as Colorado could come until the final minute of

"The higher level you go and the deeper you go in tournaments, your margin for error shrinks," Boyle said. "Obviously going on the road your margin for error shrinks. We just did not score enough baskets tonight when we had the opportunity to score baskets.3