# COLORADO 84, SOUTH DAKOTA 61

Nov. 25, 2020, Manhattan, Kan. (Bramlage Coliseum)

# VISITORS: South Dakota 0-1

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
45 Brady Heiman	f 0-2	0-0	0-2	2	3	5	1	0	1	0	0	3	18
Stanley Umude	g 7-22	1-7	9-11	2	4	6	1	24	1	3	0	3	35
1 Ty Chisom	g 5-10	1-2	1-2	4	5	9	3	12	3	2	1	0	24
5 Kruz Perrott-Hunt	g 2-7	0-4	1-1	0	6	6	2	5	0	3	0	0	27
10 A.J. Plitzuweit	g 3-11	0-5	3-4	1	5	6	3	9	3	1	0	0	35
34 Tasos Kameteros	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	6
24 Kanon Koster	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	14
32 Nikola Zizic	2-2	0-0	2-2	3	2	5	1	6	1	2	0	0	13
3 Xavier Fuller	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	17
11 Mason Archambaul	t 1-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	8
2 Boogie Anderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
55 D.J. Dial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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20-60 3-20 18-24 14 28 42 16 61 9 13 2 7 200 Totals.. TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 9-27 33.3% 2nd Half: 11-33 33.3% Game: 33.3% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd Half: 1-12 8.3% Game: 15.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 11-13 84.6% 2nd Half: 7-11 63.6% Game: 75.0% 3

#### HOMF: Colorado 1-0

## Player	fg	g-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min	
21 Evan Battey	f 3	3-8	0-1	1-2	1	3	4	4	7	2	1	1	0	20	
13 Dallas Walton	c 4	I-6	0-0	0-0	2	5	7	5	8	2	1	0	1	15	
3 Maddox Daniels	g 3	3-7	2-4	1-1	2	4	6	2	9	3	1	1	0	28	
24 Eli Parquet	g 3	3-5	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	2	8	2	0	0	1	24	
25 McKinley Wright	g 8	-12	1-2	3-3	1	2	3	2	20	5	2	2	0	30	
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	/ 3	8-8	1-4	4-4	2	5	7	0	11	3	0	0	0	22	
41 Jeriah Horne	4	-14	3-5	0-0	2	2	4	2	11	1	1	0	0	24	
12 Jabari Walker	2	2-8	1-3	5-5	3	3	6	3	10	1	1	0	1	15	
23 Tristan da Silva	0	)-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	12	
0 Luke O'Brien	0	)-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
10 Alexander Strating	0	)-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
32 Nique Clifford	0	)-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
40 Isaac Jessup	0	)-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
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1st Half: 9-10 90.0% 2nd Half: 5-5 100% Game: 93.3% 0 Officials: Kipp Kissinger, Brooks Wells, Roland Simmons

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total South Dakota 31 30 61 45 Colorado 39 84

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Tad Boyle's Colorado Buffaloes started their 2020-21 season Wednesday with an 84-61 win over South Dakota in their first game of the Little Apple Classic.

The Buffs had a 14-point lead at the break, 45-31, and then used an 11-0 run early in the second half to bump their margin to 24 points, 60-36. From that point, the Buffs held the Covotes at bay the rest of the game. The runs were due in large part to strong guard play from McKinley Wright IV and Eli Parquet.

"Our guards made some really good plays defensively," Boyle said. "McKinley got going in transition and hit a three and Eli had a blocked shot and then went down and hit a three. We got the momentum in our favor.

Wright led the Buffs in scoring with 20 points. Dallas Walton and Keeshawn Barthelemy led CU in rebounding with seven each.

Colorado also had solid production from its bench, which finished with 32 points. Barthelemy and Jeriah Horne each had 11 points and Jabari Walker

Stanley Umude led the Coyotes with 24 points.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffaloes built a 20-point lead late in the first half. only to see the margin quickly shrink to 14 thanks to a 6-0 Coyote run to end the half. After exchanging baskets in the opening moments of the second half, the Buff's broke open and went on an 11-0 run to get out to a 24 point lead.

Colorado had balanced production, with four players in double figures, and CU had just eight turnovers and 20 assists.

"The most important thing in those numbers are the turnovers." Boyle said. "That starts with making good decisions and taking care of the ball, and I thought that was very good."

Wright had 16 first half points to lead the Buffaloes at the break. In the second half, the Buffs improved their 3-point shooting to 46.2 percent but Boyle still thinks there is room for improvement.

"We had some guys not shooting the ball well from three tonight that are very capable shooters." Boyle said. "We'll take shooting 40%, but with that being said, we missed some really good looks too."

Colorado's defense stifled the Covote offense and did not allow them to get into any rhythm. The Buffs forced 13 turnovers and had the South Dakota offense shooting at just 33% from the field.

"We were trying to win each half," Walton said. "Putting two halves together is a big thing for us and it's something that we struggled with last year. We wanted to make sure we were able to defend and keep our foot on the pedal."

Horne had 11 straight second half points, including three consecutive 3-pointers to help the Buffs extend their lead to 25 points, their largest of the game.

"He's a veteran on the team that a lot of younger guys look to," Walton said. "We all know what he is capable of and he had a great game for us today. I'm really pleased with Jeriah's play. I think he's going to be a big piece for us this year.

Colorado's bench outscored South Dakota's 32-11, led by double figure scoring from Walker and Barthelemy. Several other freshmen got quality minutes as well and were able to make solid contributions.

"They were ready to go." Wright said. "They want to compete at a high level and I love playing with all of them. They look forward to learning. They look up to me and I just want to do my job to help them anyway I can."

# COLORADO 76, KANSAS STATE 58

Nov. 27, 2020, Manhattan, Kan, (Bramlage Coliseum)

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	f 1-5	0-1	3-4	1	3	4	2	5	2	1 0	0	29
13 Dallas Walton	c 2-3	0-1	3-4	0	0	0	3	7	1	1 0	0	14
3 Maddox Daniels	g 3-10	1-7	3-3	0	2	2	4	10	0	1 0	0	27
24 Eli Parquet	g 3-5	2-3	1-1	0	4	4	1	9	1	2 0	1	37
25 McKinley Wright	g10-16	2-5	2-2	2	3	5	1	24	5	2 1	0	39
32 Nique Clifford	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0 2	0	9
41 Jeriah Horne	3-5	1-2	2-2	1	5	6	1	9	3	0 1	0	20
0 Luke O'Brien	1-2	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0 0	0	8
12 Jabari Walker	3-5	0-0	3-3	1	2	3	0	9	0	1 2	0	17
TEAM				3	2	5				3		
Totals	26-53	6-21	18-21	8	21	29	13	76	13	11 6	1	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-24 41.7% 2nd Half: 16-29 55.2% Game: 49.1% DEADBALL 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 28.6% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 7-8 87.5% 2nd Half: 11-13 84.6% Game: 85.7% 2,3

# HOMF: Kansas State 0-2

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
1 Kaosi Ezeagu	f 4-5	0-0	0-2	1	0	1	4	8	0	4	1	2	25
11 Antonio Gordon	f 3-5	2-4	0-0	0	3	3	3	8	2	1	0	0	32
00 Mike McGuirl	3-11	2-6	0-0	0	3	3	2	8	5	2	2	0	36
3 DaJuan Gordon	2-7	0-4	0-0	0	7	7	1	4	1	1	0	0	23
24 Nijel Pack	4-8	4-6	0-0	1	1	2	3	12	1	2	0	0	26
2 Selton Miguel	1-3	1-3	3-4	0	3	3	1	6	1	3	0	0	21
23 Montavious Murphy	1-2	0-1	3-4	1	0	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	13
21 Davion Bradford	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	8
5 Rudi Williams	2-4	1-2	0-0	0	3	3	1	5	3	2	0	0	16
4 Seryee Lewis	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM										1			
Totals	21-47	10-26	6-10	3	20	23	21	58	14	17	3	2	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-22 54.5% 2nd Half: 9-25 36.0% Game: 44.7% DEADBALL 1st Half: 6-13 46.2% 2nd Half: 4-13 30.8% Game: 38.5% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd Half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 60.0% 3

#### Officials: John Higgins, Keith Kimble, Ray Natili Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Colorado Kansas State 31 27 58

MANHATTAN, Kan. - McKinley Wright IV scored 24 points and the Colorado Buffaloes overcame a slow start Friday night to collect a 76-58 win over host Kansas State in the Little Apple Classic.

Tad Boyle's Buffs improved to 2-0 with the win while the Wildcats dropped to

Wright, who had 20 points in CU's season-opening 84-61 win over South Dakota, added five rebounds and five assists against the Wildcats and just two turnovers. Maddox Daniels scored 10 points and Eli Parquet, Jeriah Horne and Jabari Walker each added nine for Colorado.

Nijel Pack led Kansas State with 12 points

The Buffs played the game without three players - D'Shawn Schwartz, Kee-

shawn Barthelemy and Tristan da Silva — because of covid-related issues.

After a slow start, Colorado trailed by 13 midway through the first half, 22-9, before a flagrant foul called on KSU's Davion Bradford against Wright ignited the Buffs. CU then put together a 14-0 run to take its first lead of the game, and although the Wildcats did manage to come back to take a 31-30 lead at the half, the Buffs never let momentum completely slip away again.

"What you want early in the year is your team to respond when things happen to them," Boyle said. "This team responded to that adversity. That shows great toughness and character "

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs seemed out of sorts early as Kansas State used a 12-0 run to take its 22-9 lead midway through the first half. Colorado endured a nearly six-minute scoring drought to help the Wildcats, a stretch that included three CU turnovers

But Bradford's foul on Wright under the KSU basket turned the game around, opening the door for a 14-0 Colorado surge that began with a six-point posses-

Walker and Wright each hit two free throws to start the run, with Wright's awarded because of the flagrant foul. Wright then added a drive to the basket on CU's possession following his free throws, and the KSU lead was down to 22-15.

Following a K-State miss, Walker had a steal and a basket before Wright drained a 3-pointer. In the same stretch, Colorado forced five straight Kansas State turnovers and Dallas Walton finished the run with three free throws to give CU its first lead of the game, 23-22

"That was big," Wright said of the flagrant foul call. "I kind of got disrespected. Nate (Tomlinson, CU assistant) told me I had to turn it up, so I did."

Kansas State did come back to take a 31-30 halftime lead, but the Buffs quick ly seized control after the break with a 7-0 run on the back of a Parquet 3-pointer and baskets from Daniels and Wright. The Wildcats did manage one more rally to tie the game, but Wright then put the Buffs in control for good. The CU senior scored six points and added an assist in a four-minute span and Parquet added another 3-pointer as CU pulled out to a 51-44 lead with 11:50 to play.

The Buffs then slowly built their cushion into double digits, as a Wright 3-pointer gave Colorado a 59-48 lead and Parquet bumped the margin to 14 with a 3-point play with 7:28 to go, 62-48.

CU then kept the Wildcats at bay down the stretch to collect the win.

"We don't know how many games we're going to get," Wright said. "We have to play every game like it's our last one."

The Buffs outrebounded K-State 29-23 and CU also finished with just 11 turnovers - 10 coming in the first half. The Buffs also got 21 points off the bench and a 34-18 edge on fast-break points.

#### GAME 3

## TENNESSEE 56. COLORADO 47

Dec. 8, 2020, Knoxville, Tenn. (Thompson-Boling Arena)

#### VISITORS: Colorado 2-1

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	mi
21 Evan Battey	f 2-6	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	3	4	0	3	0	0	26
13 Dallas Walton	1-1	0-0	2-2	2	1	3	1	4	0	3	1	0	18
3 Maddox Daniels	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	4	4	2	3	0	1	0	0	21
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	3-12	1-5	0-0	0	1	1	0	7	2	2	1	0	27
25 McKinley Wright	3-8	0-2	2-4	1	6	7	3	8	4	5	1	0	40
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	0-5	0-3	0-0	1	2	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	24
41 Jeriah Horne	4-8	3-6	4-4	2	9	11	3	15	1	4	0	0	24
12 Jabari Walker	1-3	0-1	2-2	0	2	2	1	4	0	2	0	0	10
32 Nique Clifford	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
23 Tristan da Silva	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	7
TEAM				4		4				1			

16-48 5-22 10-12 12 26 38 17 47 10 23 5 0 200 Totals. TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-24 33.3% 2nd Half: 8-24 33.3% Game: 33.3% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd Half: 3-12 25.0% Game: 22.7% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 6-6 100% 2nd Half: 4-6 66.7% Game: 83.3% 1

#### HOME: Tennessee 1-0

## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	mir
10 John Fulkerson	f	4-10	0-1	3-4	1	2	3	3	11	0	2	1	0	23
35 Yves Pons	f	1-9	0-2	0-0	4	6	10	2	2	0	1	1	0	33
5 Josiah-Jordan James	g	2-6	0-3	4-4	2	4	6	0	8	3	1	3	0	31
12 Victor Bailey Jr.	g	3-7	2-6	0-0	0	3	3	2	8	2	0	3	0	35
25 Santiago Vescovi	g	3-5	3-4	2-2	0	2	2	2	11	5	3	2	0	32
45 Keon Johnson		2-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	4	1	5	1	0	13
55 E.J. Anosike		1-6	0-0	2-4	4	0	4	2	4	1	0	0	1	14
11 Jaden Springer		2-3	2-2	0-1	0	2	2	1	6	0	2	1	0	9
13 Olivier Nkamhoua		1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	8
33 Uros Plavsic		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM						2	2							

Totals.. 19-53 7-19 11-15 11 21 32 15 56 12 1512 1 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-24 45.8% 2nd Half: 8-29 27.6% Game: 35.8% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd Half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 36.8% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd Half: 6-8 75.0%

Officials: Patrick Evans, Gerald Williams, Gerry Pollard Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Colorado 24 23 47 Tennessee 31 25 56

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Colorado cut a big early deficit down to two in the second half Tuesday, but could never quite get over the hump and the Buffaloes dropped a 56-47 decision to No. 12 Tennessee at Thompson-Boling Arena. CU fell to 2-1 with the loss while the Volunteers won their season opener

Grad transfer **Jeriah Horne** led the Buffs with a 15-point, 11-rebound double-double, including seven points in a 14-2 first-half CU run that helped the Buffs back in the game. McKinley Wright IV added eight points and seven rebounds

The Buffs trailed by as many as 16 midway through the first half, but cut the gap to seven by intermission, then pulled to within two, 33-31, with a 7-2 burst to start the second half. But that was as close as the Buffs could get, as Tennessee slowly built the lead back to double digits and then held Colorado off down the

CU committed 23 turnovers that led to 16 Tennessee points, and the Buffs shot just 33% from the field.

John Fulkerson and Santiago Vescovi led the Vols with 11 points each.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs endured a horrific start, falling behind 17-2

after the first eight minutes. Five minutes later, the deficit reached 16 when the Vols pushed their lead to 26-10.

But thanks to a 14-2 run — with seven points from Horne — Colorado came back to cut the lead to four late in the half and trailed by only seven, 31-24, at intermission, CLI switched to a zone defense in that stretch, and the move frustrated the Vols, as they endured a three-minute scoring drought to help the Buffs back in the game.

You guys know I'm not a zone coach," Boyle told the media after the game "We had trouble guarding them. Evan got in foul trouble, we went to the zone, it was successful, so we stuck with it."

CU cut Tennessee's edge to two points with a 7-2 surge to start the second half. Maddox Daniels hit a 3-pointer, Dallas Walton added a dunk and Keeshawn Barthelemy reaped a fast break dunk off an assist from Wright to narrow UT's cushion to 33-31

But following a timeout, the Vols scored five quick points, then slowly pushed their lead back to double digits, 50-39. The Buffs had three turnovers and missed three shots in a four-minute stretch that helped the Volunteers rebuild their cush-

Colorado did make one more push down the stretch, twice closing the gap to five. An Evan Battev bucket with 3:05 left pulled CU to within 50-45, and two Horne free throws a minute later cut Tennessee's edge to 52-47. But the Buffs couldn't come any closer as the Vols kept the Buffs at bay over the final two

Nearly everyone in a CU uniform struggled offensively. Horne was 4-for-8 from the field, but no other Buff who took at least two shots managed to shoot 50 percent. Barthelemy was 3-for-12, **D'Shawn Schwartz** was 0-for-5 in his season debut and Wright was just 3-for-8. Overall, the Buffs were only 5-for-22 from long

The Buffs dug themselves a hole early, as the Vols threatened to turn the game into a blowout just eight minutes in. The Buffs missed eight of their first 10 field goal tries and committed six turnovers as well in that stretch to help Tennessee carve out a 17-2 lead with 12:22 still to play in the first half.

UT then stretched its cushion to 16 points, building a 26-10 lead with just under eight minutes to go in the half.

But just when it looked like the Buffs might be down for good, they put together a 14-2 run to cut Tennessee's lead to 28-24 with 53 seconds left in the half.

Home had seven points in the run, including a 3-pointers to start the surge.

Barthelemy added five in the run, including a 3-pointer, and Wright added two free

Tennessee then closed the half with a Santiago Vescovi 3-pointer to take a

#### GAMF 4

# COLORADO 81, NORTHERN COLO, 45

Dec. 14, 2020, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

# VISITORS: Northern Colorado 2-1

## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
13 Bodie Hume	f.	4-12	3-7	0-0	3	2	5	3	11	1	3	2	0	26
15 Kur Jockuch	f	2-5	0-0	2-4	- 1	7	8	2	6	0	2	0	0	28
<ol> <li>Daylen Kountz</li> </ol>	g	2-9	0-3	1-2	0	1	1	2	5	1	5	0	1	24
2 Matt Johnson	g	2-5	1-1	2-2	0	2	2	2	7	0	3	1	0	32
5 Sam Masten	g	2-8	0-1	2-2	- 1	2	3	1	6	1	1	0	0	27
<ol> <li>Greg Bowie II</li> </ol>		0-5	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	15
32 Theo Huges		0-1	0-0	0-0	- 1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
11 Rodrick McCobb		1-2	0-0	0-0	- 1	2	3	2	2	1	2	0	0	16
24 Marque English II		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	8
43 Roy Grigsby		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
3 Tre'Shon Smoots		1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	6
10 Jamel Melvin		0-0	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	4
20 Malcolm Little		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	4
21 Bryce Kennedy		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
TEAM					1	1	2							

Totals. 15-52 6-18 9-12 8 20 28 18 45 6 21 2 8 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 7-22 31.8% 2nd Half: 8-30 26.7% Game: 28.8% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 33.3% REBOUNDS 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd Half: 5-6 83.3% Game: 75.0% 2

#### HOMF: Colorado 3-1

Colorado

fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to s bk min
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4-6	1-2	3-3	1	3	4	1	12	1	1 1 3 19
1-4	1-1	0-0	0	3	3	3	3	1	0 0 0 18
3-5	0-0	1-1	0	1	1	1	7	0	2 0 1 21
8-10	3-4	0-0	0	5	5	0	19	7	1 1 0 27
3-6	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	6	1	1 2 0 20
3-7	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	6	3	1 2 1 18
3-5	1-1	2-2	0	5	5	0	9	0	1 0 0 22
1-5	0-1	1-2	3	1	4	4	3	0	2 2 1 13
0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0 0 0 7
0-3	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0 2 1 8
1-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0 0 0 4
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Officials: Verne Harris, Deron White, Ryan McDaniel Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total 21 Northern Colorado 24 45 36

BOULDER — Tad Boyle's Colorado Buffaloes dominated in their home opener Monday night with an 81-45 win over the Northern Colorado Bears at the CU Events Center.

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Colorado improved to 3-1 and the Bears fell to 2-1.

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Colorado's McKinley Wright IV led Colorado in scoring with 19 points. Evan Battey added 14 points and led the team in rebounds with eight. Dallas Walton also scored in double figures, notching 12 points.

The Buffs used a 16-0 first-half run to help push their lead out to 45-21 at intermission. The Bears tried their best to claw back into the game early in the second half, but the Buffs were able to hold them off the rest of the way.

"I thought everybody that played had some really good things that we can build upon." Boyle said. "Overall, I'm pretty pleased."

Bodie Hume led the Bears with 11 points.

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs were able to build some cushion towards the end of the first half, going on a 16-0 run that began with a Wright 3-pointer. Colorado shot 17-for-31 in the first half and had just four turnovers while forcing 12 from the Bears.

Colorado's defense forced 21 total turnovers for the game and forced the Bears to shoot just 28.8% from the field (15-52).

"Our ball screen defense was the key to holding them to 28% and not letting them get going from three," Boyle said. "We got that lead in the second half and we talked about the fact that the only they would get back into this game was with 3-point jump shots, and we took those away for the most part."

The Buffs opened the second half with a Walton 3-pointer, which extended their lead to 27, 48-21. The Bears did not go away, however. UNC outscored the Buffaloes 17-16 in the first 10:26 after the break and Hume began the second half with eight points in the opening six minutes. The Bears also forced 10 second-half CU turnovers.

But Colorado responded and never really allowed the Bears to get back into the game. The Buffs went on another surge late, hitting three 3-pointers in a row, two from Wright and one from **D'Shawn Schwartz**, to push the lead to 74-40. A layup from Luke O'Brien then gave the Buffs their largest lead of the night at 41, 81-40. The Bears scored the final four points of the contest.

Colorado's big men were a big part of CU's success, with Battey and Walton combining for 26 points on 9-for-13 shooting.

"We knew we had an advantage down low and in order to open up the floor for our shooters, we needed to establish an inside presence," Walton said. "It was nice to get those looks early and to see a collective approach to our game plan to play inside and out."

Monday was also the first time this season that Colorado had all of its players available for a game.

"When we've got all hands on deck and we play unselfishly for each other and sacrifice for each other, this team has a chance to be pretty special," Boyle said.

# COLORADO 91, OMAHA 49

Dec. 16, 2020, Boulder, Colo, (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: Omaha 2-	6													
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
13 Wanjang Tut	f	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	4	6	0	1	0	0	18
40 Matt Pile	f	3-8	0-0	0-0	2	9	11	1	6	1	1	0	0	28
0 Sam'i Roe	g	3-6	1-3	0-0	1	0	1	0	7	3	2	1	0	28
10 Ayo Akinwole	ğ	1-5	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	5	2	1	0	25
23 Marlon Ruffin	ğ	1-11	1-4	1-2	1	1	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	23
2 Darrius Hughes		1-4	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	3	2	0	2	0	0	15
20 Jadin Booth		3-9	2-5	0-0	0	1	1	2	8	3	1	1	0	26
11 La'Mel Robinson		3-10	0-0	5-6	0	1	1	1	11	1	1	0	0	15
21 Devin Evans		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3 Kyle Luedtke		0-1	0-1	0-0	2	2	4	3	0	1	2	0	0	11
24 Nathan Brusseau		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
14 Dylan Brougham		1-1	0-0	0-1	0	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	3
Nick Ferrarini		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
15 Grant Frickenstein		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM					1	2	3			2				

19-61 5-17 6-9 7 25 32 22 49 14 15 3 1 200 Totals. TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-29 34.5% 2nd Half: 9-32 28.1% Game: 31.1% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% F Throw % 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 1st Half: 2-3 66.7% 2nd Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd Half: 4-6 66.7% Game: 29.4% REBOUNDS

HOME: Colorado 4-1													
## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey f	4-8	0-3	1-2	2	6	8	3	9	1	1	0	0	22
13 Dallas Walton c	4-5	2-2	4-6	1	1	2	2	14	0	1	1	1	19
5 D'Shawn Schwartz g	4-8	2-2	1-1	2	2	4	2	11	1	3	1	0	19
24 Eli Parquet q	2-3	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	20
25 McKinley Wright g	6-8	1-2	4-4	0	5	5	0	17	8	0	0	0	27
3 Maddox Daniels	1-8	1-5	0-0	1	4	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	18
41 Jeriah Horne	3-7	2-4	0-0	1	4	5	0	8	1	2	1	0	20
11 Keeshawn Barthelen	1y2-6	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	1	4	4	0	0	1	22
12 Jabari Walker	4-8	1-3	6-7	0	9	9	4	15	1	1	1	0	16
Luke O'Brien	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
32 Nique Clifford	1-1	1-1	2-2	0	0	0	2	5	0	1	0	0	6
10 Alexander Strating	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
40 Isaac Jessup	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
15 Owen Koonce	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM					3	3							

31-62 11-26 18-22 8 37 45 15 91 18 9 4 2 200 Totals.. TOTAL FG9 1st Half: 17-31 54.8% 2nd Half: 14-31 45.2% Game: 50.0% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 6-13 46.2% 2nd Half: 5-13 38.5% Game: 42.3% REBOUNDS F Throw% 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd Half: 11-13 84.6% Game: 81.8% 2

Officials: Mike Scyphers, D.G. Nelson, Casey McClellan

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Omaha 25 24 49 47 44 91 Colorado

BOULDER — Colorado broke to a big lead early and never let Omaha back in the game Wednesday en route to claiming a 91-49 win at the CU Events Center. The Buffaloes improved to 4-1 while the Mavericks fell to 2-6.

Tad Boyle's Buffs used balanced scoring, solid shooting and excellent defense to produce the win.

CU finished with four players in double figures, led by McKinley Wright IV, who finished with 17 points, eight assists, five rebounds and no turnovers. Jabari Walker added 15 for CU, Dallas Walton chipped in 14 and D'Shawn Schwartz had 11. The Buffs shot 50 percent from the floor (31-for-62) while holding Omaha to 31 percent shooting (19-for-61).

The Buffs led 47-25 at the half, then built their cushion into the 30s early in the second half before pushing the margin to as much as 41 late in the game

La'Mel Robinson led the Mavericks with 11 points, as CU held Omaha's top ree scorers to a combined 15 points on 7-for-18 shooting.

Boyle was obviously pleased with the win, but was also already looking ahead to a schedule that becomes much more difficult. CU will play two games on Sunday and Tuesday in Las Vegas (Washington and Grand Canyon) before beginning Pac-12 play on Dec. 28 at Arizona. The Buffs' next five games are all away home, as they don't return to the Events Center until a Jan. 7 matchup with Ore-

"I told the team in the locker room, the rest of the season the price of poker's going up from the standpoint of our opponents being a little more formidable in terms of their size and strength and athleticism." Boyle said, "We have to be ready for that and it starts next Sunday in Vegas."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado put the game away early, using a 10-0 run in the first four minutes of the game to take a 15-4 lead, then using a 14-0 surge midway through the half to build a 32-9 cushion.

The Buffs used the 3-point line throughout the half, getting a pair of treys from Schwartz in the first three minutes, then getting one each from Maddox Daniels, Walker and Walton in the decisive 14-0 run

Along with his 15 points, Walker also had a team-high nine rebounds, but he was limited to just 18 minutes on the floor because of four fouls.

"He just has a nose for the ball," Boyle said. "You can't teach that, he's got it. He plays with unbelievable effort, imposes his will on the game and plays with a

Defensively, CU kept the heat on in the first half, holding the Mavericks to 34.5% shooting (10-for-29) while also forcing eight turnovers

The Buffs kept up the pressure in the second half, building their lead into the 30s with an 11-0 run that gave Colorado a 61-30 cushion just six minutes into the half. Battey had a nice feed to Walton for a dunk and then had back-to-back buckets in the surge, one coming off a beautiful assist from Wright in the lane.

Colorado then kept its lead at a comfortable margin the rest of the game,

pushing the lead into the 40s in the final minutes.

The Buffs had their second-straight 50 percent shooting night, following a 32-for-60 night in Monday's 81-45 win over Northern Colorado. They also had their second straight solid defensive effort after holding the Bears to 28.8 percent

#### GAMF 6

## COLORADO 92. WASHINGTON 69

Dec. 20, 2020, Las Vegas, Nev. (T-Mobile Arena)

VISITORS: Washington 1-6 ## Player

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0 5 0 1 2 0 2 8 0 3 1 0 6 4 Nate Pryor 21 RaeQuan Battle 55 Quade Green 5 Jamal Bey 52 Riley Sorn 10 Erik Stevenson 22 Cole Bajema 0 Marcus Tsohonis 33 J'Raan Brooks 0 0 0 0 27-63 4-18 11-16 9 19 28 20 69 10 9 7 3 200 Totals.

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-32 37.5% 2nd Half: 15-31 48.4% Game: 42.9% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-10 10.0% 2nd Half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 22.2% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd Half: 6-10 60.0% Game: 68.8% 1

## Player	fa-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	mi
21 Evan Battey	f 0-1	0-0	6-6	0	6	6	2	6	3	0	ō	1	23
13 Dallas Walton	6-7	0-0	10-10	1	2	3	4	22	0	0	0	0	17
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	4-9	3-5	2-2	1	1	2	2	13	2	1	0	0	23
24 Eli Parquet	2-4	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	3	4	2	1	0	1	25
25 McKinley Wright	2-6	0-2	1-2	0	4	4	1	5	5	1	1	0	28
3 Maddox Daniels	3-7	3-4	1-2	1	6	7	2	10	4	0	1	0	18
41 Jeriah Horne	6-12	0-1	4-4	2	4	6	2	16	1	1	0	0	22
11 Keeshawn Bartheler	my3-7	2-6	2-2	1	0	1	1	10	2	1	0	0	19
12 Jabari Walker	3-5	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	1	6	1	2	0	0	12
<ol><li>Luke O'Brien</li></ol>	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
32 Nique Clifford	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
10 Alexander Strating	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
40 Isaac Jessup	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM				3	3	6							
Totals	29-60	8-20	26-28	12	31	43	19	92	21	7	2	2	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 18-30 60.0% 2nd Half: 11-30 36.7% Game: 48.3% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-10 50.0% 2nd Half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 40.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 11-12 91.7% 2nd Half: 15-16 93.8% Game: 92.9% 2

Officials: Greg Nixon, Chris Rastatter, Mike Reed Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Washington 30 39 69 52 40

Colorado

LAS VEGAS — Dallas Walton scored a career-high 22 points Sunday night as Colorado rolled to a 92-69 win over Washington in the Far West Classic at

The Buffaloes improved to 5-1 while the Huskies fell to 1-6 in a game between two Pac-12 teams that will not count as a league contest.

Tad Boyle's Buffs built a big early lead and never let up, playing well on both ends of the floor. The Buffs led 52-30 at halftime and built the margin to as much as 36 points, 90-54, before UW used a 13-0 run down the stretch to close the gap.

Walton hit double figures for the third straight game as the Buffs had no probns against Washington's zone defense. He was joined in double figures by Je riah Horne (16), D'Shawn Schwartz (13), Maddox Daniels (10) and Keeshawn Barthelemy (10).

The Buffs shot 48.3 percent from the floor (29-for-60), hit 26 of their 28 free throw attempts and held a comfortable 43-28 rebounding edge, including 12 offensive rebounds that produced 15 second-chance points.

Washington shot 43 percent from the floor (27-for-63), but was just 12-for-32 in the decisive first half. Riley Sorn led the Huskies with 16 points.

"When you win a game going away against a conference opponent who has given you problems in the past, it's a good sign," Boyle said. "We have a good team when we play together. We executed our game plan offensively really, really

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs jumped out to a big early lead, using a 9-0 run in the first four minutes to take an 11-2 edge, then steadily built on that margin for much of the rest of the half.

Washington called time out after Colorado extended its margin to 21-5 at the 12:19 mark, but the Buffs continued to pile on. CU led by as much as 26, taking a 47-21 edge on a Jabari Walker layup with three minutes left in the half, and still held a comfortable 52-30 cushion at the half.

Walton had 12 of his 22 points in the first half, and he finished the night shooting 6-for-7 from the field and a perfect 10-for-10 from the free throw line

"I thought Dallas was terrific," Boyle said. "Part of the game plan was getting inside against that zone and not settling for 3-point shots."

Walton enjoyed his third straight game in double figures, adding to the 12 he scored in a win over Northern Colorado and the 14 he had in a win over Omaha. Prior to those games, he had scored in double figures four times in his first 61 as

Walton's 48 points in his last three games are also more than he scored last vear — 45 — in 28 games.

"I can't put into words how good it feels," said Walton, who has endured three ACL surgeries in his career. "A lot of credit goes to my teammates and coaches, putting me into position to produce. It was a good game for us and we have to keep this thing going."

Defensively, the Buffs held UW to 39 percent shooting (13-for-33) while also forcing eight turnovers that CU turned into 11 points.

The only question in the second half was whether the Buffs could continue their first-half pace. They did for the most part, extending their lead to as much as 36 before a late UW spurt narrowed the gap in the final minutes.

One of the more surprising statistics of the night was a quiet scoring evening from point guard McKinley Wright IV. CU's leading scorer finished with just five points, but he added five assists, four rebounds and just one turnover.

CU finished with 21 assists on 29 baskets, with Daniels adding a career-high four assists.

#### GAME 7

# COLORADO 74. GRAND CANYON 64

Dec. 22, 2020, Las Vegas, Nev. (T-Mobile Arena)

# VISITORS: Colorado 6-1

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	f 4-9	1-3	7-8	0	2	2	3	16	0	1	1	0	26
13 Dallas Walton	1-3	1-2	2-2	1	0	1	3	5	0	1	3	0	14
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	2-4	1-2	1-2	1	0	1	2	6	0	2	0	0	27
24 Eli Parquet	0-0	0-0	4-4	0	3	3	1	4	1	0	1	1	33
25 McKinley Wright	8-14	1-2	4-5	1	3	4	1	21	7	2	1	1	36
3 Maddox Daniels	1-3	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	13
41 Jeriah Horne	5-9	2-5	0-0	0	5	5	0	12	0	0	1	0	33
11 Keeshawn Barthelei	my1-4	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	11
12 Jabari Walker	2-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	5
10 Alexander Strating	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM					1	1				1			
Totals	24-48	8-17	18-21	3	17	20	15	74	10	7	7	2	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-22 36.4% 2nd Half: 16-26 61.5% Game: 50.0% DEADBALL 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd Half: 4-7 57.1% Game: 47.1% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 7-8 87.5% 2nd Half: 11-13 84.6% Game: 85.7% 2

## HOME: Grand Canyon 4-2

## Player	tg-a	i 3fg-a	π-a	OT	ae	tot	pt	tρ	а	to	s I	DK	mın
4 Oscar Frayer	f 0-3	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	10
25 Alessandro Lever	3-9	1-3	2-2	0	4	4	2	9	2	2	0	0	28
33 Asbjorn Midtgaard	8-9	0-0	0-1	3	6	9	3	16	1	1	0	0	33
3 Mikey Dixon	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	13
10 Jovan Blacksher Jrg	7-9	1-2	2-2	0	4	4	3	17	3	7	0	0	36
<ol> <li>Sean Miller-Moore</li> </ol>	5-6	1-1	1-3	1	3	4	4	12	5	3	0	0	18
22 Jayden Stone	2-8	1-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	25
30 Gabe McGlothan	1-5	0-3	0-0	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	0	0	19
2 Chance McMillian	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	7
TEAM				5	1	6				2			
Totals	27-5	3 5-20	5-8	11	22	33	17	64	15	17	2	1	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-25 48.0% 2nd Half: 15-28 53.6% Game: 50.9% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-7 14.3% 2nd Half: 4-13 30.8% Game: 25.0% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 3-4 75.0% Game: 62.5% 1

Officials: Michael Irving, Deldre Carr, Deron White Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total 27 47 Colorado Grand Canyon 37 64 27

LAS VEGAS — Tad Boyle's Colorado Buffaloes used a late surge Tuesday night to propel themselves past Grand Canyon, 74-64, at T-Mobile Arena.

The Buffs improved to 6-1 while the Lopes fell to 4-3.

McKinley Wright IV led the Buffaloes in scoring with 21 points as well as assists with seven. Evan Battey notched 16 points and Jeriah Horne added 12 off the bench.

While Colorado led for most of the game, the Buffs could not put GCU away until the final minutes. After GCU cut Colorado's lead to one point with 5:17 left in the contest, the Buffs used a 10-0 surge to take a 70-59 lead and then kept the Lopes at bay down the stretch.

"This team is resilient and tough," Boyle said. "We got outrebounded by 13, they (GCU) shot almost 51% on us, and we won by 10. I knew, even after the Tennessee loss, that there was something about this team that's special that you can't put into words. There's a toughness and a resiliency that they have."

Colorado committed just seven turnovers the entire game and forced 17 from GCU. The Buffs were also able to score 21 points off those miscues.

Jovan Blacksher Jr. led Grand Canyon with 17 points.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Grand Canyon used a 6-0 run at the end of the first half to tie the score at 27-27 going into the break. Colorado struggled offensively to end the period, failing to score in the final 5:16. The Buffs also shot just 36.4% (8-for-22) in the first half.

Colorado began the second half aggressively and got a steal from Eli Parquet on the Lopes' first possession, which led to a Battey layup. The basket was part of a 12-4 run, which gave the Buffs a 39-31 lead.

But Grand Canyon did not go away, and used a 3-pointer from Chance Mc-Millian out of a timeout to bring the Lopes to within five. The Lopes kept the game close until the Buffs went on an 8-2 run capped off by a Maddox Daniels 3-pointer for a 57-48 lead.

The Lopes responded again, however, and used a 6-0 burst out of a timeout to get the game to within three 57-54. Then, after Wright hit a layup and a free throw. Blacksher hit a 3-pointer and Javden Stone came up with a steal to produce a GCU layup to shrink CU's lead to just one point, 60-59.

But after a Colorado timeout, Horne hit a 3-pointer, which sparked the decisive 10-0 CU. The run produced a 70-59 Colorado lead with 2:32 remaining and the Lopes never came closer than nine again.

Horne had five points in the surge, Battey added a pair of free throws and Wright had three points including a jumper off an offensive rebound from Dallas Walton.

Wright came up with some key moments down the stretch including the final two buckets for the Buffaloes that secured the win for the team.

"When you have your head coach believe in you the way coach Boyle believes in me, it makes my job so much easier," Wright said. "He gives me the freedom to go out there and play my game, make the reads that I see, and just take control of

Grand Canyon was a quality opponent that helped the Buffs get prepared for conference play.

"We're going to have these kinds of games once we get into Pac-12 play," Boyle said. "That's why this game was so good for us. At halftime I mentioned to our staff this was a good test for our team and one that we needed."

# ARIZONA 88, COLORADO 74

Dec. 28, 2020, Tucson, Ariz, (McKale Center)

# VISITORS: Colorado 6-2, 0-1 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	5-8	1-2	7-8	2	0	2	4	18	0	1	0	0	21
13 Dallas Walton	1-3	0-1	3-4	1	3	4	2	5	2	0	2	2	20
5 D'Shawn Schwartz g	3-10	3-5	0-0	0	4	4	4	9	0	2	0	0	26
24 Eli Parquet	1-3	1-2	2-2	1	0	1	4	5	2	0	2	0	27
25 McKinley Wright g	4-12	0-3	2-3	2	3	5	2	10	4	4	1	0	33
3 Maddox Daniels	4-6	4-6	0-0	0	2	2	3	12	1	2	0	0	18
41 Jeriah Horne	3-6	1-3	0-0	1	7	8	1	7	1	3	0	0	26
11 Keeshawn Bartheler	ny0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0			3	1	0	0	16
12 Jabari Walker	3-4	2-3	0-0	1	1	2	1	8	1	0	0	0	14
TEAM				2		2							
Totals	24-55	12-26	14-17	10	20	30	22	74	14	13	5	2	200

 TOTAL FG%
 1st Half: 16-31 51.6%
 2nd Half: 8-24 33.3%
 Game: 43.6%
 DEADBALL

 3-Pt. FG%
 1st Half: 7-15 46.7%
 2nd Half: 5-11 45.5%
 Game: 46.2%
 REBOUNDS

 F Throw%
 1st Half: 5-7 71.4%
 2nd Half: 9-10 90.0%
 Game: 82.4%
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## HOME: Arizona 7-1, 1-1 Pac-12

## Player	ig-a	sig-a	II-a	OI	ae	ιοι	ы	ιp	а	ιο	5	DK	min
10 Azuolas Tubelis	f 3-8	0-1	3-5	2	4	6	3	9	0	1	0	1	25
21 Jordan Brown	f 4-6	0-0	2-4	1	1	2	2	10	0	0	0	1	17
3 Jermarl Baker Jr.	g 4-11	1-4	5-7	1	1	2	2	5	2	2	1	0	30
4 Dalen Terry	g 2-3	1-2	0-0	0	6	6	2	5	2	2	1	0	26
13 James Akinjo	g 5-11	5-7	7-8	0	2	2	2	22	8	2	2	0	35
0 Bennedict Mathurin	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	12
35 Christian Koloko	5-7	0-0	0-0	4	4	8	2	10	0	1	0	0	18
11 Ira Lee	3-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	6	0	1	0	0	15
31 Terrell Brown Jr.	4-5	1-1	3-3	0	1	1	2	12	7	0	0	0	21
TEAM				1	1	2							
Totals	30-57	8-17	20-27	9	22	31	17	88	20	8	4	2	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 19-34 55.9% 2nd Half: 11-23 47.8% Game: 52.6% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd Half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 47.1% REBOUNDS - Throw 1st Half: 7-8 87.5% 2nd Half: 13-19 68.4% Game: 74.1% 5

Officials: Tony Padilla, Frank Harvey III, Kip Kissinger Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

Colorado 44 30 74

TUCSON, Ariz. — Colorado's offense went cold in the second half Monday as the Buffaloes dropped an 88-74 decision to Arizona in their Pac-12 opener CU fell to 6-2 overall (0-1 Pac-12) while Arizona improved to 7-1, 1-1

Tad Boyle's Buffs led, 44-42, with just two minutes left in the first half, only to see the Wildcats close with an 8-0 run for a 50-44 halftime lead. CU cut the deficit back to three early in the second half before Arizona used a 10-2 surge to take control and the Buffs could never climb back into striking range

Evan Battey led the Buffs with 18 points — 14 in the first half — and Maddox Daniels added 12, all on 3-pointers. McKinley Wright IV had 10 points, five rebounds and four assists while Jeriah Horne grabbed a team-high eight rebounds. James Akinjo led UA with 22 points.

The Buffs were outscored 38-18 in the paint and 18-0 in fastbreak points. CU also shot just 33% from the field in the second half after hitting 51.6% of its shots in the first 20 minutes. Arizona shot 52.6 percent for the game.

"Arizona was better tonight," said Boyle, whose Buffs dropped to 0-9 on the Wildcats' home floor since joining the Pac-12. "They deserved to win the game ... We had some good individual performances but as a team we didn't get things going, especially in the second half. That's on me. I take responsibility for that. We hang our hat on defense and that's the second team in a row that's shot 52 percent or higher on us.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After a see-saw first 18 minutes that featured 13 lead changes, Colorado held a 44-42 lead following a Daniels 3-pointer with 2:09 left in the half

But the Buffs then went scoreless down the stretch - including missing the front end of a one-and-one free throw opportunity - while the Wildcats scored the final eight points of the half for a 50-44 halftime edge. The UA run included six points in the final 35 seconds, with Akinjo hitting a running 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The Buffs did manage to cut the deficit back to three early in the second half after D'Shawn Schwartz's second 3-pointer of the half pulled CU to within 53-50. But the Wildcats answered with a 10-2 run to take control and the Buffs were never able to pull closer than eight again.

"You give up 38 points in the paint to 18, so you're down 20 there," Boyle said. "Then you have fastbreak points where you get zero and they get 18 — that's 38 points. In a 14-point game, if we even those tides a little bit it's anybody's game. But we didn't do that.'

The Buffs were hurt by foul troubles in the second half, with Battey — who had 14 points in the first half — drawing his second and third fouls early in the period, then getting whistled for his fourth midway through the half.

CU also struggled to find any offensive rhythm in the second half

"That comes from lack of patience, lack of understanding that against Arizona it's not going to be one pass, jump shot and get back in the game," Boyle said. "We're a veteran group. We've got to be more mature and more patient, understanding that against a good defensive team you're not going to score right away.

Colorado took a 13-10 six minutes in after the Buffs converted four offensive rebounds into nine points. UA rallied midway through the half with a 9-3 run to take a 37-32 lead before the Buffs answered with their own 9-3 surge after a timeout to

#### GAME 9

# COLORADO 72. USC 62

Dec. 31, 2020, Los Angeles, Calif. (Galen Center)

#### VISITORS: Colorado 7-2, 1-1 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	f 5-10	0-0	1-1	2	3	5	2	11	2	3	0	1	34
41 Jeriah Horne	f 3-10	2-4	2-2	2	3	5	2	10	0	3	1	0	27
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	g 3-9	1-5	6-6	2	8	10	3	13	1	1	0	0	32
24 Eli Parquet	g 0-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	22
25 McKinley Wright	g 7-13	1-2	4-5	0	4	4	3	19	4	1	3	0	35
3 Maddox Daniels	2-6	2-5	0-0	1	1	2	1	6	2	0	0	0	17
12 Jabari Walker	3-4	1-2	0-0	1	4	5	1	7	1	1	1	1	15
11 Keeshawn Barthele	my2-4	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	5	1	1	0	0	12
23 Tristan da Silva	0-2	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
TEAM				2	1	3							
Totals	25-60	8-22	14-16	11	27	38	16	72	12	11	6	2	200

TOTAL EG% 1st Half: 16-30 53 3% 2nd Half: 9-30 30 0% Game: 41 7% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 7-13 53.8% 2nd Half: 1-9 11.1% Game: 36.4% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd Half: 9-9 100% Game: 87.5% 2.0

#### HOME: USC 5-2, 0-1 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
3 Isaiah Mobley	f 4-7	1-1	0-0	1	4	5	4	9	1	4	0	1	26
4 Evan Mobley	f 5-14	0-2	2-5	2	5	7	2	12	0	5	0	2	37
2 Tahj Eaddy	g 5-11	4-9	2-2	0	3	3	2	16	5	1	1	0	32
5 Isaiah White	g 1-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	0	2	0	0	2	0	17
13 Drew Peterson	g 2-7	0-2	0-0	0	3	3	2	4	4	2	1	0	26
23 Max Agbonkpolo	2-7	2-6	0-0	1	3	4	2	6	1	2	0	0	28
30 Noah Baumann	2-3	2-3	0-0	0	0	0	2	6	1	1	1	0	17
1 Chevez Goodwin	2-8	0-1	3-3	5	1	6	2	7	1	0	2	0	16
TEAM				2	1	3							
Totals	23-60	9-24	7-10	12	23	35	16	62	13	15	7	3	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 14-31 45.2% 2nd Half: 9-29 31.0% Game: 38.3% DEADBALL 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd Half: 5-15 33.3% Game: 37.5% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd Half: 6-8 75.0% Game: 70.0% 1,1

Officials: Chris Rastatter, Michael Irving, Randy McCall 1st 2nd Total Score by Periods Colorado 44 28 72 USC 33 29

LOS ANGELES — Colorado fought off a second-half USC rally and regained control down the stretch Thursday night as the Buffaloes collected a key 72-62 road win at the Galen Center.

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The victory, CU's fifth in a row over the Trojans, improved Tad Boyle's Buffs to 7-2 overall and 1-1 in Pac-12 play while USC fell to 5-2, 0-1.

McKinley Wright IV led CU with 19 points, four rebounds and four assists.

CU's D'Shawn Schwartz added 13 points and a career-high 10 rebounds for his first career double-double, Evan Battey had 11 points and Jeriah Horne had 10.

Defensively, the Buffs were outstanding against a team that entered the game leading the Pac-12 in scoring and shooting percentage. CU held the Trojans' leading scorer, 7-foot Evan Mobley, to 12 points on 5-for-14 shooting as the Trojans shot just 38.3% (23-for-60). CU also held a 38-35 rebound edge that led to a 16-10 Colorado edge in second-chance points.

The Buffs' defensive effort was magnified by the fact that they played without 7-footer Dallas Walton, who missed the game with a lower leg injury.

"Obviously a road win against a quality team in this league, they're hard to come by," Boyle said. "USC is long, they're tall, they have good athletes. I thought our guys really battled tonight and showed a lot of grit and a lot of toughness."

After five early lead changes, Colorado took a 15-12 edge on a Schwartz 3-pointer six minutes into the game and never trailed again, but the Trojans didn't succumb easily. CU saw a double-digit lead in the first half shrink to one momentarily and another double-digit cushion narrowed to two in the second half.

But the Buffs had an answer for every USC rally and finally took control in the final minutes to clinch the win.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado led 44-33 lead at intermission after finishing the first half with a 12-2 run, then pushed the margin to 15 early in the second half on a Jabari Walker tip-in, 50-35.

But the Trojans surged back into the game. With Wright on the bench after his third foul, USC used a 9-0 run to narrow Colorado's lead to just two, 57-55, with 9:41 still to play.

The Buffs, however, righted themselves after a timeout and slowly rebuilt their lead, putting together an 11-3 surge to take a 68-58 lead with 1:38 to play. Schwartz had four free throws to start the run and Battev finished it with a 3-point play, grabbing an offensive rebound for a putback, then hitting a free throw after getting fouled.

Battery also played a big role in keeping USC's Mobley brothers in control for most of the night, especially with Walton not available. Evan and Isaiah Mobley came into the game averaging a combined 27.5 points and 17.5 rebounds per game, but finished with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

"Evan is a warrior," Boyle said. "He plays with such heart, such passion, such intensity. He did a really good job tonight of staying out of foul trouble (ended up with two). He just battles. He's got the heart of a lion."

Schwartz, meanwhile, hit the boards all night for his career high 10 rebounds, and tallied his 13 points despite having just one 3-pointer. The CU senior was a perfect 6-for-6 from the free throw line.

"He's big, he's strong and I thought he really battled on the boards tonight," Boyle said. "He played well tonight. He really competed."

Wright, meanwhile, delivered his usual clutch performance. After USC pulled to within 61-58 with just under seven minutes to play, the Buffs' senior point guard hit back-to-back floaters from the lane to give CU a seven-point cushion and

Colorado then held the Trojans off down the stretch for the win





#### GAMF 10

## UCLA 65, COLORADO 62

Jan. 2, 2021, Los Angeles, Calif. (Pauley Pavilion)

VISITORS: Colorado	7.	3, 1-2	Pac-	12										
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	f	3-7	0-1	1-2	3	3	6	3	7	0	2	0	0	27
41 Jeriah Horne	f	3-9	2-6	2-2	0	3	3	1	10	0	1	0	0	30
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	g	2-7	1-2	0-2	1	3		1	5	1	3	2	0	32
24 Eli Parquet	g	4-5	0-0	2-2	1	2		1	10	1	1	1	0	31
25 McKinley Wright	g	5-10	1-4	1-1	1	2	3	1	12	3	1	0	1	29
3 Maddox Daniels		3-8	2-7	4-4	0	4	4	2	12	2	1	1	0	26
12 Jabari Walker		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	8
11 Keeshawn Barthel	em	ıy3-6	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	0	6	2	0	0	0	14
23 Tristan da Silva		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
TEAM					2	1	3				2			
Totals		23-53	6-23	10-13	9	20	29	14	62	9	13	5	1	200

 TOTAL FG%
 1st Half: 12-26 46.2%
 2nd Half: 11-27 40.7%
 Game: 43.4%
 DEADBALL

 3-Pt. FG%
 1st Half: 3-10 30.0%
 2nd Half: 3-13 23.1%
 Game: 26.1%
 REBOUNDS

 F Throw%
 1st Half: 2-2 100%
 2nd Half: 8-11 72.7%
 Game: 76.9%
 2,0

## HOME: UCLA 7-2, 3-0 Pac-12

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f 4-6	0-0	2-2	2	3	5	4	10	2	2	0	0	19
g 4-7	1-2	3-4	2	5	7	1	12	1	1	0	0	36
g 3-10	0-3	4-4	0	0	0	3	10	2	2	0	0	36
g 6-12	1-3	1-1	1	4	5	2	14	0	1	1	1	38
g 5-11	1-4	0-0	2	2	4	2	11	7	2	3	0	33
3-3	0-0	2-3	2	4	6	0	8	1	2	0	0	21
0-1	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	6
			2	1	3							
25-53	3-15	12-14	9	22	31	13	65	13	14	4	1	200
	f 4-6 g 4-7 g 3-10 g 6-12 g 5-11 3-3 0-1 0-1 0-2	f 4-6 0-0 g 4-7 1-2 g 3-10 0-3 g 6-12 1-3 g 5-11 1-4 3-3 0-0 0-1 0-1 0-2 0-1	f 4-6 0-0 2-2 g 4-7 1-2 3-4 g 3-10 0-3 4-4 g 6-12 1-3 1-1 g 5-11 1-4 0-0 3-3 0-0 2-3 0-1 0-1 0-0 0-1 0-1 0-0	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$							

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-25 48.0% 2nd Half: 13-28 46.4% Game: 47.2% DEADBALL 

# Officials: Verne Harris, Deldre Carr, Casey McClellan

Score by Periods	IST	2na	i otai
Colorado	29	33	62
UCLA	29	36	65

LOS ANGELES - Colorado's offense went cold Saturday and a second-half comeback fell just short as the Buffaloes dropped a 65-62 defeat to UCLA at Pauley Pavilion.

The Buffs dropped to 7-3 overall and 1-2 in Pac-12 play while UCLA improved to 7-2, 3-0.

McKinley Wright IV and Maddox Daniels led Colorado with 12 points apiece while Jeriah Horne and Eli Parquet each added 10 for the Buffs. CU shot just 11-for-27 in the second half, including 3-for-13 from 3-point range.

The Buffs played their second straight game without 7-foot center Dallas Walton, out with an injury. Their problems in the post were compounded in the second half when big man Evan Battey was whistled for three quick fouls, limiting him to just 11 minutes on the floor after intermission.

UCLA managed the win despite missing standout guard Chris Smith, who suffered a season-ending knee injury earlier in the week against Utah. Jaime Jaquez led five Bruins in double figures with 14 points.

The Buffs trailed for nearly the entire second half, but still had a chance to tie the game in the final seconds, gaining possession with 38 seconds remaining and trailing by three, 62-59. But two Daniels 3-point tries missed their mark and the Bruins salted the win away with three more three throws in the final five seconds.

"We just weren't able to get over the hump," CU head coach Tad Bovle said. "We had some awful good looks ... But our guys battled. Obviously, this program is way, way past the point of moral victories, but I really liked the way our guys played with competitiveness and toughness and grit tonight against a solid, good UCLA basketball team. I felt like we could have won but we didn't make enough plays down the stretch to get it done."

HOW IT HAPPENED: After entering the half tied at 29-29, the Buffs trailed for almost the entire second half. Colorado did pull into a 54-54 tie with 5:01 left on a Wright three-point play. But the Bruins then answered with baskets on three of their next four possessions, part of an 8-1 run to take a 62-55 lead.

But after falling behind by seven, CU answered with baskets from Daniels and Wright, and Wright then came up with a big block on the defensive end. That gave CU one more opportunity to tie the game. After a timeout with 27 seconds remaining, Daniels got two good looks from long range, but neither found the net.

Colorado ended the game shooting 43% from the floor (23-for-53) while UCLA ended at 47% (25-for-53). The Bruins had a narrow 31-29 rebounding edge, and also a 38-28 edge in points in the paint.

"There were some battles down there in the post," Boyle said. "They could have called a foul every single time if they'd wanted to. It was a man's game tonight. It was a battle extraordinaire in the paint. There's going to be some bruises tomorrow on both sides."

Defense dominated the first half, as the two teams entered the locker rooms at intermission tied at 29-29. Colorado shot just 12-for-26 from the floor and had only two assists (both from Wright) in the opening 20 minutes while UCLA was 12-for-25.

Both teams also had issues with turnovers, as Colorado had nine in the first half and the Bruins had 10.

The first half featured six lead changes and eight ties. The Buffs battled back from a five-point deficit with 3:46 to go, using a 10-2 run to take a 29-26 lead with 49 seconds remaining on a D'Shawn Schwartz 3-pointer.

The Bruins, though, answered with a Tyger Campbell trey seconds later to tie the game at 29-29 at the half.

# COLORADO 79, OREGON 72

Jan. 7, 2021, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

# VISITORS: Oregon 8-2, 3-1 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
2 Eugene Omoruyi	f 8-17	0-3	2-2	4	4	8	4	18	1	3	0	0	36
50 Eric Williams, Jr.	f 1-8	1-5	0-2	0	4	4	2	3	2	2	0	0	34
5 Chris Duarte	g10-17	3-6	4-5	1	4	5	1	27	2	2	3	2	39
11 Amauri Hardy	g 3-7	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	6	3	2	0	0	27
12 LJ Figueroa	g 4-7	2-3	0-0	1	1	2	3	10	0	3	1	0	27
13 Chandler Lawson	3-4	1-1	1-1	1	2	3	0	8	2	1	2	0	20
24 Aaron Estrada	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	16
15 Lok Wur	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TEAM					4	4							
Totals	29-61	7-19	7-10	7	22	29	16	72	11	14	6	2	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 14-32 43.8% 2nd Half: 15-29 51.7% Game: 47.5% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 36.8% REBOUNDS F Throw% 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd Half: 7-10 70.0% Game: 70.0% 1

#### HOME: Colorado 8-3, 2-2 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	f 2-6	0-0	8-8	5	5	10	4	12	5	3	0	1	34
41 Jeriah Horne	f 7-14	3-9	0-0	1	5	6	0	17	0	0	1	1	33
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	5-11	2-5		1	4	5	2	12	1	2	1	1	33
24 Eli Parquet	4-6	0-2	0-1	1	2	3	3	8	1	2	1	0	32
25 McKinley Wright g	7-14	1-3	6-6	2	8	10	3	21	5	2	2	0	36
3 Maddox Daniels	2-7	1-6	0-0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	14
12 Jabari Walker	2-5	0-2	0-0	2	2	4	4	4	0	2	0	0	13
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	4
23 Tristan da Silva	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM				1	1	2							
Totals	29-63	7-27	14-15	13	27	40	17	79	12	13	5	4	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-34 38.2% 2nd Half: 16-29 55.2% Game: 46.0% DEADBALI 1st Half: 2-14 14.3% 2nd Half: 5-13 38.5% Game: 25.9% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 5-5 100% 2nd Half: 9-10 90.0% Game: 93.3% 0

Officials: Tony Padilla, Gregory Nixon, Bill Vinovich Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total 31 41 72 Colorado 33 46 79

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{BOULDER}}$  — Colorado's  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{McKinley}}$  Wright IV and  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Evan}}$  Battey recorded double-doubles Thursday to lead the Buffaloes to a 79-72 win over No. 17 Oregon at the CU Events Center.

The Buffs improved to 8-3 overall and 2-2 in Pac-12 play while Oregon fell to 8-2, 3-1. The victory also improved Colorado to 10-0 all-time in games in Boulder. Wright finished with 21 points, 10 rebounds and five assists for his 12th career

double-double while Battey had 12 points, 10 rebounds and five assists for his sixth career double-double. Jeriah Horne added 17 points and D'Shawn Schwartz had 12 for the Buffs.

While the Buffs did not shoot particularly well - 29-for-63 for the game they did hit 55% of their shots after intermission (16-for-29, including 5-for-12 from 3-point range). CU also held a commanding 40-28 edge on the boards, including 13 offensive rebounds that produced 16 second-chance points

Defensively, the Buffs held Oregon to 48% shooting (29-for-63) and Colorado also hit 14 of its 15 free throw tries, including an 8-for-8 afternoon from Battey. Chris Duarte led Oregon with 27 points.

"It's a quality win over a quality program," head coach Tad Boyle said. "We rebounded the ball well. We competed ... When you don't shoot the ball well and you still can figure out a way to win a game against a quality opponent, that says a

HOW IT HAPPENED: After a first half that featured four lead changes, Colorado took a 33-31 lead into intermission and never trailed again.

CU quickly built a 14-point cushion early in the second half with a 14-2 run. Horne and Wright had 3-pointers in the surge. Eli Parquet added a pair of buckets and Schwartz had a drive to the hoop to give Colorado a 47-33 edge barely three minutes into the half

Wright started the game missing his first five shots, but was 7-for-9 from that point on. His 3-pointer came after Boyle told him at the half to look for an opening

But almost as quickly as Colorado built its big lead, the Ducks rallied with a 9-0 surge to cut the Buffs' margin to five. With 11:13 to play, Colorado's edge was

The Buffs, though, never let the Ducks completely close the gap. CU put together a 7-0 run that started with a Schwartz 3-pointer to push the lead back to 12, and another Schwartz trey started a 10-2 surge that included five straight points from Horne to give the Buffs a 13-point lead, 66-53, with 4:23 to go.

Wright came up with those plays in the final minutes. He hit a drive to the rim with 3:15 to go to give CU an 11-point lead, 68-57, then answered a 4-0 Oregon burst with a three-point play with 2:26 to play.

Then, when the Ducks made one more run in the final minutes to cut Colorado's lead to four, CU answered with baskets from Parquet and Wright for an eight-point cushion, 77-69, with just 28 seconds remaining.

The victory was Colorado's 20th over a ranked team in the Boyle era. After a first half that featured four lead changes, the Buffs erased a five-point deficit to produce a 33-31 lead at intermission.

Colorado trailed for much of the last 10 minutes of the half before closing with a 10-5 run in the final 2:26. Wright started the run with a defensive rebound and coast-to-coast layup before Horne hit a second-chance bucket and a 3-pointer.

Wright then closed the surge with a three-point play.

While Colorado shot just 38% from the floor in the first half — including 2-for-14 from 3-point range — the Buffs helped themselves with six offensive rebounds that led to 10 second-chance points.

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## COLORADO 65, UTAH 58

Jan. 11, 2021, Salt Lake City, Utah (Huntsman Center)

VISITORS: Colorado 9-3, 3-2 Pac-12

VISITORS: Colorado	J-3, 3-2	Pac-	12									
## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	f 2-6	0-0	6-7	3	3	6	2	10	1	1 1	0	33
41 Jeriah Horne	f 2-4	0-1	0-0	0	7	7	0	4	1	1 0	0	26
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	6-15	1-5	2-2	4	11	15	4	15	2	2 0	0	29
24 Eli Parquet	1-6	0-2	3-4	0	3	3		5	1	1 0	2	30
25 McKinley Wright	2-8	1-4	4-7	0	1	1	1	9	4	2 0	0	34
3 Maddox Daniels	2-6	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	1	5	1	0 0	1	22
12 Jabari Walker	5-8	2-2	3-4	4	6	10	3	15	0	1 1	1	16
11 Keeshawn Barthele	my0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1 0	0	3
23 Tristan da Silva	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0 0	0	2
32 Nique Clifford	0-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0 0	0	5
TEAM				2		2				1		
Totals	21-60	5-19	18-24	15	34	49	14	65	11	10 2	4	200

 TOTAL FG%
 1st Half: 9-33 27.3%
 2nd Half: 12-27 44.4%
 Game: 35.0% DEADBALL

 3-Pt. FG%
 1st Half: 4-10 40.0%
 2nd Half: 1-9 11.1%
 Game: 26.3% REBOUNDS

 F Throw%
 1st Half: 5-8 62.5%
 2nd Half: 13-16 81.3%
 Game: 75.0% 3,0

# HOME: Utah 4-5, 1-4 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	mir
<ol> <li>Timmy Allen</li> </ol>	f 9-16	0-1	1-5	0	5	5	2	19	4	3	1	0	35
20 Mikael Jantunen	f 3-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	2	6	0	0	0	1	25
21 Riley Battin	f 1-7	0-3	0-0	1	8	9	3	2	0	2	1	0	25
3 Pelle Larsson	g 1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	1	3	0	0	15
15 Rylan Jones	g 0-3	0-2	0-2	0	2	2	4	0	4	0	2	0	22
25 Alfonso Plummer	5-11	2-5	0-1	0	2	2	3	12	1	1	0	0	30
35 Branden Carlson	4-6	0-0	0-2	2	7	9	3	8	1	0	0	2	23
2 Ian Martinez	3-9	1-6	1-1	0	1	1	2	8	1	0	1	1	22
5 Jaxon Brenchley	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
TEAM					1	1							
Totals	26-58	4-19	2-11	4	27	31	21	58	13	9	5	4	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 17-31 54.8% 2nd Half: 9-27 33.3% Game: 44.8% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-8 12.5% 2nd Half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 21.1% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 0-7 0.0% Game: 18.2% 3,0

Officials: Verne Harris, Larry Spaulding, Nate Harris 1st 2nd Total Score by Periods 27 38 65 Colorado 37 21 58

SALT LAKE CITY — Colorado used a 15-0 run to start the second half Monday to take control, then held off Utah down the stretch to collect a 65-58 win over the Utes at the Huntsman Center.

The victory ended an eight-game losing streak at Utah for the Buffs, who improved to 9-3 overall and 3-2 in Pac-12 play. Utah fell to 4-5, 1-4.

Tad Boyle's Buffs had two players with double-doubles, led by D'Shawn

Schwartz's 15-point, 15-rebound effort, his second career double-double and a career high in rebounds. CU freshman Jabari Walker had a 15-point, 10-rebound game for his first career double-double. Evan Battev had 10 points and six rebounds, and senior guard McKinley Wright IV had nine points and four assists. Wright is now tied with former CU great Jay Humphries for Colorado's all-time assist record with 562.

Timmy Allen led Utah with 19 points.

Colorado trailed 37-27 at intermission after a rough first half in which CU shot just 27 percent while allowing Utah to shoot nearly 55 percent. But the Buffs were a different team after intermission, starting the half with a 15-0 run to take the lead. then fighting off every Utes run the rest of the way.

Colorado dominated the boards, finishing with a 49-31 rebound edge, including 15 offensive rebounds that led to 13 second chance points.

"The offensive rebounding and our defensive energy and effort in the second half were the keys," Boyle said. "I challenged the guys at halftime. I challenged their toughness and they responded."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado trailed, 37-27, at the half, but quickly took control with a 15-0 run to start the second half.

Schwartz had back-to-back buckets early in the run, Evan Battey had a basket and two free throws, Walker had a three-point play and Jeriah Horne notched a basket inside on an assist from Wright. On the defensive end, CU forced seven straight empty Utah possessions, and with just under 15 minutes to play, the Buffs had converted a 10-point deficit into a five-point lead, 42-37.

Schwartz, who was just 1-for-7 from the field in the first half, proved to be a catalyst, hitting his first two shots to spark the run, then adding another basket off of an offensive rebound after Utah finally scored.

Utah then pulled to within one at several junctures, but the Buffs each time had an answer. Walker hit a 3-pointer with 9:15 to play, followed by a Battey hook shot that gave CU a 51-45 edge.

Walker continued to show that he has a bright future ahead, coming up with critical rebounds and baskets. He had seven points in a 10-0 CU first-half run, then hit a three-point play in Colorado's 15-0 run before his 3-pointer midway through the second half gave the Buffs a four-point cushion.

Colorado's lead was reduced to one again with 3:32 to play after back-to-back buckets from Utah's Allen, but Wright hit two free throws with 3:16 to play to push the Buffs' edge back to three, 55-52.

The Buffs then held off the Utes down the stretch — something they couldn't do just a year ago when they lost leads at the end of regulation and overtime in a defeat CU's veterans still remembered.

Colorado struggled to create consistent offense in the first half and trailed 37-27 at intermission. CU shot just 27% in the opening half (9-for-33) while the Utes were an efficient 17-for-31 that included 26 points in the paint.

Colorado led, 22-20, with 6:24 remaining in the half before the Utes closed with a 17-5 surge that included a 15-2 run. CU shot just 1-for-10 in that stretch while the Utes hit 7-of-8.

# COLORADO 89, CALIFORNIA 60

Jan. 14, 2021, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

VISITORS: California	6-8, 1-	6 Pac⋅	∙12								
## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to s bk	min
15 Grant Anticevich	f 1-4	0-1	2-2	0	1	1	4	4	1	1 0 1	25
22 Andre Kelly	f 6-7	0-0	4-5	1	3	4	2	16	2	1 0 2	23
00 Ryan Betley	g 4-11	2-6	2-4	0	4	4	1	12	1	2 0 0	33
1 Joel Brown	g 0-2	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	2	4 1 0	20
10 Makale Forman	g 5-8	3-3	0-0	1	3	4	1	13	1	1 0 0	23
2 Monty Bowser	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1 0	7
3 Jarred Hyder	3-7	1-3	1-1	0	1	1	5	8	2	3 0 0	23
21 Lars Thiemann	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1 0 3	13
32 Jalen Celestine	1-4	0-3	1-2	0	3	3	0	3	2	0 1 0	18
32 Dimitrios Klonaras	1-2	1-2	0-1	0	1	1	1	3	0	1 0 0	6
33 D.J. Thorpe	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0	6
25 Logan Alters	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0	1
42 Blake Welle	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	1	2	0	1	0	0 0 0	1
TEAM				2	1	3				2	
Totals	21-49	7-19	11-17	5	23	28	14	60	11	16 3 6	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-23 43.5% 2nd Half: 11-26 42.3% Game: 42.9% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 36.8% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd Half: 11-17 64.7% Game: 64.7% 4

HOME: Colorado 10-3	, 4-2 P	ac-12											
## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	f 4-6	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	3	8	0	0	0	0	20
41 Jeriah Horne	f 3-6	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	3	8	1	0	1	0	21
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	7-12	3-5	1-1	0	1	1	2	18	0	2	0	0	31
24 Eli Parquet	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	3	0	3	0	23
25 McKinley Wright	4-8	1-2	4-5	1	1	2	1	13	12	2	1	0	30
3 Maddox Daniels	4-5	2-3	2-2	0	1	1	0	12	1	0	1	0	21
12 Jabari Walker	9-13	3-3	2-2	1	10	11	2	23	1	1	0	0	27
32 Nique Clifford	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
23 Tristan da Silva	1-2	0-1	0-1	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	8
<ol><li>Luke O'Brien</li></ol>	1-4	1-2	0-0	1	3	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	7
10 Alexander Strating	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
15 Owen Koonce	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
30 Will Loughlin	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
34 Benan Ersek	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
40 Isaac Jessup	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM				2	2	4							
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33-60 12-21 11-14 6 25 31 17 89 18 7 6 0 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 62-05 60.0% 2nd Half: 20-34 58.8% Game: 55.0% DEADBALL 3-PL: FG% 1st Half: 61-06 60.0% 2nd Half: 61-15 45.5% Game: 57.1% REBOUNDS FThrow % 1st Half: 22-100% 2nd Half: 91-12 75.0% Game: 78.6% 1 Officials: Mike Scyphers, Tommy Nunez, Michael Irving

1st 2nd Total 23 37 60 34 55 89 Score by Periods

BOULDER — McKinley Wright IV broke Colorado's all-time assist record and freshman Jabari Walker posted his second straight double-double Thursday as the Buffaloes rolled to an 89-60 win over Cal at the CU Events Center.

The Buffs recorded their third straight win to improve to 10-3 overall and 4-2 in Pac-12 play while Cal fell to 6-8, 1-6.

Wright entered the game needing just one assist to break a tie and move past former Buffs great Jay Humphries' 37-year old record of 562 assists. He accomplished the feat less than three minutes in when he dished off to Evan Battey for a lavup. Wright then added an exclamation point, finishing with a career-high 12 assists to go with 13 points for the 13th double-double of his career.

Walker, who had 15 points and 10 rebounds in CU's win over Utah on Monday, led Colorado with a career-high 23 points and 11 rebounds while D'Shawn Schwartz added 18 points and Maddox Daniels chipped in 12.

Andre Kelly led the Bears with 16 points.

Colorado put the game away in the first half, rallying from an early 18-11 deficit to finish the half with a 23-5 surge for a 34-23 lead at the break. The Buffs then extended their lead for much of the second half, pushing their margin to as much as 31 late in the game.

"Obviously it's a great day for McKinley Wright, breaking Jay Humphries' 37year-old assist record," CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "It's a long time to hold a record. Jay's a terrific person, was a terrific player here and the guy that broke his record is deserving and equally a great human being. I'm really happy for McKinlev and his teammates ... Before it's all said and done, McKinlev Wright is going to go down as one of the all-time greatest players ever to play at this university."

Wright - who also moved past Randy Downs into 10th place on CU's all-time scoring list with 1,568 points - called the opportunity to set the career record a "blessing."

"I want to thank God," he said. "And a big shoutout to my teammates and coaching staff. When you have teammates like I've had over the last four years and the coaching staff, when they believe in you and they trust you, it makes my job so much easier. They've been helping me and I've been helping them."

HOW IT HAPPENED: After falling behind 18-11 following a 10-0 Cal run midway through the first half, the Buffs seized control over the last nine minutes of the period, using a 23-5 surge to take a 34-23 lead into intermission.

Walker, who had 17 points in the first half, fueled the run with two 3-pointers — both off assists from Wright — to start the surge. He then added a dunk and another 3-pointer while Jeriah Horne and Daniels also had 3-pointers in the

While the Buffs were finding their groove on offense, they also turned up the defensive heat. CU forced Cal turnovers on six straight possessions in the final six minutes and the Bears scored just five points over the last 9:41 of the half.

The Bears never managed to mount much of a threat in the second half. They briefly managed to cut CU's lead to nine early in the period, but Colorado quickly pushed the margin back to double digits. The Buffs' lead hit 20 points, 56-36, on a Daniels 3-pointer with 12:31 still to play and CU expanded the edge to 31 in the final minutes.

Colorado finished with a decisive edge in nearly every category. CU held a 31-28 lead on the boards, shot 55% for the game (33-for-60) compared to Cal's 43% shooting (21-for-49), and forced 16 Bears turnovers while committing only seven miscues.

Walker finished 9-for-13 from the floor, including a perfect 3-for-3 day from long range that improved his season shooting to 11-for-21 from beyond the arc.

# **COLORADO 77. STANFORD 64**

Jan. 16, 2021, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

#### VISITORS: Stanford 8-5, 4-5 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to s	bk	min
3 Ziaire Williams	f 7-15	2-5	1-1	1	4	5	1	17	2	6 2	1	33
11 Jaiden Delaire	f 5-15	1-1	2-2	1	2	3	3	13	0	0 0	1	30
13 Oscar da Silva	f 7-14	2-3	6-6	5	7	12	2	22	2	4 0	0	33
1 Daejon Davis	g 1-5	0-3	2-2	1	2	3	2	4	0	3 0	0	23
5 Michael O'Connell	g 0-1	0-1	0-0	0	4	4	1	0	2	1 1	0	23
20 Noah Taitz	0-5	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1	0	14
23 Brandon Angel	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0 0	0	14
10 Max Murrell	1-1	0-0	3-3	0	0	0	2	5	0	0 0	1	20
32 Lukas Kisunas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0 0	1	5
22 James Keefe	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0 1	0	2
24 Sam Beskind	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	1
TEAM				2	3	5				1		
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3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd Half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 27.8% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 3-3 100% 2nd Half: 12-12 100% Game: 100% 0

#### HOME: Colorado 11-3, 5-2 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	5-9	0-1	3-3	5	7	12	1	13	1	0	2	0	29
41 Jeriah Horne	3-8	2-5	2-2	0	4	4	1	10	4	0	1	0	30
5 D'Shawn Schwartz g	2-8	0-3	2-2	1	3	4	2	6	0	2	1	1	14
24 Eli Parquet g	2-8	2-5	0-0	0	2	2	3	6	1	2	0	2	26
25 McKinley Wright g	6-12	0-2	2-2	2	3	5	0	14	8	2	1	0	34
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	11
3 Maddox Daniels	3-7	3-6	0-0	0	3	3	1	9	1	0	0	0	25
12 Jabari Walker	4-9	0-2	3-4	3	5	8	2	11	0	0	1	2	18
0 Luke O'Brien	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
23 Tristan da Silva	2-4	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	5	0	2	0	0	7
32 Nique Clifford	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM				1	1	2							

28-68 9-27 12-13 14 28 42 13 77 16 10 6 5 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 16-33 48.5% 2nd Half: 12-35 34.3% Game: 41.2% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 8-17 47.0% 2nd Half: 1-10 10.0% Game: 33.3% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd Half: 12-13 92.3% Game: 92.3% 1

Officials: Keith Kimble, Shawn Lehigh, Deron White Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total 26 38 64 40 37 77

BOULDER — Colorado's Evan Battey recorded a double-double and the Buffaloes had four players in double figures Saturday as CU won its fourth straight game, a 77-64 win over Stanford at the CU Events Center

The Buffs improved to 11-3 overall and 5-2 in Pac-12 play while Stanford dropped to 8-5, 4-3,

Battey finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds for the junior's second double-double of the year and seventh of his career. Senior point guard McKinley Wright IV added 14 points and eight assists for the Buffs, freshman Jabari Walker had 11 points and eight rebounds and senior Jeriah Horne chipped in 10.

Stanford's Oscar da Silva led all scorers with 22 points.

Colorado took control with an 11-0 run in the final minutes of the first half to take a 40-26 lead at intermission. The Cardinal pulled to within eight at severa junctures in the second half before CU put the game away for good with a 16-2 surge for a 72-50 lead with just more than four minutes remaining in the game.

CU shot just 41% for the game (28-for-68) but held the Cardinal to 37% shooting (22-for-60). Colorado also forced 15 turnovers, which the Buffs converted into 17 points, and CU's defense held Stanford scoreless for four minutes in the first half and five minutes in the second.

CU also held a 42-36 rebounding edge and a 28-8 edge in bench points. "Good win against a quality team," CU coach  ${\bf Tad\ Boyle\ }$  said. "I've got a lot

of respect for Stanford — the institution, (coach) Jerod Haase, their players. They do things the right way. They're a great member of this conference, and when you beat a team that you have great respect for, it feels good."

HOW IT HAPPENED: After a back-and-forth first 13 minutes, the Buffs took control in the final minutes of the first half. Colorado closed the half with an 18-5 surge that included an 11-0 run over the last 3:43.

Wright started the run with a layup, followed by a pair of Maddox Daniels 3-pointers. **Tristan da Silva** then capped the run with a 3-pointer from the corner at the buzzer to send Colorado into intermission with a 40-26 lead.

CU's balance and depth took its toll on a depleted Stanford team in the first half. Nine different players scored for Colorado in the opening 20 minutes and CU

The Buffs also hit 7 of their final 10 3-point tries in the half after connecting on just one of their first seven, and their eight 3-pointers were the most in any half this

On the defensive end, CU forced four Stanford turnovers in the final six min-

"We've got a lot of capable players on our bench." said Boyle, whose bench outscored their Stanford counterparts 28-8. "I love our versatility and depth. Early in the season our depth was untested. Now they're feeling more confident.'

After Colorado's big first-half finish, Stanford quickly cut the margin back to single digits early in the second half with a 10-2 run. With just more than 12 minutes to play, CU's lead had been narrowed to 56-48.

But Colorado's defense began to take its toll on the Cardinal. Battey exerted his will inside, making Stanford's da Silva work for every shot, and the Buffs put together their decisive 16-2 surge.

Defensively, CU got big blocks from Walker and Eli Parquet to help force 16 empty Stanford possessions in an eight-minute span. On the offensive end, Walker started the run with a basket inside, then added a steal and lavup minutes later. **D'Shawn Schwartz** hit a short jumper out of a timeout, Wright and Horne each hit a pair of free throws and Horne capped the run with a basket at the 4:16 mark to give Colorado a 22-point edge, 72-50.

#### GAMF 15

## **WASHINGTON 84, COLORADO 80**

Jan. 20, 2021, Seattle, Wash, (Alaska Airlines Arena)

# VISITORS: Colorado 11-4, 5-3 Pac-12

##	Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21	Evan Battey	f	8-12	0-1	2-3	2	4	6	3	18	0	0	0	1	30
41	Jeriah Horne	f	8-14	1-3	7-8	2	4	6	1	24	1	1	1	0	27
5	D'Shawn Schwartz	g	1-6	0-3	0-0	2	2	4	4	2	3	3	0	0	25
24	Eli Parquet g	g	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	1	4	1	0	4	3	28
25	McKinley Wright of	g	4-12	0-4	4-6		3	5	3	12	6	1	0	0	31
3	Maddox Daniels		2-7	0-4	0-0	1	2	3			0	0	0	0	23
12	Jabari Walker		3-6	0-1	0-0	2	3	5	3	6	0	0	0	0	11
13	Dallas Walton		2-6	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	12
11	Keeshawn Barthelei	m	y2-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	2	13
	TEAM					2		2							
	Totals	3	32-69	1-18	15-19	15	19	34	19	80	12	5	5	6	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 17-35 48.6% 2nd Half: 15-34 44.1% Game: 46.4% DEADBALL 1st Half: 0-8 0.0% 2nd Half: 1-10 10.0% Game: 5.6% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 6-7 85.7% 2nd Half: 9-12 75.0% Game: 78.9% 4,0

## HOME: Washington 2-11, 1-7 Pac-12

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2 0 0 22	
1 0 2 38	
2 0 0 31	
1 1 0 36	
1 0 0 26	
2 0 2 13	
1015	
10 1 5 200	
	1 0 2 38 2 0 0 31 1 1 0 36 1 0 0 26 2 0 2 13

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-32 37.5% 2nd Half: 16-25 64.0% Game: 49.1% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 6-16 37.5% 2nd Half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 48.0% REBOUNDS FThrow % 1st Half: 6-6 100% 2nd Half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 88.9% 2,2

Officials: Verne Harris, Mike Reed, Chris Rastatter Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Colorado 40 40 80 48 84 Washington 36

SEATTLE - Colorado's defense had no answer for hot-shooting Washington in the second half Wednesday and the Buffaloes dropped an 84-80 decision to the Huskies at Alaska Airlines Arena.

The Buffs, who saw their four-game win streak come to an end against a team they beat 92-69 exactly one month ago, fell to 11-4 overall and 5-3 in Pac-12 play. The Huskies ended an eight-game losing streak to improve to 2-11, 1-7.

Jeriah Horne led CU with 24 points and six rebounds, Evan Battey chipped

in 18 points and six rebounds and McKinley Wright IV had 12 points and six

Marcus Tsohonis, who came into the game averaging just more than eight points per game, led UW with a career-high 27 points on 9-for-13 shooting, including 4-for-6 from 3-point range.

CU led by as many as 10 in the first half and still by four, 40-36, at intermission. But the Buffs' defense could not stop UW's shooters in the second half. The Huskies finally regained the lead with 13:01 to play, then built their margin to six, 81-75, with just more than a minute to play and the Buffs fell short in a last-minute comeback.

CU shot 46 percent for the game (32-for-69), but was just 1-for-18 from 3-point range. The Huskies, who entered the game last in the Pac-12 in scoring offense, field goal percentage and 3-point shooting percentage, shot 64 percent in the second half (16-for-25), including 6-for-9 from 3-point range

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado had a chance to put the hammer down early. taking a 10-point lead at two different junctures in the first half. But each time, the Buffs allowed UW to pull back into the game.

Colorado did manage to build the lead to five, 57-52, with 14 minutes to play on a Wright drive. But the Huskies answered with a pair of 3-pointers to take the lead, and from that point on, neither team led by more than three until the final

The Huskies looked like a completely different team than the one Colorado dominated in a non-league contest in December in Las Vegas. The league's worst shooting team and lowest scoring team turned into an offensive juggernaut. UW scored on 10 straight possessions in a span from the first half into the second half. and never blinked, even when CU fought back to take the lead.

After losing the lead with 13 minutes to play, the Buffs did manage to come back and produce a three-point edge, 67-64, at the 7:49 mark on baskets from Battey and Jabari Walker.

But Washington came back again and finally took the lead for good, 77-75, with 2:24 to play.

The Buffs had their chances in the final minutes, but had three straight empty possessions following a timeout — including two turnovers — while the Huskies added consecutive baskets for an 81-75 lead with just more than a minute to play.

CU still managed to make it close, getting a three-point play from Wright with 38 seconds remaining, then getting a Battey bucket after two Tsohonis free throws. CU forced a turnover on the ensuing inbounds pass, but Horne missed a long 3-pointer and the Huskies hit one more free throw with 5 seconds left to end

Colorado led for most of the first half. A Keeshawn Barthelemy floater at the 6:31 mark gave CU a 30-20 lead, and minutes later, a Maddox Daniels drive gave Colorado a 34-24 edge.

But the Huskies answered with a 7-0 run over the last 1:27 of the half to pull within two before a Barthelemy bucket with 5 seconds remaining in the half gave CU a 40-36 lead at intermission.

The Buffs dominated in the paint in the opening 20 minutes, putting together an 18-6 edge. But the Huskies stayed in the game by hitting six 3-pointers while Colorado was 0-for-8 from beyond the arc in the first half.



# COLORADO 70, WASHINGTON STATE 59

Jan. 23, 2021, Pullman, Wash. (Beasley Coliseum)

#### VISITORS: Colorado 12-4, 6-3 Pac-12 ##Player fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf tp a to s bkmin 21 Evan Battey f 6-11 0-0 4-4 0 5 5 5 3 16 0 2 1 1 30 13 Dallas Walton c 3-4 0-0 0-0 1 1 1 6 1 0 0 0 17 5 D'Shawn Schwartz g 4-8 1-3 2-3 1 1 2 1 11 2 1 2 0 35 24 Eli Parquet g 9-2 0-0 0-0 0 2 2 2 3 0 2 0 0 4 27 25 McKinley Wright g 5-9 0-2 2-2 0 7 7 0 12 5 4 0 1 26 3 Maddox Daniels 2-4 2-5 0-0 0 1 1 6 5 1 0 0 2 1 2 0 36 6 1 U C 11 2 1 2 0 35 0 2 0 0 4 27 5 4 0 1 26 0-2 2-5 2-2 0 0-0 0 7 0 12 5 1 1 6 1 3 2 5 3 2 1 9 0 3 Maddox Daniels 2-6 1-2 1-1 2-2 0 3 2-4 0 2 41 Jeriah Horne 12 Jabari Walker 2 1 0 18 3-3 ny2-4 1-1 0-0 0 0 0 0 5 0 0 0 0 11 0-1 0-0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 3 11 Keeshawn Barthelemy2-4 1-1 32 Nique Clifford 26-52 6-14 12-15 5 25 30 13 70 15 11 4 6 200 Totals...

 TOTAL FG%
 1st Half: 12-29 41.4%
 2nd Half: 14-23 60.9%
 Game: 50.0% DEADBALL

 3-Pt. FG%
 1st Half: 3-7 42.9%
 2nd Half: 3-7 42.9%
 Game: 42.9% REBOUNDS

 F Throw%
 1st Half: 3-5 60.0%
 2nd Half: 9-10 90.0%
 Game: 80.0% 0

HOME: Washington	St	ate 9-	6. 2-6	Pac-1	2									
## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
23 Andrej Jakimovski	f	1-6	0-3	0-0	1	6	7	'n	ż	2	0	0	0	29
Efe Abogidi	С	1-4	1-2	2-2	1	5	6	2	5	0	1	0	1	23
21 Dishon Jackson	С	4-6	0-0	2-3	1	3	4	3	10	0	0	0	1	29
10 Isaac Bonton	g	8-20	1-3	4-5	0	1	1	1	21	3	3	2	0	37
24 Noah Williams	g	6-11	4-6	0-0	1	2	3	4	16	2	2	3	0	34
15 V. Markovetskyy		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	11
11 DJ Rodman		1-3	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	0	16
2 Myles Warren		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
32 Tony Miller		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
4 Aljaz Kunc		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
22 Ryan Rapp		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	7
TEAM					1	2	3				2			
Totals		22-52	7-16	8-10	7	24	31	17	59	9	15	6	2	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-25 52 0% 2nd Half: 9-27 33.3% Game: 42.9% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd Half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 43.8% REBOUNDS F Throw% 1st Half: 6-6 100% 2nd Half: 2-4 50.0% Game: 80.0% 0 Game: 43.8% REBOUNDS

Officials: Gregory Nixon, Eric Curry, Scott Brown 1st 2nd Total Score by Periods 30 40 70 37 22 59 Colorado

PULLMAN, Wash. — Colorado's McKinley Wright IV came back from a firsthalf injury Saturday to help the Buffaloes rally from an early 18-point deficit and record a 70-59 win over Washington State at Beasley Coliseum

The Buffaloes improved to 12-4 overall and 6-3 in Pac-12 play. The Cougars fell to 9-6, 2-6,

Evan Battey led CU with 16 points while Wright finished with 12 points and led the team in rebounds (seven) and assists (five). D'Shawn Schwartz added 11

Wright, who missed much of the first half with a leg injury, recorded all of his points and rebounds and four of his five assists after halftime.

The Buffs trailed by as many as 18 in the first half but cut the lead to just seven points at halftime, 37-30, CU used an early 8-2 second half run to bring the game to within one point, 39-38, and then quickly regained the lead, 44-43. Colorado then used a late 14-0 run to put the Cougars away.

Colorado had solid bench production and outscored the Cougars' reserves 25-5. Isaac Bonton led the Cougars with 21 points.

Wright had to be helped from the court barely six minutes into the game after aggravating a knee injury in a collision. His teammates managed to shave WSU's big lead down to seven by intermission, and he returned for the second half to help fuel the decisive 14-0 run.

"He's a gritty kid," Tad Boyle said. "I hope CU fans aren't taking him for granted. Enjoy him the rest of this year because I don't know if we'll have another one like him for quite some time '

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs had a slow start and quickly found themselves looking at a 23-5 deficit midway through the first half. At the 13:55 mark, Wright went down with a leg injury and did not return the rest of the half.

Shortly after Wright went down, the Buffs used a 14-2 surge to shrink the Cougars' lead to just six points. Battey led the way on the run with six points, Schwartz pitched in with five and Keeshawn Barthelemy added a 3-point bucket. The Buffs trailed by just seven at intermission.

"Evan really stepped up his game, his talk, and his energy level," Boyle said. "I think the rest of the guys fed off Evan's energy. I think our guys learned a lot about themselves tonight."

Wright returned to play and started the second half. CU cut the WSU lead to just one point thanks to an 8-2 run. Dallas Walton hit two jumpers, Schwartz pitched in with a pair of free throws, and Wright added a stepback two to cut the Cougars' lead to just 39-38.

The Buffs continued to chip away at the WSU lead and a Schwartz jumper gave the Buffs a 44-43 advantage, their first lead since 2-0. CU then took advantage of a WSU technical foul, and Jeriah Horne sank two free throws and Maddox Daniels drilled a 3-point jumper to extend the Buffalo lead to 49-43.

"We talked about stringing stops together. We were right there," Boyle said, "We dug ourselves out of that hole one possession at a time. We didn't panic. We didn't try to come back all at once, you can't do that. You just have to go possession by possession and our guys did a good job of that."

Defensively, the Buffs got a big boost from guard Eli Parquet, who had four blocked shots and helped contain WSU's scorers after halftime.

The Buffaloes then broke the game wide open with a 14-0 run late in the second half to take an 11-point advantage, 59-48. Jabari Walker highlighted the run with three layups, a 3-pointer and a pair of free throws. Wright contributed four points and assisted on Walker's 3-pointer.

The Cougars did not make another push after CU's 14-0 run, and the Buffs kept them at bay the rest of the way.

# COLORADO 70. WASHINGTON STATE 58

Jan. 27, 2021, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

# VISITORS: Washington State 9-7, 2-7 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to s	bk n	nin
23 Andrej Jakimovski	f 0-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	1	2 0	1 :	21
0 Efe Abogidi	c 1-5	0-3	0-0	1	2	3	4	2	1	1.1	0	21
21 Dishon Jackson	c 3-10	0-0	6-8	3	5	8	5	12	0	1 0	2	28
22 Ryan Rapp	g 4-7	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	3	9	2	3 1	0	31
24 Noah Williams	g 6-12	3-7	0-0	0	1	1	2	15	2	4 1	1	32
11 DJ Rodman	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	3	2	1	1 0	0	24
15 V. Markovetskyy	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0 0	0	1
2 Myles Warren	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	2
32 Tony Miller	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0 0	0	2
4 Aljaz Kunc	2-4	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	5	0	0 1	1	16
5 TJ Bamba	5-9	2-3	1-1	0	5	5	1	13	0	2 1	0	23
TEAM				3	2	5				1		
Totale	22-52	7-20	7-0	10	10	20	21	58	7	15.5	5 9	วกก

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 9-23 39.1% 2nd Half: 13-29 44.8% Game: 42.3% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd Half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 35.0% REBOUNDS FThrow % 1st Half: 2-2 100% 2nd Half: 5-7 71.4% Game: 77.8% 0

## HOME: Colorado 13-4, 7-3 Pac-12

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21 Evan Battey	f 4-8	0-0	6-6	1	4	5	1	14	2	2	1 (	27
13 Dallas Walton	1-1	1-1	1-2	0	2	2	2	4	1	1 (	0 1	14
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	2-7	2-5	0-0	0	2	2	2	6	1	1 (	0 1	33
24 Eli Parquet	1-4	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	3	2	1	3 :	2 (	26
25 McKinley Wright	2-7	1-2	11-11	1	1	2	1	16	7	2	1 (	35
3 Maddox Daniels	1-3	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	3	3	3	0 :	2 (	16
41 Jeriah Horne	6-9	3-5	0-1	1	4	5	0	15	0	0	1 (	26
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1 1	10
12 Jabari Walker	2-3	1-1	2-3	1	2	3	2	7	0	1 (	0 2	10
23 Tristan da Silva	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (	0 0	3
TEAM				1	3	4				2		
Totals	20-44	10-17	20-23	5	22	27	14	70	16	13	8 5	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 14-25 56.0% 2nd Half: 6-19 31.6% Game: 45.5% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 7-8 87.5% 2nd Half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 58.8% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 4-4 100% 2nd Half: 16-19 84.2% Game: 87.0% 3

Officials: Verne Harris, Deron White, Tommy Nunez

Score by Periods Washington State 1st 2nd Total 24 34 58

BOULDER - Tad Boyle's Colorado Buffaloes built a big early lead Wednesday, then fought off a second-half Washington State rally to collect a 70-58 win at the CU Events Center.

The victory in the first of five games in a row at home for CU improved the Buffs to 13-4 overall and 7-3 in Pac-12 play while WSU dropped to 9-7, 2-7.

The Buffs had three players in double figures, led by McKinley Wright IV with 16 points, including a perfect 11-for-11 from the free throw line. Jeriah Horne added 15 and Evan Battey chipped in 14. Wright also had seven assists in the game, including the 600th of his career, while Horne and Battey led CU with five rebounds

Washington State, playing without leading scorer Isaac Bonton, was led by Noah Williams with 15 points.

Colorado built an 18-point lead in the first half on the heels of a 20-0 run, extended the cushion to 19 and still led by 15 at the half, 39-24. But WSU forged a second-half comeback, thanks to some cold shooting and turnovers from the Buffs, and closed the gap to six, 49-43, with 9:01 still to play.

But the Buffs regrouped down the stretch to slowly build their margin back to double digits and hold on for the win.

Colorado finished with 13 turnovers — after not having any in the first 12 minutes of the game — that led to 18 WSU points. The Buffs were also outrebounded, 29-27, and shot just 32 percent from the floor in the second half.

But the nation's best free throw shooting team did hit 20 of 23 tries from the line, including 13 of 15 in the final eight minutes.

"A win is a win, you can't ever complain about that," Boyle said. "But I think anybody who watched that game tonight and saw how we played, especially to wards the end of the first half offensively and then in the second half offensively, understands that Colorado's got to play better than that,"

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs had their chances to blow the game open on several different occasions, but each time proved to be their own worst enemy with

some untimely turnovers and defensive lapses.

After WSU took an early 11-9 lead, Colorado put together a 20-0 run to assume control. Wright started the surge with a four-point play, Keeshawn Barthelemy added a 3-pointer, Jabari Walker had six straight points and Horne capped the run with a trey to give CU a 29-11 lead.

But just when the Buffs appeared to be on the verge of blowing the game open, they allowed a 7-0 WSU run, fueled by three Colorado turnovers. The Buff pushed their margin back to 19 late in the half, but then had three empty possessions including a shot clock violation — to end the period with a 39-24 lead.

Colorado was 7-for-8 from 3-point range in the first half, with six different Buffs connecting from long range. Horne was 4-for-4 from the floor for Colorado, including 2-for-2 from beyond the arc.

CU pushed its lead back to 18 early in the second half, only to see WSU put together a 10-1 run and cut the lead to single digits. A rash of turnovers led to some easy Cougar buckets and with 9:01 still to play, Washington State cut Colorado's lead to just six, 49-43.

But, just when the Cougars appeared to have momentum on their bench, the Buffaloes responded with a 7-0 surge to regain control. D'Shawn Schwartz started the run with a 3-pointer that ended a five-minute CU scoring drought and the Buffs kept the Cougars at bay down the stretch.

Wright hit 10 free throws over the final eight minutes and Horne had five points in the final five minutes to help the Buffs hold onto the lead.

#### GAMF 18

## UTAH 77. COLORADO 74

Jan. 30, 2021, Boulder, Colo, (CU Events Center)

#### VISITORS: Utah 7-7, 4-6 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	mir
1 Timmy Allen	f 5-14	1-3	6-8	1	9	10	1	17	4	2	1	1	35
20 Mikael Jantunen	f 4-6	0-2	1-2	2	4	6	3	9	2	2	0	0	34
35 Branden Carlson	c 1-3	0-1	2-2	1	6	7	1	4	2	1	0	0	21
3 Pelle Larsson	g 3-7	2-3	0-0	0	3	3	4	8	1	2	0	1	34
15 Rylan Jones	g 0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	18
32 Lahat Thioune	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
21 Riley Battin	4-6	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	0	9	1	0	1	0	23
25 Alfonso Plummer	8-13	4-6	3-3	0	0	0	2	23	0	1	1	0	17
2 Ian Martinez	1-2	1-1	4-4	0	0	0	1	7	2	0	0	1	17
TEAM				1	1	2				1			
Totals	26-52	9-20	16-19	5	26	31	13	77	14	11	3	2	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-21 47.6% 2nd Half: 16-31 51.6% Game: 50.0% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd Half: 5-11 45.5% Game: 45.0% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 12-14 85 7% 2nd Half: 4-5 80 0% Game: 84 2% 2

# HOME: Colorado 13-5, 7-4 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	f 3-6	0-0	1-1	0	2	2	1	7	0	0	0	1	37
41 Jeriah Horne	f 4-7	2-4	0-0	0	5	5	1	10	0	0	1	0	23
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	4-8	1-3	0-0	1	2	3	2	9	2	1	1	0	29
24 Eli Parquet	2-5	2-3	0-0	3	2	5	5	6	2	1	1	0	28
25 McKinley Wright g	5-14	3-7	2-2	0	2	2	3	15	4	2	1	1	25
3 Maddox Daniels	3-6	3-5	0-1	2	3	5	3	9	1	1	0	0	19
13 Dallas Walton	4-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	8	1	1	0	0	14
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	2-8	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	0	5	6	2	0	1	19
12 Jabari Walker	1-3	1-2	2-2	0	4	4	2	5	1	2	1	0	16
32 Nique Clifford	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM				2	1	3							
Totals	28-61	13-28	5-6	8	22	30	20	74	17	10	5	3	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 15-31 48.4% 2nd Half: 13-30 43.3% Game: 45.9% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 10-17 58.8% 2nd Half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 46.4% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 2-2 100% Game: 83.3% 0

Officials: Tony Padilla, Nate Harris, Ryan McDaniel Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Colorado 43 31 74

BOULDER — Colorado allowed a 19-point lead to disappear in a five-minute second-half stretch Saturday and the Buffaloes dropped a critical 77-74 decision to Utah at the CU Events Center.

CU fell to 13-5 overall and 7-4 in the Pac-12 while Utah improved to 7-7, 4-6. McKinley Wright IV led Colorado with 15 points and Jeriah Horne chipped in

But CU had no answer on the defensive end for Utah's Alfonso Plummer, who finished with 23 points, all in the second half.

The Buffs had a seven-point lead at the half, 43-36, and appeared to be in complete control when they extended the cushion to 19, 65-46, with just under nine minutes to play. But the Utes then put together a 26-4 run that produced a 70-69 lead with 3:24 to play and a three-point edge, 72-69, a minute later.

Colorado managed to tie it up at 72-72 with 1:22 to go, but the Utes put the game away in the final minute.

Utah shot 52% from the floor in the second half (16-for-31) while the Buffs were just 13-for-30. CU also lost the rebound battle, 31-30, and the Utes were 16-for-19 from the free throw line while the Buffs attempted just six free throws and made

It was the third time in the last four games that the Buffs have had trouble closing out second-half leads. They lost at Washington two weeks ago and managed to hold off a Washington State rally earlier this week.

But their inability to close hurt them in a big way Saturday.

HOW IT HAPPENED: After a solid first half in which the Buffs hit 10 3-pointers. CU led by seven, 43-36.

With 8:46 to play in the game, CU had built its cushion to 19 on a pair of Wright free throws and looked ready to put the game away.

When Plummer got hot, CU had no answer. The Utah guard scored 21 of

his 23 second-half points in the final eight minutes, beginning with back-to-back 3-pointers. At the same time, the Buffs couldn't buy a bucket on the offensive end, going nearly five minutes without a basket while Utah scored 13 straight points.

Evan Battey finally ended the drought with a basket at the 4:32 mark to give CU a 69-64 lead, but the Buffs didn't score again for the next three minutes, allowing Utah to finally take the lead. A Plummer 3-pointer and free throw gave the Utes a 70-69 edge at the 3:24 mark and another Plummer bucket a minute later boosted the margin to 72-69.

Colorado did manage to tie the game again at 72-72 with 1:22 to play on a Wright 3-pointer, but could not come up with a defensive stop. The Utes answered with back-to-back baskets sandwiched around a CU miss and Plummer's 23rd point of the half gave the Utes a 76-72 lead with 13.8 on the clock. Wright added one more CU basket with nine seconds remaining but Timmy Allen knocked down a free throw with six seconds left and a last-second Wright 3-point attempt was blocked to give Utah the win.

Colorado actually controlled the tempo for much of the game. After falling behind 6-0 in the first two minutes, the Buffs responded with an 11-0 run to take the lead. The Buffs led by as much as 10 with just under six minutes to play in the half before Utah cut the margin to two, 32-30, with a 10-2 surge.

But the Buffs righted themselves down the stretch to take a 43-36 lead into intermission, getting a pair of Maddox Daniels 3-pointers and a Battey three-point play in the final three minutes.

CU shot 48% from the floor in the first half, including a red-hot 10-for-17 from 3-point range, and the Buffs had 11 assists on 15 baskets.

The Utes stayed in the game by getting to the free throw line, hitting 12 of 14  $\,$ attempts from the stripe while Colorado — the nation's leading free throw shooting team - was 3-for-4 on free throws in the first half

#### GAMF 19

## COLORADO 82. ARIZONA 79

Feb. 6, 2021, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

# VISITORS: Arizona 13-6, 7-6 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
10 Azuolas Tubelis	f 7-11	2-5	2-2	0	2	2	0	18	3	2	1	0	35
35 Christian Koloko	c 2-3	0-0	2-2	3	2	5	3	6	1	1	1	1	21
4 Dalen Terry	g 1-3	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	14
13 James Akinjo	g 4-12	0-2	8-8	1	1	2	1	16	7	3	1	0	33
31 Terrell Brown Jr	g 2-5	0-0	1-2	0	3	3	2	5	3	1	2	0	31
0 Bennedict Mathurin	7-9	4-5	4-5	0	3	3	3	22	1	1	1	0	31
21 Jordan Brown	3-7	0-0	1-4	3	1	4	3	7	2	0	0	1	18
25 Kerr Kriisa	1-4	1-4	0-0	1	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	16
11 Ira Lee	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM				2	4	6				1			
Totals	27-55	7-17	18-23	11	18	29	15	79	18	9	6	2	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-30 33.3% 2nd Half: 17-25 68.0% Game: 49.1% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd Half: 5-9 55.6% Game: 41.2% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 10-11 90 9% 2nd Half: 8-12 66 7% Game: 78 3% 4

#### HOME: Colorado 14-5, 8-4 Pac-12

## Player	tg-a	3tg-a	π-a	OĪ	ae	tot	pt	tp	а	to s	DK	mın	
21 Evan Battey	f 7-9	0-0	7-7	3	0	3	3	21	0	2 1	1	27	
13 Dallas Walton	2-6	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	4	5	0	0 0	1	15	
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	3-7	2-4	1-2	0	2	2	2	9	4	2 0	0	26	
24 Eli Parquet	3-5	2-3	0-0	0	0	0	3	8	4	2 2	0	33	
25 McKinley Wright g	6-10	1-3	4-4	0	2	2	1	17	6	3 1	0	39	
3 Maddox Daniels	1-3	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	3	0	0 0	0	15	
41 Jeriah Horne	4-7	2-4	0-0	1	2	3	3	10	0	0 1	0	19	
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0 0	0	7	
23 Tristan da Silva	2-3	1-1	1-2	0	2	2	3	6	0	0 1	0	13	
10 Alexander Strating	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0 0	0	6	
TEAM					5	5				2			
Totals	29-52	11-20	13-17	5	17	22	21	82	15	11 6	2	200	

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 16-26 61.5% 2nd Half: 13-26 50.0% Game: 55.8% DEADBALL 1st Half: 8-11 72.7% 2nd Half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 55.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 1-4 25.0% 2nd Half: 12-13 92.3% Game: 76.5% 4,1 3-Pt. FG%

# Officials: Kevin Brill, Gerry Pollard, Marques Pettigrew

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Arizona	32	47	79
Colorado	41	41	82

BOULDER - Evan Battey scored 21 points Saturday, including four free throws in the final 15 seconds, to help Colorado rally to an 82-79 win over Arizona at the CU Events Center.

CU improved to 14-5 overall and 8-4 in Pac-12 play while Arizona dropped to 13-6, 7-6,

McKinley Wright IV chipped in 17 points and six assists for the Buffs, including a basket with 37 seconds remaining in the game, and Jeriah Horne added 10. Benedict Mathurin led Arizona with 22 points.

The Wildcats erased a nine-point CU halftime lead and led by four, 74-70, with 3:21 to play. But the Buffs finally tied the game at 76-76 after 3-pointers from Horne and Eli Parquet, then took the lead on Wright's floater in the lane with 37 seconds

After Arizona tied the game again, Battey gave the Buffs the lead for good, 80-78, with two free throws with 15 seconds left. Arizona's Terrell Brown then hit one of two from the line to pull the Wildcats to within one before Battey — who suffered an ankle injury while being fouled — pushed the lead to three with two more from the charity stripe with 4.6 seconds on the clock for the game's final points.

The Buffs won despite losing the rebound battle, 29-22, thanks in large part to hitting 13 of 17 free throws and connecting on 11 of their 20 3-point tries.

The win was critical for the Buffs in multiple ways, beginning with the fact that it came on the heels of last week's disappointing loss to Utah

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado built an early 19-2 lead and still had a ninepoint cushion at the half, 41-32.

But after shooting just 33 percent from the floor in the first half, the Wildcats found their rhythm in the second half. Arizona shot 68 percent from the floor after intermission and finally took the lead, 53-52, with 10:48 to play in the game.

Colorado momentarily went back ahead, but Arizona again rallied and built its margin to four, 74-70, with just 3:21 left in the game.

The Buffs, though, refused to quit. Horne hit a 3-pointer with just under three minutes remaining before Wright found a wide-open Parquet on the wing with 1:11 to play. The CU junior swished the 3-pointer to tie the game at 76-76.

Battey then delivered the defensive play of the game, getting a blocked shot on Arizona's James Akinjo that resulted in a held ball and gave CU possession. Wright followed with a floater in the lane to give CU a 78-76 lead.

Arizona then quickly tied it at 78 before Battey gave CU an 80-78 edge with 15 seconds remaining with a pair of free throws. The Wildcats then had a chance to tie it with 5.6 seconds remaining, but Terrell Brown made just one of two free throws and Colorado held on to an 80-79 lead.

Battey was then fouled on the ensuing inbounds play and suffered an ankle injury in the process. There was a question as to whether he would be able to even attempt the free shots, but CU's leading free throw shooter — he is now 46-for-51 for the season — limped to the line and made both with 4.6 seconds on the clock to bump CU's edge to 82-79.

Arizona then missed a last-second 3-point attempt to give Colorado the win. Colorado jumped out to a big early lead, scoring 19 straight points after Arizona opened with two free throws. D'Shawn Schwartz started the run with a pair of 3-pointers and CU led, 19-2, with 12:02 to go in the first half. Arizona did not tally a field goal until the 11:33 mark.

But the Buffs were plagued by foul troubles in the first half, as three starters — Schwartz, **Dallas Walton** and Battey — plus key reserve **Jeriah Horne** were all whistled for two fouls and spent much of the half on the bench.

That gave Arizona a chance to whittle away at the lead, and it took a Parquet 3-pointer at the first-half buzzer to give CU a nine-point halftime edge, 38-32.

## COLORADO 78. OREGON STATE 49

Feb. 8, 2021, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

# VISITORS: Oregon State 10-8, 6-6 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s b	k min
10 Warith Alatishe	f 2-7	0-1	1-2	3	3	6	2	5	1	2	2 (	25
12 Roman Silva	c 3-4	0-0	1-3	4	1	5	2	7	0	2	0 0	16
2 Jarod Lucas	g 2-10	0-2	0-0	1	2	3	1	4	0	2	0 0	23
5 Ethan Thompson	g 3-9	1-3	3-3	0	2	2	2	10	1	3	1 0	31
11 Zach Reichle	g 2-5	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	4	3	2	0 0	22
<ol> <li>Maurice Calloo</li> </ol>	1-6	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	0	3	0	1	0 0	12
<ol> <li>Gianni Hunt</li> </ol>	1-5	0-2	2-2	0	3	3	1	4	2	1	0 0	
22 Julien Franklin	0-1	0-1	1-2	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	0 0	8
35 Dearon Tucker	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	4	0	2	0 0	11
34 Rodrigue Andela	0-3	0-0	1-2	3	1	4	1	1	0	0	0 0	10
55 Tariq Silver	2-2	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0 0	9
24 Isaiah Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	2	2	2	0	0	1	0 1	8
23 Joey Potts	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0 0	2
TEÁM				1	3	4				2		
Totals	18-55	4-16	9-16	12	21	33	17	49	7	20	3 1	200

TOTAL FG9 1st Half: 11-27 40.7% 2nd Half: 7-28 25.0% Game: 32.7% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG9 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd Half: 2-10 20.0% Game: 25.0% REBOUNDS F Throw% 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 6-12 50.0% Game: 56.3% 4

#### HOME: Colorado 15-5, 9-4 Pac-12

fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to s bk min
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5-6	0-0	2-3	1	6	7	4	12	1	3 0 1 19
3-6	2-3	0-0	0	2	2	3	8	1	1 0 0 22
4-6	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	0	8	3	0 1 1 26
3-8	0-1	0-1	0	3	3	1	6	4	2 2 1 25
1-4	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0 0 0 20
6-8	1-2	3-3	0	7	7	0	16	2	3 2 1 23
6-6	0-0	3-4	2	2	4	1	15	1	1 0 0 20
0-4	0-2	2-2	1	2	3	2	2	1	1 0 0 19
1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0 1 0 4
0-2	0-0	4-6	0	3	3	0	4	1	0 1 0 4
0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0 0 1 4
0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0 2
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29-52 5-13 15-21 6 28 34 17 78 18 13 7 5 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 16-27 59.3% 2nd Half: 13-25 52.0% 6 Jame: 55.5% DEADBALL 3-PL FG% 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd Half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 38.5% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd Half: 10-14 71.4% Game: 71.4% 2 3-Pt. FG% F Throw % Game: 38.5% REBOUNDS

Officials: Tony Padilla, Deron White, Bill Vinovich Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total 27 22 49 Oregon State Colorado

BOULDER — There would be no second-half comeback by the Colorado Buffaloes' opponents Monday night.

The Buffs built a big early lead, then put the hammer down in the second half to run away with a 78-49 win over Oregon State at the CU Events Center

The Buffs improved to 15-5 overall and 9-4 in Pac-12 play while the Beavers fell to 10-8 and 6-6 while also seeing their two-game win streak at the Events Center come to an end.

CU had three players in double figures, led by **Jeriah Horne's** 16 points and seven rebounds. Freshman **Tristan da Silva** had career highs in points (15), rebounds (four) and minutes (20) and senior Dallas Walton chipped in 12 points and seven boards

Ethan Thompson led OSU with 10 points — eight under his average the Buffs limited him to just 3-for-8 shooting. CU also held OSU's second-leading scorer, Jarod Lucas, to just four points, nine under his season average, as CU guard Eli Parquet made Lucas' night difficult all evening.

The Buffs were solid on both ends of the floor for the entire game against an opponent that was playing its third contest in six days. OSU managed to stay close for the first 10 minutes, but the Buffs slowly pulled away and made sure to use altitude to their advantage. Colorado led by 13 at the half, pushed the lead to 24 early in the second half and led by as much as 33 late in the game.

CU shot 55.8% from the floor (29-for-52) while holding OSU to 32.7% (18-for-55). On the defensive end. Colorado forced 20 Beavers turnovers - an OSU season high — and converted them into 29 points. The Buffs also held a commanding edge in bench points (43-19), more than making up for quiet nights from starters McKinley Wright IV (six points) and Evan Battey (one point).

The victory kept the Buffs solidly in third place in the Pac-12, one game behind

co-leaders UCLA and USC, both with 9-2 conference marks.

"This was a separation game," CU coach **Tad Boyle** said. "Coming into tonight, they had five losses in league play, we've got four. If we don't win tonight, we're falling back in the pack. Now they've got six and we've got four, and we're going to be faced with the same thing on Thursday against Stanford."

HOW IT HAPPENED: After the two teams traded the lead four times early in the game, CU took the lead for good at the 12:09 mark of the first half on a Horne three-point play

The Buffs then used 9-2 and 12-2 runs to take a 13-point lead at the half, 40-27, before expanding the cushion to 24 just five minutes into the second half with a

Parquet had two buckets in the run to open the half, getting great feeds from Horne and Walton. Horne also had a 3-pointer in the surge as well as a fast-break dunk off a long pass from Wright.

Horne's dunk gave Colorado a 24-point lead, 53-29, with 15:15 still to play — and unlike their last two outings, the Buffs didn't allow their opponents to put together anything resembling a second-half comeback.

With freshman Jabari Walker out with an injury, da Silva got the most extensive playing time of his young career and he made the most of it. With Battey battling foul trouble and an ankle injury, the CU freshman had seven points in the first half when the Buffs were building a double-digit lead, then added eight in the second half as he finished the night 6-for-6 from the floor.

Horne, meanwhile, was an efficient 6-for-8 from the floor and 3-for-3 from the along with seven rebounds and two assists

As fatigue set in for the Beavers, the Buffs kept up the pressure down the stretch. CU still led by 24 points, 61-37, with 7:43 to play and pushed the margin to as much as 33 in the final minute, even when Boyle emptied his bench. Thirteen Buffs saw playing time.

#### GAME 21

## **COLORADO 69, STANFORD 51**

Feb. 11, 2021, Stanford, Calif. (Maples Pavilion)

#### VISITORS: Colorado 16-5, 10-4 Pac-12

##	Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21	Evan Battey	4-8	0-0	0-0	4	2	6	4	8	1	3	1	0	8
13	Dallas Walton	2-3	1-1	0-0	0	5	5	3				0	1	10
5	D'Shawn Schwartz g	3-7	1-4	2-2	0	4	4	1	9	1	2	0	0	33
24	Eli Parquet g	3-4	2-3	2-2	0	1	1	0	10	1	1	1	0	29
25	McKinley Wright g	7-17	0-2		0	9	9	1	14	9	1	0	0	33
41	Jeriah Horne	4-8	1-3	0-0	1	4	5	3	9	0	1	0	0	30
3	Maddox Daniels	2-4	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	0	6	0	0	1	0	23
23	Tristan da Silva	3-5	1-2	1-2	1	0	1	2	8	1	1	1	0	22
11	Keeshawn Bartheler	ny0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
	TEAM										2			
	Totals	28-57	8-19	5-6	6	26	32	14	69	14	11	4	1	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-27 44.4% 2nd Half: 16-30 53.3% Game: 49.1% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd Half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 42.1% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd Half: 0-0 0.0% Game: 83.3% 4

## HOME: Stanford 12-8, 8-6 Pac-12

## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	miı
11 Jaiden Delaire	f	2-8	0-1	2-2	1	2	3	0	6	2	4	0	0	30
13 Oscar da Silva	f	8-17	0-3	6-7	2	4	6	2	22	0	1	1	3	39
14 Spencer Jones	f	2-3	2-3	2-2	1	1	2	4	8	1	2	0	1	24
32 Lukas Kisunas	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
5 Michael O'Connell	g	1-5	0-1	0-0	0	4	4	0	2	3	1	1	0	35
2 Bryce Wills		2-4	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	1	4	1	1	1	0	25
3 Ziaire Williams		3-8	1-5	0-0	0	3	3	1	7	1	3	0	1	29
10 Max Murrell		1-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	3
20 Noah Taitz		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
22 James Keefe		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
TEAM														
Totals		19-48	3-15	10-11	4	19	23	9	51	8	12	4	5	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-22 36.4% 2nd Half: 11-26 42.3% Game: 39.6% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-5 20.0% 2nd Half: 2-10 20.0% Game: 20.0% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 6-6 100% 2nd Half: 4-5 80.0% Game: 90.0% 0,1

# Officials: Michael Greenstein, Tommy Nunez, Nate Harris

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total	
Colorado	34	35	69	
Stanford	23	28	51	

 $\textbf{STANFORD, Calif.} \color{red} \textbf{--McKinley Wright IV} \ \text{just missed a triple-double and} \\$ Colorado used balanced scoring and solid defense Thursday to collect a 69-51 win over Stanford, giving the Buffaloes a season sweep of the Cardinal.

CU improved to 16-5 overall and 10-4 in Pac-12 play while Stanford fell to 12-8, 8-6. The win in the first of four on the road kept the Buffs firmly in third place in the Pac-12 standings and gave them their fourth conference road win of the season,

tying the most in their Pac-12 history.

Wright finished with 14 points, nine assists and nine rebounds, Eli Parquet added 10 points, and **D'Shawn Schwartz** and **Jeriah Horne** each chipped in nine Oscar da Silva led Stanford with 22 points.

The Buffs played well on both ends of the floor. Offensively, CU shot 49% (28-for-57) with 14 assists and 11 turnovers. Defensively, Colorado held Stanford to 40% shooting, just four offensive rebounds and only 24 points in the paint less than half what the Cardinal scored inside in a victory over CU at Stanford last season.

Colorado also held a 32-23 overall edge on the boards.

CU coach Tad Boyle called the game "the best execution of a defensive game plan we've had all year.

The Buffs started the game with a 10-0 run before Stanford rallied to take a momentary 13-12 lead. But another 10-0 Colorado run put the Buffs back in the lead and they never trailed again, as the closest Stanford could come was within six midway through the second half. The Buffs then answered that Stanford rally with vet one more 10-0 run to put the game away.

"McKinley Wright was special," Boyle said. "He wasn't going to let us lose tonight. We fought through foul trouble again with Evan (Battey) and Dallas (Walton), Tristan da Silva gave us great minutes off the bench and Eli Parquet made a couple big shots like he's been known to do. Really a great team victory. I wasn't expecting one like this going away."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado led by 11 at the half, 34-23, before Stanford made one more run to shave the margin to six, 49-43, with 11:32 to play

But the Buffs then regained control to put the game away with their third 10-0 run of the game. Horne and Maddox Daniels each had 3-pointers in the surge before a Horne dunk with 9:26 to play gave CU a 57-43 edge, with Wright getting an assist on two of the baskets.

Colorado then pushed its lead to 14 on an Evan Battey basket before Stanford finally ended a four-minute scoring drought to pull within 59-45. But Wright then scored back-to-back buckets to give CU an 18-point cushion, 63-45, with seven minutes to play and the Buffs never gave Stanford another chance down the

The Buffs were balanced in just about every category. Along with six players scoring at least eight points, they also had five players with at least four rebounds. On the defensive end, aside from da Silva's 22 points, no Stanford player had more than seven points.

Colorado started strong, jumping out to a 10-0 lead before Stanford responded with a 13-2 run to take a 13-12 lead midway through the half.

But the Buffs regained control over the last 10 minutes. CU put together another 10-0 run, getting 3-pointers from Tristan da Silva and Dallas Walton in the surge to take a 22-13 lead. The Buffs then extended their cushion to 11 points by halftime, with Parquet hitting a 3-pointer and Schwartz scoring four points in the final five minutes

The Buffs then maintained that cushion throughout the half, taking a 34-23 lead into intermission.



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# CALIFORNIA 71, COLORADO 62

Feb. 13, 2021, Berkeley, Calif. (Haas Pavilion)

#### VISITORS: Colorado 16-6, 10-5 Pac-12 fg-a 3fg-a ft-a of de tot pf tp a to s bk min ## Player 21 Evan Battey f 2-6 0-0 5-7 0-0 5-7 1 4 5 4 9 0 1 0 0 24 1-3 3-4 2 10 12 2 8 0 1 1 0 29 f 2-5 41 Jeriah Horne 5 D'Shawn Schwartz g 3-11 0-6 0-2 1 5 6 2 6 0 1 2 0 35 24 Eli Parquet g 4-5 2-3 0-0 0 1 1 5 10 0 2 0 0 33 3 Maddox Daniels 1-3 0-0 0-0 0 2 1 2 1 0 0 0 12 13 Dallas Walton 2-5 0-1 0-0 0 2 2 0 4 0 0 0 2 11

3-5 0-0 0-0 3

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-25 48.0% 2nd Half: 10-30 33.3% Game: 40.0% DEADBALL 3-PL. FG% 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd Half: 1-9 11.1% Game: 20.0% REBOUNDS FThrow% 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd Half: 8-12 66.7% Game: 71.4% 1

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22-55 3-15 15-21 9 28 37 19 62 5 10 5 2 200

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# HOME: California 8-15, 3-13 Pac-12

11 Keeshawn Barthelemy2-4 0-0 0-0 0

23 Tristan da Silva

Totals

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15 Grant Anticevich	f 2-8	0-2	0-0	1	4	5	4	4	1	0	0	1	23
22 Andre Kelly	f 2-4	0-0	1-2	1	9	10	4	5	1	0	1	2	33
<ol> <li>Joel Brown</li> </ol>	g 0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	4	0	21
20 Matt Bradley	g 9-17	2-5	9-10	3	5	8	1	29	2	1	0	0	31
32 Jalen Celestine	g 3-5	3-5	4-4	0	4	4	4	13	0	1	1	1	33
13 Kuany Kuany	1-2	0-1	2-4	0	4	4	2	4	2	0	0	0	14
00 Ryan Betley	2-8	1-7	0-0	0	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	16
10 Makale Foreman	2-5	1-2	3-4	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	17
21 Lars Thiemann	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	2	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
3 Jarred Hyder	0-2	0-0	1-4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	6
TEAM				3		3				1			
Totals	22-55	7-22	20-28	11	29	40	20	71	13	7	6	4	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 14-30 46.7% 2nd Half: 8-25 32.0% Game: 40.0% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd Half: 3-13 23.1% Game: 31.8% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd Half: 16-22 72.7% Game: 71.4% 2

 Officials: Mike Reed, D.G. Nelson, Scott Brown

 Score by Periods
 1st
 2nd Total

 Colorado
 33
 29
 62

 California
 36
 35
 71

BERKELEY, Calif. — Colorado struggled on the offensive end all night and the Buffaloes couldn't come up with key defensive stops down the stretch Saturday as the Buffaloes dropped a 71-62 decision to Cal at Haas Pavilion.

The Buffs fell to 16-6 overall and 10-5 in Pac-12 play while seeing their threegame win streak come to an end. The Bears, who prevented CU from gaining a Bay Area road trip sweep, improved to 8-15 and 3-13.

McKinley Wright IV led CU with 13 points and also collected his 600th career rebound, making him the first player in Pac-12 history with 1,600 points, 600 assists and 600 rebounds. Eli Parquet added 10 points for CU and Jeriah Horne had eight points and 12 rebounds.

Matt Bradley, who did not play in an 89-60 Colorado victory in mid-January in Boulder. led Cal with 28 points.

The Buffs shot just 40 percent for the game, including just 3-for-15 from 3-point range. Cal also shot only 40 percent, but the Bears hit 20 of 28 free throws while CU was 15-for-21 from the line. The Bears hit seven 3-pointers.

CU also had a season-low five assists — only their second time in single digits all season — while the Bears' 28 free throws were the most by a Buffs opponent this year.

"This one stings," CU coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We talked about in the pregene, Cal is a team that's playing better. They're a heliuva lot better than their record, I can tell you that. With that being said, this is a game we should have won, but we weren't good enough tonight. We weren't good enough defensively and we weren't good enough offensively. When you put those two things together, it's hard to win in any league."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado trailed 36-33 after a first half that featured 10 lead changes, but quickly seized the lead with a 5-0 burst to start the second half on an Evan Battey basket and Parquet 3-pointer.

But the Bears quickly regained the edge with a 12-4 run and the Buffs could never completely close the gap again. Even when Cal endured a seven-minute stretch without a field goal, the Bears managed to hold CU at bay by hitting free throws and forcing empty Buffs possessions.

"We did a lot of standing around," Wright said. "The coaches had the perfect scouting report and we just didn't execute."

Colorado pulled to within one, 50-49, on a Wright three-point play with 10:45 remaining, but Cal again answered, building a seven-point lead — its biggest of the game — with 3:36 to play.

The Buffs then managed to shave the deficit down to two at a couple junctures in the final minutes. Wright hit two free throws with 1:02 on the clock to pull CU to within 62-60, but Bradley then delivered a dagger 3-pointer with 40 seconds remaining to give Cal a 65-60 lead.

The Buffs then missed a 3-pointer on their next possession and Cal hit free throws in the final seconds to sew up the win.

The loss puts a huge damper on CU's league title hopes, as the Buffs dropped into fourth in the league standings and trail league-leading USC by three games in the loss column.

The defeat was also the second to a team at the bottom of the standings, as the Buffs dropped a decision to Washington earlier this season. Colorado is now 5-2 against teams in the top half of the standings and 5-3 against teams in the bottom half.

In a see-saw first half, Colorado had a four-point lead with 2:21 remaining, but the Bears closed the period with a 9-2 run to leave the Buffs trailing by three at intermission.

#### GAME 23

# **OREGON 60. COLORADO 56**

Feb. 18, 2021, Eugene, Ore, (Matthew Knight Arena)

# VISITORS: Colorado 16-7, 10-6 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min	
21 Evan Battey 1	0-5	0-0	2-2	2	5	7	3	2	0	4	0	0	29	
13 Dallas Walto	1-5	0-0	4-4	2	3	5	1	6	1	1	0	0	18	
5 D'Shawn Schwartz g	6-13	2-6	2-3	3	8	11	2	16	0	4	0	0	31	
24 Eli Parquet g	2-5	2-4	0-0	0	2	2	4	6	1	2	2	1	31	
25 McKinley Wright g	5-10	0-3	0-0	2	2	4	2	10	2	1	1	0	36	
3 Maddox Daniels	0-7	0-7	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	14	
41 Jeriah Horne	5-9	1-4	0-0	3	4	7	3	11	2	1	1	0	21	
23 Tristan da Silva	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	11	
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	1-5	1-3	0-0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	8	
TEAM				3	3	6				1				
Totals	21-61	6-27	8-9	16	27	43	16	56	8	17	6	1	200	

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-32 37.5% 2nd Half: 9-29 31.0% Game: 34.4% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-15 20.0% 2nd Half: 3-12 25.0% Game: 22.2% REBOUNDS F Throw% 1st Half: 3-3 100% 2nd Half: 5-6 83.3% Game: 88.9% 1

#### VISITORS: Oregon 13-4, 8-3 Pac-12

## Player	tg-a	3fg-a	π-a	OT	ae	tot	pt	tρ	а	to s	bk	mın
2 Eugene Omoruyi	f 5-14	2-5	1-1	1	4	5	5	13	1	4 5	0	30
13 Chandler Lawson	f 1-3	0-0	5-7	1	2	3	2	7	0	0 2	0	31
<ol> <li>Will Richardson</li> </ol>	g 4-10	0-2	3-4	0	3	3	1	11	1	3 2	0	39
5 Chris Duarte	g 8-13	1-4	1-3	1	6	7	1	18	2	3 1	2	36
12 LJ Figueroa	g 3-9	1-6	0-0	0	6	6	2	7	1	0 1	0	31
11 Amauri Hardy	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2 0	0	11
22 Franck Kepnang	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	4	0	1 0	3	16
3 Jalen Terry	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	6
TEAM				2		2				1		
Totals	23-53	4-17	10-15	6	23	29	12	60	5	1411	5	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 10-27 37.0% 2nd Half: 13-26 50.0% Game: 43.4% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd Half: 1-6 16.7% Game: 23.5% REBOUNDS F Throw% 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 8-11 72.7% Game: 66.7% 2,1

Officials: Gregory Nixon, Randy McCall, Jim Schipper

 Score by Periods
 1st
 2nd Total

 Colorado
 30
 26
 56

 Oregon
 25
 35
 60

EUGENE, Ore. — A stretch of costly turnovers hurt Colorado in the second half Thursday as the Buffaloes dropped a 60-56 decision to Oregon at Matthew Knight Arena.

The Buffs fell to 16-7 overall and 10-6 in Pac-12 play while Oregon improved to 13-4, 8-3. It was the second straight loss for CU, the first time this season the Buffs have dropped back-to-back games.

D'Shawn Schwartz led CU with 16 points and 11 rebounds, his third double-double of the season. Jeriah Horne added 11 points and seven rebounds for CU and McKinley Wright IV had 10 points for the Buffs.

Chris Duarte led the Ducks with 18 points.

Colorado finished with 17 turnovers — 11 in a nine-minute stretch in the second half — that led to 22 Oregon points. CU also shot just 34% for the game (21-for-61), including only 6-for-27 from 3-point range. Oregon shot 43% for the game but was 50% from the floor in the second half.

Still, the Buffs had their chances. A free throw from Schwartz tied the game at 53-53 with 2:39 to play, and CU had an open 3-pointer with 1:30 left to play and trailing by just two.

But the shot didn't go in and the Ducks answered with a driving layup on the other end to take a four-point lead with a minute remaining and CU couldn't come closer than three in the final seconds.

"There were two things in this game," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "This is not a real difficult one to dissect as a coach. Our inability to take care of the ball and our inability to guard the ball in the second half. We have to have the gumption to step up and get a stop."

But Boyle did find some positives, even in the loss. Despite not shooting well, the Buffs did have a 43-29 rebound edge, including 16 offensive rebounds.

"I love the fight of our team," he said. "If we can have that fight every single night out, we'll win our fair share of games here. We really will."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado led by five at intermission. 30-25, and built the

cushion to seven early in the half on a pair of **Dallas Walton** free throws.

But the turnover bug then began to bite the Buffs and the Ducks slowly chipped

But the turnover bug then began to bite the Buffs and the Ducks slowly chipped away at CU's lead. A 9-0 Oregon run midway through the half turned a 43-39 Colorado lead into a 48-43 Ducks lead, with the Buffs committing four turnovers in the run.

The Buffs finally ended the drought with a **Keeshawn Barthelemy** 3-pointer at the 8:31 mark to cut the deficit to 48-46 and Wright tied the game at 48-48 with a floater from the lane three minutes later.

But the Ducks answered with five points from Duarte sandwiched around a Home basket to regain the lead before the Buffs tied it again at 53-53 with 2:39 remaining on a Schwartz free throw.

Oregon took the lead again a minute later on two free throws before the Buffs missed a 3-pointer and the Ducks got a Will Richardson layup for a 57-53 lead with a minute to play.

The Ducks then held the Buffs at bay over the final seconds.

The Buffs, who entered the game as the Pac-12's second-leading 3-point shooting team, struggled for the second game in a row from long distance. After a 3-for-15 night in a loss to Cal, they hit just six of their 27 tries against Oregon.

Colorado led by as many as eight early in the game and still had a five-point edge at the half, 30-25, despite shooting just 3-for-15 from 3-point range.

The Buffs made up the difference for the poor shooting by collecting seven offensive rebounds and converting them into nine points, along with 10 points off of eight Oregon turnovers.

#### GAMF 24

## **COLORADO 61. OREGON STATE 57**

Feb. 20, 2021, Corvallis, Ore, (Gill Coliseum)

VISITORS: Colorado 17-7, 11-6 Pac-12

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## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	miı
21 Evan Battey	f	3-4	0-0	4-6	2	4	6	3	10	1	3	0	0	27
13 Dallas Walton	С	1-4	0-2	4-4	2	4	6	2	6	1	2	1	0	15
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	g	2-9	0-5	2-3	0	6	6	1	6	1	3	0	0	33
24 Eli Parquet	g	1-3	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	1	0	28
25 McKinley Wright	g	7-12	1-3	6-6	1	2	3	2	21	3	2	1	0	36
3 Maddox Daniels		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	18
41 Jeriah Horne		3-5	2-3	2-2	2	3	5	2	10	1	1	0	0	18
23 Tristan da Silva		2-5	0-2	1-1	0	4	4		5	1	1	2	0	21
11 Keeshawn Barthele	em	1y0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
TEAM					1	1	2				1			
Totals		19-43	4-18	19-22	8	26	34	16	61	8	16	6	0	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-21 52.4% 2nd Half: 8-22 36.4% Game: 44.2% DEADBALL 3-Pl. FG% 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd Half: 1-9 11.1% Game: 22.2% REBOUNDS FThrow % 1st Half: 10-12 83.3% 2nd Half: 9-10 90.0% Game: 86.4% 1

HOME: Oregon State 11-11, 7-9 Pac-12

## Player	tg-a	3tg-a	π-a	OT	ae	tot	pt	tp	а	το	s	bk	mın
10 Warith Alatishe	f 5-8	0-0	2-2	2	8	10	3	12	1	3	0	0	27
12 Roman Silva	c 3-5	0-0	2-2	5	0	5	2	8	0	2	0	0	22
2 Jarod Lucas	g 1-9	1-6	2-2	1	2	3	3	5	0	1	1	0	29
5 Ethan Thompson	g 6-17	3-7	3-4	0	2	2	2	18	7	3	2	1	38
11 Zach Reichle	g 3-10	1-5	0-1	0	1	1	1	7	2	1	2	0	34
<ol> <li>Gianni Hunt</li> </ol>	1-4	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	17
<ol> <li>Maurice Calloo</li> </ol>	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	7
34 Rodrigue Andela	2-4	0-0	0-1	3	1	4	2	4	0	1	0	0	16
22 Julien Franklin	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
24 Isaiah Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
TEAM					1	1				1			
Totals	21-58	6-22	9-12	12	18	30	17	57	14	13	6	1	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-30 40.0% 2nd Half: 9-28 32.1% Game: 36.2% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 3-12 25.0% Game: 27.3% REBOUNDS F Throw% 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 7-8 87.5% Game: 75.0% 2

Officials: Michael Irving, Larry Spaulding, Randy Richardson

 Score by Periods
 1st
 2nd Total

 Colorado
 35
 26
 61

 Oregon State
 29
 28
 57

CORVALLIS, Ore. — McKinley Wright IV scored 21 points and the Colorado Buffaloes held off Oregon State down the stretch Saturday to collect a 61-57 win over the Beavers at Gill Coliseum.

The Buffs, who ended a two-game losing streak, improved to 17-7 overall and 11-6 in Pac-12 play while the Beavers fell to 11-11, 7-9.

The win was CU's fifth on the road in Pac-12 play, the most conference road wins by a Colorado team since the 1961-62 season. CU's 11th conference win also ties for the most by the Buffs in the Pac-12 era.

Wright scored 15 of his points in the second half, including CU's first 11 of the period, helping Colorado regain the lead after OSU had pulled into a 35-35 tie. His 3-pointer with 16:09 remaining in the game ended a near-four-minute CU scoring drought and gave Colorado a lead it never relinquished. He then scored the next eight points for CU as the Buffs slowly built their lead to 10, then held the Beavers at bay over the final minutes.

Evan Battey and Jeriah Horne each chipped in 10 points to CU's total while D'Shawn Schwartz, Dallas Walton and Battey each grabbed six rebounds.

Ethan Thompson led OSU with 18 points, but he shot just 6-for-17 from the field. Colorado also held Oregon State's Jarod Lucas to just five points, less than half his season average.

"McKinley Wright was great down the stretch," CU head coach **Tad Boyle** said. "We made free throws when we had to and I thought our perimeter defense was a great defensive effort. That's what won us the game tonight."

The Buffs held Oregon State to just 36% shooting (21-for-58) and held a 34-30 rebound edge. That helped make up for another off night from 3-point range for CU (4-for-18), the Buffs' third straight game below 25% from long range.

The Buffs also found a way to get back to the free throw line. Colorado hit 19 of its 22 attempts, the most free throws the Buffs have shot in their last seven games, while OSU was 9-for-12. HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado led by six at the half, 35-29, only to see the

Beavers open the second period with a 6-0 run to tie the game and threaten to seize momentum in the process.

Wright, however, put the Buffs back in control with a 3-pointer — his first in five games. The bucket came following a wild Schwartz toss at the basket that just beat the shot clock and an offensive rebound by Battey.

Wright then scored CU's next eight points as the Buffs slowly rebuilt their lead. CU took a 48-43 edge on a **Tristan da Silva** bucket inside midway through the period, then extended the margin to 10 with 4:19 to play on a Schwartz basket to cap a 7-2 run. Da Silva had a three-point play in the run and Wright added a 12-footer.

Oregon State then cut CU's edge to four with 30 seconds to play, but Home hit two free throws with 26 seconds remaining to give CU a 61-55 lead and OSU managed just one more basket in the final seconds.

"It feels good to get back on the right track," Wright said. "It was a win we needed and I'm happy we came here and got it."

Colorado started slowly, falling behind 9-3 early before using an an 11-0 run to take the lead. Horne had five points in the run on a 3-pointer and dunk while CU's defense was recording five straight defensive stops to help Colorado to a 14-9 edge.

CU extended its lead to eight at a couple different junctures of the second half, but the Beavers sliced the margin to three in the final minute with six unanswered

The Buffs, though, had the last word in the half, getting a Horne 3-pointer just before the buzzer to take a 35-29 lead into intermission.

#### GAMF 25

# COLORADO 80, USC 62

Feb. 25, 2021, Boulder, Colo, (CU Events Center)

# VISITORS: USC 19-5, 13-4 Pac-12

## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
3 Isaiah Mobley	f	1-4	0-1	0-0	3	2	5	3	2	0	3	0	1	19
4 Evan Mobley	f	6-13	0-1	1-2	1	4	5	2	13	0	4	0	1	34
2 Tahj Eaddy	g	3-9	2-3	5-8	1	1	2	0	13	1	1	1	0	32
5 Isaiah White	g	3-7	2-3	1-2	1	4	5	1	9	2	0	1	0	24
20 Ethan Anderson	g	3-6	0-2	1-3	0	3	3	5	7	2	1	2	0	24
<ol> <li>Chevez Goodwin</li> </ol>		4-6	0-0	1-1	1	1	2	2	9	0	0	0	0	15
13 Drew Peterson		1-7	0-1	2-2	1	4	5	0	4	2	0	0	1	24
23 Max Agbonkpolo		0-4	0-3	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	17
30 Noah Baumann		2-4	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	8
21 Reese Waters		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
22 Drake London		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
12 Boubacar Coulibal	y	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM					3	1	4							

23-60 5-16 11-18 13 21 34 15 62 7 12 4 3 200 Totals. TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-28 99.3% 2nd Half: 12-32 37.5% Game: 38.3% DEADBALL 3-PL FG% 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd Half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 31.3% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd Half: 6-11 54.5% Game: 61.1% 4.1

#### HOME: Colorado 18-7, 12-6 Pac-12

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## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	1-4	0-1	0-0	1	5	6	4	2	1	2	1	0	20
13 Dallas Walton	1-4	0-0	2-3	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	1	2	18
5 D'Shawn Schwartz g	4-7	2-3	2-2	2	2	4	1	12	1	0	2	0	32
24 Eli Parquet	4-6	2-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	10	1	0	0	0	31
25 McKinley Wright g	4-14	0-1	7-7	1	3	4	3	15	14	3	3	1	34
3 Maddox Daniels	2-2	1-1	2-2	0	1	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	12
41 Jeriah Horne	9-12	6-9	0-0	3	8	11	2	24	2	1	0	0	28
12 Jabari Walker	2-4	1-2	1-1	0	2	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	8
23 Tristan da Silva	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	11
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
TEAM				1	2	3				2			
Totale	27-57	12-22	1/-15	Ω	27	25	17	QΩ	20	11	7	2	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 15-29 51.7% 2nd Half: 12-28 42.9% Game: 47.4% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 6-9 66.7% 2nd Half: 6-13 46.2% Game: 54.5% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 6-6 100% 2nd Half: 8-9 88.9% Game: 93.3% 1

Officials: Tony Padilla, Gerry Pollard, Casey McClellan

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total 29 33 62 Colorado 42 38 80

BOULDER - Colorado's Jeriah Horne and McKinley Wright IV both recorded double-doubles Thursday night and the Buffaloes' defense was outstanding as CU rolled to an 80-62 win over No. 19 USC at the CU Events Center.

Colorado improved to 18-7 overall and 12-6 in conference play, giving the Buffs their most-ever Pac-12 victories. USC, which entered the game leading the conference standings, fell to 19-5, 13-4.

The win was the Buffs' sixth straight over the Trojans and gave them sole possession of fourth place in the league standings, guaranteeing them a first-round bye in the Pac-12 tournament.

Horne finished with 24 points and 11 rebounds, tying his CU career high in scoring, while Wright had 15 points and a career-high 14 assists, just one off the CU single-game record. D'Shawn Schwartz added 12 points for the Buffs and Eli Parquet chipped in 10.

The Buffs dominated in nearly every statistical category

Defensively, Colorado held USC's Evan Mobley and Tahi Eaddy to just 13 points each, both under their season scoring average, as the Trojans shot just 38 percent (23-for-60) from the floor.

CU meanwhile, shot 47 percent, including 12-for-22 from 3-point range, led by Horne's 6-for-9 night from beyond the arc. The Buffs also finished with 20 assists, tying their season high, and they produced 17 points off 12 USC turnovers.

Colorado controlled the tempo for most of the game, taking a 42-29 lead at the half and never allowing the Trojans to cut the lead back to single digits after intermission

"When we play at a high level on the defensive end and rebound the ball, we can beat anybody and that is why we beat USC tonight," CU coach Tad Boyle said. "It just so happened our shots were going in ... Guys were dialed into the scouting report. When we share the ball and have 20 assists on offense we're a joy to watch and a joy to coach, and the guys are a joy to play with."

HOW IT HAPPENED: The Buffs took control early, building a 19-8 lead early and never allowing USC to get on track. The Trojans did manage to momentarily cut the gap to three, 25-22, but the Buffs responded by outscoring the Trojans 17-7 over the final five minutes of the half to take a 42-29 lead into intermission.

Wright provided the spark for the Buffs' surge. After the senior point guard was whistled for a technical foul — his first at Colorado — he scored two quick layups. then assisted on three 3-pointers — two from Horne — over the final minutes of

"I let my emotions get the best of me," said Wright, who apologized to his teammates for the out-of-character moment. "Their bench kept yelling at our players every time we shot that it was off, and I said some words I shouldn't have said. But it was a big momentum change for me. That's my first technical since I've been to Colorado so that's not who I am but it just happened tonight. That's not something that's going to happen again."

The technical was a rarity for the Buffs — and was one of three whistled against CU. While Boyle didn't excuse the call on Wright, he did note that such whistles were an aberration.

The Buffs then made sure USC never got back in the game after intermission. CU built its lead to 17 on a 3-pointer from **Maddox Daniels** with 8:52 to play, and when the Trojans managed to cut the cushion to 10 with just more than four minutes to play, Colorado answered with a 7-0 run to put the game away. Wright hit two free throws and then drained a 3-pointer with two minutes remaining before Parquet wrapped up the run with a dunk to give CU a 76-59 lead with just 1:27 left on the clock

CU's effort from 3-point range was a welcome sight, as Colorado has struggled over the last three games, shooting just .217 from beyond the arc in that

# COLORADO 70, UCLA 61

Feb. 27, 2021, Boulder, Colo, (CU Events Center)

# VISITORS: UCLA 17-6, 13-4 Pac-12

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
2 Cody Riley	f 2-3	0-0	3-4	1	2	3	5	7	2	2	0	0	23
1 Jules Bernard	g 2-5	1-3	2-4	0	4	4	1	7	0	3	1	0	38
3 Johnny Juzang	g 7-12	3-4	8-8	0	5	5	1	25	1	4	0	0	37
4 Jaime Jaquez Jr.	g 1-6	0-2	1-3	2	6	8	2	3	2	0	1	0	34
10 Tyger Campbell	g 4-11	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	3	9	4	4	1	0	34
12 Mac Etienne	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
13 Jake Kyman	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
0 Jaylen Clark	5-6	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	3	10	0	1	0	1	16
34 David Singleton	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
14 Kenneth Nwuba	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM				3	1	4							

21-46 5-13 14-19 8 23 31 18 61 9 14 3 1 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-22 50.0% 2nd Half: 10-24 41.7% Game: 45.7% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd Half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 38.5% REBOUNDS Game: 38.5% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 11-14 78.6% 2nd Half: 3-5 60.0% Game: 73.7% 3

#### HOME: Colorado 19-7, 13-6 Pac-12

## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	f	2-9	0-0	8-9	2	4	6	2	12	0	2	1	0	27
13 Dallas Walton	С	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	16
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	g	2-5	0-2	0-0	0	1	1		4	1	0	0	0	27
24 Eli Parquet	g	2-5	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	1	4	0	1	2	0	26
25 McKinley Wright	g	10-16	2-3	4-6	2	3	5	2	26	6	3	1	1	37
3 Maddox Daniels		2-5	1-4	0-0	0	6	6	0	5	0	0	0	0	18
41 Jeriah Horne		3-7	1-4	3-3	1	3	4	3	10	1	0	0	0	27
12 Jabari Walker		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	10
23 Tristan da Silva		3-3	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	9
11 Keeshawn Barthelem	y	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TEAM														

25-54 5-15 15-18 7 19 26 14 70 9 6 4 2 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-32 40.6% 2nd Half: 12-22 54.5% Game: 46.3% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd Half: 2-4 50.0% Game: 33.3% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd Half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 83.3% 2

Officials: Verne Harris, Eric Curry, Jim Schipper 1st 2nd Total Score by Periods LICI A 35 26 61 Colorado 36 70

BOULDER - Colorado's McKinley Wright IV made his Senior Night one to

The Buffaloes' point guard scored 26 points and handed out six assists to lead CU to a 70-61 win Saturday over UCLA at the CU Events Center.

The win, CU's third in a row, improved the Buffs to 19-7 overall and 13-6 in Pac-12 play. The Bruins, who entered the game leading the Pac-12 standings, fell

Evan Battey added 12 points and six rebounds for Colorado and Jeriah Horne chipped in 10.

Johnny Juzang led UCLA with 25 points.

The game featured 14 lead changes, with neither team able to gain control until the Buffs finally seized momentum over the final five minutes. Colorado erased an eight-point UCLA lead in the first half and trailed by one at intermission, 35-34, then came back again in the second half with a decisive 9-0 run to take charge and put the game away down the stretch.

The Buffs shot 46.3% for the game, but hit 54.5% in the second half (12-22) while holding the Bruins to 10-for-24 shooting after half.

Colorado actually lost the rebound battle, 31-26, but more than made up for that deficit by forcing 14 UCLA turnovers — six in the final six minutes of the game. Colorado finished with a 23-1 edge in points off turnovers.

"The guys have a belief in themselves and they have a belief in each other that is really special," CU head coach Tad Boyle said. "I've coached a long time and not every team has it. But this team really does love and believe in each other and they played like it tonight, offensively and defensively."

HOW IT HAPPENED: In a second half that featured nine lead changes, the Buffs delivered the final punch, putting together a 9-0 run late in the second half to take control for good.

After UCLA took a 57-55 lead on a Tyger Campbell 3-pointer, CU's Eli Parquet tied the game with a drive to the bucket. D'Shawn Schwartz then followed with another lavup before Wright found an open Horne for a 3-pointer. Battev then added two free throws with 4:41 remaining to give the Buffs their biggest lead of the game

Colorado's defense fueled the run. The Buffs forced five UCLA turnovers in the stretch, and collected stops on eight of the Bruins' final 10 possessions of the game. UCLA had just three field goals in the final seven minutes of the contest.

"We showed great discipline and great patience," Boyle said. "Our ability to close the game out by making plays ... When we played them in LA back in early January (a 65-62 UCLA win), they made the plays down the stretch. Tonight we did that. Our guys played with great toughness, great belief and great heart."

Jaime Jaquez finally halted CU's run with a free throw with under three minutes to play to end a four-minute UCLA scoring drought. But Battey added two more free throws with 2:27 left to bump CU's lead to eight, 66-58, and the Buffs held the Bruins at bay down the stretch for the win.

The Bruins threatened to take control late in the first half with a 6-0 run that included four straight free throws after a technical foul on the Buffs, giving UCLA a

But Wright had an answer, fueling an 8-0 run in which he scored six points including a 3-pointer and free throw to tie the game at 32-32. UCLA took a 35-34 lead into half, but Boyle said the comeback instilled confidence in his team.

Wright, who delivered an emotional Senior Day speech after the game, has av eraged nearly 21 points and eight assists per game over CU's last three victories. On a night when his parents were finally able to see him play for the first time this year, he made sure it would be one they would remember. Wright shot 10-for-16 from the floor and had five rebounds to go with his 26 points and six assists.

#### GAME 27

## COLORADO 75, ARIZONA STATE 61

Mar. 4, 2021, Boulder, Colo. (CU Events Center)

#### VISITORS: Arizona State 10-12, 7-9 Pac-12

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## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
4 Kimani Lawrence	f 4-11	0-0	2-2	1	4	5	4	10	1	1	1	0	30
24 Jalen Graham	f 2-7	0-0	2-2	2	5	7	2	6	1	3	0	1	28
0 Holland Woods	g 4-8	2-5	5-5	0	1	1	2	15	1	0	2	0	36
<ol> <li>Remy Martin</li> </ol>	g 1-9	0-2	4-4	1	2	3	2	6	1	2	1	0	26
11 Alonzo Verge, Jr.	g 3-12	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	3	8	1	3	0	0	25
10 Jaelen House	5-7	3-5	0-1	0	1	1	3	13	3	2	2	0	26
23 Marcus Bagley	0-3	0-3	0-0	1	6	7	2	0	1	0	0	0	20
21 Chris Osten	1-1	0-0	1-2	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	10
TEAM				1		1							

Totals. 20-58 7-19 14-16 8 20 28 18 61 9 11 6 2 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-28 39.3% 2d Half: 9-30 30.0% Game: 34.5% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd Half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 36.8% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 4-4 100% 2nd Half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 87.5% 0

# HOME: Colorado 20-7, 14-6 Pac-12

##	Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21	Evan Battey	f	2-5	0-0	4-4	4	3	7	0	8	3	1	1	0	28
13	Dallas Walton	С	0-0	0-0	3-4	1	3	4	4	3	0	1	0	0	11
5	D'Shawn Schwartz	g	3-7	1-2	4-4	1	3	4	3	11	1	1	0	1	31
24	Eli Parquet	g	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	2	24
25	McKinley Wright	g	10-17	1-4	3-3	1	3	4	2	24	4	2	1	0	35
3	Maddox Daniels		1-3	0-2	0-0	1	4	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	16
41	Jeriah Horne		4-10	1-4	3-4	3	9	12	1	12	1	1	2	0	23
12	Jabari Walker		4-7	1-2	0-0	1	4	5	0	9	0	2	0	0	17
23	Tristan da Silva		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
11	Keeshawn Barthelem	y	2-5	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	1	6	1	2	0	0	9
10	Alexander Strating		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
33	Aidan McQuade		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
	TEAM						1	1							

Totals.. 26-57 6-19 17-19 12 32 44 15 75 12 13 4 3 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-26 42.3% 2nd Half: 15-31 48.4% Game: 45.6% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-8 37.5% 2nd Half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 31.6% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 6-7 85.7% 2nd Half: 11-12 91.7% Game: 89.5% 1

#### Officials: Michael Greenstein, Michael Irving, Gregory Nixon Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

30 31 61 Arizona State Colorado 31 44 75

BOULDER - Colorado's McKinley Wright IV scored 24 points in his final game at the CU Events Center and the Buffaloes survived a shaky start Thursday to pull away down the stretch for a 75-61 win over Arizona State.

The victory, which put Colorado in position for the third seed in next week's Pac-12 tournament, improved the Buffs to 20-7 overall and 14-6 in Pac-12 play ASU fell to 10-12, 7-9. The only way CU could lose the No. 3 seed is if Saturday's USC-UCLA game is canceled.

Jeriah Horne added a 12-point, 12-rebound double-double for the Buffs and D'Shawn Schwartz chipped in 11 points.

Holland Woods led the Sun Devils with 15 points but the Buffs held ASU's Remy Martin, the Pac-12's leading scorer, to just six points on 1-for-9 shooting.

The Buffs started slowly, committing 10 turnovers in the first half and scoring just eight points in the first 10 minutes as ASU led by six midway through the period. But Colorado recovered enough to take a 31-30 lead at intermission, then dominated the Sun Devils in the second half to pull away down the stretch for the win. CU used an 8-0 run five minutes into the half to take the lead for good, then put the game away with a 10-1 surge with six minutes to play.

Colorado finished with a commanding 44-28 lead on the boards, including a 27-12 edge in the second half. The Buffs also shot 48 percent from the floor after intermission while holding ASU to just 30 percent shooting in the period, and CU had just three turnovers in the second half.

"It was a special win on a special night," CU coach Tad Boyle said. "I told the guys when they took the floor it was the last time this team's ever going to play in this building together. You have to relish those moments ... Our guys really responded in the second half. I'm really proud of them."

Wright scored 17 of his 24 points in the second half, seemingly providing an impact moment every time the Buffs needed it.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Early on, it looked like the Buffs might have trouble hitting double digits in the first half, as they scored just two points in the first eight minutes while committing six turnovers.

But CU slowly found its rhythm to take a 31-30 lead at intermission as the Buffs' defense kept them in the game.

The Buffs found their energy in the second half, and it was Wright providing the

The senior point guard started an 8-0 run with a driving layup at the 16:22 mark to give Colorado a 41-39 lead and the Buffs never trailed again. Evan Battey followed with an offensive rebound and bucket before Wright scored again on a transition layup. A Maddox Daniels jumper then gave CU a 47-39 lead, forcing an

Wright pushed his school-record number of games in double figures to 104.

Colorado's defense also turned up the heat in that stretch, forcing eight straight ASU misses in the run. Martin, who entered the game averaging a league-leading 21.3 points per game, had scored at least 23 points in his last eight games but finished with just six.

The Sun Devils did manage to close the gap to four, 54-50, on a Jalen House 3-pointer, but the Buffs responded again with a 10-1 run to take a 64-51 lead with just more than six minutes to play.

Jabari Walker started the decisive run with a dunk off a nice feed from Wright before Wright followed with a left-handed drive to the hoop. Schwartz then added a tip-in, Wright hit a teardrop from the lane and Battey finished with a layup.

Colorado then held the Sun Devils at bay down the stretch, never allowing ASU to come closer than 10 again.



#### GAME 28

# COLORADO 61. CALIFORNIA 58

Mar. 11, 2021, Las Vegas, Nev. (T-Mobile Arena)

## VISITORS: California 9-20

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to s bk min
15 Grant Anticevich	f 4-10	3-6	0-0	0	6	6	1	11	2	2 0 0 35
21 Lars Thiemann	c 0-0	0-0	2-2	1	4	5	2	2	0	1 0 0 17
1 Joel Brown	g 2-3	0-1	3-6	0	1	1	5	7	4	1 0 0 30
20 Matt Bradley	g 3-11	1-6	3-3	0	5	5	5	10	0	3 0 0 29
32 Jalen Celestine	g 2-6	2-5	3-3	1	1	2	2	9	0	2 0 0 24
22 Andre Kelly	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3	4	0	1 0 0 10
00 Ryan Betley	2-5	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	0	5	1	2 0 0 24
2 Monty Bowser	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0 1 0 2
10 Makale Foreman	0-7	0-4	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0 0 1 10
13 Kuany Kuany	0-0	0-0	1-3	0	0	0	1	1	0	1018
33 D.J. Thorpe	3-3	0-0	3-3	1	0	1	3	9	0	0 0 1 10
TEAM				3	2	5				1

18-47 7-25 15-20 8 22 30 23 58 7 14 1 2 200 Totals. TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-24 33.3% 2nd Half: 10-23 43.5% Game: 38.3% DEADBALL 1st Half: 3-12 25.0% 2nd Half: 4-13 30.8% Game: 28.0% REBOUNDS 3-Pt FG% 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd Half: 14-18 77.8% Game: 75.0% 3

#### HOME: Colorado 21-7

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	f 5-7	0-1	5-7	2	3	5	1	15	1	2	1	1	26
13 Dallas Walton	3-4	1-1	2-2	0	3	3	4	9	0	1	2	1	15
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	2-7	1-3	4-5	0	1	1	3	9	1	0	0	0	27
24 Eli Parquet	1-3	0-1	2-2	1	2	3	1	4	1	0	0	0	31
25 McKinley Wright	4-14	0-2	2-2	0	4	4	1	10	3	2	1	0	35
3 Maddox Daniels	0-2	0-2	0-0	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	17
12 Jabari Walker	3-5	1-1	1-3	3	3	6	2	8	1	1	1	0	18
41 Jeriah Horne	2-7	0-2	2-2	0	2	2	3	6	0	0	1	0	21
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	5
23 Tristan da Silva	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	5
TEAM				4		4				2			

20-52 3-14 18-23 12 22 34 17 61 8 10 8 2 200 **Totals** TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-28 28.6% 2nd Half: 12-24 50.0% Game: 38.5% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-6 16.7% 2nd Half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 21.4% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 7-7 100% 2nd Half: 11-16 68.8% Game: 78.3% 3,1

Officials: Tony Padilla, Deldre Carr, Greg Nixon Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total 20 Colorado 24 37 61

LAS VEGAS — Third-seeded Colorado survived a slow start, then held off a late Cal rally Thursday to collect a 61-58 win in the Pac-12 tournament quarterfinals at T-Mobile Arena.

The 23rd-ranked Buffaloes won their fifth straight game to improve to 21-7 and earn a berth in Friday's semifinals against No. 2 tourney seed Southern California. Colorado swept the Trojans in their two regular season meetings and will try to make it three in a row in Friday's 9:30 p.m. (MT) semifinal (ESPN)

Evan Battey led the Buffs with 15 points, McKinley Wright IV added 10 and D'Shawn Schwartz and Dallas Walton each scored nine.

Grant Anticevich led the Bears with 11 points while CU defensive specialist Eli Parquet held Cal's leading scorer, Matt Bradley, to just 10 points on 3-for-11 shooting.

Colorado trailed for much of the first half but rallied to take a 24-20 lead at intermission. CU then built as much as a 13-point cushion in the second half and still led by nine with just under two minutes to play.

The Bears, though, rallied in the final minutes to close the gap to three and a CU turnover with 11 seconds remaining gave Cal a last chance to tie the game. But a Cal 3-pointer just before the buzzer drew iron and Battey grabbed the rebound to seal the Colorado win.

Both teams shot just 38 percent from the field, but CU hit 18 of 23 free throws, held a 34-30 rebound edge and converted 14 Cal turnovers into 19 points.

"March is all about surviving and advancing, tournament basketball," CU coach Tad Boyle said. "We survived tonight and we're advancing. But we didn't play our best basketball and Cal had a lot to do with that ... You have to figure out a way to win when you don't play your best, we did that tonight, and we weren't at est. Now, we have a quick turnaround tomorrow to play the Trojans."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado led by four at the half, 24-20, and appeared ready to take control for good with an 11-2 run early in the second half.

Battey started the surge with an offensive rebound and putback, then got a steal on the defensive end that led to a Jeriah Horne bucket inside. Wright, who endured a tough 4-for-14 night from the floor, followed with a driving layup, Schwartz hit two free throws and Jabari Walker capped the run with a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

That gave Colorado a 41-30 lead, a margin they built to 52-39 with seven

The inside duo of Battey and Walton proved to be big for the Buffs. Walton had all nine of his points in the first half to help fuel a CU comeback before Battey scored 11 of his 15 in the second half.

"I thought Dallas was terrific in that first half," Boyle said. "He kind of kept us in the game ... Evan got going emotionally in the second half, and he plays so hard and he's got such a passion for the game. Those guys are important to us."

But just when the Buffs appeared to be ready to pull away, the Bears rallied to cut the deficit to four when Bradley scored seven quick points in a 10-1 Cal run. CU, though, answered again to build a nine-point lead with under two minutes to play on a Battey basket, then withstood one more Cal rally in the final minutes

The Buffs received contributions from up and down the lineup. While Wright struggled shooting the ball, he still finished with four rebounds and three assists. Freshman Walker came off the bench to score eight points — all seemingly coming at critical moments - and grab a team-high six rebounds, while Parquet kept Bradley in check most of the night.

Colorado started slowly — the Buffs missed their first seven shots — but finally came back to take the lead on a Walker three-point play with four minutes to play in the first half. CU never trailed again.

# COLORADO 72, USC 70

Mar. 12, 2021, Las Vegas, Nev. (T-Mobile Arena)

#### VISITORS: Colorado 22-7

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	f 3-8	0-0	0-0	3	3	6	1	6	0	2	0	0	33
13 Dallas Walton	0-3	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	13
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	3-6	2-4	1-2	2	2	4	2	9	1	0	1	0	32
24 Eli Parquet	0-2	0-1	2-2	1	3	4	1	2	2	0	0	1	30
25 McKinley Wright	9-16	4-6	2-2	0	5	5	1	24	4	2	2	0	32
3 Maddox Daniels	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	0	8
41 Jeriah Horne	6-15	4-8	3-4	2	5	7	1	19	0	1	0	0	27
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	3-4	2-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	1	0	8
12 Jabari Walker	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	7
23 Tristan da Silva	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	10
TEAM				5		5				1			
Totals	26-61	12-24	8-10	15	22	37	13	72	10	11	5	3	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-28 46.4% 2nd Half: 13-33 38.4% Game: 42.6% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 7-12 58.3% 2nd Half: 5-12 41.7% Game: 50.0% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd Half: 2-2 100% Game: 80.0% 1

#### HOME: USC 22-7

## Player	ig-a	sig-a	II-a	OI	ae	ιοι	ы	ιp	а	ιo	5	DK	min
3 Isaiah Mobley	f 3-7	2-2	0-0	3	2	5	0	8	2	0	1	1	30
4 Evan Mobley	f11-16	1-3	3-7	3	6	9	1	26	3	3	0	5	39
2 Tahj Eaddy	4-9	2-2	1-1	1	4	5	2	11	5	1	0	0	34
5 Isaiah White	2-4	0-2	0-0	0	3	3	2	4	0	2	0	0	21
13 Drew Peterson	4-10	1-5	0-2	0	4	4	0	9	0	0	1	0	35
20 Ethan Anderson	2-5	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	3	5	2	3	1	0	20
<ol> <li>Chevez Goodwin</li> </ol>	1-2	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	2	4	0	1	0	0	11
23 Max Agbonkpolo	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
30 Noah BAumann	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
TEAM										1			
Totals	28-54	8-17	6-12	8	21	29	11	70	12	11	3	6	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-29 44.8% 2nd Half: 15-25 60.0% Game: 51.9% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd Half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 47.1% R F Throw % 1st Half: 1-3 33.3% 2nd Half: 5-9 55.6% Game: 50.0% 2 Game: 47.1% REBOUNDS

#### Officials: Mike Reed, Deldre Carr, Michael Greenstein

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Colorado	39	33	72
USC	30	40	70

LAS VEGAS — Colorado's D'Shawn Schwartz dunked a McKinley Wright IV miss with 3.3 seconds remaining Friday to lift the Buffaloes to a dramatic 72 win over USC in the Pac-12 tournament semifinals at T-Mobile Arena.

Tad Boyle's Buffs will meet Oregon State, a surprise 75-64 winner over top-seeded Oregon in the other semifinal, in Saturday's 8:30 p.m. (MT) champion-ship game (ESPN).
Friday's win, CU's sixth in a row, improved the third-seeded Buffs to 22-7 while

second-seeded USC fell to 22-7.
Wright came back from a first-half injury — a wicked elbow to the head — to finish with 24 points and **Jeriah Horne** added 19 for Colorado, 14 in the second

Evan Mobley led USC with 26 points

The Buffs used a 17-0 first half run to build a 15-point lead midway through the period before USC cut the margin to nine by halftime, 39-30. The Trojans then slowly narrowed the margin throughout the second half and finally tied the game at 70-70 on a Tajh Eaddy three-point play with 35 seconds on the clock. That led to CU's final possession, with Wright getting a good look at the bucket but coming up just short. Schwartz then crashed the boards and rammed home the

but coming up just stort. Schwartz riene crashed the obards and rammed nome the one-handed jam to give the Buffs the win.

The Buffs shot just 42 percent for the game (26-for-61), but hit 12 of their 24 3-point tries, with Wright and Horne each collecting four.

The Trojans shot 52 percent for the game, including 60 percent in the second half to fuel their comeback. But the Buffs had a 37-29 edge on the boards and a 31-12 edge in points off the bench.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado used a 17-0 run early in the first half to take control, pushing the lead to as much as 15 points at the midway point of the half. Schwartz hit a pair of 3-pointers to start the surge and Evan Battey and Wright scored inside to make it a 10-0 run.

But soon after his bucket, Wright took a vicious elbow to the head from USC's

Chevez Goodwin under the USC basket. Wright crashed to the floor and after several minutes had to be helped to the locker room while Goodwin was assessed

With Wright in the locker room, CU backup guard **Keeshawn Barthelemy** stepped up, knocking down a pair of 3-pointers to continue the 17-0 run. A Horne basket at the 9:35 mark gave CU a 22-7 lead and the Buffs appeared to be in total

Wright, who left the game at the 13:50 mark, returned roughly seven minutes

later and hit two more 3-pointers over the final minutes of the half.

But USC, behind 17 points from Mobley, slowly chipped away at CU's lead and a Trojan 3-pointer just before the buzzer shaved Colorado's cushion to 39-30 at

The Trojans were indeed efficient, especially in the second half. With Mobley leading the way, USC steadily carved away at Colorado's lead, pulling to within

58-56 with 6:49 still to play.

But just when momentum seemed to find a home on USC's bench, Colorado responded with a 10-0 run, sparked by back-to-back 3-pointers from Horne. The senior grad transfer started the game hitting just one of his first six shots, but hit five

or ns innai nine.

Colorado led 68-56 with under four minutes to play but the Trojans had another run in their pocket, putting together an 8-0 surge. Wright temporarily stopped the run with a drive to the hoop for a 70-64 lead, but USC answered with six straight points from Eaddy to tie the game at 70-70, setting up CU's final possession.

The Buffs called a play designed to get Wright an open shot at the rim, but USC's defense resulted in him getting a good look from 15 feet out. The shot drew iron, but Schwartz perfectly timed the carom, grabbed the rebound and slammed it

USC had one last attempt to tie or win the ame, but Wright broke up a long pass downcourt in the final seconds to seal the win.

The Buffs got contributions from across the board. Along with his 19 points, Home also had a team-high seven rebounds while Wright had five rebounds and four assists. Schwartz finished with nine points, Barthelemy added eight and Battey

#### GAME 30

## **OREGON STATE 70, COLORADO 68**

Mar. 13, 2021, Las Vegas, Nev. (T-Mobile Arena)

#### VISITORS: Oregon State 17-12

## Player		fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	mir
10 Warith Alatishe	f	4-8	0-0	0-1	3	4	7	2	8	2	2	0	0	29
12 Roman Silva	С	2-4	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	3	5	1	1	1	1	18
2 Jarod Lucas	g	3-8	2-7	6-7	0	2	2	2	14	3	0	1	0	33
4 Ethan Thompson	g	3-9	1-4	0-0	0	6	6	4	7	4	1	0	0	31
11 Zach Reichle	g	3-4	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	3	7	1	1	0	0	26
<ol> <li>Gianni Hunt</li> </ol>		3-6	2-3	2-2	0	2	2	2	10	2	0	1	0	27
34 Rodrigue Andela		1-1	0-0	1-2	2	3	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	12
<ol> <li>Maurice Calloo</li> </ol>		6-11	3-6	0-0	2	1	3	1	15	1	1	0	0	21
55 Tariq Silver		0-1	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
TEAM											1			

25-52 9-22 11-16 8 19 27 19 70 14 7 3 1 200 Totals... TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-26 50.0% 2nd Half: 12-26 46.2% Game: 48.1% DEADBALL 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd Half: 3-12 25.0% Game: 40.9% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd Half: 10-14 71.4% Game: 68.8% 3,4 3-Pt FG%

#### HOME: Colorado 22-8

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	mi
21 Evan Battey	f 7-9	0-0	2-3	4	4	8	2	16	1	0	0	0	28
13 Dallas Walton	1-3	0-1	0-1	1	3	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	14
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	3-5	3-4	2-4	0	1	1	3	11	0	0	0	0	27
24 Eli Parquet	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	27
25 McKinley Wright of	6-13	1-3	5-8	2	4	6	2	18	7	3	0	1	37
3 Maddox Daniels	2-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	5	0	1	0	0	17
41 Jeriah Horne	2-10	0-5	2-2	1	4	5	1	6	1	0	0	0	24
12 Jabari Walker	1-5	1-3	1-2	3	2	5	3	4	1	1	1	0	14
23 Tristan da Silva	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	9
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
TEAM				1	1	2				1			

Totals. 25-53 6-19 12-20 12 20 32 15 68 10 9 2 1 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-26 50.0% 2nd Half: 12-27 44.4% Game: 47.2% DEADBALL 1st Half: 0-4 0.0% 2nd Half: 6-15 40.0% Game: 31.6% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd Half: 10-14 71.4% Game: 60.0% 1,1

Officials: Verne Harris, Tony Padilla, Chris Rastatter Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total Oregon State 28 40 68 Colorado

LAS VEGAS — Colorado's bid for a Pac-12 tournament title came up heartbreakingly short Saturday, as the Buffaloes dropped a 70-68 decision to Oregon State at T-Mobile Arena.

Colorado saw its six-game win streak come to an end and fell to 22-8 on the season, OSU improved to 17-12 and earned the Pac-12's automatic NCAA Tour-

McKinley Wright IV led Colorado with 18 points and seven assists, and also had six rebounds. Evan Battey added 16 points and eight rebounds and D'Shawn Schwartz chipped in 11 points.

Maurice Calloo had 15 points for the Beavers and Ethan Thompson added 14 The Buffaloes trailed for most of the game but stayed within striking range down the stretch, closing to within three with two minutes still to play. Oregon State, however, hit key buckets and free throws in the final minutes for the win while the Buffs missed two free throws in the final 45 seconds.

The Buffs hurt themselves all night at the free throw line. The nation's leading free throw shooting team endured its worst night of the year from the stripe, hitting just 12 of 20 attempts. CU also gave up nine Oregon State 3-pointers, nearly matching the total (10) that OSU had against Colorado in their two previous matchups this season.

"I'm extremely disappointed and heartbroken for our players," CU coach Tad Boyle said. "We came here to win a championship and we came up short. Credit to Oregon State. They deserved to win this game. They played better than we did tonight. We just weren't good enough. We didn't make enough shots on offense and then we didn't rebound the ball the way we're capable and we needed to rebound the ball, especially defensively. I just thought they were the tougher team tonight."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado trailed at the half, 33-28, after the Beavers hit six of 10 3-point tries in the first period while the Buffs were 0-for-4 from long range.

But CU momentarily took the lead early in the second half when a 3-pointer from Schwartz and three-point plays from Wright and Battey gave Colorado a 37-36 edge with 17:29 remaining.

The Beavers, though, then took advantage of a string of Colorado turnovers to put together a 13-4 run and regain control, taking a 49-41 lead with 11 minutes left on the clock. The Buffs committed three turnovers in the stretch while OSU scored on six of eight possessions.

CU slowly chipped away at the deficit and pulled to within two, 59-57, with just 5:31 to play. The Buffs got 3-pointers from Maddox Daniels, Jabari Walker and Schwartz in the surge, along with three points and three assists from Wright.

But the Beavers answered again to push their cushion back to seven. Colorado couldn't get the rebound following an OSU missed free throw and Jarod Lucas cashed in a long 3-pointer to give Oregon State a 64-57 lead with 4:38 to play.

Still, Colorado again managed to pull within three after a free throw and 3-pointer from Schwartz cut the deficit to 64-61 with 2:20 to play. Meanwhile, CU's defense held OSU scoreless for more than three minutes.

But the Beavers finally ended their drought with just more than a minute to play on a Warith Alatishe drive while the Buffs missed two of four free throw tries in the

ensuing 30 seconds. Lucas then hit two free throws for OSU to give the Beavers a five-point lead. 68-63, with 16 seconds remaining. Wright connected on a 3-pointer and two free throws in the final seconds, but OSU added one more free throw with 2.2 on the clock to close the scoring, as a last-gasp shot by Colorado was off target at the

#### GAME 31

# COLORADO 96, GEORGETOWN 73

Mar. 20, 2021, Indianapolis, Ind. (Hinkle Fieldhouse)

#### VISITORS: Georgetown 13-13

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
<ol> <li>Jamorko Pickett</li> </ol>	f 3-13	1-4	4-5	0	2	2	3	11	6	4	1	0	36
4 Chudier Bile	f 4-8	2-5	0-0	1	1	2	2	10	1	1	1	1	31
34 Qudus Wahab	c 7-12	0-0	6-9	4	8	12	1	20	0	0	0	1	24
2 Dante Harris	g 3-12	1-6	0-0	1	2	3	2	7	1	2	2	0	35
13 Donald Carey	g 3-4	2-3	9-9	0	3	3	4	17	1	3	1	0	25
00 Jahvon Blair	2-6	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	2	5	1	1	0	0	27
5 Timothy Ighoefe	0-0	0-0	0-3	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	9
23 Collin Holloway	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
14 Jamari Sibley	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
20 T.J. Berger	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	6
24 Kobe Clark	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
32 Malcolm Wilson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TEAM				3	1	4							

Totals. 23-58 8-24 19-26 9 20 29 16 73 12 12 5 4 200 TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-26 30.8% 2nd Half: 15-32 46.9% Game: 39.7% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-9 11.1% 2nd Half: 7-15 46.7% Game: 33.3% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 6-13 46.2% 2nd Half: 13-13 100% Game: 73.1% 6,1

HOME: Colorado 23-8	;										
## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to s b	k min
21 Evan Battey	f 3-6	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	1	6	0	0 0	0 24
13 Dallas Walton	3-4	1-1	2-2	0	0	0	3	9	1	2 0	0 13
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	g 6-8	5-7	1-2	0	3	3	1	18	4	0 1	0 18
24 Eli Parquet	3-4	2-3	2-2	0	4	4	3	10	1	2 1	1 33
25 McKinley Wright	4-8	1-2	3-3	0	5	5	1	12	13	0 0	0 29
3 Maddox Daniels	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	2	1	0 1	0 12
41 Jeriah Horne	1-7	0-4	0-0	0	4	4	3	2	1	3 0	0 19
23 Tristan da Silva	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0 0	0 5
12 Jabari Walker	9-10	5-5	1-1	0	3	3	1	24	0	2 0	2 20
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	1-2	1-2	3-4	0	0	0	0	6	4	2 0	0 11
0 Luke O'Brien	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	4	1	0 0	0 2
32 Nique Clifford	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0 0	0 2
10 Alexander Strating	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0	0 1
TEAM				1	1	2				1	
Totals	34-56	16-25	12-14	2	26	28	17	96	27	12 3	3 200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 16-30 53.3% 2nd Half: 18-26 69.2% Game: 60.7% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 11-17 64.7% 2nd Half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 64.0% REBOUNDS 1st Half: 4-4 100% 2nd Half: 8-10 80.0% Game: 85.7% 1.1 F Throw % Officials: Michael Greenstein, Lamar Simpson, Marques Pettigrew

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total 23 50 73 Georgetown Colorado 47 49 96

INDIANAPOLIS — Tad Boyle's Colorado Buffaloes issued a national statement Saturday.

The Buffs unleashed a barrage of 3-pointers, played stifling defense and rolled to a 96-73 win over Big East champion Georgetown in their NCAA Tournament opener at Hinkle Fieldhouse.

The fifth-seeded Buffs improved to 23-8 while the No. 12 Hoyas ended their

The Buffs drained 16 3-pointers in the win, their best ever in an NCAA Tournament game, and finished with 27 assists on 34 baskets.

Freshman Jabari Walker led CU with a career-high 24 points that included a 5-for-5 day from 3-point range (9-for-10 overall). D'Shawn Schwartz added 18 points and also had five 3-pointers on 6-for-8 shooting, McKinley Wright IV recorded a 12-point, 13-assist double-double and Eli Parquet chipped in 10 points.

Qudus Wahab led the Hoyas with 20 points.

Both Walker and Schwartz surpassed CU's previous NCAA record of four 3-pointers, while Wright — who did not have a turnover — recorded his fourth double-double of the season and 15th of his career. Wright also led the Buffs with

Defensively, the Buffs were equally dominant, holding Georgetown under 35 percent shooting for much of the game

Colorado took control with a 10-0 run early in the first half to take a 17-7 lead, then continued to pour it on to take a 47-23 lead into intermission. The Buffs built their lead to as much as 30 early in the second half before Georgetown briefly cut the margin to 18. CU, though, rebuilt the lead to 30 with under five minutes to play and cruised to the win down the stretch

The victory, coming in Colorado's fifth NCAA appearance under Boyle, was CU's first NCAA win since 2012.

"Great first game," Boyle said. "We lost our poise a couple of times in that second half, but we regained it, and credit to our seniors and our players for playing with poise because we talked about that the second half. Play with confidence, play with poise and play with aggressiveness, and I thought we did that for the most part for 40 minutes.

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado put together arguably its best half of the season in racing to a 47-23 halftime lead, draining 11 3-pointers in the first period.

Walker led the onslaught, hitting all four of his 3-point tries in the first 20 minutes, including one in an early 10-0 CU run that gave the Buffs a 17-7 lead eight minutes into the game. That set the tone for the game, and the Buffs kept up the pressure the rest of the half.

D'Shawn Schwartz also had four 3-pointers in the first half as the Buffs shot 11-for-17 from long range in the period. Colorado recorded an amazing 15 assists on 16 first-half baskets, with Wright recording eight.

CU's defense, meanwhile, stymied the Hoyas the entire first half. Colorado held Georgetown to 8-for-26 shooting, including just 1-for-9 from long range. The Buffs also forced six Georgetown turnovers to produce eight Colorado points.

If the Hoyas had any hopes of a second-half comeback, the Buffs dashed them quickly. Colorado pushed its cushion to 30 early in the period when Walker drained a 3-pointer and Wright converted a conventional 3-point play for a 57-27 lead less than four minutes in.

Georgetown did make a slight charge midway through the period, pulling to within 18. But Colorado answered one more time to bump the lead back to 30, 82-52, on a Wright bucket with 6:45 to play.

CU then coasted to the win down the stretch

# FLORIDA STATE 71, COLORADO 53

Mar. 22, 2021, Indianapolis, Ind. (Indiana Farmers Coliseum)

#### VISITORS: Colorado 23-9

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to	s	bk	min
21 Evan Battey	f 3-4	0-1	5-7	3	0	3	4	11	1	4	0	0	21
13 Dallas Walton	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	8
5 D'Shawn Schwartz	5-9	3-5	0-0	3	3	6	2	13	2	4	0	0	28
24 Eli Parquet	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	24
25 McKinley Wright	4-12	0-4	2-2	2	2	4	3	10	1	5	2	1	29
41 Jeriah Horne	1-9	1-6	0-0	2	6	8	4	3	0	2	0	0	23
3 Maddox Daniels	2-4	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	5	4	1	2	0	18
12 Jabari Walker	0-5	0-2	0-0	3	1	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	24
23 Tristan da Silva	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	10
11 Keeshawn Barthelemy	3-8	1-5	0-0	0	1	1	0	7	1	0	0	0	14
0 Luke O'Brien	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
32 Nique Clifford	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM				1	5	6				1			
				40	40	^=		=0	40	40	-	•	000

3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-9 22.2% 2nd Half: 4-16 25.0% Game: 24.0% REBOUNDS F Throw % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd Half: 7-11 3.6% Game: 63.6% 3

#### HOME: Florida State 18-6

## Player	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	of	de	tot	pf	tp	а	to s bk min
1 RaiQuan Gray	f 2-8	0-0	5-7	2	4	6	0	9	2	4 0 0 28
5 Balsa Koprivica	c 2-2	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	5	5	1	2 0 1 11
0 RayQuan Evans	g 0-2	0-1	2-2	0	1	1	1	2	0	1 0 1 18
2 Anthony Polite	g 8-12	4-7	2-2	1	4	5	1	22	4	1 4 0 28
23 M.J. Walker	g 2-3	0-0	3-4	1	1	2	1	7	3	0 1 0 31
34 Tanor Ngom	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	1017
4 Scottie Barnes	2-2	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	1	6	5	3 3 0 22
10 Malik Osborne	4-8	1-4	2-3	1	4	5	1	11	0	0 1 0 20
24 Sardaar Calhoun	2-4	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1 0 0 11
31 Wyatt Wilkes	2-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	5	0	0 0 0 11
11 Nathanael Jack	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0 1 0 9
Others	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0 0 0 4
TEAM				1	2	3				2
Totals	24-46	6-17	17-21	6	21	27	15	71	16	15 10 3 200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 9-22 40.9% 2nd Half: 15-24 62.5% Game: 52.2% DEADBALL 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd Half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 35.3% REBOUNDS F Throw% 1st Half: 2-3 66.7% 2nd Half: 15-18 83.3% Game: 81.0% 1

Officials: Chris Rastatter, Paul Szelc, William Covington Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total

33 53 47 71

INDIANAPOLIS — Colorado struggled on the offensive end Monday and the Buffaloes fell short in their bid for a Sweet 16 appearance, dropping a 71-53 decision to Florida State in the NCAA Tournament second round.

The game was played in the shadow of a horrific deadly mass shooting in Boulder just hours before tipoff. 
The fifth-seeded Buffs finished their season at 23-9 — tied for the third-most wine in program history — while No. 4 FSU improved to 18-6 and earned a Sweet

matchup with Michigan.

D'Shawn Schwartz led the Buffs with 13 points, Evan Battey added 11 and

D'Shawn Schwartz led the Buffs with 13 points, Evan Battey added 11 and McKinley Wright IV scored 10.

Anthony Polite led Florida State with 22 points.

The Buffs couldn't repeat their blistering shooting effort in their first-round win over Georgetown. CU shot just 36 percent from the floor against FSU, including 6-for-25 from 3-point range, and also committed 19 turnovers.

CU trailed by four at the half, 24-20, and managed to shave the deficit to one eight minutes into the second half. But that was as close as Colorado could come, as the Seminoles slowly rebuilt their cushion and finally pushed it to double digits down the stretch down the stretch.

down the stretch.

Colorado coach **Tad Boyle** said the team learned of the events in Boulder before the game, but did not have any details of the tragedy that occurred at a grocery store frequented by CU students, including members of the Buffs basketball team. "It hought about this in the locker room before the game. ... it puts basketball team. "It hought about this in the locker room before the game. ... if puts basketball in its proper place," a somber Boyle said in his opening statement. "And win or lose tonight, I just felt an emptiness in my stomach. Another senseless act of violence that we've experienced as a country, many, many times. And so it puts this game in perspective. It certainly puts losing in perspective ... My heart goes out to the families that were affected and those that lost their lives."

HOW IT HAPPENED: Colorado struggled to establish anything resembling offensive rhythm in the first half. The Buffs committed 11 tumovers, shot just 9-for-29 from the floor and trailed. 24-20. at the half.

The 20 points was the fewest in a half this season for CU.

CU actually led, 11-9, at the 11:27 mark of the period after a 6-0 run on baskets from Tristan da Silva, Maddox Daniels and Wright. But Colorado then went on a 7-minute scoring drought, thanks to seven turnovers in the stretch against a tenacious Seminoles defense, and FSU built a 20-13 edge with just more than two minutes left in the half.

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"You can simulate certain things in preparing for Florida State, but you cannot simulate their length," Boyle said. "We knew they were going to pressure us. I did a bad job preparing our team for the pressure that was coming. We've faced pressure before, and we've faced switching defenses before and we've handled it better before ... This loss is on me. I don't blame the players one bit. Their coach

didn't do a very good job tonight."

The Buffs, though, did come back to score seven points in the final two minutes of the half. Daniels hit a 3-pointer, Schwartz scored on a drive and Wright tipped in a Schwartz miss just before the buzzer to pull Colorado to within four, 24-20, at

intermission. While the Buffs struggled on the offensive end in the first half, they stayed within range by playing solid defense and commanding the boards. Colorado held FSU to 9-22 shooting and held a 21-13 rebound edge.

Early in the second half, the Buffs managed to narrow FSU's lead to just one. Battey scored CU's first five points of the half before heading to the bench with his third foul, and when Wright quickly followed with his third foul, backup Keeshawn

Barthelemy came in and scored seven points.

With 11:51 to play, a Schwartz 3-pointer cut Florida State's lead to 36-35.

But that was as close as the Buffs could come, as the Seminoles slowly rebuilt their lead. CU pulled to within six, 47-41, on another Schwartz trey at the 7:36 mark, but the Seminoles then ran off an 8-0 run to take command for good.

The run came on two Seminoles 3-pointers and two free throws, one after a technical faule a Both.

technical foul on Boyle.
Florida State then extended the margin to 16 with just under four minutes to

play and Colorado never threatened again.

