



2013 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



COLORADO 41 COLORADO STATE 27

SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

SPORTS AUTHORITY FIELD AT MILE HIGH, DENVER

GAME 1

DENVER — The Colorado Buffaloes rumbled into the Mike MacIntyre era with a gutsy 41-27 victory against rival Colorado State in the Rocky Mountain Showdown.

In his first game in CU's multiple/pistol offense, Connor Wood completed 33-of-46 passes for 400 yards and three touchdowns. Two of the TD passes – 82 and 75 yards – went to Paul Richardson, playing in his first game after sitting out last season with a knee injury.

And with the CU defense needing a big play in Sports Authority Field at Mile High, Greg Henderson delivered a monstrous one. With the Buffs cradling a 26-24 lead early in the fourth quarter, he scooped up a CSU fumble and raced 53 yards to score.

The Buffs couldn't have had a more effective start – scoring on their second play from scrimmage – an 82-yard Wood-to-Richardson pass.

After his PAT pushed CU ahead 7-0, Oliver then kicked a 22-yard field goal in the final minute of the first quarter and the Buffs were up 10-0. CSU's first points then came courtesy of a 39-yard Jared Roberts field goal three plays into the second quarter, cutting CU's advantage to 10-3 with 14:17 left before intermission.

It took nearly 11 minutes for either team to score again, but in the final 3:56 of the half CU got 10 points and CSU seven. Wood drove the Buffs 63 yards in seven plays, hitting D.D. Goodson in the back of the end zone with an 18-yard touchdown.

CSU answered immediately with a seven-play, 74-yard march capped by Kapri Bibbs' first career TD – a 7-yard run around left end. Roberts' extra point brought the Rams to within 17-10 and the Buffs had 1:13 remaining to respond.

Starting at his own 25, Wood used six plays to cover 51 yards and position Oliver for a 41-yard field goal on the first half's final play. The Buffs trotted to their locker room holding a 10-point lead (20-10).

CU accepted the second-half kickoff and was forced to give the ball back to CSU. Darragh O'Neill's punt traveled 46 yards, but sophomore Joe Hansley's return covered 74 – and the Rams suddenly were down only by three points (20-17).

With momentum swinging to CSU, CU needed an answer – and the Buffs drove as far as the Rams' 24-yard line before a holding call snuffed the drive. The Buffs forced a punt and this time marched to the Rams 18-yard line, where the drive stalled again but Oliver connected on a 44-yard field and CU increased its lead to 23-17.

CSU got another long return – this one 84 yards by junior Thomas Coffman on Oliver's kickoff – and set up at the CU 16-yard line. It took three plays to score, with Bibbs running 2 yards to give the Rams their first lead of the afternoon, 24-23, with 2:51 left in the third quarter.

When CU's ensuing drive stalled at the CSU 35-yard line, Oliver tied a career-long kick with a 52-yarder, giving the Buffs a 26-24 lead with 13:07 remaining.

Grayson moved the Rams to mid-field and on second down hit Bibbs across the middle for a short gain – but he couldn't escape Chidera Uzo-Diribe's strip, which Henderson scooped up and raced 53 yards to put CU up 33-24.

CSU again responded with 3:47 to play as a 30-yard Roberts filed goal allowed the Rams to pull within 33-27.

Wood and Richardson then delivered again – this time connecting for a 75-yard score. For good measure, Wood hit Goodson for the two-point conversion and the Buffs had their largest lead of the game – 41-27, which would eventually become the final.

COLORADO	10	10	3	18	—	41
Colorado State	0	10	14	3	—	27

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Richardson 82 pass Wood (Oliver kick)	7- 0	12:41	1Q
COLORADO — Oliver 22 FG	10- 0	0:32	1Q
Colorado State — Roberts 39 FG	10- 3	14:17	2Q
COLORADO — Goodson 18 pass from Wood (Oliver kick)	17- 3	3:56	2Q
Colorado State — Bibbs 7 run (Roberts kick)	17-10	1:13	2Q
COLORADO — Oliver 41 FG	20-10	0:00	2Q
Colorado State — Hansley 74 punt return (Roberts kick)	20-17	12:51	3Q
COLORADO — Oliver 44 FG	23-17	4:10	3Q
Colorado State — Bibbs 2 run (Roberts kick)	23-24	2:51	3Q
COLORADO — Oliver 52 FG	26-24	13:07	4Q
COLORADO — Henderson 53 fumble return (Oliver kick)	33-24	11:12	4Q
Colorado State — Roberts 30 FG	33-27	3:47	4Q
COLORADO — Richardson 82 pass Wood (Goodson pass Wood)	41-27	3:36	4Q

Attendance: 59,601 Time: 3:37

Weather: 76 degrees, cloudy skies, 40% humidity, 10 mph winds from the southeast

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	COLORADO ST.
First Downs	24	16
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	7-18 (0-0)	2-14 (1-3)
Rushes—Net Yards	37-109	28-94
Passing Yards	400	201
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	46-33-0	39-22-0
Total Offense	509	295
Return Yards	87	92
Punts: No-Average	8-42.5	7-49.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties/Yards	8/68	4/50
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-19	1-11
Time of Possession	33:30	26:30
Drives/Average Field Position	16/C30	14/CS30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-3 (13)	3-4 (17)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Powell 15-42, Goodson 1-31, T.Jones 13-27, C.Wood 4-8, Abron 2-5, Team 2-minus 4. **Colorado State:** Bibbs 15-70, Alexander 1-17, Nwoke 6-6, Grayson 5-0.

Passing—Colorado: Wood 46-33-0, 400, 3 td. **Colorado State:** Grayson 39-22-0, 201, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Richardson 10-208, Spruce 8-99, Goodson 5-44, T.Jones 4-14, Slavin 2-12, McCulloch 2-12, Fernandez 2-11. **Colorado State:** Hansley 7-90, Higgins 6-57, Vaden 3-16, Cartwright 2-22, Alexander 2-11, Coffman 1-4, Bibbs 1-1.

Punting—Colorado: O'Neill 8-42.5 (48 long, 2 In20, 1 TB). **Colorado State:** Hunt 7-49.7 (69 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Spruce 4-34. **Colorado State:** Hansley 3-92, Ruiz 1-0. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Mosley 1-19. **Colorado State:** Coffman 4-162, Simmons 1-30.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Gillam 7,7—14; Orms 5,4—9; Webb 6,1—7; Crawley 4,1—5; Henderson 3,2—5; Uzo-Diribe 3,1—4; Awuzie 2,1—3; Greer 2,1—3; Bell 1,2—3; Mosley 2,0—2; Parker 1,1—2; Bonsu 0,2—2. **Colorado State:** Pierre-Louis 1,14—15; Blake 6,5—11; Davis 3,8—11; James 2,7—9; Barrett 3,5—8; Morgan 2,4—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Gillam 1-17, Parker 1-2. **Colorado State:** Barrett 1-11.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Colorado State:** none. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Awuzie, Gillam, Henderson, Orms. **Colorado State:** Edwards, James, Oden, Tonga.

GAME NOTES

MacIntyre became just the second CU head coach to win his first game since 1932 ... Attendance for the game was **59,601**; CU accounted for **32,779** of those as attendance was below 60,000 for the third straight year (and for the fourth in the last five) ... CSU 18,169 and the Broncos 5,032 (many of which were out of CU's allotment)... Eleven players, including six true freshmen, made their CU debuts in the game ... Colorado snapped an 8-game losing streak with the win ... The Buffaloes did not commit a turnover in their season opener for the first time since 2000 ... Colorado made its first 2-point conversion in three years when Wood found Goodson on a short pass for the deuce ... Colorado improved to **9-4-2** all-time on Sundays ... The Buffs donned their traditional home gold pants with the white road jerseys for the first time in 2008 (Nov. 1 at Texas A&M), winning in the look for the first time since the 2004 Houston Bowl over UTEP ... Colorado dominated the majority of the game, leading for 52:57 (CSU led for just 4:44), and defensively held the Rams to under 200 yards until their last two drives netted 100, but the game had been decided by then ... The Buffs improved to 24-1 in season openers dating back to 1967 when scoring first ... Colorado allowed under 30 points for the first time since the '12 opener against the Rams (11 games).



COLORADO 38 CENTRAL ARKANSAS 24

SEPTEMBER 7, 2013

FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME **2**

Central Arkansas.....	0	14	3	7	—	24
COLORADO	7	7	3	21	—	38

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Richardson 55 pass from Wood (Oliver kick)	7- 0	4:58	1Q
COLORADO — Henderson 46 interception return (Oliver kick)	14- 0	11:55	2Q
Central Arkansas — Lewis 23 pass from Smothers (Denker kick)	14- 7	4:37	2Q
Central Arkansas — Dixon 11 pass from Smothers (Denker kick)	14-14	0:22	2Q
Central Arkansas — Denker 28 FG	14-17	13:54	3Q
COLORADO — Oliver 31 FG	17-17	11:28	3Q
Central Arkansas — Smothers 1 run (Denker kick)	17-24	14:56	4Q
COLORADO — Bell 79 interception return (Oliver kick)	24-24	10:43	4Q
COLORADO — Richardson 30 pass from Wood (Oliver kick)	31-24	9:16	4Q
COLORADO — Spruce 39 pass from Wood (Oliver kick)	38-24	4:24	4Q

Attendance: 35,168 Time: 3:25

Weather: 90 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 18% humidity, 9 mph winds from the north

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	CENTRAL ARK.
First Downs	23	19
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	5-12 (0-0)	6-19 (2-3)
Rushes—Net Yards	34-84	26-60
Passing Yards	341	280
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	36-23-2	55-33-3
Total Offense	425	340
Return Yards	125	22
Punts: No-Average	3-46.7	6-42.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties/Yards	8/64	6/51
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-3	4-25
Time of Possession	26:42	33:18
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C27	15/CS30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-1 (3)	3-4 (17)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jones 12-58, Powell 6-22, Goodson 1-9, Abron 8-9, Wood 6-3, Team 1-minus 17. **Central Arkansas:** Matthews 13-32, Smothers 10-18, Wilson 2-9, Veasley 1-1.

Passing—Colorado: Wood 36-23-2, 341, 3 td. **Central Arkansas:** Smothers 55-33-3, 280, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Richardson 11-209, McCulloch 5-50, Spruce 4-62, Canty 1-8, Ross 1-7, Powell 1-5. **Central Arkansas:** Lewis 9-89, Matthews 7-46, Gardner 4-49, Dixon 4-36, Wilson 4-21, Murphy 1-13, Watts 1-9, Burdette 1-6, Hart 1-6, Smith 1-5.

Punting—Colorado: O'Neill 3-46.7 (54 long, 2 In20). **Central Arkansas:** Harrison 6-42.3 (68 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Central Arkansas:** Murphy 1-10. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Severson 3-52. **Central Arkansas:** Winfrey 1-88, Williams 2-26, Love 1-14.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Webb 9,3—12; Bell 7,1—8; Orms 5,2—7; Awuzie 6,0—6; Gillam 3,3—6; Henderson 4,0—4; Uzo-Diribe 3,1—4; Tupou 3,0—3; Crawley 2,1—3; Gilbert 2,1—3; Greer 1,2—3; Parker 2,0—2; Solis 2,0—2. **Central Arkansas:** Heard 6,0—6; Winston 3,2—5; Floyd 4,0—4; Love 4,0—4; Peters 4,0—4; Bush 3,1—4; three with 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Gilbert 1-3. **Central Arkansas:** Gaines 2-16, Randall 1-6, Woodard 1-3.

Interceptions—Colorado: Bell 1-79, Henderson 1-46, Crawley 1-0. **Central Arkansas:** Mitchell 1-4, Watkins 1-0.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Crawley 2, Henderson, Tupou, Uzo-Diribe. **Central Arkansas:** Jones, Randall, Winfrey, Winston.

GAME NOTES

Colorado last opened with a pair of wins in 2008 ... CU improved to 2-2 all-time against FCS schools ... The temperature at kickoff — **90 degrees** — tied for the ninth warmest for any game in CU history and tied for the second warmest ever in Boulder (with the Aug. 26, 2001 Fresno State game; both are tied for the warmest night game in Boulder) ... WR Paul Richardson became the first player in Pac-12 Conference history to have back-to-back 200-yard receiving games ... Ralphe V did not lead the team out for the first time since 2003 (against Nebraska) because of a timing snafu; she made the second half run just fine, however ... Colorado scored 30 points in back-to-back games for the first time since the 10th and 11th games of the 2010 season, and has allowed under 30 for two games in a row since games 4 and 5 of that same year ... Henderson's interception was the first by a Buff in a 10-game span and 267 opponent passes since the last one (a fourth quarter pick by **ILB Jon Major** at Washington State on Sept. 22, 2012) ... The Buffs returned two interceptions for scores in the same game for the first time since the last day of the last century: Dec. 31, 1999 when **ILB Jashon Sykes** and **SS Rashidi Barnes** did it against Boston College in the Insight.com Bowl ... The attendance of **35,168** was the smallest for CU home game in Boulder that wasn't affected due to the weather since 1988.

BOULDER — The Colorado Buffaloes rallied with three fourth-quarter touchdowns to put away stubborn Central Arkansas squad, 38-24, and win its home opener under first-year coach Mike MacIntyre. In the process, CU improved to 2-0 and ended a six-game losing streak at Folsom Field.

CU quarterback Connor Wood passed for 341 yards (23-of-36) and submitted his second straight three-TD game of the season. Wood outdueled UCA quarterback Wynrick Smothers, who was 33-of-55 for 280 yards (2 TDs/2 INT) for the Bears, who came into the game ranked No. 5 in the FCS.

Wood connected with Richardson 11 times for 209 yards and two of his three scores. The Buffs took a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter after a 55-yard Wood-to-Richardson touchdown pass, and then Greg Henderson made it 14-0 with a 46-yard interception return, the first pick for the Buffs secondary in 267 pass attempts.

The Bears didn't blink as Wood fumbled as he was sacked by defensive end Markeith Gaines. Fellow end Derek Floyd recovered at the UCA 31, and six plays later Smothers hit Lewis with a 23-yard TD pass to make the game 14-7.

On CU's next series, Wood suffered his first interception of the season — a deflected ball intended for slot receiver D.D. Goodson that was lunged for and grabbed by defensive back Bobby Watkins at his own 24-yard line.

Ten plays later, Smothers capped a 76-yard march with an 11-yard scoring pass to tight end Chase Dixon. Denker's extra point tied the score at 14-14 with 22 seconds remaining before intermission.

Things appeared to settle down for the Buffs, but it was short lived as the Buffs gave up an 88-yard kickoff return to set up a 28-yard Denker field goal and the Bears' first lead (17-14) of the game.

Wood and CU answered with a 55-yard march that positioned Oliver for a 31-yard field goal that tied the score at 17-17 with 11:28 left in the third quarter.

It held until UCA's Gaines got his hands on Wood once more — and once again Wood fumbled. Defensive end Jonathan Woodard scooped up the ball and ran to the CU 16 before being hauled down from behind by Buffs tackle Stephane Nembot.

The Bears ran six plays and advanced to the Buffs' 1-yard line, where on the first play of the fourth quarter Smothers scored on a quarterback sneak to push UCA up 24-17 with all but four seconds of the last quarter remaining.

Time was on the Buffs' side, but the Bears weren't clock watching — they were zeroing in on Wood. The pressure continued, and Wood tossed his second pick of the game — this one picked by free safety Marvin Mitchell at the UCA 44.

Smothers drove the Bears as far as the Buffs' 24-yard line before CU safety Jered Bell stepped in front of a Smothers pass, picked it and ran 79 yards for the TD to tie the game once more (24-24).

The Buffs went ahead with 9:16 to play when Chidobe Awuzie pilfered the football from Wilson after a short reception and set up Wood & Co. at the UCA 30-yard line. On the second play, Wood found Richardson open again — this time for 30 yards and their fourth TD hookup of the season to make the game 31-24 in the Buffs favor.

The Buffs couldn't relax until Wood hit Nelson Spruce on a third-and-20 receiver screen which he took 39 yards for a touchdown to push the Buffs lead to 38-24.

CU corner Kenneth Crawley intercepted Smothers in the end zone with 1:50 to play. The Buffs took over at their 20-yard line, got one first down and put a period on a wild home opener.



OREGON STATE 44 COLORADO 17

SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

RESER STADIUM, CORVALLIS

GAME **3**

CORVALLIS, Ore. — If it was questionable whether a three-week layoff had an ill effect on Colorado, the answer was given in a 44-17 loss to Oregon State in CU's 2013 Pac-12 Conference opener.

CU (2-1, 0-1) trailed 17-3 at halftime, but hung tough with Oregon State for the majority of the first half.

The teams traded field goals in the game's first 13 minutes, OSU striking first with a 36-yarder from Trevor Romaine and the Buffs answering four minutes later with a 19-yarder from Will Oliver set up by a Greg Henderson interception, his third of the young season. Mannion hit Caleb Smith for the TD with 2:09 left in the first quarter from 3-yards out.

The Buffs' defense appeared fairly sound throughout the first half, snuffing a pair of Beavers' drives with an interception by corner Greg Henderson and a sack/forced fumble by end Chidera Uzo-Diribe and fumble recovery by end Juda Parker.

But following Parker's fumble recovery, which stopped an OSU drive at the CU 19, the Buffs couldn't capitalize. They went three-and-out, with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Daniel Munyer ruining the series and forcing a punt.

The game remained 10-3 for the majority of the first half with the second quarter's only score the second connection between Mannion and Crooks, capping a 12-play, 71-yard march to end the half.

If the Buffs were going to rally, they needed to stop the Beavers immediately in the second half. It didn't happen; OSU took the second half kickoff and fashioned a drive that nearly matched their final first-half march.

It covered 75 yards, required seven plays and concluded with another Mannion-to-Cooks scoring pass – this one for 22 yards. Romaine's extra point pushed the Beavers comfortably in front 24-3 with 12:03 left in the third quarter.

Then the wheels appeared to be close to coming off for the Buffs. But after Marques Mosley fumbled the kickoff and Romaine recovered at the OSU 46, the Beavers were forced into a three-and-out. It didn't matter.

When CU again failed to generate any offense and punted, Mannion completed a 76-yard drive with his third TD pass of the afternoon – a 42-yard screen taken to the end zone by Terron Ward. Romaine made it 31-3 – and another special teams blunder awaited the Buffs on Romaine's kickoff.

When his squib kick wasn't handled by up man Brady Daigh, OSU's Zack Robinson recovered at the CU 26. Four plays later, Mannion tied the OSU single-game record with his fifth TD pass, this one covering 4 yards to Smith to make it 38-3. The disastrous third quarter was and including the final score of the first half, the Beavers put up 28 unanswered points in just over 10 minutes of game action.

Connor Wood and Tyler McCulloch hooked up for the Buffs score with 10:51 to play. When Wood hit freshman Devin Ross with a two-point conversion pass, the score was 38-11 – but time and most everything else wasn't on CU's side.

After Wood was intercepted with just under 7 minutes remaining, Mannion broke the OSU record for TD passes in a single game, hitting tight end Connor Hamlett with an 11-yard toss.

That made the game 44-11 with 6:48 remaining, but if anything can be said about the Buffs it's that they didn't give up.

Wood hit Paul Richardson from 28 yards out with just 13 seconds left in the game, little solace but giving the nation's leading receiver his fifth touchdown in three games on the season. The 2-point conversion failed and ended the game at 44-17.

COLORADO	3	0	0	14	—	17
Oregon State.....	10	7	21	6	—	44

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Oregon State — Romaine 36 FG	3-3	10:03	1Q
COLORADO — Oliver 19 FG	3-3	6:19	1Q
Oregon State — Smith 3 pass from Mannion (Romaine kick)	3-10	2:09	1Q
Oregon State — Cooks 8 pass from Mannion (Romaine kick)	3-17	0:16	2Q
Oregon State — Cooks 22 pass from Mannion (Romaine kick)	3-24	12:03	3Q
Oregon State — Ward 42 pass from Mannion (Romaine kick)	3-31	6:48	3Q
Oregon State — Smith 4 pass from Mannion (Romaine kick)	3-38	5:13	3Q
COLORADO — McCulloch 24 pass from Wood (Ross pass from Wood)	11-38	10:51	4Q
Oregon State — Hamlett 11 pass from Mannion (snap fumbled)	11-44	6:48	4Q
COLORADO — Richardson 28 pass from Wood (pass failed)	17-44	0:13	4Q

Attendance: 44,279 **Time:** 3:28

Weather: 60 degrees, rain (light to moderate), 20 mph winds from the southeast

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	OREGON STATE
First Downs	14	29
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	2-15 (0-1)	5-17 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	35-154	34-120
Passing Yards	146	420
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	34-14-2	54-28-1
Total Offense	300	540
Return Yards	36	35
Punts: No-Average	10-41.1	7-44.1
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties/Yards	6/64	6/40
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-20	1-16
Time of Possession	25:10	34:50
Drives/Average Field Position	17/C28	19/OS39
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-1 (3)	6-8 (34)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Adkins 14-98, Jones 4-22, Powell 10-21, Wood 5-8, Richardson 1-7, Team 1-minus 2. **Oregon State:** Ward 19-55, Cooks 5-47, Brown 5-29, Bolden 1-10, Mannion 3-minus 19, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Wood 34-14-2, 146, 2 td. **Oregon State:** Mannion 52-27-1, 414 6 td; Ward 1-1-0, 6; Vaz 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Richardson 5-70, McCulloch 2-29, Adkins 2-5, Fernandez 1-13, Jones 1-10, Spruce 1-9, Goodson 1-9, Powell 1-1. **Oregon State:** Cooks 9-168, Ward 7-103, Mullaney 3-55, Hamlett 3-44, Smith 3-30, Cummings 1-8, Brown 1-6, Mannion 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: O'Neill 10-41.1 (55 long, 2 In20). **Oregon State:** Kostol 7-44.1 (67 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Oregon State:** Cooks 1-6, Reynolds 1-2. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Severson 2-44, Mosley 1-36, Spruce 1-17. **Oregon State:** Marable 1-27.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Gillam 8,5—13; Henderson 7,2—9; Uzo-Diribe 3,3—6; Bell 3,2—5; Bonsu 3,2—5; Webb 2,3—5; Crawley 4,0—4; Orms 2,2—4; Greer 3,0—3; Thompson 3,0—3; Tupou 2,1—3; Awuzie 2,0—2; Henington 1,1—2; Solis 1,1—2. **Oregon State:** Zimmerman 4,3—7; Johnson 3,3—6; Alexander 2,4—6; Crichton 2,3—5; Wynn 1,4—5; Murphy 4,0—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Bonsu 1-14, Uzo-Diribe 1-6. **Oregon State:** Zimmerman 1-16.

Interceptions—Colorado: Henderson 1-36. **Oregon State:** Murphy 1-27, Reynolds 1-0.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Awuzie, Bell, Gillam, Henderson. **Oregon State:** Martin, Nelson, Noland-Lewis, Rosa.

GAME NOTES

A storm blew into Corvallis the night before the game (it lingered for three days), as it brought winds gusting to 30 miles per hour and constant rainfall (light to moderate) during the game ... This was the first game in 2013 that Colorado did not hold a lead ... **TB Michael Adkins** made his debut responding with **14** rushes for **98** yards, the second most yards by a true freshman in his first game at Colorado (the record is held by **TB Marcus Houston**, who had 100 versus Colorado State in Denver on Sept. 2, 2000) ... **CB Greg Henderson** made his second interception of the season and his third in his career (he has returned the pair for 82 yards) ... **WR Tyler McCulloch** had his fourth touchdown catch of his career ... Colorado outrushed Oregon State last Saturday (154-140); it was a rare loss when CU had the edge in rushing yards, as the Buffs are **137-17-3** since 1989 when doing so.



OREGON 57 COLORADO 16

OCTOBER 5, 2013

FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME 4

Oregon	29	14	14	0	—	57
COLORADO	10	6	0	0	—	16

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Oliver 33 FG	3- 0	12:02	1Q
Oregon — Mariota 2 run (Brown run)	3- 8	10:13	1Q
COLORADO — Goodson 75 pass from Richardson (Oliver kick)	10- 8	9:35	1Q
Oregon — Tyner 2 run (Wogan kick)	10-15	4:55	1Q
Oregon — Addison 75 pass from Mariota (Maldonado kick)	10-22	1:54	1Q
Oregon — Lowe 17 pass from Mariota (Wogan kick)	10-29	0:56	1Q
COLORADO — Oliver 22 FG	13-29	13:24	2Q
COLORADO — Oliver 31 FG	16-29	9:48	2Q
Oregon — Mariota 1 run (Maldonado kick)	16-36	6:04	2Q
Oregon — Huff 4 pass from Mariota (Wogan kick)	16-43	0:57	2Q
Oregon — Addison 44 pass from Mariota (Maldonado kick)	16-50	10:39	3Q
Oregon — Huff 26 pass from Mariota (Wogan kick)	16-57	6:50	3Q

Attendance: 45,944 Time: 3:15

Weather: 61 degrees, sunny skies, 17% humidity, 8 mph winds from the northwest

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	OREGON
First Downs	15	31
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	0-15 (1-3)	9-18 (2-4)
Rushes—Net Yards	36-94	62-349
Passing Yards	280	406
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	34-12-2	34-19-2
Total Offense	374	755
Return Yards	5	- 1
Punts: No-Average	8-40.8	3-40.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	2/20	5/41
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-6	2-16
Time of Possession	28:06	31:54
Drives/Average Field Position	17/C34	17/O28
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-4 (9)	5-7 (36)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Powell 20-78, Adkins 6-18, Jones 3-5, Abron 1-1, Goodson 1-0, Wood 5-minus 8. **Oregon:** Marshall 23-122, Forde 9-82, Mariota 7-43, Tyner 10-30, Huff 2-23, Allen 0-14, Lockie 2-12, Rodrigues, 3-10, Roseberry 1-7, Cassell 1-6, Bassett 3-1, Team 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Wood 33-11-2, 205, 0 td; Richardson 1-1-0, 75, 1 td. **Oregon:** Mariota 27-16-0, 355, 5 td; Rodrigues 4-1-1, 37; Lockie 3-2-1, 14.

Receiving—Colorado: Richardson 5-134, Spruce 3-36, Goodson 1-75, Adkins 1-20, Slavin 1-8, S.Irwin 1-7. **Oregon:** Addison 5-158, Huff 5-103, Tyner 2-29, Marshall 2-17, Allen 1-37, Brown 1-24, Lowe 1-17, Mundt 1-13, Delaney 1-8.

Punting—Colorado: O'Neill 8-40.8 (50 long, 5 In20). **Oregon:** Maldonado 3-40.7 (47 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Spruce 1-5. **Oregon:** Addison 1-minus 3. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Severson 5-134, Adkins 2-54. **Oregon:** Hill 1-2, Lowe 1-2.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Gillam 14,4—18; Orms 8,2—10; Uzo-Diribe 7,1—8; Webb 6,2—8; Parker 5,2—7; Thompson 4,2—6; Solis 3,3—6; Awuzie 4,1—5; Crawley 4,1—5; Greer 4,0—4; Bell 3,1—4; Bonsu 1,3—4; Henderson 2,1—3. **Oregon:** Ekpre-Olomu 7,1—8; Malone 4,3—7; Mitchell 6,0—6; Patterson 6,0—6; Washington 4,0—4; Hart 2,2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Gillam 1-6. **Oregon:** Walker 1-15, Washington 1-1.

Interceptions—Colorado: Henderson 2-0. **Oregon:** Mitchell 2-2.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Bell, Bonsu, Webb. **Oregon:** Buckner, Hardrick, Mitchell.

GAME NOTES

Colorado lost its 10th straight Pac-12 game ... The teams combined for **493** yards of offense in the first quarter (UO 262, CU 231), when they also combined for **12** possessions ... Colorado led for **6:29** in the first quarter, the most any team has led Oregon in five games this year (Tennessee led Oregon for 5:26 in the first quarter of their game); the **10** first quarter points were the most by an opponent in a quarter against UO this year ... Colorado had **318** yards in the first half, just 2.5 yards shy of what Oregon came in allowing per game (320.5); but the Buffs managed just 56 after halftime ... Oregon's **755** yards of total offense were the second most ever against a CU defense, trailing 875 by Oklahoma in an 82-42 loss on Oct. 4, 1980 (758 of those were rushing) ... Oregon became the first CU opponent to amass at least 400 yards of either rushing or passing and 300 of the other (406 pass/349 rush); the 406 passing yards were the 13th most ever by an opponent ... Colorado was **0-of-15** on third down, eclipsing its old worst mark on the down, as the Buffs were 0-of-13 against Kansas State in a 20-14 loss at Manhattan on Nov. 6, 1999 ... **CB Greg Henderson** was the first Buff to have two interceptions in the same game since Oct. 27, 2007, when **CB Terrence Wheatley** snared three at Texas Tech.

BOULDER — Colorado had its early moments against No. 2 Oregon, but the Buffaloes couldn't make them last. The day belonged to Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota, his hurry-up offense and his cadre of super-fast skill players.

Shrugging off early 3-0 and 10-8 deficits that might have offered Buffs fans a flickering glimpse of a shock-the-universe upset, the unbeaten Ducks won in a walk, 57-16, before 45,944 at Folsom Field. CU dropped to 2-2 overall and 0-2 in the Pac-12 while the Ducks improved to 5-0 and 2-0, respectively.

Mariota's night was finished midway through the third quarter, but he did more than enough to win Pac-12 player of the week honors. He accounted for seven touchdowns, hitting on 16-of-27 passes for 355 yards and five TDs, with seven rushes for 43 yards and two more scores.

CU receiver Paul Richardson caught five passes for 134 yards and completed one pass for 75 yards and his team's only TD. Christian Powell showed flashes with 20 carries for 78 yards.

CU was unconventional from the opening kickoff, calling for an on-sides kick that the Ducks recovered. But the Buffs forced a three-and-out, took possession and drove 69 yards to position Will Oliver for a 33-yard field goal that gave CU a 3-0 lead.

But that CU advantage lasted all of 1:49 – the time required for Oregon to score on its next possession. Mariota capped the 75-yard, nine-play march with a 2-yard run, then tight end Pharaoh Brown took a direct center snap and ran for the 2-point conversion. Oregon 8, CU 3.

The Buffs responded with a 75-yard pitch-and-catch from Richardson on a flanker reverse pass to receiver D.D. Goodson to put the Buffs back up, 10-8, with 9:35 left in the first quarter.

An ill-advised Wood pass under pressure was picked off by Oregon corner Terrance Mitchell, resulting in a short (43 yards) seven-play drive and a 2-yard scoring run by Thomas Tyner to go up 15-10. A 75-yard Mariota-to-Addison scoring pass shot Oregon in front 22-10 and preceded Wood's second interception. Mitchell got that one, too, and the Ducks quickly capitalized, with Mariota hitting Keanon Lowe for a 17-yard score that capped a 34-second possession to make it 29-10 Oregon at the end of the first quarter.

CU cut into the lead with another pair of Oliver field goals (22, 31 yards) to pull to within 29-16. Mariota then took advantage with 6:04 left before intermission with a rushing TD to make it 36-16, and Oregon added another TD – this one on a 4-yard Mariota-to-Huff pass – to take its 27-point (43-16) halftime lead.

Oregon further blew it open by scoring on its first two second-half possession, with Mariota hitting Addison for a 44-yard score, then finding Huff for a 26-yarder. With 6:50 left in the third quarter, the Ducks were cruising 57-16 and had comfortably entered name-your-score mode.

CU linebacker Addison Gillam finished with a CU freshman record 18 tackles (14 solo), four third down stops and two tackles for loss, one of which was a sack.

A fumble forced by Chidera Uzo-Diribe and recovered by CU linebacker Derrick Webb at the Oregon 10-yard line offered the Buffs a chance for a third-quarter score, but they couldn't take advantage. The Buffs actually took the ball away on three straight possessions, the other two coming on Greg Henderson interceptions, but the Buffs couldn't take advantage. CU closed the game with four straight three-and-outs, as the high-scoring affair saw a scoreless fourth quarter.



ARIZONA STATE 54 COLORADO 13

OCTOBER 12, 2013

SUN DEVIL STADIUM, TEMPE

GAME 5

TEMPE, Ariz. — Host Arizona State jumped out to an early 25-0 lead in the game's first 10 minutes, forcing Colorado to change quarterbacks en route to a 54-13 win over the Buffaloes.

True freshman Sefo Liufau replaced Connor Wood after just three series, the coaches making the call after Wood opened 0-of-4 with an interception and two sacks.

Liufau, the first true freshman to quarterback the Buffs since Tyler Hansen in 2008, directed a pair of scoring drives, finishing his debut completing 18-of-26 passes for 169 yards, with one touchdown and two interceptions. He also ran three times for 19 yards, not including the one time he was sacked.

On their first possession under their new quarterback, the Buffs marched 80 yards in 11 plays and scored on a 10-yard Liufau-to-Nelson Spruce pass. Nice start, but the talented kid from Tacoma was up against nasty odds when he took his first college snap.

By the time Liufau entered the college game, the Buffs trailed 25-0 – and that was with 4:45 left in the first quarter. Wood was pulled after his pick by corner Lloyd Carrington that set up ASU at the CU 15-yard line and led to a 1-yard run by Marion Grice.

The Sun Devils kept the heat coming and had pushed their lead to 47-6 by intermission. ASU scored on eight of its nine first-half possessions and sacked Liufau in the end zone for a safety.

ASU outgained CU 392-94 in the first half (532-268 for the game), with Grice rushing 13 times for 88 yards and his pair of TDs and catching two passes for 46 yards. Like Kelly, he was done for the night as was receiver Jaelen Strong, whose three receptions went for 109 yards and one score. Kelly's other TD pass – a 1-yarder – went to Davon Coleman, who normally plays defensive end.

Kelly was replaced to start the second half by backup Mike Bercovi, who doubles as ASU's holder and hit Strong with a two-point conversion pass after the Sun Devils' second TD.

The Buffs, meanwhile, struggled to find any first-half offense with the exception of the 80-yard Liufau-led drive. Leading receiver Paul Richardson did not have a first-half catch, and didn't get one until CU's opening possession of the second half. Spruce, with three catches for 25 yards, was the Buffs' top receiver in the opening half.

The Buffs defense was minus CU senior safety Parker Orms for half the second quarter through the rest of the game. He was flagged for allegedly targeting an ASU receiver and ejected, spending the rest of the game in the locker room.

After Liufau suffered his second interception – a pick in the end zone on a pass intended for Richardson – Bercovi engineered a 14-play, 80-yard drive that was capped by senior R.J. Robinson's 1-yard run – the first scoring run of his career. With Gonzalez's PAT, ASU went ahead 54-6 with 3:22 left in the third quarter, and the final quarter started with that score.

Liufau led the Buffs on their second scoring drive of the night, this one 89 yards in 11 plays, with Christian Powell running 8 yards for the score. Will Oliver's PAT made it 54-13.

COLORADO	0	6	0	7	—	13
Arizona State	25	22	7	0	—	54

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Arizona State — Strong 69 pass from Kelly (Gonzalez kick)	0-7	13:28	1Q
Arizona State — Grice 8 run (Strong pass from Bercovici)	0-15	10:26	1Q
Arizona State — Gonzalez 26 FG	0-18	6:27	1Q
Arizona State — Grice 1 run (Gonzalez kick)	0-25	4:45	1Q
COLORADO — Spruce 10 pass from Liufau (pass failed)	6-25	14:54	2Q
Arizona State — Coleman 1 pass from Kelly (Gonzalez kick)	6-32	13:27	2Q
Arizona State — Safety, Liufau intentional grounding in end zone	6-34	9:48	2Q
Arizona State — Gonzalez 41 FG	6-37	7:57	2Q
Arizona State — Gonzalez 20 FG	6-40	5:49	2Q
Arizona State — Kelly 17 run (Gonzalez kick)	6-47	0:16	2Q
Arizona State — Robinson 1 run (Gonzalez kick)	6-54	3:22	3Q
COLORADO — Powell 8 run (Oliver kick)	13-54	11:03	4Q

Attendance: 50,104 **Time:** 3:00

Weather: 81 degrees, clear skies, 8 mph winds from the west

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	ARIZONA STATE
First Downs	17	29
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	7-14 (1-1)	7-14 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	35-99	58-276
Passing Yards	169	256
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	30-18-3	22-11-0
Total Offense	268	532
Return Yards	0	77
Punts: No-Average	4-40.8	2-36.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	8/75	3/25
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-2	3-20
Time of Possession	26:20	33:40
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C23	12/AS42
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (13)	7-8 (42)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Adkins 16-62, Powell 7-29, Jones 4-12, Liufau 4-10, Wood 2-minus 11, Team 2-minus 3. **Arizona State:** Grice 13-88, Robinson 15-69, Bercovici 6-39, Kelly 5-36, Lewis 9-19, Foster 6-18, R. Smith 1-11, Eubank 1-2, Team 2-minus 6.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 26-18-2, 169, 1 td; Wood 4-0-1, 0 td. **Arizona State:** Kelly 19-9-0, 233, 2 td; Bercovici 3-2-0, 23.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 5-42, Richardson 4-39, McCulloch 3-41, Goodson 2-20, Powell 1-22, Slavin 1-8, Ross 1-minus 1, Adkins 1-minus 2. **Arizona State:** Strong 3-109, Grice 2-46, C. Smith 1-47, R. Smith 1-25, Rogers 1-12, Lewis 1-11, Foster 1-5, Coleman 1-1.

Punting—Colorado: O'Neill 4-40.8 (44 long, 0 In20). **Arizona State:** Kelly 1-37.0 (37 long, 1 In20), Haack 1-36.0 (36 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Arizona State:** Nelson 3-31. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Ross 4-86, Hall 1-11. **Arizona State:** Lewis 1-19, Foster 1-16.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Daigh 8,2—10; Gillam 6,2—8; Bell 6,1—7; Webb 4,3—7; Thompson 3,3—6; Greer 4,1—5; Henderson 3,2—5; Awuzie 4,0—4; Gilbert 3,0—3; Orms 3,0—3; Henington 2,1—3; Mosley 2,1—3; Poston 2,1—3. **Arizona State:** Wadood 7,0—7; Young 6,1—7; Fiso 4,3—7; Bishop 4,2—6; Bradford 3,1—4; Coleman 2,2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Bonsu 1-2. **Arizona State:** Bradford 1½-12, Young 1-3, Coleman ½-5.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Arizona State:** Randall 1-26, Carrington 1-20, Nelson 1-0.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Bell, Gillam, Henderson, Thompson, Webb. **Arizona State:** Nelson.

GAME NOTES

Colorado donned black helmets for just the sixth time in its history, and are now 1-5 in the head gear (this was the third road game; the other two were losses at UCLA in 2011 and at Arizona last year) ... The game time was exactly 3:00 (only 26 in CU's last 284 have been played un under three hours) ... CU lost its 11th straight Pac-12 game (school record for most consecutive losses in conference play; old mark was eight twice) ... CU snapped an 0-for-19 streak on third downs in the first quarter (last try at Oregon State; 0-of-15 vs. Oregon and 0-of-3 before converting against ASU); Colorado was 5-of-5 on third down in the second half ... **TB Christian Powell's** 8-yard run for a touchdown in the fourth quarter was CU's first rushing touchdown this season ... **PK Will Oliver** improved to 10-of-10 on PAT kicks in 2013, extending his consecutive streak made to 40 ... **SN Ryan Iverson** had one tackle on punt coverage, giving him 13 (10 solo) for his career, tying the most career tackles in school history by a long snapper (**Chris O'Donnell** had 13 from 1987-90) ... **QB Sefo Liufau** became the ninth true freshman to play for the Buffs this season when he appeared in the first quarter; the last true freshman to appear in a game at quarterback for CU was Tyler Hansen, who made his debut in a 14-13 win against Kansas State in Boulder on Oct. 18, 2008; he completed 7-of-14 passes for 71 yards (1 TD/1 INT). He made his starting debut the following week at Missouri.



COLORADO 43 CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 10

OCTOBER 19, 2013

FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME **6**

Charleston Southern	0	10	0	0	—	10
COLORADO	8	14	7	14	—	43

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Adkins 23 run (O'Neill run)	8-0	12:52	1Q
Charleston Southern — Deboy 33 FG	8-3	14:50	2Q
COLORADO — Adkins 5 run (Oliver kick)	15-3	11:41	2Q
COLORADO — Richardson 60 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	22-3	9:16	2Q
Charleston Southern — Korn 7 pass from Copeland (Higgins kick)	22-10	0:06	2Q
COLORADO — Powell 2 run (Oliver kick)	29-10	7:11	3Q
COLORADO — Adkins 33 run (Oliver kick)	36-10	11:22	4Q
COLORADO — Adkins 34 run (Oliver kick)	43-10	6:09	4Q

Attendance: 36,730 Time: 2:50

Weather: 61 degrees, mostly sunny skies, 20 percent humidity, 5 mph winds from the east

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	CHARLESTON
First Downs	19	11
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	5-10 (1-1)	5-16 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	31-218	45-148
Passing Yards	198	48
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	21-15-0	14-7-1
Total Offense	416	196
Return Yards	8	0
Punts: No-Average	4-39.8	7-43.1
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	2/25	6/33
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-21	1-14
Time of Possession	23:13	36:47
Drives/Average Field Position	11/C39	11/CS20
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-2 (14)	2-2 (10)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Adkins 13-137, Powell 11-52, Jones 4-37, Liufau 3-minus 8. **CSU:** Copeland 20-50, Holloway 5-44, Reyes 14-43, Allen 2-10, Hammond 2-2, Frazier 2-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 20-14-0, 198, 1 td; Wood 1-1-0, 0, 0 td. **Charleston Southern:** Copeland 13-7-1, 48, 1 td; Reyes 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Richardson 8-122, Spruce 2-27, Goodson 1-28, Canty 1-15, McCulloch 1-5, Adkins 1-1, Ross 1-0. **CSU:** Korn 4-32, Gleans 1-16, Hammond 1-0, Reyes 1-0.

Punting—Colorado: O'Neill 4-39.8 (42 long, 2 In20). **Charleston Southern:** Burns 7-43.1 (71 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Spruce 2-4. **Charleston Southern:** none. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Severson 2-52. **Charleston Southern:** Hammond 1-16, Cruz 1-13.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Gillam 6,2—8; Greer 6,2—8; Crawley 6,0—6; Henderson 6,0—6; Awuzie 5,0—5; Parker 3,1—4; Solis 3,1—4; Tupou 3,1—4; Bell 2,1—3; Uzo-Diribe 2,1—3; Webb 2,1—3; Wilson 2,1—3; Orms 1,1—2; Poston 1,1—2. **Charleston Southern:** Jackson 5,0—5; Curl 4,1—5; Lee 4,1—5; Smith 4,0—4; Freeman 4,0—4; Brown 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Awuzie 1-12, Uzo-Diribe 1-9. **Charleston Southern:** Smith 1-14.

Interceptions—Colorado: Bell 1-4. **Charleston Southern:** none.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Henderson, Thompson. **Charleston Southern:** none.

GAME NOTES

Colorado averaged eight yards per play on offense (8.0) for the first time since 2005 (8.14 vs. North Texas) ... Colorado dropped to **0-6** on the coin toss in 2013 ... The first half took **1 hour, 16 minutes** to play ... The final game time was **2:50**, CU's first sub-3:00 game since 2011 at UCLA (2:54), and the fastest since Nov. 23, 1991 at Iowa State (a 17-14 win in a blizzard) ... Colorado improved to **3-2** all-time vs. FCS programs, Charleston Southern fell to **0-23** against FBS teams ... **TB Michael Adkins** and **QB Sefo Liufau** made their first collegiate starts today; it marked the first time in CU history a true freshman at both quarterback and running back made their starting debuts in the same game ... Junior **DE Andre Nichols** saw his first college action (FG/PAT unit) ... Colorado held CSU to 46 yards and just two first downs in the second half (0-of-6 on third downs) ... **DE Chidera Uzo-Diribe** forced his fifth fumble of the year (leads the NCAA) ... There were just **111** total plays in the game (CU averaged 8.0 on its 52, CSU 3.3 on its 59 (which ate up 36:47 on the clock); 34 fewer than in any game to date involving CU ... The two-point conversion was added to college football in 1958; this marked the first time a CU punter played a role in converting one when **Darragh O'Neill** ran it in.

BOULDER — Stepping away from their Pac-12 Conference schedule on a perfect mid-October Saturday, the Colorado Buffaloes eventually stepped out of Folsom Field with a 43-10 win over Charleston Southern.

Michael Adkins II, a true freshman from San Diego, accounted for a freshman school record four touchdowns on runs of 23, 5, 33 yards and 34 yards. Entering Saturday's game, the Buffs had scored one rushing TD in their previous five games.

Tailback/fullback Christian Powell also scored on a 2-yard run as the Buffs enjoyed their most productive running afternoon of the season (218 yards).

The Buffs broke a three-game losing streak, evened their record at 3-3 and won their first game under first-time starting quarterback Sefo Liufau.

In his first start Saturday, he was 14-of-20 for 198 yards. Liufau's TD pass covered 60 yards, most of them courtesy of fleet junior Paul Richardson in the second quarter. Richardson finished with eight receptions for 122 yards.

The game against previously unbeaten CSU, the FCS' No. 23-ranked team, was arranged on Sept. 30; it replaced a Sept. 14 game against Fresno State which was postponed due to the record rainfall and floods that ravaged the Boulder and area.

CSU, which entered the afternoon 7-0, was without its first two quarterbacks and started freshman Kyle Copeland, who was playing in only his third game and had thrown two incompletions in his only two attempts. Copeland's final passing stats: 7-of-14 for 48 yards, one TD, one interception.

CU outgained CSU 416-196 in total offense, with the Buffs adjusting to CSU's option attack and holding them to zero points and 46 total yards in the second half.

The Buffs got out of the first half with a 22-10 lead largely made possible by a timely forced fumble from Chidera Uzo-Diribe and Paul Richardson's runaway speed. Uzo-Diribe stripped CSU quarterback Kyle Copeland at the Buccaneers' 12-yard line in the second quarter. Two plays later, Adkins took a handoff headed off left tackle, weaved to his right and scored from 5 yards out for his and the Buffs second score of the game. He previously broke free for a 23-yard TD on the opening drive. Punter Darragh O'Neill then scored on the two-point conversion.

CU's 15-3 lead ballooned to 22-3 after a three-and-out CSU series and the 60-yard pitch-and-catch executed by Liufau and Richardson. Credit Liufau with keeping the play afloat; he fielded a bouncing center snap, collected himself and spotted Richardson crossing right to left in front of the formation. Richardson took the short pass, reversed his field and outran two Buccaneers in pursuit to the right pylon.

But after CU had surged in front 22-3, CSU collected itself for its second 9-plus minute drive of the half — the first ended with a field goal when an apparent TD pass on a well-designed pitch was reviewed and overruled — and scored on a 7-yard Copeland to Colton Korn pass six seconds before intermission.

The Buffs scored on their first possession of the second half, opening a 29-10 lead after a 13-play, 64-yard march capped by Powell's 2-yard run. Exactly 3 minutes later — at 4:11 — Liufau and his offense failed to capitalize on a Jered Bell interception near midfield, and the quarter ended with CU clutching its 19-point advantage.

With 11:22 remaining, Adkins' 33-yard jaunt and Oliver's extra point sent the Buffs comfortably ahead 36-10. Just over 5 minutes later, Adkins shook loose again and broke three tackles and ran 34 yards en route to his record-setting fourth TD.

Wood replaced Liufau and Tony Jones replaced Adkins with just over 3 minutes remaining, with CU taking possession near its 15-yard line and ending the game near midfield.



ARIZONA 44 COLORADO 20

OCTOBER 26, 2013

FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME 7

Arizona	10	14	10	10	—	44
COLORADO	7	6	7	0	—	20

BOULDER — Behind a career-high 192 yards rushing by QB B.J. Denker and another 119 by tailback Ka'Deem Carey, low by his standards, the Arizona Wildcats slowly pulled away to a 44-20 win over the Colorado Buffaloes.

Denker also completed 21-of-32 passes for 265 yards and a touchdown, giving him 457 yards in total offense – the sixth-highest output in school history, with his 192 yards rushing believed to be a school record for a QB. The Buffs held Carey, the nation's leading rusher, to 42 yards below his average but he did find the end zone four times.

Sefo Liufau, making his first Pac-12 start for the Buffaloes (3-4, 0-4 Pac-12), finished 17-for-32 for 212 yards and a 75-yard touchdown to Paul Richardson, who made seven catches for 132 yards. The Buffs managed 349 yards in total offense, 137 of them on the ground.

Indeed, the Buffs played the Wildcats toe-to-toe through the game's first 27 ½ minutes, even taking a 13-10 lead on Liufau's 75-yard TD pass to Richardson and a pair of Will Oliver field goals that were set up by Arizona turnovers.

CU linebacker Woodson Greer recovered an Arizona fumble that led to Oliver's career-long 53-yard field goal and tied the score at 10-10 with 14:50 left in the second quarter. Just under 5 minutes later, after Oliver was just wide left on a 52-yard attempt, Denker was intercepted by Buffs safety Jered Bell, who returned the pick 26 yards to the Wildcats 49, a drive that ended with an Oliver 48-yarder to make it 13-10 with 5:07 left in the first half.

Allowing the Wildcats (5-2, 2-2 Pac-12) two touchdowns in the first half's final 2:28, the Buffs found themselves trailing 24-13 at intermission. Arizona got the first of those two scores on a 7-yard run by Carey, capping a nine-play, 75-yard march. Then, after Arizona's defense forced a CU three-and-out, Carey ran 30 yards and Denker connected with slot receiver Nate Phillips, who got a step on Bell, for a 44-yard TD pass.

CU tied the score on the long Liufau-Richardson scoring pass, then Jake Smith's 37-yard field goal sent Arizona up 10-7 with 4:34 left in the first quarter.

Needing a defensive stop to open the second half, the Buffs got a partial stop. Three plays – two of them runs by Denker that netted 65 yards – put the Wildcats inside the Buffs' 10 with first-and-goal. But CU held Arizona to a field goal – a 26-yarder by Smith – then responded with its own 75-yard drive (nine plays) and pulled to within seven (27-20) on Michael Adkins II's 1-yard plunge and Oliver's PAT.

Carey scored his third TD of the night – another 1-yard dive – and Smith kicked Arizona ahead again by two touchdowns (34-20) with 7:55 left in the third quarter.

Liufau, with the help of a personal foul (facemask) on Arizona cornerback Jonathan McKnight that nullified an interception, drove CU to the Arizona 4-yard line but no further. Liufau's fourth-down pass to the end zone fell incomplete.

After it was made, just over 3 minutes later, the fourth quarter began with the Buffs still trailing by 14 points.

And the end was beginning . . . CU attempted a fake punt at its own 15-yard line, with punter Darragh O'Neill trying to skirt left end but being hammered after a 3-yard gain to the 18. Carey needed two runs to cover that distance, scoring his fourth TD on a 6-yard run up the middle.

After Smith's extra point the Wildcats were cruising, 41-20, with 14:30 remaining. He added a 28-yard field goal to make it 44-20 with 9:10 to play and that ended the scoring.

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Arizona — Carey 1 run (Smith kick)	0-7	7:55	1Q
COLORADO — Richardson 75 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	7-7	7:42	1Q
Arizona — Smith 37 FG	7-10	4:34	1Q
COLORADO — Oliver 53 FG	10-10	14:50	2Q
COLORADO — Oliver 48 FG	13-10	5:12	2Q
Arizona — Carey 7 run (Smith kick)	13-17	2:28	2Q
Arizona — Phillips 44 pass from Denker (Smith kick)	13-24	0:50	2Q
Arizona — Smith 26 FG	13-27	13:25	3Q
COLORADO — Adkins 1 run (Oliver kick)	20-27	9:53	3Q
Arizona — Carey 1 run (Smith kick)	20-34	7:55	3Q
Arizona — Carey 6 run (Smith kick)	20-41	14:30	4Q
Arizona — Smith 28 FG	20-44	9:10	4Q

Attendance: 38,679 **Time:** 3:15

Weather: 59 degrees, clear skies, 31 percent humidity, 3 mph winds from the southeast

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	ARIZONA
First Downs	19	26
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	7-17 (0-2)	7-16 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	42-137	50-405
Passing Yards	212	265
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	33-17-1	32-21-1
Total Offense	349	670
Return Yards	26	19
Punts: No-Average	5-38.6	4-37.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	2/20	5/69
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	30:31	29:29
Drives/Average Field Position	15/C30	14/A26
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-2 (7)	6-6 (34)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Adkins 16-54, Powell 13-35, Liufau 8-33, Jones 4-14, O'Neill 1-1. **Arizona:** Denker 15-192, Carey 23-119, Jenkins 9-87, Baker 3-7.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 32-17-1, 212, 1 td; Richardson 1-0-0, 0. **Arizona:** Denker 32-21-1, 265, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Richardson 7-132, Spruce 3-28, Goodson 2-27, Fernandez 2-12, Jones 2-7, Adkins 1-6. **Arizona:** Grant 6-41, Phillips 4-69, Miller 3-69, Richards 3-50, Carey 3-12, Wharton 2-24.

Punting—Colorado: O'Neill 5-38.6 (47 long, 3 In20). **Arizona:** Riggelman 4-37.0 (55 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Arizona:** none. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Severson 2-79. **Arizona:** Grant 1-23.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Orms 13, 2—15; Awuzie 5, 7—12; Bell 7, 2—9; Greer 5, 2—7; Gillam 3, 4—7; Henderson 1, 5—6; Uzo-Diribe 3, 2—5; Crawley 4, 0—4; Webb 3, 1—4; Tupou 1, 2—3; Kafovalu 2, 0—2; Solis 2, 0—2; Wilson 2, 0—2. **Arizona:** Wright 6, 3—9; Parks 7, 0—7; Fischer 5, 2—7; Flowers 6, 0—6; Gilbert 2, 4—6; four with 4, 1—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Arizona:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Bell 1-26. **Arizona:** Parks 1-19.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Henderson 2, Uzo-Diribe 2, Crawley, Wilson. **Arizona:** Parks 2, Grandon, Holiday, McKnight.

GAME NOTES

It was the annual Blackout Breast Cancer game, so the Buffaloes wore all black, including pink accessories (and the Ralphie logo was pink as well); but the Buffs dropped to **21-22-1** all-time wearing all black (**0-3** with black helmets) ... Colorado fell to **61-33-5** in 99 homecoming games, to **50-50-2** in night games overall (**6-1** vs. Arizona, **24-13-2** at home) ... WR Paul Richardson's 75-yard TD reception was his sixth play of 50 yards or longer this season, tying the modern day record for most plays 50 yards or longer in year (and it was the 12th of his career) ... **OLB Woodson Greer** started on the inside (at the will spot) with the Buffs opening in the nickel ... **DL Samson Kafovalu** returned to action as he completed all requirements to play after violating assorted team rules ... Arizona ran 39 first down plays, and gained yardage on 36 of those; the other plays were two rushes for zero and an incomplete pass as UA averaged **9.97** yards on first down; CU averaged a healthy **6.4** ... **FS Jered Bell** made his third interception of the season, which he has returned for 109 yards and a TD; his four career picks he has returned 146 yards ... **P Darragh O'Neill** punted three times inside UA territory, placing all inside the 15 ... **PK Will Oliver** made his career long field goal of 53 yards; he previously had two from 52 yards.



UCLA 45 COLORADO 23

NOVEMBER 2, 2013

ROSE BOWL STADIUM, PASADENA

GAME 8

COLORADO	3	10	0	10	—	23
UCLA	7	14	14	10	—	45

PASADENA, Calif. — What started as a promising day for Colorado ended in a 45-23 loss to the No. 17 UCLA Bruins on a beautiful Saturday at the Rose Bowl.

UCLA trailed 10-7 in the second quarter, but scored a pair of quick touchdowns to go ahead 21-10 and forced CU to play from behind the rest of the way.

Paul Richardson made seven catches for 70 yards, while Christian Powell carried 22 times for 97 yards and kicker Will Oliver hit three of his career-high five field goal attempts, uncharacteristically missing a pair of 45-yarders. Sefo Liufau, making his first Pac-12 road start, finished 25-of-36 passing for 247 yards and one TD.

UCLA quarterback Brett Hundley accounted for four touchdowns, completing 19 of 24 passes for 273 yards and two scores, and running 11 times for 72 yards and another pair of TDs.

Before the Bruins' final first-quarter possession, the Buffs had outgained them 111-17 in total offense and had six first downs to none for the Rose Bowl hosts. CU also had a 3-0 lead, courtesy of Oliver's 23-yard field goal, which followed a wide right 45-yard attempt on the Buffs' first possession and marked Oliver's first miss of the season from that distance.

But it took UCLA two plays — one of them a run for minus-one yard — to take the lead. Following that loss of a yard on first down, Hundley teamed with receiver Devin Fuller for a 75-yard TD pass that put UCLA up 7-3 with 19 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Buffs' effort spilled into the second quarter; Liufau drove them 73 yards in 10 plays, hitting Richardson with a 7-yard scoring pass, moving CU back in front 10-7 with 11:04 left before the half.

In the next 4:27, the Bruins scored twice to take a 21-10 lead. The first TD followed a 61-yard, eight-play drive and was scored by Hundley on an 11-yard run through the middle of the CU defense, then on the ensuing kickoff, Buffs returner Ryan Severson's fumble was recovered by Bruins freshman linebacker Jayon Brown at the CU 14. Three plays later, Hundley and Fuller hooked up again, this time for a 6-yard score. With Fairbairn's extra point, the Bruins took a deep breath and were up 21-10.

CU had 6:20 left before intermission to answer, and Oliver did with his second field goal of the half — a 47-yarder that pulled the Buffs to within eight (21-13).

Hundley took the Bruins 70 yards in 12 plays, scoring the TD on a 1-yard run two plays after he had run 14 yards — again up the middle — to convert a third-and-10 at the CU 19 and that put the Bruins up 28-13.

Liufau then pointed the Buffs in the right direction, marching them to the UCLA 28-yard line before the drive stalled. Oliver came on for a 45-yard field attempt, but it was wide right and after UCLA took possession at the Buffs 48-yard line on the next possession, UCLA extended its lead to 35-13.

CU opened the fourth quarter by completing a 75-yard, 13-play march, capped by Tony Jones' 2-yard dive. The Buffs pulled back to within 15 points (35-20). UCLA hit a 45-yard field goal on its next possession and the Buffs answered that with Oliver's third field goal of the day from 37-yards out to make the score 38-23.

After CU was unsuccessful on an on-sides kick attempt, UCLA benefitted from a short field (47 yards) and scored its final touchdown on an 8-yard Hundley-to-Fuller lateral. UCLA won 45-23.

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Oliver 23 FG	3-0	0:56	1Q
UCLA — Fuller 76 pass from Hundley (Fairbairn kick)	3-7	0:19	1Q
COLORADO — Richardson 7 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	10-7	11:04	2Q
UCLA — Hundley 11 run (Fairbairn kick)	10-14	7:49	2Q
UCLA — Fuller 6 pass from Hundley (Fairbairn kick)	10-21	6:25	2Q
COLORADO — Oliver 47 FG	13-21	1:16	2Q
UCLA — Hundley 1 run (Fairbairn kick)	13-28	10:53	3Q
UCLA — Thigpen 5 run (Fairbairn kick)	13-35	1:24	3Q
COLORADO — Jones 2 run (Oliver kick)	20-35	12:20	4Q
UCLA — Fairbairn 45 FG	20-38	9:12	4Q
COLORADO — Oliver 37 FG	23-38	6:17	4Q
UCLA — Fuller 8 run (Fairbairn kick)	23-45	3:36	4Q

Attendance: 80,377 **Time:** 3:16

Weather: 74 degrees, light haze, 19 percent humidity, 7 mph winds from the southwest

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	UCLA
First Downs	26	18
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	8-17 (0-1)	6-11 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	40-134	33-139
Passing Yards	247	273
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	36-25-0	24-19-0
Total Offense	381	412
Return Yards	0	-2
Punts: No-Average	2-35.0	3-43.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards	5/40	11/122
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	1-8
Time of Possession	35:59	24:01
Drives/Average Field Position	10/C25	12/U41
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	4-4 (20)	5-5 (35)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Powell 22-97, Jones 7-15, Liufau 8-14, Abron 3-8. **UCLA:** Hundley 11-72, Thigpen 4-38, Jones 4-13, Fuller 1-8, James 6-8, Perkins 4-3, Team 3-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 36-25-0, 247, 1 td. **UCLA:** Hundley 24-19-0, 273, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Richardson 7-70, Spruce 6-49, Goodson 3-42, Jones 3-42, Slavin 3-23, Ross 2-11, Powell 1-10. **UCLA:** Payton 4-31, Fuller 3-99 Evans 3-66, Perkins 2-28, Duarte 2-16, Ortiz 2-11, James 2-2, Mazzone 1-20.

Punting—Colorado: O'Neill 2-35.0 (46 long, 1 In20). **UCLA:** Covington 3-43.7 (50 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Spruce 1-0. **UCLA:** Evans 1-minus 2. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Severson 5-84, Ross 1-21. **UCLA:** Fuller 3-102, Zumwalt 1-13.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Webb 6,3—9; Gillam 6,1—7; Orms 5,1—6; Solis 4,1—5; Awuzie 4,0—4; Uzo-Diribe 4,0—4; Bell 3,1—4; Parker 3,1—4; Henderson 2,2—4; Tupou 2,1—3; Hall 1,1—2; Kafovalu 1,1—2; Greer 0,1—1. **UCLA:** Jack 7,2—9; Savalinnaea 6,1—7; Adams 4,2—6; Jefferson 3,3—6; Barr 4,1—5; Zumwalt 3,2—5; Marsh 2,3—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **UCLA:** McCarthy 1-8.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **UCLA:** none.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Henderson 2, Awuzie. **UCLA:** Barr, Jack, McCarthy.

GAME NOTES

Colorado finally won the pregame coin toss, after losing it the first seven games ... CU has lost **13** straight against ranked teams (last win: 34-30 over Kansas in 2009); the Buffs have lost **21** straight road games against ranked opponents, with the last win a 31-17 over UCLA at the Rose Bowl in 2002 ... **CB Jeffrey Hall** made his first career start, subbing for an injured **Kenneth Crawley** ... CU forced UCLA into a "three-and-out" on its opening drive, the fourth time in eight games the Buff defense has accomplished that (the Bruins had four in 12 drives, scoring three of their six TDs on drives started in CU territory) ... CU's **11:33** in time of possession for the first quarter was a quarter high this season, as was its **20:38** in the first half for a half and **35:59** for a game ... CU gained a Pac-12 season best **381** yards, and moved the ball into UCLA territory on seven of 10 drives ... UCLA's **412** total yards and **215** first half yards were the fewest against CU in a league game this year (ASU had the previous game low of 532, OSU had the previous first half low of 285) ... It was feast or famine for the Bruins: their 15 plays of 10 yards or more gained 317 yards; the other 42 just 95 ... CU running backs have combined for **234** carries without a fumble this season ... **ILB Addison Gillam** had seven tackles, bringing his season total to 81, just four shy of the school's freshman record ... With 97 rushing yards, **TB Christian Powell** became the 50th player in school history to rush for 1,000 career yards (**1,067**, 44th on CU's all-time list).



WASHINGTON 59 COLORADO 7

NOVEMBER 9, 2013

HUSKY STADIUM, SEATTLE

GAME **9**

SEATTLE — Washington used a wealth of offensive weapons and broke open a close game with two late first half touchdowns in defeating the Colorado Buffaloes, 59-7, on a cold, drizzly night at Husky Stadium.

After turning a 17-7 edge into a 31-7 halftime lead, Washington (6-3, 3-3 Pac-12) converted three consecutive CU turnovers in the third quarter into 21 points to put the game out of reach.

Two of the Buff turnovers were interceptions thrown by freshman quarterback Sefo Liufau, a product of Bellarmine Prep in nearby Tacoma. His first pick was returned 84 yards for a touchdown by safety Tre Watson, the second pick jump-started a seven-play, 40-yard scoring drive capped by quarterback Keith Price's 4-yard run.

And following those turnovers was a fumble by Tony Jones that was recovered and returned 53 yards for a touchdown by corner Marcus Peters, who also was credited with a tipped pass on Liufau's first pick. It was the first fumble by a CU running back in 2013. When the smoke finally cleared, the Huskies had built an insurmountable 52-7 lead entering the fourth quarter.

CU (3-6, 0-6 Pac-12) finished the night with 299 yards in total offense to UW's 628. The Buffs converted six of 15 third down attempts to the Huskies' eight of 13 — and two of those conversions were for 14 and 12 yards.

Colorado junior Paul Richardson, one of the nation's leading receivers, was still hampered by a sprained ankle he suffered two weeks earlier against Arizona, and in fact wore a protective boot when he exited the team bus and still had it on during the initial walk-through. But in the final warm-ups 30 minutes before the game, he shed the boot and appeared to fairly healthy.

Entering the game in pursuit of a pair of school records, Richardson only played the first half. His 53-yard first-half TD catch was his ninth of the year, two short of Derek McCoy's school record of 11 set in 2003. His 77 yards made him the seventh player to record over 1,000 yards in a season, with his 1,061 by game's end inching him closer to Charles E. Johnson's season mark of 1,149 set in 1992. And that 53-yard catch gave him seven plays (all receptions) of 50-plus yards this season, setting a school record.

UW, which had already scored on four of its first five possessions, drove 66 yards in 46 seconds and got a 15-yard TD pass from Price to Austin Seferian-Jenkins two seconds before halftime, its second score in the half's final four minutes. The Huskies had gone ahead 10-0, but CU answered with a seven-play, 76-yard march highlighted by the Liufau-to-Richardson play to cut it to 10-7.

Price, a senior, was a thorn in CU's side for three years, personally amassing close to 1,000 yards of total offense in leading UW to three wins by a combined score of 149-34. The Huskies had nine possessions in the game, and drove into CU territory on all nine, running 55 of their 80 plays on the Buffs side of the field.

COLORADO	7	0	0	0	—	7
Washington	10	21	21	7	—	59

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Washington — Coons 27 FG	0-3	12:01	1Q
Washington — Sankey 1 run (Coons kick)	0-10	6:39	1Q
COLORADO — Richardson 53 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	7-10	3:56	1Q
Washington — Perkins 6 pass from Price (Coons kick)	7-17	14:55	2Q
Washington — Price 18 run (Coons kick)	7-24	3:19	2Q
Washington — Serefian-Jenkins 15 pass from Price (Coons kick)	7-31	0:02	2Q
Washington — Watson 84 interception return (Coons kick)	7-38	11:49	3Q
Washington — Price 4 run (Coons kick)	7-45	7:04	3Q
Washington — Peters 53 fumble return (Coons kick)	7-52	3:45	3Q
Washington — Washington 5 run (Coons kick)	7-59	11:50	4Q

Attendance: 66,599 **Time:** 2:48

Weather: 50 degrees, light rain throughout, 75 percent humidity, negligible winds

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	WASHINGTON
First Downs	15	28
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	6-15 (0-2)	8-13 (2-4)
Rushes—Net Yards	37-128	51-316
Passing Yards	171	312
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	25-14-2	29-22-0
Total Offense	299	628
Return Yards	0	160
Punts: No-Average	3-45.0	0-0.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards	1/4	6/50
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-11	2-14
Time of Possession	29:08	30:52
Drives/Average Field Position	11/C26	9/W30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	0-1 (0)	7-9 (45)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Powell 12-73, Adkins 5-26, Abron 7-19, Jones 6-14, Liufau 5-minus 1, Team 2-minus 3. **Washington:** Sankey 23-143, Washington 4-57, Miles 2-45, Price 7-29, Cooper 8-25, Ross 1-15, Callier 4-5, Team 2-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 22-12-2, 160, 1 td; Wood 3-2-0, 11, 0 td. **Washington:** Price 29-22-0, 312, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 5-40, Richardson 3-77, Goodson 2-18, Adkins 1-18, Cauty 1-10, Jones 1-7, McCulloch 1-1. **Washington:** Mickens 5-72, Smith 5-55, Sankey 4-53, Serefian-Jenkins 3-62, Hall 2-43, Ross 2-21, Perkins 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: O'Neill 3-45.0 (56 long, 1 In20). **Washington:** none.

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Washington:** none. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Severson 8-171. **Washington:** Ross 2-34.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Henderson 8, 1—9; Webb 5, 3—8; Gillam 4, 3—7; Crawley 3, 3—6; Bell 4, 1—5; Orms 4, 1—5; Thompson 4, 1—5; Wilson 2, 3—5; Awuzie 2, 2—4; Mosley 3, 0—3; Uzo-Diribe 3, 0—3. **Washington:** Lawyer 4, 2—6; Littleton 3, 3—6; Tutogi 3, 3—6; Shelton 2, 4—6; Feeney 3, 2—5; King 3, 1—4; Timu 2, 2—4; Watson 2, 2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Gillam 1-2, Wilson ½-5; Kafovalu ½-4. **Washington:** Parker 1-6, Littleton ½-4, Shelton ½-4.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Washington:** Watson 1-84, Parker 1-23.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Bell, Henderson. **Washington:** Peters.

GAME NOTES

Washington now leads the all-time series **8-5-1**, having won the last five meetings (the first three with both as members of the Pac-12) ... The five straight wins ties the second longest current winning streak over CU; USC has won seven straight and Missouri and Texas also own wins the last five times out against the Buffs ... Colorado dropped to **79-34** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season ... Since 1989, CU is now **56-38-1** in its last **95** November games (**50-26** against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 6-12-1 against the Huskers, and **51-15** against unranked teams) ... **ILB Clay Norgard** saw his first career action, playing on special teams (kickoff return unit) ... Of the **70** players on the trip, **59** played in the game (with six redshirting) ... Washington converted all three CU turnovers into touchdowns (21 points); two via return (interception, fumble), the first defensive returns for scores against CSU this year ... the fumble (by **TB Tony Jones**) came after **253** carries without a fumble by CU running backs in 2013 ... The 53-yard TD reception by **WR Paul Richardson** was his ninth of the season, and he became just the fourth Buff to have that many in a year; the nine have covered **465** yards, or 51.7 per; his **20** career have spanned **836** yards (41.8) ... It was also his 13th career play of 50 yards or longer, the seventh in 2013; both are modern day Colorado records (the only players possibly with more would have been **Kayo Lam** in 1935 and **Byron White** in 1937, but those records do not exist) ... Richardson also surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for receiving yards for the season, just the seventh CU player to accomplish that feat ... **ILB Addison Gillam** recorded seven tackles to give him 88 for the season, a CU record for the most tackles by a freshman for a single season in school history ... **ILB Ryan Severson** tied for the second most kickoff returns in a game at Colorado (8), with the 171 yards the fifth-most ever.



COLORADO 41 CALIFORNIA 24

NOVEMBER 16, 2013

FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME **10**

BOULDER — On a cold and windswept afternoon at Folsom Field, the Colorado Buffaloes presented coach Mike MacIntyre with his first Pac-12 Conference win in a 41-24 victory over California, ending a 14-game league losing streak that also marked CU's 300th win at Folsom Field, its home since 1924.

The Buffs' 485 yards in total offense against the Bears marked their most productive game since getting 509 in the season-opening win against Colorado State. The bulk of CU's total was produced by freshman quarterback Sefo Liufau, who completed 23 of 36 passes for 364 yards and three touchdowns, with one interception.

The fleet Paul Richardson did his part, as did Nelson Spruce. Over half of Liufau's completions went to "P-Rich" (11 catches, 140 yards) and Spruce (eight for a career-high 140). Richardson's 11 catches tied the school single-game record.

Liufau's three TD tosses were to tailbacks Michael Adkins II (63 yards) and Tony Jones and tight end Kyle Slavin. Tailback Christian Powell ran for a 2-yard score and Spruce returned an on-side kickoff 46 yards for CU's final TD.

The Buffs (4-6, 1-6 Pac-12) closed out the half by scoring twice in just under 2 minutes to take a 24-10 lead. That pair of swift scores came on a 10-yard pass from Liufau to Jones and the TD run by Powell, who finished with 60 yards on 18 carries. Adkins ran nine times for 39 yards and Jones' eight attempts netted 22 yards.

CU never trailed, going up 3-0 on a Will Oliver 27-yard first-quarter field goal, and increased the margin to 10-0 on a 10-yard Liufau pass to Slavin, his second career TD.

Cal pulled to 10-3 on a 42-yard Vincenzo D'Amato field goal with 8:25 left before halftime. Less than 2 minutes later, the Bears tied the score at 10 on a 55-yard sprint by Khalfani Muhammad. The Buffs answered with their two quick scores and had their first halftime lead in Pac-12 play of the season.

CU dodged a bullet early in third quarter when Liufau was intercepted after his arm was hit in mid-release; the fluttering pass was picked off by Cal linebacker Jalen Jefferson at the CU 38-yard line. But the Buffs allowed the Bears only three yards and stopped them on fourth down to escape any damage.

After Cal coach Sonny Dykes pulled Goff on the Bears' fourth series of the third quarter, replacing him with redshirt freshman Zach Kline, the Buffs held the Bears to a three-and-out.

Liufau promptly drove CU to the Cal 7-yard line, where the drive stalled and Oliver kicked his second field goal of the game – a 24-yarder that pushed the Buffs up 27-10.

In the first 3 minutes of the final quarter, CU clinched the 'W' on the 63-yard catch-and-run from Liufau to Adkins. He scrambled out of at least four tackles, sprinting and weaving in front of the Buffs bench on his way to the end zone, making the score 34-10.

Two series later, Jared Goff drove the Bears 52 yards in 10 plays, with running back Brendan Bigelow scoring on a 1-yard run, pulling pulled Cal to within 34-17. But the Bears' onside kick attempt backfired when Spruce fielded the ball cleanly and returned it untouched for 46 yards and a touchdown.

Cal (1-10, 0-8) scored its final TD on a 26-yard Bigelow run with 1:23 left; this time, the Bears executed the onside kick, but Goff was intercepted in the end zone by corner Kenneth Crawley to prevent a final cosmetic score.

California.....	0	10	0	14	—	24
COLORADO	3	21	3	14	—	41

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Oliver 27 FG	3- 0	3:02	1Q
COLORADO — Slavin 10 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	10- 0	14:56	2Q
California — D'Amato 42 FG	10- 3	8:25	2Q
California — Muhammad 55 run (D'Amato kick)	10-10	7:11	2Q
COLORADO — Jones 10 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	17-10	2:40	2Q
COLORADO — Powell 2 run (Oliver kick)	24-10	0:46	2Q
COLORADO — Oliver 24 FG	27-10	0:42	3Q
COLORADO — Adkins II 63 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	34-10	12:22	4Q
California — Bigelow 1 run (D'Amato kick)	34-17	6:14	4Q
COLORADO — Spruce 46 onside kickoff return (Oliver kick)	41-17	6:07	4Q
California — Bigelow 26 run (D'Amato kick)	41-24	1:23	4Q

Attendance: 38,252 **Time:** 3:24

Weather: 53 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 28% humidity, 6 mph winds/west (gusting to 47)

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	CALIFORNIA
First Downs	23	23
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	6-14 (0-0)	4-17 (3-5)
Rushes—Net Yards	38-121	34-197
Passing Yards	364	214
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	36-23-1	52-26-1
Total Offense	485	411
Return Yards	2	12
Punts: No-Average	5-37.0	7-48.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	4/33	4/37
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	3-16	0-0
Time of Possession	32:41	27:19
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C25	15/W33
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	5-6 (27)	1-1 (7)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Powell 18-60, Adkins 9-39, Jones 8-22, Liufau 2-2, Team 1-minus 2. **California:** Bigelow 15-107, Muhammad 10-78, Goff 6-9, Kline 3-3.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 36-23-1, 364, 3 td. **California:** Goff 45-23-1, 173, 0 td; Kline 7-3-0, 41, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Richardson 11-140, Spruce 8-140, Adkins 1-63, Jones 1-10, Slavin 1-10, Goodson 1-1. **California:** Treggs 7-32, Lawler 6-81, Grison 2-18, Muhammad 2-18, Anderson 2-17, Harper 2-10, Bigelow 2-7, Rodgers 1-20, Powe 1-6, Harris 1-5.

Punting—Colorado: O'Neill 5-37.0 (45 long, 1 In20). **California:** Leininger 4-54.2 (58 long, 1 In20); Goff 3-40.3 (44 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Spruce 1-2. **California:** Treggs 3-12. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Spruce 1-46. **California:** Muhammad 2-46, Gingold 1-10, Powe 1-minus 1.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Gillam 10,1—11; Webb 10,1—11; Bell 6,4—10; Awuzie 5,3—8; Crawley 6,1—7; Thompson 3,1—4; Tupou 3,1—4; Henderson 2,2—4; Uzo-Diribe 3,0—3; Solis 1,2—3; Henington 2,0—2; Kafovalu 2,0—2. **California:** Lowe 9,2—11; Barton 8,2—10; Jackson 8,1—9; Walker 5,3—8; Jefferson 6,1—7; Kragen 4,1—5; Dozier 4,0—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Uzo-Diribe 2-9, Kafovalu 1-7. **California:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Crawley 1-0. **California:** Jefferson 1-0.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Crawley 2, Gillam 2, Awuzie, Parker, Thompson, Uzo-Diribe. **California:** Lowe.

GAME NOTES

This was the second time in seven series games that the two schools played with first-year head coaches (**Mike MacIntyre**, **Sonny Dykes**); back in 1982, they opened the season against each other with **Bill McCartney** (CU) and **Joe Kapp** (Cal) coaching their first-ever games ... Spruce's return of the onside kickoff for a touchdown was the first in CU history ... The Buffs improved to **300-159-10** in its 90th season playing home games at Folsom Field ... Colorado cut the Cal lead in the series to **4-3**; the Buffs lead in Boulder, 3-2 ... The **41** points were the most by the Buffs in the series ... The **21** second quarter points matched CU's high for a quarter this year (also in the fourth vs. Central Arkansas), and the **24** points were a first half high, as was its **324** total yards ... The Buffs scored their first touchdown of the year in the last two minutes of the first half (came in outscored 56-3) ... Richardson broke the school record for single-season receiving yards, ending the game with 1,201; that eclipsed the 21-year old mark of 1,149 set by **Charles E. Johnson** in 1992. He also tied the single-game reception mark and the season best for 100-yard games (six) ... Spruces enjoyed his second 100-yard day, thus it was the 15th time two players had 100-plus games ... **QB Sefo Liufau** had his first multi-TD game; the 364 yards tied for the 16th most in a game in CU history, the second-most by a freshman (Koy Detmer had 418 against Oklahoma in 1992; he was also a true frosh) ... **P Darragh O'Neill** had one punt inside-the-20, the **65th** of his career, tying **John Torp's** CU record set from 2002-05.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 47 GAME 11 COLORADO 29

NOVEMBER 23, 2013

FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

BOULDER — Southern California turned Colorado's Senior Night at frigid Folsom Field sour, beating the Buffs 47-29 for its eighth consecutive win in the series and snuffing CU's hopes of reaching the postseason.

The loss dropped the Buffs to 4-7 overall (1-7 Pac-12), while USC (9-3, 6-2) kept rolling under interim coach Ed Orgeron (6-1 since he took over) and took advantage of a pair of late first half turnovers and turned a 9-0 lead into 23-0 in the final six minutes of the half.

But in mid-20-degree temperatures, the Buffs converted a Trojans fumble into a score before the second half was a minute old, but never could generate enough offense to catch USC. USC outgained CU 449-312 in total offense, with just over half of the Buffs' output coming in the fourth quarter. Through three quarters, CU had 150 yards of total offense against a USC defense that ranked second in the Pac-12.

Although they able to generate only 36 yards in total offense in the first quarter, CU had stayed close, trailing only 9-0. USC drove 71 yards in 10 plays on its first possession and went ahead 7-0 on Allen's 12-yard run and Andre Heidari's extra point kick. With 1:04 left in the quarter, USC's added a safety when Soma Vainuku blocked Darragh O'Neill's punt out of the end zone.

Pulled down from the backside by defensive end Leonard Williams, Liufau lost the ball and USC end George Uko gathered it in at the CU 20-yard line. Five plays later, Allen scored his second TD, this one on a 1-yard run. The Trojans went up 16-0.

On CU's next series, USC free safety Dion Bailey pulled in a Liufau pass that appeared headed for the Buffs bench. Cody Kessler took the Trojans the distance in eight plays, hitting receiver Nelson Agholor with a 20-yard scoring pass, making it 23-0 at the half.

CU needed a break — and got it — to start the second half. On USC's first possession, Allen was stripped of the ball by CU safety Jered Bell, who scooped and scored with a 31-yard run, making it 23-7.

USC went 75 yards on the ensuing possession, getting a 46-yard run from Allen and scoring on a 10-yard pass from Kessler to tight end Randall Telfer. The Buffs were again looking at a 23-point deficit (30-7) with 11:29 left in the third quarter.

Less than 5 minutes later, Allen took revenge on Bell, juking him with an outside fake and cutting inside on the way to a 23-yard TD. USC went up 37-7 and Allen went over 100 yards rushing (123) with his third TD of the night.

Less than a minute into the fourth quarter, Liufau and Spruce teamed for their 38-yard score, with Spruce taking the ball off the back of a USC defender at the 1-yard line and stepping into the end zone to make it 37-14 but then Heidari's 39-yard field goal extended the Trojans' margin to 40-14 with 10:14 to play.

A 30-yard Liufau completion to Richardson set up a 3-yard TD run by Adkins that got the Buffs to within 40-21. That was followed by a Liufau-to-Richardson 5-yard scoring pass and Liufau's two-point conversion pass to D.D. Goodson that drew the Buffs to within 40-29.

CU attempted an on-sides kick, but USC recovered with 3:16 left and when Vainuku scored on a 52-yard run a minute later and Heidari booted the extra point, the night's scoring and CU's home season were done.

Southern California	9	14	14	10	—	47
COLORADO	0	0	7	22	—	29

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
USC — Allen 12 run (Heidari kick)	0-7	5:34	1Q
USC — Safety, Vainuku blocked punt out of end zone	0-9	1:04	1Q
USC — Allen 1 run (Heidari kick)	0-16	5:23	2Q
USC — Agholor 20 pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)	0-23	0:42	2Q
COLORADO — Bell 31 fumble return (Oliver kick)	7-23	14:46	3Q
USC — Telfer 10 pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)	7-30	11:29	3Q
USC — Allen 23 run (Heidari kick)	7-37	7:19	3Q
COLORADO — Spruce 38 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	14-37	14:34	4Q
USC — Heidari 39 FG	14-40	10:14	4Q
COLORADO — Adkins II 3 run (Oliver kick)	21-40	8:01	4Q
COLORADO — Richardson 5 pass from Liufau (Goodson pass from Liufau)	29-40	3:19	4Q
USC — Vainuku 52 run (Heidari kick)	29-47	2:19	4Q

Attendance: 36,005 **Time:** 3:19

Weather: 29 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 64% humidity, 3 mph winds/northwest

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	USC
First Downs	18	20
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	3-11 (0-1)	8-16 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	31-124	41-243
Passing Yards	188	206
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	33-17-1	30-20-0
Total Offense	312	449
Return Yards	31	33
Punts: No-Average	7-35.3	6-30.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties/Yards	3/35	3/25
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-9	2-13
Time of Possession	26:36	33:24
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C25	15/SC38
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-2 (15)	3-3 (21)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Adkins 14-63, Powell 8-41, Jones 5-24, Goodson 1-2, Liufau 3-minus 6. **USC:** Allen 21-145, Vainuku 5-70, Isaac 8-26, Akiba 3-9, Madden 1-6, Wittek 2-minus 5, Kessler 1-minus 8.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 33-17-1, 188, 2 td. **USC:** Kessler 28-19-0, 184, 2 td; Wittek 2-1-0, 22, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Richardson 8-88, Spruce 4-52, Goodson 2-31, Adkins 2-10, Ross 1-7. **USC:** Grimble 6-46, Rogers 3-56, Agholor 3-38, Allen 3-24, Vainuku 2-11, Isaac 1-17, Telfer 1-10, Pinner 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: O'Neill 6-41.2 (52 long, 0 In20, 1 blk); Team 1-0-0. **USC:** Albarado 6-30.2 (42 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **USC:** Agholor 1-20, Vainuku 1-13, Harris 1-0. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Severson 4-72. **USC:** Cravens 1-33, Agholor 1-24, McQuay 1-3.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Webb 8.3—11; Henderson 4.4—8; Crawley 3.4—7; Bell 5.1—6; Gillam 5.0—5; Solis 3.2—5; Tu'umalo 4.0—4; Tupou 3.1—4; Kafovalu 2.2—4; Daigh 3.0—3; Orms 3.0—3; Five with 1.0—1. **USC:** Tavai 6.0—6; Hutchings 5.1—6; Pullard 4.0—4; Powell 3.0—3; Sarao 3.0—3; Uko 3.0—3; four with 2.1—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Kafovalu 1-8, Tu'umalo 1-1. **USC:** Uko 1-8, Williams 1-5.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **USC:** Bailey 1-0.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Bell, Gillam. **USC:** Harris 2, Shaw 2, Wright.

GAME NOTES

USC now leads the series, **8-0** (CU's longest active losing streak to any school)... The temperature at kickoff was **29** degrees, the 14th coldest for a game at Folsom Field; CU dropped to **11-2-1** all-time at home in sub-30 degree weather at game time (it was the second coldest game in USC history) ... CU finished the year with an attendance total of **229,778** for the season; an average of **38,296** for **six** games ; though CU's lowest figure since 1985 (36,789), it still ranks second for the 19th straight year for per game average in the state for all sport teams in 2013, trailing the Denver Broncos (76,987) but ahead of the Colorado Rockies (34,491) ... On USC's first scoring drive, CU held the Trojans to 3 yards on first down (four rushing plays); however, USC gained 28 yards on second down and 40 on third ... Colorado did not run a play in USC territory until its 28th of the game, with 2:40 left in the first half; it was the only play in plus territory for the half (and was an interception) ... **FS Jered Bell's** 31-yard fumble return for a touchdown was the fifth return TD for the Buffs this year, the most since six in 2004 ... **SS Parker Orms** was presented with the 16th annual Buffalo Heart Award, given by the "fans behind the bench" to the players with those qualities they feel best exemplifies the heart of a Buff ... **WR Paul Richardson (8-88, 1 TD)** now has **79** catches for **1,289** yards, 16.3 per, with 10 touchdowns; he now holds CU's mark for single-season receptions with 79, breaking the old mark of 78 by **D.J. Hackett** set back in 2003. He set the yards mark last week and added to it and pulled to within one of the TD mark (11 by **Derek McCoy**, 2003).



UTAH 24 COLORADO 17

NOVEMBER 30, 2013

RICE-ECCLES STADIUM, SALT LAKE CITY

GAME 12

COLORADO	0	0	7	10	—	17
Utah	14	7	0	3	—	24

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Utah — Murphy 16 pass from Schulz (Phillips kick)	0-7	11:26	1Q
Utah — York 6 run (Phillips kick)	0-14	0:10	1Q
Utah — York 16 run (Phillips kick)	0-21	11:16	2Q
COLORADO — Fernandez 34 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	7-21	9:15	3Q
COLORADO — Oliver 19 FG	10-21	12:17	4Q
Utah — Phillips 46 FG	10-24	8:39	4Q
COLORADO — Spruce 14 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	17-24	2:30	4Q

Attendance: 45,023 Time: 3:17

Weather: 46 degrees, sunny skies, 2 mph winds/northwest

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	UTAH
First Downs	20	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	2-14 (1-2)	6-17 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	25-48	44-155
Passing Yards	273	233
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	47-24-1	33-19-1
Total Offense	321	388
Return Yards	53	23
Punts: No-Average	8-38.0	7-44.1
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties/Yards	2/13	5/43
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-5	3-17
Time of Possession	28:00	32:00
Drives/Average Field Position	16/C31	15/U33
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (10)	3-5 (21)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Adkins 10-38, Powell 5-12, Liufau 7-minus 1, Jones 3-minus 1.
Utah: York 35-132, Schulz 5-20, Radley 2-6, Poole 3-1, Team 3-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 46-23-1, 241, 2 td; Spruce 1-1-0, 32. **Utah:** Schulz 33-19-1, 233, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Spruce 6-66, Fernandez 4-61, Richardson 4-54, Powell 4-33, Goodson 2-11, Liufau 1-32, Slavin 1-7, Adkins 1-6, Jones 1-3. **Utah:** Murphy 8-93, Anderson 7-94, Norwood 1-25, Fitzgerald 1-16, York 1-5, Williams 1-0.

Punting—Colorado: O'Neill 8-38.0 (50 long, 3 in20). **Utah:** Hackett 7-44.1 (54 long, 3 in20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Utah:** Norwood 2-1. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Severson 5-107. **Utah:** Anderson 1-19.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Gillam 6,9—15; Webb 7,7—14; Tupou 4,5—9; Kafovalu 3,3—6; Henderson 4,1—5; Uzo-Diribe 4,1—5; Awuzie 3,2—5; Thompson 3,2—5; Olugbode 3,1—4; Solis 3,1—4; Mosley 2,1—3; Bell 1,2—3; Bonsu 1,2—3. **Utah:** Reilly 3,11—14; Whittingham 2,8—10; Palepoi 3,5—8; McGill 4,2—6; Orphey 5,0—5; Dimick 2,2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Kafovalu ½-3; Tupou ½-2. **Utah:** Fauonuku 1-6, Palepoi 1-6, Dimick 1-5.

Interceptions—Colorado: Gillam 1-11. **Utah:** Reilly 1-3.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Bell, Hall. **Utah:** McGill 2, Orphey 2, Filiaga, Whittingham.

GAME NOTES

Colorado wore all white uniforms for the first time since the 2010 finale at Nebraska and for the first time with black helmets ... Utah's starting right offensive tackle, **Siaoi Aiono**, is the son of former CU guard, **Junior Ili** (1981-85) ... **WR Nelson Spruce's** 32-yard completion to **QB Sefo Liufau** was the first completion to a quarterback since Oct. 20, 2012, when **Jordan Webb** caught a 15-yard pass from Spruce at USC (Spruce is thus 2-of-2 for 47 yards in his career as a passer) ... Colorado recovered an onside kick to open the second half; the Buffs had been 0-of-their-last 8 in onside kick tries; the last recovery of one was on Sept. 11, 2009 (**Jeff Smart** at Toledo) ... CU outscored Utah 14-3 in the second half and outgained the Utes, 209-158 ... Colorado had three fumbles, for a total of 14 for the season; that still was a school low for an 11-plus game season, as the old best was just 18 fumbles in the 1993 and 2004 seasons ... **TE Scott Fernandez** (4-61, 1 TD) caught his second career touchdown, covering 34 yards from **QB Sefo Liufau**; his two career scores covered 105 yards, or 52.5 yards per (he had a 71-yard grab at Arizona in 2012). He also caught a career-high four passes ... **ILB Addison Gillam** (15 tackles) finished the season as the first freshman and just the sixth underclassman to lead CU in tackles with 119 ... **TB Michael Adkins** had 38 yards rushing to finish the season with 535, the sixth-most yards by a freshman in school history (fifth by a true frosh) ... **P Darragh O'Neill** had three punts inside-the-20 to break a tie with **Jon Torp** for the most in a career, ending his junior year with 68.

SALT LAKE CITY — Turnovers and red zone failures helped bring Colorado's season to a frustrating end as Utah capitalized just enough to ease past the Buffaloes, 24-17, sending the Buffaloes back across the Rockies disappointed but not disillusioned after one season under Mike MacIntyre.

"Our kids fought extremely hard," said MacIntyre, whose first CU team finished 4-8 overall and 1-8 in the Pac-12 Conference. "I believe in our last two Pac-12 games we've outplayed the opponent decidedly in the second half and just came up short. I've got to do a better job of getting it started in the first half. We had a couple of plays here and there we could have made and didn't."

The Utes (5-7, 2-7 Pac-12) snapped a five-game losing streak and finished a game ahead of CU in the league's South Division, largely due to taking advantage of two early first half fumbles by CU freshman quarterback Sefo Liufau. Those enabled Utah to build a 21-0 halftime lead, and the Utes would eventually end the game by intercepting Liufau and snuffing a final Buffs threat after they had closed to 24-17 with 2:30 to play.

In addition to limiting Utah to just a field goal in the second half, CU's defense allowed only 158 of their 388 total yards in the final two quarters (and just 46 in the fourth). But as it couldn't the previous week against USC, CU couldn't overcome a calamitous first half.

Utah constructed its three-TD lead on scoring drives that covered just 120 yards (34, 6, 8), yet the Buffs had a golden opportunity to cut into that lead midway through the second quarter. After freshman Addison Gillam made an interception deep in Utah territory, CU would squander a first-and-goal at the Ute 5-yard line; Utah made another great defensive stand early in the fourth quarter in the first half, forcing CU to settle for a field goal after earning a first down at the Utah 3. The Utes had driven to the CU 5, where safety Marques Mosley — playing after senior Parker Orms suffered a first-half shoulder sprain — jarred the ball loose from Jake Murphy at the goal line. Cornerback Jeff Hall retrieved it and nearly reached midfield with his return, with an extra 15 yards added on for a personal foul call on the Utes.

Will Oliver's 19-yard field goal cut the lead to 21-10, CU's second score of the game after Liufau hit a streaking Scott Fernandez for a 34-yard touchdown to cap a 78-yard, seven-play drive on the Buffs' second possession of the half. But Utah came right back and pumped the lead back up to 24-10 on a 46-yard Andy Phillips field goal with 8:39 to go.

After CU punter Darragh O'Neill pinned Utah at its own 1-yard line, the CU defense held and the Buffs took over after a Ute punt at their own 48. Liufau engineered an eight play, 52-yard drive capped by a fourth-and-10 pass at the Utah 14 to Nelson Spruce for a touchdown; Oliver's PAT kick, his 60th in a row, pulled CU to 24-17, but his onside kick attempt went out of bounds and Utah took over at the Buffs 44 with 2:29 left.

CU's defense did its part, stopping the Utes, using timeouts judiciously and forcing another Utah punt. CU took over at its 10 with 2:01 to play, and had a chance, until Liufau was intercepted by linebacker Trevor Reilly at the 36 on the drive's first play. The Utes then ran out the clock and both school's seasons came to a close.