



# 2014 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



## COLORADO STATE 31 COLORADO 17

AUGUST 29, 2014

SPORTS AUTHORITY FIELD AT MILE HIGH, DENVER

GAME 1

**DENVER** — Revving up its running game in the second half, Colorado State rallied from 10 points down early in the second half to defeat Colorado 31-17 in a Friday night Rocky Mountain Showdown at Sports Authority Field at Mile High.

The game drew its highest attendance in four years, 63,363, the first in the series ever played on a Friday.

The Buffaloes, cradling a 17-14 lead entering the fourth quarter, were outscored 17-0 in the final 15 minutes as the Rams avenged a 41-27 loss in last season's meeting.

Alabama transfer Dee Hart scampered for 139 yards and two touchdowns, while Treyous Jarrells, rushed for 121 and one score. Overshadowed by CSU's leg work was a superb 100-yard receiving night by CU's Nelson Spruce, who caught seven of Sefo Liufau's passes for 104 yards and two TDs.

The Buffs led 10-7 at halftime, but they couldn't have been happy with their point total, as in no way did it reflect their first half domination. CU outgained CSU 223-119 in total offense, including 163-38 in passing, and ran 39 plays to CSU's 27.

The night started promisingly for the Buffs, scoring on their second offensive series on a 54-yard Liufau-to-Spruce pass to go up 7-0 with 10:31 left in the first quarter. On its final possession of the quarter that spilled into the second, CU used 10 plays to march to the CSU 2-yard line and was rewarded with a first-and-goal there, but the Buffs had to settle for a Will Oliver 23-yard field goal to go ahead 10-0.

Later in the quarter, CU drove to the CSU 24-yard line before the drive stalled; Oliver attempted a 41-yard field goal that drifted wide left. CSU then embarked on a penalty-aided 76-yard drive that was capped by Hart's inspired 8-yard scoring run to make it 10-7 with 2:39 left in the half.

The Rams got the ball first in the second half with momentum despite being down 10-7. They drove to the Buffs' 34 before defensive end Derek McCartney sacked Grayson and caused a fumble that was gathered in by tackle Josh Tupou.

Liufau then drove the Buffs 62 yards in nine plays, capping the march with his second scoring pass to Spruce, whose catch was of the "oh, wow" variety. Shielding a defender with his right arm and hand, Spruce went low in the back of the end zone, extended his left hand and gathered in Liufau's pass.

Oliver's extra point gave CU a 10-point lead (17-7), but it took the Rams just 3:20 and seven plays to once again make it a three-point game. Jarrells, who gained 20 of the drive's 56 yards, scored from the 3-yard line to make it 17-14 with 6:18 left in the third quarter.

As the third quarter ended, the Rams were again driving, and it was Grayson's arm that gave CSU its first lead. On the 12th play of a 92-yard drive, Grayson lofted a 16-yard pass that Rashard Higgins caught to push ahead 21-17 with 13:10 left.

After forcing a CU punt, Grayson marched the balanced Rams 60 yards in seven plays, with 32 yards gained on runs and 28 passing. Hart skirted around the right end for a 3-yard TD and a 28-17 advantage with 9:28 remaining.

The Buffs were forced to punt again and on the next drive halted the Rams at the CU 35, but on fourth-and-four, Roberts booted a 52-yard field goal. CSU's lead ballooned to 31-17, and CU had only 2:28 to make up the difference.

Liufau finished the night 24-of-39 for 241 yards and two TDs, while CSU's Garrett Grayson checked out with 13 completions in 23 attempts for 134 yards and one TD. CSU accumulated 400 yards in total offense to CU's 375.

Colorado State .....	0	7	7	17	—	31
COLORADO .....	7	3	7	0	—	17

### SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Spruce 54 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	7-0	10:31	1Q
COLORADO — Oliver 23 FG	10-0	12:23	2Q
Colorado State — Hart 8 run (Roberts kick)	10-7	2:39	2Q
COLORADO — Spruce 12 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	17-7	9:47	3Q
Colorado State — Jarrells 3 run (Roberts kick)	17-14	6:18	3Q
Colorado State — Higgins 16 pass from Grayson (Roberts kick)	17-21	13:10	4Q
Colorado State — Hart 3 run (Roberts kick)	17-28	9:28	4Q
Colorado State — Roberts 52 FG	17-31	2:34	4Q

**Attendance:** 63,363 **Time:** 3:10

**Weather** (67°): cloudy skies, 46% humidity, 8 mph winds from the southwest

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	COLORADO ST.
First Downs .....	22	27
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	5-15 (1-2)	5-11 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	34-134	45-266
Passing Yards .....	241	134
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	39-24-0	23-13-0
Total Offense .....	375	400
Return Yards .....	35	0
Punts: No-Average .....	6-45.5	4-54.5
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	0-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards .....	6/65	6/63
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-4	0-0
Time of Possession .....	29:30	30:30
Drives/Average Field Position .....	11/C27	12/CS22
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) .....	2-2 (10)	4-4 (28)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Adkins 16-68, Liufau 7-47, Jones 4-11, Powell 5-8, Lindsay 2-0.  
**Colorado St.:** Hart 22-139, Jarrells 17-121, Oden 1-8, Grayson 3-3, Hansley 1-minus 4, Team 1-minus 1.

**Passing—Colorado:** Liufau 39-24-0, 241, 2 td. **Colorado State:** Grayson 23-13-0, 134, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Fields 8-46, Spruce 7-104, Goodson 2-60, S.Irwin 2-19, McCulloch 2-14, Adkins 2-minus 4, Powell 1-2. **Colorado State:** Hart 3-35, Williams 3-29, Walker 2-15,

Cartwright 1-22, Higgins 1-16, Vaden 1-11, Jarrells 1-8, Lovett 1-minus 2.

**Punting—Colorado:** O'Neill 6-45.5 (57 long, 4 In20, 1 TB). **Colorado State:** Hunt 4-54.5 (60 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Spruce 4-35. **Colorado State:** none.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lindsay 2-42. **Colorado State:** Gaines 3-87.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Gillam 9,1—10; Thompson 8,1—9; Awuzie 6,1—7; Henderson 6,1—7; Crawley 4,0—4; Olugbode 3,1—4; Walker 3,1—4; McCartney 3,0—3; Gilbert 2,1—3; Greer 2,0—2; Coleman 1,1—2; Parker 1,1—2; Solis 1,1—2.  
**Colorado State:** Morgan 8,1—9; Davis 5,3—8; Michel 4,3—7; Jackson 4,2—6; Pierre-Louis 5,0—5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** McCartney 1-4. **Colorado State:** none.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Colorado State:** none. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Awuzie, Coleman. **Colorado State:** Blake, Elliott, King, Morgan, Simmons.

### GAME NOTES

Attendance for the game was **63,363** (tickets distributed); CU accounted for **32,480** of those as attendance was above 60,000 for the first time since 2010 ... Fourteen players saw their first-ever action in a CU uniform, including six who made their first career starts; among those were two freshmen, **WR Shay Fields** and **DE Christian Shaver**, just the 11th and 12th true frosh to ever start in a season opener for the Buffs (and Shaver was the first DE to ever do so) ... Colorado dropped to **77-43-5** in season openers (6-5-1 at neutral sites), 12-8 versus Colorado State ... CU now leads the series **62-22-2** (but 8-6 in Denver) ... The Buffs had just three negative offensive gains in the game, the anomaly being that all three came on receptions; the Buffs were not sacked and 30 of their 34 rushes gained yards with the four others for zero gain ... It was CU's second **turnover free** season opener since 2000; the other came last year ... CSU amassed **400** yards in total offense, the most by a CU foe to open the season since the Rams had 447 in the 2003 game ... CU's **368** yards were its second most in its last nine openers (had 509 in 2013) ... **WR Nelson Spruce** had seven receptions, including his 100th career catch, making him the 13th Buffalo to snare triple digits ... CSU did not run a play in CU territory until there was **4:51** left in the first half; 28 of its last 48 then came on the other side of the 50 ... Colorado lost when scoring first in a season opener for just the second time in 47 years (now **24-2** when scoring first dating back to 1967).



## COLORADO 41 MASSACHUSETTS 38

SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

GILLETTE STADIUM, FOXBOROUGH, MASS.

GAME **2**

COLORADO .....	3	17	14	7	—	41
Massachusetts.....	7	14	10	7	—	38

**FOXBOROUGH, Mass.** —Rallying from an 11-point deficit early in the second half, the Colorado Buffaloes finally steered themselves for a strong finish and put away the Massachusetts Minutemen 41-38 at Gillette Stadium. Many of the 10,227 in attendance on a hot and muggy afternoon were rooting for the Buffs.

CU received a second consecutive stellar performance from junior receiver Nelson Spruce, who tied a career-best with 10 catches for 145 yards and two touchdowns.

The Buffs also got exemplary work in its kicking game. Senior Will Oliver hit all seven of his kicks, two field goals and five PAT's, the latter of which gave him a CU record for hitting 67 straight. Senior Darragh O'Neill averaged 48.8 yards on five punts, including a 62-yarder that was downed at the UMass 4 and helped flip the field for Oliver's second field goal.

On the game's first possession, CU drove deep into UMass territory before stalling, but still took a 3-0 lead on a 35-yard field goal from Oliver. It took two series before UMass answered with a 12-play, 85-yard drive capped by Blake Frohnapfel's 14-yard scoring pass to Rodney Mills.

Then on the final play of a 63-yard, seven-play CU march, Sefo Liufau hit Shay Fields with a short pass in the left flat – and Fields did the rest, tight-roping down the sideline for a 19-yard TD to put the Buffs up 10-7 only a minute into the second quarter.

Not quite 6 minutes later, Oliver kicked his second field goal – this one covered 47 yards – and CU went ahead 13-7.

Frohnapfel responded, taking UMass 70 yards in six plays, hitting Jean Sifrin, a 6-7 tight end who had been cleared to play just days earlier, for a TD to make it 14-13 in favor of the Minutemen.

With his first carries of the afternoon, Christian Powell got 11 yards on consecutive carries and helped launch an 85-yard CU drive that senior Tony Jones ended with a 5-yard TD to make it 20-14 Buffs with 2:23 left in the first half.

But only 18 seconds before intermission, UMass responded with an amazing one-handed grab by Sifrin as UMass snared a 21-20 halftime lead.

The Minutemen threatened to break the afternoon open by scoring 10 unanswered to open the second half. The first three were courtesy of a 34-yard Lucas field goal on UMass' first second-half possession. Needing an answer, CU instead suffered an interception when UMass DB Randall Jette outdueled Fields for a Liufau pass and returned the pick to the CU 2-yard line, where Jamal Wilson ran in it, making it 31-20 in favor of the Minutemen.

The Buffs responded with a 77-yard drive capped by Powell's 14-yard run to pull with 31-27. On CU's next possession, with a 3rd-and-9 at his own 30-yard line, Liufau scrambled right and got Spruce breaking toward the right sideline, lofting a pass that Spruce ran under and hauled in for a 70-yard play to put CU up 34-31.

Continuing a drive started with two plays in the third quarter, CU opened the final quarter with seven more plays that completed an 81-yard scoring march. After Liufau and Spruce teamed for a 3-yard TD pass, the Buffs were up 41-31.

Chidobe Awuzie and fellow safety Tedric Thompson then teamed to stop a UMass march, with Thompson gathering in an interception of Frohnapfel that Awuzie had deflected, and then the Minutemen didn't threaten again until scoring with 2:55 left to make it 41-38.

Aided by a first down grab from Spruce and clock management in which the Buffs used up every possible second, Liufau and Co. were able to run the clock out and preserve the victory.

### SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Oliver 35 FG	3- 0	10:55	1Q
Massachusetts — Mills 14 pass from Frohnapfel (Lucas kick)	3- 7	1:15	1Q
COLORADO — Fields 19 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	10- 7	14:00	2Q
COLORADO — Oliver 47 FG	13- 7	8:31	2Q
Massachusetts — Sifrin 12 pass from Frohnapfel (Lucas kick)	13-14	6:07	2Q
COLORADO — Jones 5 run (Oliver kick)	20-14	2:23	2Q
Massachusetts — Sifrin 14 pass from Frohnapfel (Lucas kick)	20-21	0:18	2Q
Massachusetts — Lucas 34 FG	20-24	13:11	3Q
Massachusetts — Wilson 2 run (Lucas kick)	20-31	12:24	3Q
COLORADO — Powell 14 run (Oliver kick)	27-31	8:02	2Q
COLORADO — Spruce 70 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	34-31	4:24	3Q
COLORADO — Spruce 3 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	41-31	11:16	4Q
Massachusetts — Michel 6 run (Lucas kick)	41-38	2:55	4Q

Attendance: 10,227 Time: 3:34

Weather (86°): sunny/overcast, 76% humidity, 15 mph winds from the southwest

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	UMASS
First Downs .....	29	24
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	10-18 (0-1)	5-15 (0-1)
Rushes—Net Yards.....	47-156	30-105
Passing Yards .....	318	267
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	42-26-1	38-20-1
Total Offense .....	474	372
Return Yards .....	3	60
Punts: No-Average .....	5-48.8	6-39.2
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	0-0	2-0
Penalties/Yards .....	12/123	7/85
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	2-13	2-17
Time of Possession .....	35:15	24:25
Drives/Average Field Position.....	15/C27	14/M36
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	5-5 (31)	6-6 (38)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Powell 19-80, Jones 7-47, Lindsay 7-41, Liufau 5-13, Adkins 5-5, Team 4-minus 30. **UMass:** Wilson 10-47, Blyden 11-25, Sharpe 2-17, Frohnapfel 6-10, Michel 1-6.

**Passing—Colorado:** Liufau 42-26-1, 318, 3 td. **Massachusetts:** Frohnapfel 38-20-1, 267, 3 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Spruce 10-145, Fields 6-93, Bobo 5-54, Jones 3-17, Adkins 2-9. **Massachusetts:** Sharpe 5-83, Sifrin 4-40, Williams 3-35, Michel 2-71, Wilson 2-9, Blyden 2-1, Mills 1-14, Kenney 1-14.

**Punting—Colorado:** O'Neill 5-48.8 (62 long, 2 In20, 1 TB). **Massachusetts:** McDonald 6-39.2 (47 long, 2 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Spruce 1-2. **UMass:** Dudley-Giles 1-31.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lindsay 3-67, Severson 2-41. **Massachusetts:** Dudley-Giles 3-99, Bailey-Smith 2-46, Howard 1-12, Robinson-Woodgett 1-5.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Gillam 8,4—12; Thompson 6,4—10; Awuzie 5,0—5; Parker 3,1—4; Olugbode 1,3—4; McCartney 2,1—3; Greer 0,3—3; Crawley 2,0—2; Gilbert 2,0—2; Tupou 2,0—2; White 2,0—2; Wilson 2,0—2. **Massachusetts:** Santos-Knox 3,9—12; Colton 3,6—9; Andre 2,7—9; Maynes 3,5—8; Jette 5,2—7; Porter 5,2—7.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Coleman 1-4, Gillam ½-5, Parker ½-4. **Massachusetts:** Santos-Knox 1-10, Messiah 1-7.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Thompson 1-1. **Massachusetts:** Jette 1-29. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Awuzie 4, Gillam 2, Crawley, Henderson, Thompson. **Massachusetts:** Jette.

### GAME NOTES

The win snapped an eight-game road losing streak for the Buffaloes, and gave **Mike MacIntyre** his first road win as CU's head coach ... Colorado sold **2,000** tickets to this game and utilized another **350** for player requests, the most – **49** – used by **S Terrel Smith**, who hails from New Jersey ... Colorado improved to **46-31** all-time when the game time temperature is **80** degrees or higher), and to **10-21** all-time in the Eastern Time Zone ... The Buffs wore white uniforms with gold pants, the fourth time since 2008 but having done so three times last year (**2-2** in the look the last two years) ... Colorado had **502** yards of total offense until losing 28 yards on the last three plays to run out the clock ... Colorado's first turnover of the season came early in the third quarter (an interception off a deflected pass); however, it did mark the longest into a season any Buffalo team went before committing one (92 minutes, 28 seconds) ... **QB Sefo Liufau** has his second career 300-yard passing game, jumping from 20th into 14th place all-time on CU's passing yards list having played just 10 games ... **TB Tony Jones**, also from New Jersey, dazzled his friends and family in attendance, not only on offense (which included a 33-yard rush), but he earned six special team points as he was all over the field on those units.



## ARIZONA STATE 38 COLORADO 24

SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME 3

Arizona State .....	14	10	14	0	—	38
COLORADO .....	0	14	3	7	—	24

### SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Arizona State — Foster 15 run (Gonzalez kick)	0-7	9:58	1Q
Arizona State — Ballage 38 pass from Kelly (Gonzalez kick)	0-14	8:39	1Q
Arizona State — Gonzalez 31 FG	0-17	14:12	2Q
COLORADO — Fields 4 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	7-17	10:06	2Q
COLORADO — Spruce 15 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	14-17	5:39	2Q
Arizona State — Foster 5 pass from Kelly (Gonzalez kick)	14-24	2:46	2Q
Arizona State — Strong 1 pass from Kelly (Gonzalez kick)	14-31	13:08	3Q
COLORADO — Oliver 27 FG	17-31	10:10	3Q
Arizona State — Kelly 50 run (Gonzalez kick)	17-38	8:05	3Q
COLORADO — Spruce 31 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	24-38	8:38	4Q

Attendance: 38,547 Time: 3:25

Weather (61°): clear skies, 51% humidity, 3 mph winds from the northwest

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	ARIZONA ST.
First Downs .....	28	18
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	8-18 (1-4)	4-13 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	37-232	35-223
Passing Yards .....	313	203
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	54-35-2	25-15-0
Total Offense .....	545	426
Return Yards .....	11	34
Punts: No-Average .....	3-48.3	7-48.1
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	8/75	8/59
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-20	3-29
Time of Possession .....	34:46	25:14
Drives/Average Field Position .....	14/C21	14/A32
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) .....	3-4 (17)	4-4 (24)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Powell 11-118, Lindsay 9-39, Lee 2-38, Jones 5-33, Gehrke 1-9, Liufau 7-minus 2, Adkins 2-minus 3. **Arizona State:** Foster 20-147, Kelly 6-70, Lewis 1-6, Richard 2-3, Smith 1-1, Bercovici 4-minus 3, Team 1-minus 1.

**Passing—Colorado:** Liufau 46-31-2, 278, 3 td; Gehrke 8-4-0, 35. **Arizona State:** Kelly 21-13-0, 195, 3 td; Bercovici 4-2-0, 8.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Spruce 7-97, Fields 7-36, McCulloch 5-72, Goodson 5-49, Powell 4-26, Bobo 3-18, Lindsay 2-6, Frazier 1-5, Slavin 1-4. **Arizona State:** Strong 6-77, Foster 4-59, Smith 2-12, Ballage 1-38, Nelson 1-9, Kohl 1-8.

**Punting—Colorado:** O'Neill 3-48.3 (50 long, 2 In20). **Arizona State:** Haack 7-48.1 (57 long, 3 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Spruce 1-11. **Arizona State:** Randall 1-5.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lindsay 5-113. **Arizona State:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Thompson 7,3—10; Awuzie 8,1—9; Gillam 4,2—6; Olujobode 4,0—4; Gilbert 3,1—4; Walker 3,1—4; Parker 1,3—4; Crawley 3,0—3; Henderson 3,0—3; Tupou 3,0—3; McCartney 2,1—3; Solis 1,2—3. **Arizona State:** Simone 12,1—13; Randall 11,0—11; Longino 10,0—10; Perry 8,1—9; Calhoun 5,2—7; Fiso 5,1—6; Sam 4,1—5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Gillam 1-13, McCartney 1-7. **Arizona State:** Longino 1-16, Hardison 1-10, Sam 1-3.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Arizona State:** Simone 1-29, Sam 1-0. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Awuzie, Crawley, Henderson. **Arizona State:** Carrington 2, Longino.

### GAME NOTES

Arizona State now leads the all-time series, **6-0**, though this marked the first game CU outgained ASU in total offense (**545-426**; that margin was **523-204** the last three quarters). ASU gained 253 of its 426 yards on seven of its 60 plays ... CU had 28 first downs — earned by **13** different players ... CU's final score came on a 99-yard drive, the seventh in school history ... **WR Nelson Spruce** (7-97-2 TD) just missed out on becoming the third player in CU history to record three straight 100-yard receiving games (and the first since 1993). He did become the first Buff to have three straight 2-TD reception games ... WR Shay Fields set a school record for the most receptions for the first three games in a career with **21** (old mark was 20) ... **FB George Frazier** played both fullback and defensive end in the game —the first CU player to play on both sides of the ball since **DT John Guydon** played 13 snaps on defense and three at offensive guard at Texas on Oct.15, 2005 ... **PK Will Oliver** extended his streak to 70 consecutive extra points made ... **TB Michael Adkins** suffered his first career fumble after 142 touches to open his career without one (125 rushes).

**BOULDER** — The Colorado Buffaloes spotted the undefeated and No. 16 Arizona State Sun Devils a 17-0 lead before making a game of it on a late Saturday night at Folsom Field.

The Sun Devils (3-0, 1-0 Pac-12) outgained the Buffs 222-22 in total yards and 11-1 in first downs in the first quarter en route to building a 14-0 edge. But the Buffs fought back and wound up outgaining the Sun Devils 545-426 in total offense and 28-18 in first downs. CU outrushed ASU 232-223, with the Buffs' yardage a season high, and had a 313-203 advantage in passing. But turnovers negated CU's statistical advantages and forced the Buffs to play catchup for the entire night.

Sefo Liufau finished 31-of-46 passing for 278 yards, three touchdowns and the two interceptions for Colorado (1-2, 0-1). Two of his scoring tosses went to Nelson Spruce, who now has caught a pair of TD passes in each of the season's first three games and leads the nation in touchdown receptions. Spruce finished with a game-best seven catches for 97 yards.

In the running game, Christian Powell led the Buffs with 11 carries for 118 yards — a season-best for CU.

ASU's first quarter touchdowns came on a 15-yard run by D.J. Foster on ASU's first possession and a 38-yard pass from Taylor Kelly to Kalen Ballage that was set up by defensive back Jordan Simone's interception of Liufau.

After Zane Gonzalez sent ASU ahead 17-0 with a 31-yard field goal early in the second quarter, the Buffs woke up and Liufau drove them 77 yards in 10 plays, hitting Shay Fields with a 4-yard pass for the TD.

Then the Buffs defense took the cue, forcing the Sun Devils into their first three-and-out of the night. The offense then fashioned an eight-play, 77-yard drive that Liufau capped with a 15-yard TD pass to Spruce — his fifth scoring catch of the season, making the game 17-14.

Once again, the Buffs defense stood strong and sent the Sun Devils back to the sideline with a second consecutive three-and-out. But after Matt Haack's 57-yard punt was downed at the CU 10-yard line, the Buffs were bludgeoned by their second turnover.

This one was Adkins' fumble, and it was recovered by linebacker D.J. Calhoun at the CU 9-yard line. Three plays later, Kelly and Foster teamed for a 5-yard TD pass, giving ASU a 24-14 lead headed into halftime.

The Sun Devils then received the second half kickoff and quickly extended their lead to 31-14. Fueled by a 45-yard Kelly-to-Jaelen Strong pitch-and-catch, ASU completed a 75-yard, six-play drive with a 1-yard Kelly-to-Strong TD.

The Buffs answered with a 27-yard field goal by Oliver (31-17), but the quick-striking Sun Devils had a more potent response. On first down from midfield, Kelly executed a perfect read-option, kept the ball after a fake to Foster and sprinted 50 yards to the end zone and the ASU lead became 38-17 midway through the third quarter.

The Buffs pulled to within two touchdowns (38-24) by driving 99 yards — the seventh 99-yard march in school history — and scoring on a 31-yard Liufau-to-Spruce pass with 8:38 to play in the game.

After CU's defense forced another ASU three-and-out, the Buffs took over with 6:46 remaining. They drove as far as the Sun Devils before Liufau suffered his second interception.

With 2:10 left, needing 14 points to tie, the Buffs final possession began at their own 7-yard line. Jordan Gehrke replaced Liufau at quarterback and marched CU as far as the ASU 48 before turning the ball over on downs with 15 seconds to play.



## COLORADO 21 HAWAII 12

SEPTEMBER 20, 2014  
FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME **4**

**BOULDER** — The Colorado Buffaloes did their offensive work early, but the defense played a complete game and successfully protected a 21-12 victory against Hawai'i on a beautiful Saturday afternoon at Folsom Field.

CU (2-2) did not allow a touchdown for the first time in 51 games and put up 405 yards of offense, with Sefo Liufau and Nelson Spruce teaming up for 172 yards on 13 passes, the latter giving Spruce the school single-game record for receptions.

Liufau finished 29-of-45 for 287 yards and touchdowns to Spruce and fullback George Frazier. CU's third TD came on an end around run by freshman receiver Shay Fields — his third score of the year but first by rushing on his first career carry.

CU's defense held Hawai'i to 286 total yards and stopped the Rainbow Warriors twice inside the 5-yard line and four total times inside the 20.

Both teams traded turnovers on their first possessions. The Buffs started with the ball and Liufau, believing a flag was about to be thrown for pass interference and thinking he had free play, threw deep toward Spruce but was intercepted. Hawai'i didn't capitalize as Greg Henderson blitzed on third down, sacking Ikaika Woolsey, forcing a fumble that he would recover.

The game remained scoreless until Tyler Hadden put the Rainbow Warriors ahead 3-0 with a 37-yard field goal. But their lead lasted all of 17 seconds.

On the Buffs' first play of the next drive, Liufau and Spruce connected for a 71-yard touchdown. He muscled the catch at the 25-yard line as the UH corner fell to the ground, watching Nelson sprint the final distance by himself.

Early in the second quarter, Hadden's second field goal cut the Colorado lead to 7-6. An eight-play, 75-yard drive culminated in Fields' 13-yard scoring run put the Buffs up 14-6. After holding UH to three-and-out, the Buffs drove 56 yards in 12 plays and increased their lead to 21-6 on a 9-yard pass from Liufau to Frazier.

Hawai'i received the second half kickoff and promptly went with a new quarterback — Jeremy Higgins — who marched his offense to the CU 20-yard line. Brady Daigh, subbing for the injured Addison Gillam (concussion late in the first half), threw tailback Diocemy Saint Juste for a 2-yard loss on third down, forcing Hadden to kick another field goal, a 41-yarder that pulled Hawai'i to within 21-9.

On the next drive, Liufau's pass wound up in the hands of UH outside linebacker TJ Taimatuia, who returned the ball 34 yards to the CU 6-yard line.

Once again, the Buffs defense stiffened — and once again it was a Daigh third-down play that ended the drive, this one a pressure of Higgins, forcing an incomplection. Hadden's last field goal closed the gap to 21-12, which held entering the fourth quarter.

An apparent John Walker interception that would have given the Buffs the ball inside the UH 5-yard line was called back after a penalty, and after the Buffs got another flag on the next play and the Rainbow Warriors looked to be driving.

The defense rebounded on that drive and the Buffs got the ball back. CU took 4:13 off the clock and Darragh O'Neill downed the ball at the UH 6-yard line with just over 5 minutes remaining. Midway through that possession O'Neill had surprised the 'Bows with a 19-yard run on a punt fake to keep the drive alive.

The Buffs held Hawai'i to another punt and the Buffs forced the Rainbow Warriors to use all their timeouts on the next drive. With just over 90 seconds left in the game, O'Neill struck again, this time pinning UH at the 1-yard line. A late Tedric Thompson interception of Hawai'i's third quarterback, Taylor Graham, allowed the Buffs to run the clock out and secure the 21-12 victory.

Hawai'i.....	3	3	6	0	—	12
COLORADO .....	7	14	0	0	—	21

### SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Hawai'i — Hadden 35 FG	0-3	3:03	1Q
COLORADO — Spruce 71 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	7-3	2:46	1Q
Hawai'i — Hadden 25 FG	7-6	11:19	2Q
COLORADO — Fields 13 run (Oliver kick)	14-6	8:57	2Q
COLORADO — Frazier 9 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	21-6	4:04	2Q
Hawai'i — Hadden 41 FG	21-9	12:38	3Q
Hawai'i — Hadden 24 FG	21-12	7:48	3Q

**Attendance:** 39,478 **Time:** 3:18

**Weather** (72°): sunny skies, 41% humidity, 3 mph winds from the northeast

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	HAWAII
First Downs .....	20	10
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	6-18 (2-3)	5-19 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	36-118	32-131
Passing Yards .....	287	155
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	45-29-2	46-17-1
Total Offense .....	405	286
Return Yards .....	13	87
Punts: No-Average .....	9-46.2	9-46.1
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	0-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards .....	9/83	2/15
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	4-23	1-2
Time of Possession .....	32:26	27:34
Drives/Average Field Position .....	16/C26	16/H30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) .....	2-2 (14)	3-3 (9)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Powell 14-43, Lindsay 8-23, O'Neill 1-19, Jones 4-15, Fields 2-14, Liufau 2-3, Adkins 1-2, Lee 1-2, Frazier 1-1, Team 2-minus 4. **Hawai'i:** Lakalaka 19-123, Ewaliko 1-8, Lewis 1-3, Saint Juste 3-2, Woolsey 7-0, Higgins 1-minus 5.

**Passing—Colorado:** Liufau 45-29-2, 287, 2 td. **Hawai'i:** Woolsey 24-10-0, 64, 0 td; Higgins 17-4-0, 66, 0 td; Graham 5-3-1, 25, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Spruce 13-172, Fields 6-26, Bobo 3-17, Frazier 2-27, Goodson 2-27, Slavin 1-13, McCulloch 1-7, Adkins 1-minus 2. **Hawai'i:** Kemp 8-91, Pedroza 6-41, Harding 1-16, Barker 1-9, Vele 1-minus 2.

**Punting—Colorado:** O'Neill 9-46.2 (59 long, 4 In20). **Hawai'i:** Harding 9-46.1 (56 long, 5 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Spruce 2-6. **Hawai'i:** Harding 3-25.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lindsay 2-77. **Hawai'i:** Ewaliko 1-20.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Crawley 9,0—9; Thompson 6,3—9; Henderson 6,2—8; Gillam 3,3—6; Olugbode 3,3—6; Walker 4,1—5; Daigh 2,3—5; Awuzie 3,0—3; Tupou 2,1—3; McCartney 2,0—2; Norgard 2,0—2; Solis 2,0—2; Frazier 0,2—2. **Hawai'i:** Gener 8,3—11; Stevenson 7,4—11; Phillips 9,0—9; Maggitt 8,0—8; Tulimasealii 4,2—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Norgard 1-9, Henderson 1-5, McCartney 1-5, Gillam 1-4. **Hawai'i:** Tulimasealii ½-1, Yap ½-1.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Thompson 1-7. **Hawai'i:** Taimatuia 1-34, Phillips 1-28.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Henderson 4, Awuzie 2, Crawley, Daigh, Olugbode, Walker. **Hawai'i:** Maggitt, Yap.

### GAME NOTES

Colorado evened the all-time series at 2-2 ... For the fourth straight game, CU won the coin toss and elected to receive ... The Buffs improved to 5-1 in non-league games over the last two years, their best two-year mark since going 5-1 over the 2004-05 seasons ... Hawai'i lost its 14th straight road game... **George Frazier** started his first career game (at FB, and he also appeared again for 18 plays at DE) ... The **286** yards by Hawai'i were the fewest by an FBS team against CU since the 2011 finale (Utah in Salt Lake, 274 yards); the **3.7** yards per play is the lowest by an FBS team against the Buffs since Nov. 13, 2010 (Iowa State, 3.4, 68 plays for 229 yards) ... CU has just **16** fumbles in as many games under MacIntyre ... Hawai'i gained two yards or less on **24** of **33** first down plays (CU did so on **18** of **32**) ... The Rainbow Warriors ran **11** plays in the red zone for a net **9** yards, and had **33** plays in plus territory for **91** (and 57 of those came on four plays) ... Over the last two games, the opponent has run 19 red zone plays for 37 yards ... The Buffs had season-highs of **four** QB sacks and **10** pass deflections ... Spruce took over the reception record previously held by five players who combined to catch 11 passes nine different times ... He also set a school record with at least one receiving touchdown in **six** straight games (old mark was 5).



# CALIFORNIA 59 COLORADO 56 (2 OT)

SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

CALIFORNIA MEMORIAL STADIUM, BERKELEY

GAME 5

COLORADO ..... 21 7 7 14 7 0 — 56

California..... 7 7 21 14 7 3 — 59

## SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — S. Irwin 22 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	7- 0	10:52	1Q
COLORADO — Frazier 2 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	14- 0	7:53	1Q
California — Gingold 5 pass from Goff (Langford kick)	14- 7	5:52	1Q
COLORADO — Goodson 7 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	21- 7	1:35	1Q
California — Lasco 92 pass from Goff (Langford kick)	21-14	10:02	2Q
COLORADO — Frazier 1 run (Oliver kick)	28-14	0:40	2Q
California — Lawler 26 pass from Goff (Langford kick)	28-21	13:12	3Q
California — Muhammad 10 run (Langford kick)	28-28	7:39	3Q
California — Lawler 5 pass from Goff (Langford kick)	28-35	4:51	3Q
COLORADO — Spruce 12 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	35-35	0:52	3Q
COLORADO — Spruce 6 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	42-35	3:23	4Q
California — Anderson 75 pass from Goff (Langford kick)	42-42	2:56	4Q
California — Harper 40 pass from Goff (Langford kick)	42-49	2:29	4Q
COLORADO — Bobo 30 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	49-49	0:21	4Q
California — Treggs 25 pass from Goff (Langford kick)	49-56	.....	OT1
COLORADO — Spruce 25 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	56-56	.....	OT1
California — Langford 34 FG	56-59	.....	OT2

## TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	CALIFORNIA
First Downs .....	39	24
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	8-18 (3-4)	10-16 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	43-175	30-127
Passing Yards .....	455	458
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	67-46-1	42-24-1
Total Offense .....	630	585
Return Yards .....	22	0
Punts: No-Average .....	4-37.2	4-42.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	2-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards .....	9/85	12/107
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-11	0-0
Time of Possession .....	36:26	23:34
Drives/Average Field Position .....	17/C38	17/Ca36
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) .....	5-7 (35)	4-5 (24)

Attendance: 39,821 Time: 4:01

Weather (74°): sunny skies, 2-4 mph winds from the northwest

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Liufau 10-72, Jones 13-69, Powell 8-25, Adkins 6-5, Frazier 3-3, Lee 1-2, Lindsay 2-minus 1. **California:** Lasco 18-108, Muhammad 8-31, Rubenzer 1-0, Goff 3-minus 12.

**Passing—Colorado:** Liufau 67-46-1, 455, 7 td. **California:** Goff 42-24-1, 458, 7 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Spruce 19-179, McCulloch 6-69, Goodson 6-42, Lee 3-18, Bobo 2-36, S. Irwin 2-32, Powell 2-18, Fields 2-12, Adkins 1-22, Jones 1-13, Slavin 1-12, Frazier 1-2.

**California:** Anderson 7-136, Davis 4-39, Lawler 3-59, Harper 2-41, Muhammad 2-39, Treggs 2-30, Lasco 1-92, Rubenzer 1-9, Hudson 1-8, Gingold 1-5.

**Punting—Colorado:** O'Neill 4-37.2 (51 long, 2 In20). **California:** Leininger 4-42.0 (49 long, 0 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Spruce 1-2. **California:** none.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lindsay 6-133. **California:** Muhammad 5-132.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Gillam 8,2—10; Awuzie 9,0—9; Gilbert 2,5—7; Olugbode 4,2—6; Tupou 3,2—5; Thompson 3,0—3; Henderson 2,1—3; Walker 2,1—3; White 1,2—3; Crawley 2,0—2; Severson 1,1—2; Solis 1,1—2. **California:** Walker 11,2—13; Barton 5,7—12; Piatt 7,4—11; Nickerson 4,5—9; Lowe 4,4—8; Jefferson 1,6—7.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Gilbert 1-6, Tupou 1-5. **California:** none.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Thompson 1-20. **California:** Kearney 1-0. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Crawley 4, Walker 2, Henderson, McCartney. **California:** Piatt 3, Allensworth, Cheek, Walker.

## GAME NOTES

Records galore were broken or tied in this one: 37 individual (29) and/or team (8) for Colorado alone ... This was the first FBS game in history with 14 touchdown passes (7 for each side) ... Colorado fell to **5-6** all-time in overtime games ... The game time of **4:01** was the longest in CU history, topping the previous by 1 minute (4:00 vs. Missouri, also in OT, in Boulder on Oct. 9, 1999) ... The **56** points were the most ever scored by Colorado in losing a game (old: at Kansas in 2010 in a 52-45 loss) ... The **115** combined points were the third most in a CU game (trailing 124 in an 82-42 loss to Oklahoma on 10/4/1980, and 116 in a 65-51 win over Nebraska on 11/23/2007) ... CU tied its record for the most first downs in a game with **39** (matching the mark set against Northwestern in 1978) ... This was just the fourth time CU ran 100 or more plays in a game, and the **110** today were the most in its history (old high: 105) ... With **630** yards of total offense, it marked the first time CU topped 600 in a game since rolling up 634 against Miami-Ohio on 9/22/2007 (359 rush, 275 pass) ... Colorado's **21** first quarter points were its most since Oct. 8, 2005, when it also scored 21 in an eventual 41-20 win over Texas A&M in Boulder ... **WR Nelson Spruce** scored CU's **25,000th** point on a 6-yard TD reception with 3:23 remaining (the Buffs had 24,999 prior to the play) ... **TB Tony Jones** became the **51st** Colorado Buffalo to rush for **1,000** career yards (ending the game with 1,041).

**BERKELEY, Calif.** — California senior James Langford kicked a 34-yard field goal in the second overtime Saturday in Memorial Stadium, allowing the Bears to escape with a 59-56 win in a classic Pac-12 shootout.

The Buffs outgained the Bears (3-1, 1-1 Pac-12) in total yardage 630-585 and had 110 plays to the Bears' 71. But CU allowed 35 second-half points and the game went into OT tied at 49-49.

Nelson Spruce, the Pac-12's leading receiver, caught 19 passes for 179 yards — breaking his own school reception record set a week earlier and matching the Pac-12 record — and scored three TDs, giving him a nation's-best 10 in five games. Sefo Liufau completed 46-of-67 passes for 455 yards and 7 touchdowns, setting CU records for completions, attempts and touchdown passes, along with total offense (527 yards).

CU safety Tedric Thompson intercepted Cal QB Jared Goff on its first possession, setting up the Buffs at their own 44-yard line. Thompson's third pick of the season enabled Liufau to engineer a seven-play, 56-yard scoring drive that ended with a 22-yard pass to tight end Sean Irwin to go up 7-0.

On its next possession, CU pushed its lead to 14-0 on a Liufau to George Frazier 2-yard pass before Cal got on the scoreboard with a 5-yard Goff-to-Lucas Gingold pass, but the Buffs answered with a 75-yard, 15-play march and scored on Liufau's third TD pass of the half — an 7-yarder to D.D. Goodson to make it 21-7 CU with 1:35 left in the first quarter.

With 10:02 left in the second quarter, the Bears closed to 21-14 on a Goff screen that tailback Daniel Lasco turned into a 92-yard TD. CU's fourth touchdown drive of the first half was a 70-yard penalty aided drive. Flags cost Cal 33 yards in the march as Frazier scored from 2-yards out to put CU up 28-14.

The Bears didn't take much time in the second half to tie the game at 28-28, scoring on their first two possessions: a 26-yard Goff-to-Kenny Lawler pass and then a 10-yard run by Khalfani Muhammad with 7:39 left in the third quarter. The Bears then scored again for their first lead of the game as Goff and Lawler teamed up for a 5-yard TD to make it 35-28.

Liufau and Spruce hooked up for a score for the first time on the afternoon and eighth time this season, covering 12 yards to tie the game at 35 near the end of the third quarter.

After missed field goals on both sides, Liufau took the Buffs 76 yards, completing 6-of-6 passes including a 6-yarder to Spruce for the go-ahead touchdown to go up 42-35 with just 3:16 to go. But Goff and Anderson teamed up for a 75-yard score just 20 seconds later to make it 42-42.

On the next possession, LB Jack Kearney intercepted Liufau and Cal scored on a 3rd-and-13 play from 40 yards out as Goff hit Chris Harper to give the Bears a 49-42 advantage with 2:29 remaining.

That was plenty of time for a 10-play drive where, with 21 seconds left, Liufau found Bryce Bobo in the end zone for his sixth TD pass to force the 11th overtime in CU history.

Cal had the OT's first possession and got its go-ahead score on a 25-yard Goff to Bryce Treggs pass, which was matched by a Liufau to Spruce 25-yard connection on CU's first play to knot the game at 56-44.

The Buffs took first possession in the second OT and Liufau hit tight end Kyle Slavin for a first down at the 2 yard line, but the Buffs couldn't score on four tries and the Bears kicked their 34-yard field goal to get the win, snapping a 15-game Pac-12 losing streak in the process.



## OREGON STATE 36 COLORADO 31

OCTOBER 4, 2014

FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME **6**

**BOULDER** — Seven days after a three-point, double-overtime defeat at California, the Colorado Buffaloes walked off Folsom Field with a five-point loss to Oregon State — and still searching for some way to end the close calls.

Their 36-31 loss on Saturday matched last week's Pac-12 Conference loss for resilience, drama and ultimately heartbreak.

CU led 21-20 at the half, but getting there was an uphill climb for the Buffs, who spotted the Beavers a two-score first quarter before the offense got rolling on their fourth possession.

After CU failed on third-and-one at its own 34-yard line and fourth-and-one at the OSU 37, the Beavers drove 63 yards in four plays and scored on 4-yard run by Terron Ward to go up 7-0. On CU's subsequent possession, quarterback Sefo Liufau was picked off by D.J. Alexander, who returned it to the Buffs' 8, and two plays later tailback Storm Woods had another TD to send the Beavers up 14-0.

Undaunted, the Buffs answered with a 75-yard, six-play march, scoring on Liufau's 31-yard pass to McCulloch to make it 14-7 with 3:59 left in the first quarter.

OSU went ahead by 10 (17-7) on a 38-yard Trevor Romaine field goal, but CU answered with its second 75-yard march — this one capped by Adkins' 12-yard sprint around left end. On the PAT, kicker Will Oliver nailed his 110th career, a new CU record passing Mason Crosby.

After a bad snap, the Buffs were forced to punt and the Beavers promptly positioned Romaine for a 33-yard field goal and a 20-14 Oregon State lead with 2:54 left in the half. But that was more than enough time for Liufau to conduct his third 75-yard drive of the half.

CU succeeded despite early drops on the drive by Adkins and Jones, and Jones more than redeemed himself. Jones caught a pass for 12 yards and three plays later, he and Liufau connected for a 19-yard catch and run to the OSU 9. Two plays later, he scored from a yard out to give the Buffs a 21-20 halftime lead.

Neither team threatened on its first possession of the second half. But on their second series, the Beavers traveled to the Buffs 20-yard line, where CU defensive end Timothy Coleman sacked Sean Mannion for a 9-yard loss. Romaine connected on his third field goal to give OSU the lead at 23-21.

Two snaps into the fourth quarter, Mannion hit tight end Caleb Smith with a 24-yard TD pass and a 30-21 OSU lead. The Buffs again responded, this time with a 44-yard field goal from Oliver to make it 30-24.

The Beavers got the ball back with 10:48 to play, ran the clock to 5:09 and capped a 12-play, 85-yard drive with a 10-yard TD run by Ward to make it 36-24, but failed on a two-point conversion try.

Colorado countered immediately again, embarking on yet another 75-yard drive and pulled to 36-31 on another Liufau-to-McCulloch connection, this time covering 17 yards.

The Buffs forced a three-and-out, and then a 30-yard Keith Kostol punt gave the Buffs possession at the Beavers 44, but they could advance only as far as the 40. Jones couldn't field a first-down pass, but caught a 4-yard pass on second down. On a third-and-six incompleteness, Nelson Spruce appeared to be interfered with but there was no call, and Liufau was hurried into an errant throw on fourth down to end CU's day, as the Beavers assumed possession and ran out the clock with three kneel-downs.

Colorado gained 431 yards on offense, its fifth straight game of 400 or more, the first time a CU team has accomplished that since the 1996 season.

Oregon State.....	17	3	3	13	—	36
COLORADO .....	7	14	0	10	—	31

### SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Oregon State — Ward 4 run (Romaine kick)	0-7	8:05	1Q
Oregon State — Woods 4 run (Romaine kick)	0-14	6:44	1Q
COLORADO — McCulloch 31 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	7-14	3:59	1Q
Oregon State — Romaine 38 FG	7-17	0:17	1Q
COLORADO — Adkins 12 run (Oliver kick)	14-17	10:53	2Q
Oregon State — Romaine 33 FG	14-20	2:54	2Q
COLORADO — Jones 1 run (Oliver kick)	21-20	0:43	2Q
Oregon State — Romaine 47 FG	21-23	6:47	3Q
Oregon State — Smith 24 pass from Mannion (Romaine kick)	21-30	14:20	4Q
COLORADO — Oliver 44 FG	24-30	10:52	4Q
Oregon State — Ward 10 run (pass failed)	24-36	5:09	4Q
COLORADO — McCulloch 17 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	31-36	3:00	4Q

**Attendance:** 36,415 **Time:** 3:23

**Weather** (68°): partly cloudy skies, 23% humidity, 5 mph winds from the east

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	OREGON STATE
First Downs .....	25	22
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	6-14 (0-2)	6-14 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	28-123	32-167
Passing Yards .....	308	278
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	49-32-1	37-27-0
Total Offense .....	431	445
Return Yards .....	0	32
Punts: No-Average .....	4-50.8	4-31.8
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	6/67	5/42
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-15	2-13
Time of Possession .....	27:01	32:59
Drives/Average Field Position .....	12/C27	13/OS28
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) .....	3-3 (21)	4-4 (24)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Adkins 13-79, Lindsay 5-29, Jones 5-18, Frazier 1-0, Liufau 4-minus 3. **Oregon State:** Ward 12-102, Woods 13-69, Bolden 2-18, Mannion 2-minus 15, Team 3-minus 7.

**Passing—Colorado:** Liufau 49-32-1, 308, 2 td. **Oregon State:** Mannion 37-27-0, 278, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Goodson 6-43, Spruce 6-35, Jones 5-38, McCulloch 4-76, Fields 4-44, Bobo 2-17, Lee 2-12, Lindsay 1-27, Slavin 1-9, Adkins 1-7. **Oregon State:** Hamlett 6-52, Bolden

6-38, Smith 4-67, Jarmon 3-41, Woods 3-14, Ortiz 2-26, Mullaney 2-19, Villamin 1-21.

**Punting—Colorado:** O'Neill 4-50.8 (55 long, 2 In20). **Oregon State:** Kostol 4-31.8 (47 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** none. **Oregon State:** Moore 1-4, Dockery 2-7, Nelson 1-minus 4.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** none. **Oregon State:** Murphy 3-58, Haskins 1-6.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Olugbode 7,3—10; Awuzie 7,2—9; Crawley 6,2—8; Gillam 6,2—8; Henderson 5,1—6; Witherspoon 4,1—5; Daigh 3,2—5; Coleman 2,0—2; McCartney 2,0—2; Thompson 2,0—2; White 2,0—2. **Oregon State:** Johnson 10,1—11; Scott 7,0—7; Zimmerman 6,1—7; Alexander 5,1—6; Murphy 5,0—5; Strong 4,0—4.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Coleman 1-9, McCartney 1-6. **Oregon State:** Barnett 1-7, Hollingsworth 1-6.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Oregon State:** Alexander 1-25. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Crawley 2, Witherspoon. **Oregon State:** Johnson, Nelson, Scott.

### GAME NOTES

Oregon State now leads the series by a 5-2 count (2-0 with both as members of the Pac-12) ... The Buffs dropped to 21-25-1 when they wear all black (11 losses in a row) ... The Buffs finished with 431 yards of total offense, the fifth straight game over 400; the last time a CU team had five straight 400+ yard games was in the middle of the 1996 season ... Colorado was 10-of-17 converting on second down in the first half (5-of-10 on 2nd-&-5 or more), and 13-of-28 for the game ... CU averaged just 4.7 yards to go on third down ... 10 different Buffs earned first downs ... **WR Nelson Spruce** saw his streak of seven straight games with a TD reception come to an end, but he did move into third all-time in career receptions with 161, passing Paul Richardson; he did add to his school mark with at least six receptions in seven straight games ... **WR Tyler McCulloch** (4-76, 2 TD) had the first multi-TD game of his career, with the second-most yards in his career ... **PK Will Oliver** took over CU's all-time record for most PAT kicks made in a career with 112 ... **P Darragh O'Neill** averaged over 50 yards per punt in a game (4-50.8) for the first time in his career ... Head coach **Mike MacIntyre** was fined \$10,000 for his postgame actions with the officials, violating Pac-12 policy (the Pac-12 head of officiating resigned three days later, unrelated to the OSU game).



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 56 COLORADO 28

OCTOBER 18, 2014

LOS ANGELES (CALIF.) MEMORIAL COLISEUM

GAME 7

COLORADO .....	0	7	14	7	—	28
Southern California .....	28	7	21	0	—	56

**LOS ANGELES** — Two early turnovers and a pair of drive-saving penalties helped stake the No. 22 Southern California Trojans an insurmountable 28-0 first quarter lead and relegated Colorado to a painful afternoon of catch up at the Los Angeles Coliseum, as the Buffaloes eventually fell, 56-28.

USC (5-2, 4-1) intercepted CU quarterback Sefo Liufau twice in the first quarter and converted both picks into touchdowns, though his second interception was a carom off of receiver Bryce Bobo and couldn't be hung solely on Liufau.

Along with those two TDs, a pair of long penalty-aided drives also helped the Trojans open up their early four touchdown lead. One of the flags was a holding call that nullified a CU third-down stop on the Trojans' first possession, the other was a roughing-the-kicker penalty that kept USC moving toward the end zone on its third offensive series (video showed CU's Donovan Lee was thrown/blocked into the punter, but he wasn't supposed to rush the kick to begin with).

After USC opened the game with an 84-yard scoring drive and took a 7-0 lead, CU appeared unshaken. A pair of runs by Tony Jones netted 18 and 12 yards — a good early sign for the Buffs run game. But Liufau's first pass of the afternoon was picked off by outside linebacker Su'a Cravens, whose 16-yard return put USC at CU's 47-yard line.

Six plays later, Cody Kessler and Nelson Agholor collaborated for their first of three touchdowns and the Trojans — up 14-0 less than halfway through the first quarter — had a grip on the game's momentum. After two more TDs in just under 7 minutes, USC was up 28-0 and firmly in control.

Kessler collaborated with Agholor for 16- and 18-yard scores and one TD each with JuJu Smith (7 yards) and Bryce Dixon (15 yards). Kessler and Dixon also accounted for the Trojans' second quarter TD — one that answered CU's first score of the game that would keep the margin at 28 (35-7) at intermission.

CU's lone first half score was on a 1-yard run by Michael Adkins II with 10:06 remaining before the break. Liufau finished the half 14-of-21 passing for 90 yards and the two picks. Nelson Spruce caught five of those passes for 43 yards and also completed a throw-back pass to Liufau — Spruce's third career completion in three attempts.

CU did a credible job of slowing USC running back Javorius "Buck" Allen in the first half, limiting the Pac-12's leading rusher to 50 yards on eight carries. But the Buffs neither had an answer for their own mistakes nor Kessler, and Allen still wound up with 128 yards on 15 carries and scored USC's only rushing TD.

On the second play of their possession after halftime, Kessler hit an open Agholor for a 75-yard TD, sending the Trojans up 42-7. After the teams swapped "three-and-outs," a 2-yard scoring pass from Liufau to freshman Shay Fields made the score 42-14 halfway through the quarter. But less than two minutes later, Kessler and Steven Mitchell teamed for a 24-yard score, restoring the Trojans' 35-point lead (49-14) and giving Kessler a school record seventh TD pass.

CU answered that score with a Liufau-to-Spruce 5-yard touchdown pass, enabling the Buff junior to tie the school record in single-season TD receptions (11). USC immediately responded with a 39-yard run from Allen, its final points of the game. The Buffaloes then let backup Jordan Gehrke take over at quarterback, and in his second series, he engineered a 13-play, 91-yard drive and scored on a 9-yard keeper with 8:19 to play to end the day's scoring.

Jones led CU in rushing with 62 yards on 11 carries, while Spruce caught nine passes for 69 yards.

### SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
USC — Agholor 16 pass from Kessler (Wood kick)	0-7	10:47	1Q
USC — Agholor 18 pass from Kessler (Wood kick)	0-14	8:12	1Q
USC — Smith 7 pass from Kessler (Wood kick)	0-21	2:09	1Q
USC — Dixon 15 pass from Kessler (Wood kick)	0-28	1:16	1Q
COLORADO — Adkins 1 run (Oliver kick)	7-28	10:06	2Q
USC — Dixon 9 pass from Kessler (Wood kick)	7-35	5:32	2Q
USC — Agholor 75 pass from Kessler (Wood kick)	7-42	12:35	3Q
COLORADO — Fields 2 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	14-42	7:31	3Q
USC — Mitchell 24 pass from Kessler (Wood kick)	14-49	6:30	3Q
COLORADO — Spruce 5 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	21-49	3:15	3Q
USC — Allen 39 run (Wood kick)	21-56	0:11	3Q
COLORADO — Gehrke 9 run (Oliver kick)	28-56	8:19	4Q

Attendance: 74,756 Time: 3:17

Weather (76°): hazy skies, 56% humidity, 8 mph winds from the southwest

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	USC
First Downs .....	27	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	6-17 (3-6)	4-11 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	46-172	33-213
Passing Yards .....	231	319
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	49-31-2	28-19-0
Total Offense .....	403	532
Return Yards .....	19	58
Punts: No-Average .....	4-40.2	5-36.2
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards .....	7/61	7/85
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-20	4-24
Time of Possession .....	35:57	24:03
Drives/Average Field Position .....	15/C28	14/SC35
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) .....	4-4 (28)	5-5 (35)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Jones 11-62, Lindsay 10-55, Adkins 7-25, Gehrke 3-19, Powell 4-11, Creer 4-8, Liufau 7-minus 8. **USC:** Allen 15-128, Davis 11-97, Toland 4-5, Browne 1-3, Kessler 2-minus 20.

**Passing—Colorado:** Liufau 35-23-2, 143, 2 td; Gehrke 13-7-0, 71; Spruce 1-1-0, 17. **USC:** Kessler 26-19-0, 319, 7 td; Browne 2-0-0, 0.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Spruce 9-69, McCulloch 4-44, Goodson 4-30, Fields 3-35, Irwin 2-15, Lee 2-8, Creer 2-7, Adkins 2-minus 4, Liufau 1-17, Lindsay 1-7, Jones 1-3. **USC:** Agholor 6-128, Smith 4-104, Telfer 4-19, Dixon 2-24, Mitchell 1-24, Allen 1-12, Rogers 1-8.

**Punting—Colorado:** O'Neill 4-40.2 (46 long, 0 In20). **USC:** Albarado 5-36.2 (44 long, 2 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Fields 2-19. **USC:** Agholor 1-14, Rogers 1-5.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lindsay 5-103. **USC:** Agholor 2-36, Jackson 1-15.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Thompson 8,2—10; Olugbode 7,3—10; Henderson 5,1—6; Awuzie 5,0—5; Gillam 2,3—5; Solis 2,2—4; Mosley 2,1—3; Crawley 2,0—2; Parker 2,0—2; Severson 2,0—2; Shaver 2,0—2; White 2,0—2; Greer 1,1—2; Witherspoon 1,1—2. **USC:** Sarao 6,6—12; Pullard 7,2—9; Hawkins 7,2—9; Plattenburg 8,0—8; Tavai 3,4—7.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Solis 1-11, Parker 1-9. **USC:** Tavai 1½-10, Pelon 1-7, Townsend 1-4, Williams ½-3.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **USC:** Seymour 1-23, Cravens 1-16. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Henderson 3, McCartney, Olugbode, Smith. **USC:** Hawkins 2, Pullard 2, Bowman, Lockett, Seymour.

### GAME NOTES

USC now leads the series by a **9-0** count (5-0 in Los Angeles, 4-0 with both as Pac-12 conference mates) ... Colorado fell to **2-18-1** all-time in the state of California and to **1-10** when they wear black helmets ... CU lost the coin toss for the first time in 2014 ... **S Terrel Smith** started his first game since the eighth game of the 2012 season (at Oregon) ... **61** of the **70** players on the trip played in the game ... **DT Juda Parker** and **DT Justin Solis**, each recorded their second career quarterback sack ... The Buffs finished with 403 yards of total offense, the **sixth** straight game over **400**; a CU team has not strung that many in a row since opening the 1994 season with seven straight ... Longtime voice of the Buffaloes, **Larry Zimmer**, missed his first CU game since the 1993 Aloha Bowl; he was hospitalized since the night of Oct. 4 for causes yet to be determined (a streak of 251 games in a row was thus snapped) ... **WR Nelson Spruce**, in addition to tying the single-season TD reception mark with 11, caught a pass for the 20th straight game and is also now **3-of-3** as a passer in his career for 64 yards; all three passes were caught by quarterbacks (Liufau 2-49, Jordan Webb 1-15).



## UCLA 40 COLORADO 37 (2OT)

OCTOBER 25, 2014

FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME **8**

**BOULDER** — The Colorado Buffaloes kept UCLA quarterback Brett Hundley in check for the majority of the afternoon, but in two plays in double overtime, he inflicted his damage, covering the 25 yards in two runs, including an 8-yard touchdown scamper to secure a 40-37 win for the No. 25 Bruins at Folsom Field.

CU rallied from 17-0 (first quarter) and 31-14 (fourth quarter) deficits to force overtime.

Quarterback Sefo Liufau set a CU single-season school record touchdown passes, throwing a pair to Bryce Bobo to reach 23 and break Koy Detmer's mark of 22 set in 1996. Liufau finished 27-of-45 passing for 246 yards, but also had two interceptions.

The Buffs got a strong ground performance from Michael Adkins II, who carried 17 times for 107 yards and a touchdown. Tony Jones added 104 total yards (68 rushing with one score, 36 receiving) and the Buffs finished with a season-high 233 rushing yards.

By halftime the Buffs had sliced lead down to 24-14, but they went to their locker room fuming over what might have been. Liufau hit D.D. Goodson with a 6-yard pass for a first down at the UCLA 4, and the entire Buffs sideline believed Goodson made it out of bounds to stop the clock. It did stop on the first down, then restarted, but while the Buffs scrambled to line up and run a play, time expired.

UCLA took a 7-0 lead on its second offensive play as Paul Perkins ran 92 yards for a touchdown. Two series later, Hundley hit Jordan Payton with a 20-yard scoring pass and the Bruins were up 14-0. UCLA then increased its first-quarter lead to 17-0 on a 31-yard field goal by Ka'imi Fairbairn.

The Buffs got on the board their first touchdown two plays after Liufau was roughed up on third down and Jones scored on a 1-yard run. The Bruins' only score of the second quarter then followed on a 24-yard run by Perkins with 4:48 left before intermission.

A pair of Bruin penalties wiped out back-to-back picks – one thrown by Nelson Spruce on a receiver reverse pass, the other by Liufau – thus keeping a 75-yard TD drive intact. Adkins capped the drive with a 17-yard scoring run and Will Oliver's PAT brought the Buffs to 24-14.

The only score of the third quarter was by UCLA's Myles Jack, who plays tailback and linebacker, who bullied his way in for a 3-yard TD, enabling the Bruins to carry a 31-14 lead into the fourth quarter. Liufau hit Bryce Bobo for 38-yard touchdown on a fourth-and-two, as the Buffs inched to within 10 points (31-21) with plenty of time left (12:59).

Liufau then engineered an eight-play, 64-yard drive, finishing it with a 3-yard TD pass to Bobo to make it a one-possession game at 31-28. CU's defense then forced a three-and-out, giving the Buffs the ball at their own 30 with 6:40 remaining, but two plays into the possession, corner Marcus Rios intercepted Liufau.

But the Buffs defense again rose to the occasion, making a fourth-and-one stop at the CU 22. Liufau & Co. took over at the 23 with 2:55 to play and drove to the UCLA 18 in eight plays, where Oliver's 35-yard field goal with 36 seconds left sent the game into overtime.

The Buffs forced the Bruins to rely on Fairbairn for their first OT points and his 28-yard field goal was matched by Oliver's 38-yarder, forcing a second overtime tied at 34-34.

Stopped at the 17, the Buffs turned to Oliver for their first lead of the afternoon (37-34), but Hundley's 8-yard keeper trumped it and the game was over.

UCLA .....	17	7	7	0	3	6	— 40
COLORADO .....	0	14	0	17	3	3	— 37

### SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
UCLA — Perkins 92 run (Fairbairn kick)	0-7	12:47	1Q
UCLA — Payton 20 pass from Hundley (Fairbairn kick)	0-14	5:22	1Q
UCLA — Fairbairn 31 FG	0-17	4:00	1Q
COLORADO — Jones 1 run (Oliver kick)	7-17	6:12	2Q
UCLA — Perkins 24 run (Fairbairn kick)	7-24	4:48	2Q
COLORADO — Adkins 17 run (Oliver kick)	14-24	1:46	2Q
UCLA — Jack 3 run (Fairbairn kick)	14-31	1:22	3Q
COLORADO — Bobo 38 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	21-31	12:59	4Q
COLORADO — Bobo 3 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	28-31	7:52	4Q
COLORADO — Oliver 35 FG	31-31	0:36	4Q
UCLA — Fairbairn 28 FG	31-34	.....	OT1
COLORADO — Oliver 38 FG	34-34	.....	OT1
COLORADO — Oliver 34 FG	37-34	.....	OT2
UCLA — Hundley 8 run (no PAT kick)	37-40	.....	OT2

**Attendance:** 37,442 **Time:** 3:53

**Weather (75°):** sunny skies, 14% humidity, 9 mph winds from the southeast

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	UCLA
First Downs .....	31	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	3-16 (2-2)	3-15 (0-1)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	45-233	37-309
Passing Yards .....	267	200
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	46-28-2	39-24-0
Total Offense .....	500	509
Return Yards .....	5	48
Punts: No-Average .....	8-39.9	8-45.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	0-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards .....	6/50	14/121
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession .....	35:05	24:55
Drives/Average Field Position .....	18/C32	18/U34
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) .....	5-6 (27)	4-4 (20)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Adkins 17-107, Jones 17-67, Liufau 6-26, Lindsay 3-22, Lee 2-10. **UCLA:** Perkins 19-180, Hundley 12-110, James 4-16, Jack 1-3, Vanderdoes 1-0.

**Passing—Colorado:** Liufau 45-27-2, 246, 2 td; Fields 1-1-0, 21. **UCLA:** Hundley 39-24-0, 200, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Spruce 6-63, Goodson 5-53, Jones 5-36, Bobo 4-54, McCulloch 2-18, Slavin 2-17, Fields 2-14, Lindsay 2-12. **UCLA:** Fuller 7-41, Payton 5-65, Lucien 4-23, Johnson 3-33, Massington 2-19, Perkins 2-12, Harris 1-7.

**Punting—Colorado:** O'Neill 8-39.9 (48 long, 3 In20). **UCLA:** Searl 4-48.5 (59 long, 1 In20), Mengel 4-41.5 (49 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Fields 2-5. **UCLA:** Adams 2-18.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** none. **UCLA:** Adams 1-18.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Daigh 9,3—12; Awuzie 8,3—11; Olugbode 6,2—8; Henderson 6,1—7; Thompson 5,1—6; Tupou 4,2—6; Smith 2,4—6; McCartney 2,2—4; Parker 2,2—4; Solis 2,2—4; Frazier 2,1—3; White 2,0—2; Crawley 0,2—2. **UCLA:** Kendricks 15,1—16; Moreau 7,0—7; Adams 6,1—7; Jack 6,1—7; Clark 5,2—7; Goodman 5,1—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** none. **UCLA:** none. **Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **UCLA:** Kendricks 1-21, Rios 1-9. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Thompson 3, Henderson, Olugbode. **UCLA:** Kendricks, Moreau.

### GAME NOTES

CU dropped to **5-7** in overtime games (0-3 in multiple); this was the third time CU has played two OT games in the same season (1999, 2002). All seven losses have been by 3 points ... Game time of **3:53** tied for the fourth longest in CU history (longest was 4:01 at Cal this year, also 2 OT) ... Colorado started a new tradition: the Buffs will carry out the flags of United States and Colorado when taking the field; **Richard Yates** had the Colorado flag and **Jeromy Irwin** the U.S. one ... **TB Tony Jones** became the ninth player in CU history to join the 1,000/500 club (rushing/receiving yards) ... The 92-yard run by Paul Perkins was the second longest ever at UCLA and also against CU (Robbie Rouse, Fresno State, 94 in 2012) ... Colorado was 8-of-8 in the first converting 2nd-and-4 or less situations into first downs (game: 11-of-13) ... CU finished with **500** yards of total offense, the **seventh** straight game over **400** (the first time since the first seven games of the 1994 season); with three 500+ games this year, that is the most since three in 2002 ... Not a lot of deep throws in this game (15-yards or more in the air from scrimmage: Liufau was 2-of-4, Hundley 0-of-6 ... **TB Michael Adkins** (17-107, 1 TD) had CU's second 100-yard rushing game this year, and the second of his career.



## WASHINGTON 38 COLORADO 23

NOVEMBER 1, 2014

FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME **9**

**BOULDER** — Colorado started fast against Washington on this crisp Saturday morning at Folsom Field, but a tough stretch in the third quarter where the Buffaloes turned the ball over three times enables the Huskies to rally for a 38-23 win as the calendar turned to November.

The Buffs (2-7, 0-6) built a 10-0 first quarter lead and maintained a 20-17 advantage at halftime, but two lost fumbles and an interception in barely a three-minute span after CU scored a field goal on its first second half possession led to 14 quick points for Washington (6-3, 2-3), and the Huskies never looked back.

And Liufau's 36 pass completions — he was 36-of-52 for 314 yards, two touchdowns and one interception — put him at 274 this season, breaking Joel Klatt's school mark of 241 set in 2005.

Huskies linebacker/tailback Shaq Thompson rushed for 174 yards on 15 carries and scored one touchdown. Along with quarterback Cyler Miles' passing — 13-of-19, 206 yards, 2 TDs — the duo furnished UW with more balance than CU's defense could handle.

Michael Adkins contributed 109 yards on 13 carries, his second straight 100-yard game on the ground. Will Oliver hit all three of his field goal attempts (32, 39, 49 yards) and kicked two extra points to keep him perfect (35-of-35) with a string of 95 in a row as he wraps up his CU career.

The Buffs forced the Huskies into a three-and-out to open the game, and Liufau drove CU 70 yards in nine plays, combining with D.D. Goodson on a 30-yard pass for the score.

A fumble recovery by linebacker Kenneth Olugbode at the CU 13-yard line thwarted a UW drive and led to a 72-yard drive as Oliver made his first field goal to make it 10-0 with 3:42 left in the first quarter.

The Huskies closed to within 10-7 with an 86-yard drive to get on the board, as Thompson scored on a 24-yard run on a fourth-and-one play. A 41-yard kickoff return by Phillip Lindsay put the Buffs in position for their second TD. Liufau hit George Frazier in the back of the end zone to push the lead to 17-7.

The teams traded field goals and the Buffs held a 20-10 lead before Washington put a 78-yard drive together just before the half to pull back to within three on a Miles-to-Kendyl Taylor pass.

The Buffs opened the second half with a 44-yard drive that positioned Oliver for his third field goal — a season-long 49-yarder that pushed CU in front 23-17.

After John Walker forced a UW fumble at the 1-yard line, recovered by Derek McCartney in the end zone, the Buffs good fortune quickly turned. Lindsay fumbled and the Huskies scored five plays later on a 28-yard pass from Miles to Dante Pettis to take their first lead at 24-23. Less than a minute later, Liufau was intercepted by linebacker Travis Feeney, who scored on a 30-yard return to quickly make it 31-23.

Lindsay was then rocked on the kickoff and was ruled to have fumbled, with UW's Cory Littleton recovering at the Buffs 31. The Huskies didn't capitalize but took momentum and a 31-23 lead into the final quarter.

Early in the fourth, Pettis took a Darragh O'Neill rugby-style punt and sprinted 87 yards untouched for his first second TD of the game, and the 38-23 score held for the final 13:10 of the game.

The afternoon's bright spots for CU: Liufau and two receivers — Shay Fields and Nelson Spruce — set school seasonal records. Fields' two catches give him 40 for the season, breaking the CU freshman seasonal mark of 39 by Chris McLemore in 1982. Spruce's 13 receptions gave him 90 this season and moved him past the 83 caught by Paul Richardson in 2013.

Washington .....	7	10	14	7	—	38
COLORADO .....	10	10	3	0	—	23

### SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Goodson 30 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	7-0	10:30	1Q
COLORADO — Oliver 32 FG	10-0	3:42	1Q
Washington — Thompson 24 run (Van Winkle kick)	10-7	0:55	1Q
COLORADO — Frazier 1 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	17-7	12:42	2Q
Washington — Van Winkle 35 FG	17-10	7:55	2Q
COLORADO — Oliver 39 FG	20-10	2:23	2Q
Washington — Taylor 9 pass from Miles (Van Winkle kick)	20-17	0:53	2Q
COLORADO — Oliver 49 FG	23-17	11:23	3Q
Washington — Pettis 28 pass from Miles (Van Winkle kick)	23-24	5:38	3Q
Washington — Feeney 30 interception return (Van Winkle kick)	23-31	4:38	3Q
Washington — Pettis 87 punt return (Van Winkle kick)	23-38	13:10	4Q

Attendance: 35,633 Time: 3:11

Weather (50°): partly cloudy skies, 50% humidity, calm winds (less than 2 mph)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	WASHINGTON
First Downs .....	24	14
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	11-21 (2-3)	2-11 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	37-181	40-236
Passing Yards .....	314	206
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	52-36-1	19-13-0
Total Offense .....	495	442
Return Yards .....	6	126
Punts: No-Average .....	4-44.0	5-44.2
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	3-3	4-3
Penalties/Yards .....	5/39	3/24
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-4	3-12
Time of Possession .....	35:04	24:56
Drives/Average Field Position .....	14/C24	13/W34
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) .....	3-4 (13)	2-4 (10)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Adkins 13-109, Powell 5-24, Lindsay 2-16, Jones 4-15, Fields 2-10, Goodson 1-7, Spruce 1-2, Liufau 8-0, Lee 1—minus 2. **Washington:** Thompson 15-174, Miles 13-39, Cooper 6-23, Taylor 1-3, Mickens 1-0, Lindquist 1-0, Team 3—minus 3.

**Passing—Colorado:** Liufau 52-36-1, 314, 2 td. **Washington:** Miles 19-13-0, 206, 2 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Spruce 13-138, Goodson 7-70, Slavin 3-36, Powell 3-8, Fields 2-11, Jones 2-10, Adkins 1-16, Lindsay 1-13, Lee 1-7, Bobo 1-3, Frazier 1-1, Irwin 1-1.

**Washington:** Campbell 3-27, Pettis 2-76, Thompson 2-41, Cooper 2-12, Perkins 1-28, Taylor 1-9, Mickens 1-8, Williams 1-5.

**Punting—Colorado:** O'Neill 4-44.0 (53 long, 1 In20). **Washington:** Durkee 4-47.2 (56 long, 0 In20, 1 TB); Miles 1-32 (1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Spruce 2-6. **Washington:** Pettis 3-96.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lindsay 4-112. **Washington:** Ross 2-36.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** White 6,2—8; Daigh 5,3—8; McCartney 5,2—7; Awuzie 6,0—6; Olugbode 3,3—6; Tupou 3,3—6; Walker 2,2—4; Gilbert 2,0—2; Greer 2,0—2; Lopez 1,1—2; Parker 1,1—2; Solis 1,1—2. **Washington:** Jones 12,0—12; Baker 5,3—8; Peters 7,0—7; Timu 5,2—7; A. Hudson 6,0—6; Kikaha 6,0—6; Littleton 5,1—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Daigh 1-4. **Washington:** Kikaha 1-4, A. Hudson 1-4.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Washington:** Feeney 1-30. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Henderson 2, Crawley. **Washington:** Peters 2, A. Hudson, E. Hudson, Jones.

### GAME NOTES

Washington has now won six straight in the series to take a **9-5-1** lead (4-0 with both as members of the Pac-12) ... The Buffs led for **34:52** in this game (UW for just 20:38, but it was the final quarter and a third) ... When Colorado took a **7-0** lead, it marked its first lead over Washington in four games as a member of the Pac-12 (its last in the series came in 2001, 7-3 late in the first half of an eventual 17-14 UW win) ... It also was CU's first lead since a 21-20 edge over Oregon State in the third quarter three games ago ... Washington had **298** yards at halftime on 34 plays ... but gained **208** of those (70 percent) on just five plays (it gained 286 of its 442 yards for the game on eight plays (65 percent) ... UW's interception and punt returns for touchdowns were the first non-offensive TDs in a CU game this season ... After UW scored its last offensive touchdown to take a 24-23 lead with 5:38 left in the third quarter, it ran just 14 plays for 24 yards with one first down the remainder of the game (11 for 27 minus the three kneel-downs at the end of the game) ... CU finished with **495** yards of total offense, a school record **eighth** straight game at **400** or more; it is now one shy of the season high of nine set in the 1993, 1994 and 1995 seasons ... Oliver moved into second place on CU's all-time scoring list.



## ARIZONA 38 COLORADO 20

NOVEMBER 8, 2014

ARIZONA STADIUM, TUCSON

GAME **10**

**TUCSON** — Four turnovers cost the Colorado Buffaloes more points than they could make up against No. 21 Arizona, as the Wildcats converted all four into touchdowns, the 28 points more than enough to propel them to a 38-20 victory.

Things looked pretty good at the outset for the Buffs, as CU scored on its first play from scrimmage — a 75-yard pass from Sefo Liufau to Shay Fields; Will Oliver's PAT kick gave CU a 7-0 lead only 11 seconds into the game, the school record for the quickest score in a game.

The lead held for nearly 14 minutes, until Liufau was sacked by safety Anthony Lopez. He fumbled and lay helpless while Wildcats linebacker Tra'Mayne Bondurant scooped up the ball and ran 22 yards for a touchdown. A series later, Liufau was sacked again — this time by linebacker Jared Tevis, who forced and recovered Liufau's fumble at the CU 31-yard line. Five plays later, Anu Solomon hit slot receiver Tyrell Johnson with an 8-yard scoring pass and the Wildcats had their first lead at 14-7.

CU (2-8, 0-7 Pac-12) answered with a trick play for a tying score: Liufau handed off to Phillip Lindsay, who headed left but flipped the ball back to Nelson Spruce as he circled behind; Spruce rolled right, stopped short of the line of scrimmage and floated a 7-yard pass to Liufau in the end zone. It was Liufau's first career touchdown, just the fifth CU quarterback in history to catch a TD pass.

Oliver kicked the extra point to tie the game at 14-14, then added a 19-yard field goal just over 6 minutes later to push the Buffs ahead once more, 17-14. But the Buffs' good fortune quickly shifted when Liufau was picked off by Jourdan Grandon. With 2:07 left in the half, the Wildcats took over at their own 45 and scored eight plays later on a 1-yard pass from Solomon to David Richards to take a 21-17 lead at the break — all 21 coming on CU turnovers.

Three pass interference penalties helped move the Wildcats (7-2, 4-2 Pac-12) into position for a 37-yard Casey Skowron field goal that extended their lead to 24-17 less than three minutes into the third quarter. But CU pulled back to within 24-20 on a 33-yard Oliver field goal — his ninth straight and one shy of Mason Crosby's school record for consecutive kicks — and that score held into the fourth quarter.

Throwing under heavy pressure, Liufau was intercepted for the second time of the night — corner Devin Holliday picked him — and Solomon needed three plays to cover the 31 yards to the end zone. He hit Samajie Grant with a 27-yard TD pass and the Wildcats had their first two-score lead, 31-20, with 9:50 to play. Liufau was knocked out of the game on a vicious hit throwing that second interception, but Jordan Gehrke wasn't able to get anything going. Solomon and Grant teamed for a 20-yard scoring pass on Arizona's next offensive series, pushing the Wildcats ahead 38-20 with 5:49 remaining, essentially clinching the win.

Liufau left the game having completed 24-of-33 passes for 252 yards and one TD, with Lindsay recording his first 100-yard rushing game, carrying 17 times for 114 yards and gaining some redemption after losing two fumbles the previous game against Washington.

But the Buffs needed to be at their best to face the No. 21 Wildcats, but that appeared difficult given their pregame injury list and its growth as the night unfolded. CU was without starting safeties Tedric Thompson (concussion) and Chidobe Awuzie, who lacerated a kidney earlier in the week in practice.

COLORADO .....	7	10	3	0	—	20
Arizona .....	7	14	3	14	—	38

### SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Fields 75 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	7- 0	14:49	1Q
Arizona — Bondurant 22 fumble return (Skowron kick)	7- 7	1:12	1Q
Arizona — Johnson 8 pass from Solomon (Skowron kick)	7-14	12:16	2Q
COLORADO — Liufau 7 pass from Spruce (Oliver kick)	14-14	10:19	2Q
COLORADO — Oliver 19 FG	17-14	4:09	2Q
Arizona — Richards 1 pass from Solomon (Skowron kick)	17-21	0:11	2Q
Arizona — Skowron 37 FG	17-24	12:48	3Q
COLORADO — Oliver 33 FG	20-24	7:35	3Q
Arizona — Grant 27 pass from Solomon (Skowron kick)	20-31	9:50	4Q
Arizona — Grant 20 pass from Solomon (Skowron kick)	20-38	5:49	4Q

**Attendance:** 50,177 **Time:** 3:24

**Weather (75°):** clear skies, 40% humidity, 7 mph winds from the northeast

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	ARIZONA
First Downs .....	19	28
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	5-16 (0-1)	7-17 (1-4)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	36-94	47-288
Passing Yards .....	259	211
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	39-25-2	38-21-0
Total Offense .....	353	499
Return Yards .....	28	39
Punts: No-Average .....	5-40.6	5-32.8
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	3-2	1-0
Penalties/Yards .....	10/103	8/75
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-9	3-26
Time of Possession .....	30:05	29:55
Drives/Average Field Position .....	15/C29	14/A35
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) .....	3-3 (13)	4-5 (24)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Lindsay 17-114, Powell 4-13, Adkins 1-1, Jones 4-minus 1, Bobo 1-minus 3, Gehrke 1-minus 10, Liufau 7-minus 18, Team 1-minus 2. **Arizona:** Wilson 21-153, Solomon 13-105, Jones-Grigsby 10-18, Johnson 1-8, Grant 1-5, Team 1-minus 1.

**Passing—Colorado:** Liufau 33-24-2, 252, 1 td; Spruce 1-1-0, 7, 1 td; Gehrke 5-0-0, 0. **Arizona:** Solomon 38-21-0, 211, 4 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Spruce 9-89, Fields 5-94, Lee 3-17, McCulloch 2-18, Jones 2-10, Adkins 1-16, Liufau 1-7, Bobo 1-5, Lindsay 1-3. **Arizona:** Grant 6-83, Hill 3-46, Richards 3-20, Jones 3-18, Johnson 3-14, Wilson 1-18, Griffey 1-7, Phillips 1-5.

**Punting—Colorado:** O'Neill 5-40.6 (46 long, 2 In20). **Arizona:** Riggelman 5-32.8 (49 long, 0 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Spruce 1-28. **Arizona:** Neal 1-1.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Severson 1-13. **Arizona:** Johnson 1-20.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Smith 8,2—10; Olugbode 8,1—9; White 7,2—9; Crawley 8,0—8; Tupou 4,2—6; Henderson 5,0—5; Yates 5,0—5; Daigh 3,2—5; Parker 3,2—5; McCartney 2,2—4; Gillam 3,0—3; four with 1,2—3. **Arizona:** Wright 7,3—10; Matthews 3,4—7; Grandon 4,2—6; Tevis 4,2—6; McKnight 5,0—5; Parks 4,1—5; Denson 3,1—4.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Tupou 2-9. **Arizona:** Wright 1-10, Tevis 1-9, Lopez 1-7.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Arizona:** Holiday 1-16, Tevis 1-0. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Crawley 2, Walker 2, Henderson. **Arizona:** McKnight, Pettinato.

### GAME NOTES

Colorado's lead in the series was nicked to **13-4**, as UA has won four of last five ... Colorado dropped to **9-7** all-time in the state of Arizona ... The Buffaloes wore the combination of black helmets with white uniforms and gold pants for the first-time ever ... It was CU's 18th straight loss to a ranked opponent (23 straight on the road), and the 10th straight league setback ... CU's previous quickest score from scrimmage came in 1996, 13 seconds into a 24-10 win at Texas A & M (Rae Carruth scored on a 28-ayrd reverse, set up by a Ryan Sutter fumble recovery on opening kickoff). The previous fastest score was 12 seconds into a 45-29 win over Kansas in 1970, when Cliff Branch returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a score ... This year's game was similar to last year's: UA scored the last **17** points last year to pull away to a 44-20 win; this year, the last **14** to win 38-20 ... With 19 first downs, CU upped its total to **264** for the year, setting a new single-season record ... **WR Nelson Spruce's** 28-yard punt return was the longest since Travon Patterson returned one 45 yards against Texas Tech in Boulder on Nov. 23, 2010 ... Senior **DB Brandon Brisco** saw his first career action (special teams), while **S Richard Yates** saw his first action from scrimmage at safety after **S Evan White** left with a concussion ... U finished with a season-low **353** yards of total offense, snapping the school record run of eight in a row ... The throwback TD pass from **Spruce to Liufau** enabled the duo to tie Cody Hawkins and Scotty McKnight with 15 (Hawkins threw all those; Liufau has thrown 14 of the 15). Spruce is now 4-of-4 passing in his career with 1 TD Liufau has caught three of those for 56 yards.



## OREGON 44 COLORADO 10

NOVEMBER 22, 2014

AUTZEN STADIUM, EUGENE

GAME **11**

**EUGENE** — The Colorado Buffaloes entered Autzen Stadium with the goal of playing the spoiler, but the No. 3 Oregon Ducks and Heisman Trophy candidate Marcus Mariota had other thoughts in mind.

Using a strong second quarter to break open the game, Oregon defeated the Buffs, 44-10, to keep its national championship hopes alive. The Ducks (10-1, 7-1 Pac-12) led by only 6-0 until scoring their second touchdown with just 10 seconds left in the first quarter. The then methodically built up a 30-3 halftime lead that proved insurmountable for the Buffs (2-9, 0-8 Pac-12), who started backup quarterback Jordan Gehrke.

CU struggled to produce much on offense end, finishing the game with season lows in plays (46) and yards (226), while the Ducks racked up 597 yards on 65 plays.

CU didn't waste any time showing it'd take some chances, opening the game by recovering an on-sides kick. The Buffs were forced into a 3-and-out, and Oregon immediately went to work, taking a 6-0 lead after Royce Freeman sprinted 20 yards for the first score.

CU answered with a solid possession, using 11 plays until the drive stalled on a sack at the Oregon 29; but the Buffs came up empty when Will Oliver, who had connected on nine straight field goals, missed wide right from 46 yards, and in the process failed to tie Mason Crosby for the longest streak in school history.

After both teams traded punts, Mariota went to work, and on a 3rd-and-2 as the quarter wound down, he broke free, using his speed to score from 46 yards out to make it 13-0.

A 62-yard punt by Darragh O'Neill pinned the Ducks at their 6-yard line, but Mariota steered his team 94 yards in 11 plays and Freeman scored again, this time on a 7-yard jaunt, to make it 20-0.

The Buffs finally got on the board with a 23-yard field goal from Oliver to make the score 20-3, but Oregon answered in just 1:12, with Mariota passing 31 yards to Charles Nelson for a TD, making it 27-3. After a CU 3-and-out, the Ducks drove to the CU 8, but the Buffs would force a 25-yard field goal to end the half down 30-3.

CU opened the second half moving the ball, but on a 4th-and-2 at the Oregon 40, Gehrke came up less than a yard short for a first down. He did connect with Nelson Spruce on the drive and the Biletnikoff semifinalist's first catch of the game gave him 100 on the season. Oregon quickly drove inside the red zone and had a first down at the CU 2, but it was the Buffs turn to hold the Ducks out of the end zone on four straight plays.

Sefo Liufau replaced Gehrke at quarterback, but it didn't provide the spark the Buffs hoped for, and after the Buffs gave the ball back to Oregon, Mariota took to the air, hitting Evan Baylis on a 15-yard pass to make the score 37-3. On Liufau's second drive, CU finally reached the end zone. An amazing catch by Kyle Slavin pushed the Buffs into Duck territory and then Christian Powell broke free for 39 yards to the Oregon 5. Two plays later, Liufau found threw a touchdown pass to Donovan Lee and it was 37-10.

Mariota and Oregon answered in less than two minutes to make it 44-10, as he connected with Nelson again on a 14-yard TD toss; he then called it a day. The game then wrapped quickly with a scoreless fourth quarter.

COLORADO .....	0	3	7	0	—	10
Oregon .....	13	17	14	0	—	44

### SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Oregon — Freeman 20 run (pass failed)	0-6	10:48	1Q
Oregon — Mariota 46 run (Wogan kick)	0-13	0:10	1Q
Oregon — Freeman 7 run (Wogan kick)	0-20	10:06	2Q
COLORADO — Oliver 23 FG	3-20	6:18	2Q
Oregon — Nelson 31 pass from Mariota (Wogan kick)	3-27	5:06	2Q
Oregon — Wogan 25 FG	3-30	0:42	2Q
Oregon — Baylis 15 pass from Mariota (Wogan kick)	3-37	3:53	3Q
COLORADO — Lee 5 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	10-37	1:54	3Q
Oregon — Nelson 14 pass from Mariota (Wogan kick)	10-44	0:15	3Q

**Attendance:** 55,891 **Time:** 3:01

**Weather (52°):** intermittent light rain, 9 mph winds from the southwest

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	OREGON
First Downs .....	14	30
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	4-15 (0-1)	9-15 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	30-121	41-265
Passing Yards .....	105	332
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	32-16-0	36-26-0
Total Offense .....	226	597
Return Yards .....	0	21
Punts: No-Average .....	8-48.4	3-45.3
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	0-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	4/36	8/98
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-8	2-9
Time of Possession .....	31:40	28:20
Drives/Average Field Position .....	13/C23	12/O30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) .....	2-2 (10)	4-5 (24)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Powell 5-51, Lindsay 11-49, Jones 8-24, Gehrke 6-minus 3. **Oregon:** Freeman 17-105, Mariota 8-73, Bassett 5-27, Allen 1-21, Roseberry 2-13, Marshall 3-11, Forde 1-6, Benoit 3-6, Lockie 1-3.

**Passing—Colorado:** Gehrke 18-9-0, 64, 0 td; Liufau 14-7-0, 41, 1 td. **Oregon:** Mariota 32-24-0, 323, 3 td; Lockie 4-2-0, 9, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Lindsay 4-26, Jones 3-18, Lee 2-16, Spruce 2-16, Bobo 2-11, Slavin 1-11, Fields 1-6, Powell 1-1. **Oregon:** Marshall 4-65, Stanford 4-50, Lowe 4-42, Nelson 3-62, Carrington 3-41, Allen 3-27, Baylis 2-33, Schuller 2-9, Freeman 1-3.

**Punting—Colorado:** O'Neill 8-48.4 (62 long, 3 In20). **Oregon:** Wheeler 3-45.3 (51 long, 3 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** none. **Oregon:** Nelson 1-12, Loyd 2-9.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lindsay 7-142. **Oregon:** Marshall 1-20.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Moeller 14,0—14; Smith 10,1—11; Gillam 5,4—9; Gilbert 3,2—5; Solis 2,3—5; Parker 2,2—4; Severson 2,2—4; Olugbode 1,3—4; Shaver 1,3—4; Witherspoon 3,0—3; Tupou 2,1—3; Crawley 2,0—2; Walker 2,0—2. **Oregon:** Dargan 4,3—7; Buckner 3,2—5; Prevot 3,1—4; Malone 2,2—4; Washington 2,2—4; Daniels 3,0—3.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Gilbert 1-4, Team 1-4. **Oregon:** Walker 1-7, Armstead 1-2.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Oregon:** none. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Frazier, Moeller. **Oregon:** Hill 2, Ekpre-Obomu, Kamp, Ragin, Seisay.

### GAME NOTES

The Buffs are now **6-12** all-time versus No. 3 teams in the AP or Coaches polls ... The Buffaloes wore the combination of black helmets with white uniforms and white pants for the second-time ever (**0-2**; and dropped to **1-12** when wearing black helmets) ... The Buffs are **22-19** after bye weeks since 1985, but **0-4** as a member of the Pac-12 ... **WR Nelson Spruce** recovered CU's onside kick to open the game; the Buffs last recovered one in the 2013 season finale at Utah, and were just 0-of-1 since ... Oregon led **13-0** after the first quarter, including TD with 10 seconds left; in the previous three games, the Ducks led 29-10, 28-0 and 29-0 at the first quarter break (a combined 86-10) ... **QB Jordan Gehrke** and **DB Ryan Moeller** made their first career starts ... Moeller had seen action in the first 10 games, but all on special teams; he had quite the debut, tying the school record for the most tackles in a first career game in defense (14, all solo) ... CU finished with a season-low **262** yards of total offense, it's only time under 350 all season and just the third time under 400 ... CU was also held to a season-low 14 first downs ... Spruce became the sixth player in Pac-12 history to record 100 or more receptions in a single season ... **CB Greg Henderson** made his **44th** career start, the most by a defensive back in CU history (old mark was 43 by CB Victor Scott, 1980-83) ... **TB Christian Powell (5-51 rushing)** has led CU three straight seasons in rushing against Oregon, and has 45 career carries for **250** yards and two touchdowns versus the Ducks.



## UTAH 38 COLORADO 34

NOVEMBER 29, 2014

FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER

GAME **12**

**BOULDER** — A Colorado football season earmarked by coming close and leaving frustrated ended in that fashion for the Buffaloes, as once again, they were just good enough to be heartbroken in a 38-34 loss to Utah in the 2014 finale.

The Buffs (2-10, 0-9 Pac-12) saw their chances for victory evaporate on a 20-yard interception return for a touchdown by the Utes' Dominique Hatfield. It came with exactly 10 minutes left in the game. The Utah rally made it for a downer of a CU Senior Day, as the Buffaloes bid adieu to 21 seniors dressing for the last time.

Christian Powell rushed for three first half touchdowns, the first from two yards out that capped a 12-play 75-yard game opening drive in which CU made it look easy and like it would have its way with the Utes. Not so, as Utah scored the next 10 points to take a 10-7 lead on the first play of the second quarter, though the Buffs answered in less than two minutes. A 52-yard pass from Sefo Liufau to Shay Fields set CU up at the Utah 1 (though it appeared he scored), but it was inconsequential when Powell rammed it home on the next play to put CU back up, 14-10.

The Utes responded on their next possession, with Travis Wilson and Kaelin Clay connecting on a 2-yard TD pass, but Andy Phillip's PAT kick was a duck and fell short of the goal post and the score remained 16-14. It was CU's turn to counter and it did, with Powell finding the end zone for a third time on a 33-yard run around the left end to cap a 10-play drive. Will Oliver's 29-yard field goal with 16 ticks left before the half gave CU its 24-16 intermission lead.

Utah matched CU's opening score with one of its own to start the second half, marching 75 yards to pull to within 24-22 of the Buffs; the run failed on a two-point try to tie the game. But the drive had apparently ended on a Terrel Smith interception of Wilson at the CU 37, but the third-down pick was wiped out when replay officials ruled the ball touched the ground as Smith came down with it, though replays appeared to validate the call on the field.

"I had my hand under the ball . . . I don't know how they overturned it," Smith claimed. "It was a game-changer."

After the long replay delay, it was the perfect time for a fake punt – and Utah executed it perfectly, with punter Tom Hackett running 24 yards around left end to midfield to keep the drive alive and regained the lead on a 1-yard run by Devontae Booker.

Oliver made a second field goal, this one from 46 yards, as CU extended the lead back to 27-22; but Wilson and Westlee Tonga answered for the Utes with a 28-yard scoring hookup to turn the lead back to Utah, 28-27. Another two-point try was foiled, this time a pass deflected by Tim Coleman and intercepted by Ahkello Witherspoon.

But the game's back-and-forth tempo had been established, and CU responded with 66-yard touchdown pass from Liufau to Nelson Spruce. Oliver's PAT put CU ahead 34-28, and then a Phillips' 35-yard field goal pulled Utah to 34-31 late in the third quarter. That ended the offensive scoring for the day, but unfortunately for the Buffs, Utah (8-4, 5-4 Pac-12) had the one on defense to decide the game.

Liufau and his offense got two more chances to end this one and the season with a win, but both drives stalled; Utah took over with 3:48 to play and called on Booker to run out the clock, which he did with five carries, two earning first downs.

Utah.....	3	13	15	7	—	38
COLORADO .....	7	17	10	0	—	34

### SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Powell 2 run (Oliver kick)	7- 0	9:50	1Q
Utah — Phillips 41 FG	7- 3	1:57	1Q
Utah — Clay 34 pass from Wilson (Phillips kick)	7-10	14:54	2Q
COLORADO — Powell 1 run (Oliver kick)	14-10	13:06	2Q
Utah — Clay 2 pass from Travis Wilson (kick failed)	14-16	10:14	2Q
COLORADO — Powell 33 run (Oliver kick)	21-16	5:20	2Q
COLORADO — Oliver 29 FG	24-16	0:16	2Q
Utah — Booker 1 run (run failed)	24-22	12:02	3Q
COLORADO — Oliver 46 FG	27-22	9:53	3Q
Utah — Tonga 28 pass from Wilson (pass attempt intercepted)	27-28	6:37	3Q
COLORADO — Spruce 66 pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)	34-28	5:39	3Q
Utah — Phillips 35 FG	34-31	1:47	3Q
Utah — Hatfield 20 interception return (Phillips kick)	34-38	10:00	4Q

**Attendance:** 39,155 **Time:** 3:23

**Weather** (66°): partly cloudy, 11% humidity, 12 mph winds from the west (gusting to 32)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	UTAH
First Downs .....	18	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	9-16 (0-0)	10-18 (2-2)
Rushes—Net Yards.....	32-116	35-128
Passing Yards .....	317	311
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	31-20-1	37-25-0
Total Offense .....	433	439
Return Yards .....	3	42
Punts: No-Average .....	5-38.6	4-55.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	0-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	4/35	6/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	2-8	3-5
Time of Possession .....	27:43	32:17
Drives/Average Field Position.....	12/C27	12/U27
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	3-3 (17)	3-3 (15)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Powell 10-75, Jones 12-42, Liufau 6-6, Lindsay 3-4, Lee 1-minus 11. **Utah:** Booker 25-95, Hackett 1-24, Wilson 7-11, Team 2-minus 2.

**Passing—Colorado:** Liufau 31-20-1, 317, 1 td. **Utah:** Wilson 37-25-0, 311, 3 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Spruce 5-91, McCulloch 4-101, Fields 4-69, Lindsay 2-24, Jones 2-6, Powell 1-9, Slavin 1-9, Goodson 1-8. **Utah:** Clay 10-88, Scott 5-54, Booker 5-22, Tonga 3-77, McClellon 1-55, McCormick 1-15.

**Punting—Colorado:** O'Neill 5-38.6 (43 long, 2 In20). **Utah:** Hackett 4-55.8 (70 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Fields 2-3. **Utah:** Clay 2-18, Johnson 1-4.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lindsay 2-60, Lee 1-46, Severson 1-23. **Utah:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Olugbode 10, 2—12; Gilliam 8, 2—10; Daigh 4, 3—7; Moeller 4, 3—7; McCartney 4, 1—5; Greer 3, 2—5; Crawley 3, 1—4; Gilbert 3, 1—4; Tupou 2, 2—4; Henderson 2, 1—3; White 2, 1—3; Smith 2, 0—2; Witherspoon 2, 0—2. **Utah:** Fanaika 8, 0—8; Norris 4, 3—7; Williams 5, 1—6; Lotulelei 4, 1—5; Whittingham 4, 1—5; Hatfield 4, 0—4.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Gilliam 1-4, Gilliam ½-4, McCartney ½-4. **Utah:** Taumoepeanu 1-3, Fanaika 1-1, Lotulelei 1-1.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Utah:** Hatfield 1-20. **Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Crawley, Smith, Wilson, Witherspoon. **Utah:** Rowe 2, Blechen, Whittingham.

### GAME NOTES

Colorado finished 2014 with a 2-10 overall record and an 0-9 mark in Pac-12 play; four of the losses came by a combined **15** points; you have to go back to 1964 to find a CU team that endured that many league losses by so few points (12) ... Only Oregon (51) and Arizona (42) scored more points against Utah's defense than CU (34) ... Colorado scored on its opening drive for the fourth time this year (three TDs, all in the last four games) ... CU had three 75-yard TD drives in the game, finishing the season with **23** of 75 yards or longer ... Opponents had made **143** straight PAT kicks until Utah's Andy Phillips missed in the second quarter (dating to the 2012 USC game) ... CU ended the year with the opponent throwing **275** passes without an interception ... This was the last game for 21 CU seniors ... **TB Christian Powell** recorded his fourth career multi-TD game, and his second 3-TD effort; his 75 yards on 10 carries enabled him to finish the season with **448** yards rushing to lead the team a third straight year, becoming the ninth Buff to do so ... **WR Tyler McCulloch** had the first 100-yard game of his career (4-101, coming in his 49th game), and he became the 25th player in school history to reach 1,000 career yards (**1,089**) ... **QB Sefo Liufau** and **WR Nelson Spruce** also teamed for their **16th** touchdown pass play (15 Liufau to Spruce; one the other way), snapping a tie for the most in CU history with Cody Hawkins and Scotty McKnight (2007-10) ... **PK Will Oliver** finished his CU career second in scoring with **279** points, ending with a school record **102** consecutive extra points.