

2013-14 BOX SCORES

Game #1 (Nov. 8)

RV/RV COLORADO VS. RV/25 BAYLOR

Dallas, Texas

COLORADO (0-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 4-6	0-2	1-2	3-5	8	2	9	1	0	0	0	27
Johnson	f 4-9	0-2	0-3	1-2	3	5	8	0	0	0	0	17
Scott	f 4-10	0-0	7-8	5-6	11	2	15	0	2	1	1	32
Booker	g 5-16	0-4	0-0	1-3	4	2	10	3	0	0	2	36
Dinwiddie	g 2-12	1-5	5-7	1-4	5	2	10	4	1	1	0	36
Talton	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	6
Fletcher	1-4	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	15
Thomas	1-4	1-2	0-0	3-0	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	14
Hopkins	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	12
King	0-1	0-1	1-2	1-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Mills	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Team	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22-66	2-19	14-22	18-21	39	21	60	10	6	3	7	200

FG%	1st Hlf	7-33	21.2%	2nd Hlf	15-33	45.5%	Game	22-66	33.3%
3FG%	1st Hlf	0-9	0.0%	2nd Hlf	2-10	20.0%	Game	2-19	10.5%
FT%	1st Hlf	8-10	80.0%	2nd Hlf	6-12	50.0%	Game	14-22	63.6%

BAYLOR (1-0)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Austin	c 2-5	0-0	1-2	1-3	4	3	5	1	1	2	0	29
Wainright	f 0-3	0-1	0-1	2-3	5	4	0	2	1	0	0	13
Jefferson	f 3-9	0-1	7-11	4-7	11	4	13	2	2	0	1	25
Chery	g 5-11	1-5	3-4	0-4	4	1	14	4	2	0	0	35
Franklin	g 3-7	3-6	0-0	0-3	3	0	9	1	3	0	0	23
O'Neale	3-3	0-0	1-1	1-1	2	2	7	2	0	0	0	27
Gathers	0-2	0-0	2-2	0-2	2	4	2	0	1	0	0	10
Heslip	4-6	4-6	0-0	0-0	0	0	12	0	1	0	0	20
Prince	4-8	0-1	2-2	2-6	8	5	10	0	2	1	1	18
Team	2-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21-47	4-12	28-36	8-30	38	12	74	10	10	6	5	200

FG%	1st Hlf	10-26	38.5%	2nd Hlf	14-28	50.0%	Game	24-54	44.7%
3FG%	1st Hlf	3-11	27.3%	2nd Hlf	5-9	55.6%	Game	8-20	40.0%
FT%	1st Hlf	7-9	77.8%	2nd Hlf	9-14	64.3%	Game	16-23	69.6%

Colorado	22	38	60
Baylor	30	42	72

Officials: Tom Eades, Larry Spaulding, John Higgins
Technical: none. Attendance: 5207. Fouled out: none.

BUFFS FALL IN SEASON-OPENER

DALLAS — The Colorado Buffaloes opened a highly anticipated 2013-14 basketball season with a disappointing offensive performance against No. 25 Baylor, falling 72-60 at the American Airlines Center.

CU shot a dismal 33.3 percent, hitting just 22 of its 66 field goal attempts and never led in the contest. Nonetheless, with 2:23 remaining the Buffs trailed by only six after a layup by Josh Scott cut Baylor's lead to 64-58.

"We cut it to six at that one point," CU head coach Tad Boyle said, "but, we couldn't get over the hump."

The Buffs regained possession after a missed jumper by Baylor's Cory Jefferson and a rebound by Wesley Gordon. But a bad possession ending with a forced jumper by Askia Booker left the Buffs still down six and needing a stop.

Instead, Baylor 7-footer Isaiah Austin connected on a jump hook and the Buffs again trailed by eight. However, the Bears fouled Buffs junior guard Spencer Dinwiddie — who boasts an 82 percent career free-throw percentage — at the line with 47 seconds remaining. His pair of free throws again cut Baylor's lead to six, but Baylor junior college transfer Kenny Chery answered with a pair of foul shots and CU was all but finished.

Dinwiddie's three-point attempt rimmed out, the Bears corralled the rebound and finished out the game at the free-throw line, sending the Buffs back to Boulder 0-1.

"It's disappointing, but it's not the end of the world," Boyle said. "We have to keep getting better, that's all you can do. . . I just want to play hard, play smart and play together."

The Buffaloes were missing their typical offensive production that has come to be expected from Dinwiddie, Booker and Xavier Johnson. That trio was limited to a combined 28 points on 11-of-37 shooting.

Scott was the bright spot on offense for Colorado as the sophomore finished with a double-double, scoring 15 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Scott's frontcourt-mate, redshirt freshman Wesley Gordon, also delivered for the Buffaloes starting in his first career game.

Gordon finished with nine points and eight rebounds, and Boyle classified Gordon's performance as "terrific."

Game #2 (Nov. 10)

UT MARTIN AT RV/RV COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

UT MARTIN (0-2)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Dowdell	f 3-5	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	3	6	1	0	0	0	30
Martinez	f 0-1	0-0	1-4	0-4	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	21
Smith	g 4-12	3-6	4-5	1-1	2	3	15	1	1	0	1	26
Childs	g 3-10	0-2	2-4	0-3	3	2	8	0	0	0	1	24
Newell	g 5-12	3-6	2-3	1-2	3	3	15	6	4	0	2	29
Oldham	4-15	3-10	0-0	2-0	2	0	11	1	1	1	0	25
Taylor	0-2	0-1	0-1	1-1	2	2	0	4	2	0	1	12
Jones	3-5	3-4	0-0	1-0	1	2	9	0	1	0	0	15
Rowe	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
MoPo	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	4	0	0	2	0	0	11
Team	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22-63	12-29	9-17	10-16	26	24	65	13	12	1	5	200

FG%	1st Hlf	12-34	35.3%	2nd Hlf	10-29	34.5%	Game	22-63	34.9%
3FG%	1st Hlf	6-15	40.0%	2nd Hlf	6-14	42.9%	Game	12-29	41.4%
FT%	1st Hlf	5-11	45.5%	2nd Hlf	4-6	66.7%	Game	9-17	52.9%

COLORADO (1-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 6-7	0-0	1-2	2-6	8	2	13	2	2	2	0	25
Johnson	f 3-5	1-2	5-5	0-4	4	2	12	3	1	0	1	25
Scott	f 5-8	0-0	5-6	2-6	8	0	15	1	2	1	0	24
Booker	g 2-6	0-2	2-2	1-2	3	1	6	2	4	0	1	18
Dinwiddie	g 2-3	0-0	9-10	1-5	6	3	13	1	2	0	1	27
Talton	0-2	0-1	2-2	0-1	1	3	2	1	1	0	1	11
Fletcher	2-2	1-1	0-1	0-4	4	2	5	0	1	0	0	13
Nelson	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Thomas	3-3	1-1	2-2	0-2	2	9	2	2	0	1	1	19
Gamble	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Brady	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Hopkins	4-7	0-2	1-2	1-3	4	2	9	3	2	0	2	18
King	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Mills	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Team	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29-49	5-14	28-34	9-37	46	18	91	19	18	3	8	200

FG%	1st Hlf	15-26	57.7%	2nd Hlf	14-23	60.9%	Game	29-49	59.2%
3FG%	1st Hlf	3-8	37.5%	2nd Hlf	2-6	33.3%	Game	5-14	35.7%
FT%	1st Hlf	12-16	75.0%	2nd Hlf	16-18	88.9%	Game	28-34	82.4%

UT Martin	35	30	65
Colorado	45	46	91

Officials: Tom O'Neill, Randy McCall, Frank Harvey III
Technical: none. Attendance: 8408. Fouled out: none.

YOUTH FACTOR BIG IN HOME-OPENING WIN

BOLDER — Tad Boyle might be a long way from settling on an eight- or nine-player rotation for his Colorado men's basketball team, but this much is settled: Freshmen will figure prominently in any plan he devises.

That became apparent Sunday afternoon at the Coors Events Center in CU's 91-65 home-opening romp over overmatched UT-Martin. Boyle's quartet of first-year scholarship players — Dustin Thomas, Jaron Hopkins, Tre'Shaun Fletcher and George King — and redshirt freshman Wesley Gordon made key contributions as the Buffs shook any residue from a 72-60 loss two nights earlier to No. 25 Baylor.

"I'm still getting used to the rotations," Boyle said. "I'm not sure we have the rotations yet that we're going to have as the year goes on. But I really like our guys. . . I thought our freshmen really grew tonight and gave us good minutes. It's hard again with the rotations; I'd like to not have three or four (freshmen) on the floor at once, but sometimes there's nothing I can do about that."

And there are times — at least in early November — when it seems like a good idea, provided they contribute as they did Sunday. Four of the Buffs' first-year players combined for 36 points, with Gordon leading that pack with 13 and eight rebounds. He debuted against Baylor with nine points and eight boards.

Thomas and Hopkins scored nine points each, with Hopkins contributing three — tying him for team high — of the Buffs' 19 assists. Fletcher added five points and while King didn't score, he grabbed three rebounds and made one assist in his 5 minutes of court time.

"We got a lot of guys in the rotation and I thought that was good," Boyle said. "We're awfully young, as I've been telling you guys, and I think it showed at times."

CU didn't begin pulling away from UTM, a first-time foe from the Ohio Valley Conference, until sophomore Xavier Johnson hit a three-pointer from the left wing to tie the score at 24-24 with 8:21 left in the first half. That they ignited a 12-0 Buffs run that eventually went to 19-3 and resulted in a 40-27 advantage — CU's largest of the first half.

Game #3 (Nov. 13)

WYOMING AT RV/RV COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

WYOMING (1-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Cooke	f 1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	4	2	1	2	0	1	18
Nance Jr.	f 3-7	0-2	4-4	0-8	8	5	10	0	3	2	1	28
Grabau	g 3-8	1-5	2-3	0-0	0	5	9	5	1	0	0	38
Adams	g 5-8	3-4	2-2	1-2	3	4	15	0	2	0	0	24
Sobey	g 2-7	1-4	10-2	0-4	4	4	6	0	3	1	0	30
Hankerson Jr.	2-6	1-2	2-2	1-0	1	4	7	4	1	0	2	24
Washington III	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7
Granberry	3-5	1-2	0-2	2-2	4	2	7	1	1	0	1	28
Halderson	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Team	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20-46	7-21	11-15	5-19	24	29	58	11	13	3	5	200

FG%	1st Hlf	12-25	48.0%	2nd Hlf	8-21	38.1%	Game	20-46	43.5%
3FG%	1st Hlf	5-10	50.0%	2nd Hlf	2-11	18.2%	Game	7-21	33.3%
FT%	1st Hlf	2-4	50.0%	2nd Hlf	9-11	81.8%	Game	11-15	73.3%

COLORADO (2-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 2-5	0-0	2-2	0-2	2	1	6	2	3	0	1	33
Johnson	f 4-6	0-1	5-9	1-4	5	2	13	0	1	1	1	31
Scott	f 5-7	0-0	2-2	4-5	9	2	12	0	1	0	0	31
Booker	g 4-11	2-5	4-4	0-3	3	3	14	0	3	0	2	32
Dinwiddie	g 2-9	1-4	10-13	3-4	7	3	15	1	3	0	1	30
Talton	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	16
Stalzer	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Fletcher	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	13
Thomas	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	11
Hopkins	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	10
King	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Team	3-2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	18-45	3-12	24-34	12-23	35	19	63	4	14	1	5	200

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Game #4 (Nov. 16)

JACKSON STATE AT RV/RV COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

JACKSON STATE (1-3)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Taylor	f 2-6	0-0	0-0	0-1	3	4	2	2	0	0	0	18
Bolden	f 1-7	0-0	2-4	2-2	4	5	4	0	0	0	0	13
West	c 2-8	0-0	0-0	3-4	7	2	4	0	1	1	0	19
Stubbs	g 1-7	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	22
Brenty	7-14	5-12	1-2	0-4	4	4	20	0	1	0	1	33
Nobles	6-12	0-2	4-6	0-6	6	3	16	8	6	0	3	37
Love	3-6	2-4	4-5	1-1	2	1	12	1	1	0	0	18
Robinson	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	13
Wachira	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Todd	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team				1-0	1							
Totals	25-64	7-19	13-19	9-21	30	27	70	11	13	1	5	200

FG% 1st Hlf 12-32 37.5% 2nd Hlf 13-32 40.6% Game 25-64 39.1%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 6-12 50.0% 2nd Hlf 1-7 14.3% Game 7-19 36.8%
 FT % 1st Hlf 5-7 71.4% 2nd Hlf 8-12 66.7% Game 13-19 68.4%
 deadball rebounds: 5

COLORADO (3-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 2-2	0-0	6-11	0-3	3	10	3	0	2	0	0	24
Scott	f 2-5	0-0	7-9	2-5	7	1	11	0	2	0	0	24
Booker	g 6-10	3-7	0-0	1-4	5	2	15	6	2	1	0	29
Hopkins	g 4-6	1-2	3-6	0-3	3	1	12	2	0	0	0	19
Dinwiddie	g 2-4	1-1	6-6	1-1	2	0	11	6	2	0	6	31
Talton	5-6	3-4	0-0	0-1	1	1	13	3	2	0	1	25
Stalzer	0-2	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
Fletcher	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	5
Nelson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Thomas	5-8	1-2	2-4	1-3	4	2	13	2	3	0	1	17
Brady	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
King	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	7	2	2	0	2	0	1	11
Mills	1-1	0-0	3-4	0-3	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	3
Team				0-0	0							
Totals	28-45	9-17	29-43	5-31	36	18	94	23	14	3	9	200

FG% 1st Hlf 16-25 64.0% 2nd Hlf 12-20 60.0% Game 28-45 62.2%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 6-10 60.0% 2nd Hlf 3-7 42.9% Game 9-17 52.9%
 FT % 1st Hlf 8-12 66.7% 2nd Hlf 21-31 66.7% Game 29-43 67.4%
 deadball rebounds: 5

Jackson State 35 35 70
 Colorado 46 48 94

Officials: Verne Harris, Mike Giarratano, Casey McClellan
 Technicals: none. Flagrant foul: Gamble. Attendance: 9042. Fouled out: none.

BUFFS RISE & SHINE IN ROUT OF TIGERS

BOULDER — If a 10 a.m. tip time can produce as efficient a start as it did Saturday for the Colorado Buffaloes, more early morning games might shoot to the top of coach Tad Boyle's wish list.

Well, probably not, but there's no denying Boyle's team didn't sleep in. Early on in what was believed to be the earliest tip ever at the Coors Events Center, the Buffs were bright-eyed and dialed in during a 94-70 rout of Jackson State.

"We're used to it," CU guard Askia Booker said of the early start. "We practice at 6:30 (a.m.). I don't know that many other teams do it. . . coach thinks it makes us mentally tough."

Boyle was particularly happy with his team's togetherness and the way the ball was shared. In a tight win against Wyoming three nights earlier, CU managed only four assists. On Saturday morning, the Buffs finished with 23 on 28 field goals — a turnaround that left Boyle pleased and puzzled.

As a coach, it's hard to understand how we go from four to 23 assists," he said. "But the tone was set by Spencer (Dinwiddie) and 'Ski' . . . six-of-10 (shooting) with six assists is the line we want from 'Ski'; he was his old self."

It was Booker's most complete game of the young season, but he disputed the notion that his switch finally was flipped on: "My switch is never off. I got going a little bit and I thank coach Boyle for that. He tells me to be aggressive 24/7, to take shots when I'm open. He wants me to take good shots and I think I did that today. Other than that, my switch is always on."

Boyle called the win "a great team victory and I think our team took a step forward . . . it's one game but it's a positive thing to build on. I'm proud of them for playing together."

Dinwiddie and Booker — CU's starting backcourt — combined for 26 points and had 12 of their team's 23 assists. Booker's six assists were a career high, as were Dinwiddie's six steals. Seven Buffs — the most in the Boyle era — reached double figures, topped by Booker's 15. Xavier Talton and freshman Dustin Thomas scored 13 each, Jaron Hopkins added 12, Dinwiddie and Josh Scott 11 each, and Wesley Gordon had 10.

Game #5 (Nov. 18)

ARKANSAS STATE AT RV/RV COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

ARKANSAS STATE (2-2)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Van Slyke	f 5-10	0-1	5-5	2-4	6	5	15	0	1	2	0	27
Washington	f 4-9	0-0	1-1	1-1	1	4	9	0	1	0	0	25
Reed	g 7-16	4-9	3-4	0-5	5	2	21	4	0	0	1	34
Townsel	g 0-6	0-3	0-0	0-2	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	23
Johnson III	g 8-11	3-5	6-9	0-5	5	2	25	1	3	0	1	31
Golden	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	21
Dickerson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	10
Downs	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	3	0	0	5	1	0	24
Warshaw	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	5
Team				1-0	1							
Totals	24-58	7-19	15-19	6-24	30	21	70	11	16	4	5	200

FG% 1st Hlf 8-28 28.6% 2nd Hlf 16-30 53.3% Game 24-58 41.4%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 2-9 22.2% 2nd Hlf 5-10 50.0% Game 7-19 36.8%
 FT % 1st Hlf 10-11 90.9% 2nd Hlf 5-8 62.5% Game 15-19 78.9%
 deadball rebounds: 2

COLORADO (4-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 2-7	0-0	5-7	2-6	8	2	9	1	1	2	0	24
Scott	f 7-8	0-0	6-6	3-2	5	1	20	0	1	1	1	26
Booker	g 2-8	1-4	2-2	0-3	3	3	7	4	2	0	2	25
Hopkins	g 2-6	1-4	5-6	2-4	6	0	10	2	1	0	0	19
Dinwiddie	g 4-5	2-2	3-4	0-2	2	2	13	5	0	1	2	25
Talton	2-5	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	16
Stalzer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Fletcher	4-6	1-3	0-2	1-1	2	0	9	0	0	0	0	13
Nelson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Thomas	1-7	0-2	0-0	1-4	5	4	2	1	0	0	0	18
Gamble	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Brady	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
King	3-4	2-2	3-3	1-3	4	1	11	0	2	1	0	15
Mills	2-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	7
Team				1-2	3							
Totals	30-64	9-23	24-30	12-30	42	16	93	16	9	5	6	200

FG% 1st Hlf 15-33 45.5% 2nd Hlf 15-31 60.0% Game 30-64 46.9%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 6-15 40.0% 2nd Hlf 3-8 42.9% Game 9-23 39.1%
 FT % 1st Hlf 10-11 90.9% 2nd Hlf 14-19 66.7% Game 24-30 80.0%
 deadball rebounds: 4

Arkansas State 28 42 70
 Colorado 46 47 93

Officials: Chris Rastatter, Martin Cota, SirAllen Conner
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 8204. Fouled out: Van Slyke.

BUFFS KEEP GROWING, RUN PAST WOLVES

BOULDER — Colorado's young Buffs are growing up, which means an occasional pain or two. For now, it's nothing they can't tolerate but it won't stay that way much longer.

Ebbing and flowing Monday night at the Coors Events Center, CU alternately buried and revived Arkansas State before finally putting down the talented Red Wolves 93-70.

"Obviously, we're happy with a 23-point win," Buffs coach Tad Boyle said. "That was the good news. But I think again, like most games we've played this year, there's a lot of things we can take from this one and learn from and get better from. And I think the thing that stands out for me tonight was defensive intensity."

The Buffs (4-1) led by 18 points at halftime, by 20 in the opening seconds of the second half, then by only eight points with 13:30 remaining.

CU ultimately took control against Arkansas State (2-2), but it took a Spencer Dinwiddie three-pointer with 10:09 to play to restore a double-digit lead (68-56) and allow the Buffs to rediscover how to hit the accelerator.

Dinwiddie, one of four CU players in double figures, had another fine floor game, hitting four of five field goal attempts (two-of-two threes) and three of four free throws for 13 points. He also had a game-high five assists and two steals.

But the Buffs' high-point man was their growing low-post presence, Josh Scott, the 6-10 sophomore. His 20 points were one short of his career high. "They had a 6-7, although he was 250 pounds, and a 6-10 — but they were single-covering me and they weren't digging hard," Scott said. "If you're going to give me that, I'm probably going to score. That's pretty much all I can say about that."

Also in double figures for the Buffs were freshmen George King (11) and Jaron Hopkins (10). Eleven of the 14 CU players in uniform scored, but for the second consecutive game the Buffs were without sophomore forward Xavier Johnson, who also missed Saturday's game against Jackson State after being "dinged" in a late-week practice, according to Boyle.

Game #6 (Nov. 21)

UC SANTA BARBARA AT RV/RV

Boulder, Colo.

UC SANTA BARBARA (2-2)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Van Slyke	f 3-4	0-1	0-0	2-1	3	1	6	0	1	0	1	15
Beeler	f 1-1	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	5	4	0	1	1	0	17
Harmon	g 2-7	0-2	0-1	1-0	1	4	4	3	2	0	1	25
Boswell	g 2-8	1-6	0-0	0-5	5	0	5	4	3	0	1	31
Bryson	g 4-10	2-5	2-2	0-2	2	4	12	1	5	0	1	29
Chidress	4-7	1-3	1-3	0-2	2	4	10	6	2	0	3	27
Walker	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Brewe	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-1	5	4	2	1	5	1	0	18
Brown	8-11	7-10	0-0	1-6	7	2	23	1	2	0	1	33
DaRe	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Team				0-2	2							
Totals	26-52	11-28	5-8	5-20	25	26	68	17	17	1	9	200

FG% 1st Hlf 10-22 45.5% 2nd Hlf 16-30 53.3% Game 26-52 50.0%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 6-14 42.9% 2nd Hlf 5-14 35.7% Game 11-28 39.3%
 FT % 1st Hlf 4-4 100% 2nd Hlf 1-4 25.0% Game 5-8 62.5%
 deadball rebounds: 0

COLORADO (5-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 3-4	0-0	3-6	5-1	6	1	9	0	0	0	0	21
Johnson	f 3-5	0-2	3-4	0-5	5	1	9	2	3	0	3	29
Scott	f 1-5	0-0	1-3	4-3	7	1	3	1	1	0	4	27
Booker	g 5-10	1-4	3-3	0-4	4	3	14	2	3	0	3	25
Dinwiddie	g 4-9	2-6	14-15	0-5	5	1	24	2	0	1	1	35
Talton	0-4	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	4	1	0	1	17
Fletcher	2-3	1-2	2-2	0-1	1	1	7	0	1	0	0	7
Thomas	1-2	0-1	2-2	0-2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	13
Hopkins	2-7	0-1	0-1	1-1	2	2	4	1	2	0	0	19
King	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	7
Team				0-0	0							
Totals	22-50	4-18	28-36	10-24	34	12	76	12	13	1	12	200

FG% 1st Hlf 11-25 44.0% 2nd Hlf 11-25 44.0% Game 22-50 44.0%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 1-9 11.1% 2nd Hlf 3-9 33.3% Game 4-18 22.2%
 FT % 1st Hlf 9-10 90.0% 2nd Hlf 19-26 73.1% Game 28-36 77.8%
 deadball rebounds: 6

UC Santa Barbara 30 38 68
 Colorado 32 44 76

Officials: Dick Cartmell, Larry Spaulding, Michael Irving
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 8488. Fouled out: Beeler, Brewe.

BUFFS WITHSTAND GAUCHOS' TREY BINGE

BOULDER — The Colorado Buffaloes' perimeter defense has them living on the edge. They survived another three-point barrage Thursday night — this one by UC Santa Barbara — and won 76-68 for their fifth consecutive victory at the Coors Events Center.

But, according to coach Tad Boyle, the Buffs' three-point defense is "officially a deficiency of our team. Maybe I've been in denial . . . if it happens six games in a row, then maybe it's a trend."

Minus leading scorer (24 ppg) and rebounder (13 rpg) Alan Williams — a 6-7, 240-pound inside force — the Gauchos compensated on the

Game #7 (Nov. 24)

HARVARD AT RV/RV COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

HARVARD (1-3)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
M-Missi	f 4-5	0-0	5-7	1-8	9	3	13	1	0	2	2	32
Casey	f 4-13	1-2	2-2	1-2	3	4	11	2	1	1	1	19
Rivard	g 3-11	2-9	2-2	0-3	3	2	10	1	1	0	1	37
Chambers	g 5-12	2-6	0-2	1-2	3	1	12	4	2	0	1	34
Saunders	g 3-10	1-3	0-0	3-3	6	2	7	2	0	0	2	31
Edosomwan	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	5
Curry	2-5	1-3	0-0	1-1	2	2	5	3	4	0	1	27
Travis	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	2	0	1	0	2	15
Team				0-0	0							
Totals	23-62	7-23	9-13	9-20	29	17	62	13	10	3	10	200

FG% 1st Hlf 15-28 53.6% 2nd Hlf 8-34 23.5% Game 23-62 37.1%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 6-12 50.0% 2nd Hlf 1-11 9.1% Game 7-23 30.4%
 FT % 1st Hlf 6-9 66.7% 2nd Hlf 3-4 75.0% Game 9-13 69.2%
 deadball rebounds: 1

COLORADO (6-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 2-6	0-0	1-2	4-7	11	1	5	2	4	3	0	29
Johnson	f 4-7	3-4	0-0	1-5	6	1	11	1	2	0	1	28
Scott	f 3-5	0-0	6-8	3-8	11	3	12	2	1	2	0	24
Booker	g 5-15	0-3	2-2	0-1	1	0	12	3	1	0	0	27
Dinwiddie	g 5-9	4-7	3-4	0-4	4	1	17	2	2	0	0	35
Talton	3-5	1-2	2-3	3-2	5	1	9	2	3	0	0	18
Fletcher	2-3	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	16
Thomas	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-3	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	11
Hopkins	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	11
King	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team				0-2	2							
Totals	24-53	8-19	14-19	13-33	46	11	70	12	15	6	2	200

FG% 1st Hlf 11-26 42.3% 2nd Hlf 13-27 48.1% Game 24-53 45.3%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 4-10 40.0% 2nd Hlf 4-9 44.4% Game 8-19 42.1%
 FT % 1st Hlf 4-6 66.7% 2nd Hlf 10-13 76.9% Game 14-19 73.7%
 deadball rebounds: 1

Harvard	42	20	62
Colorado	30	40	70

Officials: Gregory Nixon, Darron George, Ryan McDaniel
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 9770. Fouled out: none.

FURIOUS COMEBACK TURNS CRIMSON RED

BOULDER — Long before Sunday, Tad Boyle had no doubt about the competitive makeup of his Colorado basketball team. When he left the Coors Events Center late Sunday afternoon, his belief had been underscored.

After trailing for almost 35 minutes, the Buffaloes shifted gears offensively and defensively — and, yes, mentally — and overtook previously unbeaten Harvard, 70-62, improving to 50-7 under Boyle at the CEC.

"Our team has fight in it, no doubt," Boyle said. "Our guys found a way . . . we've got competitors in that locker room."

Sunday's second half proved it. Down by 14 points in the opening minute of the final 20, the Buffs (6-1) used a 14-0 run in the last 8:23 to catch and surpass the Crimson (4-1). Sophomore forward Xavier Johnson contributed back-to-back three-pointers in the run, with junior guard Spencer Dinwiddie adding a third and edging the CEC crowd of 9,770 close to delirium.

"The three threes got the crowd going," Boyle said. "Our fans were terrific."

The win was CU's biggest in a six-game November home stand that saw Boyle's four-year record in the month climb to 15-0. "The thing that's so satisfying is how we got it and the team we got it against," Boyle said, citing Crimson coach Tommy Amaker "and what he's done with the Harvard program . . . that's a veteran, well-coached team."

Dinwiddie's 17 points topped four CU players in double figures and further reinforced Boyle's opinion of his 6-6 point guard. "He's playing at a very high level," Boyle said. "Spencer has a good feel for the game; he's a very calming influence on our team. I trust him — but I trust all of our players."

Dinwiddie had scoring help from guard Askia Booker and forward Josh Scott with 12 points each, while Johnson added 11. Harvard also had four players reach double figures, led by Kyle Casey's 13.

It was the second-half board work — especially on the defensive end — of Scott and teammate Wesley Gordon, who grabbed a game-best 11 rebounds apiece, that made a large impression on Boyle in a highly physical game. CU out-rebounded the Ivy League visitors 46-29.

The Buffs also held the Crimson to 23.5 percent shooting from the field in the second half and limited them to one three-pointer after allowing six treys in the first half.

Game #8 (Nov. 30)

RV/RV COLORADO AT AIR FORCE

USAF, Colo.

COLORADO (7-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 1-4	0-0	4-8	3-0	3	1	6	2	0	2	0	24
Johnson	f 5-6	0-1	1-1	3-5	8	1	11	2	0	0	0	23
Scott	f 5-10	0-0	6-6	5-8	13	2	16	2	0	0	1	25
Booker	g 5-13	3-7	0-0	0-2	2	0	13	0	2	0	1	22
Dinwiddie	g 3-5	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	7	5	3	0	2	24
Talton	0-2	0-1	2-2	1-1	2	3	2	4	0	0	1	16
Stalzer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Fletcher	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	10
Nelson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Thomas	2-3	0-0	3-3	1-2	3	3	7	1	3	0	0	13
Gamble	1-2	1-2	0-2	0-1	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	3
Brady	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
Hopkins	3-6	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	9	2	0	0	0	16
King	2-3	1-2	0-0	0-4	4	2	5	0	0	0	0	7
Mills	0-1	0-0	2-2	1-1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Team				0-1	1							
Totals	23-62	7-23	9-13	9-20	29	17	62	13	10	3	10	200

FG% 1st Hlf 12-26 46.2% 2nd Hlf 15-32 46.9% Game 27-58 46.6%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 5-13 38.5% 2nd Hlf 4-11 36.4% Game 9-24 37.5%
 FT % 1st Hlf 5-8 62.5% 2nd Hlf 13-16 81.3% Game 18-24 75.0%
 deadball rebounds: 2

AIR FORCE (3-4)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Olesinski	f 3-8	1-5	1-2	1-1	2	2	8	2	0	2	0	30
Hammonds	f 2-5	0-1	3-6	0-2	2	5	7	0	2	0	0	21
Parker	c 1-2	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	4	2	1	1	1	0	20
Coggins	g 6-13	2-7	4-4	0-4	4	1	18	2	7	1	0	34
Yon	g 2-6	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	25
Kocur	2-4	2-4	2-2	0-3	3	1	8	2	1	0	0	14
Jorgensen	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-2	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	12
Adler	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Long	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8
Graham	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	15
Moer	2-4	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	3	6	0	2	1	0	12
Michael	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Kammerer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Team				0-5	5							
Totals	19-46	6-22	13-19	4-21	25	18	57	12	18	4	4	200

FG% 1st Hlf 9-22 40.9% 2nd Hlf 10-24 41.7% Game 19-46 41.3%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 4-12 33.3% 2nd Hlf 2-10 20.0% Game 6-22 27.3%
 FT % 1st Hlf 2-2 100% 2nd Hlf 11-17 64.7% Game 13-19 68.4%
 deadball rebounds: 1

Colorado	32	47	81
Air Force	24	33	57

Officials: Randy McCall, Tom O'Neill, K.C. Ely
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 5394. Fouled out: Hammonds.

SCOTT SHINES IN HOMECOMING

COLORADO SPRINGS — After more than a year of waiting, Josh Scott finally returned home on Saturday. An afternoon that began with a rousing ovation from the Clune Arena faithful culminated with one of the finest performances of his young career.

The 6-10 sophomore from nearby Monument had 16 points and a season-high 13 rebounds as the Buffs led the Air Force Falcons from wire-to-wire en route to a convincing 81-57 victory. Scott reached his third double-double of the year half way through the second half and then sat for the game's final five minutes while the Buffs coasted to their seventh straight victory.

"It feels good, it's good to show up for the home crowd," said Scott. "I won't lie, so it's nice."

After being held to zero points and just three rebounds for the first 12:17 of the game, Scott sprang off the mat to score 16 points and grab 10 boards over the remainder of the afternoon. His tenacious and spirited play in front of the hometown fans helped break a close game wide open in the second half.

Scott's first bucket came at the 7:43 mark of the first half, as the Buffs were clinging to a tenuous nine-point lead. By the time he scored his final bucket nearly 18 minutes later, the Buffs lead had ballooned to 28 points mostly on the strength of the big man's domination of an undersized and overwhelmed Falcon front court.

"Once I got the ball in the high-post, I was just looking for Josh down low and we executed well," said freshman forward Wesley Gordon.

Scott's play may have been the highlight of the game, but it was an effective CU defense that won it. The Buffs out-rebounded the Falcons 42-25 and forced them into a resounding 18 turnovers as AFA was held to a season-low 57 points. The 57 points were the fewest the Buffs have allowed in a road game since they gave up 47 at Oregon last year.

Despite all of the Air Force mistakes, the turnover issues were far from one-sided. The Buffs turned the ball over nine times themselves in the first half and it was the sloppy play that kept Air Force in the game for more than a half.

Game #9 (Dec. 3)

RV/RV COLORADO AT COLORADO STATE

Fort Collins, Colo.

COLORADO (8-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 0-3	0-0	1-2	1-7	8	1	1	1	2	1	2	28
Johnson	f 0-4	0-2	0-0	2-1	3	5	0	0	3	1	1	18
Scott	f 2-4	0-0	2-3	1-6	7	4	6	0	1	3	2	32
Booker	g 4-12	0-6	4-6	0-1	1	2	12	1	2	0	2	21
Dinwiddie	g 8-14	1-4	11-11	0-2	2	0	28	4	0	0	2	36
Talton	2-5	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	4	2	2	0	0	18
Stalzer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fletcher	1-3	0-0	0-0	3-2	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	7
Thomas	2-5	0-2	0-2	5-0	5	3	4	0	2	0	0	17
Hopkins	4-5	2-2	0-0	0-4	4	4	10	0	1	0	2	16
King	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Team				0-0	1							
Totals	23-57	3-19	18-24	12-26	38	21	67	9	14	5	11	200

FG% 1st Hlf 11-30 46.2% 2nd Hlf 12-27 44.4% Game 23-57 40.4%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 1-10 10.0% 2nd Hlf 2-9 22.2% Game 3-19 15.8%
 FT % 1st Hlf 7-13 53.8% 2nd Hlf 11-11 100% Game 18-24 75.0%
 deadball rebounds: 4

COLORADO STATE (6-3)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Santo	f 3-4	0-0	3-4	4-2	6	5	9	0	3	0	1	24
Avila	f 4-19	0-3	8-11	3-8	11	1	16	3	5	2	1	40
Bejarano	g 4-15	2-7	5-6	2-3	5	1	15	2	3	1	0	40
Octeus	g 1-6	0-1	2-2	0-1	1	4	4	2	2	0	1	24
Hurst	3-5	0-0	0-0	3-2	5	2	6	2	2	0	1	30
Holt	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	13
De Ciman	2-3	0-1	1-2	0-3	3	5	5	0	1	0	1	15
Morgan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Cohn	1-3	1-2	2-2	0-3	3	0	5	2	0	0	2	14
Team				4-1	5							
Totals	19-57	3-14	21-37	16-24	40	21	62	11	18	4	7	200

FG% 1st Hlf 11-31 35.5% 2nd Hlf 8-26 30.8% Game 19-57 33.3%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 2-9 22.2% 2nd Hlf 1-5 20.0% Game 3-14 21.4%
 FT % 1st Hlf 10-13 76.9% 2nd Hlf 11-14 78.6% Game 21-27 77.8%
 deadball rebounds: 2

Colorado	30	37	67
Colorado State	34	28	62

Officials: Dick Cartmell, Kelly Self, Tommy Nunez
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 8268. Fouled out: Santo, De Ciman, Johnson

BUFFS CLOSE OUT RAMS

FORT COLLINS — Spencer Dinwiddie has little difficulty believing in himself or his game. His lone hang-up — and it's receding by the day, maybe by the hour — is knowing when to turn it up and take over.

Game #10 (Dec. 7)

6/7 KANSAS AT RV/RV COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

KANSAS (6-2)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Black	f 0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Ellis	f 5-6	0-0	0-0	3-5	8	3	10	3	1	0	0	31
Mason	g 3-9	1-5	4-7	0-3	3	2	11	4	2	0	0	34
Selden Jr.	g 3-6	1-3	0-1	1-3	4	3	7	0	1	0	0	20
Wiggins	g 7-11	1-3	7-9	1-4	5	4	22	0	2	1	0	28
White III	g 0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Tharpe	3-5	2-4	0-0	0-1	1	2	8	2	0	0	0	28
Greene	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Embiid	4-7	0-0	2-3	1-3	4	5	10	2	4	1	3	28
Frankamp	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
Traylor	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-5	6	2	2	0	1	3	0	13
Lucas	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3

Team	27-51	5-20	13-20	8-25	33	26	72	11	14	5	3	200
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FG%	1st Hlf	12-26	46.2%	2nd Hlf	15-25	60.0%	Game	27-51	52.9%
3FG%	1st Hlf	3-14	21.4%	2nd Hlf	2-6	33.3%	Game	5-20	25.0%
FT %	1st Hlf	3-6	50.0%	2nd Hlf	10-14	71.4%	Game	13-20	65.0%

deadball rebounds: 6

COLORADO (9-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Johnson	f 4-9	1-2	5-8	2-4	6	0	14	0	1	0	3	33
Scott	f 6-9	0-0	2-2	2-2	4	2	14	2	0	0	0	28
Booker	g 5-12	3-6	2-6	1-2	3	15	0	1	0	1	0	13
Hopkins	g 1-4	1-3	0-0	0-4	4	3	3	2	0	1	0	27
Dinwiddie	g 3-8	1-5	8-10	0-1	1	4	15	7	1	1	0	31
Talton	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Fletcher	2-3	1-2	2-5	2-0	2	0	7	0	0	0	1	11
Thomas	0-3	0-2	3-6	3-1	4	1	3	1	1	0	0	16
King	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Mills	2-3	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	10

Team	23-56	7-22	22-37	15-17	32	16	75	13	8	1	7	200
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FG%	1st Hlf	10-25	40.0%	2nd Hlf	13-31	41.9%	Game	23-56	41.1%
3FG%	1st Hlf	2-10	20.0%	2nd Hlf	5-12	41.7%	Game	7-22	31.8%
FT %	1st Hlf	11-19	57.9%	2nd Hlf	11-18	61.1%	Game	22-37	59.5%

deadball rebounds: 2

Kansas	30	42	72
Colorado	33	42	75

Officials: Mark Whitehead, Larry Spaulding, Darron George
Technical: none. Attendance: 11113. Fouled out: Embiid.

BOOKER, BUFFS FIND WAY TO STUN NO. 6 KU

BOULDER — No way for Colorado to beat towering, talented Kansas without 6-9 forward Wes Gordon?

Way.
No way (except maybe at gunpoint) that CU coach Tad Boyle strays from man-to-man defense and utilizes a 2-3 zone?

Way.
No way Coors Events Center matinee idol Ben Mills contributes meaningful first-half minutes against a team like the Jayhawks?

Way.
No way CU shoots nearly as frigid as the Boulder weather — 41.1 percent from the field and 59.5 percent from the foul line — and survives?

Way.
And no way the up, down, often kicked-around Aska Booker delivers the biggest shot of his life? Way — and way, way past that.

It was CU 75, No. 6 KU 72 at the sold-out, geeked-out CEC on Saturday afternoon. The Buffs (9-1) won their ninth consecutive game for the first time since the 2005-06 season and slapped down a top 10 team for the first time since last Valentine's Day when they blew away (without a kiss) No. 9 Arizona 71-58.

Booker hit three-pointers to close out each half, but it was his 30-footer at the final buzzer that he, his teammates and the crowd of 11,113 will remember for ... maybe forever.

It had been a decade — or since the 2002-03 season — and 19 games, most of them in another conference, since CU defeated KU, and it was Boyle's first win as a head coach in five tries against his alma mater. The Jayhawks still lead the series 123-40, but as for that 40th Buffs win ...

"I'm not quite sure what to say after that one ... it's hard to put in historical perspective," Boyle said about half an hour after CU students had cleared the CEC court and the building had stopped shuddering.

CU's list of Saturday heroes starts with the 6-1 junior guard from Los Angeles but goes upward to the 7-0 Mills, who means every bit as much to his teammates as the Buffs logo. Then add Spencer Dinwiddie (15 points, seven assists), Xavier Johnson (14 points, six rebounds, three steals), Josh Scott (14 points, four boards, two assists) and nearly every other CU player who suited up.

But it was Booker's final trey that shot down the Jayhawks and shut down their fans. With 3 seconds to play and the score tied at 72-72 after KU had erased a nine-point CU lead, Booker got a pressurized inbound pass from Johnson at the right sidecourt, went three dribbles past halfcourt and pulled up for his jumper heard 'round the Rockies and no doubt deep into the Heartland.

The ball found the net as time expired and Booker, who tied Dinwiddie with a team-best 15 points, found his place in CU hoops history. Was it the biggest shot of his career?

"Without a doubt ... unless I win an NBA championship, that's it," he said. "I'm not sure I ever thought that would happen. At the same time, I think it's a testament to Coach Boyle and how we go through our late clock plays in practice."

Game #11 (Dec. 13)

ELON AT 21/RV COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

ELON (5-5)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Beaumont	f 1-6	0-2	2-3	1-3	4	3	4	5	3	0	0	32
Troutman	f 3-7	0-0	0-0	0-7	7	4	6	0	0	0	1	23
Samson	g 4-10	4-9	0-0	0-4	4	4	12	1	1	0	1	24
Hamilton	g 3-9	0-2	2-8	0-2	2	1	8	3	2	0	2	24
Koch	g 9-16	9-14	0-0	2-0	2	3	27	1	1	0	1	30
Dawkins	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
Eddy	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Blake	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Hairston	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Sebato	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	4	0	0	1	0	2	10
Iseabarger	0-6	0-5	2-4	0-2	2	2	2	1	1	0	2	18
Winters	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	13

Team	22-59	13-32	6-15	4-23	27	27	63	12	10	0	10	200
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FG%	1st Hlf	10-30	33.3%	2nd Hlf	12-29	41.4%	Game	22-59	37.3%
3FG%	1st Hlf	5-15	33.3%	2nd Hlf	8-17	47.1%	Game	13-32	40.6%
FT %	1st Hlf	1-6	16.7%	2nd Hlf	5-9	55.6%	Game	6-15	40.0%

deadball rebounds: 2

COLORADO (10-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Johnson	f 3-6	2-3	4-8	4-11	15	1	12	3	2	1	0	31
Scott	f 3-9	0-0	6-8	2-11	13	2	12	0	0	1	0	33
Booker	g 4-10	0-1	0-0	2-2	2	8	0	3	0	0	0	13
Hopkins	g 0-2	0-1	0-4	0-2	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	18
Dinwiddie	g 5-7	2-3	5-6	1-5	6	0	17	7	4	0	2	34
Talton	4-5	1-1	0-0	2-4	6	3	9	2	1	1	2	24
Fletcher	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	3	2	0	1	2	0	2	14
Thomas	2-2	0-0	5-8	1-0	1	2	9	0	1	0	0	10
King	2-6	0-3	6-10	1-4	5	1	10	0	1	0	0	18
Mills	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	5

Team	24-49	5-3	27-46	14-40	54	18	80	13	16	3	6	200
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FG%	1st Hlf	12-27	44.4%	2nd Hlf	12-22	54.4%	Game	24-49	49.0%
3FG%	1st Hlf	4-9	44.4%	2nd Hlf	1-4	25.0%	Game	5-13	38.5%
FT %	1st Hlf	13-23	56.5%	2nd Hlf	14-23	60.9%	Game	27-46	58.7%

deadball rebounds: 7

Elon	26	37	63
Colorado	41	39	80

Officials: Rick Randall, Keith Kamble, Randy Heimerman
Technical: none. Attendance: 8831. Fouled out: none.

BUFFS OVERCOME ELON (AND THEMSELVES)

BOULDER — Colorado coach Tad Boyle seriously doubted that a post-Kansas hangover reared its head on Friday night and his junior point guard, Spencer Dinwiddie, was even more emphatic.

"Not at all," said Dinwiddie after No. 21 Colorado had finally disposed of Elon University 80-63 at the Coors Events Center. "It's a credit to our team — we move on fast after wins and losses ... I just don't think we gave (Elon) the respect they deserved and we didn't guard them at the three-point line."

Yet as erratic and simply puzzling as the Buffaloes (10-1) were in several areas — shooting free throws, protecting the ball and defending the long ball to name three — they still won their tenth consecutive game, which hasn't been done in CU basketball in 52 years.

Said Boyle: "It gives you an idea of where our program is when we win by 17 at home and people are kind of disappointed and frustrated. So I guess that's a good sign."

Such is progress, particularly when it follows six days after one of the benchmarks in program history — a 75-72 buzzer-beating victory over then-No. 6 KU. In the wild aftermath of that game, Boyle's message to his team had been: "Don't get drunk on your own wine."

According to Dinwiddie at least, the Buffs took it to heart and head. But on Friday night, CU stumbled around just enough and Elon hit more than enough treys to make Boyle and the CEC crowd of 8,831 occasionally uneasy. The Phoenix' 13 made treys (32 attempts) was an opponent high this season against the Buffs.

Boyle called the Phoenix (5-5) "a good team" that will win its share of games in the Southern Conference. But he also said his team won "a take-care-of-business-game" with a "workmanlike effort" — hardly superlatives after a superlative Saturday against the Jayhawks.

"Some nights it's not going to be as pretty ... there's still a lot of improvement to be made," Boyle said. "But I thought the cream rose in the second half."

CU's cream on this night: Dinwiddie, Xavier Johnson, Josh Scott and freshman George King. Dinwiddie finished with 17 points, seven assists and six rebounds, while Johnson and Scott each contributed 12 points and had double-doubles. King scored 10 off the bench, helping CU roll to a 31-6 edge in that area, and had a second-half tip-dunk that perked up his team and the crowd.

Game #12 (Dec. 21)

NO. 7/7 OKLAHOMA STATE VS. 20/24 COLORADO

Las Vegas, Nev.

OKLAHOMA STATE (11-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Nash	f 6-8	0-0	3-7	1-5	6	3	15	2	3	3	2	37
Williams	f 0-1	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	1	0	1	2	1	1	23
Cobbins	c 1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	5	2	1	2	1	0	20
Brown	g 6-10	0-1	11-13	3-8	11	2	23	3	2	0	1	35
Smart	g 6-13	1-5	5-8	0-0	0	2	18	3	2	0	1	32
Clark	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	9
Forte	4-9	4-7	4-7	0-0	0	1	16	0	0	0	0	22
Soucek	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sager	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murphy	2-4	0-0	0-0	1-4	5	5	4	0	1	1	0	22

Team	25-48	5-15	23-35	6-24	30	20	78	10	14	6	5	200
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FG%	1st Hlf	12-27	44.4%	2nd Hlf	13-21	61.9%	Game	25-48	52.1%
3FG%	1st Hlf	2-9	22.2%	2nd Hlf	3-6	50.0%	Game	5-15	33.3%
FT %	1st Hlf	6-10	60.0%	2nd Hlf	17-25	68.0%	Game	23-35	65.7%

deadball rebounds: 6

COLORADO (10-2)

Player		FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-5	6	3	2	0	3	0	1	22
Johnson	f	1-5	0-3	1-2	1-4	5	3	3	0	3	0	0	27
Scott	f	5-8	0-0	10-13	5-7	12	3	20	2	1	0	3	35
Booker	g	8-15	3-7	0-0	1-1	2	2	19	1	2	0	1	37
Dinwiddie	g	6-14	2-5	4-4	0-2	2	4	18	3	2	0	2	31
Talton		1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	10
Fletcher		3-8	1-4	0-0	3-1	4	2	7	1	1	1	1	13
Thomas		0-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	9
Hopkins		1-3	0-1	0-1	2-1	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	14
King		0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Mills		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Game #13 (Dec. 28)

GEORGIA VS. 21/24 COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

GEORGIA (6-5)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Thornton	f 3-5	0-0	3-5	3-0	3	4	9	0	1	0	0	22
Williams	f 2-4	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	5	4	0	0	0	1	21
Morris	f 5-7	1-1	0-1	0-1	1	2	11	1	1	0	0	22
Mann	g 3-8	1-1	4-8	0-3	3	3	11	3	2	0	3	30
Gaines	g 5-12	2-4	0-0	1-1	2	0	12	1	1	1	3	30
Parker	3-5	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	1	7	1	0	0	0	20
Dixon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	8
Echols	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Forte	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	1	2	0	3	0	0	5
Geno	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Cannon	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	7
Djurisic	5-10	1-2	1-2	2-2	4	4	12	1	0	0	2	26
Team				0-0	0							
Totals	28-56	5-8	9-18	10-12	22	24	70	7	10	1	9	200

FG% 1st Hlf 14-29 48.3% 2nd Hlf 14-27 51.9% Game 28-56 50.0%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 4-6 66.7% 2nd Hlf 1-2 50.0% Game 5-8 62.5%
 FT % 1st Hlf 3-8 37.5% 2nd Hlf 6-10 60.0% Game 9-18 50.0%
 deadball rebounds: 5

COLORADO (11-2)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 3-3	0-0	4-4	2-4	6	2	10	1	2	1	1	26
Johnson	f 5-10	3-6	0-0	1-3	4	2	13	1	2	0	1	26
Scott	f 3-5	0-0	8-8	5-8	13	4	14	1	2	1	1	30
Booker	g 7-12	2-4	3-3	0-0	0	1	19	4	2	0	1	31
Dinwiddie	g 4-5	2-3	7-7	0-1	1	2	17	2	3	0	1	30
Talton	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
Stalzer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Fletcher	0-3	0-2	2-2	0-1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	13
Nelson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Thomas	1-1	0-0	2-2	2-2	4	1	4	1	1	1	0	10
Gamble	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hopkins	2-7	1-3	0-0	2-1	3	3	5	0	0	0	1	18
King	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mills	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Team				0-0	0							
Totals	25-49	8-20	26-26	12-22	34	16	84	11	14	3	6	200

FG% 1st Hlf 14-29 48.3% 2nd Hlf 11-20 55.0% Game 25-49 51.0%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 6-11 54.5% 2nd Hlf 2-9 22.2% Game 6-22 40.0%
 FT % 1st Hlf 12-12 100% 2nd Hlf 14-14 100% Game 26-26 100%
 deadball rebounds: 0

Georgia 35 35 70
 Colorado 46 38 84

Officials: Chris Rastatore, Tony Padilla, Mike Scypers
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 10,848. Fouled out: Williams.

CU ROLLS, SET SCHOOL FT MARK

BOULDER — Ready or not, the Pac-12 Conference schedule is fast approaching — and the Colorado Buffaloes appear ready.

No. 21 CU was perfect at the free throw line — the Buffs set a school record by hitting all 26 of their attempts — imperfect at times elsewhere, but all-in-all good enough on Saturday night to march past Georgia 84-70 at the Coors Events Center.

"I told our team in the locker room, this is a good win against a quality SEC opponent," said Buffs coach Tad Boyle. "These guys are going to win a lot of games in the SEC. They are a talented group, but this is a time for us to exhale for a day."

Rebounding from a 78-73 loss to No. 7 Oklahoma State in Las Vegas that snapped a 10-game winning streak, CU finished its non-conference schedule 11-2 and matched its best start in 34 years.

"To be 11-2 with the caliber of schedule that we played says a lot about this group, and we've got a lot of basketball ahead of us," Boyle said. "Season number one is over with, our nonconference portion is done, and now we are going into an 18-game marathon of the Pac-12. Our league is very good, and we're going to have to be ready mentally, physically, emotionally, spiritually, the whole nine yards."

The individual pride of his players, said Boyle, was responsible for the 26 consecutive free throws, which broke the former school mark of 14-for-14 set in 1980 against Nebraska. The Pac-12 record is 28-for-28 by Washington State (vs. Oregon, 2009), the NCAA record is 34-for-34 (three teams).

He called setting the school record "nice," but added, "In the big picture of things, there might be some games where we're going to want some of those back. That's just basketball."

Josh Scott hit all eight of his free throws on the way to 14 points — he also grabbed 13 rebounds — and guard Spencer Dinwiddie was perfect on his seven foul shots in contributing 17 points. They were among five Buffs in double figures, topped by guard Aska Booker's 19 — 12 of them in the second half. Also in double digits were forwards Wesley Gordon (10) and Xavier Johnson (13).

Johnson scored 11 of his total in the first half when he hit his first three 3-point attempts, enabling the Buffs to go ahead 11-6 and never look back.

Game #14 (Jan. 2)

OREGON STATE VS. 20/24 COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

OREGON STATE (8-5, 0-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Collier	f 3-7	0-0	2-3	4-4	8	2	8	2	3	1	0	22
Brandt	f 2-7	0-2	0-0	2-3	5	5	4	1	0	0	0	24
Barton	g 0-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	13
Morris-Walker	g 2-2	2-2	0-0	1-3	4	3	6	0	1	0	0	19
Nelson	g 5-14	3-5	10-10	0-3	3	0	23	2	3	0	0	32
Robbins	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cooke	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	3	4	3	1	0	2	23
N'diaye	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Duvivier	2-3	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	12
Gomis	2-3	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	4	4	0	3	0	0	17
Moreland	1-3	0-0	0-0	3-7	10	1	2	1	4	1	0	27
Schaftenaar	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Reid	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7
Team				0-1	1							
Totals	18-48	8-15	14-17	12-25	37	20	58	10	17	2	3	200

FG% 1st Hlf 8-23 34.8% 2nd Hlf 10-25 40.0% Game 18-48 37.5%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 3-4 75.0% 2nd Hlf 5-11 45.5% Game 8-15 53.3%
 FT % 1st Hlf 4-5 80.0% 2nd Hlf 10-12 83.3% Game 14-17 82.4%
 deadball rebounds: 0, 1

COLORADO (12-2, 1-0)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 2-4	0-0	1-2	2-0	2	3	5	0	0	2	0	20
Johnson	f 3-10	0-3	3-5	2-7	9	1	9	0	1	1	0	33
Scott	f 5-11	0-0	3-6	3-7	10	1	13	0	2	3	1	37
Booker	g 3-10	1-5	6-6	1-3	4	1	13	2	1	0	4	31
Dinwiddie	g 2-9	2-7	3-4	0-3	3	4	9	5	1	0	3	34
Talton	1-2	0-1	0-0	2-0	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	13
Thomas	0-1	0-0	0-2	1-1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	11
Hopkins	5-8	2-4	1-2	1-0	1	2	13	0	2	0	0	21
Team				1-0	1							
Totals	21-55	5-20	17-27	13-21	34	15	64	10	7	6	9	200

FG% 1st Hlf 9-26 34.6% 2nd Hlf 12-29 41.4% Game 21-55 38.2%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 4-13 30.8% 2nd Hlf 1-7 14.3% Game 5-20 25.0%
 FT % 1st Hlf 6-10 60.0% 2nd Hlf 11-17 64.7% Game 17-27 63.0%
 deadball rebounds: 5

Oregon State 23 35 58
 Colorado 28 36 64

Officials: Mike Reed, SirAllen Conner, Tom Nally
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 9851. Fouled out: Brandt.

SECOND-HALF SURGE EARNS PAC-12 WIN

BOULDER — The launch of Pac-12 Conference play at the Coors Events Center sprang very few surprises on Colorado coach Tad Boyle. The biggest might have been 6-10 Eric Moreland and his 11th hour reinstatement, but Boyle's Buffs eventually adjusted to Moreland's presence, as well as Oregon State's 2-3 zone, and earned a difficult 64-58 win.

"Good win . . . welcome to Pac-12 Conference play," a relieved Boyle said. "Nothing's going to be easy. Anybody who saw the game saw the talent and skill Oregon State has (and) with Moreland back, they're a different animal . . . they just keep coming at you with athletes off the bench."

That's where Moreland, a junior, spent 12 non-conference games, suspended by coach Craig Robinson for a summer violation of team rules. Robinson initially levied a 14-game suspension, but late Wednesday night — on the eve of conference play — announced that Moreland had satisfied whatever was required to return to the court.

The No. 20 Buffs (12-2, 1-0) had prepped for Moreland's backup — 6-10 senior Angus Brandt — but CU past Josh Scott claimed Moreland's unexpected return didn't surprise him: "To be honest I was kind of expecting him to play . . . I don't know why I figured it out but I just did."

In three games against CU last season, including a 64-58 win at the CEC that stands as the Buffs' last home loss (Boyle is 5-4-7 at home), Moreland averaged 10.2 points and 10 rebounds. But his length and athleticism is typical for the Beavers. Said Boyle: "We're not going to win a jumping contest with Oregon State."

And in Thursday night's first half, the Buffs didn't win the rebound battle either. Moreland got eight first-half boards (10 total, with two points) as OSU (8-5, 0-1) out-boarded the Buffs 21-13, marking the first time this season CU has not had a first-half rebounding edge. But after a "come to Tad" halftime address, the Buffs regained their intensity and out-rebounded the Beavs 21-13 in the second half. That might have made Oregon State's 37-34 edge for the night a little more palatable for Boyle.

His team held the visitors to 37.5 percent from the field — OSU arrived shooting 50 percent — and converted 17 OSU turnovers into 25 points. Those numbers, bolstered by the Buffs' nine steals, helped them overcome a mediocre shooting night; CU finished 38.2 percent from the field (21-of-55) and hit only five of its 20 3-point attempts.

Game #15 (Jan. 5)

10/9 OREGON VS. 20/24 COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

OREGON (13-1, 1-1)

Player		FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Moser	f	9-15	3-7	3-3	2-5	7	5	24	2	1	0	1	28
Amardi	f	4-8	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	4	8	1	1	0	0	15
Young	g	5-13	3-9	3-3	0-0	0	0	16	1	1	0	1	30
Loyd	g	2-5	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	3	4	6	1	0	0	25
Dotson	g	6-16	1-4	3-4	3-1	4	0	16	2	1	0	0	37
Artis		1-8	0-2	6-6	0-2	2	4	8	7	1	1	3	21
Calliste		3-7	2-2	0-3	2-0	2	5	8	1	0	0	1	22
Austin		0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cook		2-3	0-0	1-2	5-1	6	4	5	0	1	0	1	13
Carter		1-2	0-0	0-0	3-0	3	0	2	1	2	0	2	15
Team					2-1	3							
Totals		33-78	9-25	16-21	19-14	33	26	91	21	9	1	9	200
FG%	1st Hlf	16-35	45.7%	2nd Hlf	17-43	39.5%	Game			33-78	42.3%		
Pct%	1st Hlf	5-13	38.5%	2nd Hlf	4-18	22.2%	Game			9-25	36.0%		

FG% 1st Hlf 16-35 45.7% 2nd Hlf 17-43 39.5% Game 33-78 42.3%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 5-13 38.5% 2nd Hlf 4-12 33.3% Game 9-25 36.0%
 FT % 1st Hlf 5-5 100% 2nd Hlf 11-16 68.8% Game 16-21 76.2%
 deadball rebounds: 4

COLORADO (13-2, 2-0)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 2-5	0-1	0-0	4-3	7	1	4	1	4	2	0	27
Johnson	f 6-10	0-1	3-3	3-4	7	3	15	0	5	0	0	29
Scott	g 5-8	0-0	5-6	3-9	12	0	15	1	1	4	0	33
Booker	g 8-16	1-3	10-12	1-6	7	1	27	4	0	0	1	36
Dinwiddie	g 5-9	3-4	10-11	1-3	4	4	23	7	5	0	1	37
Talton	2-2	0-0	4-6	0-0	0	4	8	0	1	0	0	11
Stalzer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Fletcher	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	5
Nelson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Thomas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Gamble	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Hopkins	2-3	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	3	5	1	0	0	1	17
King	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Mills	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Team				1-0	1							
Totals	31-55	5-12	33-39	12-27	39	19	100	14	16	6	3	200

Game #16 (Jan. 8)

15/17 COLORADO AT WASHINGTON

Spokane, Wash.

COLORADO (14-2, 3-0)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 2-5	0-0	1-2	3-3	6	1	5	0	3	1	0	28
Johnson	f 4-8	0-1	6-10	1-2	3	3	14	1	0	0	0	34
Scott	f 8-12	0-0	3-4	3-6	9	2	19	0	1	1	0	41
Booker	g 2-12	1-4	13-14	0-4	4	3	18	3	1	0	2	38
Dinwiddie	g 2-5	1-3	1-4	0-2	2	1	6	2	0	0	2	38
Talton	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-4	4	0	3	2	0	0	1	16
Fletcher	1-3	0-2	2-2	0-2	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	9
Thomas	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Hopkins	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	15
King	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team				0-2	2				1			
Totals	21-51	3-13	26-38	7-27	34	13	71	8	6	3	5	225

FG% 1st Hlf 8-20 40.0% 2nd Hlf 8-23 34.8% OT 5-8 62.5% Game 21-51 41.2%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 0-5 0.0% 2nd Hlf 3-8 37.5% OT 0-0 0.0% Game 3-13 23.1%
 FT % 1st Hlf 12-14 85.7% 2nd Hlf 9-16 56.3% OT 5-8 62.5% Game 26-38 68.4%
 deadball rebounds: 7, 1

WASHINGTON STATE (7-8, 0-3)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Shelton	f 6-11	1-3	1-1	0-12	12	3	14	3	2	0	0	38
Railey	c 0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	7
Kerich-Drew	g 8-12	6-8	2-2	2-2	4	4	24	0	2	1	0	42
Woolridge	g 4-14	2-4	0-0	0-3	3	3	10	11	1	0	3	42
Johnson	g 4-9	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	4	10	0	2	0	0	21
Iroegbu	2-3	2-3	0-0	1-4	1	6	0	2	0	0	0	25
Dilorio	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
Longrus	2-5	0-0	0-0	0-4	4	4	2	0	1	1	1	31
Hawkinson	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	10
Team				0-4	4							
Total	27-60	13-23	3-3	5-28	33	22	70	17	11	2	4	225

FG% 1st Hlf 13-27 48.1% 2nd Hlf 8-23 34.8% OT 6-10 60.0% Game 27-60 45.0%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 7-11 63.6% 2nd Hlf 4-8 50.0% OT 2-4 50.0% Game 13-23 56.5%
 FT % 1st Hlf 1-1 100% 2nd Hlf 2-2 100% OT 0-0 0.0% Game 3-3 100%
 deadball rebounds: 0

Colorado	28	28	15	71
Washington State	34	22	14	70

Officials: Chris Rastatter, Rick Batsell, Scott Brown
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 3122. Fouled out: none.

BUFFS EDGE PAST COUGARS IN OT

SPOKANE, Wash. - The Colorado Buffaloes hit the Pac-12 road for the first time on Wednesday night and the road almost hit back.

No. 15 CU escaped Spokane Arena with a 71-70 overtime win over Washington State to improve to 14-2 overall and remain unbeaten (3-0) in the Pac-12. The Buffs' 14-2 record matches their best start since the 1968-69 season.

For 40 minutes, the task of earning their first conference road win of the season seemed bleak, but in the five extra minutes that mattered most the Buffaloes came away with the victory.

"[Washington State] dictated the tempo, we let them dictate the tempo, we were soft defensively," Colorado head coach Tad Boyle said. "We did what we had to do down the stretch to get the win, and for that I'm proud, but I am not proud of this performance."

Sophomore Josh Scott scored eight of his team high 19 points in overtime as CU finally pulled away from WSU (7-8, 0-3). Scott also collected nine rebounds, barely missing his sixth consecutive double-double. Junior guard Aska Booker scored 18 points and sophomore forward Xavier Johnson added 14.

The Buffs hit five of eight free throws - four by Booker, one by Spencer Dinwiddie - in the final 37.2 seconds of the extra period but had to withstand a pair of treys by the Cougars that brought them to within one point with 1.5 seconds to play.

"We didn't play very well, I think that's pretty obvious, but I'm proud we pulled it out," Scott said. "I think our team had a little realization that we are the No. 15 team in the country and people are going to make tough shots, we were lucky to pull this one out."

Hit tough shots, the Cougars did. Junior guard Dexter Kernish-Drew led all scorers with 24 points, including an unbelievable performance from beyond the arc, hitting 6-of-8 3-pointers. As a team, Washington State hit 13-of-23 shots (56.5 percent) from deep, matching Elon for the most threes hit by a CU opponent this season.

Colorado was able to overcome the Cougars' hot shooting by getting to the free throw line. The Buffs shot 38 freebies, connecting on 26 of them, while WSU only shot three free throws the entire night.

"We were not ready to play from the get-go, we came out flat and there is no excuse for it," Boyle said. "We dodged a bullet tonight."

Game #17 (Jan. 12)

15/17 COLORADO AT WASHINGTON

Seattle, Wash.

COLORADO (14-3, 3-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 5-7	0-0	1-2	7-6	13	1	11	0	2	4	0	27
Johnson	f 3-6	1-2	1-2	3-3	6	2	8	1	3	1	0	30
Scott	f 4-9	0-0	7-7	3-3	6	3	15	0	2	0	0	27
Booker	g 0-9	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	3	0	1	3	0	0	24
Dinwiddie	g 2-4	0-1	3-3	0-0	0	0	7	1	1	0	0	15
Talton	0-5	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	4	0	2	17
Fletcher	1-3	0-2	2-2	0-1	1	2	4	0	1	0	0	10
Thomas	0-1	0-0	0-2	2-1	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	14
Hopkins	3-8	0-2	1-2	1-0	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	20
King	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mills	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Team				1-1	2							
Totals	19-55	1-12	15-20	18-20	38	15	54	6	20	6	3	200

FG% 1st Hlf 11-32 34.4% 2nd Hlf 8-23 34.8% Game 19-55 34.5%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 1-6 16.7% 2nd Hlf 0-6 0.0% Game 1-12 8.3%
 FT % 1st Hlf 6-7 85.7% 2nd Hlf 9-13 69.2% Game 15-20 75.0%
 deadball rebounds: 2, 1

WASHINGTON (11-6, 3-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Blackwell	f 1-11	0-0	0-0	4-1	5	4	2	3	2	1	0	23
Williams-Goss	g 6-8	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	1	12	2	2	0	2	35
Anderson	g 0-0	0-0	3-4	3-7	10	1	3	1	2	0	0	31
Andrews	g 4-13	2-5	4-4	0-2	2	2	14	2	2	1	2	34
Wilcox	g 12-18	7-12	0-0	1-3	4	2	31	2	3	4	2	36
Johnson	1-2	0-0	3-4	0-2	2	0	5	0	2	0	0	16
Simmons	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	12
Kemp, Jr.	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	13
Team				1-2	3							
Total	26-55	9-20	10-12	9-21	30	18	71	10	13	6	6	200

FG% 1st Hlf 10-31 32.3% 2nd Hlf 16-24 66.7% Game 26-55 47.3%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 2-10 20.0% 2nd Hlf 7-10 70.0% Game 9-20 45.0%
 FT % 1st Hlf 4-4 100% 2nd Hlf 6-8 75.0% Game 10-12 83.3%
 deadball rebounds: 1

Colorado	29	25	54
Washington	26	45	71

Officials: Michael Irving, Bill Vinovich, Brett Nansel
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 6742. Fouled out: none.

HUSKIES SCORCH BUFFS; DINWIDDIE INJURED

SEATTLE - The Colorado Buffaloes suffered their first Pac-12 Conference defeat on Sunday afternoon - 71-54 to Washington - but they left for Boulder hoping they hadn't absorbed a larger loss.

The No. 15 Buffs (14-3, 3-1) appeared to dictate the pace for much of the first half at Alaska Airlines Arena, leading by as many as seven points. But they struggled to find a rhythm after losing junior guard Spencer Dinwiddie to a knee injury with 2:51 left in the half.

Dinwiddie finished with 7 points and 1 assist in 15 minutes. Speaking with reporters after the game, CU coach Tad Boyle expressed concern over the injury to CU's leading scorer.

"My gut says it's not good, but we'll see," Boyle said. "If he's out, he's out. I feel so bad for the kid because he's worked so hard, but we'll have to wait and see."

CU, still off to its best start since the 2005-06 season, had no answer for UW's C.J. Wilcox. He finished with a game and career-high 31 points on 12-of-18 shooting and was deadly from downtown. The senior guard hit seven three-pointers, including five in the second half, to put the game out of reach.

"Every time he shoots it, you think it's going in," Boyle said. "He's got such a good stroke a good release and he gets it off quickly. A guy who plays without the ball like that is pretty special."

Colorado committed a season-high 20 turnovers and shot just 1-for-12 (.083) from beyond the arc. Josh Scott, who has now scored in double figures in eight consecutive games, paced the Buffs with 15 points.

"The second half, boy we shot ourselves in the foot. You turn the ball over 20 times against a good team and you've got six assists, it's just a recipe for disaster," Boyle said. "They're a good team and they've got good players and they're playing well right now."

Wesley Gordon, who finished with a season-high 13 rebounds and 11 points, collected 11 boards in the first half en route to posting his first career double-double.

Said Scott of Dinwiddie's loss: "He's our point guard, our floor general. When he isn't there, it's a big-time deal. I think everybody knows when he's not playing or if he doesn't play, it's a big deal. Again, I don't think we can put this on Spencer being out. I think this one's on us that played, because we have the talent."

Game #18 (Jan. 16)

25/25 UCLA AT 21/22 COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

UCLA (14-3, 3-1)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Anderson	f 2-7	0-2	2-3	0-5	5	2	6	6	3	0	3	31
Wear, D.	f 4-8	1-3	2-2	3-4	7	2	11	0	0	0	0	19
Wear, T.	f 2-2	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	3	4	3	1	0	1	21
Adams	g 4-15	1-6	5-7	6-7	13	2	14	0	0	0	2	34
Powell	g 8-13	2-5	1-4	0-3	3	2	19	0	3	0	4	26
LaVine	3-9	2-5	1-2	1-1	2	1	9	2	2	1	1	27
Alford	0-7	0-4	0-0	1-2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	20
Parker	3-5	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	3	6	0	1	1	1	22
Team				1-0	1							
Totals	26-66	6-25	11-18	15-26	41	15	69	12	11	2	12	200

FG% 1st Hlf 15-30 50.0% 2nd Hlf 11-36 30.6% Game 26-66 39.4%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 5-13 38.5% 2nd Hlf 1-12 8.3% Game 6-25 24.0%
 FT % 1st Hlf 1-3 33.3% 2nd Hlf 10-15 66.7% Game 11-18 61.1%
 deadball rebounds: 2

COLORADO (14-4, 3-2)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 0-3	0-0	2-4	2-4	6	3	2	1	3	1	2	27
Johnson	f 1-6	0-0	0-0	2-6	8	0	2	1	1	1	1	33
Scott	f 7-12	0-0	5-6	1-8	9	1	19	0	0	3	0	33
Booker	g 7-11	5-7	2-5	0-4	4	4	21	2	4	0	0	29
Hopkins	g 1-6	0-3	0-0	0-2	2	3	2	2	5	0	2	25
Talton	2-7	0-4	1-2	1-1	2	2	5	4	3	0	0	24
Stalzer	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	12
Thomas	1-2	0-0	1-2	1-3	4	2	3	1	0	0	0	16
Mills	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team				0-0	0							
Total	20-50	5-17	11-19	7-30	37	17	56	11	17	5	5	200

FG% 1st Hlf 12-27 44.4% 2nd Hlf 8-23 34.8% Game 20-50 40.0%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 3-8 37.5% 2nd Hlf 2-9 22.2% Game 5-17 29.4%
 FT % 1st Hlf 2-4 50.0% 2nd Hlf 9-15 60.0% Game 11-19 57.9%
 deadball rebounds: 5

UCLA	36	33	69
Colorado	29	27	56

Officials: Randy McCall, Rick Hartzell, Randy Heimerman
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 10,802. Fouled out: none.

BRUINS DEAL BUFFS FIRST HOME LOSS

BOULDER - Until they adjust to life without Spencer Dinwiddie, little will come easy for the Colorado Buffaloes, even on their home court.

No. 25 UCLA made that clear, defeating CU 69-56 and dealing the No. 21 Buffs their first loss in 12 games this season at the Coors Events Center.

UCLA became the only Pac-12 Conference team to win twice at the CEC in CU's Tad Boyle era. Boyle's home record in 3 1/2 seasons is 55-8, but the Buffs are 0-3 against the Bruins since joining the Pac-12 Conference in 2011.

Boyle refused to blame the loss on the absence of Dinwiddie, CU's junior floor leader and scoring leader who suffered a season-ending knee injury last Sunday at Washington that will require surgery.

Dinwiddie watched from the CU bench wearing an elastic sleeve on his left leg. Also watching was freshman Tre'Shaun Fletcher, who is out 6-8 weeks with a knee injury.

"That was a winnable basketball game," Boyle said. "We're disappointed with the way played (but) if we learned anything, it's that we're going to be OK... do not count this team out, guys, do not count us out."

The Buffs (14-4, 3-2) went nearly 9 minutes in the second half without a field goal, helping the Bruins (14-3, 3-1) fashion a 12-point lead. CU closed to within seven points - 58-51 - in the final 3:22, but the Buffs' threat ended there.

Boyle called adjusting to Dinwiddie's departure "a work in progress... the reality is, it will (take time) but we've got guys who are capable of playing better. I believe in them, they know that."

"It's going to be a process; we lost a pretty key component of our team - two of them in fact... but this was a winnable game. We had a shot, we just didn't do what we needed to do."

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Game #19 (Jan. 18)

USC AT 21/22 COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

USC (9-9, 0-5)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Jovanovic	f 1-4	0-2	0-0	1-0	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	15
Oraby	f 6-9	0-0	4-4	3-3	6	5	16	0	1	1	0	24
Howard	g 2-8	0-3	1-1	0-1	1	1	5	3	1	0	0	33
Jacobs	g 0-3	0-2	4-4	0-3	3	0	4	2	1	0	3	25
Wesley	g 3-14	0-1	3-4	0-4	4	1	9	2	1	1	2	29
Prince	1-2	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	5
Bryan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0+
Dukes	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	8
Gavrilovic	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	18
Taylor	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
Terrell	5-9	4-5	2-2	1-2	3	1	16	0	3	1	0	24
Munoz	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Haley	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	13
Team				0-1	1	1						
Totals	21-57	4-16	16-17	5-18	23	16	62	9	11	3	6	200

FG%	1st Hlf	8-26	30.8%	2nd Hlf	13-31	41.9%	Game	21-57	36.8%
3FG%	1st Hlf	1-8	12.5%	2nd Hlf	3-8	37.5%	Game	4-16	25.0%
FT%	1st Hlf	6-6	100%	2nd Hlf	10-11	90.9%	Game	16-17	94.1%

deadball rebounds: 0

COLORADO (15-4, 4-2)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 2-3	1-2	0-0	4-4	8	1	5	2	2	5	1	22
Johnson	f 4-9	1-1	1-1	0-1	1	0	10	0	0	1	0	23
Scott	f 8-13	0-0	4-4	2-5	7	1	20	0	0	2	1	24
Booker	g 3-5	1-2	6-6	0-4	4	1	13	6	2	1	1	25
Hopkins	g 3-7	0-3	4-4	0-3	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	20
Talton	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	2	2	3	0	0	1	18
Stalzer	1-3	1-1	1-2	1-5	6	0	4	1	2	0	0	20
Nelson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Thomas	3-4	0-1	1-3	1-1	2	4	7	0	3	0	0	18
Gamble	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
King	1-6	1-3	2-2	1-1	2	4	5	3	0	0	2	16
Mills	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-4	5	1	4	0	1	1	0	11
Team				1-2	3							
Total	29-57	6-16	19-22	11-32	43	15	83	15	12	10	8	200

FG%	1st Hlf	15-31	48.4%	2nd Hlf	14-26	53.8%	Game	29-57	50.9%
3FG%	1st Hlf	3-10	30.0%	2nd Hlf	3-6	50.0%	Game	6-16	37.5%
FT%	1st Hlf	7-7	100%	2nd Hlf	12-15	80.0%	Game	19-22	86.4%

USC	23	39	62
Colorado	40	43	83

Officials: Mike Reed, Tommy Nunez, Deldre Carr
Technical: USC-TEAM. Attendance: 9583. Fouled out: Oraby.

BUFFS' BLOCK PARTY SETS TONE

BOULDER — Any lingering memories of the Colorado Buffaloes' painful loss on Thursday night to UCLA — their first home defeat of the 2013-14 season — were quickly blocked out on Saturday.

Literally, forcefully, fervently.

Swatting away seven first-half shots and setting a pedal-to-the-metal pace that produced an early 20-2 lead, No. 21 CU slapped Southern California 83-62 at the Coors Events Center.

"This was just what the doctor ordered for this team . . . this was the kind of game we needed," CU coach Tad Boyle said, noting the timing of the win couldn't have been better after the 69-56 loss to UCLA and knee injuries last weekend that ended point guard Spencer Dinwiddie's junior season and shelved freshman wing Tre'Shaun Fletcher for 6-8 weeks. Both players will undergo surgery.

"Our team took what they had not done against UCLA and did a much better job. Obviously it's one game, we have to move on. I said this after the UCLA game and I'll say it again, 'Don't count this team out.' These guys have toughness, they have grit, and we can win some games in this league. All you can ask for in life is an opportunity and we have a great one in front of us."

But needing a win Saturday to break a current two-game losing streak and maybe reestablish some of their swagger, the Buffs did both against the Trojans — obviously a right-place, right-time opponent.

Still, junior guard Askia Booker, one of four Buffs (15-4, 4-2) in double figures Saturday, kept the 21-point blowout in perspective.

"We can't get drunk off of this win," he said. "USC is pretty low in the (Pac-12) standings and we're about to go play the No. 1 team in the country. We have to stay locked in as a team."

The Buffs (15-4 overall, 4-2 Pac-12) finished Saturday with a season-high 10 blocked shots — six shy of the school record — and held the Trojans (9-9, 0-5) to 36 percent shooting from the field while hitting 50.9 percent of their own shots.

CU outrebounded the visitors by 20 (43-23), with redshirt freshman Wesley Gordon collecting a game-high eight rebounds and accounting for five of the Buffs' blocked shots.

Game #20 (Jan. 23)

RV/RV COLORADO AT 1/1 ARIZONA

Tucson, Ariz.

COLORADO (15-5, 4-3)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 0-6	0-0	0-0	3-3	6	1	0	0	2	2	0	24
Johnson	f 7-12	4-5	3-3	1-1	2	3	21	0	3	0	0	34
Scott	f 5-11	0-0	5-5	3-8	11	2	15	0	3	0	1	35
Booker	g 4-13	0-3	3-4	0-3	3	1	11	4	2	0	1	34
Hopkins	g 1-5	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	22
Talton	1-1	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	1	4	1	5	0	0	16
Stalzer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
Thomas	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-4	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	23
King	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Team				2-1	3							
Totals	20-52	4-11	13-14	10-22	32	15	57	6	16	2	2	200

FG%	1st Hlf	8-27	29.6%	2nd Hlf	2-25	48.0%	Game	20-52	38.5%
3FG%	1st Hlf	1-3	33.3%	2nd Hlf	3-8	37.5%	Game	4-11	36.4%
FT%	1st Hlf	7-7	100%	2nd Hlf	6-7	85.7%	Game	13-14	92.9%

deadball rebounds: 1

ARIZONA (19-0, 6-0)

Player		FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f	6-12	0-1	0-0	1-3	4	2	12	3	0	0	2	32
Ashley	f	6-7	1-1	2-2	0-4	4	3	15	1	3	1	2	31
Tarczewski	c	3-4	0-0	1-2	3-5	8	2	7	2	0	1	0	26
McConnell	g	1-5	0-2	0-1	1-2	3	3	2	3	1	1	2	30
Johnson	g	7-14	0-3	4-6	2-1	3	1	18	3	2	1	0	33
York		3-9	2-7	1-2	0-2	2	1	9	3	0	0	0	21
Mayer		1-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hollis-Jefferson		2-6	0-1	0-0	2-3	5	3	4	1	1	1	2	25
Team					2-1	3							
Total		29-59	3-15	8-14	11-21	32	16	69	16	7	5	8	200

FG%	1st Hlf	15-37	40.5%	2nd Hlf	12-22	54.5%	Game	29-59	49.2%
3FG%	1st Hlf	3-11	27.3%	2nd Hlf	0-4	0.0%	Game	3-15	20.0%
FT%	1st Hlf	2-4	50.0%	2nd Hlf	6-10	60.0%	Game	8-14	57.1%

deadball rebounds: 3, 1

Colorado	24	33	57
Arizona	39	30	69

Officials: Dick Cartmell, John Higgins, Larry Spaulding
Technical: none. Attendance: 14545. Fouled out: none.

BUFFS FALL BEHIND EARLY, FALL AT UA

TUCSON — The Colorado Buffaloes left Arizona's McKale Center last season doubting they'd lost. The top-ranked Wildcats allowed no room for doubt on Thursday night.

Leading by as many as 20 points midway through the second half, Arizona disposed of CU 69-57, sending the Buffs to their third defeat in their last four Pac-12 Conference games. It was also CU's fourth loss in six games against ranked opponents this season and its 16th all-time loss (no wins) against a top-ranked foe.

CU will try and salvage this season's trip to the desert with a 5 p.m. game on Saturday at Arizona State.

The Wildcats (19-0, 6-0) led 39-24 at halftime and posted their first 20-point lead (51-31) on a reverse dunk by freshman Aaron Gordon with 15:02 to play. But the Buffs (15-5, 4-3) kept battling and came as close as 11 (66-55) on an Askia Booker layup with 1:15 remaining.

"We did a good job of battling back, even in the first half we cut it to six, but we couldn't get over the hump. They are an explosive team," CU coach Tad Boyle said on KOA Radio. "There are some positive things we can take from this, but we have to be a better offensive executing team on the road . . . but when you leave a game like this, you have to focus on the positives. We won the second half (33-30) and that's a sign of progress."

Arizona, allowing a conference-best 56.7 points a game, held CU to its lowest point total of the season. Baylor defeated the Buffs 72-60 in the season opener.

The talented Gordon, who scored 12 points, was one of three Wildcats in double figures. Nick Johnson led Arizona with 18 and Brandon Ashley added 15, including seven of the Wildcats' first 11 points as they raced to an 11-2 lead.

Xavier Johnson led CU with 21 points — one off his career high — and got assistance from Josh Scott (15 points, 11 rebounds) and Booker (11 points). Scott's double-double was his ninth of the season and fourth in Pac-12 play.

Johnson made four of his five 3-point attempts and all three of his free throw tries. "X. Johnson plays well against these guys," Boyle said. "There's something about it; he's amped for these guys, but we need that every time."

CU committed 16 turnovers, leading to 23 Arizona points, while the Buffs got only 11 points from seven Wildcats turnovers — and Boyle called the Buffs' 16 miscues "the tale of the game . . . they got 24 layups, we want that number to be seven or less. And they had 24."

Game #21 (Jan. 25)

RV/RV COLORADO AT ARIZONA STATE

Tempe, Ariz.

COLORADO (15-6, 4-4)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 3-5	1-1	0-1	2-4	6	1	7	1	0	1	0	29
Johnson	f 4-9	1-4	3-8	1-4	5	2	12	1	5	1	2	35
Scott	f 5-12	0-0	1-4	2-5	7	2	11	0	0	1	1	30
Booker	g 4-10	0-3	2-5	0-2	2	3	10	5	6	0	5	32
Hopkins	g 1-6	0-2	2-3	0-1	1	5	4	0	5	0	2	24
Talton	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	2	0	3	0	1	1	16
Stalzer	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	12
Thomas	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	15
King	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mills	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	5
Team				4-1	5							
Totals	20-47	2-11	9-24	11-20	31	20	51	10	19	4	12	200

FG%	1st Hlf	8-19	42.1%	2nd Hlf	12-28	42.9%	Game	20-47	42.6%
3FG%	1st Hlf	1-4	25.0%	2nd Hlf	1-7	14.3%	Game	2-11	18.2%
FT%	1st Hlf	6-12	50.0%	2nd Hlf	3-12	25.0%	Game	9-24	37.5%

deadball rebounds: 3

ARIZONA STATE (15-5, 4-3)

Player		FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Jacobsen	f	2-5	0-0	2-2	2-4	6	4	6	0	1	1	0	20
McKissic	f	2-6	0-1	3-4	0-6	6	0	7	5	0	0	1	31
Bachynski	c	3-3	0-0	3-3	1-5	6	3	9	0	1	3	0	31
Carson	g	5-12	1-4	7-10	4-2	6	1	18	4	6	0	1	35
Marshall	g	3-7	2-4	0-0	0-1	1	4	8	0	2	0	0	19
Murray		1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Barnes		2-4	1-3	2-2	0-3	3	2	7	1	2	0	0	19
Edwards		0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Robinson		0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2
Koulechov		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Upchurch		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gilling		4-5	4-4	0-0	1-4	5	4	12	2	2	0	2	24
Kearney		1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	10
Whitmore		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team					0-1	1							

Game #22 (Feb. 1)

UTAH AT -/RV COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

UTAH (14-7, 3-6)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Loveridge	f 2-11	0-5	0-0	1-3	4	1	4	5	0	0	1	38
Bachynski	c 2-2	0-0	1-1	1-1	2	3	5	1	2	1	0	13
Taylor	g 6-13	5-9	0-0	0-0	0	0	17	1	1	0	0	38
Tucker	g 3-5	3-5	2-2	0-2	2	2	11	1	0	0	0	25
Wright	g 5-12	1-2	6-6	1-2	3	5	17	11	3	0	7	43
Pnwas	g 0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Lenz	2-5	0-0	1-2	2-0	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	13
Fields	4-6	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	3	9	2	1	0	1	16
Eastman	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ogbe	1-3	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	9
Olsen	2-6	0-0	0-0	5-3	8	5	4	0	3	3	0	25
Team				1-0	1							
Totals	27-63	11-24	10-11	11-13	24	23	75	21	12	4	9	225

FG% 1st Hlf 12-28 42.9% 2nd Hlf 11-23 47.8% OT 4-12 33.3% Game 27-63 42.9%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 5-9 55.6% 2nd Hlf 4-8 50.0% OT 2-7 28.6% Game 11-24 45.8%
 FT % 1st Hlf 8-8 100% 2nd Hlf 2-3 66.7% OT 0-0 0.0% Game 10-11 90.9%
 deadball rebounds: 1

COLORADO (16-6, 5-4)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 5-9	1-2	1-2	3-3	6	0	12	0	1	0	0	36
Johnson	f 2-6	0-2	7-10	4-6	10	3	11	2	2	0	2	37
Scott	f 6-11	0-0	8-8	5-5	10	2	20	0	2	3	1	40
Booker	g 5-16	1-6	7-10	2-6	8	0	18	7	4	0	1	43
Hopkins	g 0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	5
Talton	5-8	4-5	0-0	0-3	3	2	14	1	1	2	1	22
Stalzer	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	4	1	1	0	1	22
Thomas	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	13
King	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Mills	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Team				0-1	1							
Total	25-56	6-18	23-30	17-25	42	13	79	15	15	5	6	225

FG% 1st Hlf 12-24 50.0% 2nd Hlf 10-29 34.5% OT 3-3 100% Game 25-56 44.6%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 3-8 37.5% 2nd Hlf 2-9 22.2% OT 1-1 100% Game 6-18 33.3%
 FT % 1st Hlf 4-6 66.7% 2nd Hlf 12-14 85.7% OT 7-10 70.0% Game 23-30 76.7%
 deadball rebounds: 8

Utah	37	28	10	75
Colorado	31	34	14	79

Officials: Verne Harris, Ken Ditty, Brett Nansel

Technical: none. Attendance: 9607. Fouled out: Olsen, Wright.

BUFFS TOUGHEN UP, DISPOSE OF UTES IN OT

BOULDER — It was the kind of game that Tad Boyle had challenged his team to win — down-and-dirty, back-and-forth, blink-and-you're-dead.

Boyle's Colorado Buffaloes didn't blink. Never considered it either. Down 12 points in the second half, the Buffs caught Utah, got caught by a late Utes 3-pointer, then mustered enough want-to to win 79-75 in overtime Saturday at the Coors Events Center.

"Holy cow," Boyle said afterwards. "We needed that one bad and our guys responded . . . because of what we've been through, it doesn't matter who you are, you need to win your games at home and hold serve. We dropped one already (to UCLA) we'd love to have back. But it doesn't work that way so this was a big game for us."

Losers in four of their previous five games without Spencer Dinwiddie and Tre'Shaun Fletcher, the Buffs needed step-up performances from stand-in players and command performances from their veterans. Finally, the afternoon came together on both fronts.

CU (16-6 overall, 5-4) had five players in double figures — four of them starters and two of those (Xavier Johnson, Josh Scott) finishing with double-doubles. Scott scored a game-high 20 points and tied Johnson, who scored 11, with a game-best 10 rebounds. Forward Wesley Gordon added 12 points and six rebounds as the Buffs blasted the Utes on the boards, 42-24.

CU was not less productive in the backcourt, with guards Askia Booker and Xavier Talton combining for 32 points. Booker's star line was near staggering: 18 points, eight rebounds, seven of the Buffs' 13 assists, 7-of-10 from the free throw line and one steal.

But it was Talton who might have been the Buffs' biggest force. Scoring a career-high 14 points, the sophomore from Sterling hit back-to-back 3-pointers during a 14-2 second-half run that brought CU back from its 12-point deficit. He also opened the OT scoring with another trey — he was four-of-five from beyond the arc — as the Buffs finally put away the Utes (14-7, 3-6).

Talton, who with an angry cut under his left eye looked as if he'd gone 10 rounds in the ring rather than 22 minutes on the court, said he'd never experienced such a game — "Not on both ends. I think everybody just found me and I was feeling more confident. Just being in the gym this last week we talked about competing . . . we've been in the gym shooting a lot, so I think that's something that's helped out."

Game #23 (Feb. 5)

WASHINGTON STATE AT COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

WASHINGTON STATE (9-13, 2-8)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Longrus	f 1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	4	2	1	1	0	0	24
Shelton	f 2-6	1-3	0-2	1-10	11	3	5	4	1	1	3	29
Woolridge	g 1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	1	4	0	0	20
Lacy	g 10-19	8-13	6-6	1-2	3	1	34	2	2	0	0	37
Johnson	g 2-11	2-7	2-2	0-2	2	3	8	1	1	0	1	29
Iroegbu	4-6	2-3	0-0	0-3	3	4	10	6	3	0	1	23
Dilorio	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kernich-Drew	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	11
Railey	1-2	0-0	0-2	2-0	2	2	2	0	1	1	1	17
Hawkinson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	7
Team				2-1	3							
Totals	21-49	13-27	8-12	7-21	28	22	63	15	17	2	6	200

FG% 1st Hlf 8-20 40.0% 2nd Hlf 13-29 44.8% Game 21-49 42.9%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 4-12 33.3% 2nd Hlf 9-15 60.0% Game 13-27 48.1%
 FT % 1st Hlf 0-2 0.0% 2nd Hlf 8-10 80.0% Game 8-12 66.7%
 deadball rebounds: 3

COLORADO (17-6, 6-4)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 2-8	0-1	4-4	4-6	10	1	8	1	1	4	0	31
Johnson	f 7-14	1-5	5-11	2-7	9	2	20	0	3	1	2	33
Scott	f 0-3	0-0	1-2	0-1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	32
Booker	g 9-12	2-3	6-8	1-3	4	2	26	5	3	0	3	33
Talton	g 1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	14
Stalzer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Thomas	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-0	1	1	3	0	2	0	1	17
Hopkins	1-4	1-3	2-2	2-2	4	0	5	2	2	0	2	20
King	1-5	0-3	0-0	0-3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	16
Team				0-0	0							
Total	22-50	6-18	18-27	10-22	32	13	68	9	12	5	8	200

FG% 1st Hlf 9-23 39.1% 2nd Hlf 13-27 48.1% Game 22-50 44.0%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 3-8 37.5% 2nd Hlf 3-10 30.0% Game 6-18 33.3%
 FT % 1st Hlf 2-3 66.7% 2nd Hlf 16-24 66.7% Game 18-27 66.7%
 deadball rebounds: 6

Washington St.	20	43	63
Colorado	23	45	68

Officials: Mike Reed, Deron White, Justin Van Duyn

Technical: none. Attendance: 8903. Fouled out: none.

BUFFS HOLD ON FOR 'W'

BOULDER — The Colorado Buffaloes and junior guard Askia Booker opened the second half on the run and appeared ready to race past Washington State on Wednesday night. Not so fast, said the Cougars' DeVonte Lacy.

The Buffs held on — far from tightly — for a 68-63 Pac-12 Conference win that was secured — but barely — at the foul line in the final 1:05. CU hit only 8 of 14 free throws during that span, but Booker's 6 of 8 — including a pair with 2 seconds remaining — kept the Buffs afloat.

"A win's a win," said CU coach Tad Boyle, "especially in conference play. But it was not pretty, especially at the end. Obviously we have to finish better and that puts a bit of a damper on this win."

With Lacy hitting 21 of his game-high and career-high 34 points in the second half — including five of his eight 3-pointers — WSU cut a 19-point CU lead to three (66-63) before Booker's final pair of foul shots.

"We had a 19-point lead and gave it up," said Booker, whose 26 points were one off his career high. "We took it down to the last second. We can't let it get to that point. It seemed like we didn't have enough energy towards the end and we can't do that Sunday because that team is a lot better and will come in and finish us off."

"That team" is Washington, which defeated CU 71-54 in Seattle last month and visits the Events Center Sunday.

Booker scored 15 of his total as the Buffs (17-6, 6-4) increased a three-point halftime lead to 50-33 with 8:25 to play, then to 54-35 less than 2 minutes later. But Lacy, who didn't play in CU's 71-70 overtime win in Spokane on Jan. 8, and the Cougars (9-13, 2-8) roared back with their shooting behind the arc.

They attempted 15 treys in the second half, hitting nine of them (60 percent) and finishing 13-of-27 for the game (48.1 percent). The Cougars' 13 made 3-pointers tied their total in the first meeting and Elon's output for the most by a CU opponent this season.

Boyle said the Buffs defended Que Johnson well (he made 2 of 11 field goals and finished with eight points) but faltered on Lacy. "Not so much on him," Boyle said. "When you're eight for 13 on threes, that's not good enough (defense)."

CU's Xavier Johnson backed up Booker with 20 points — they were the only two Buffs in double figures — and Johnson's nine rebounds and Wesley Gordon's 10 picked up the slack for a sub-par Josh Scott. CU's leading scorer (14.4 ppg) and rebounder (9.1 rpg) didn't get his first point or board until the game's final half minute.

Game #24 (Feb. 9)

WASHINGTON AT COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

WASHINGTON (13-11, 5-6)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Blackwell	f 4-8	0-0	2-3	3-2	5	4	10	2	0	0	1	21
Simmons	f 1-3	1-1	2-4	2-1	3	1	5	0	0	0	1	19
Williams-Goss	g 5-13	2-4	3-3	1-3	4	2	15	4	4	0	1	35
Andrews	g 3-13	3-8	0-0	2-3	5	2	9	2	2	0	2	30
Wilcox	g 2-10	0-7	4-4	0-0	0	1	8	2	0	0	0	31
Johnson	2-8	1-3	2-3	1-1	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	17
Anderson	1-4	0-1	2-2	1-5	6	5	4	1	3	0	1	20
Taylor	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
Sterling	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dierickx	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Kemp Jr.	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-4	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	18
Team				1-0	1							
Totals	21-65	8-26	15-19	11-19	30	21	65	12	9	0	6	200

FG% 1st Hlf 12-32 37.5% 2nd Hlf 9-33 27.3% Game 21-65 32.3%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 4-12 33.3% 2nd Hlf 4-14 28.6% Game 8-26 30.8%
 FT % 1st Hlf 5-5 100% 2nd Hlf 10-14 71.4% Game 15-19 78.9%
 deadball rebounds: 2

COLORADO (18-6, 7-4)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Johnson	f 10-14	3-3	4-4	4-6	10	1	27	2	1	0	1	31
Thomas	f 1-4	1-3	0-0	1-3	4	5	3	0	2	0	0	19
Scott	f 8-11	0-0	5-9	3-5	8	2	21	3	0	3	2	28
Booker	g 6-14	2-4	6-6	0-5	5	1	20	7	4	0	1	31
Talton	g 3-5	2-2	1-2	0-3	3	0	9	3	3	0	0	29
Stalzer	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-2	2	2	4	0	0	0	1	14
Nelson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Hopkins	2-5	0-0	1-3	1-9	10	4	5	1	1	0	0	29
King	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
Mills	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	10
Team				0-0	0							
Total	31-56	9-14	20-28	9-35	44	16	91	18	11	3	4	200

FG% 1st Hlf 17-33 51.5% 2nd Hlf 14-23 60.9% Game 31-56 55.4%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 6-10 60.0% 2nd Hlf 3-4 75.0% Game 9-14 64.3%
 FT % 1st Hlf 8-10 80.0% 2nd Hlf 12-18 66.7% Game 20-28 71.4%
 deadball rebounds: 5

Washington	33	32	65
Colorado	48	43	91

Officials: Verne Harris, Tony Padilla, Mike Scyphers

Technical: none. Attendance: 8903. Fouled out: Anderson, Thomas.

BUFFS' BALANCED SCORING STIFLES UW

BOULDER — Colorado overpowered Washington 91-65 on Sunday night at the Coors Events Center, capping a crucial three-game home stand with its third consecutive win and its second-largest margin of victory since joining the Pac-12 Conference.

The night quickly turned into all Buff

Game #25 (Feb. 13)

- / RV COLORADO AT RV / RV UCLA

Los Angeles, Calif.

COLORADO (18-7, 7-5)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Johnson	f 5-12	2-7	2-4	1-8	9	1	14	0	0	1	0	36
Thomas	f 1-5	0-1	2-2	2-2	4	4	4	1	3	0	2	27
Scott	f 8-12	0-0	4-5	2-3	5	1	20	2	3	1	1	37
Booker	g 6-16	2-7	2-2	0-0	0	3	16	12	2	0	2	37
Talton	g 3-6	3-5	1-2	0-2	2	1	10	0	4	0	2	29
Stalzer	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
Hopkins	4-7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	8	2	0	0	0	21
King	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Mills	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

Team				3-1	4							
Totals	28-61	7-23	11-15	8-19	27	13	74	17	12	2	7	200

FG%	1st Hlf	16-29	55.2%	2nd Hlf	12-32	37.5%	Game	28-61	45.9%
3FG%	1st Hlf	4-8	50.0%	2nd Hlf	3-15	20.0%	Game	7-23	30.4%
FT %	1st Hlf	4-5	80.0%	2nd Hlf	7-10	70.0%	Game	11-15	73.3%

deadball rebounds: 0

UCLA (19-5, 8-3)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Wear, D.	f 3-6	1-3	0-0	0-2	2	3	7	0	0	0	0	22
Wear, T.	f 6-6	1-1	0-0	3-4	7	1	13	0	0	3	1	30
Adams	g 6-13	0-5	5-5	2-5	7	2	17	4	3	0	3	34
Powell	g 4-8	2-4	0-0	0-3	3	2	10	4	1	0	2	27
Anderson	g 7-12	2-2	6-7	0-7	7	0	22	11	1	1	0	36
Bail	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
LaVine	1-6	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	1	3	1	0	19
Alford	5-8	4-5	0-0	0-3	3	0	14	2	1	0	0	19
Parker	3-3	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	3	6	0	2	1	0	11

Team				1-1	2							
Total	35-62	11-22	11-12	8-29	37	13	92	25	11	6	6	200

FG%	1st Hlf	15-30	50.0%	2nd Hlf	20-32	62.5%	Game	35-62	56.5%
3FG%	1st Hlf	3-10	30.0%	2nd Hlf	8-12	66.7%	Game	11-22	50.0%
FT %	1st Hlf	3-4	75.0%	2nd Hlf	8-8	100%	Game	11-12	91.7%

deadball rebounds: 1

Colorado	40	34	74
UCLA	36	56	92

Officials: Randy McCall, Gregory Nixon, Michael Greenstein
Technical: none. Attendance: 8431. Fouled out: none.

BUFFS FALTER IN SECOND HALF

LOS ANGELES — Colorado battled gallantly for a half and a little bit beyond here Thursday night at Pauley Pavilion. But the second 20 minutes were all UCLA as the Bruins overran the Buffaloes 92-74, halting CU's Pac-12 Conference winning streak at three.

Up 40-36 at halftime, CU was victimized by UCLA's 3-point shooting in a dizzying 56-point Bruins second half. UCLA (19-5, 8-3) won for the fifth time in six games while CU (18-7, 7-5) lost for a fifth consecutive time to the Bruins and remains winless (0-6) in L.A.

"We weren't good enough in the second half, obviously," said CU coach Tad Boyle. "We knew at halftime that we were in the game because we were making shots — we were pretty efficient offensively. Our defense wasn't good enough all night long, and you guys know it's about defensive rebounding. When we hit those numbers that we did against Washington the results take care of themselves."

But in most categories Thursday night, the Buffs lost the numbers game to the Bruins. UCLA finished the game 11-of-22 from beyond the arc, including 8-of-12 (66.7 percent) in the second half. The Bruins shot 56.5 percent from the field for the night while the Buffs finished at 45.9 percent. UCLA also won the board battle by 10 (37-27) and converted 12 CU turnovers into 15 points.

"UCLA just shot the lights out in the second half," Boyle said. "They executed, we didn't get stops when we had to, they shot the three-ball well, and our defense wasn't good enough and we got out-rebounded by 10. UCLA is a good team, and they pose some matchup problems for us . . . but it hurts when you know you played good enough for 20 minutes to win a game, but we have to play for 40. Some of that credit goes towards UCLA, they're a good basketball team and they played well tonight and they made shots."

CU had four players in double figures, led by Josh Scott's 20, while Askia Booker added 16 points and a career-high 12 assists for his first career double-double. Xavier Johnson contributed 14 points and nine rebounds, and Xavier Talton scored 10 points.

Five Bruins, meanwhile, reached double figures, topped by Kyle Anderson's 22 points and a career-high 11 assists. Jordan Adams (17), Bryce Alford (14), Travis Wear (13) and Norman Powell (10) were UCLA's other double-digit scorers — but Alford's second-half productivity separated him from that quartet.

Game #26 (Feb. 16)

- / RV COLORADO AT USC

Los Angeles, Calif.

COLORADO (19-7, 8-5)

Player		FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Johnson	f	6-11	3-5	5-6	1-3	4	5	20	1	0	0	0	25
Scott	f	7-13	0-0	3-4	3-5	8	4	17	1	1	3	1	33
Thomas	f	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-3	3	4	3	2	5	1	0	21
Booker	g	7-15	1-4	3-3	1-7	8	2	18	6	6	0	2	34
Talton	g	4-5	2-3	4-7	1-6	7	3	14	3	0	0	0	32
Gordon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	11
Stalzer		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	15
Hopkins		3-8	2-5	2-3	0-1	2	10	4	1	0	3	23	
King		0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	3

Team				0-1	1							
Totals	28-56	8-17	19-27	6-28	34	24	83	18	17	4	7	200

FG%	1st Hlf	15-28	53.6%	2nd Hlf	13-28	46.4%	Game	28-56	50.0%
3FG%	1st Hlf	5-10	50.0%	2nd Hlf	3-7	42.9%	Game	8-17	47.1%
FT %	1st Hlf	5-7	71.4%	2nd Hlf	14-20	70.0%	Game	19-27	70.4%

deadball rebounds: 4, 1

USC (10-15, 1-11)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gavrilovic	f 1-3	0-1	1-4	2-3	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	22
Wesley	f 6-14	1-4	8-10	3-5	8	2	21	2	4	0	3	38
Haley	c 0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	12
Bryan	g 2-2	0-0	4-5	0-0	0	5	8	1	1	0	1	20
Dukes	g 1-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	5	8	1	1	0	1	11
Prince	1-4	0-0	4-6	5-0	5	1	6	0	0	0	1	10
Jacobs	2-4	0-1	2-2	0-3	3	2	6	0	2	0	1	22
Taylor	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Terrell	6-17	1-5	1-2	0-4	4	2	14	0	1	0	1	27
Plueger	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
Munoz	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jovanovic	1-5	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	10
Oraby	2-7	0-0	5-7	3-6	9	4	9	2	5	1	0	23

Team				1-1	2							
Total	23-62	3-15	25-36	16-24	40	26	74	6	17	1	8	200

FG%	1st Hlf	11-24	45.8%	2nd Hlf	12-38	31.6%	Game	23-62	37.1%
3FG%	1st Hlf	1-4	25.0%	2nd Hlf	2-11	18.2%	Game	3-15	20.0%
FT %	1st Hlf	9-13	69.2%	2nd Hlf	16-23	69.6%	Game	25-36	69.4%

deadball rebounds: 5, 2

Colorado	40	43	83
USC	32	42	74

Officials: Larry Spaulding, Frank Harvey III, Deron White
Technical: none. Attendance: 3187. Fouled out: Johnson, Bryan.

BALANCE ATTACK SINKS USC

LOS ANGELES — After playing a forgettable second half in a loss at UCLA on Thursday, Colorado responded with 40 mostly solid minutes of basketball and an 83-74 victory over Southern California on Sunday night at the Galen Center. The Buffaloes (19-7, 8-5 Pac-12) finished with five players scoring in double-figures, led by Xavier Johnson with 20 points and Askia Booker with 18. It was the third time in the last four games Johnson has scored 20 points or more.

The Buffs' other double-figure scorers were Josh Scott (17 points, 8 rebounds), Xavier Talton (14 points, 7 rebounds) and Jaron Hopkins (10 points, 4 assists). CU is now 5-0 on the season when five players score 10 or more points in a game.

"Our offense has gotten a lot better in the last couple weeks," Colorado head coach Tad Boyle told KOA Radio 850. "But, our defense and our rebounding are going to carry us and if we don't get that right — doesn't matter if we are playing at home or on the road — you better have those things in check."

Booker also contributed eight rebounds, six of his team's 18 assists and a pair of steals in 34 minutes. He also committed six of the Buffs' 17 turnovers, which cost CU 15 points.

But all-in-all, CU was efficient offensively, finishing at 50 percent from the field (28-of-56) and making 8-of-17 3-pointers (47.1 percent). Said Boyle: "We obviously have gotten better offensively. We're functioning as a group and really sharing the ball. It was a great effort by our team offensively."

The Buffs gained their largest lead of the game after a Scott dunk that put them up 72-54 with 4:38 remaining in the contest. But as the game came to a close USC found second-chance opportunities that allowed the Trojans to creep back in.

Trailing by as many as 18 points in the second half, USC (10-15, 1-11) was able to rally late and got to within eight with 28.5 seconds remaining but came no closer. The Trojans were led by Byron Wesley, who finished with 21 points and 8 rebounds. CU forced USC into 17 turnovers, 12 of them in the first half as CU fashioned an 11-point lead.

Game #27 (Feb. 19)

ARIZONA STATE AT COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

ARIZONA STATE (19-7, 8-5)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Jacobson	f 0-1	0-0	2-2	0-5	5	4	2	1	2	0	1	20
McKissic	f 2-6	1-3	1-2	2-7	9	3	6	2	0	0	0	34
Bachynski	c 2-5	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	4	4	0	1	1	0	29
Carson	g 5-15	1-3	7-8	2-5	7	1	18	1	5	0	0	34
Marshall	g 3-13	1-8	0-0	0-1	1	2	7	2	2	0	2	35
Barnes	2-5	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	5	2	0	1	2	19
Robinson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Tummala	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gilling	3-8	3-7	1-2	0-1	1	3	10	1	1	0	0	22
Kearney	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Team				0-0	0							
Totals	17-54	7-25	11-15	5-22	27	19	52	9	11	2	5	200

FG%	1st Hlf	9-29	31.0%	2nd Hlf	8-25	32.0%	Game	17-54	31.5%
3FG%	1st Hlf	3-13	23.1%	2nd Hlf	4-12	33.3%	Game	7-25	28.0%
FT %	1st Hlf	5-7	71.4%	2nd Hlf	6-8	75.0%	Game	11-15	73.3%

deadball rebounds: 3

COLORADO (20-7, 9-5)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Johnson	f 3-13	0-5	5-9	4-2	6	2	11	0	0	0	0	34
Thomas	f 3-6	0-2	2-2	1-5	6	4	8	0	2	1	1	20
Scott	f 4-9	0-0	5-6	5-8	13	0	13	0	4	2	1	35
Booker	g 5-17	0-0	8-8	0-6	6	3	18	0	4	2	1	33
Talton	g 0-1	0-0	0-0	0-4	4	5	0	5	3	1	0	27
Gordon	3-3	0-0	0-1	2-3	5	1	6	2	1	1	0	18
Stalzer	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	10
Hopkins	1-4	1-2	0-0	2-3	5	2	3	1	1	0	1	19
King	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Mills	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+

Team				1-0	1							
Total	20-54	1-9	20-26	15-33	48	17	61	11	14	5	6	200

Game #28 (Feb. 22)

4/4 ARIZONA AT COLORADO

Boulder, Colo.

ARIZONA (25-2, 12-2)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 10-13	2-2	1-3	3-5	8	3	23	0	0	1	0	27
Tarczewski	c 5-7	0-0	3-5	1-5	6	4	13	2	3	1	0	26
York	g 1-4	1-3	1-2	0-10	10	3	4	2	0	0	0	30
McConnell	g 3-7	1-3	2-2	0-1	1	1	9	10	0	0	4	31
Johnson	g 8-15	1-5	3-4	1-4	5	1	20	6	1	0	1	34
Mayes	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	3	0	0	2	7
Hollis-Jefferson	2-5	0-0	0-3	0-2	2	5	4	0	1	1	0	15
Pitts	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-1	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	13
Korcheck	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	12
Peters	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Hazzard	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	2
Team				2-1	3							
Totals	35-58	8-17	10-19	7-31	38	21	88	24	6	3	8	200

FG% 1st Hlf 13-32 40.6% 2nd Hlf 22-26 84.6% Game 35-58 60.3%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 2-8 25.0% 2nd Hlf 6-9 66.7% Game 8-17 47.1%
 FT % 1st Hlf 3-10 30.0% 2nd Hlf 7-9 77.8% Game 10-19 52.6%
 deadball rebounds: 5

COLORADO (20-7, 9-5)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Johnson	f 1-10	0-3	3-4	1-5	6	2	5	0	1	0	0	29
Thomas	f 3-5	0-0	1-3	2-1	3	2	7	1	2	0	0	18
Mills	c 1-2	1-1	2-2	0-0	2	2	5	0	0	0	1	7
Booker	g 4-14	0-3	2-4	1-3	4	0	10	3	2	0	1	31
Talton	g 1-3	0-1	2-3	0-4	4	0	4	1	1	1	0	31
Gordon	1-1	0-0	2-3	2-2	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	13
Stalzer	1-1	0-0	2-3	0-1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	11
Gamble	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Hopkins	1-5	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	21
King	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Scott	4-11	0-0	10-10	4-4	8	1	18	0	1	0	1	33
Team				0-0	0							
Total	17-52	2-10	25-33	10-20	30	13	61	6	9	1	3	200

FG% 1st Hlf 6-27 22.2% 2nd Hlf 11-25 44.0% Game 17-52 32.7%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 1-6 16.7% 2nd Hlf 1-4 25.0% Game 2-10 20.0%
 FT % 1st Hlf 12-18 66.7% 2nd Hlf 13-15 86.7% Game 25-33 75.8%
 deadball rebounds: 2

Arizona	31	57	88
Colorado	25	36	61

Officials: Mike Scyphers, Kevin Brill, Randy Heimerman
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 11,025. Fouled out: Hollis-Jefferson.

ARIZONA SURGE PAST CU IN CEC FINALE

BOULDER — Arizona started fast and finished faster Saturday night at the Coors Events Center, spoiling Colorado's Senior Night and a day of ESPN College GameDay hoopla with an 88-61 romp past the Buffaloes.

It was CU's worst home loss of the four-year Tad Boyle era, surpassing a 74-50 defeat by Stanford in 2012, and only the second Buffs loss in 18 games this season at the CEC.

It also was a night of firsts for the No. 4 Wildcats (25-2, 12-2), who won for the first time in Boulder since 1973 and swept CU for the first time since the Buffs became members of the Pac-12 Conference in 2011.

"It was a disappointing performance by our team and I have to look square in the mirror on that," Boyle said. "As their coach, I didn't do a very good job tonight."

The Buffs (20-8, 9-6) go on the road for their final three regular-season games, traveling to Utah on Saturday, then wrapping up at Stanford (Wednesday, March 5) and California (Saturday, March 8). The Pac-12 Tournament is March 12-15 in Las Vegas, and Boyle might need that long to digest this weekend's letdown.

After crediting Arizona for its performance, he reflected on the magnitude of the night and the depth of the disappointment. The Wildcats, he said, "whipped us in every which way you can whip a team . . . our fans were so ready for this game, this win; we gave them nothing. That's a sick feeling to go home and live with. I don't know what to say."

"I haven't been embarrassed many times as a coach, but I was embarrassed by the way my team played . . . we have to own it and accept it. The pit in my stomach has more to do with our fans and seniors. They deserve more (but) we deserve what we got tonight."

CU has two seniors — center Ben Mills and guard Beau Gamble. Mills made his first career start, played 7 minutes total and closed out the Buffs' scoring with the first trey of his career. Gamble made his first appearance of the night in the final 3 minutes, entering the game with the Wildcats leading 78-53.

After trailing by as many as 17 points in the first half, CU cut Arizona's lead to 31-26 at the half and to 37-33 early in the second half. But the talented Wildcats answered with a 14-6 run that put them ahead 51-39 and effectively put the game away with just over 12 minutes remaining.

Game #29 (Mar. 1)

COLORADO AT UTAH

Salt Lake City, Utah

COLORADO (20-8, 9-7)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Johnson	f 4-8	1-3	1-1	0-4	4	4	10	2	4	0	2	10
Thomas	f 3-6	1-3	1-2	0-1	1	4	8	0	2	0	0	15
Scott	f 4-7	0-0	9-9	2-5	7	3	17	2	1	0	1	35
Booker	g 1-8	0-3	2-2	1-2	3	3	4	6	4	0	2	31
Talton	g 1-8	0-3	1-2	1-1	2	0	3	1	1	0	0	28
Gordon	2-6	0-0	1-2	2-1	3	3	5	1	1	1	1	23
Stalzer	3-3	2-2	0-0	1-1	2	0	8	1	0	0	1	22
Hopkins	3-6	3-4	0-0	1-1	2	2	9	0	1	0	1	19
Mills	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Team				1-2	3							
Totals	21-53	7-18	15-18	9-18	27	20	64	13	16	1	8	200

FG% 1st Hlf 12-28 42.9% 2nd Hlf 9-25 36.0% Game 21-53 39.6%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 4-8 50.0% 2nd Hlf 3-10 30.0% Game 7-18 38.9%
 FT % 1st Hlf 2-2 100% 2nd Hlf 13-16 81.3% Game 15-18 83.3%
 deadball rebounds: 0

UTAH (19-9, 8-8)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Lenz	f 3-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	4	6	0	2	0	0	14
Loveridge	f 9-14	2-5	1-3	1-6	7	2	21	2	1	0	1	37
Onwas	g 1-3	0-1	2-4	0-3	3	1	4	0	3	1	0	26
Taylor	g 2-5	1-2	4-4	0-2	2	0	9	6	2	0	2	38
Wright	g 7-9	0-0	7-9	0-5	5	3	21	4	2	3	2	39
Fields	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Tucker	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	8
Ogbe	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Bachynski	4-6	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	4	8	0	2	1	2	11
Ricketts	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Olsen	2-4	0-0	2-2	1-0	1	4	6	0	2	1	2	17
Team				1-6	7							
Total	28-47	3-9	16-22	4-26	30	19	75	15	15	6	9	200

FG% 1st Hlf 11-23 47.8% 2nd Hlf 17-24 70.8% Game 28-47 59.6%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 2-7 28.6% 2nd Hlf 1-2 50.0% Game 3-9 33.3%
 FT % 1st Hlf 6-8 75.0% 2nd Hlf 10-14 71.4% Game 16-22 72.7%
 deadball rebounds: 3

Colorado	30	34	65
Utah	30	45	75

Officials: Verne Harris, Tom O'Neill, Michael Greenstein
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 12,027. Fouled out: none.

SECOND-HALF DOLDRUMS CONTINUE

SALT LAKE CITY — For the Colorado men's basketball team, the start of second halves has become the beginning of the end. The Buffaloes' all-too-familiar script for failure played out again Saturday in a 75-64 Pac-12 Conference loss to Utah.

After a 30-30 halftime tie, the Utes outscored the Buffs 15-2 to open the second half and take a 45-32 lead. But that was a mere continuation of the last stages of the first 20 minutes. Over those final 4-plus minutes and the first 7-plus of the second half, Utah outscored its visitors from the other side of the Rockies 23-2.

And Senior Day at the Jon M. Huntsman Center was all but a wrap.

"Right now second halves are baffling when it comes to the Buffs," coach Tad Boyle said. "This is three out of the last four games when you go back to UCLA . . . same way. They just had their way with us offensively in the second half — Arizona and now Utah. It happens once you think, OK, maybe somebody got hot, it's an aberration. But it's not . . . we've got to look at ourselves in the mirror and understand that right now we're not good enough in the second half defensively."

In an 88-61 home loss to No. 4 Arizona last weekend, the Buffs allowed the Wildcats to shoot 84.9 percent from the field in the second half. Saturday, the Utes made 70.8 percent of their second-half field goal attempts. Utah also outrebounded CU by three after losing the board battle by 18 in Boulder in the Buffs' 79-75 overtime win.

Boyle called that a "big swing," but pointed to porous defense as a culprit for even the slightest board advantage. "There's not a lot of rebounds to be had," he said. "That's why it gets down to defense. When you're taking the ball out of the net 70 or 85 percent of the time — holy cow, you better be making a lot of shots. I don't think there's an offense out there in college basketball to overcome those numbers."

The Buffs (20-9, 9-7) closed to within nine points twice in the final 10 minutes Saturday but came no closer as the Utes (19-9, 8-8) improved to 18-2 at home this season. The Utes have now won 21 of 24 at the Huntsman Center dating to last season.

CU had two players in double figures — Josh Scott with 17 and Xavier Johnson with 10. Askia Booker finished with four points, a pair of first-half free throws and one field goal in the second half.

Game #30 (Mar. 5)

COLORADO AT STANFORD

Stanford, Calif.

COLORADO (21-9, 10-7)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 1-1	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	3	2	0	1	1	1	24
Johnson	f 5-16	0-5	4-6	3-2	5	3	14	2	2	0	1	37
Scott	f 4-6	0-0	9-11	4-7	11	4	17	0	2	0	0	33
Booker	g 3-10	0-3	1-2	0-2	2	1	7	3	5	0	1	36
Talton	g 3-6	2-4	1-2	0-5	5	2	9	1	0	0	2	30
Stalzer	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Thomas	0-3	0-2	0-2	0-3	3	2	0	1	2	0	0	16
Hopkins	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	14
Mills	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	5
Team				3-2	5							
Totals	19-49	4-17	17-25	13-26	39	18	59	7	14	1	5	200

FG% 1st Hlf 11-24 45.8% 2nd Hlf 8-25 32.0% Game 19-49 38.8%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 3-10 30.0% 2nd Hlf 1-7 14.3% Game 4-17 23.5%
 FT % 1st Hlf 8-11 72.7% 2nd Hlf 9-14 64.3% Game 17-25 68.0%
 deadball rebounds: 6, 1

STANFORD (18-11, 9-8)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Huestis	f 3-10	0-1	3-4	9-4	13	1	9	1	1	0	0	40
Powell	f 3-8	0-0	2-3	0-2	2	5	8	1	4	1	0	28
Nastic	c 2-3	0-0	2-5	0-3	3	4	6	1	2	3	1	25
Randle	g 9-18	4-7	2-4	1-2	3	4	24	0	4	0	0	34
Brown	g 3-9	0-3	0-0	0-1	1	2	6	4	1	0	2	34
Lemons	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	15
Allen	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Verhoeven	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Gage	1-6	0-4	1-1	2-1	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	9
Team				1-1	2							
Total	21-57	4-17	10-17	13-18	31	22	56	8	12	4	3	200

FG% 1st Hlf 10-32 31.3% 2nd Hlf 11-25 44.0% Game 21-57 36.8%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 1-9 11.1% 2nd Hlf 3-8 37.5% Game 4-17 23.5%
 FT % 1st Hlf 7-10 70.0% 2nd Hlf 3-7 42.9% Game 10-17 58.8%
 deadball rebounds: 3, 1

Colorado	33	36	59
Stanford	28	28	56

Officials: Randy McCall, Michael Eggers, Eric Curry
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 4558. Fouled out: Powell.

BUFFS WITHSTAND CARDINAL RALLY

STANFORD, Calif. — After back-to-back losses, the Colorado men's basketball team got the win it desperately needed, holding on to defeat Stanford 59-56 in a game that could prove critical as March Madness looms.

CU (21-9, 10-7 Pac-12) withstood a Stanford comeback at Maples Pavilion and made free throws down the stretch to pick up its 21st regular season victory, matching the 1996-97 team for the best in school history.

"Getting a victory like this on the road is huge for our team," CU coach Tad Boyle said on KOA Radio 850. "This team has an opportunity to set itself apart from any other team in the University of Colorado basketball history."

Securing the win, Boyle continued, "wasn't easy. Our defense played good enough to keep us in the game until our offense got back going."

Leading 46-38 after a jumper by Askia Booker with 14:15 to play, the Buffaloes watched the Cardinal (18-11, 9-8) come back to tie the game at 46-46. CU didn't score again until Xavier Johnson's jump shot with 5:59 remaining produced a 48-46 lead. A 13-2 run briefly gave Stanford a late lead, but CU refused to wilt.

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Game #31 (Mar. 8)

COLORADO AT CALIFORNIA

Berkeley, Calif.

COLORADO (21-10, 10-8)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 4-10	0-1	0-0	4-7	11	4	8	2	3	0	1	37
Johnson	f 8-15	3-4	5-6	3-3	6	1	24	0	0	0	0	43
Scott	f 3-9	0-1	4-8	4-6	10	0	10	2	3	2	0	40
Booker	g 5-13	1-5	0-0	0-7	7	3	11	2	3	0	0	39
Talton	g 2-5	1-2	0-0	0-2	2	3	5	2	1	0	0	30
Stalzer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Thomas	1-5	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	13
Hopkins	2-5	1-4	0-2	1-2	3	2	5	2	2	1	1	19
Team				2-3	5							
Totals	25-62	6-18	9-14	14-31	45	15	65	8	12	3	2	225

FG% 1st Hlf 13-29 44.8% 2nd Hlf 10-26 38.5% OT 2-7 28.6% Game 25-62 41.2%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 3-7 42.9% 2nd Hlf 3-9 33.3% OT 0-2 0.0% Game 6-18 23.1%
 FT % 1st Hlf 2-2 100% 2nd Hlf 5-10 50.0% OT 2-2 100% Game 9-14 68.4%
 deadball rebounds: 4, 1

CALIFORNIA (19-12, 10-8)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Solomon	f 6-10	0-0	2-4	4-8	12	1	14	2	1	4	0	40
Kravish	f 6-12	0-1	2-2	6-6	12	2	14	3	1	1	0	42
Cobbs	g 5-17	3-5	8-8	0-1	1	1	21	4	0	0	2	45
Wallace	g 1-5	1-3	1-3	1-4	5	4	4	0	3	0	2	33
Kreklow	g 1-8	0-5	1-2	0-2	0	0	3	6	0	0	1	34
Behrens	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Matthews	1-4	1-3	0-0	1-0	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	9
Powers	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bird	3-7	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	7	1	0	2	0	17
Team				1-1	2							
Total	23-65	6-21	14-19	13-22	35	12	66	16	5	8	5	225

FG% 1st Hlf 11-28 39.3% 2nd Hlf 12-30 40.0% OT 0-7 0.0% Game 23-65 35.4%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 4-11 36.4% 2nd Hlf 2-9 22.2% OT 0-1 0.0% Game 6-21 28.6%
 FT % 1st Hlf 2-4 50.0% 2nd Hlf 5-6 83.3% OT 7-9 77.8% Game 14-19 73.7%
 deadball rebounds: 0

Colorado 31 28 6 65
 California 28 31 7 66

Officials: Mike Scyphers, Deron White, Jeff Wooten
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 9422. Fouled out: none.

BUFFS COME UP SHORT IN OT

BERKELEY, Calif. — In a game that featured most of the emotions of March Madness, the Colorado Buffaloes ended the regular season in despair, falling to California 66-65 in overtime on Saturday at the Haas Pavilion.

A CU victory would have secured a top four seed and a first-round bye in next week's Pac-12 Tournament in Las Vegas. But the Buffs became one of five teams finishing 10-8 in conference play — joining Cal, Oregon, Arizona State and Stanford.

No. 5 seed CU will play USC, the No. 12 seed, in the first round (Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. MDT). The top four seeds, in order, are Arizona, UCLA, ASU and Cal.

CU (21-10) held Cal (19-12) without a field goal in Saturday's extra 5 minutes, but the Golden Bears survived by making seven of nine free throws, with Justin Cobbs' final pair giving Cal its one-point lead with 20.8 seconds left in OT.

After Xavier Talton missed from the left wing, Cal's Tyrone Wallace was fouled and missed the front end of a one-and-one with 4.5 seconds remaining, giving CU one final shot. The Bears escaped with the win when Askia Booker's potential buzzer beater was off the mark.

The Bears missed their final three field goal attempts in regulation and all seven of their shots in overtime.

"X. Talton had a great look from three," CU head coach Tad Boyle told 850 KOA radio following the game. "He's a good shooter; we'll take that shot. I thought the difference in the second half was offensive rebounds."

Cal had 13 offensive boards, and as Boyle and his staff counted, 10 of those came in the second half, allowing the Bears to find the second-chance points (nine) needed to win.

"We put ourselves in a position to win because we guarded and we rebounded," Boyle said. "But we didn't defensive rebound like we needed to in the second half — especially late."

Entering the game, CU was 39-2 when out-rebounding its opponents and holding them to under 40 percent shooting from the field. The Buffs hit those numbers, but not the end result they were looking for; they limited Cal to just 35 percent (23-of-65) from the field and out-rebounded the Bears by 10 (45-35). CU shot 25-of-62 (40 percent) from the field.

Cal also scored 13 points off 12 CU turnovers, while only making five miscues that led to six Buffaloes points.

Colorado squandered a chance to win the game on the final possession of regulation after Cobbs made two free throws to tie the game at 59-59 with 28 seconds remaining. Talton let the clock to wind all the way down, but then forced a pass that resulted in a turnover.

Game #32 (Mar. 14)

USC VS. COLORADO

Las Vegas, Nev.

Pac-12 Tournament 1st Round

USC (11-21)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Jovanovic	f 1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	20
Oraby	c 4-6	0-0	2-2	5-2	7	4	10	0	1	3	1	23
Howard	g 3-13	1-9	0-0	0-2	2	7	5	2	1	2	3	33
Terrell	g 2-8	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	3	5	1	2	1	1	24
Wesley	g 8-15	2-5	5-8	0-2	2	1	23	2	0	1	0	36
Bryan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jacobs	2-6	1-4	0-0	0-4	4	1	5	3	3	1	1	28
Gavrilovic	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-4	5	1	2	0	0	0	1	18
Haley	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	17
Team				0-2	2							
Totals	25-62	6-18	9-14	14-31	45	15	65	8	12	3	2	200

FG% 1st Hlf 11-28 39.3% 2nd Hlf 11-27 40.7% Game 22-55 40.0%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 1-8 12.5% 2nd Hlf 4-14 28.6% Game 5-22 22.7%
 FT % 1st Hlf 4-5 80.0% 2nd Hlf 3-5 60.0% Game 7-10 70.0%
 deadball rebounds: 1, 1

COLORADO (22-10)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 4-6	0-0	0-0	2-4	6	2	8	1	2	1	1	30
Johnson	f 4-6	2-2	1-5	0-3	3	0	11	0	2	0	0	32
Scott	f 4-14	0-0	5-8	4-5	9	3	13	1	3	0	0	33
Booker	g 9-17	0-1	3-3	2-5	7	1	21	4	1	0	0	37
Talton	2-4	0-2	0-0	0-3	3	2	4	0	2	0	1	32
Stalzer	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Fletcher	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Thomas	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	14
Hopkins	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-5	5	3	0	1	0	0	1	14
Mills	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team				2-1	3							
Total	24-52	2-9	9-16	10-28	38	13	59	8	13	1	3	200

FG% 1st Hlf 13-25 52.0% 2nd Hlf 11-27 40.7% Game 24-52 46.2%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 2-7 28.6% 2nd Hlf 0-2 0.0% Game 2-9 22.2%
 FT % 1st Hlf 1-5 20.0% 2nd Hlf 8-11 72.7% Game 9-16 56.3%
 deadball rebounds: 4

USC 27 29 56
 Colorado 29 30 59

Officials: Chris Rastatter, Tommy Nunez, Kevin Brill
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 8734. Fouled out: none.

LATE SURGE SENDS CU INTO QUARTERS

LAS VEGAS — In March, basketball teams can live on their game's intangibles and die without them. On an afternoon when their leading scorer's frustration nearly overshadowed his productivity and little else went smoothly, the Colorado Buffaloes turned to those intangibles to survive — and they did.

No. 5 seed CU used an 8-0 run late in the second half to pull away from No. 12 seed Southern California, then held on loosely to eliminate the Trojans 59-56 in Wednesday's first round of the Pac-12 Tournament.

A relieved CU coach Tad Boyle called it an exercise in winning ugly — but in March ugly still counts. The Buffs (22-10) advance to play No. 4 seed California (19-12) in Thursday's quarterfinal round (3:30 p.m. MDT) in the MGM Garden Arena. In their only meeting this season, Cal defeated CU by one point in overtime last weekend in Berkeley.

CU's 22nd win of the season ties for the fourth-most wins in school history, with Boyle owning three of the top four winningest seasons.

Reaching the quarterfinals was more difficult than many imagined for CU. USC, losers of 11 of its final 12 regular-season games, took a five-point lead with 9:46 remaining Wednesday and appeared ready to close out the erratic Buffs, who had swept the Trojans (11-21) in their two previous meetings.

But CU dialed up one of the intangibles — mental toughness — that finally surfaced late in the regular season and nearly carried the Buffs to a sweep of their Bay Area road trip. It arrived when needed in Vegas, and it came in the form of chasing down long rebounds, loose balls and protecting the ball over the game's final 10 minutes. The Buffs committed nine of their 13 turnovers in the first half, the other four in the opening minutes of the second half.

Down 47-42 with just under 10 minutes to play, maybe CU's — and junior guard Askia Booker's — alarm buttons were hit. Booker converted a three-point play, followed with a 15-foot jumper, then fed Xavier Johnson for a stuff that tied the score at 49-49 with 8:01 left.

"Around the first media timeout in the second half, I told myself that it's either now or never," Booker said. "I talked to coach (Jean) Prioleau and he said, 'It's time.' That's when I told myself, let's get going."

Booker led the Buffs with 21 points — his fifth 20-point game of the season and seventh of his career. He also contributed seven rebounds and four assists against only one turnover.

Game #33 (Mar. 15)

COLORADO VS. CALIFORNIA

Las Vegas, Nev.

Pac-12 Tourney Quarterfinal

COLORADO (23-10)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 1-3	0-0	0-1	3-3	6	1	2	0	2	2	0	33
Johnson	f 4-7	2-4	0-0	2-6	8	0	10	1	1	0	0	29
Scott	f 3-8	0-1	5-7	1-5	6	1	11	1	3	1	1	32
Booker	g 7-15	1-5	2-2	0-3	3	2	17	3	2	0	0	35
Talton	g 5-8	3-5	0-0	0-3	3	2	13	1	1	0	1	35
Stalzer	0-3	0-2	1-2	1-0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	9
Fletcher	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Thomas	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	10
Hopkins	1-2	0-1	1-2	0-3	3	4	3	3	1	0	1	14
Team				2-5	7							
Totals	25-62	6-18	9-14	14-31	45	15	65	8	12	3	2	200

FG% 1st Hlf 12-28 42.9% 2nd Hlf 10-22 45.5% Game 22-50 44.4%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 4-14 28.6% 2nd Hlf 2-6 33.3% Game 6-20 30.0%
 FT % 1st Hlf 3-5 75.0% 2nd Hlf 6-10 60.0% Game 9-14 64.3%
 deadball rebounds: 1, 1

CALIFORNIA (19-13)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Solomon	f 2-5	0-0	0-1	3-13	16	4	4	1	1	2	1	38
Kravish	f 5-7	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	2	10	0	0	4	1	37
Cobbs	g 7-15	2-6	5-5	2-2	4	0	21	5	4	0	3	36
Wallace	g 5-11	1-5	2-6	1-1	2	3	13	2	3	0	3	31
Kreklow	g 2-6	2-6	0-0	1-0	1	1	6	0	1	0	0	24
Singer	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	10
Behrens	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Matthews	1-5	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	16
Bird	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Team				0-2	2							
Total	22-53	5-22	7-12	7-22	29	12	56	10	9	6	8	200

FG% 1st Hlf 10-26 38.5% 2nd Hlf 12-27 44.4% Game 22-53 41.5%
 3FG% 1st Hlf 2-12 16.7% 2nd Hlf 3-10 30.0% Game 5-22 22.7%
 FT % 1st Hlf 0-1 0.0% 2nd Hlf 7-11 63.6% Game 7-12 58.3%
 deadball rebounds: 0

Colorado 31 28 59
 California 22 34 56

Officials: Randy McCall, Dick Cartmell, Glen Mayberry
 Technicals: none. Attendance: 12916. Fouled out: none.

BUFFS OUTLAST BEARS, ADVANCE TO SEMIS

LAS VEGAS — Revenge might be sweet, but advancing is sweeter. Ask the Colorado Buffaloes. They avenged their one-point overtime loss to California five days ago by eliminating the Bears 59-56 in Thursday's quarterfinal round of the Pac-12 Conference Tournament.

No. 5 seed CU (23-10) advances to Friday's Pac-12 semifinals to play top-seeded Arizona (29-3) in the MGM Garden Arena.

CU's 23 wins are the second-most in school history behind two seasons (2010-11 and 2011-12) of 24 wins under fourth-year coach Tad Boyle.

"You could tell from the start that our players really wanted this game and they had that intensity about them that was pretty evident," Boyle said. "It was to a man. It wasn't just one guy, it was the whole group."

Four CU players scored in double figures, topped by Askia Booker's 17 points. His last two points came on his first two free throws of the game with 12.1 seconds left, giving CU a 58-54 lead. Six seconds later, Eli Stalzer's one of two from the foul line pushed the Buffs ahead 59-56.

"I thought 'Ski's two free throws gave our team a lot of confidence . . . those two free throws were big," Boyle said. "Eli (was) in a tough position; he hadn't played all second half. I stick him in there and he makes the front end of a one-and-one, which is the hardest one. I've got confidence in all our guys at the line, but they were big-time plays."

Cal guard Justin Cobbs missed a desperation 3-point attempt to tie at the buzzer. He scored a game-high 21 points and keyed a comeback that brought Cal, the tournament's No. 4 seed, back from a 10-point second-half deficit.

Cal (19-13) defeated CU 66-65 in overtime five days ago in Berkeley, and the sour residue accompanied the Buffs to Vegas as an obvious motivator.

Other Buffs in double digits were Xavier Talton (13), Josh Scott (11) and Xavier Johnson (10). Talton accounted for half of CU's six 3-pointers, including a critical trey that ended a nearly 6-minute scoring drought and gave the Buffs a 52-48 lead.

CU finished with a 38-29 board advantage that helped the Buffs to a 10-4 edge

Game #34 (Mar. 14)

COLORADO VS. 4/4 ARIZONA

Las Vegas, Nev.
Pac-12 Tournament Semifinal

COLORADO (23-11)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 0-1	0-0	2-2	0-2	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	14
Johnson	f 4-11	2-3	1-3	2-3	5	3	11	0	2	0	0	32
Scott	f 2-9	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	4	0	3	1	1	34
Booker	g 4-14	0-1	4-5	2-4	6	0	12	2	1	0	1	27
Talton	g 2-6	2-4	2-2	0-3	3	2	8	2	1	0	1	34
Stalzer	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Fletcher	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
Thomas	2-5	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	3	4	0	1	0	0	21
Hopkins	1-2	0-0	0-2	2-1	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	19
Mills	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Team				3-0	3							
Totals	15-51	4-8	9-14	10-15	25	15	43	5	9	1	3	200

FG% 1st Hlf 10-29 34.5% 2nd Hlf 5-22 22.7% Game 15-51 44.4%
3FG% 1st Hlf 3-5 60.6% 2nd Hlf 1-3 33.3% Game 4-8 50.0%
FT % 1st Hlf 1-5 20.0% 2nd Hlf 8-9 88.9% Game 9-14 64.3%
deadball rebounds: 3

ARIZONA (30-3)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 4-8	0-0	1-4	5-4	9	2	9	3	2	3	3	33
Tarczewski	c 2-4	0-0	1-2	2-5	7	3	5	0	6	0	0	26
York	g 1-5	1-5	0-0	0-1	2	3	3	2	1	1	0	27
McConnell	g 5-8	2-3	0-0	1-3	4	3	12	5	0	0	1	32
Johnson	g 5-12	2-5	4-4	0-4	1	6	4	1	0	1	0	34
Mayes	2-4	1-3	1-2	0-2	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	10
Hollis-Jefferson	4-8	0-1	4-4	3-5	8	3	12	1	1	1	1	28
Pitts	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	7
Korcheck	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Peters	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team				2-3	5							
Total	23-49	6-17	11-16	13-28	41	16	63	16	12	5	7	200

FG% 1st Hlf 11-29 37.9% 2nd Hlf 12-20 60.0% Game 23-49 46.9%
3FG% 1st Hlf 4-10 40.0% 2nd Hlf 2-7 28.6% Game 6-17 35.3%
FT % 1st Hlf 1-2 50.0% 2nd Hlf 10-14 71.4% Game 11-16 68.8%
deadball rebounds: 3

Colorado 24 19 43
Arizona 27 36 63

Officials: Mike Reed, Tony Padilla, Mike Scyphers
Technical: none. Attendance: 12916. Fouled out: none.

WILDCATS DELIVER SECOND-HALF KO PUNCH

LAS VEGAS — Colorado got the first-half start they wanted Friday against Arizona, but the start of the second was another story — one of shock and maybe a little bit of awe.

The fourth-ranked Wildcats, the top seed in the Pac-12 Tournament, held the fifth-seeded Buffs to only two field goals in the second half's first 12:32, coupled that shutdown with a 20-4 run, and raced away with a 63-43 semifinal win at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

Arizona (30-3) plays UCLA in the Pac-12 championship game. CU (23-11) awaits word on Selection Sunday to make potential NCAA Tournament plans.

"We're obviously disappointed in the result, but we lost to a darn good Arizona team," Tad Boyle said. "That's a hell of a team, a hell of a program. They've had an unbelievable year."

His defense was pit-bull nasty to the Buffs, but Arizona coach Sean Miller returned Boyle's kind words, complimenting Boyle and his staff on rejuvenating the Buffs after losing point guard Spencer Dinwiddie in mid-January.

Miller said outsiders can't comprehend the magnitude of such a loss and what it takes to adjust. "I mean it knocks you back. You can't call timeout, have a month to prepare and think about things. You have to get it right away."

"What Tad and his staff have done and what those players have done has been really nothing short of remarkable. The fact they're sitting in the NCAA Tournament, our hat's off to them and we wish them nothing but the best."

The Buffs could have used some of the post-game goodwill from the Wildcats' defense in the second half. Ahead only 27-24 at halftime, Arizona allowed a Josh Scott layup at the 18:32 mark, but didn't permit another CU field goal for almost 5 minutes.

Nearly another 6 minutes passed before the Buffs got their third basket of the second half, and by then the Wildcats had rolled to a 51-32 advantage. The Buffs were on their way to a night of near-record lows:

Their 43 points were the lowest since scoring 49 against Illinois (57) in the 2013 NCAA Tournament;

Their 29 percent field goal shooting was the lowest since Arizona held CU to 32.7 on Feb. 22 in Boulder;

Their 25 rebounds — the Wildcats hauled down 41 — were a season low, as were their 15 field goals.

Game #35 (Mar. 20)

(9) PITTSBURGH VS. (8) COLORADO

Orlando, Fla.

NCAA Tournament 2nd Round

PITTSBURGH (26-9)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Young	f 4-6	1-1	0-0	1-2	3	1	9	0	0	0	2	21
Patterson	f 4-11	2-5	0-0	1-3	4	1	10	4	0	1	2	28
Zanna	f 6-7	0-0	6-6	1-4	5	0	18	0	1	2	1	26
Robinson	g 1-6	1-2	0-0	1-5	6	2	3	8	1	0	3	29
Wright	g 4-9	0-0	3-4	0-4	4	2	11	2	1	0	3	30
Aris	3-4	0-1	1-1	1-2	3	2	7	2	0	0	0	17
Randall	2-2	0-0	1-1	0-1	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	9
Jones	4-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	8	0	0	0	1	10
Newkirk	1-6	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	18
Nwankwo	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ko	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lecak	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Uchebo	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	5
Team				3-1	4							
Totals	31-61	4-14	11-12	9-24	33	13	77	18	3	3	12	200

FG% 1st Hlf 18-29 62.1% 2nd Hlf 13-32 40.6% Game 31-61 50.8%
3FG% 1st Hlf 3-6 50.0% 2nd Hlf 1-8 12.5% Game 4-14 28.6%
FT % 1st Hlf 7-7 100% 2nd Hlf 4-5 80.0% Game 11-12 91.7%
deadball rebounds: 0

COLORADO (23-12)

Player	FGs	3-pt	FT	O-D-	R	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	Min
Gordon	f 2-4	1-1	1-2	2-1	3	0	6	1	2	0	0	22
Johnson	f 5-8	1-4	0-1	1-3	4	3	11	1	4	0	0	33
Scott	f 4-7	0-0	6-7	1-5	6	2	14	0	2	0	1	31
Booker	g 2-9	0-2	2-2	1-4	5	0	6	0	4	0	0	23
Talton	g 1-6	1-4	0-0	0-1	1	3	3	0	3	0	0	25
Stalzer	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
Fletcher	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-2	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	12
Nelson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Thomas	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	18
Gamble	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	2
Hopkins	0-2	0-2	2-2	0-1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	20
King	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mills	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team				2-1	3							
Total	15-42	4-16	14-18	7-22	29	12	48	5	17	0	2	200

FG% 1st Hlf 5-17 29.4% 2nd Hlf 10-25 40.0% Game 15-42 35.7%
3FG% 1st Hlf 1-7 14.3% 2nd Hlf 3-9 33.3% Game 4-16 25.0%
FT % 1st Hlf 7-7 100% 2nd Hlf 7-11 63.6% Game 14-18 77.8%
deadball rebounds: 0

Pittsburgh 46 31 77
Colorado 18 30 48

Officials: Joe DeRosa, Brian O'Connell, Rick Crawford
Technical: none. Attendance: 16074. Fouled out: none.

PITT POUNDS BUFFS OUT OF TOURNAY

ORLANDO, Fla. — The NCAA Tournament Selection Committee had a slightly higher opinion of Colorado than it did Pittsburgh. The Panthers must have taken it personally, and they took it to the Buffaloes in almost every way imaginable.

No. 9 seed Pitt pounded No. 8 seed CU here in the NCAA's second round, sending the Buffs back to the Rocky Mountains with a crushing 77-48 loss at the Amway Center.

CU made its third consecutive NCAA Tournament trip — a school record — but also made it a second straight "one-and-done" NCAA visit, with Thursday's 29-point loss the school's largest ever in NCAA play.

The Buffs were eliminated 57-49 by Illinois in last March's first tourney game in Austin, Texas.

CU dropped to 1-3 in NCAA Tournament competition under fourth-year coach Tad Boyle, but at 23-12 finished the 2013-14 season with the third-highest win total in school history.

"We're obviously extremely disappointed with our performance today," he said. "Credit goes to Pittsburgh; I don't want to take anything away from them. They're a great team. They've had a great year. They're good players and (have) a very good coach. But the Buffaloes for some reason or another did not play the way we're capable of playing. As a coach you take responsibility for that, which I do, but we're just very disappointed."

Pitt (26-9) advances to Saturday's third round against top-seeded, top-ranked Florida.

The Buffs never led, never threatened and were never given — or maybe never gave themselves — a chance. Tourney games matching 8-9 seeds can be touch-and-go; this one was take a beating and go home. Pitt controlled the opening tip and everything thereafter.

CU had experienced a few bad first halves this season — both regular-season Arizona losses come immediately to mind — but nothing as horrific on this big a stage. By intermission, the Panthers led 46-18 and had dealt the Buffs their worst halftime deficit of the season, held them to their lowest first-half point total, their lowest field goal total (five) and harassed the Buffs into 10 turnovers — the second most in a first half this season.

2013-14

Season in Review Notes

20-WIN SEASONS: Colorado won 23 games in 2013-2014, the third most victories in school history • Coach Boyle owns the top three winningest seasons in school history (24 wins in each of the 2011-12 and 2010-11 seasons) • CU has won 20 games in each of Tad Boyle's four seasons at CU — a school record for four straight years • In 113 years of CU basketball there's been eight seasons of 20 wins or more, and he owns four of them • For only the second time in school history (1996-97), the Buffaloes won 21-regular season games.

2013-14 NCAA TOURNAMENT: CU was seeded eighth in the South Region the highest NCAA Tournament seed since the 1997 Tourney when they were ninth in the East Region (defeated Indiana in the first round; then fell to No. 1 seed North Carolina) • CU earned its third straight NCAA Tournament berth, a school record. The others: 2011-12 automatic berth: 3rd Round; 2012-13 at-large bid: 2nd Round; 2013-14 at-large bid: 2nd Round.

MORE TOURNAMENT HISTORY: It was CU's 13th NCAA Tournament appearance in its history (10-15, .400) with two Final Fours: 1942 & 1955 • CU last played in the state of Florida for the NCAA Tournament (Tampa) as the No. 10 seed in the South Region (2002-03): lost to No. 7 Michigan State • Since 1997 (7 NCAA games since then), CU was the higher seed and wore its lighter color home jersey (instead of home white, they wore their third jersey, silver).

CU IN POSTSEASON: Under Boyle, the Buffs are 13-7 in postseason games (9-3 conference, 3-1 NIT, 1-3 NCAA) • His .650 postseason winning percentage, ranks first in school history • Advanced to the conference tournament semifinals three of the last four years (Pac-12: 2014 and 2012. Big 12: 2011).

RECORD BOOK: End of the season stats that made the all-time Top-10 in school history: 173,429 total attendance, first overall; season average (9,635), conference total (89,296); conference average (9,922) — all were second overall • 648 free throws made, second overall • 23 wins, third most in school history • 35 games overall, third most played • 2,457 points scored: third most • 1,305 rebounds was third all-time • Rebounding margin of +5.9, tied for 4th • .718 free throw percentage was eighth.

FOUR YEARS UNDER BOYLE STAFF:

- 92-50 record (.648), the fastest coach in school history to win that many in the shortest time.
- 92 wins are the most in any four-year span.
- Winning percentage (.648), is the best of any CU coach in men's hoops history (min. 2 years).
- he coaching staff is 60-9 at home (.870).
- 19 home sellouts over four years (14-5).
- 27-4 (.871) when having 15 or more assists in a game.
- 10-0 when having 20 or more assists.
- CU is 71-13 overall (.845) and 48-2 at home (.960) when outrebounding the opponent. Both losses in 2012-03: UCLA, 78-75 (Jan. 12) 34-32 edge on boards; Arizona State, 63-62, at (Feb. 16) 41-26 advantage on glass).