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Senior quarterback Tyler Hansen drops back to pass.
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Brooks: Bruins Start Fast, Roll Past Buffs

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PASADENA, Calif. – Rather than sustaining momentum built in an inspired home win last weekend, the Colorado Buffaloes crumpled and fell back on their nearly 5-year-old road habits here Saturday.

UCLA, a middle-of-the-pack Pac-12 team that might be battling to keep its coach employed, jumped on its visitor for 21 fast first-quarter points and coasted to a 45-6 rout in the Rose Bowl.

The loss – the Buffs' 24th consecutive out-of-state since 2007 – dropped CU to 2-10 overall and 1-7 in the Pac-12. The Bruins, meanwhile, improved to 6-5 and 5-3, remaining in control of their fate in the South Division and doing nothing to turn up the heat on head coach Rick Neuheisel.

The former CU coach is now 21-25 in his fourth season at his alma mater, but the Bruins became bowl eligible for the second time under Neuheisel and could reach the first Pac-12 championship game. They play rival USC next weekend.

UCLA quarterback Kevin Prince finished the night 15-of-19 for 225 yards and a career-high four TDs, while CU's Tyler Hansen completed 16-of-31 for 127 yards and was intercepted three times. The Buffs had 229 yards in total offense to the Bruins' 553.

Saturday's game matched father and son: CU coach Jon Embree and his oldest son, Taylor, a Bruins senior receiver. Saturday was UCLA's Senior Day, but Jon Embree remained with his players and left the pre-game duties to his wife, Natalyn, and other family members, some of whom were wearing half UCLA/half CU jerseys.

CU trailed 21-6 at the half, but the way the game opened that 15-point deficit looked pretty good. UCLA, which had been outscored 65-30 in its 10 previous first quarters this season, had a 14-0 lead before this game was 5 minutes old and was up 21-0 with just over 4 minutes remaining in the opening quarter.

In last weekend's 48-29 rout of Arizona, the Buffs recorded season highs in points, first downs (27) and rushing yards (273), and fashioned four 80-yard scoring drives in amassing 500 yards in total offense. But those numbers were distant memories in the Rose Bowl as CU succumbed to one of its patently bad road starts, which shoved the Buffs into catch-up mode for the last three quarters.

The first half was a statistical wasteland for CU, which managed only 19 yards rushing, six first downs and 117 yards in total offense.

Still, senior tailback Rodney Stewart did eclipse another record: In catching a 1-yard pass from Hansen late in the second quarter, Stewart made his 87th career reception and set a school mark for career catches by a running back. He finished with a team-best seven catches for 36 yards.

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Other than that, the Bruins bottled up "Speedy," who had celebrated a superb Senior Day last week with 181 yards rushing and three TDs. He also threw a TD pass, but UCLA never allowed him to do much damage with his feet or his arm. His 77 yards on 21 carries accounted for the bulk of the Buffs 87 yards rushing.

Meanwhile, CU's defense was trying to avoid being "pistol whipped" – and that wasn't easy. Running that offense and initially befuddling the Buffs, the Bruins scored on their second offensive play, with Prince and junior receiver Shaq Evans teaming for a 54-yard touchdown pass that sailed over Buffs defensive backs Jason Espinoza and Terrel Smith.

CU's ensuing possession started with a false start on senior tight end Ryan Deehan, and two plays later, when Deehan bobbled a Hansen pass, linebacker Sean Westgate grabbed the football. Deehan then grabbed Westgate's facemask, drawing a 15-yard penalty that set up UCLA at the CU 14-yard line.

Tailback Jonathan Franklin covered that distance in one play, and in a mere 46 seconds of possession time, the Bruins had a 14-0 lead. They got their third touchdown on their third first-quarter possession, this time driving 80 yards in 12 plays and scoring on a 5-yard Prince-to-Joseph Fauria pass.

Down 21-0, CU finally mustered a response, but it took a pass interference penalty on third down against UCLA and a reversed decision from the replay officials on the first play of the second quarter. Hansen and Toney Clemons connected for a 20-yard pass that Clemons obviously believed was a touchdown – but it wasn't ruled that way initially.

However, after a booth review, Clemons was awarded the TD, making Saturday's game the fourth straight in which he has caught a touchdown pass – one shy of the school record set by Rae Carruth in 1996.

The Buffs had scored, but there was a downside: Will Oliver missed the extra point, his second botched PAT try of the season. UCLA kicker Tyler Gonzalez was wide right on a 25-yard field goal attempt on the Bruins' next series, but CU failed to capitalize for the rest of the quarter and trailed 21-6 at intermission.

Prince completed eight of his 10 first-half passes – he was 7-for-7 in the first quarter for 121 yards – for 148 yards and two TDs. The Buffs struggled to run for the entire first half, gaining only 19 yards on 15 rushes against a run defense that was No. 12 in the conference (190.2 yards a game). CU's only first-half offense was Hansen's passing; he went 10-for-17, gaining 98 yards and accounting for the TD.

After accepting the second-half kickoff, UCLA marched 73 yards and positioned Gonzalez for a 22-yard field that increased CU's deficit to 24-6 that turned out to be the only scoring of the third quarter.

The Bruins opened the fourth quarter with a six-play, 62-yard scoring drive that was capped by Prince's 15-yard TD pass to the 6-8 Fauria, the nephew of former Buffs tight end Christian Fauria. That TD, plus Gonzalez's PAT, shot UCLA ahead 31-6, but Prince teamed with Nelson Rosario 5 minutes later for an 11-yard scoring pass that gave the Prince his fourth TD pass – a career high – and the Bruins a 38-6 lead.

After Hansen suffered his third interception, giving UCLA possession at the CU 13, Malcolm Jones scored on a 1-yard run with 3:52 to play. The Bruins led 45-6 and the Buffs' hideous road losing streak was intact.

A final chance to break it remains this season. That comes Friday at Utah in the last game of Embree's first season. Otherwise, the streak carries into 2012.

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Two Buffs sandwich Bruins quarterback Kevin Prince.
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Brooks: After Puffing Themselves Up, Buffs Go Flat

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PASADENA, Calif. - In Colorado's two-win football season, it might be difficult to determine which of the nine losses was more painful and/or perplexing. Or it might not be difficult at all. We'll try and help you out here.

In September, there was the 36-33 loss to California. Painful enough, considering it was in overtime and would have been a nice bounce-back home win after convincingly losing the opener at Hawai'i.

In October, there was the 31-27 come-from-ahead loss against Washington State. Also painful enough, considering it was the Pac-12 Conference opener and the Buffs allowed two scores to lose it in the final 3 minutes.

On to November and UCLA's Senior Day in the Rose Bowl . . . and an afternoon of bewilderment of a different sort. CU was coming off maybe its most heartening Saturday of a sad season - a 48-29 rolling of Arizona that offered some indication of the Buffs perhaps getting it and of their exiting the murderous portion of their schedule and having something left.

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At least they talked like it.

But somewhere between the final whistle at Folsom Field and the whistle's first burst in the Rose Bowl, whatever was gained from the previous weekend was lost. One step forward was rewarded with three steps back.

Here's what hurt most: this 45-6 smackdown wasn't delivered by a Top 25 team, it was dealt by a team with five losses that has been as schizophrenic in the Pac-12 Conference as Newt Gingrich has been as a presidential candidate.

UCLA is not to be mistaken for Stanford, Oregon or Southern California - three teams that blew out CU by a cumulative score of 135-26. Throw in the Arizona State result (and you might as well, because the Sun Devils were No. 23 before they began their death spiral) and the combined Buff kicking was 153-40.

But this was UCLA . . . and CU went to the Rose Bowl believing it could win - or so the Buffs claimed during the upbeat six-day run-up. It's pretty close to ridiculous to think a two-win team could develop swagger after Win No. 2, but the Buffs appeared to have something extra in their steps after last weekend.

Quarterback Tyler Hansen "guaranteed" CU wouldn't lose again on the road. Coach Jon Embree said CU's 23-game out-of-state losing streak would end in the Rose Bowl. After it didn't happen, didn't come close to happening, receiver Toney Clemons was asked when that newfound confidence was lost.

"Saturday," answered Clemons. "Today. We had a great week of preparation. We prepared for (UCLA) better than we prepared for Arizona. We had a way better week of practice . . . guys were more into it, more enthusiastic. We came out flat; I don't understand why we came out flat on the road. It's mind-boggling to me."

Embree's mind was no less boggled, but there were reasons other than his team lapsing back into its horribly familiar road self. Saturday was Senior Day for UCLA, and Embree's eldest son, Taylor, is a senior Bruins receiver. Of course, this game's buildup included the father-son angle, and Embree handled it well during the week.

But by Saturday night, it had worn on him. "I never want to do it again, never want to do it again," Jon Embree said. "I'm just glad it's a one-time deal. It's very awkward . . . just awkward."

The father congratulated his son after the game, told him he loved him and he was glad he and his team would be playing in a bowl game. That was an important accomplishment in Taylor's final year. There was no good-natured jawing during the game or even after the Bruins had blown out the Buffs.

"He'll wait til Christmas before he starts on his stuff . . . he knows how I am," Jon said, adding his son had earned "bragging rights - for life."

But Jon knows there are more critical issues to be dealt with than holiday barbs from his son and a lifetime of bragging rights. His painful first CU season is within game of completion and the long, ugly road losing streak remains. Last chance for this team to break it is Friday at Utah, which is 7-4 (4-4 Pac-12, still in the South race) and also celebrates its Senior Day against CU.

If the Buffs don't respond any better against the Utes on Senior Day than they did against the Bruins, the road losing streak gets handed off to the 2012 seniors. Like a virus, it's been passed from class to class since 2007.

"When you're talking about Senior Day, you've got to come out and match their energy and passion - and we didn't do that," Embree said of his son and his son's teammates jumping the Buffs.

Added Hansen: "They came out with the passion and intensity and we didn't match that . . . I don't know (why). We had all the reasons to do it and it just didn't happen."

That's what makes this loss more stupefying than the others. Then again, it was a road game, and CU's average margin of defeat on the road this fall is now 29.5 points. The closest the Buffs have come to winning away from home this season is their 34-17 opening loss at Hawai'i. Who knew?

Embree further explained that after his team faltered in the first 5 minutes and fell behind 21-0 to UCLA, it failed to capitalize on a stop here, a turnover there and "could never sustain anything offensively."

Defensively, poor tackling helped the Bruins rush for 328 yards - second only to the 371 the Buffs allowed Oregon in October. "The defense played OK in spurts," Embree said. "But we just didn't tackle; the last three or four drives they had, they just wore us down and we were poor tackling."

Embree believed his offense, which ran for a season-high 273 yards against Arizona, could once again run the ball - particularly against the Pac-12's No. 12 rushing defense. The Bruins entered the game allowing 190.2 ground yards a game; the Buffs ran for a paltry 87.

Said Embree: "I thought we were starting to find (the running game) with our offensive line. I felt like we could come in and be balanced, run and throw."

The Buffs threw for 142 yards and their lone TD (a 20-yarder from Hansen to Clemons), but Hansen was intercepted three times. He, too, believed the running game would be more proficient, particularly after last week: "I thought we could run the ball, I was confident in the O-line . . . but (UCLA) came out and played well - give them credit."

A season-long failure to deliver a consistent ground game will be among the most perplexing issues Embree and his staff will address in the off season. They'll attempt a three-day fix before heading to Utah, but a real solution requires more time than that.

Embree believes a foundation has been put down this season in several areas, but not in consistent play - which was apparent Saturday. "I don't know what it is," Clemons said, noting unless players are honest in their self-evaluations self-improvement in the final game won't come.

"I think it comes with a confidence thing; it comes down to the players," Clemons continued. "Individually some of us play with passion, some of us don't. In this game everybody has to have it. If you don't, games like that will come up.

"Hats off to UCLA; they had all the intensity and passion and they played like it for four quarters. If you want to be a good team and play with elite teams, you have to come out and play with intensity on every snap and be passionate about your work."

The Buffs' last chance in 2011 to do those things is Friday in Salt Lake City. "We've got one game left to try and end the road streak," Embree said. "We've got three practices left . . . four days of football left for the majority of those guys; they'll never play again."

That would seem to be motivation enough for their final trip, but then the Buffs also appeared motivated for their next-to-last trip. If they show up flat and start as they did Saturday in the Rose Bowl, they'll be better off staying on their side of the mountain.

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Battered Buffs: Colorado clobbered by UCLA 45-6 for 10th loss despite Embrees' family reunion

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PASADENA, Calif. — Colorado coach Jon Embree didn't join his son, Taylor, on the Rose Bowl field for UCLA's Senior Day because he was too busy firing up his team.

Whatever the message was, the Buffaloes didn't receive it.

Kevin Prince threw for 225 yards and hit Joseph Fauria with two of his career-high four touchdown passes, and UCLA sent Colorado to its eighth loss in nine games with a 45-6 victory Saturday night.

Tyler Hansen passed for 127 yards and threw three interceptions for the Buffaloes (2-10, 1-7), who extended a dismal school record with their 23rd consecutive road defeat.

One week after snapping a seven-game skid by beating Arizona, Colorado gave up two touchdowns on the Bruins' first three snaps. The Buffaloes fell behind 21-0 in the first quarter and never threatened a comeback, even after Toney Clemons caught their only TD pass in the second quarter.

"They came out with a passion and intensity, and we didn't match it," said Hansen, who grew up a UCLA fan in Murrieta, Calif. "We have one game left, and we have to come out with fire."

Embree's defense held his son, the UCLA receiver, to two catches for 13 yards. The family distraction was no comfort to Colorado's rookie head coach.

"I never want to do it again," Jon Embree said. "It's just something that I'm glad is a one-time deal. It's very awkward. You're cheering against him. After the game, I told him I loved him."

On the other sideline, UCLA coach Rick Neuheisel climbed on top of a sideline table after the most one-sided victory of his tenure and addressed the remaining crowd at the Rose Bowl with vindication in his voice.

"Despite the naysayers, the fact of the matter is we're playing for a championship next week!" the fourth-year coach yelled.

Believe it or not, Neuheisel's beaten-down Bruins are one win away from the inaugural Pac-12 title game. Johnathan Franklin rushed for 162 yards and a score, while Shaq Evans and Nelson Rosario also caught TD passes for the Bruins (6-5, 5-3), who will play for the league championship if they can beat archrival Southern California next weekend.

"There weren't many people in this room who believed that to be possible at the start of the season," Neuheisel said later while addressing the media and supporters who gave him a standing ovation. "Say all you want about the lack of great teams on this side of the division, or blah blah blah, but the bottom line is that we're playing for a championship. ... We finished tonight, and that's within reach now."

The Bruins outgained Colorado 553-229 despite committing nine penalties for 102 yards, with Prince methodically chewing up Colorado's defense with all the poise UCLA has always hoped it would see from the up-and-down junior. Prince went 15 for 19 without an interception and twice found Fauria, his roommate, for the tight end's first two touchdowns since high school.

"In the past, we've been notorious slow starters, so it was great to get out to a fast start, put the foot on the pedal, and just keep going all night," Prince said. "We knew this was a big game because of the seniors, and we really had to execute."

Even with six wins, UCLA still could end up missing a bowl game — or the Bruins could end up playing again in the Rose Bowl, depending on future developments. But the Bruins have kept things interesting with three wins in their last four games for Neuheisel, who's fighting to keep his job.

Although Colorado is no USC, the Bruins posted their highest-scoring performance and their largest margin of victory in Neuheisel's four years. UCLA's five conference victories are easily the most in Neuheisel's tenure, and the Bruins went 5-1 at the Rose Bowl this season, losing only to Texas.

Prince was patient and poised in the Bruins' pistol offense from the opening drive, completing his first eight passes for 148 yards before his first incompletion early in the second quarter. He hit Evans right down the middle of Colorado's secondary for a 54-yard TD just 2:38 in, scoring on UCLA's second offensive snap.

After UCLA linebacker Sean Westgate intercepted Hansen's tipped pass and got his helmet ripped off his head on a facemask penalty, Franklin rumbled up the middle for a 14-yard TD on the Bruins' next play.

Fauria dived over the goal line for a 5-yard TD catch in the first quarter, capping a methodical 80-yard drive to put UCLA up 21-0. Colorado answered with its own 80-yard drive capped by Clemons' 20-yard TD catch after video review reversed an out-of-bounds call, but the Buffaloes missed the extra point.

Fauria caught his second TD pass from 15 yards out early in the fourth quarter. Rosario, who had six catches for 102 yards, leaned over the goal line for an 11-yard score with 8:07 to play, and Malcolm Jones added a late TD dive after Hansen's third interception.

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Son Taylor wins battle of Embrees with CU Buffs' coach Jon

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PASADENA, Calif. -- Colorado football coach Jon Embree used one word to sum up the experience of coaching against his oldest son Taylor, a wide receiver at UCLA, on Saturday.

"Awkward."

Embree did not participate in his son's pregame senior day ceremony, but his wife and daughter and brother Sean were there on the field at the Rose Bowl to greet Taylor as he took the field for the final time. So were members of the extended family wearing jerseys split down the middle, half in the black and gold of Colorado and half in the blue and gold of the home team.

"I'm just glad it's a one-time deal and don't want to do it again," Embree said. "It's very awkward, you know? You're cheering against him."

Jon Embree said it was difficult competing against his son. When Taylor leaped to try to catch a touchdown pass in the first half, Jon was happy a CU defender broke it up. Not many dad's have to root for their sons not to score.

When Taylor did make a catch and was hit hard by a CU defender, Jon said it was strange feeling good that someone had just delivered a solid blow to Taylor.

Father and son met and embraced on the field before the game and had their picture taken. UCLA head coach Rick Neuheisel, who is close with the Embree family from his days as an assistant coach in Boulder, spotted the pair and said, "Hey, no talking to the enemy."

Taylor Embree caught two passes in the game for 13 yards and returned two punts for 13 yards. When the Embrees reunited after the game on the field again, they hugged and Jon Embree was finally able to be just a father again. "I told him I loved him, told him congratulations for getting bowl eligible cause that was his goal going into his senior year," Embree said. "He didn't want to finish by not going to a bowl. ... I told him keep a high ball high and he might have caught the touchdown."

While the win hurt the father and his team, it also assured Jon Embree that he will have another opportunity to see his son play in person, and maybe two.

Jon Embree will be able to travel to watch Taylor play in a bowl game in December or January and if UCLA wins next week against USC, the Bruins would play in the Pac-12 championship game next month, providing another chance.

Clemons in line for record

CU wide receiver Toney Clemons has caught a touchdown pass in four straight games. The school record is five by Rae Carruth in 1996.

Clemons caught three passes for 50 yards and a touchdown against the Bruins, giving him 21 catches for 374 yards and four scores in the past four games.

While Clemons has been the Buffs' leading pass catcher late in the season, fellow wide receiver Paul Richardson has struggled. Richardson caught two passes for 16 yards Saturday, but those yards put him over 500 receiving yards for the season.

It is the first time in CU history that three players have had at least 500 yards receiving in a season.

Stewart claims

another mark

CU running back Rodney Stewart fell well short of the 181 rushing yards and three touchdowns he had last week against Arizona, but he caught seven passes Saturday giving him 91 catches in his career.

Stewart passed former Buffs running back Lee Rouson and now holds the school record for receptions by a running back.

Stewart needs just 41 receiving yards in the season finale on Friday at Utah to become the 27th player in NCAA history with at least 3,000 rushing yards and 1,000 receiving yards.

Maiava shines,**Smith quiet**

Former Buffs turned Bruins Kai Maiava and Josh Smith both played against their former team Saturday with varying degrees of success. Maiava anchored the UCLA offensive line at center and the Bruins rushed for 328 yards.

Smith returned two kickoffs for 39 yards, but one of them was exciting with Smith zig-zagging his way across the field before being tackled.

Another Bruin with ties to CU managed to out-do them both. UCLA tight end Joseph Fauria, the nephew of former CU tight end Christian Fauria, caught two touchdowns passes and finished with five catches for 49 yards.

Miller a pillar

CU senior offensive lineman Ryan Miller had played all but one snap this season from scrimmage entering Saturday's game and had committed just one penalty. He was flagged twice against the Bruins.

The one offensive snap Miller didn't play this year came at the end of the win over Arizona when coaches put in four other senior offensive linemen so they could at least log playing time in their final home game.

Notable

The In&Out Burger cookout trailer visited the Colorado team hotel Friday night providing dinner for the Buffs and staffers. ... CU sold 3,000 tickets to Saturday's game and has sold approximately 12,000 to its first four Pac-12 road games, more than double the ticket sales for road games in any of the Buffs' 15 years in the Big 12 Conference.

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CU Buffs can't back up guarantee, fall to Bruins

Colorado's road woes continue with loss to UCLA

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PASADENA, Calif. -- There wasn't a playmaker on the field for the Colorado football team for most of the evening Saturday at the Rose Bowl.

The passionate, intense team that won a week earlier over Arizona at home on senior day was nowhere to be found and in its place was a group just going about its business.

And when the Buffs are on the road these days, their business is losing -- badly.

They fell behind quickly once again and never regrouped or regained any enthusiasm they might have brought with them to one of the great American sporting venues. UCLA was only too happy to take advantage and pour it on just as numerous other Pac-12 Conference opponents have with CU this season.

The Bruins scored three first-quarter touchdowns and three more in the fourth in a 45-6 rout. It was the largest margin of victory for the Bruins since 2005, and coach Rick Neuheisel and Taylor Embree, the son of Colorado's head coach, left the field smiling on senior day knowing they have a bowl game in their future and maybe a conference championship game, too.

Neuheisel, who has been under fire for his team underachieving during his tenure, spoke to the crowd from the field with a microphone and thanked UCLA fans for supporting him. He made note of the Bruins' 5-1 record at home this season and pointed out that if the Bruins can beat USC next week, they could win the south division and advance to the Pac-12 championship game.

"No matter what the nay-sayers might say, the facts of the matter are we're playing for a championship next week," he said.

It was a decidedly different scene outside the Buffs' locker room.

For the second time in six seasons, the players, coaches and everyone else associated with Colorado program are faced with the harsh reality of a 2-10 overall record.

"When you're talking about senior day like that, you've got to come out and match their energy and passion," CU coach Jon Embree said. "We didn't do that."

In the euphoria of the win over Arizona a week ago, Embree and quarterback Tyler Hansen predicted the Buffs would end their road losing streak here. They didn't even come close. It was their 23rd consecutive road loss and 24th straight defeat in a game played outside the state. Seventeen of those losses have come in conference games.

The Buffs began this season with ending the nation's longest road losing streak listed among their top priorities. They have one opportunity remaining to achieve that goal with the season finale looming Friday at Utah.

"We don't have a choice," Embree said when asked how he gets his team revved up for one more game. "You've got Utah. You've got one game left to try to end the road streak, which is something the seniors and myself we've talked about finding a way to do that."

"They have one game left. We have three practices left, and I told them afterwards, four days of football left for the majority of those guys. And they'll never play again."

It didn't take long for this one to go bad.

For the first time in history on the road, CU players wore the black helmets they debuted two weeks ago against USC. It was only the third time the Buffs have donned black lids, but the fashion statement was no help when the Buffs actually had to start knocking heads with the Bruins.

They went nowhere on the opening possession of the game and punted. UCLA ran two plays and scored when quarterback Kevin Prince connected with wide receiver Shaq Evans on a 54-yard pass. Evans beat cornerback Jason Espinoza and safety Terrel Smith on the play.

Colorado's next possession began with a false start penalty on tight end Ryan Deehan. Two plays later, Deehan bobbled a pass that was intercepted by linebacker Sean Westgate. It was one of three interceptions for Hansen.

The Bruins extended their lead to 14-0 on the next play when running back Johnathan Franklin raced through a gaping hole in the CU defense for a 14-yard touchdown run.

At that point the Bruins had possessed the ball for a total of 46 seconds and led 14-0. Many in a crowd announced at 57,334 hadn't yet settled into their seats.

UCLA scored its third touchdown of the first quarter when Prince hit tight end Joseph Fauria with a five-yard pass. Fauria is the nephew of former CU tight end Christian Fauria.

Colorado scored its only touchdown on the first play of the second quarter when Hansen threw to Toney Clemons who made a stellar catch along the sideline for a 20-yard touchdown pass. Officials first ruled the play an incompleteness but replays showed Clemons scored. Place-kicker Will Oliver missed the extra point.

UCLA rolled up 328 yards of rushing, becoming the second opponent this season to do so against the Buffs. Running back Johnathan Franklin ran 15 times for 162 yards, an 11-yard average per attempt. Prince ran for 84 yards and senior Derrick Coleman added 54.

Prince became the third quarterback this season to throw for at least four touchdown passes against the CU defense, which allowed more than 40 points and 500 yards of offense in a road game for the fourth consecutive time. Prince completed 15 of 19 passes for 225 yards.

Meanwhile, Hansen and the Buffs did little with their offensive opportunities. They managed only 229 yards of total offense. The Buffs converted just three of 13 third downs and drove into the red zone only once in the game.

"We just weren't executing like we did last week," Hansen said. "They came out with a passion and intensity and we didn't match that. ... We had all the reasons to do it. It just didn't happen. We've got to change that. It's the same thing as it always is."

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UCLA knocks off Colorado 45-6 at Rose Bowl

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UCLA's Tony Dye (6) takes an unusual route to tackle Colorado's Ryan Deehan at the Rose Bowl on Saturday. (Keith Birmingham, San Gabriel Valley Tribune)

PASADENA, Calif. — In all the excitement of traveling to a land where dreams are made and stars are born, Colorado evidently forgot to pack some magic. The Buffaloes had high hopes of ending their long road losing streak Saturday night but trailed throughout while falling 45-6 to UCLA with 57,334 watching at the Rose Bowl.

Colorado (2-10, 1-7 Pac-12) talked so confidently during the week about winning this game that it must have been interpreted

on UCLA bulletin boards as something of a "guarantee." But for some reason, the Buffs didn't back it up. Appearing more flat than fired up, they trailed 21-0 after 11 minutes.

CU coach Jon Embree said the team lacked the passion he was looking for. His players couldn't disagree.

"I think everybody has to look in the mirror and honestly ask themselves if they competed," CU senior wideout Toney Clemons said.

"UCLA came out with intensity and passion," senior quarterback Tyler Hansen added. "We didn't match that."

It's never a good sign when the opponent needs just three plays to score two first-quarter touchdowns, but that's all it took for the Bruins (6-5, 5-3), who became bowl-eligible and remained in contention to represent the Pac-12's South Division in the league's first championship game because Southern California is ineligible for postseason play as a result of NCAA sanctions.

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After Colorado punted away its first possession, UCLA sophomore receiver Shaq Evans caught a 54-yard touchdown pass from Kevin Prince on the Bruins' second play from scrimmage. Breaking free in full stride, Evans raced between the hash marks on a fly pattern, easily beating CU safety Terrel Smith and nickel back Jason Espinoza.

Colorado took over on its 22 after a short return following the kickoff and promptly played giveaway. Following a false-start penalty and a 9-yard completion to Paul Richardson, Hansen was intercepted by UCLA linebacker Sean Westgate on a pass that went off the hands of tight end Ryan Deehan at the CU 26-yard line.

Seconds later, UCLA made it 14-0 when junior running back Johnathan Franklin waltzed 14 yards up the middle for the score. He went untouched.

"If you're stout up front and do a great job, you'll have an opportunity to play well," UCLA coach Rick Neuheisel said of his running game.

Finding itself nearly buried early, Colorado failed to manufacture any of the energized emotion that had inspired a 48-29 victory over Arizona a week earlier in Boulder.

All that remains on Colorado's 2011 bucket list is snapping that annoying road losing streak Friday in the season finale at Utah. CU now has lost 24 consecutive games outside the state of Colorado, including the 2007 loss to Alabama in the Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La.

"That's our Super Bowl right now," CU junior

linebacker Jon Major said of Utah.

The play on the field was just as lopsided as the score suggests. Pushing around Colorado in the trenches and burning the Buffs with a sprinkle of misdirection, UCLA finished with 553 total yards. On the other side, Colorado could have been about as effective if it had called dive plays into the concrete pillars holding up this historic stadium. The Buffs netted just 229 yards.

"Playing from behind, we couldn't get first downs," CU's Embree said. "And on defense, we couldn't tackle."

Operating out of the pistol offense, Prince completed his first seven passes and didn't feel much pressure in the pocket. His four touchdown passes are the most by a Bruins quarterback in four years. Prince also scrambled for 84 yards.

"What a complete game," Neuheisel said of his leader.

Franklin provided balance by amassing 162 yards rushing — on just 15 carries. On the



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other side, Colorado senior tailback Rodney Stewart needed 21 attempts to net 77 yards. CU's Hansen was intercepted three times.

Adding to the sting was seeing UCLA get two touchdown catches from tight end Joseph Fauria. He's a nephew of former CU standout Christian Fauria.

Beginning with the upcoming recruiting class, perhaps Embree and his staff can persuade players like that to help turn CU's program around. The Buffs need a bunch.

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Key stat

40: The number of rushing yards for Colorado through three quarters against the worst rush defense in the Pac-12. CU finished with 87 yards rushing. UCLA entered the game giving up 190.2 yards a game on the ground. Oregon State, with 88, was the only other opponent which had fewer than 134 yards.

Key play

Linebacker Sean Westgate's interception of Tyler Hansen's pass, which bounced out of the hands of tight end Ryan Deehan. Deehan then was called for a face-mask penalty while tackling Westgate, and UCLA took over at the Buffs' 14. On the next play, Johnathan Franklin ran for a TD and a 14-0 lead.

Three questions

1. Will Colorado take advantage of UCLA's porous rushing defense? No. UCLA ranks last

among Pac-12 teams in rushing defense, yielding an average of 190.2 yards per game. But Colorado senior tailback Rodney Stewart finished with a modest 77 yards on 21 carries.

2. Can CU's defense prevent UCLA running backs from controlling the ball? Not a chance. Bruins junior running back Johnathan Franklin notched 162 of the Bruins' 328 yards rushing.

3. Who has the better receiving day, Colorado's Paul Richardson, UCLA senior Taylor Embree or Josh Smith, another Bruins senior? None of the three was spectacular. But Embree and Smith had the better day, having won — especially on their Senior Day.
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CU Buffs' rushing attack fizzles

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PASADENA, Calif. — For most of this season, when UCLA's defensive front drew a line in the sand, it may as well have been on Santa Monica Beach. Wave after wave of running backs poured over the Bruins, even giving downtrodden teams like Colorado some hope.

But in a four-year span in which the Buffaloes play every road game like they're lost at sea, their running attack trickled into a little puddle in the middle of the Rose Bowl.

Colorado rushed for only 87 yards Saturday against the worst run defense in the Pac-12, one of the many factors in the Bruins' easy 45-6 rout.

"Coach always emphasizes we've got to stop beating ourselves," sophomore tackle David Bakhtiari said. "Once we do that, we start beating our opponent. We've just got to do the little things that are holding us back."

Considering that first-year Colorado coach Jon Embree wants to make a power running game the foundation of his program, rushing for only 87 yards isn't a little thing.

UCLA had given up a whopping 190.2 rushing yards a game. That's 95th in the country, squeezed between the inauspicious company of Memphis and Alabama-Birmingham. Yet the Bruins played like a turquoise curtain against Colorado.

At halftime, Colorado had 19 yards on 15 carries. Through three quarters it had 40 yards, 39 from Rodney Stewart, the school's second all-time leading rusher who finished with the quietest 77 of his career.

"They had a higher sense of urgency," said Stewart, echoing the night's theme. "We had a lack of energy. We have to play hard. We're not good enough to just show up."

Granted, the Bruins (6-5, 5-3 Pac-12) had more on the line. The win made them bowl-eligible, secured the inside rail on the South Division crown and saved embattled coach Rick Neuheisel's job for another day.

But the Buffaloes (2-10, 1-7) extended their out-of-state losing streak to 24 games, dating back to 2007. With the Rose Bowl just over half-filled, Colorado felt it could control

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the clock on the ground and remind UCLA's defense of its awful season.

It didn't happen. The Bruins rarely blitzed and still held the line. Oregon State, with 88 rushing yards, was the only other UCLA opponent that had fewer than 134.

"We couldn't sustain nothing," Embree said. "We couldn't get first downs. We have to get first downs and stay on the field to give ourselves a chance."

With his rocky inaugural campaign ending Friday at Utah, Embree's power running foundation is still missing a few nuts and bolts. Stewart has climbed the career charts, but Colorado has had seven worse rushing games than this one. It entered Saturday 104th out of 120 FBS teams nationally at 110.6 yards a game.

And next year, gone will be Stewart and starting guards Ethan Adkins and Ryan Miller.

"We're not very consistent but part of a foundation has been built as far as knowledge of the guys," Embree said. "We'll evaluate everything at the end of the season. I'm sure there will be things on both sides of the ball that we'll tweak."

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Colorado's Jon Embree vs. UCLA's Taylor Embree leads to awkward feel

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PASADENA, Calif. — As planned, Colorado coach Jon Embree was nowhere to be seen when his son, UCLA receiver Taylor Embree, was introduced on Senior Day before the game.

There were times during the game when Jon Embree, coaching against his son for the first time, didn't want to be seen, either. And it wasn't just because his Buffaloes got drilled 45-6.

"Never want to do it again," Jon Embree said. "I'm glad it's a one-time deal."

In lieu of his dad, who was in the locker room prepping his team, greeting Taylor in a pregame ceremony was his mom, Natalyn, her brother and her father. All wore split jerseys: half black and half light blue.

Jon and Taylor talked briefly before the game, but when the game began it was uncomfortably strange.

"It's very awkward," Jon said. "You're

cheering against him. The play we broke up in the end zone and another good hit on the rout, I was glad."

Taylor Embree caught two passes for 13 meaningless yards.

"I told him I loved him," Jon said. "I congratulated him for getting bowl-eligible because that was his goal going into his senior year. And I told him to keep the high ball high. He might've caught the touchdown.

"He said, 'I know. I could hear you.' "

Grats to Neuheisel.

When Bill McCartney hired Rick Neuheisel as his receivers coach in 1994, he stayed at the Embrees. Jon was the tight ends coach at the time and had kind words for his former temporary live-in guest who's under pressure in his fourth season.

"I know the pressure he was under, and I told him congratulations," Embree said. "I know it was important to him that his seniors go out on a high note and get (bowl)



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Stewart sets catch mark.

Rodney Stewart's second catch gave him 87 to set a school mark for most career receptions by a running back. The previous mark of 86 was set by Lee Rouson (1980-84).

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UCLA's Taylor Embree has compassion for dear old Colorado dad

Bruins receiver Taylor Embree, whose father is the Colorado coach, says he'll give Dad about a week before the trash talk begins about UCLA's 45-6 rout of the Buffaloes.

By Chris Foster

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UCLA receiver **Taylor Embree** said he would give his father, **Jon Embree**, Colorado's coach, a week to recover from Saturday's 45-6 rout by the Bruins.

"I'll start talking trash after the USC game," Taylor Embree said.

Jon Embree was in the unusual position of coaching against his son on UCLA's Senior Day. He met with Taylor Embree outside the UCLA locker room before the game.

"He said, 'Good luck. Play fast; play physical,'" Taylor Embree said. "I told him, 'Good luck' too."

Said Jon Embree: "I'm just glad it was a one-time deal. It's very awkward. You're cheering against him. After the game, I told him I loved him."

During the game, the Bruins were trying to get Taylor Embree in the end zone for a touchdown. "We wanted that," quarterback **Kevin Prince** said.

Prince said he looked for Embree in the fourth quarter before flipping an 11-yard touchdown pass to **Nelson Rosario**.

Catching on

Rosario had six catches for 102 yards and a touchdown, moving into sixth place with 2,091 career receiving yards and seventh place with 130 receptions on UCLA's career list.

Rosario's take on his career totals: "I'm not No. 1, so it really doesn't matter. But I can show my kids one day, maybe come back and talk to receivers."

Rosario has had spotlight moments — he had 151 yards receiving against Washington State this season — and also has been a disappearing act. He has a career-high 48 receptions this season to lead the team, yet he has only two touchdown catches and only five in his four-year career.

"I think as a teacher, as a motivator, you're never going to be satisfied," Coach **Rick Neuheisel** said. "I think Nelson is getting a little numb to it. But he understands that I am trying to get out his best. I think there is this amazing player inside of him."

Rosario agreed he might have had more to give. "I feel like I left some out there," he said. "I feel like there was more I could have done."

Catching up

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UCLA tight end **Joseph Fauria** caught two touchdown passes, covering five and 15 yards. Fauria has six touchdown receptions this season, the most by a UCLA receiver since **Marcedes Lewis** had 10 in 2005.

Running it up

Johnathan Franklin gained 162 yards rushing, giving him 2,550 in his career and moving him past **Kermit Johnson** into 11th place on UCLA's all-time list. Johnson, who played from 1971-73, had 2,495 yards.

Franklin averaged 10.8 yards per carry in his third 100-yard game this season.

Crowds down

Saturday's crowd of 57,334 at the Rose Bowl could not stop a slide in UCLA home attendance for the fifth season.

UCLA averaged a school-record 76,379 fans a game in 2007, but that number has shrunk every season since —72,795 in 2008, 64,547 in 2009, 60,376 in 2010. The average attendance in six home games this season was 56,660.

Dye returns

Senior safety **Tony Dye** started for UCLA in what was his first game action in seven weeks.

Dye had been out with a neck injury since the Bruins played Texas at the Rose Bowl on Sept. 17. By coming back, Dye cannot apply for a medical redshirt year. A player can seek a medical redshirt — and another season of eligibility — if he has not played after the first three games.

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