



CU coach Jon Embree talks with his QB, senior Tyler Hansen.
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Brooks: USC's Barkley Next Up For CU's Ailing 'D'

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BOULDER - In a quarterback-driven league, the Colorado Buffaloes are being driven into the ground - not by their QB play, but by a parade of talented Pac-12 quarterbacks who appear destined for long looks (and perhaps long careers) in the NFL.

Four games ago, the Buffs faced consensus No. 1 draft pick Andrew Luck of Stanford, who threw for 370 yards and three touchdowns in the Cardinal's 48-7 rout. Last weekend, CU encountered Arizona State's 6-8 Brock Osweiler, who passed for 307 yards and two TDs in a 48-14 beat-down.

The hits (and long spirals) just keep coming. Friday night at Folsom Field (7 p.m., ESPN), the Buffs catch Southern California's Matt Barkley, and yet to come - Nov. 12 at Folsom - is Arizona's Nick Foles. Even defenses featuring experienced, healthy secondaries don't relish facing that foursome - and as November unfolds the Buffs' backend is neither experienced

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nor healthy.

The Foles-Barkley-Oswailer-Luck QB quartet ranks No. 1-No. 4, respectively, in the Pac-12 in yards passing per game, with Foles at 366.1, Barkley at 286.2, Oswailer at 284.4 and Luck at 277.2. They're also the Pac-12 top four, though not in that order, in total offense.

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To be a Pac-12 contender or even a competitor, start with a top-tier QB. "You've got to have one," Embree said. "It's a quarterback-driven conference; there's no doubt you have to have it. We've got two good ones on campus in (redshirt freshman) Nick Hirschman and Connor Wood (transfer from Texas), who we're excited about. We've got a kid who's committed we're excited about.

"Between those guys, we have to have that. And you really have to have more than one - as we're finding out. You can't go the whole year and count on one guy to be healthy ... this conference is a lot like the league (NFL); if you don't have a quarterback, or have good play at that position, you're fighting uphill from an offensive standpoint."

Embree saw enough of Luck to be impressed (who wouldn't be?), but he's also a big fan of Barkley, a 6-2 junior who has started for the Trojans since his freshman season. Embree calls Luck "1A," Barkley "1B" and says Barkley reminds him of Mark Sanchez, ex-USC QB now with the New York Jets, "but with a bigger arm ...

"I remember watching Mark when he was coming up and he just had all the intangibles - the 'it' factor from a leadership standpoint, from how he prepared, all those things. You can see this kid (Barkley) has that, from his passion for the game, all the little things that go into being a great quarterback - he has it."

If Luck is a rare talent at football's marquee position, a once-in-a-generation kind of player, Embree believes Barkley "is right there behind him. He doesn't run as well as Andrew. It's hard to say how much he would get to do on his own, because he doesn't get to do it like Andrew does in calling his own plays ...

"I think both of them would be great system quarterbacks. So from the standpoint of whoever gets those guys (in the NFL), they can come in and learn the system, get a grasp of it and be able to go out there and do it. The thing right now that probably separates them is size and speed by Luck ... but 1A, 1B."

Barkley, a Newport Beach native (Mater Dei High School), has completed 204-of-303 passes (151.5 efficiency rating) for 2,290 yards and 22 touchdowns (five interceptions). His top target is Robert Woods (81 receptions, 991 yards, 9 TDs), and Embree calls the Barkley-Woods tandem "the best combination in the conference ... they have great chemistry, great connections with each other."

Barkley went 28-for-45 for 284 yards and three scores (one interception) in USC's 56-48 triple overtime loss to Stanford last weekend. It was the highest scoring game (104 points) in USC history, with the Cardinal's 56 points the most ever allowed by the Trojans.

The quarterbacks the Buffs have faced in their first five conference games have thrown for 2,240 yards and 22 TD. CU ranks eighth in pass defense, yielding 248.9 yards a game, but last in pass defense efficiency with a 155.7 rating. The Buffs' 22 TD passes allowed are the most in the Pac-12, and their three interceptions are the lowest in the conference.

"We just have to find a way to create success," Embree said. "I've had people say, 'Why don't you blitz?' Well, you blitz and that means you're playing man coverage back there. You're not equipped right now to play man. You try to mix your blitzes, mix your zones ...

"You're kind of stuck with some of the issues we have (injuries and inexperience). You have these great quarterbacks and if you blitz them and can't cover ... and if you don't blitz them and they have all day, then it's kind of the same thing. You just kind of try and pick your spots and hope that when you pick 'em you're right."

BUFF BITS: Freshman tailback Malcolm Creer, who was injured at Arizona State, is scheduled to have surgery

sometime after Thanksgiving or in early December. Creer, who had redshirted until the Oregon game (Oct. 22), suffered a torn MCL and ACL and will face about a five-month rehab process. Embree said he hopes Creer is cleared to practice in August. . . . Senior guard Ethan Adkins says freshman Paulay Asiata, who also plays that position, "can be one heck of a player . . . he's one of the most physical offensive linemen I've seen." . . . Buffs players are jacked up about the first-ever Friday night game at Folsom and the prospect of playing on national TV (ESPN) before a "black out" home crowd. "It gets you going," said sophomore linebacker Derrick Webb. "These are the games you live for, you play college football for." . . . On the flip side, the Friday night contest erases a day of preparation, and in USC's case the Thursday travel day erases yet another day of routine preparation. That's not a problem on the Buffs' end, and Embree says he's told athletic director Mike Bohn, "As long as it's a home game, play us any night." . . . Embree daydreamed aloud during Tuesday's press conference, saying among his goals is getting ESPN's College Gameday back to Boulder. "But we have to our part . . . someday one of these big games will be about us." . . . Memo to media: On your list of postgame questions for Embree, strike this one - *"What did you say to them in the locker room?"* Embree has answered that one a couple of times this season, and his brutally honest responses have created a bit of a buzz (see: ASU postgame). Embree stands behind those remarks on complacency, saying there's no place for it on the football field or later in life. But he also conceded, "Sure, there are ways to say things better." Embree said he cares as much for his players as he does his three children and never looks at himself as a "king of the kingdom guy . . . I'm trying to help these kids." . . . Asked if the Trojans were as talented now as in the past, Embree answered: "Define past . . . you talking about Reggie (Bush) and the guys? No. They're not there at that level, but they're still very talented." . . . Snow is in Saturday's forecast, but Embree wouldn't mind seeing it arrive a day earlier. "Snow, cold weather . . . we need it all," he said, adding he wouldn't mind seeing "one of those Green Bay/Denver Broncos Monday night games" where yard lines need to be cleared with shovels or mini-tractors between plays. The guy doesn't want just a little snow . . . If the Trojans have foul-weather gear, they don't use it often. USC's last game played in the snow was on Nov. 30, 1957 at Notre Dame. The Trojans' point total was eight less than the temperature (20). The Irish cruised, 40-12.

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Jon Embree using honesty and openness to keep struggling Buffs together

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BOULDER — In the midst of a football season buried under ugly losses, a locker room can splinter into more factions and agendas than a political caucus.

In light of the comments by Colorado coach Jon Embree after Saturday's 48-14 loss to Arizona State — that some Buffs accept defeat too readily — it may follow that the first-year coaching staff is at risk of losing a portion of the team.

But Tuesday at his weekly media luncheon, Embree said he believes his policy of honesty and openness greatly reduces the possibility of a division among the ranks.

The Buffaloes (1-8, 0-5 Pac-12) play No. 21 Southern California (6-2, 3-2) on Friday night at Folsom Field.

"I have a great relationship with the guys on this team. They know I care for them," Embree said of holding the team together. "I have an open door. The players know I don't hold grudges. They can

come in and say, 'Hey, Coach. I don't like this, this and this.' We can talk about it, and it's OK.

"I'm not one of these guys that's the 'King of the Kingdom.' I'm just expressing to these kids (what I think), because the one thing I don't want is for them to come back and tell me, 'I wish you would have told me' or 'I wish I would have known.' I feel like I have told them the truth and they know where I'm coming from and why I say what I say."

Daniel Munyer, a redshirt freshman center, said players appreciate that forthrightness. "I know, for me, if I'm doing something wrong, I want a coach telling me to pick it up," Munyer said Tuesday. "These coaches will call us out on that, and that's OK. I love the honesty. I don't know who Coach Embree is talking about (being complacent). But you can feel it. You see guys that work hard all week and practice well, and then they get into the game and freeze up. It's like, 'Do you really want to do it? Who are you playing for?' You have to go out on the field and, no matter what happens, feel like 'that guy across

from me is not going to beat me.' That's what Coach Embree is trying to get across."



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With a chuckle, Embree said Tuesday he will never again answer a question from reporters about what he told the team in the locker room following a game because it comes across as harsh, especially after a lopsided loss. But the coach added that he will never stop trying to convince players that complacency leads to failure.

"When these guys do leave this environment and they enter the real world, whether you're having success or not having success, complacency will get you," Embree said. "If you don't know how to handle adversity, you're in trouble.

"I'm just trying to help these kids. We do have fun. But when it's time for them to hear something, you have to hear it."

Snow job.

Embree said he would love for the snowstorm predicted for Saturday morning to arrive early — on Friday in time for the game against USC. Cold weather can affect a team not accustomed to it, said Embree, who recalled his days as an assistant coach at UCLA (2003-05).

"I remember the first time we went up to Washington State," Embree said. "We came out of the locker room like we were going snowboarding, and I'm like, 'It's (only) 40 degrees.'

"I know how the altitude affects things when it's real cold. It can get your lungs good. We need it all. I hope we get that Denver Bronco-Green Bay Packer kind of snow, where we have to paint the lines yellow and we have to keep shoveling it off every TV timeout."

Footnotes.

Embree on USC junior quarterback Matt Barkley: "He reminds me of Mark Sanchez, with (Barkley having) the bigger arm." . . . Surgery on CU freshman tailback Malcolm Creer to repair a torn ACL and MCL will be in December. He should be fully recovered by August camp, Embree said.

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Cold weather Friday could help CU vs. USC in Boulder, Embree says

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BOULDER — Let it snow. Let it snow. Let it snow.

And if not, Colorado coach Jon Embree said of Friday night's home game against No. 21 Southern Cal, at least the temperatures will drop.

Cold weather can get to a team not accustomed to it, said Embree, who recalled his days as an assistant coach at UCLA (2003-07).

"I remember the first time we went up to Washington State, when I was at UCLA," Embree said Tuesday during his weekly media luncheon. "We came out of the locker room like we were going snow boarding and I'm, like, 'It's (only) 40 degrees.'"

"(Wintry weather) can help us. It definitely can. I know how the altitude affects things when it's real cold. It can get your lungs good."

Kickoff

is 7 p.m. (ESPN) for the Buffaloes (1-8, 0-5 Pac-

12) vs. Trojans (6-2, 3-2). It will mark the first Friday night home game ever for Colorado.

Embree wouldn't mind it one bit if that snow storm scheduled for Saturday morning makes an earlier arrival — in time for Friday night's game at Folsom Field.

"We need it all. I hope we get that Denver Bronco/Green Bay Packer kind of snow, where we have to paint the lines yellow and we have to keep shoveling it off every TV timeout," Embree said. "I'd love that."

Footnotes Embree on Southern Cal junior quarterback Matt Barkley: "He reminds me of Mark Sanchez with (Barkley having) the bigger arm."

...Surgery on CU freshman tailback Malcolm Creer to repair a torn ACL and MCL will be in December so Creer has time to strengthen the knee prior to the reconstruction, Embree said. Creer should be fully recovered by August camp, the coach said.

...As expected, Embree said senior Tyler Hansen will start at quarterback for the Buffs. Hansen, coming off a concussion, replaced redshirt freshman Nick Hirschman last weekend at Arizona State after two series.

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Texas transfer QB Connor Wood on picking CU: “No regrets”

By **TOM KENSLER** |  No Comments

BOULDER — Connor Wood, the sophomore quarterback who transferred from the University of Texas to CU in August, didn’t anticipate signing up with a team that would have just one victory through nine games.

But Wood told me Tuesday that he has no regrets about coming to CU and looks forward to the future — a bright one, he believes.

“I don’t regret one bit of it,” Wood said. “Not just from the football side, but I love the university. I love the school. The people here have been awesome.

“Guys are fired up for the future. We’ll get this turned around.”

Wood, 6-feet-3 and 225 pounds, will have three years of eligibility at Colorado. A former national top-100 recruit, the Houston native is expected to be a strong contender for the 2012 starting job, beginning with spring drills.

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Return of P-Rich, Speedy makes CU Buffs more dynamic

Bufs have scored just 16 points without the two in last two games

By Ryan Thorburn Camera Sports Writer
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There isn't much Colorado can do to stop USC quarterback Matt Barkley and wide receiver Robert Woods.

Jon Embree admitted Tuesday that when the Buffs blitz they don't have the ability to cover man to man.

And when CU rushes four defensive linemen and doesn't get good pressure, Pac-12 quarterbacks pick the patchwork secondary apart.

"You're kind of stuck with some of the issues we have," Embree said.

And so the Buffs will have to try to fight USC's firepower with big plays of their own on Friday night at Folsom Field.

CU's best defense figures to be a more productive and explosive offense with the likely return of running back Rodney Stewart and wide receiver Paul Richardson to the lineup.

Stewart, officially listed as day to day on the injury report, hasn't played since suffering a knee injury on Oct. 15 at Washington. Before Speedy went down, CU was able to at least keep up with the Huskies during the first quarter of the track meet in Seattle before eating some dust in a 52-24 loss.

"I see Rodney running around pretty good," linebacker Derrick Webb said when asked how Stewart has looked in practice. "I've been wondering when we're going to get him back in there because he's looking pretty good to me."

Richardson has been out of action since sustaining a knee sprain in practice on Oct. 5. The dynamic sophomore, who went to Gardena (Calif.) Serra High School with USC star wideouts Woods and George Farmer, is also day to day.

"It has been really tough, especially when you don't know if you're going to be ready to play it's even tougher," Richardson said. "Even when I don't travel with the team, I watch them play and I'm still encouraging them through the TV screen. It's tough, but it's something that comes with the sport, sometimes you get injured."

CU averaged 24.4 points during the first five games of the season when Stewart and Richardson were both in the lineup. The Buffs have scored a total of 16 points in the last two games without the duo available.

"Both of those guys are playmakers, both of those guys force defenses to play us differently, so having both of those guys back, if we can get them back close to healthy, will make a big difference," Embree said. "It gives us the ability to have some big plays. It gives us the ability to take more shots down the field."

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THORBURN: Rebuilding of Buffs going to take time

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How long is it going to take Jon Embree to rebuild this program?

Three years? Five years?

As long as it took Bill McCartney (eight years before the good times really started to roll)?

The first-year Colorado head coach was asked during his Tuesday press conference if he had a long-term Rose Bowl plan mapped out.

"I don't have any timetables like that. I'm more of a now guy," Embree said. "Where are we now? What do we have to get better at? I'm looking at it from that standpoint.

"If you start looking three, four, five years down the road, there may not even be a Rose Bowl at this rate the way this thing is changing."

That pretty much sums the state of the program: The Buffs could be involved in a playoff bracket by the time they're nationally relevant again.

There simply aren't any quick fixes to the many problems plaguing this team.

Patching holes with junior college transfers is not a viable option at CU. The coaching staff will have to throw a couple more recruiting classes into the fire before the roster is grown up enough for big-boy football.

Most of us understand the process, as painful as it is to watch. There are plenty of others in this Twitter society who believe Embree's honeymoon period came and went faster than Kim Kardashian's marriage.

Tyler Hansen is caught somewhere in the middle.

Obviously, the senior quarterback had an incredible win-now sense of urgency entering the season. Now that the reality of experiencing a fourth consecutive losing season has set in, Hansen predicts that the current freshmen will be the ones who can actually contend for a conference title when they are seniors.

"I think it's going to be sooner than people think. It won't be immediate, but in a few years it will happen," Hansen said. "I'd be the first to tell you that the four years go quick. If you don't take advantage of your opportunities ... it's a shame things didn't turn out differently.

"But I'm happy I'm here. I have 100 percent trust in these coaches that they're going to turn this thing around."

Despite the half-empty cupboard Embree inherited and the training room full of injured players now unavailable, a 1-8 record is unacceptable.

At full strength, CU should have found a way to end the road losing streak in Hawaii. The Buffs should have closed out those fourth quarters against Cal and Washington State.

No one is more frustrated with this Pac-12 pledge hazing than the head coach. That's why Embree continues to challenge the players to make a stand.

"I understand all the things that are going against us," Embree said. "But being a competitor and being a guy in that locker room, you've just got to go find a reason why you can go out there and fight and compete."

For the fourth time in five weeks, the Buffs will face a ranked opponent. CU will wear all-black uniforms for the ESPN game against No. 21 USC.

Fans will also be dressed for mourning under the Friday night lights at Folsom Field.

The telecast will likely be nothing more than a four-hour infomercial on the greatness of Matt Barkley, Robert Woods and the bowl-ineligible Trojans.

"One of these days one of these big games will be about us," Embree said. "One of these days maybe we can get GameDay back here. In the nature of being in this conference and the history that we've had here at Colorado, if we get back to being successful, GameDay will want to come here.

"But we've got to do our part."

There might not be a specific timetable for rebuilding the program, but Embree is suddenly up against a tight deadline if he wants to produce CU's first Pac-12 win in 2011.

In the event that the Buffs were to win the Trojan War, the goalposts should be torn down and carried to Pearl Street as part of the celebration.

At this point any old win -- on Senior Day against Arizona, over Rick Neuheisel's mediocre UCLA team or at the expense of fellow conference rookie Utah -- would be a much-needed small step on the road to CU's long-term recovery.

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Coach Jon Embree: CU Buffs must shore up defense against USC

Bufs are allowing 38 points per game and have allowed four straight opponents 500 yards

By **Kyle Ringo**, Camera Sports Writer
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Colorado coach Jon Embree is excited to get two of his playmakers back on the offensive side this week for the Buffs' first Friday night home game in school history against No. 21 Southern California.

The first-year coach is also eager to experience a rowdy environment led by students who dubbed the game a blackout when it was moved to Friday back in the summer.

But Embree and his assistant coaches realize that they must coax improvement from the defense to give the team any hope of pulling an upset and breaking a six-game losing streak.

The Colorado defense is one of the worst in the nation nine games into the season.

Injuries have taken a huge toll on a group already lacking speed and depth when the season began, but it must find a way to rally anyone with another future NFL quarterback coming to town in USC starter Matt Barkley.

"You're kind of stuck with the issues we have," Embree said. "You have these great quarterbacks. Well, if you blitz them and you can't cover? And then if you don't blitz them and they have all day, it's kind of the same thing. So you just try to pick your spots and hope that when you pick them, you're right."

Embree said Tuesday during his weekly meeting with the media that he rates Barkley just a notch below Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck, who feasted on the CU defense four weeks ago. Barkley's favorite target is wide receiver Robert Woods, the Pac-12's leading receiver who has caught nine touchdown passes.

"They're the best combination in the conference, those two guys," Embree said.

Colorado is in the midst of an historically bad stretch defensively. The Buffs have allowed 193 points and more than 2,100 yards of total offense in the past four games combined.

The Buffs rank 117th in scoring defense, allowing 38.3 points per game. Only UNLV, New Mexico and Kansas are worse. They rank 100th in total defense allowing 438 yards a game. They have given up more than 500 yards of total offense in each of the past four games for the first time in school history.

They rank 92nd in pass defense and 85th in rushing defense.

"It's different," Embree said when asked how attrition has forced coaches to change the way the team plays defense. "Not as much pressure, not as many different looks per se just cause you want to, you know we're young on the back end and we want to make sure they're where they need to be. ...I don't know from a percentage standpoint, but it's different."

CU linebacker Derrick Webb echoed Embree by saying one key for the defense is finding ways to get off the field on third downs. The Buffs have been uncommonly bad this season on third downs. Opponents have been converting third downs around 50 percent of the time for most of this season.

"We have to get stops on defense," Webb said. "That's just the bottom line of it. I know a couple of those games when we came out and got hit pretty hard pretty quickly, we had those teams in in third downs, third-and-long. We've got to convert on those plays and get off the field as a defense."

USC hasn't produced some of the gaudy offensive numbers of some of the Buffs' recent opponents, but the Trojans are still supremely talented and capable of exploding against any team they face. They are averaging 432 yards of offense each week and are scoring 32 points a game.

"We are not playing well at all as a team," Embree said. "By that I mean, when we do get stops, we don't do nothing offensively. When we're doing well offensively, we can't get stops. We have to put ourselves in position where we're all playing well in the same half. Let's just start with that and then build it from there."

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After a heartbreaking loss last weekend, Southern California has an opportunity to bounce back in front of a national audience against a much more favorable opponent.

The 21st-ranked Trojans visit last-place Colorado on Friday night, looking to hand the Buffaloes their seventh straight loss.

USC (6-2, 3-2 Pac-12) came up short against No. 4 Stanford on Saturday night, losing 56-48 in triple overtime. Curtis McNeal rushed for 145 yards and two touchdowns, but fumbled into the end zone in the third overtime.

The Trojans are ineligible for postseason play and were looking for a signature win.

"It hurts right now because we were so close," said Matt Barkley, who passed for 284 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. "It was almost like it slipped away. You can't blame it on Curtis. It's good that we took them to the wire, but it's not good enough for us. We're disappointed, because we knew we had them."

Coach Lane Kiffin, who was fined \$10,000 by the Pac-12 for criticizing officials, is eager for the team to put the game behind them. Although USC is visiting a Colorado team that has lost six straight by an average of 27.3 points, he's wary of the Trojans coming out flat.

"Just making sure we're up for the game and playing well," he said. "To play as a smart football team, which for the most part we have. ... There's a bunch of stuff going (into Friday's game) and we need to have great focus."

While Kiffin may be concerned about his team having an emotional letdown, USC is facing one of the nation's worst defenses. Colorado is tied for 93rd in scoring defense, giving up 32 points per game, and ranks 92nd against the pass, allowing 248.9 yards per game.

That presents a favorable matchup for Barkley, who has 12 touchdowns and two interceptions the last four games, and top target Robert Woods, tied for second in the FBS with 81 receptions and fifth with 123.9 receiving yards per game.

"They're the best combination in the conference, those two guys," Colorado coach John Embree said.

The Buffaloes (1-8, 0-5) struggled against another of the conference's top quarterbacks last week, allowing Arizona State's Brock Osweiler to pass for 307 yards and two touchdowns in the Sun Devils' 48-14 win last Saturday.

"You're kind of stuck with the issues we have," Embree said. "You have these great quarterbacks. Well, if you blitz them and you can't cover? And then if you don't blitz them and they have all day, it's kind of the same thing. So you just try to pick your spots and hope that when you pick them, you're right."

Injuries have played a big part in Colorado's struggles during its first year in the Pac-12. Running back Malcolm Creer was added to a crowded injured list after he suffered a season-ending knee injury last week.

However, there is some good news for the Buffaloes. Top running back Rodney Stewart and receiver Paul Richardson could return from knee injuries this week. Richardson, who has 474 yards receiving this season, has missed the last four games, while Stewart, who has sat out the last two, had 908 yards of total offense, including 473 rushing.

Colorado is looking to avoid its first seven-game losing streak since 1980 and end a seven-game skid against ranked opponents. The Buffaloes also had a seven-game winless streak in 1982, going 0-6-1.

The Trojans improved to 5-0 in the all-time series with a 40-3 road victory in 2002.

USC will be without safety T.J. McDonald for the first half of Friday's game after the Pac-12 announced a half-game suspension for a late hit on Stanford receiver Chris Owusu. McDonald is tied for fourth on the Trojans with 39 tackles, team-leading 6 1/2 for loss.

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Colorado	6th Pacific 12 South	0-6	1-8

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Barkley	67.3	2290	22	5		Hansen	56.7	2029	14		
Rushing						Rushing					
Player	Att	Yds	Avg	TDs		Player	Att	Yds	Avg	TDs	
McNeal	85	552	6.5	4		Stewart	113	473	4.2		
Tyler	97	438	4.5	2		Jones	61	212	3.5		
Receiving						Receiving					
Player	Rec	Avg	TDs	Yds		Player	Rec	Avg	TDs	Yds	
Woods	81	12.2	9	991		Richardson	29	16.3	5	474	
Lee	34	15.7	5	534		Stewart	28	15.5	0	431	

Head to Head

 Southern California Trojans 6-2		 Colorado Buffaloes 1-8	
PASSING		Trojans	Buffaloes
Net Passing Yds		2292	2206
Passing Yds/Game		286.5	245.1
Completions Pct.		67.4	55.7
RUSHING		Trojans	Buffaloes

Rushing Yds	1168	810
Rushing Yds/Game	146.0	90.0
Rushing Avg	4.5	3.0

Key Players

Southern California			Colorado		
 Matt Barkley	Pass Att.	303	 Tyler Hansen	Pass Att.	283
	Pass Comp.	204		Pass Comp.	166
	Passing Yds	2290		Passing Yds	2021
	Passing TDs	22		Passing TDs	14
	Ints	5		Ints	6
	Rushing Att.	18		Rushing Att.	51
	Rushing Yds	28		Rushing Yds	17
	Rushing Avg.	1.6		Rushing Avg.	0.3

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