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Sophomore tailback Donta Abron and the Buffaloes are ready to rematch with Fresno State Saturday.

Brooks: New Buffs Eye New Outcome Against Bulldogs

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BOULDER – New season, new team, new attitude, new game . . .

At least that's the preferred mindset of the Colorado Buffaloes entering Saturday's rematch with the team – Fresno State – that dealt them perhaps the ultimate embarrassment in a thoroughly embarrassing 2012 football season.

It ended 69-14, and given the ease in which they scored their 55 first-half points, it was not hard to imagine the Bulldogs reaching triple digits if first-year Fresno State coach Tim DeRuyter hadn't succumbed to sportsmanship or possibly pity.

But like CU's returning players, DeRuyter also recognizes that the 2013 Buffs don't look the same. The former Air Force defensive coordinator calls Mike MacIntyre's first CU team "totally different . . . one that's energized and one that's playing very, very efficiently. It'll be very apparent that it's a totally different team."

The Buffs hope so, and through two wins thus far in the MacIntyre era CU has made its mark with resolve. The new Buffs have made the last quarter their statement quarter, scoring 18 fourth-quarter points to defeat Colorado State (41-27) and 21 fourth-quarter points six days later to defeat Central Arkansas (38-24). The old Buffs would have rolled.

But Fresno State, also unbeaten (2-0) and perched just outside the Top 25 in the AP and USA Today weekly polls, is a notch (or several) above CU's first two opponents. The Bulldogs feature one of the nation's top quarterbacks in fifth-year senior Derek Carr, who played only the first half against the Buffs last September but produced 300 passing yards and five touchdowns.

Pressuring Carr, who has been sacked only once in two games, and disrupting his up-tempo offense is critical for the Buffs. So, said MacIntyre, is dealing with Fresno State's overall speed and surer tackling by his defense: "We have to be able to do certain things to negate them being able to catch the ball and run. We have to be able to harass the quarterback, the same things you always do, and we have to be able to tackle in open space and know your leverages."

In wins against Rutgers (52-51 OT) and Cal Poly (41-25), Carr is averaging 330 passing yards and has thrown for eight touchdowns (one interception). If he's near the top of CU's Saturday concerns, Buffs QB Connor Wood has DeRuyter's attention.

"I'm concerned about Wood," DeRuyter said. "He's much improved. He's much more accurate. You can see that he's much more comfortable in this scheme . . . we're looking at a totally different team than we played a year ago."

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Through his first two games, Wood is averaging 370 passing yards and has six passing TDs. Wood said his tape study of Fresno State shows, “They blitz a lot. They are complex up front. They try to fool quarterbacks with their defensive schemes. Coach DeRuyter and Coach (Nick) Toth (defensive coordinator) do a great job over there.”

Wood’s top target has been Paul Richardson, who leads the nation in receiving with 21 catches for 417 yards – a 19.9-yard average – and four TDs. Richardson said the Bulldogs “do a great job of disguising their coverages. They have a great defense. They stay to true to who they are, though. They run cover three, they run cover nine, they run quarters and they disguise it well. They disguise their cover two the best, but I think if we game plan the way we’ve been doing the past few days we should be solid and confident going into that game.”

CU hopes to run the ball more effectively than in its first two games. The Buffs are averaging 96.5 ground yards, but the Bulldogs are allowing 183.5 rushing yards a game. An improved run game would ease the pressure on Wood and help keep Carr and his offense off the field.

If MacIntyre’s team wins Saturday, it would mark CU’s first 3-0 start since 2008. It also would offer authentication of at least the start of a turn in the program. Still, MacIntyre isn’t viewing this game as a gauge: “I look at every game as a measuring stick, I really do,” he said. “I think this is a very good football team and we have to play very well and hopefully come out on the top end of it.”

CU running back Donta Abron echoed his coach: “For me personally I feel like every game is big. It doesn’t matter; any day you can lose. This one’s big, as well as week one and week two.”

And as for entering Folsom Field Saturday seeking revenge, Buffs running back Christian Powell said the more important factor is gaining respect.

“You go out there and play – that’s how you earn respect,” Powell said. “You perform on Saturdays; that’s what we have to do to get respect. You can’t help but have last season (against the Bulldogs) in the back of your mind. But this is a new team, a new season.”

New outcome? It’s up to the Buffs to make it happen on Saturday.

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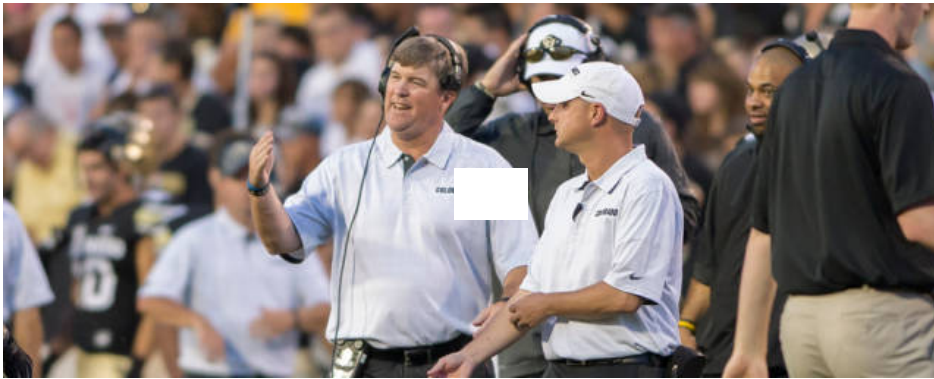
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Coach Mike MacIntyre and his Buffs know the events of this last week are "bigger than a football game."

CU-Fresno State ADs To Meet On Rescheduling Game

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BOULDER – Athletic department officials from the University of Colorado and Fresno State University will confer soon about rescheduling the schools' football game, CU Athletic Director Rick George said Friday.

Speaking at an on-campus news conference about two hours after the decision was made to postpone Saturday's game at Folsom Field, George indicated there had been no preliminary makeup dates targeted as of yet.

"Our first priority was to get through this decision . . . we've agreed to talk over the next several days," said George, adding that Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro and Athletic Director Thomas Boeh were prepared to fly to Boulder and lend whatever help they could in the wake of the devastating floods in Boulder County.

The CU football team has two open dates this season – the first on Saturday, Sept. 21, the second on Saturday, Oct. 19. Fresno State has open dates on Saturday, Oct. 12, and Saturday, Nov. 16. Both teams open conference play later this month – CU at Oregon State in its Pac-12 opener on Saturday, Sept. 28, and Fresno State against Boise State on Friday, Oct. 20.

The Buffs' final regular-season game is Saturday, Nov. 30, at Utah, while the Bulldogs close their regular season on Friday, Nov. 29 at San Jose State. The Pac-12 championship game is scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 7 (site TBD).

CU Chancellor Phil DiStefano said the decision to postpone Saturday's game went well beyond the scope of athletics, with Boulder's already stretched resources factoring heavily. He said the Boulder Police Department usually allocates about 60 to 70 members of its force to work on CU home game Saturdays. In light of Boulder's widespread flood plight, "It would be difficult to get that number of officers for the game," DiStefano added.

DiStefano, George and coach Mike MacIntyre addressed CU's players before the postponement was announced. DiStefano said he was "proud" of the players' reaction: "They understood that we put the community and the state of Colorado first."

George said the decision to postpone Saturday's game took into account the transportation of the teams, fans and alumni traveling to the game, as well as the strain put on Boulder's resources.

"It was the entirety of it all," George noted. "There was collaboration of everyone at the table . . . at the end of the day, the chancellor, coach MacIntyre and I were all on the same page."

Said MacIntyre: "This is bigger than a football game. It's a great life lesson for these young people

(players) . . . they'll bounce back from and be ready to go whenever we play next."

MacIntyre said the homes or apartments of six of his players had been impacted by the flooding on campus and they were moved to a hotel. He also said with next week's practice schedule loosened by the upcoming open Saturday (Sept. 21), his players would help in what promises to be a massive cleanup operation in Boulder.

"It could be Monday or Tuesday or whenever. But we've got some big strong kids who can help some people out," said MacIntyre, who called floods of the type Boulder experienced "a life-changing event."

The Buffs' practice schedule for the upcoming was to be firmed up in a football staff meeting following Friday's news conference. The players most likely will be given Saturday, Sunday and Monday off—their first extended break since beginning preseason camp on Aug. 6.

Next week's practices likely will be conducted at Kittredge Field rather than CU's practice fields north of the Dal Ward Athletic Center that are near Boulder Creek. The Buffs worked on Kittredge toward the end of this week when Boulder Creek first threatened to overflow.

When practice resumes, MacIntyre said, "Our kids will respond and our staff will have a plan . . . we'll keep the speed of the game going."

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KUSA - When it comes to flooding, Colorado head coach Mike MacIntyre knows firsthand how dangerous they can truly be. He nearly lost his parents to a similar disaster in 2010.

"My brother rescued my mom and dad," MacIntyre said. Nearly 19 inches of rain fell in some areas near his parent's home in Southern Tennessee. "My dad is in a bed, and can't move [he suffers from multiple sclerosis]. My brother had to go there, run a mile and a half, and swim about 500 yards in flooded water. He floated my dad out on his mattress and rescued my mom."

Twenty one people lost their lives in the flood several years ago - as of Friday afternoon there are three confirmed deaths, but over 80 unaccounted for people in the disaster in Boulder and its surrounding areas (go to 9NEWS.com for updated information).

Mike was the head coach at San Jose State at the time and had to fly out later to help out with the clean up.

Just three years later MacIntyre, along with the Buffs, are faced with a comparable natural disaster. Their game scheduled against Fresno State was postponed, and despite wanting to play - Folsom Field wasn't affected very much and would be playable - they felt it wouldn't be appropriate to take the field.

Instead they will be of assistance putting the campus and community back piece by piece.

"We don't want to be a nuisance, we want to be a help, whenever that is. I don't know if that's Monday or Tuesday, or even tomorrow," said MacIntyre. "We have some big, strong kids that can help some people in some hard situations."

The Buffs first year head coach assisted in making repairs his parent's house in southern Tennessee, including tearing down and replacing walls that were affected. Thankfully, all his players are fine even as some had to be displaced due to the flooding.

"We have six young men on our team that have had to leave their homes and apartments,"

MacIntyre said. "There are a lot of issues out there a lot bigger than football."

As MacIntyre knows all too well, the perils of flooding are very much real.

Football: No make-up date yet as CU postpones game against Fresno State because of flood

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With so many first responders working around the clock to help flood victims and clean up the damaged parts of Boulder and surrounding areas, the University of Colorado decided the last thing the community needed was a football game.

On Friday, CU made the decision to postpone its scheduled game against Fresno State. The game was slated for a 12:07 p.m. kickoff on Saturday at Folsom Field. There has been no make-up date scheduled.

"One thing I did not want to do was put more pressure on our community," CU chancellor Philip DiStefano said. "From a safety issue, we need to make sure those citizens of Boulder County, especially our students, staff and faculty, have the resources that they need during this period of time. I did not want to divert those resources for the game."

DiStefano said that roughly 60-70 police officers are needed on game days, to handle traffic, crowd control and other issues. The men and women who would be used for the game, however, have been working tirelessly during the past several days as rain and flooding have hit the area.

"They've been working 24/7 and it would be very, very difficult to get that number of officers at the game tomorrow," DiStefano said. "Safety is first in my estimation and I didn't want to put any of our students or fans in a position where safety is not No. 1."

CU did explore other options for getting the game in, including playing in Denver, but officials did not feel that was a viable option.

"We looked at just about any scenario you could look at it," CU athletic director Rick George said.

DiStefano said that many in the Denver area are dealing with the same types of issues and said, "We need to make sure that the first responders are there for citizens of Denver and the surrounding area."

Colorado (2-0) was eager to take on Fresno State (2-0), which handed the Buffs a 69-14 loss a year ago. Playing much better so far this season, the Buffaloes were looking forward to testing themselves against the Bulldogs.

Now, they're going to wind up with three weeks in between games. The Buffs are off next week and don't play again until Sept. 28 at Oregon State.

"They will respond well and we'll be ready to play whenever we get back out on that field again," head coach Mike MacIntyre said. "I promise you we'll be ready to go."

CU's practice field is still flooded, so the team will practice at Kittredge Field for now, MacIntyre said. He also said that the team and coaching staff will have to juggle their plans because of the unexpected off week. He added that the team will do some type of scrimmage during the break.

As for the game against Fresno State, there is no telling at this point when, or if, it will be played this season.

CU is off on Sept. 21 and Oct. 19, but Fresno State has games scheduled for both dates. The Bulldogs' two bye weeks are Oct. 12 and Nov. 16, but CU plays other teams those weeks.

The next open date at this point is Dec. 7, but one or both teams could be playing in conference championship games that weekend.

"We will reconvene with Fresno State in the next couple days to talk about the future and evaluate how we're going to reschedule this game," George said.

One or both teams might have to try to juggle their schedules to get the game in, but Fresno State athletic director Thomas Boeh said that is a difficult task at this point in the season.

"Moving games around at this point in the year, it would have been hard three months ago; right now it's very difficult," Boeh said. "We have a responsibility to explore every option. Our job will be to exhaust all of those possibilities."

Charter flights, hotels, television schedules, season ticket holders and other issues make moving a single game tough. Trying to move several games "adds a whole other complexity to it," Boeh said.

"Football games by definition in many places are the largest public events in town and they're very difficult to move around," Boeh said.

There's a chance this game won't be played at all.

"I think we have to accept that as a possibility," Boeh said, "but before we do that, we'll explore every option. If it came to that, it would be very disappointing, but hopefully neither team would be put at a disadvantage later in the year if it came to access to postseason play and that kind of stuff."

The CU athletic department will communicate with ticket holders as soon as possible about how to utilize the tickets they have for the Fresno State game.

This is just the third time in CU history that a football game has been postponed.

In 1963, a game against Air Force was pushed back two weeks after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In 2001, the Buffs were scheduled to play at Washington State on Sept. 15, but all college games were canceled that week after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. The game with Washington State was made up in 2004 in Seattle.

Colorado flood echoes 2010 nightmare for CU coach Mike MacIntyre

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BOULDER — For Colorado coach Mike MacIntyre, the flood that postponed Saturday's game against Fresno State hit home — literally. Only three years ago, his brother, Matt, saved their parents from a devastating flood outside Nashville, Tenn.

On May 2, 2010, water rose into their family home in suburban Bellevue. Their father, former Vanderbilt coach George MacIntyre, is bedridden with multiple sclerosis.

It took Matt two hours to reach the home.

"He had to run a mile and a half," Mike said at a Friday news conference announcing the postponement. "He had to swim about 500 yards in flooded water. When he got there, the water was up to the bed. It was above the stop sign in the yard."

With the help of George Walker, a photographer for The Tennessean newspaper, Matt floated George out of the house on his mattress, which was luckily an inflatable.

"He looked at me with this big smile that he always does and he said, 'I knew you'd come get me,' " Matt told WKRN-TV in Nashville at the time.

"Then he rescued my mom," Mike said. "He rescued two others and, unfortunately, he couldn't get to two other people."

MacIntyre had just started his first head coaching job at San Jose State and flew home to move their parents to an in-law's home for three months while they had the house rebuilt.

"Seeing the devastation and living through it myself, I understand what some of the people here in Boulder are going through," MacIntyre said. "It is a life-changing event. It is not just water flowing."

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DeRuyter Q&A: Breaking down Boise aftermath, looking ahead

Colorado-Fresno State game postponed

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Saturday's football contest between the University of Colorado and Fresno State has been postponed, university officials announced on Friday.

Torrential rainfall has caused severe flooding in the Colorado region, with some areas submerged with up to a foot of water.

Colorado-Boulder Chancellor Philip P. DiStefano made the decision to withhold the game scheduled for Saturday. School officials are expected to discuss a possible make-up date for the contest.

"Even though the weather is improving, Boulder is still designated as a national emergency site," the chancellor said. "Our community is hurting. Many of our students are displaced from their homes, including many of our student-athletes. This is not an appropriate time for us to hold a game that would put pressure on the community, both in terms of security/emergency personnel, but also in diverting attention from people in need."

Each team has won its initial two tilts to start the season.

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Greg Henderson, from Norco, returned this interception for a touchdown against Arkansas — his second defensive touchdown for Colorado in the 2013 season. Photo by University of Colorado Athletics.

Greg Henderson wants to be an impact player. Early in the 2013 season, he's succeeding in an unexpected way.

The junior cornerback from Norco has scored touchdowns in each of Colorado's first two games, with a 53-yard fumble-return score in the season-opening 41-27 win over Colorado State.

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State and a 46-yard interception-return TD in the 38-24 win over Central Arkansas on Sept. 7.

That makes him the No. 3 overall scorer on the Buffaloes, and No. 2 in touchdowns.

“You know, they never said that defenders can’t make touchdowns,” Henderson said in a phone conversation after a practice earlier this week. (Colorado was to have played Fresno State today, but that game has been postponed because of the floods in Colorado.) “I just want to be a playmaker, be a ballhawk and attack the ball wherever it’s at, and just try to make plays to help my team win.”

Asked what he was thinking after the interception — whether it might have been ‘Oh, again?’ — Henderson laughed.

“Well, you know, I caught the ball and saw green grass, and it was just me. So I was (thinking), ‘I’ve got to score and help my team.’ ...

“It’s a great feeling to score. People remember who you are when you score, so I like that feeling.”

Henderson had that feeling six days earlier with his scoop-and-score effort in the game against Colorado State at the Broncos’ stadium in Denver, a play that began with Corona’s Chidera Uzo-Diribe stripping the ball from the Rams’ Kapri Bibbs.

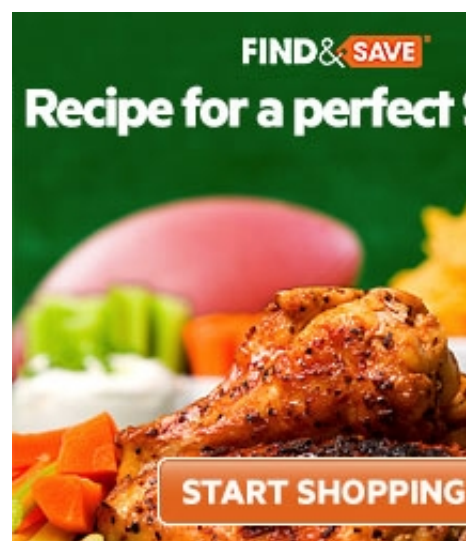
“We work that in practice all the time,” Henderson said. “He stripped the ball, and we work at picking up the ball — poking it, keeping your eyes focused on the ball and just stabbing at it. And that’s what I did, and just kept the ball high and tight, and ran to the end zone.”

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Colorado is off to a 2-0 start for the first time in five years, and Henderson says he sees a number of differences in the program under first-year head coach Mike MacIntyre and his staff.

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said. “So on game day, we know what we’re going to do. It’s
on us to just play fast and make plays. And that really helps
us, because we go out there and we’re confident of every
play we’re going to run.”

He also says that the win over a stubborn Central Arkansas team — a Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) — was ultimately a good sign that MacIntyre is succeeding in his effort to change the culture of a Colorado program that last had a winning season in 2005.

“The attitude is really changed,” Henderson said. “When they

went up by a touchdown (on the first play of the fourth quarter), we would have folded last year.

“But now, we keep fighting. We persevere. People step up and make plays to help us get back into the game, and we never give up.”

Henderson, the starter at right cornerback, feels good about his progress in three years at Colorado

“I feel like the game has really slowed down for me,” he said. “I’ve become a smarter player. I know what’s going to come at me from different formations. And studying receivers’ routes, and their route combinations and all that, it’s really helping me. ...

“My breaks and my speed forward are better, and I feel like my eyes and technique are getting better every day. That’s the main goal, just to get better each and every day. And I feel like I’m doing that.”



Greg Henderson, a junior from Norco, is starting at right cornerback for Colorado.

Flooding postpones Fresno State-Colorado game

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Saturday's football game in Boulder, Colo., between Fresno State and the University of Colorado has been postponed as the result of disastrous flooding.

Colorado Chancellor Philip P. DiStefano made the decision in agreement with Fresno State. A possible make-up date for the non-conference game is being explored.

"Even though the weather is improving, Boulder is still designated as a national emergency site," DiStefano said in a statement. "Our community is hurting. Many of our students are displaced from their homes, including many of our student-athletes. This is not an appropriate time for us to hold a game that would put pressure on the community, both in terms of security/emergency personnel, but also in diverting attention from people in need."

The matchup had been highly anticipated because both teams are 2-0, with Fresno State on the fringes of the top 25 and Colorado off to a positive start under new coach Mike MacIntyre. Fresno State is next scheduled to host Boise State on Sept. 20, and Colorado is scheduled to play at Oregon State on Sept. 28. Colorado's only remaining open date is Sept. 21, and Fresno State's is Nov. 16.

Boulder and Boulder County have been hit with record rainfall this week.

Fresno State coach Tim DeRuyter said through the school, "While we're disappointed we're not going to get the opportunity to play against the University of Colorado, we understand the tragic situation there and we send our thoughts and prayers out to the people of Colorado and wish them the best in their recovery efforts."

Senior quarterback Derek Carr added, "First and foremost, safety is most important. This is just a game. The people in Boulder are going through a lot right now, and our prayers go out to them."

"The fact that we can't play a game right now is not a big deal. That is where our team's mind-set was."

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