



COLORADO POSTGAME NOTES / 24th Annual Valero Alamo Bowl 1

Oklahoma State Cowboys (10-3) 38, Colorado Buffaloes (10-4) 8

December 29, 2016



MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

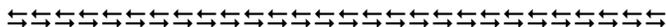


FINAL SCORE.....	8	38
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 4:43).....	0:00	55:17
Total Plays-Yards.....	67-318	74-527
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards.....	19-114	36-227
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory.....	4 of 12	9 of 12
First Down Plays/Yards.....	28/148	33/195
Average on First Down.....	5.3	5.9
First Half.....	4.4 (14-62)	6.2 (18-111)
Second Half.....	6.1 (14-86)	5.6 (15-84)
Rushes/Average.....	9/5.2	22/3.9
Passes/Average (includes sacks).....	19/5.3	11/9.8
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+.....	1/6/12	2/5/13
Times Gained: 2-0/Neg.....	14/9/3	12/4/1
Second Down Efficiency.....	6-20	11-26
First Half.....	2-9	6-13
Second Half.....	4-11	5-13
Yards Gained.....	55	213
Third Down Efficiency.....	6-16	7-14
Rushing.....	3-6	3-5
Passing.....	3-10	4-9
Average Yards To Go (All).....	7.5	5.0
Average Yards To Go (Conversions).....	8.5	5.6
Yards Gained.....	106	116
3rd & 5 or less.....	3-6	3-8
3rd & 6 or more.....	3-10	4-6
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards).....	1-3 (9)	1-1 (3)
Total Possessions/Average FP.....	12/C22	12/OS30
First Half.....	6/C20	6/OS23
Second Half.....	6/C24	6/OS36
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20.....	5 (4/1)	3 (3/0)
Drives Started In Plus Territory.....	0 (0 pts)	2 (14 pts)
Three Plays & Out.....	52	1
Opponent Turnovers (Pts).....	0 (0)	1 (0)
*Red Zone (pts).....	1-2 (8)	4-5 (24)
Plays-Yards.....	5-17	11-39
Third Down Efficiency.....	0-1	1-3
Yards by Quarter:		
1st.....	93	105
2nd.....	60	177
3rd.....	29	156
4th.....	136	79

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► Players who carried out CU's symbolic instruments tonight:

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MOST IMPROVED Colorado will share this year's NCAA Most Improved Team Award with at least four other schools at plus-5½ over their 2015 records: Army, Eastern Michigan, Troy and UCF; Georgia Tech can join the group if it wins its bowl (Dec. 31 vs.

Kentucky in the TaxSlayer) ... The injured players MacIntyre were referring to in the secondary that were injured in bowl practices were corners **Chidobe Awuzie** (turf toe) and **Ahkello Witherspoon** (shoulder) ... No major CU bowl records of note tonight.

SERIES STUFF Colorado now leads the series **26-20-1** with Oklahoma State; OSU has won the last three (just the ninth meeting since the Big 8 morphed into the Big 12 in 1996).

BOWL TRENDS ... Colorado is **12-17** all-time in its 29 bowl appearances. Here's a look at some won-lost trends:

- ◆ versus ranked teams 9-11
- ◆ when scoring 13 or fewer points 1-8
- ◆ when coming from behind (*from the start*) 2-11
- ◆ when trailing at halftime (*0-2 when tied*) 3-11
- ◆ with two or fewer turnovers (*2-1 with zero*) 8-10
- ◆ when playing at night (*5 p.m. or later start*) 3-8
- ◆ when playing on ESPN 3-4

OFFENSIVE NOTES ... The 2-point conversion pass from **QB Sefo Liufau** to **TB Phillip Lindsay** was CU's first in 27 bowl games (had been 0-for-4; the 2-point play didn't exist in CU's first two bowls) ... Colorado was held scoreless in a bowl game for the first three quarters for just the second time (other: '72 Gator); the first time this year CU has been shutout through three quarters (just twice at halftime and three times in the first quarter including tonight) ... CU had last been shutout in the first half of a bowl game in the '90 Orange Bowl ... Liufau's 6-yard TD run extended CU's scoring to **157** games against non-conference opponents (dating back to 1979) ... The conversion on 3rd-&-27 (38 yard pass from Montez to Lindsay was its longest this year; CU was 2-of-31 on 3rd-&-11 or longer (and 0-of-6 on 3rd-&-20 or longer).

DEFENSIVE NOTES ... The opponent had failed to score on its first possession in the first 12 games this season, but did so the last two games (TD by Washington, FG by Oklahoma State) ... Colorado had forced a turnover an NCAA-best 25 straight games until the last two games of the year as well ...

QB BREAKDOWN: Liufau 55 plays/250 yards; Montez 12/68.

INDIVIDUAL LINER NOTES

► **TE Sean Irwin (1-15, 1 FDE)**. He made his first reception of the year in the first quarter (15 yards); it was just the fourth by a CU tight end this year (Chris Hill, Dylan Keeney and Chris Bounds all had one during the regular season). Irwin was presented with the bowl's **Sportsmanship Trophy** postgame.

► **TB Phillip Lindsay (14-63 rushing; 6-103 receiving; 166 all-purpose)**. He is the first running back in Colorado history to have two 100-yard receiving games; he had his first earlier this year (6-105 at USC); it was also the sixth 100-yard receiving game by a running back at CU. He became the second CU back to lead the team in receiving yards during a bowl game (the second to lead in both rushing and receiving yards, joining Eric Bienenmy in the '88 Freedom), with his 103 yards receiving is the third most by a Buff in a bowl (trailing Rae Carruth 7-162, '96 Holiday and Joe Klopfenstein 5-134, '04 Houston Bowl).

► **QB Sefo Liufau** scored the first touchdown by a CU quarterback in a bowl since Mike Moschetti and Zac Colvin each had one in the '99 Insight.com Bowl.



COLORADO HALFTIME NOTES / 24th Annual Valero Alamo Bowl

Colorado Buffaloes (10-3) vs. Oklahoma State Cowboys (9-3)

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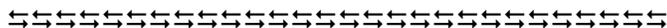
MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

HALFTIME SCORE	0	17
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 4:43)	0:00	25:17
Total Plays-Yards	31-153	39-282
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	6-20	14-95
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory	2 of 6	4 of 6
First Down Plays/Yards	14/62	18/111
Average on First Down	4.4	6.2
Second Down Efficiency	2-9	6-13
Yards Gained	27	142
Third Down Efficiency	4-8	2-7
Rushing	2-4	1-3
Passing	2-4	1-4
Average Yards To Go (All)	7.4	4.7
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Yards Gained	64	26
3rd & 5 or less	2-3	1-5
3rd & 6 or more	2-5	1-2
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	0-0 (0)	1-1 (3)
Total Possessions/Average FP	1x/C20	1x/OS20
First Half	6/C20	6/OS23
Second Half	x/C30	x/OS20
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20	3 (3/0)	2 (2/0)
Drives Started In Plus Territory	0 (0 pts)	0 (0 pts)
Three Plays & Out	2	1
Opponent Turnovers (Pts)	0 (0)	1 (0)
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STARTERS Here were Colorado's starters this evening:

Offense

WR (X)	4 Bryce Bobo, 6-1, 190, Jr.***
WR (Z)	1 Shay Fields, 5-11, 180, Jr.***
WR (H)	2 Devin Ross, 5-9, 185, Jr.***
LT	76 Jeromy Irwin, 6-5, 295, Jr.****
LG	68 Gerrad Kough, 6-4, 295, Jr.***
C	74 Alex Kelley, 6-2, 305, Sr.-5****
RG	56 Tim Lynott, Jr., 6-3, 300, Fr.-RS*
RT	64 Aaron Haigler, 6-7, 270, Fr.-RS*
WR	14 Jay MacIntyre, 5-10, 190, Soph.*
QB	13 Sefo Liufau, 6-4, 230, Sr.****
TB	23 Phillip Lindsay, 5-8, 190, Jr.***

Defense

DE	92 Jordan Carrell, 6-3, 300, Sr.**
NT	58 Josh Tupou, 6-3, 325, Sr.****
DE	54 Samson Kafovalu, 6-4, 295, Sr.-5****
ILB	31 Kenneth Olugbode, 6-1, 220, Sr.****
ILB	32 Rick Gamboa, 6-0, 230, Soph.**
OLB	98 Jimmie Gilbert, 6-5, 230, Sr.****
LC	4 Chidobe Awuzie, 6-0, 205, Sr.****
FS	1 Afolabi Laguda, 6-1, 205, Jr.**
N	25 Ryan Moeller, 6-1, 215, Jr.***
SS	9 Tedric Thompson, 6-0, 205, Sr.****
RC	26 Isaiah Oliver, 6-1, 190, Soph.*

OFFENSIVE NOTES ... Colorado was held scoreless in the first quarter for just the third time in 2016 (at USC, at Stanford) and for just the second time in the first half (USC). .. **TE Sean Irwin** made his first reception of the year in the first quarter (15 yards); it was just the fourth by a CU tight end this year (Chris Hill, Dylan Keeney and Chris Bounds all had one during the regular season) ... Colorado's conversion on 3rd-&-27 (38 yard pass from Steven Montez to Phillip Lindsay was its longest of the season; CU was 2-of-31 on 3rd-&-11 or longer (and 0-of-6 on 3rd-&-20 or longer).

DEFENSIVE NOTES ... Michigan was the only team before Oklahoma State to score two touchdowns against the Buffs in the second quarter this season; UM scored 17 points; Oregon and Arizona were the only others to score double figures (10 points each).

HALFTIME QUOTES FROM THE FIELD

CU Head Coach Mike MacIntyre (to KOA & ESPN Radio)

ON SEFO LIUFUAW RETURNING FOR THE SECOND HALF--"I don't know. We'll have to see inside. He's being evaluated right now. If he's healthy enough to go, then he'll play. If he's not, then it'll be Steven Montez."

ON WHAT THE DEFENSE NEEDS TO DO TO STOP OSU--"We need to cover No. 28 James Washington. He's really good. He's fast. If we can stop him we have a shot."

TB Phil Lindsay

ON THE SECOND HALF — "We just need to pick up our momentum and work together as a team. It starts on our side of the ball. We have to get going."

ON HIS LONG RECEPTION—"We felt like we had to make something happen there. Third and long, we needed to have a big gain to at least flip field position. I got some great blocks and made a couple of moves to get free."

QB Steven Montez

ON HIS INTERCEPTION— "It was my fault. I underthrew the ball to Beau. He was open and I missed it. I take full responsibility for it."

TE George Frazier

ON THE SECOND HALF—"One snap and clear. We have to move on in the second half. That's all."

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OSU Postgame Notes vs. Colorado

The Oklahoma State win...

- :: Mark its fourth in its last five meetings with Colorado.
- :: Improved the Cowboys' all-time record to 4-1 in bowl games played against Pac-12 opponents, and marked OSU's fourth straight win in such bowl games.
- :: Improved the Cowboys to 2-2 all-time in the Valero Alamo Bowl.
- :: Marked the Cowboys' third win over a ranked opponent this season, and their first away from Boone Pickens Stadium.
- :: Marked the 20th time that the Cowboys have beaten an opponent ranked in the top 25 of the Associated Press poll since Mike Gundy took over as head coach in 2005.
- :: Marked the second time under Mike Gundy that the Cowboys have beaten a ranked opponent on a neutral field. OSU's previous neutral-site win over a ranked team was a 41-38 triumph over No. 4 Stanford in the 2012 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.
- :: Marked the fifth 10-win season in the last seven years.
- :: Improved the Cowboys to 9-3 against teams currently playing the Pac-12 conference.
- :: Moved Mike Gundy's record in bowl games to 7-4.

- :: The OSU defense held Colorado scoreless in the opening quarter. The Cowboys join Stanford and USC as the only teams to do so this season.

- :: Oklahoma State and USC were the only two teams to shutout Colorado in a half the season.

- :: The 38-8 win was Oklahoma State's fourth-largest margin in a bowl win, and largest since the Cowboys' 58-14 victory over Purdue in the 2013 Heart of Dallas Bowl.

- :: The Buffaloes' eight points tonight are the fewest points scored by an OSU bowl opponent since the 1974 Fiesta Bowl. In that game, the Cowboys held BYU to six points.

- :: Entering the game, the Colorado defense had only allowed one player to surpass 100 yards receiving in a game (113 to USC's JuJu Smith-Schuster). James Washington surpassed that mark in second quarter, finishing the first half with 116 receiving yards. He finished the game with 171.

- :: It marked Washington's 12th career 100-yard receiving game, his sixth of the season and his fourth in the last six games.

- :: Washington's 171 receiving yards today moved his season total to 1,380 for the sixth-best in a season in school history. He moved into fourth place on the career receiving charts, and now has 2,923 receiving yards during his time at Oklahoma State.

- :: Washington's 171 receiving yards tonight rank third among Cowboy receivers in bowl games. Mason Rudolph's 314 yards rank fifth.

- :: Washington's nine receptions tonight give him 152 for his career, which ranks seventh all-time in school history.

- :: The Colorado defense had also not allowed more than seven catches to any single player in a game this season. Washington had seven at the half and finished the game with nine.

- :: The CU defense entered the game ranked 16th nationally with 31 explosive passing plays (20-plus yards gained) allowed (2.4 per game). OSU had seven such plays today.

- :: Colorado entered the game ranked 13th in the nation with 182.5 passing yards allowed per game. The Cowboys had 216 passing yards in the first half and finished with 338 passing yards.

- :: In the first half, Colorado ran six plays in OSU territory while OSU ran 19 plays in Colorado territory.

- :: In the first quarter, Mason Rudolph was 7-for-7 passing for 72 yards and James Washington had four catches for 48 yards.

- :: James Washington has caught a pass in 32 straight games.

- :: The Cowboy defense forced at least one turnover in every game this season.

- :: With 100 yards tonight, Cowboy running back Justice Hill reached the 100-yard mark for the sixth time this season, and the third time in the last four games.

- :: Colorado came into tonight's game averaging 446.3 total yards per game. The Cowboy defense held them to well below that total tonight, allowing only 318.

- :: The Cowboys held the Buffaloes to their lowest point total this season. Colorado's eight points tonight are the fewest the Buffaloes have scored since Nov. 21, 2015 against Washington State.

- :: Ben Grogan added to his school record for points scored, going 1-for-2 on field goal attempts and 5-for-5 on PAT attempts. With eight points today, he finishes his collegiate career with 433 points.

- :: Zach Sinor entered the game leading the nation with 61.5 percent of his punts downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line. Of his four punts today, three were downed inside the 20.

- :: Due largely to Sinor, OSU entered the game leading the nation in opponent starting field position, as their average first snap has been at their own 23.8-yard line. On Colorado's 12 drives today, its average starting field position was its own 22-yard line.

:: Jordan Sterns finished the game with five total tackles. He moved into seventh-place all time on OSU's career tackles list, wrapping up his collegiate career with 325 total tackles.

:: With 314 yards tonight, Mason Rudolph reached 4,091 yards for the year and became the second quarterback in program history to pass for 4,000 yards in a single season. Rudolph joins Brandon Weeden, who reached the 4,000-yard mark twice in 2010 (4,277) and 2011 (4,727). Rudolph is now second on the program's career list with 8,714 yards during his time at OSU.

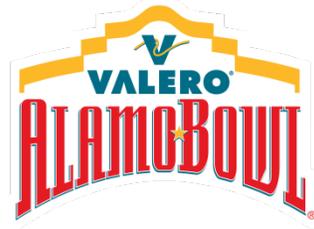
:: Vincent Taylor recorded seven tackles with one sack. That brought his season totals to 7.0 sacks and 13.0 tackles for loss, which are the most for an OSU interior defensive lineman in the Mike Gundy era.

Trey Carter finished the game with two total tackles and his first career sack, along with 1.5 tackles for loss.

:: The Cowboys held the Buffaloes to 62 yards on the ground tonight. It marked the third time this season that OSU held an opponent to under 100 yards rushing.

:: Defensive tackle Vincent Taylor was the game's Defensive MVP. Wide receiver James Washington took Offensive MVP honors.

:: WR James Washington, RB Chris Carson, S Jordan Sterns, DT Vincent Taylor and RB Keegan Metcalf served as Oklahoma State captains for today's game.



#12 Oklahoma State vs. #10 Colorado

Score: Oklahoma State 38, Colorado 8

Recap: Oklahoma State defense shut downs Colorado as Washington and Rudolph shine offensively

Coaches: Colorado: Mike MacIntyre, Oklahoma State: Mike Gundy

Highlights: Oklahoma State took an early lead that it would not relinquish with a Ben Grogan field goal in the first quarter. The Cowboys scored the first 31 points of the game as quarterback Mason Rudolph connected with receiver James Washington nine times for 171 yards and a touchdown.

TV Coverage: ESPN HD

Attendance: 59,815 (16th highest in Valero Alamo Bowl History)

Offensive MVP: James Washington, Oklahoma State

Defensive MVP: Vincent Taylor, Oklahoma State

Fred Jacoby Sportsmanship Award: Sean Irwin, Colorado

HOW BOUT THEM COWBOYS?

Oklahoma State's 38-8 victory in the 2016 Valero Alamo gives was the third largest of victory in Valero Alamo Bowl history. Nebraska defeated Northwestern by 49 in 2000 and California bested Iowa by 34 in the inaugural game.

HITTING THE MARK

Cowboy quarterback Mason Rudolph entered the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl with an average of 314 pass yards per game and stayed true to form with a 314 yard showing in the Cowboys' 38-8 win against Colorado. The junior passer racked up three touchdowns to give the Cowboys a lead that Colorado could not match.

SHUTTING DOWN THE BUFFS

Oklahoma State's 38-8 shut down of Colorado was the best defensive scoring performance for the Cowboys this season. Oklahoma State held TCU to six points in the Nov. 19 meeting between the two teams. The Cowboys' last shutout came in an 84-0 win against Savannah State in 2012.

RECEIVING THE HONORS

James Washington's performance in the Valero Alamo Bowl catapulted him toward the top of the Valero Alamo Bowl record book and earned him MVP honors. The junior receiver's 171 yards rank second in Valero Alamo Bowl history for most yards receiving behind only Jermaine Kearse from Washington.



FALL INTO THE GAP

The large margin of victory was business as usual in San Antonio for the Cowboys who beat Arizona by 26 in the 2010 but it was rare for the Valero Alamo Bowl, as eight of the last 11 Alamo Bowls have been decided in the final minutes.

- In the 2005 MasterCard Alamo Bowl, Michigan lateraled the ball eight times on the final play and nearly found the end zone. Nebraska's Titus Brothers did not give up on the play and sealed the 32-28 victory as he pushed Michigan's Tyler Eckler out of bounds.
- In 2006, Texas overcame a 14-0 deficit and held Iowa scoreless in its last two drives, including once as time expired, to defeat the Hawkeyes 26-24.
- In 2007, Penn State overcame a two touchdown deficit to shut down a late Texas A&M drive on the two yard line in its 24-17 win against the Aggies.
- In 2008, Missouri and Northwestern went to Overtime before deciding a winner. A short pass from quarterback Chase Daniel to wide receiver Jeremy Maclin proved to be the difference in the Tigers' 30-23 win.
- The January 2010 edition of the Valero Alamo Bowl saw Texas Tech trailing 31-27 with eight minutes remaining before Steven Sheffield led the Red Raiders to two late touchdowns and a 41-31 victory.
- In 2011, Baylor outlasted Washington 67-56 in the highest scoring regulation bowl game in college football history. The two teams combined to set 15 Valero Alamo Bowl records. Baylor trailed Washington 56-53 with 9:40 to go, but Terance Ganaway provided two of his five touchdown runs in the final six minutes to help Baylor secure the win.
- In 2012, Texas trailed Oregon State 27-17 before rallying back to win the game 31-27. Texas quarterback David Ash threw touchdown passes to Johnathan Gray and Marquise Goodwin to give the Longhorns the win.
- In 2015, #14 UCLA withstood a furious second half comeback by #11 Kansas State and held on to win the 2015 Valero Alamo Bowl 40-35. Kansas State scored 15 unanswered points in the third quarter to overcome a 31-6 halftime deficit and the two teams traded scores before a failed onside kick at the one minute mark left the Wildcats trailing 40-35.

ELITE COMPANY

Oklahoma State's 38-8 win in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl gives the Pokes two wins in VAB history. The Cowboys are the sixth team to win two Valero Alamo Bowl games. The Pokes have been a familiar guest in San Antonio as the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl was their fourth in appearance in the Alamo City. Oklahoma State is now tied with Iowa for most appearances at the Valero Alamo Bowl and is 2-2 those games.

A PASSING FANCY

Cowboy quarterback Mason Rudolph ranks among the greats in Valero Alamo Bowl performances with his 314 yard, 3 TD showing against Colorado. Rudolph is the ninth player to pass for 300 yards and the seventh to pass for at least three touchdowns.

DIME TIME

Oklahoma State's 38-8 win in the Valero Alamo Bowl gives them 10 wins for the season. The Cowboys have now won 10 games in five of the last seven years.



ALL-TIME ALAMO BOWL ATTENDANCE

A crowd of 59,815 saw the #12 Oklahoma State Cowboys dominate the #10 Colorado Buffaloes 38-8, the 16th largest crowd in the bowl's history.

66,166 Valero Alamo Bowl, December 29, 2007 (Penn State vs. Texas A&M)
65,981 Valero Alamo Bowl, December 30, 2013 (Texas vs. Oregon)
65,875 Alamo Bowl, December 30, 2006 (Texas vs. Iowa)
65,380 SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl, Dec. 31, 1999 (Penn State vs. Texas A&M)
65,277 Valero Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29, 2012 (Texas vs. Oregon State)
65,265 MasterCard Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29, 2004 (Ohio State vs. Oklahoma State)
65,256 Valero Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29, 2011 (Washington vs. Baylor)
65,232 SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29, 2001 (Texas Tech vs. Iowa)
64,757 Valero Alamo Bowl, Jan. 2, 2010 (Michigan State vs. Texas Tech)
64,597 Builders Square Alamo Bowl, Dec. 31, 1995 (Michigan vs. Texas A&M)
64,569 Valero Alamo Bowl, Jan. 2, 2016 (Oregon vs. TCU)
62,016 MasterCard Alamo Bowl, Dec. 31, 2005 (Michigan vs. Nebraska)
60,780 Builders Square Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29, 1998 (Kansas State vs. Purdue)
60,517 Valero Alamo Bowl, Jan. 2, 2015 (Kansas State vs. UCLA)
60,031 SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl, Dec. 30, 2000 (Nebraska vs. Northwestern)
59,815 Valero Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29, 2016 (Oklahoma State vs. Colorado)
57,595 Valero Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29, 2010 (Arizona vs. Oklahoma State)
56,229 MasterCard Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29, 2003 (Nebraska vs. Michigan State)
55,986 Valero Alamo Bowl, December 29, 2008 (Missouri vs. Northwestern)
55,677 Builders Square Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29, 1996 (Texas Tech vs. Iowa)
55,552 Builders Square Alamo Bowl, Dec. 30, 1997 (Oklahoma State vs. Purdue)
50,690 Alamo Bowl presented by MasterCard, Dec. 31, 2002 (Wisc. vs. Colorado)
45,716 Builders Square Alamo Bowl, Dec. 31, 1993 (California vs. Iowa)
44,106 Builders Square Alamo Bowl, Dec. 31, 1994 (Washington State vs. Baylor)

A REUNION TO REMEMBER

Colorado still leads the all-time gridiron series against Oklahoma State 26-20-1 after its 38-8 loss in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl. The Buffs have lost three consecutive games in this former Big Eight/Big 12 rivalry dating back to 2008.

BACK IN THE DAY

The 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl is the 47th meeting between Colorado-Oklahoma State dating back to 1920. This former Big Eight/Big 12 rivalry has been fairly competitive over the years, with 17 of those games being decided by a touchdown or less. The previous meeting in 2009, was decided by a field goal (31-28 comeback win for OSU).

THE RANKINGS DON'T LIE

Tonight's Valero Alamo Bowl marks only the second time the Cowboys and Buffaloes have both been ranked heading into their matchup. The only other time was 1997 (OSU #20, CU #24), a 33-29 Cowboy victory.



REVIVING A RIVALRY

The 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl marks only the second time in school history that Colorado has played a former conference foe in a bowl game. Colorado and Oklahoma State were Big Eight/Big 12 rivals for decades until Colorado left the Big 12 for the Pac 12 in 2011. In the 1998 Freedom Bowl Colorado played BYU The Buffs and Cougars were members of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference from 1922-37.

IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT

Of the 47 games in the Oklahoma State-Colorado gridiron series, only five have been played at night. Oklahoma State has won four of those games, including its 38-8 win in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl.

CATCH 22

Oklahoma State's 38-8 win in the 2016 Valero Alamo gives Cowboy starting quarterback Mason Rudolph 22 wins as a starter for the Pokes. Since having his redshirt pulled in Week 11 of 2014 Rudolph is 22-6 as a starter.

Rudolph wasn't satisfied to only contribute with his arm as he also got involved on the other end of the passing game with a 24-yard reception from running back Chris Carson in the second quarter. The reception put the Cowboys in scoring position and Carson ran 10 yards for a score on the next play.

86 THAT

Oklahoma State's 38-8 win in the Valero Alamo Bowl gives them 86 wins this decade, ranking them 12 nationally in wins in the 2010's.

TURNOVERS ARE FAIR PLAY

Cowboy senior cornerback Ashton Lampkin's interception in the second quarter of the Valero Alamo Bowl continued the Cowboys' turnover hot streak this season as Oklahoma State has forced a turnover in every game this season. Sticky fingered defenders are nothing new for the Pokes as they have forced a turnover in 23 of their last 24 games. Oklahoma State entered the bowl 20th in the nation and second in the Big 12 in turnovers and ninth nationally in turnover margin.

GOT THEIR MOTORS RUNNING

Oklahoma State did much of their damage offensively through the air but the ground game was still a factor for the Cowboys as they rushed for 189 yards during their 38-8 win against Colorado in the Valero Alamo Bowl. The Cowboy ground attack has been gaining steam late in the season as they rushed for 200 yards or more in their last four games of the regular season.

SCORING SENSATIONS

Cowboy quarterback Mason Rudolph's six yard touchdown pass to Blake Jarwin in the third quarter gave Oklahoma State a 24-0 lead and pushed the Cowboys past the 20-point mark. The Pokes have now scored at least 20 points in each of its last 28 games giving them the second longest streak in the nation behind Oregon.

MR. RELIABLE

Mason Rudolph proved to be as efficient as ever with his 22-32, 314-yard passing effort in the Valero Alamo Bowl. Mason has thrown for 28 touchdowns this season and has only thrown four interceptions. Rudolph is the only player in the nation to pass for 3,500 yards or more while throwing less than five interceptions.



PULLING AN ALL NIGHTER

The Cowboys stayed up late for their 38-8 win in the Valero Alamo Bowl. The 8 p.m. start time was the latest for any Oklahoma State game this season and only the second evening or night game the Cowboys have played this season.

BUSY BOWL SEASON

Oklahoma State used its experience advantage en route to a 38-8 win against Colorado in the Valero Alamo Bowl. The bowl marks the Cowboys' 11th consecutive bowl game appearance, which gives them the 11th longest streak in the nation.

TOUGH SLATING

Colorado has played the sixth most ranked teams in the nation since 1989 (130), with a record of 45-83-2. Only Florida, LSU, Alabama, Michigan and Ohio State, respectively.

4TH YEAR STILL A CHARM

Despite the loss in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl, Colorado head coach Mike MacIntyre led the Buffs to only their 8th double-digit win season in school history (10-4) and first since Gary Barnett in 2001 (10-3). The Buffs narrowly missed their fourth 11-win season in school history and first since Bill McCartney in 1994.

JUST SCORE, BABY!

Colorado QB Sefo Liufau's fourth quarter TD run put the Buffs on the board and extended a scoring streak dating back to 2012, Colorado's last shutout loss (Stanford).

SCORING EARLY & OFTEN

Colorado's missed field goal late in Q1 led to the Buffs being shut out in the opening quarter for only the 3rd time all season (USC, Stanford). Colorado still finished the season with 127 first-quarter points.

TWO'S BETTER THAN ONE

Colorado was kept off the scoreboard in the first half for the first time all season in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl. The slow start marked only the 3rd time in school history that the Buffs failed to score in the first half of a bowl game. The first since its 1990 Orange Bowl vs. Notre Dame.

YOU CAN COUNT ON HIM

Tonight marked the 40th career start for Colorado signal caller Sefo Liufau, a school record. The 4-year dual-threat QB finished the game 18 of 29 for 195 yards, with a rushing touchdown.

CALL IT A CAREER

After finding the end zone late in Colorado's 38-8 loss in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl, QB Sefo Liufau finished his 4-year run with the Buffs with 73 career touchdowns (rushing & passing). He also added to his record as Colorado's career leader in Career Points Responsible For finishing with 444.



NO PICKS, NO PROBLEM

Colorado QB Sefo Liufau's no-pick performance in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl capped a 4-year career in which he set a school record for lowest interception percentage, .025 (36 of 1,408; min. 200 att. per season).

READY, SET, SCORE

The winning team has scored at least 30 points in 16 of the past 20 games in the CU-OSU series, including tonight's 38-8 Cowboys victory in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl.

ALAMO CITY BLUES

Colorado falls to 0-2 all time in Alamo Bowl games after its 38-8 loss in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl. The Buffs' lost an overtime thriller to Wisconsin (31-28) in their only other Alamo Bowl appearance in 2002. Incidentally, the same losing score as their previous loss to Oklahoma State in 2009.

DOME-FIELD DISADVANTAGE

The Colorado Buffaloes only played one game indoors this season prior to its 38-8 loss in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl, a 21-17 loss at USC.

LIFE WITH MIKEY

The 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl was Colorado's first bowl appearance under head coach Mike MacIntyre. Despite the loss, the fourth-year Buffs' coach notched his second 10-win season as a head coach. His previous double-digit-win campaign came in 2012 at San Jose State.

30 OR BUST

Colorado is 14-6 under head coach Mike MacIntyre when scoring 30+ points, 6-0 this season. Adversely, the Buffs fell to 5-24 and 2-3, respectively, when held under 30 during his tenure.

LIKE A BROKEN RECORD

Colorado QB Sefo Liufau's failed to find the end zone through the air in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl, but he still shares the Buffs' career record for passing TDs with former Colorado signal caller Cody Hawkins. During an impressive 4-year run with the Buffs, Liufau owns or shares 98 school records.

NICELY DEFENDED

Colorado teammates cornerback Ahkello Witherspoon and safety Tedrick Thompson finish the season tied for the national lead in passes defended (23) after both adding one to their season resume in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl.

CATCH & RUN

Colorado tailback Phillip Lindsay had 63 yards rushing on 14 carries and 6 receptions for 103 yards in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl. He finished the season with 53 receptions, a school record for running backs at Colorado.

DON'T CALL IT A TREND

Colorado's 38-8 loss to Oklahoma State in the 2016 Valero Alamo Bowl narrowly avoided the Buffs' first shutout defeat in the 47-game rivalry between the schools. There have been 5 shutouts previously, all Colorado wins.