



MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

	Colorado	USC
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 2:31).....	36:00	1:29
In Double Figures.....	13:01	0:00
Total Possessions/Scores.....	64/30	60/32
Percentage.....	46.9	53.3
First Half (Possessions/Scores).....	33/16	32/14
Percentage.....	48.5	43.8
Second Half (Possessions/Scores).....	31/14	28/18
Percentage.....	45.2	64.3
Consecutive Scores.....	12	11
Runs Of 6 Points Or More.....	2	4
Field Goal Shooting.....	00-00	00-00
2-Point FG.....	00-00	00-00
3-Point FG.....	0-00	0-00
Offensive Rebounds.....	15	8
Second Chance Points.....	11	8
Second Chance Shooting (Threes).....	4-12 (1-4)	4-8 (0-0)
Free Throws.....	2-2	0-1
Turnovers.....	2	0
Bench Points.....	0	0
Field Goal Shooting.....	0-00	0-00
Free Throw Shooting.....	0-0	0-0

QUICKLY

CU is now **22-7** overall (finished 14-6 in Pac-12 play but is **17-6** against league schools counting this tournament and a non-league neutral site game against Washington); **16-2** when leading at halftime, **17-3** when outrebounding the opponent ... CU has won **six** straight overall ... The Buffs (have won seven straight over the Trojans and now lead the series by a **16-7** count (**2-1** at neutral sites, and **14-4** since joining the Pac-12).

GAME FLOW NOTES

- ▶ USC worked to a **6-3** lead at the **17:14** mark; **D'Shawn Schwartz** made two straight 3-pointers to start a **17-0** CU run over the next 7:44 (he had made just two in the last three games). The run ended at the 9:33 with a free throw. USC was 0-for-9 in the span.
- ▶ USC committed six turnovers in its first 13 possessions.
- ▶ **McKinley Wright** missed **6:42** before returning after being elbowed in the head (technical was called). CU outscored USC in his absence, **11-5** (*13-6 when he exited, 24-11 when he returned*).
- ▶ CU's big lead of **15** points came at 22-7, and led by 14 points on three occasions (20-6, 27-13, 37-23). After the latter, USC incrementally kept cutting into the lead, cutting it to six at 46-40 (a **17-9** spurt).
- ▶ Colorado pushed it back up to 54-44, and then the Trojans went on a **12-4** run to get back to within two (58-56). **Jeriah Home** then made two 3-points to push the lead back to 64-56, keying a **10-0** run that brought CU's lead back to double figures, 68-56.
- ▶ USC then countered with a **14-2** run tie the game at 70-all (for the first time since 6-6).
- ▶ Schwartz wound up opening and closing the scoring for CU.

BOY-OR-BOYLE ... Colorado has won **22** games for the seventh time in school history; six of those under Tad Boyle. In his 11 seasons as head coach, this will be his second championship game.

▶ **BUFFALOES IN THE PAC-12 TOURNAMENT** Colorado is now **15-8** in the Pac-12 Tournament (**11-8** in Las Vegas; **7-7** as the lower seed, **2-3** in semifinal games, **7-2** in games decided by five points or less and **10-4** in those by 10 or fewer). CU's records against: **Cal 4-0, OSU 3-0, ASU 1-0, USC 2-0, UTAH 1-0, WSU 2-1, OU 1-1, UA 1-5, UW 0-1, STAN 0-0, UCLA 0-0.**

MOST WINS / SEASON Colorado is enjoying its 12th **20**-win season in its history (eight under Tad Boyle). A closer look:

24-12 ▶ 2010-11 (3-1 NIT)	22- 7 ▶ 2020-21 (TBA)
24-14 ▶ 2011-12 (1-1 NCAA)	21- 7 ▶ 1968-69 (1-1 NCAA)
23-12 ▶ 2013-14 (0-1 NCAA)	21-11 ▶ 2019-20 (N/A)
23-13 ▶ 2018-19 (2-1 NIT)	21-12 ▶ 2012-13 (0-1 NCAA)
22-10 ▶ 1996-97 (1-1 NCAA)	20-10 ▶ 2005-06 (0-1 NIT)
22-12 ▶ 2015-16 (0-1 NCAA)	20-12 ▶ 2002-03 (0-1 NCAA)

FIRST HALF BUFFS CU scored three of the four highest totals against in the first half against USC this year (**44. 42** and **39** tonight), averaging **41.7**; otherwise, opponents averaged just **29.3**.

OFFENSIVE BOARDS CU tied for its third-most offensive rebounds (**15**) in a game this season; USC had just eight, and none over the final 13:54.

STRENGTH vs. STRENGTH In another battle of the top two Pac-12 teams in points allowed, CU won again. Colorado came in tops in the league allowing **62.9** per, ahead of USC (**64.9**).

IF WIN With the win, CU will play in just its third conference championship game in postseason history (1980-present):

March 11, 1990	Oklahoma 92, COLORADO 80	Big Eight
March 10, 2012	COLORADO 53, Arizona 51	Pac-12

THE LAST TIME ... Colorado had won six games in a row this late in a season was in **1954-55** (eight; the last six in Big 7 Conference play and the first two in the NCAA tournament).

FREEBIES The Buffaloes were **8-of-10** from the free throw line tonight, and are now **407-of-490** for the season (**83.1**); CU entered today first in the nation in FT shooting (83.1) with the 29th most made on the 101st most attempts (Oral Roberts is next at 82.4, regular season is complete). CU has made at least **71.4** percent in all 29 games this season 19 times at or over **80** percent and five times over **90**). The breakdown by half in 2020-21:

	Tonight			Season		
	FT	FTA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.
Overall	8	10	.800	407	490	.831
First Half	6	8	.750	158	192	.823
Second Half	2	2	1.000	249	298	.836
*Final Four Minutes/OT	0	0	.000	88	99	.889
(*—road: 45-51, .882)						

▶ **3-0** Colorado won all three games against the Trojans this season; the Buffs have beaten a team three times in a season on **15** occasions, USC two of those times (**10** different schools). The list:

Season	Opponent	Scores	Neutral Site
1955-56	Oklahoma	88-69 (N), 61-53 (A), 67-66 (H)	Kansas City
1958-59	Kansas	63-52 (N), 66-64 (A), 65-53 (H)	Kansas City
1959-60	Nebraska	64-55 (N), 62-57* (H), 58-54 (A)	Kansas City
1961-62	Oklahoma State	76-67 (N), 64-61 (H), 54-39 (A)	Kansas City
1962-63	Nebraska	59-47 (N), 75-47 (A), 80-51 (H)	Kansas City
1963-64	Nebraska	80-58 (N), 60-52 (A), 89-73 (H)	Kansas City
1965-66	Oklahoma State	50-49 (N), 61-55 (A), 63-52 (H)	Kansas City
1966-67	Missouri	92-57 (N), 79-75* (H), 66-59 (A)	Kansas City
1968-69	Oklahoma	63-56 (N), 80-56 (A), 92-69 (H)	Kansas City
1970-71	Iowa State	70-64 (N), 95-82 (H), 77-73 (A)	Kansas City
2010-11	Kansas State	74-66 (A), 58-56 (H), 87-75 (N)	Kansas City
2011-12	Utah	73-33 (H), 55-48 (A), 53-41 (N)	Los Angeles
2013-14	Southern California	83-62 (H), 83-74 (A), 59-56 (N)	Las Vegas
2015-16	Washington State	75-70 (A), 88-81** (H), 80-56 (N)	Las Vegas
2020-21	Southern California	72-62 (A), 80-62 (H), 72-70 (N)	Las Vegas

(A—away, H—home, N—neutral; *—number of overtimes)

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COLORADO 72, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 70 / POSTGAME NOTES 2-2-2

COLORADO							SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA					
TIME FRAME	FG-FGA (3)	PCT.	FT-FTA	REB	TO	PTS	FG-FGA (3)	PCT.	FT-FTA	REB	TO	PTS
First 10 Minutes	7-14 (5)	.500	1- 2	8	3	20	3-14 (0)	.214	0- 0	10	7	6
Second 10 Minutes	6-14 (2)	.429	5- 6	9	2	19	10-15 (3)	.667	1- 3	7	1	24
HALF TOTALS	13-28 (7)	.464	6- 8	17	5	39	13-29 (3)	.448	1- 3	17	8	30
Third 10 Minutes	7-15 (3)	.467	0- 0	10	4	17	8-12 (1)	.667	2- 6	7	0	21
3/4 OF THE WAY	20-43 (10)	.465	6- 8	27	9	56	21-41 (4)	.512	3- 9	24	8	51
Final 10 Minutes	6-18 (2)	.333	2- 2	10	2	16	7-13 (4)	.538	3- 3	5	3	19
GAME	26-61 (12)	.426	8-10	37	11	72	28-54 (8)	.471	6-12	29	11	70

INDIVIDUAL LINER NOTES

COACH TAD BOYLE is now **17-9** in conference tournament games and **24-17** in the postseason overall (**24** of CU's **52** postseason wins are under his watch).

McKINLEY WRIGHT (24 PTS, 5 REB, 4 AST, 2 STL) He scored over **20** points for the fourth time in the last six games, and is averaging exactly **20.0** over that span. He has eight 20-point games this season and **25** in his career. By scoring 24 points, he has scored **1,817** points in his career, sixth all-time (and the to score 1,800, the second player under Tad Boyle to do so (Higgins, 2,001). He is now the sixth player in the NCAA Division I to score 1,800, with 600 or rebounds and assists (*see chart below*).

► **Field Goals Made:** he was 9-of-16 (4-of-6 from three); that gives him **654** FGM for his career moving past Cory Higgins (653) into sixth at Colorado.

► **3-Pointers:** the four made tied his career (third time), the first since he had four in the first round win over Cal in 2019, also in T-Mobile Arena.

► **Rebounds:** with five tonight, his career total of **629**, he passed Brian Johnson into 21st all-time (he is third among CU guards).

► **D'SHAWN SCHWARTZ (9 PTS, 4 REB)** He is closing in on 1,000 career points, now standing at **984** (he moved into 37th all-time at Colorado tonight).

► **JERIAH HORNE (19 PTS, 7 REB)** He scored his third-most points for the season, and after going 2-of-10 from 3-point range over the last three games, went 4-of-6 tonight. He was **12-of-19** against USC in threes. nailed his eighth-three pointer of the year, and is now 8-of-16 from deep this year. His **335** points this season are now the ninth-most by a transfer at Colorado.

UPDATED PAC-12 STANDINGS

Seed (AP/Team)	Conference			GB	Overall			Record vs. (includes tournament);											
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.	UA	ASU	CAL	CU	UO	OSU	STAN	USC	UCLA	UTAH	UW	WSU
1 31 OREGON	14	4	.778	---	20	6	.769	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-1	....	1-2	2-0	0-1	1-0	2-0	2-0	0-1
2 26 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	15	5	.750	---	22	7	.759	1-1	2-0	1-0	0-3	1-0	1-1	2-0	....	2-0	2-1	2-0	2-0
3 24 COLORADO.....	14	6	.700	1	22	7	.759	1-1	1-0	2-1	....	1-1	2-0	2-0	3-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-0
4 41 UCLA	13	6	.684	1½	17	9	.654	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-2	....	2-0	2-0	1-1
5 OREGON STATE.....	10	10	.500	5	16	12	.571	0-2	1-1	2-0	0-2	2-1	....	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-1
6 STANFORD.....	10	10	.500	5	14	13	.519	2-0	0-1	2-1	0-2	0-2	1-1	....	0-2	1-0	1-1	2-0	1-1
7 UTAH.....	8	11	.421	6½	12	13	.480	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	1-1	1-2	0-2	....	2-1	1-0
8 ARIZONA STATE.....	7	10	.412	6½	11	14	.440	0-2	....	2-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-2	0-2	0-1	2-0	2-0
9 WASHINGTON STATE.....	7	12	.368	7½	14	13	.519	0-2	0-2	2-0	0-2	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-1	....
10 WASHINGTON.....	4	16	.200	11	5	21	.192	0-2	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-2	1-2	....	1-1
11 CALIFORNIA.....	3	17	.150	12	9	20	.310	0-1	0-2	....	1-2	0-2	0-2	1-2	0-1	0-2	1-1	1-1	0-2
... ARIZONA.....	11	9	.550	4	17	9	.654	....	2-0	1-0	1-1	0-2	2-0	0-2	1-1	0-2	0-1	2-0	2-0

(Arizona ineligible for postseason)

2021 PAC-12 TOURNAMENT

Wednesday's Results

Arizona State 64, Washington State 59
Utah 98, Washington 95
California 76, Stanford 58

Thursday's Results

Oregon 91, Arizona State 73
Oregon State 83, UCLA 79 (OT)
Southern California 91, Utah 85 (20T)
COLORADO 61, California 58

Friday's Semifinals

Oregon State 75, Oregon 64
COLORADO 72, Southern California 70

Saturday's Championship (time MST)

COLORADO vs. Oregon State, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

The 1,800/600/600 Club

McKinley Wright is now the sixth player in NCAA history with 1,800 points, 600 rebounds and 600 assists for a career (and one of 10 in the 1,600/600/600 club and one of seven in the 1,700/600/600). He was the 10th to attain 1,600/600/600, and the seventh to reach 1,700/600/600 (since 1985-86; there could be a handful of others at most, but there was no 3-pointer prior, no shot clock for most of that time, and freshmen weren't eligible between 1955 and 1971):

Player, School	Seasons	G	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Club
Jon Elmore, Marshall	2015-19	133	2,638	636	783	2,600 / 600 / 700
Nate Wolters, South Dakota State	2009-13	127	2,352	601	668	2,300 / 600 / 600
Greivis Vasquez, Maryland	2006-10	136	2,171	647	772	2,100 / 600 / 700
DaAndre Kane, Marshall/Iowa State	2010-14	132	2,110	743	645	2,100 / 700 / 600
D.J. Cooper, Ohio	2009-13	143	2,075	620	934	2,000 / 600 / 900
McKinley Wright, Colorado	2017-21	128	1,817	629	662	1,800 / 500 / 600



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