

WEEK TEN
COLORADO at UCLA

Thompson-Robinson, Kelley lead UCLA to third straight win

PASADENA, Calif. -- UCLA has gone from woeful to controlling its own destiny in the Pac-12 South in less than a month.

The Bruins won their third straight game as Dorian Thompson-Robinson passed for two touchdowns and Joshua Kelley added two rushing scores in a 31-14 victory over Colorado on Saturday night at the Rose Bowl.

UCLA -- which is on its first three-game winning streak since 2015 -- goes into the bye week 4-5 overall but 4-2 in conference play. It trails ninth-ranked Utah by just a game in the division going into their Nov. 16 matchup in Salt Lake City.

"It's definitely a good feeling, to know that you're in control of your own destiny, and stuff like that, and that you're able to go and make something out of it. Now we just have to go and put the work in and get it done," Thompson-Robinson said.

The Bruins victory mirrored their earlier wins against Stanford and Arizona State. Their offense was balanced, and the defense was able to get consistent pressure on Colorado quarterback Steven Montez.

Thompson-Robinson was 21-of-28 for 226 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. The sophomore completed 10 of his first 11, including first-quarter TDs of 16 yards to Devin Asiasi and 45 yards to Ethan Fernea as the Bruins jumped out to a 17-0 lead 12 minutes into the game.

The offense took advantage of the defense forcing the Buffaloes to go three-and-out on their first two possessions and Krys Barnes' interception on the third series.

"I thought overall the defense did a good job," UCLA coach Chip Kelly said. "The group up front is generating a pass rush and we're doing a good job in coverage. We were very concerned with the passing attack of this team."

Kelley, who came into the game leading the Pac-12 in rushing at 105 yards per game, gained 126 yards on 23 carries and scored both Bruins' second-half touchdowns. The senior got his fourth 100-yard game of the season with a 35-yard touchdown with 4:14 remaining in the game to extend UCLA's lead to 31-14. He scored from 5 yards out during the third quarter.

"At the beginning of the season there a couple games where we trying to figure out our identity, but we have grown and are starting to execute," said Kelley, who has nine touchdowns in the past five games.

Montez was 21 of 38 for 195 yards and accounted for both Colorado (3-6, 1-5) touchdowns. He had a 2-yard scramble around left end to bring the Buffaloes within 17-7 midway through the second quarter and a 27-yard TD pass to Tony Brown with 5:57 remaining in the game to bring them within 10 again (24-14).

The two touchdowns gives Montez 70 at Colorado, which ties him with Sefo Liufau (2013-16) and Cody Hawkins (2007-10) for the most in the school history.

"I was just very disappointed with the way we started. For whatever reason we didn't start fast today," coach Mel Tucker said. "UCLA seems to have things on track and just outplayed us."

KEEPING HIM CONTAINED

Colorado's Laviska Shenault was held to three receptions for 18 yards, a week after he had nine catches for 172 yards against USC.

"It's a group effort when you have something like that. We had to be conscious of where he was at all times," Kelly said. "We did a lot of in-and-out on him and top-down coverage on him. I thought that Darnay (Holmes) did a nice job when he was iso'd on him one-on-one. But also, when you can get to the quarterback and force the ball out a little bit quicker, that helps."

NOT A GOOD OMEN

Colorado might want to start asking for the first Saturday in November as its bye week so that it can properly celebrate National Bison Day.

Since President Barack Obama declared National Bison Day, the Buffaloes are 0-7.

THE TAKEAWAY

Colorado: Mel Tucker's first year in Boulder started off well with wins in three of his first four, but the Buffaloes have dropped five straight and have allowed 30 or more points in 14 straight games dating to last season.

UCLA: The Bruins were allowing 503.3 yards in their first six games but have held two of their last three opponents under 300.

"We took into account during the bye week that we wanted to change how we were playing -- to play faster and more physical. So, you're seeing it translate to the field now," Barnes said.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
COLO	0	7	0	7	14
UCLA	17	0	7	7	31

Scoring Summary -----

	COLO	UCLA
FIRST QUARTER		
UCLA TD 11:46 Devin Asiasi 16 Yd pass from Dorian Thompson-Robinson (JJ Molson Kick)		7
6 plays, 57 yards, 2:32	0	
UCLA FG 5:25 JJ Molson 28 Yd Field Goal		10
12 plays, 74 yards, 5:07	0	
UCLA TD 3:42 Ethan Fernea 45 Yd pass from Dorian Thompson-Robinson (JJ Molson Kick)		17
1 play, 45 yards, 0:09	0	
SECOND QUARTER		
COLO TD 8:14 Steven Montez 2 Yd Run (James Stefanou Kick)	7	
12 plays, 83 yards, 6:02		17
THIRD QUARTER		
UCLA TD 4:11 Joshua Kelley 5 Yd Run (JJ Molson Kick)		24
11 plays, 80 yards, 5:10	7	
FOURTH QUARTER		
COLO TD 5:57 Tony Brown 27 Yd pass from Steven Montez (Davis Price Kick)	14	
6 plays, 68 yards, 1:56		24
UCLA TD 4:14 Joshua Kelley 35 Yd Run (JJ Molson Kick)		31
4 plays, 48 yards, 1:40	14	

Team Stats	COLO	UCLA
First Downs	19	24
Passes for First	9	12
Rushes for First	7	11
Penalties for First	3	1
Third Down Efficiency	6-16	6-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-0
Total Yards	283	426
Total Plays	65	74
Avg Gain Per Play	4.4	5.8
Net Yards Rushing	88	200
Rushes	27	46
Yards Per Rush	3.3	4.3
Net Yards Passing	195	226
Comp-Att	21-38	21-28
Yards Per Pass	5.1	8.1
Times Sacked	4	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-21	-20
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	6	4
Punt Average	39.2	41.5
Penalties	5	8
Penalty Yards	55	95
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	25:33	34:27

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
COLORADO	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Jaren Mangham	17	77	4.5	0	16		
Laviska Shenault Jr.	1	15	15.0	0	15		
Steven Montez	7	-2	-0.3	1	12		
Deion Smith	2	-2	-1.0	0	0		
UCLA							
COLORADO	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Joshua Kelley	23	126	5.5	2	35		
Dorian Thompson-Robinson	11	38	3.5	0	21		
Martell Irby	4	21	5.3	0	9		
Demetric Felton	5	20	4.0	0	10		
Kazmeir Allen	1	2	2.0	0	2		
Team	2	-7	-3.5	0	0		
PASSING							
COLORADO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Steven Montez	21	38	195	5.1	1	1	27.9
UCLA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Dorian Thompson-Robinson	21	28	226	8.1	2	1	69.6
RECEIVING							
COLORADO	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Tony Brown	6	77	12.8	1	27		
K.D. Nixon	6	56	9.3	0	18		
Brady Russell	3	29	9.7	0	16		
Laviska Shenault Jr.	3	16	5.3	0	10		
Dimitri Stanley	1	11	11.0	0	11		
Deion Smith	2	6	3.0	0	3		
UCLA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Ethan Fernea	1	45	45.0	1	45		
Devin Asiasi	4	45	11.3	1	16		
Demetric Felton	3	32	10.7	0	16		
Kazmeir Allen	4	29	7.3	0	24		
Kyle Philips	2	23	11.5	0	17		
Jaylen Erwin	4	22	5.5	0	10		
Chase Cota	2	18	9.0	0	18		
Martell Irby	1	12	12.0	0	12		