

WEEK ONE
Colorado vs Colorado State

DENVER -- Steven Montez ran the offense at an energetic, up-tempo pace. Colorado piled up points at that rate, too.

Montez threw for 338 yards and four touchdowns, including an 89-yard strike to Laviska Shenault Jr., as the Buffaloes beat Colorado State for the fourth straight time with a 45-13 rout on Friday night.

It's the most points Colorado (1-0) has scored against the Rams (0-2) since 1996.

"This team could be special," Montez said.

Montez had the offense clicking early, completing his first 12 passes to tie a school record to begin a game. He began the scoring spree with a 38-yard TD run on Colorado's opening possession. It's the longest scamper for a score by a Buffaloes quarterback since Kordell Stewart went 60 yards on Oct. 22, 1994.

The mobile Montez found wide-open receivers all evening in a game played at the home of the Denver Broncos. He was in complete rhythm with Shenault, who caught 11 passes for 211 yards. On his long touchdown, Shenault hauled in a short pass over the middle, made a player miss and was off to the races.

Behind the play, Montez raised his hands in celebration.

"That game was extremely fun," Shenault said. "Steven, he's great. He's just great. His work ethic and just how hard he always works behind the scenes."

New Buffaloes tailback Travon McMillian, a graduate transfer from Virginia Tech, got into the scoring act with a 49-yard run as he helps replace Phillip Lindsay, who's now with the Broncos.

Colorado rolled up 596 total yards against a porous Rams defense that surrendered 617 in a 43-34 loss to Hawaii last weekend.

Rams coach Mike Bobo hobbled along the sideline as he continues to deal with numbness in his feet. Bobo had an assistant shadowing him just in case the action got too close. He watched from the coaches' box last weekend.

"Give Colorado credit, they came out and exploited us in a lot of ways," Bobo said. "No. 1 would have to be speed on the perimeter, they did a great job of getting the ball outside and made play after play. ... At the end of the day we got whipped."

It was a rough night for Colorado State QB K.J. Carta-Samuels a week after throwing for a program-best 537 yards. Under constant duress, Carta-Samuels threw for 176 yards, a TD and an interception. He was spelled at times in the second half by Collin Hill, a redshirt sophomore who's returning from a knee injury.

THE TAKEAWAY

Colorado: It wasn't all smooth -- Montez threw an interception and receiver K.D. Nixon lost a fumble -- but as far as openers go, coach Mike MacIntyre will gladly take this one. He's 5-1 against Colorado State as the coach of the Buffaloes.

Colorado State: A streak of five straight bowl appearances could be in serious jeopardy. The Rams have a brutal schedule ahead, including games against Arkansas, at Florida and at Boise State.

THIS & THAT

Montez matched Joel Klatt's school record of 12-straight completions to open a game. Klatt set his mark on Nov. 12, 2005. ... Lindsay was in attendance wearing a Buffaloes ball cap. "They're looking sharp for the first game," he said. ... The attendance was 70,158, down 3,774 from a season ago. ... Colorado now leads the series 66-22-2.

TACKLES GALORE

Colorado sophomore linebacker Nate Landman finished with 16 tackles and an interception.

"I see the Nate Landman I see every day in practice," MacIntyre said. "He's a football player that arrives in an angry mood and makes plays."

GUT CHECK

Back-to-back losses aren't sitting well with Colorado State senior safety Jordan Fogal.

"Some guys care more than others and it can't be like that," he said. "You get blown out at home, get embarrassed at home. You come out here against a big rival and get embarrassed again. What more do you need to perform better? Got to get to work."

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COLO	21	7	17	0	45
CSU	7	3	0	3	13

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER	COLO	CSU
TD 13:36		
Steven Montez 38 Yd Run (James Stefanou Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 1:24	7	0
TD 8:17		
K.D. Nixon 46 Yd pass from Steven Montez (James Stefanou Kick)		
5 plays, 87 yards, 1:37	14	0
TD 5:54		
Olabisi Johnson 26 Yd pass from K.J. Carta-Samuels (Wyatt Bryan Kick)		
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:23	14	7
TD 3:25		
Beau Bisharat 4 Yd pass from Steven Montez (James Stefanou Kick)		
9 plays, 75 yards, 2:29	21	7
SECOND QUARTER	COLO	CSU
TD 6:14		
Juwann Winfree 4 Yd pass from Steven Montez (James Stefanou Kick)		
8 plays, 48 yards, 3:23	28	7
FG 0:00		
Wyatt Bryan 51 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 31 yards, 0:00	28	10
THIRD QUARTER	COLO	CSU
TD 12:41		
Laviska Shenault Jr. 89 Yd pass from Steven Montez (James Stefanou Kick)		
3 plays, 85 yards, 1:18	35	10
TD 8:46		
Travon McMillian 49 Yd Run (James Stefanou Kick)		
5 plays, 70 yards, 1:32	42	10
FG 3:23		
James Stefanou 39 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 45 yards, 4:03	45	10
FOURTH QUARTER	COLO	CSU
FG 8:39		
Wyatt Bryan 27 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 49 yards, 3:41	45	13

TEAM STATS	COLO	CSU
First Downs	23	20
Total Yards	596	284
Total Plays	65	76
Avg Gain Per Play	9.2	3.7
Net Yards Rushing	258	103
Rushes	40	39
Yards Per Rush	6.5	2.6
Net Yards Passing	338	181
Comp-Att	22-25	19-37
Yards Per Pass	13.5	4.9
Times Sacked	3	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-16	0
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	3	9
Punt Average	43.3	48.8
Penalties	6	5
Penalty Yards	44	35
Fumbles	3	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0

Individual Stats

RUSHING

COLO	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Travon McMillian	10	103	10.3	1	49
Kyle Evans	12	59	4.9	0	11
Beau Bisharat	7	52	7.4	0	20
Steven Montez	3	34	11.3	1	38
Alex Fontenot	3	14	4.7	0	7
Laviska Shenault Jr.	1	5	5.0	0	5
Sam Noyer	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
Team	3	-6	-2.0	0	0

CSU	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marcus McElroy	14	61	4.4	0	24
Izzy Matthews	15	30	2.0	0	8
Nikko Hall	1	8	8.0	0	8
K.J. Carta-Samuels	9	4	0.4	0	11

PASSING

COLO	COMP	ATT	YDS	Y/A	TD	INT	QBRAT
Steven Montez	22	25	338	13.5	4	1	98.5
CSU	COMP	ATT	YDS	Y/A	TD	INT	QBRAT
K.J. Carta-Samuels	18	33	176	5.3	1	1	46.8
Collin Hill	1	4	5	1.3	0	0	3.7

RECEIVING

COLO	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Laviska Shenault Jr.	11	211	19.2	1	89
K.D. Nixon	6	112	18.7	1	46
Jay MacIntyre	1	10	10.0	0	10
Juwann Winfree	2	7	3.5	1	4
Beau Bisharat	1	4	4.0	1	4
Tony Brown	1	-6	-6.0	0	-6
CSU	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Olabisi Johnson	6	82	13.7	1	26
Preston Williams	6	49	8.2	0	14
Izzy Matthews	3	14	4.7	0	7
Warren Jackson	1	12	12.0	0	12
Cameron Butler	1	9	9.0	0	9
EJ Scott	1	8	8.0	0	8
Nikko Hall	1	7	7.0	0	7