

WEEK TWO

ARKANSAS AT COLORADO STATE

FORT COLLINS, Colo. -- Izzy Matthews scored from a yard out with eight seconds remaining and Colorado State rallied from an 18-point second-half deficit to beat Arkansas 34-27 on Saturday night in a rare visit to Fort Collins by a Southeastern Conference team.

K.J. Carta-Samuels made the play of the night as he absorbed a hit to complete a pass to a diving Preston Williams for a 25-yard gain. It moved the Rams into scoring range and moments later Matthews powered it in.

It was the Carta-Samuels-to-Williams show as the duo connected 12 times for 154 yards and two scores.

A 13-point underdog, Colorado State (1-2) tied the game at 27 with 5:19 remaining on a 22-yard field goal by Wyatt Bryan. It was his fourth field goal of the game.

A maligned Rams defense came up big all evening with constant pressure and two interceptions. On the last play of the game, the Razorbacks (1-1) tried to lateral it back and in the confusion the Colorado State cannon went off. When the whistle finally sounded, the players and fans stormed the field in celebration.

Arkansas quarterback Cole Kelley relieved starter Ty Storey to begin the second half and provided a temporary spark for a stagnant Arkansas offense. He completed his first two passes -- a 25-yard TD strike to La'Michael Pettway and a 64-yard TD pass to T.J. Hammonds -- to give the Razorbacks a 27-9 lead.

The Razorbacks defense couldn't make it hold.

Carta-Samuels finished with 389 yards passing.

The Razorbacks looked sharp in their chrome red helmets. But their actual play on the field took a bit to warm up. Storey was 5 of 13 for 36 yards and two interceptions in the first half. Both of his miscues led to Colorado State field goals.

Enter Kelley after halftime.

After his fast start, Kelley struggled, too. The Razorbacks couldn't take advantage of a Rams defense that given up an average of 44 points entering the game.

Arkansas became just the second SEC football team that's traveled to Fort Collins. The Rams were beaten by a ranked Mississippi State squad in 1981.

Colorado State coach Mike Bobo hobbled along the sideline as he heals from numbness in his feet. He had an assistant close by on the sideline to protect him. Bobo spent a week-and-a-half in the hospital leading up to the season opener against Hawaii.

Three games into the season and the Rams took their first lead of the season on Bryan's 55-yard field goal early in the first quarter. It's the longest field goal by a Rams kicker since 1992.

THE TAKEAWAY

Arkansas: Another week, another round of QB questions await first-year Razorbacks coach Chad Morris.

Colorado State: Jordan Fogal and Emmanuel Jones picked off passes for a Colorado State defense that showed big signs of improvement.

THIS & THAT

Former Arkansas and Denver Broncos standout safety Steve Atwater was on hand to watch the game. So was Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. ... Bryan's big night allowed him to take over as Colorado State's all-time scoring leader.

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ARK	7	6	14	0	27
CSU	3	6	8	17	34

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER

CSU FG 12:26					
Wyatt Bryan 55 Yd Field Goal					
4 plays, 6 yards, 1:31				0	3
ARK TD 2:02					
Devwah Whaley 3 Yd Run (Connor Limpert Kick)					
14 plays, 73 yards, 6:06	7				3

SECOND QUARTER

ARK FG 9:37					
Connor Limpert 28 Yd Field Goal					
10 plays, 70 yards, 4:04	10				3
ARK FG 6:28					
Connor Limpert 31 Yd Field Goal					
8 plays, 65 yards, 2:40	13				3

THIRD QUARTER

ARK TD 8:35					
La'Michael Pettway 25 Yd pass from Cole Kelley (Connor Limpert Kick)					
9 plays, 91 yards, 3:51	20				9
ARK TD 7:28					
T.J. Hammonds 64 Yd pass from Cole Kelley (Connor Limpert Kick)					
1 play, 64 yards, 0:11	27				9

FOURTH QUARTER

CSU TD 11:07					
Preston Williams 10 Yd pass from K.J. Carta-Samuels (Wyatt Bryan Kick)					
9 plays, 96 yards, 3:29	27				24
CSU FG 5:19					
Wyatt Bryan 22 Yd Field Goal					
11 plays, 60 yards, 4:03	27				27

CSU TD 0:08

Izzy Matthews 1 Yd Run (Wyatt Bryan Kick)					
6 plays, 59 yards, 2:30	27				34

Team Stats

First Downs	24	24
Total Yards	437	437
Total Plays	75	74
Avg Gain Per Play	5.8	5.9
Net Yards Rushing	299	47
Rushes	53	23
Yards Per Rush	5.6	2.0
Net Yards Passing	138	390
Comp-Att	11-22	32-51
Yards Per Pass	6.3	7.6
Times Sacked	1	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-4	-12
Interceptions	2	1
Punts	5	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	6
Penalty Yards	60	55
Fumbles	0	3
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	32:27	27:33

Individual Stats

RUSHING

ARK	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Devwah Whaley	26	165	6.3	1	18
Rakeem Boyd	7	67	9.6	0	36
Chase Hayden	11	55	5.0	0	18
Ty Storey	2	11	5.5	0	17
T.J. Hammonds	3	8	2.7	0	6
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Cole Kelley	3	-6	-2.0	0	3
CSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Izzy Matthews	9	27	3.0	1	14
Marvin Kinsey Jr.	5	10	2.0	0	4
Rashaad Boddie	3	3	1.0	0	2
K.J. Carta-Samuels	5	3	0.6	0	8
Marcus McElroy	1	-3	-3.0	0	0

PASSING

ARK	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Cole Kelley	6	9	102	11.3	2	0	235.2
Ty Storey	5	13	36	2.8	0	2	31.0
CSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
K.J. Carta-Samuels	32	47	389	8.3	2	1	147.4
Collin Hill	0	3	0	0.0	0	0	0.0

RECEIVING

ARK	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
T.J. Hammonds	1	64	64.0	1	64
La'Michael Pettway	2	31	15.5	1	25
Jeremy Patton	2	26	13.0	0	19
Austin Cantrell	1	10	10.0	0	10
Nate Dalton	1	10	10.0	0	10
Jordan Jones	1	2	2.0	0	2
Jonathan Nance	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
De'Vion Warren	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
CSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Preston Williams	12	154	12.8	2	31
Cameron Butler	4	107	26.8	0	54
Olabisi Johnson	5	47	9.4	0	18
Marvin Kinsey Jr.	4	34	8.5	0	20
Brenden Fulton	2	30	15.0	0	20
Griffin Hammer	1	9	9.0	0	9
Izzy Matthews	1	4	4.0	0	4
Adam Prentice	1	4	4.0	0	4
Darius Wise	2	0	0.0	0	2