

WEEK TWO
NEBRASKA AT COLORADO

LINCOLN, Neb. -- Steven Montez couldn't bear to watch.

Colorado's quarterback had just connected with Laviska Shenault Jr. for the go-ahead touchdown, and now Nebraska backup Andrew Bunch had the Cornhuskers at the CU 20 in the final minute.

"I knew if the crowd went crazy, they probably scored," Montez said. "I knew our defense was going to do it right. They were going to play good regardless. But I didn't want to watch that last play."

Montez might have been the only person in Memorial Stadium who missed seeing Bunch's last pass sail over JD Spielman in the back corner of the end zone, allowing the Buffaloes to win 33-28 on Saturday and spoil Scott Frost's debut as the Huskers' coach.

There was no lack of drama in the teams' first meeting since 2010, the last season in the Big 12 for both. Though they went their separate ways after some 60 years as conference mates -- the Huskers to the Big Ten and the Buffs to the Pac-12 -- this game had the look and feel of some of the classics from yesteryear.

"For three quarters I was having about as much fun as I ever had in my life, doing it back home," said Frost, who returned to his home state to take over the program he quarterbacked to a share of the 1997 national title. "We've got to learn lessons to be able to win games like that. When you're trying to become a good team, you don't find ways to lose games, especially close ones. You find ways to win them."

Nebraska (0-1) lost fumbles on its first two possessions and spotted the Buffs a 14-0 lead. Adrian Martinez, the first Nebraska true freshman to start an opener at quarterback, scored the second of his two touchdowns to put the Huskers up 21-14 late in the first half. His 57-yard pass to Spielman made it 28-20 in the third.

CU (2-0) wrested momentum at that point. Montez's 8-yard pass to Jay MacIntyre made it a one-point game, and the Buffs missed two chances to take the lead when James Stefanou was wide right and left with two field-goal tries. But Nebraska couldn't put the Buffs away, failing to convert a fourth-and-1 and Martinez throwing an interception before Montez got his last chance.

"After (Stefanou) missed the second one," coach Mike MacIntyre said, "our defensive guys were in the huddle saying, 'We're going to stop them.' The offensive guys were saying, 'We're going to get the ball and go down and score.' I didn't have to say a word."

Colorado (2-0) got the ball for the last time with 2:23 left after Martinez went out of the game because of an injury.

Montez moved the Buffaloes from their 23 to the Nebraska 41 before Ben Stille sacked him to set up a third-and-19 that became third and 24 after a false start. Montez overthrew Jay MacIntyre over the middle, but safety Antonio Reed was called for a personal foul for hitting the defenseless receiver.

"I got drilled," Jay MacIntyre said. "I kind of made eye contact before he hit me. We got a 15-yarder, so I'm glad he hit me."

Given new life, Montez hit Shenault along the right sideline for 40 yards and the go-ahead score with 1:06 to play.

The Huskers (0-1) were playing their opener a week late. Last week's game against Akron was cancelled right after the opening kickoff because of inclement weather.

"I will never make an excuse, but having a game last week certainly probably would have helped the way we came out and played," Frost said. "It is what it is. Those are the cards dealt to us."

Montez was 33 of 50 for 351 yards and three touchdowns, with Shenault catching 10 balls for 177 yards.

"Beating Nebraska is great, but it doesn't taste nearly as good as a Pac-12 championship," Montez said.

THE TAKEAWAY

Colorado: Montez continues to stamp himself as one of the premier quarterbacks in the Pac-12, making play after play on a day when the running game couldn't gain traction.

Nebraska: Martinez had a splendid debut before getting hurt, and the defense looks much better than the unit that ranked among the worst in the nation last year. The Huskers had seven sacks after having only 14 last season.

QUOTE TO NOTE

"I got to live two dreams as the head coach of Colorado today. I got to beat Nebraska, which hasn't been done by Colorado in a long time. And I got to watch my son play, and he made some plays. To get to see him play and do what he did today, that was the dad's special time." -- Mike MacIntyre on coaching the Buffs to their first win over Nebraska since 2007 and son Jay's eight catches, including two for TDs.

RARITY FOR THE RUN

Nebraska rushed for 329 yards, its most since going for 458 against Illinois in 2014. Martinez had 117 yards and Greg Bell added 104. Nebraska is now 50-1 at home and 75-3 overall when having two rushers go for 100 yards in the same game.

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COLO	14	3	10	6	33
NEB	7	14	7	0	28

Scoring Summary -----

	COLO	NEB
FIRST QUARTER		
COLO TD 9:00		
Jay MacIntyre 3 Yd pass from Steven Montez (James Stefanou Kick)	7	0
8 plays, 87 yards, 3:05		
COLO TD 6:47		
Laviska Shenault Jr. 3 Yd Run (James Stefanou Kick)	14	0
4 plays, 34 yards, 1:43		
NEB TD 3:47		
Adrian Martinez 41 Yd Run (Barret Pickering Kick)	14	7
8 plays, 75 yards, 3:00		
SECOND QUARTER		
NEB TD 10:15		
Devine Ozigbo 8 Yd Run (Barret Pickering Kick)	14	14
7 plays, 52 yards, 2:47		
NEB TD 2:24		
Adrian Martinez 3 Yd Run (Barret Pickering Kick)	14	21
8 plays, 79 yards, 3:07		
COLO FG 0:28		
James Stefanou 40 Yd Field Goal	17	21
11 plays, 52 yards, 1:56		
THIRD QUARTER		
COLO FG 10:59		
James Stefanou 35 Yd Field Goal	20	21
12 plays, 55 yards, 3:57		
NEB TD 5:35		
JD Spielman 57 Yd pass from Adrian Martinez (Barret Pickering Kick)	20	28
6 plays, 80 yards, 2:17		
COLO TD 1:24		
Jay MacIntyre 8 Yd pass from Steven Montez (James Stefanou Kick)	27	28
11 plays, 75 yards, 4:11		
FOURTH QUARTER		
COLO TD 1:06		
Laviska Shenault Jr. 40 Yd pass from Steven Montez (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)	33	28
7 plays, 77 yards, 1:17		

Team Stats	COLO	NEB
First Downs	26	25
Total Yards	395	565
Total Plays	85	83
Avg Gain Per Play	4.6	6.8
Net Yards Rushing	44	329
Rushes	35	54
Yards Per Rush	1.3	6.1
Net Yards Passing	351	236
Comp-Att	33-50	19-29
Yards Per Pass	7.0	8.1
Times Sacked	7	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-43	-12
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	5	3
Punt Average	43.4	42.7
Penalties	8	11
Penalty Yards	46	95
Fumbles	0	3
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Possession	30:15	29:45

Individual Stats

RUSHING

COLO	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
21 Kyle Evans	12	25	2.1	9	0
34 Travon McMillian	8	25	3.1	12	0
2 Laviska Shenault Jr.	2	5	2.5	3	1
3 K.D. Nixon	2	-4	-2.0	2	0
12 Steven Montez	11	-7	-0.6	16	0
NEB	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
2 Adrian Martinez	15	117	7.8	41	2
25 Greg Bell	13	104	8.0	45	0
22 Devine Ozigbo	14	60	4.3	8	1
28 Maurice Washington	8	34	4.3	10	0
1 Tyjon Lindsey	2	9	4.5	9	0
10 JD Spielman	1	4	4.0	4	0
17 Andrew Bunch	1	1	1.0	1	0

PASSING

COLO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
12 Steven Montez	33	50	351	7.0	3	0	144.8
NEB	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
2 Adrian Martinez	15	20	187	9.4	1	1	160.0
17 Andrew Bunch	4	9	49	5.4	0	0	90.2

RECEIVING

COLO	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
2 Laviska Shenault Jr.	10	177	17.7	40	1
9 Juwann Winfree	5	48	9.6	20	0
14 Jay MacIntyre	8	45	5.6	12	2
3 K.D. Nixon	5	39	7.8	17	0
18 Tony Brown	2	28	14.0	17	0
21 Kyle Evans	1	9	9.0	9	0
34 Travon McMillian	2	5	2.5	9	0
NEB	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
8 Stanley Morgan Jr.	5	75	15.0	25	0
10 JD Spielman	3	67	22.3	57	1
19 Mike Williams	3	40	13.3	19	0
22 Devine Ozigbo	2	17	8.5	17	0
28 Maurice Washington	2	16	8.0	14	0
82 Kurt Rafdal	1	14	14.0	14	0
86 Jack Stoll	1	4	4.0	4	0
25 Greg Bell	2	3	1.5	6	0