

WEEK TEN
 COLORADO AT ARIZONA

TUCSON, Ariz. -- Khalil Tate beat Colorado with his legs last year in a record-setting performance.

The Arizona quarterback took down the Buffaloes with his arm in the rematch.

Tate threw for career-high 350 yards and five touchdowns after setting an FBS rushing record against Colorado a year ago, lifting Arizona to a 42-34 victory over the Buffaloes Friday night.

"Khalil ran around and threw it up in the air, and their guys came down with it on long, delayed plays," Colorado coach Mike MacIntyre said. "Those are tough to stop."

Arizona (5-5, 4-3 Pac-12) struggled early while falling into a 10-0 hole, then scored on its next eight possessions.

Tate orchestrated the rally.

Arizona's junior quarterback ran all over Colorado a year ago, setting an FBS record for a quarterback with 327 yards rushing. He used his legs to buy time and beat the Buffaloes with his arm this time, completing 17 of 22 passes, including a pair of touchdowns to Shawn Poindexter.

"Our offense, we haven't been as good the past few games and we knew we had to step up," Tate said. "The defense has been doing what they're doing and we knew we needed to improve."

J.J. Taylor provided balance to the Wildcats' offense, running for 192 yards on 40 carries to send Colorado (5-4, 2-4) to its fourth straight loss.

Steven Montez threw for 343 yards and three touchdowns, but had a late interception for the Buffaloes.

"What's kind of dragging us down is when opportunities present themselves, we've got to capture them, we've got to make them," Montez said.

Arizona's offense stagnated early and Taylor lost a fumble at the Wildcats' 7, setting up a field goal. Arizona also had a pair of miscues on special teams and K.D. Nixon scored on an 8-yard run to put Colorado up 10-0 after one quarter.

Once Tate got the Wildcats going, Colorado had a hard time stopping him.

Using his legs to buy time, he hit Stanley Berryhill III on a 40-yard touchdown pass, tossed a 1-yarder to Poindexter and 12 yards to Shun Brown for another score.

"That's as fast as I've seen him since spring ball," Arizona coach Kevin Sumlin said.

Two defensive breakdowns allowed Colorado to stay in it.

The first came when Montez caught Arizona on a blitz and found Kyle Evans on a 17-yard touchdown pass. Then Wildcats safety Jarius Wallace missed on an interception attempt, clearing the way for Travon McMillian's 57-yard touchdown.

Lucas Havrisik hit a 55-yard field goal on the final play of the first half to put Arizona up 26-24.

Tate kept firing in the second half, hitting Poindexter on a 39-yard touchdown in the third, and Cedric Peterson on a 57-yard score in the fourth to cap the scoring.

Montez found Tony Brown on a 20-yard TD pass in the third, but threw an interception in the end zone with five minutes left.

THE TAKEAWAY

Once considered a front-runner in the Pac-12 South, Colorado now must win one of its final three games just to become bowl eligible.

Arizona is clicking on offense at just the right time, moving within a game of becoming bowl eligible in its first season under Sumlin.

PINCH KICKER

Colorado seemed to be in a bind with kicker James Stefanou missing his third straight game due to a hip injury and Evan Price not making the trip due to an illness.

Freshman walk-on Tyler Francis handled the pressure just fine.

Told he would play just the day before, Francis hit field goals from 48 and 25 yards, and made all four of his extra points in his first collegiate action -- in a Pac-12 road game, no less.

"What he did today was pretty amazing," MacIntyre said. "That was sharp, that kid stepping up like that."

PENALTY PROBLEMS

Arizona put itself in some tough positions due to a litany of penalties.

The Wildcats had 12 penalties for 129 yards, including multiple pass interference calls on deep balls. Colorado had five penalties for 52 yards.

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COLO	10	14	30	0	34
ARIZ	0	26	9	7	42

Scoring Summary -----

	COLO	ARIZ
FIRST QUARTER		
COLO TD 5:35 K.D. Nixon 8 Yd Run (Tyler Francis Kick) 11 plays, 66 yards, 4:19	7	0
COLO FG 3:56 Tyler Francis 25 Yd Field Goal 4 plays, -1 yard, 1:26	10	0
SECOND QUARTER		
ARIZ FG 14:33 Lucas Havrisik 49 Yd Field Goal 11 plays, 44 yards, 4:22	10	3
ARIZ TD 10:33 Stanley Berryhill III 40 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Josh Pollack Kick) 4 plays, 62 yards, 1:29	10	10
ARIZ TD 6:15 Shawn Poindexter 1 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Josh Pollack Kick) 8 plays, 82 yards, 2:43	10	17
COLO TD 2:50 Kyle Evans 17 Yd pass from Steven Montez (Tyler Francis Kick) 9 plays, 89 yards, 3:20	17	17
ARIZ TD 0:59 Shun Brown 12 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Josh Pollack PAT failed) 6 plays, 75 yards, 1:51	17	23
COLO TD 0:33 Travon McMillian 57 Yd pass from Steven Montez (Tyler Francis Kick) 3 plays, 75 yards, 0:26	24	23
ARIZ FG 0:00 Lucas Havrisik 55 Yd Field Goal 4 plays, 21 yards, 0:25	24	26
THIRD QUARTER		
COLO TD 9:26 Tony Brown 20 Yd pass from Steven Montez (Tyler Francis Kick) 11 plays, 75 yards, 5:34	31	26
ARIZ TD 7:11 Shawn Poindexter 39 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed) 5 plays, 66 yards, 2:07	31	32
ARIZ FG 2:39 Josh Pollack 41 Yd Field Goal 9 plays, 62 yards, 3:34	31	35
COLO FG 0:00 Tyler Francis 48 Yd Field Goal 7 plays, 44 yards, 2:39	34	35
FOURTH QUARTER		
ARIZ TD 13:04 Cedric Peterson 57 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Josh Pollack Kick) 4 plays, 85 yards, 1:51	34	42

Team Stats	COLO	ARIZ
First Downs	27	27
Total Yards	383	566
Total Plays	75	69
Avg Gain Per Play	5.1	8.2
Net Yards Rushing	40	216
Rushes	32	47
Yards Per Rush	1.3	4.6
Net Yards Passing	343	350
Comp-Att	27-43	17-22
Yards Per Pass	8.0	15.9
Times Sacked	5	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-38	-13
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	3	2
Punt Average	43.0	47.5
Penalties	5	12
Penalty Yards	52	129
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Possession	30:56	29:04

Individual Stats						
RUSHING						
COLO	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
	34 Travon McMillian	11	59	5.4	21	0
	3 K.D. Nixon	2	6	3.0	8	1
	21 Kyle Evans	3	-1	-0.3	2	0
	12 Steven Montez	16	-24	-1.5	6	0
ARIZ	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
	21 J.J. Taylor	40	192	4.8	21	0
	14 Khalil Tate	4	15	3.8	25	0
	25 Anthony Mariscal	1	9	9.0	9	0
	33 Nathan Tilford	1	1	1.0	1	0

PASSING							
COLO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
	12 Steven Montez	27	42	343	8.2	3	151.7
	34 Travon McMillian	0	1	0	0.0	0	0.0
ARIZ	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
	14 Khalil Tate	17	22	350	15.9	5	276.8

RECEIVING						
COLO	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
	9 Juwann Winfree	8	101	12.6	25	0
	17 Kabion Ento	5	82	16.4	23	0
	34 Travon McMillian	2	68	34.0	57	1
	18 Tony Brown	3	37	12.3	20	1
	10 Jaylon Jackson	6	25	4.2	7	0
	21 Kyle Evans	2	21	10.5	17	1
	3 K.D. Nixon	1	9	9.0	9	0
ARIZ	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
	18 Cedric Peterson	2	72	36.0	57	1
	7 DeVaughn Cooper	3	63	21.0	33	0
	6 Shun Brown	5	57	11.4	21	1
	9 Tony Ellison	2	49	24.5	45	0
	86 Stanley Berryhill III	1	40	40.0	40	1
	19 Shawn Poindexter	2	40	20.0	39	2
	81 Bryce Wolma	1	17	17.0	17	0
	21 J.J. Taylor	1	12	12.0	12	0