

**WEEK THIRTEEN**

**COLORADO AT CALIFORNIA**

BERKELEY, Calif. -- Elijah Hicks and Ashtyn Davis scored on interception returns for touchdown in the first quarter to lead a defense that forced a season-high five turnovers, and California rolled past Colorado 33-21 on Saturday night.

Chase Garbers passed for 116 yards and two touchdowns while absorbing several big hits early as the Golden Bears (7-4, 4-4 Pac-12) clinched their first winning season since 2015 despite nearly blowing a 17-point lead.

The Bears were already assured of a bowl bid and can improve their prospects next week against Stanford in a game that was delayed due to unhealthy air conditions stemming from the deadly wildfire in Northern California.

Colorado, on the other hand, will begin a coaching search after ending the season with seven straight losses. The skid cost coach Mike MacIntyre his job a week earlier and the Buffaloes (5-7, 2-7) showed little improvement in his absence.

The Bears have improved steadily in two seasons under Justin Wilcox, most significantly on defense, a point that was driven home emphatically in the first two minutes of the game.

Hicks put Cal ahead with a 34-yard pick-6 off Colorado quarterback Steven Montez. Davis followed with a 35-yard interception return for a touchdown 45 seconds later. Davis added another interception late in the second quarter

Garbers threw touchdown passes of one and seven yards. The second came after the Buffaloes cut the Bears lead to 27-21.

Montez passed for 170 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions. Kyle Evans added a 1-yard touchdown run for Colorado.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

**Colorado:** The Buffaloes have a lot of work to do in a short amount of time. With recruiting already in full swing, it's imperative that the administration decide on a full-time replacement for MacIntyre. A handful of names have been thrown around but there is no clear front-runner. Whoever takes the job will inherit a program in flux. Colorado has 25 seniors, including eight starters, but will return most of the key starters on offense and defense.

**California:** The Bears set the tone early with their defense, which was key in a game when their offense sputtered much of the day. Garbers had a pretty efficient game and showed some grit with his running. That was critical because the Buffaloes made running back Patrick Laird mostly a non-factor. Greg Thomas helped bail out Cal's offense with a pair of field goals.

Team Stats	COLO	CAL
First Downs	19	12
Total Yards	318	211
Total Plays	76	64
Avg Gain Per Play	4.2	3.3
Net Yards Rushing	148	95
Rushes	43	38
Yards Per Rush	3.4	2.5
Net Yards Passing	170	116
Comp-Att	16-33	14-26
Yards Per Pass	5.2	4.5
Times Sacked	3	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-7	-12
Interceptions	3	0
Punts	5	8
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	9
Penalty Yards	54	75
Fumbles	3	0
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Possession	28:51	31:09

Final	1	2	3	4	T
COLO	0	7	14	0	21
CAL	21	3	3	6	33

**Scoring Summary -----**

	COLO	CAL
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
<b>CAL TD 13:49</b>		
Elijah Hicks 34 Yd Interception Return (Greg Thomas Kick)		
3 plays, 6 yards, 1:11	0	7
<b>CAL TD 13:04</b>		
Ashtyn Davis 35 Yd Interception Return (Greg Thomas Kick)		
3 plays, -1 yard, 0:45	0	14
<b>CAL TD 4:41</b>		
Patrick Laird 1 Yd pass from Chase Garbers (Greg Thomas Kick)		
8 plays, 29 yards, 4:19	0	21
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
<b>COLO TD 11:32</b>		
Kyle Evans 1 Yd Run (James Stefanou Kick)		
9 plays, 69 yards, 3:49	7	21
<b>CAL FG 8:14</b>		
Greg Thomas 24 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 8 yards, 2:10	7	24
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
<b>COLO TD 10:15</b>		
K.D. Nixon 24 Yd pass from Steven Montez (James Stefanou Kick)		
9 plays, 60 yards, 3:12	14	24
<b>CAL FG 4:56</b>		
Greg Thomas 33 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 34 yards, 1:54	14	27
<b>COLO TD 0:41</b>		
Juwann Winfree 3 Yd pass from Steven Montez (James Stefanou Kick)		
10 plays, 79 yards, 4:08	21	27
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
<b>CAL TD 10:35</b>		
Maurice Ways 7 Yd pass from Chase Garbers (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		
11 plays, 72 yards, 5:00	21	33

**Individual Stats**

<b>RUSHING</b>							
COLO	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Travon McMillian	21	58	2.8	0	11		
Steven Montez	10	53	5.3	0	18		
Kyle Evans	10	33	3.3	1	9		
Laviska Shenault Jr.	0	10	0.0	0	0		
Team	2	-6	-3.0	0	0		
CAL	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Chase Garbers	12	47	3.9	0	17		
Patrick Laird	18	45	2.5	0	9		
Biaggio Ali Walsh	3	8	2.7	0	5		
Christopher Brown Jr.	2	1	0.5	0	2		
Team	3	-6	-2.0	0	0		
<b>PASSING</b>							
COLO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Steven Montez	16	33	170	5.2	2	3	93.6
CAL	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Chase Garbers	14	26	116	4.5	2	0	116.7
<b>RECEIVING</b>							
COLO	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Laviska Shenault Jr.	7	65	9.3	0	22		
K.D. Nixon	2	48	24.0	1	24		
Kabion Ento	1	26	26.0	0	26		
Brady Russell	1	18	18.0	0	18		
Travon McMillian	2	12	6.0	0	11		
Juwann Winfree	2	1	0.5	1	3		
Tony Brown	1	0	0.0	0	0		
CAL	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Vic Wharton III	6	61	10.2	0	15		
Maurice Ways	3	43	14.3	1	30		
Malik McMorris	1	10	10.0	0	10		
Patrick Laird	3	6	2.0	1	4		
Brandon McIlwain	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		