

WEEK SIX  
ARIZONA at COLORADO

**Tate leads Arizona past Colorado 35-30**

BOULDER, Colo. -- Nobody would have flinched had Khalil Tate knelt and kissed the grass at Folsom Field.

"Colorado holds a special place in my heart," Arizona's senior dual-threat quarterback said after throwing for 404 yards and three touchdowns in the Wildcats' 35-30 win over the banged-up Buffaloes.

It was here in Boulder two years ago that Tate burst through so many tackles and onto the college football scene by rushing for 327 yards, an FBS record for a QB, in leading Arizona to a 45-42 win in relief of injured starter Brandon Dawkins. This time, he beat the Buffaloes with his arm, just like he did last year in Tucson, when he threw for five TDs in another shootout survival by the `Cats.

"I love playing Colorado," said Arizona linebacker Tony Fields. "It's always an intense game. It always goes down to the wire."

This one also featured an amazing nine lead changes, back-to-back touchdown throws on drives that took all of nine and 10 seconds, a razzle-dazzle touchdown, and, finally, a pair of fourth-quarter stands by Arizona, one at the goal line and the other a fourth-down game-stopper at midfield.

Tate completed 31 of 41 passes and only ran four times, including a 7-yard scamper on third-and-6 from midfield in the closing minutes that allowed Arizona (4-1, 2-0) to run out the clock and leave Folsom Field as the Pac-12 South's last unbeaten team.

The Buffaloes (3-2, 1-1) sorely missed star receiver Laviska Shenault (core muscle), CB Chris Miller (knee) and DE Mustafa Johnson (ankle), all of whom sat out and were joined on the sideline Saturday by safety Mikial Onu (torso), receiver K.D. Nixon (unspecified), and nose tackle Jalen Sami (knee).

Onu had a first-half interception and Nixon a first-half touchdown throw.

"Next man up is not a cliché, it's what's required," Colorado coach Mel Tucker said. "There's really no excuse and no explanation" for the Buffs' breakdowns with so many backups filling the field, he insisted.

The Wildcats weren't whistled for a penalty until the final play of the third quarter -- offside -- during the Buffaloes' longest drive of the day, a 14-play marathon that stalled with Colorado failing to score on three plays from inside the Arizona 5.

They settled for James Stefanou's 20-yard field goal and a 30-28 lead. "That was the difference in the game," Arizona coach Kevin Sumlin said.

Nathan Tilford's 5-yard TD run put Arizona back on top 35-30 with 6:51 left. The Buffaloes drove to midfield and converted a fourth down but on third-and-4 from the Arizona 46, quarterback Steven Montez didn't recognize two open receivers on slant routes up the middle when the Wildcats blitzed two linebackers. Instead, he overthrew a receiver on a go-route down the right sideline.

That brought up fourth down and his throw to Dimitri Stanley was too high and Arizona took over with 2:23 remaining.

"To get a fourth-down stop, that's the one everyone is going to point to," Sumlin said.

**WILD SECOND QUARTER**  
Colorado took a 20-14 halftime lead after a wild second quarter that almost ended with a touchdown return on a squib kick.

On third-and-3 from the Arizona 12, Montez scrambled before finding tight end Brady Russell for the score with 3 seconds remaining.

"Initially, everybody was covered, so I just kind of figured I would scramble around," said Montez, who knew he could throw it away if no one was open, sending the field goal unit out. But with no timeouts left, "all I needed to do was not take a sack," Montez said.

"I avoided a couple of defensive linemen, saw Brady (Russell) sitting in the corner with his hands up" and delivered the TD strike.

The Buffaloes squibbed the kickoff and Jamarye Joiner scooped it up at his 10 and raced down the opponents' sideline for an apparent touchdown only to turn around and realize he'd stepped out of bounds at the Colorado 46.

The Buffs went ahead 14-13 when Montez got the ball into the hands of tailback Jaren Mangham, who flipped it to a reversing Nixon, who threw a pinpoint pass to Dimitri Stanley for a 39-yard score.

Tate replied with a 75-yard TD toss to Peterson, who burned Onu, whose interception at midfield had set up Stanley's touchdown. Onu appeared to get hurt on the play.

With Shenault and Nixon ailing, Tony Brown led Colorado with 10 catches for 141 yards.

**FLAG FOOTBALL**  
The Buffaloes were whistled eight times for 85 yards in penalties and the Wildcats were flagged just once for 5 yards.

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ARIZ	7	7	14	7	35
COLO	3	17	7	3	30

**Scoring Summary** -----

	ARIZ	COLO
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
COLO FG 9:02 James Stefanou 37 Yd Field Goal		3
13 plays, 55 yards, 5:58	0	
ARIZ TD 0:15 Stanley Berryhill III 7 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick)		7
8 plays, 90 yards, 3:11	7	3
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
COLO FG 2:37 James Stefanou 39 Yd Field Goal		6
6 plays, 27 yards, 2:26	7	
COLO TD 1:50 Dimitri Stanley 38 Yd pass from K.D. Nixon (James Stefanou Kick)		13
1 play, 38 yards, 0:09	7	13
ARIZ TD 1:40 Cedric Peterson 75 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick)		14
1 play, 75 yards, 0:10	14	13
COLO TD 0:03 Brady Russell 12 Yd pass from Steven Montez (James Stefanou Kick)		20
9 plays, 75 yards, 1:37	14	20
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
ARIZ TD 13:11 Brian Casteel 33 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick)		21
6 plays, 65 yards, 1:49	21	20
COLO TD 5:11 Tony Brown 15 Yd Run (James Stefanou Kick)		21
4 plays, 68 yards, 1:11	21	27
ARIZ TD 3:42 Nathan Tilford 5 Yd Run (Lucas Havrisik Kick)		28
6 plays, 85 yards, 1:29	28	27
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
COLO FG 11:29 James Stefanou 20 Yd Field Goal		28
14 plays, 72 yards, 7:13	28	30
ARIZ TD 6:51 Nathan Tilford 5 Yd Run (Lucas Havrisik Kick)		35
13 plays, 77 yards, 4:32	35	30

Team Stats	ARIZ	COLO
First Downs	22	26
Passes for First	17	15
Rushes for First	4	11
Penalties for First	1	0
Third Down Efficiency	8-14	6-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-2
Total Yards	487	496
Total Plays	67	81
Avg Gain Per Play	7.3	6.1
Net Yards Rushing	83	159
Rushes	26	37
Yards Per Rush	3.2	4.3
Net Yards Passing	404	337
Comp-Att	31-41	29-44
Yards Per Pass	9.9	7.7
Times Sacked	0	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	0
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	5	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	1	8
Penalty Yards	5	85
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	24:57	35:03

**Individual Stats**

RUSHING		Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
<b>ARIZONA</b>						
Gary Brightwell		11	27	2.5	0	5
Nathan Tilford		5	23	4.6	2	9
Khalil Tate		4	23	5.8	0	7
J.J. Taylor		1	4	4.0	0	4
Darrius Smith		2	4	2.0	0	2
Michael Wiley		1	2	2.0	0	2
Brian Casteel		1	1	1.0	0	1
Team		1	-1	-1.0	0	0
<b>COLORADO</b>						
Alex Fontenot		21	94	4.5	0	22
Jaren Mangham		10	34	3.4	0	9
Steven Montez		5	16	3.2	0	7
Tony Brown		1	15	15.0	1	15

PASSING		Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
<b>ARIZONA</b>								
Khalil Tate		31	41	404	9.9	3	1	92.0
<b>COLORADO</b>								
Steven Montez		28	42	299	7.1	1	0	56.6
K.D. Nixon		1	1	38	38.0	1	0	100.0

RECEIVING		Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
<b>ARIZONA</b>						
Cedric Peterson		3	99	33.0	1	75
Brian Casteel		7	74	10.6	1	33
Jamarye Joiner		4	68	17.0	0	29
Tayvian Cunningham		4	56	14.0	0	49
Michael Wiley		6	48	8.0	0	12
Darrius Smith		2	20	10.0	0	11
Boobie Curry		1	19	19.0	0	19
Drew Dixon		1	8	8.0	0	8
Stanley Berryhill		1	7	7.0	1	7
Gary Brightwell		1	4	4.0	0	4
Jalen Johnson		1	1	1.0	0	1
<b>COLORADO</b>						
Tony Brown		10	141	14.1	0	49
Dimitri Stanley		4	75	18.8	1	38
Daniel Arias		2	35	17.5	0	29
Alex Fontenot		5	34	6.8	0	19
Brady Russell		3	32	10.7	1	15
Jaren Mangham		3	9	3.0	0	8
K.D. Nixon		1	7	7.0	0	7
Jaylon Jackson		1	4	4.0	0	4