

WEEK THIRTEEN
WASHINGTON at COLORADO

Montez, Colorado beat Washington 20-14

BOULDER, Colo. -- Washington needed one more possession to try for the win. Colorado never gave them that chance.

Steve Montez threw for a touchdown and led a long final drive from the shadow of his own end zone to run out the clock as Colorado beat Washington 20-14 Saturday night.

Alex Fontenot added 105 yards rushing and a touchdown on 24 carries, springing free for a couple of first down runs on the Buffaloes' last drive, which ran off the final 5:09. It began at the Buffaloes 1 and ended with Montez taking a knee at the Huskies 18 to run out the final seconds. The victory for Colorado (5-6, 3-5 Pac-12) snapped a nine-game losing streak to Washington (6-5, 3-5).

"At the end of the game, we were able to close it out," Colorado coach Mel Tucker said. "It's a credit to our offensive line and our backs and to our overall determination to finish the game."

Montez, a senior playing his final home game, finished 17 of 28 for 223 yards passing. He also ran for 56 yards, including a 12-yard scramble that got Colorado's initial first down during the final possession.

"I really didn't have a whole lot to do with that final drive," Montez said. "Our O-line, they absolutely dominated. I'm really proud of our guys up front, how they played in the game and how they finished."

Jacob Eason was 21 of 34 for 206 yards with a touchdown for the Huskies, whose offense was disrupted by constant pressure from a Colorado defense that produced five sacks. The Huskies were out-gained 430-230 and their running game went nowhere, generating 32 yards.

"This is as frustrating a game that we've had since I've been here for sure," Washington coach Chris Petersen said. "We had nothing going in the first half, a few things going in the second half, drive down there, turn the ball over. We were just going to get some momentum going and it doesn't happen."

Trailing by 13, Washington got on the scoreboard midway through the third quarter on Richard Newton's short touchdown run, capping a 75-yard drive that was extended by an unnecessary roughness call against Colorado.

Colorado answered with a 2-yard scoring run by Fontenot but the Huskies fought back with another score. Eason converted a fourth-down play with a 9-yard completion to Aaron Fuller and threw a 15-yard touchdown Cade Otton on the next play, pulling the Huskies to within six points with 12:35 remaining.

But Colorado's defense and then its offense shut the door to further scoring by Washington.

Two short field goals by Evan Price and Laviska Shenault's touchdown catch put Colorado up 13-0 at halftime. Shenault managed to gather in the pass in the end zone after it skipped off the top of defensive back Trent McDuffie's shoulder pads.

It was the 61st career touchdown pass by Montez, tops in school history. Kordell Stewart (1991-94) and Mike Moschetti (1998-99) finished their careers at Colorado with 60 scoring passes apiece. Stewart was on hand at the game to serve as an honorary team captain and was among the honorees at halftime in recognition of the 25-year anniversary of the "Miracle at Michigan" in which Stewart completed a last-second 64-yard Hail Mary to Michael Westbrook to beat the Wolverines in Ann Arbor.

THE TAKEAWAY

Washington: The Huskies struggled to move the ball against Colorado's steady pass rush and could not offset the pressure with their sluggish rushing attack.

Colorado: The Buffaloes kept alive their hopes to become bowl eligible but face a tall order in coming up with that sixth victory. They face No. 7 Utah in a regular season finale next Saturday.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
WASH	0	0	7	7	14
COLO	3	10	7	0	20

Scoring Summary -----

	WASH	COLO
FIRST QUARTER		
COLO FG 7:23 Evan Price 22 Yd Field Goal		3
8 plays, 33 yards, 3:42	0	
SECOND QUARTER		
COLO FG 7:18 Evan Price 23 Yd Field Goal		6
9 plays, 55 yards, 3:01	0	
COLO TD 1:37 Laviska Shenault Jr. 39 Yd pass from Steven Montez (Evan Price Kick)		13
3 plays, 62 yards, 0:45	0	
THIRD QUARTER		
WASH TD 8:03 Richard Newton 1 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick)	7	
15 plays, 75 yards, 6:57		13
COLO TD 2:40 Alex Fontenot 2 Yd Run (Evan Price Kick)		20
11 plays, 82 yards, 5:17	7	
FOURTH QUARTER		
WASH TD 12:35 Cade Otton 15 Yd pass from Jacob Eason (Peyton Henry Kick)	14	
12 plays, 75 yards, 5:05		20

Team Stats	WASH	COLO
First Downs	17	23
Passes for First	12	7
Rushes for First	4	13
Penalties for First	1	3
Third Down Efficiency	6-17	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-2	1-2
Total Yards	238	430
Total Plays	67	69
Avg Gain Per Play	3.6	6.2
Net Yards Rushing	32	207
Rushes	32	41
Yards Per Rush	1.0	5.0
Net Yards Passing	206	223
Comp-Att	21-35	17-28
Yards Per Pass	5.9	8.0
Times Sacked	5	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-51	-1
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	7	4
Punt Average	48.0	45.8
Penalties	9	6
Penalty Yards	68	55
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	29:00	31:00

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
WASHINGTON	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Richard Newton	12	32	2.7	1	9		
Salvon Ahmed	13	29	2.2	0	11		
Jacob Eason	7	-29	-4.1	0	19		
COLORADO	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Alex Fontenot	24	105	4.4	1	21		
Steven Montez	6	56	9.3	0	20		
Jaren Mangham	5	27	5.4	0	14		
Laviska Shenault Jr.	3	17	5.7	0	10		
K.D. Nixon	1	4	4.0	0	4		
Team	2	-2	-1.0	0	0		
PASSING							
WASHINGTON	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jacob Eason	21	34	206	6.1	1	1	39.9
Aaron Fuller	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	2.9
COLORADO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Steven Montez	17	28	223	8.0	1	0	66.4
RECEIVING							
WASHINGTON	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Hunter Bryant	5	82	16.4	0	29		
Aaron Fuller	6	43	7.2	0	12		
Terrell Bynum	3	41	13.7	0	18		
Cade Otton	3	25	8.3	1	15		
Andre Baccellia	2	10	5.0	0	6		
Salvon Ahmed	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Jack Westover	1	2	2.0	0	2		
COLORADO	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Laviska Shenault Jr.	7	100	14.3	1	39		
Dimitri Stanley	3	52	17.3	0	27		
Tony Brown	4	42	10.5	0	18		
Brady Russell	1	24	24.0	0	24		
K.D. Nixon	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Alex Fontenot	1	0	0.0	0	0		