

Sports

BOISE STATE FOOTBALL

Rypien leads Boise State in romp over Colorado State

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BOISE — Brett Rypien threw for 308 yards and four touchdowns to lead Boise State over Colorado State 56-28 on Friday night. Boise State (5-2, 3-1 Mountain West), which had to rally from a 35-10 halftime deficit last season against the Rams, flipped the script this time in racing out to a 35-7 halftime lead and never looked back. “I just thought the fast start tonight was the key to our success, and some of the plays we made on special teams . they were outstanding,” Boise State coach Bryan Har-

sin said. “If you lose momentum in a game, you have to find a way to get it back. . But we kept that momentum throughout the game, which was key for us.” Colorado State (3-5, 2-2) was its own worst enemy, turning the ball over three times and giving up a wild punt return for a touchdown. K.J. Carta-Samuels was 19-of-30 passing for 238 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. “Too many things went wrong for us tonight to have a chance to win,” Colorado State coach Mike Bobo said. “I didn’t think we had to play a perfect game, but we certainly needed to play better than that.”

In the first half, the Broncos’ offense was so efficient that the only third down it failed to convert occurred when Rypien stumbled over his own feet after taking a snap under center. But that was about the only miscue he had in finishing with the same number of touchdowns as incompletions (22 of 26 passing). Rypien hit A.J. Richardson twice on scoring strikes of 13 and 35 yards in the first half before finding Sean Modster for a 17-yard touchdown near the end of the second quarter. Modster also scored on a 26-yard reception in the fourth. Boise State defensive back Avery

Williams had an interception along with a 44-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, the Broncos’ first since Nov. 23, 2013 against San Diego State. **THE TAKEAWAY** Colorado State: Suffering a blow-out loss wasn’t the way the Rams wanted to begin a critical stretch of conference games, especially if they had any plans to play in the Mountain West title game. With two losses in conference action, Colorado State has no margin for error and will need to get some help along the way to get to the championship.

Boise State: The Broncos successfully re-established their dominance at home after struggling in a 19-13 loss to San Diego State two weeks ago. Boise State still controls its own fate and will need to protect its home turf against two good opponents — Fresno State and Utah State — to finish the regular season in order to have the opportunity to defend its Mountain West title. **UP NEXT** Colorado State: The Rams return home to host Wyoming next Friday. Boise State: The Broncos will play next Saturday at Air Force.

WASHINGTON FOOTBALL



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Washington’s Benning Potoa’e flushes Colorado quarterback Steven Montez out of the pocket Saturday during Washington’s Pac-12 win.

Washington pulls away late to defeat Colorado

By Tim Booth
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SEATTLE — Jake Browning and Aaron Fuller saw the pressure Colorado was about to bring and the open field that awaited. One quick slant connection between Browning and Fuller was finally enough for No. 15 Washington to shake the Buffaloes. “They were bringing the house. Just had to hold on to it long enough for him to be able to work his move and get open,” Browning said. Browning threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Fuller on fourth down with less than four minutes remaining, and the Huskies finally pulled away late to beat Colorado 27-13 on Saturday. Washington’s four-year starting quarterback had an unremarkable game up until the Huskies (6-2, 4-1 Pac-12) needed a big play. Leading 17-13, the Huskies kept their offense on the field facing fourth-and-5 rather than trying for a long field goal. Colorado blitzed, but Browning found Fuller open with nothing but the end zone ahead. “When I saw it was cover zero I brought my best release because I knew I was the first read on that one,” Fuller said. “They were doing that a little bit when we got toward the red zone and things like that so when we saw that, it was wide open.” Colorado coach Mike MacIntyre said bringing the blitz wasn’t even a question. “When we brought four, we never got to him. Not one

time. He’d run around and make the plays. When we pressured him, we got him out sometimes, so that’s what we did,” MacIntyre said. Salvon Ahmed and Kamari Pleasant both scored on touchdown runs in the first half for the Huskies, who played without starting running back Myles Gaskin due to a shoulder injury. Washington’s offense was far from its best but found enough running options in the backfield to control the game on the ground. The stable of Ahmed, Pleasant and Sean McGrew led the way as Washington rushed for a season-high 201 yards. “It says a lot about our (offensive) line too that they’re able to continue to play at a high level and continue to get people covered up in the run game and drive off the ball,” Browning said. Colorado quarterback Steven Montez threw for 144 yards, but the Buffaloes (5-2, 2-2) were shut out and held to 86 total yards of offense in the second half. Washington linebacker Ben Burr-Kirven had 15 tackles and intercepted Montez late in the fourth quarter. Both teams were without an offensive star. Gaskin, who has been astonishingly durable, missed the first game of his career after aggravating his shoulder injury during a loss last week to Oregon. Gaskin went through pregame warmups in uniform and with his pads on, but when the team took the field for kickoff, he was in sweats on the sideline.

“Myles has been amazing. He’s played every game up to this point,” Washington coach Chris Petersen said. “To get him this far is pretty good. We’ll get him back soon.” The Buffaloes played without Laviska Shenault Jr., the top receiver in the country, due to a toe injury suffered last week in a loss to USC. Shenault was responsible for 11 total touchdowns through six games. “It goes without saying Laviska is just so special after the catch what he can do with the ball in his hand,” Montez said. “Not having him, obviously, didn’t help us at all, but I think we definitely have receivers outside of Laviska that are very capable and can make plays as well.” At least initially, the Buffaloes appeared fine without Shenault. Colorado went 80 yards on its first possession, capping it with a 37-yard TD pass from Montez to freshman Daniel Arias for the first catch of his college career. But that was the most effective Colorado drive of the game. The Buffaloes had just two drives of more than 40 yards and couldn’t convert a major opportunity late in the first half. Browning was intercepted by Nick Fisher, who returned the turnover to the Washington 9 with 2:12 left in the first half. But the Buffaloes failed to gain any yardage and settled for a 26-yard field goal from Evan Price, cutting Washington’s lead to 14-13 at halftime. Browning was 15 of 25 for 150 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

OREGON STATE FOOTBALL


Cal buries Beavers, 49-7

By Anne M. Peterson
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CORVALLIS — California held a players-only meeting on the eve of their game against Oregon State. The Golden Bears were still searching for their first conference win and had slumped with three straight losses. Seniors talked about how much the season meant to them, said defensive end Tevin Paul. The players took the talk to heart. Patrick Laird ran for 193 yards and two touchdowns, and also caught a scoring pass, and California snapped a three-game losing streak with a 49-7 victory at Oregon State on Saturday. “I feel like it just really helped everyone out,” Paul said. “Just trusting each other.” The Golden Bears (4-3,

1-3) had not won a Pac-12 game on the road since a victory at Washington in 2015, a string of 14 games. But the victory was marred by two targeting calls against Cal players that resulted in ejections. Chase Garbers threw for 234 yards and three touchdowns for the Golden Bears. The Beavers have lost five games overall as well and their last 13 conference games. Oregon State’s lone win this season came against Southern Utah on Sept. 8. “Honestly, we all hate losing, but at the end of the day you’ve got to keep fighting,” Oregon State safety Jalen Moore said. “That’s life, you’ve got to keep fighting. Everything’s not going to go your way, all you can do is keep fighting and stay positive.”

Oregon State was hurt late in the first half when starting quarterback Conor Blount left the game with a concussion after a helmet hit by Cal’s Jaylenn Hawkins, who was ejected. Zeandae Johnson was ejected in the third quarter for a hit on third-string Beavers QB Jack Colletto. Garbers, who started at quarterback for Cal after Brandon McIlwain started the last two, found Malik McMorris with a 3-yard scoring pass on Cal’s opening drive of the game. He hit Laird with a 29-yard TD in the second quarter as the Golden Bears went up 14-0. Laird added a 4-yard touchdown run late in the first half. Blount left the game late on Oregon State’s final drive of the half after the helmet-to-helmet hit.



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