



Colorado State Postgame Notes

Colorado State at UNLV; Sam Boyd Stadium

Sat. Nov. 7, 2009

TEAM NOTES

- **Long drive:** CSU's second-quarter touchdown drive, 15 plays, 86 yards in 9:14, was the Rams' longest scoring march in terms of plays and time of possession this season.
- **Scoreless first quarter:** For the first time since Steve Fairchild's debut as CSU head coach, Aug. 31, 2008, vs. Colorado in Denver, the Rams and their opponent played a scoreless first stanza.
- **Fourth down:** The Rams converted another fourth down on their initial drive, then failed to convert another fourth-down snap to end their second series. Still in the first half, CSU converted another fourth down from the UNLV 8, to set up John Mosure's touchdown. CSU entered the game with 13 fourth-down attempts on the year, third in the Mountain West behind Air Force and New Mexico.
- **Trick plays:** The Rams called at least five unorthodox plays in the first half, including three Dion Morton passes, on one of which he tucked and ran.
- **First-time starters:** With T.J. Borcky making his first career start, the Rams now have had 17 players start their first Division I game this season. Others are LB Davis Burl, S Ivory Herd, OT Paul Madsen, LB James Skelton, DL Nuku Latu, CB DeAngelo Wilkinson, RB Leonard Mason, QB Grant Stucker, RB John Mosure, LB Alex Williams, DT Guy Miller, DE Cory Macon, WR Tyson Liggett, LB Chris Gipson, DE Zach Tiedgen and G Jake Gdowski, who incidentally celebrated his 21st birthday in his start Sept. 6 at Colorado.
- **Las Vegas deficit:** The Rams' second-quarter deficit was the first time they've trailed in the city of Las Vegas since Nov. 19, 2005. In that contest, the Rebels led 27-17 late in the third quarter until CSU scored consecutive touchdowns to win, 31-27.
- **Finally a punt return:** CSU late in the third quarter, when Dion Morton returned a punt 2 yards, got its first punt return since Oct. 3 at Idaho.
- **Vegas success:** The Rams (6-0-1) have never lost in Las Vegas. After a 21-21 tie in the teams' first Vegas meeting, in 1979, CSU reeled off six consecutive wins, in 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2007. All-time in the city, CSU entered 7-0-1, including a 41-13 victory over a ranked New Mexico team in the 1997 WAC championship game.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- **Rashaun Greer:** In the fourth quarter made the 100th reception of his career. Earlier in the game, he surpassed No. 12 Chris Pittman (1,720, 2000-03) on the school's all-time career receiving yards chart.
- **T.J. Borcky:** Made his first career start, and caught two passes on the first drive, to match his single-game career high. He also had two receptions in a win vs. Houston, Sept. 20, 2008. He surpassed the total later in the game, with a third-quarter reception.
- **Brandon Owens:** Made his first start since Sept. 20, 2008, vs. Houston. Owens had started the first three games of the 2008 season.

- **Chris Gipson:** Thwarted the Rebels' first drive with by sacking UNLV QB Omar Clayton on third down, forcing a punt. Gipson now has three sacks on the year, one of the best single-season totals ever by a CSU freshman.
- **Dion Morton:** Made his third and fourth passes of the year, and his career. The passes were the first in the career of Morton that did not go for touchdowns. The former high-school QB earlier this year threw a pair of TD passes.
- **Norman Gee:** Made his first 2009 reception, on a trick pass from WR Dion Morton in the first quarter. It was his second in a CSU uniform (also late in loss at Utah, Oct. 14, 2008). Gee had two receptions in two years at Duke.
- **Lou Greenwood:** Posted early career highs in both carries and rushing yards.
- **Alex Square:** Gave the Rams a spark with a fourth-quarter kickoff return for 34 yards, the longest of his career.
- **John Mosure:** Posted a career-best two rushing TDs.