

Colorado State Volleyball

#9 Colorado State Rams (3) Utah State Aggies (2)

20-25, 21-25, 25-18, 27-25, 15-8

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Match Notables

- The Rams improved to 21-0 on the season, establishing a program record for consecutive wins to start a season. The previous record was 20, set in 2001.
- Dating back more than a calendar year, to Oct. 27, 2012, CSU has won 14 consecutive true road matches, extending on its program record. The previous high was 11, set in 2003.
- CSU's 21-match winning streak overall is the second-longest in program annals, two shy of tying the mark of 23 set in 2003.
- The victory matches CSU's win total from last season (21-8). The Rams have won 20 or more matches each season since 1995, the fifth-longest active streak in the country.
- CSU is one of two undefeated teams in the nation. Missouri is currently 26-0. The No. 7 Tigers' next match is Sunday vs. No. 19 Kentucky.
- The Rams are 12-0 in Mountain West play for the second time since the inception of the conference in 1999. The other time came in 2003, when CSU went a perfect 14-0.
- The win came in come-from-behind fashion after CSU dropped the first two sets. It was the first time the Rams have overcome a two-set deficit since Sept. 2, 2011 vs. No. 5 Nebraska, and the first time they have done it in a true road match since Nov. 10, 2000 at San Diego State.
- The Rams lost the first two sets of the match for the first time during the regular season since Nov. 10, 2011 at TCU, a span of 50 regular-season matches.
- Four Rams recorded at least 10 kills, led by junior Marlee Reynolds' 16. Kelsey Snider (14), Adrianna Culbert (12 on .522 hitting) and Michelle Lawrence (10) were also in double figures.
- The Rams totaled 21 team blocks, sixth-most in CSU history for five-set matches, and the most in a match overall since the Rams posted 26 vs. Cal State Fullerton in the 2010 NCAA tournament. Peters led CSU with a career-most 12, followed by Snider (career-high nine), Culbert (season-high 6), Reynolds (6) and Deedra Foss (season-high-tying 5).
- Sophomore libero Jaime Colaizzi recorded a career-high 25 digs. It marked the fourth time this season she has posted 20 or more digs. The figure is two more than she had at Pepperdine, her previous career best.
- In addition to Colaizzi, Culbert (career-high-tying 17), Foss (season-high-tying 16) and Cassidy Denny (career-high-tying 15) were also in double figures. As a team, CSU had 91 digs, second-most on the season.
- The Rams hit .225, far below its season average of .302 entering the match, but limited Utah State to .139 hitting, including .037 hitting over the final three sets. CSU hit .571 in the deciding fifth set (8-0-14).
- Set 1: Utah State led from start to finish in Set 1, leading by as many as five and never allowing the Rams to get closer than two points (12-10). CSU out-dug (25 to 20) and out-blocked (3 to 2)

Utah State, but the Aggies hit .280 (to CSU's .209) and were able to hold off major runs every time CSU cut into the deficit.

- Set 2: Trailing 11-5, CSU took a timeout and responded with a 4-0 run. The Rams would get within one point on three occasions, the last at 13-14, but Utah State took the next four points to stay in control. The Rams lost despite out-hitting (.250 to .233) and out-blocking (4-0) Utah State.
- Set 3: CSU began to mount its comeback, never trailing in Set 3. After a tie at 4-4, the Rams used a 10-3 run to gain control. In the set, CSU had seven blocks, limiting Utah State to .000 hitting.
- Set 4: After 11 ties and four lead changes, the Rams squeaked out the set win to even the match. CSU led for a good portion of the set early, but Utah State took its first lead at 12-11. The Rams would jump back in front, and led 22-19 late in the set, before the Aggies scored five of the next six points to set up Match Point. CSU was the beneficiary of a Utah State service error, but gave the Aggies Match Point again after doing the same. CSU responded, though, with three straight kills with its backs against the walls.
- Set 5: The set saw ties at 1-1 through 4-4 before CSU took four consecutive points to take an 8-4 lead as the teams switched sides. CSU led by at least four for the remainder of the set, hitting .571 (8-0-14) to complete the comeback.
- CSU has won 18 straight matches against Utah State dating back to 1983. Saturday marked the Rams' first trip to Logan since 1989. CSU is 19-14 all-time against the Aggies after losing the first 11 matches and 14 of the first 15 in the series.
- Saturday marked the first significant amount of playing time for Lawrence since she injured her ankle during a practice on Oct. 18. She missed most of four matches, only appearing for the final few points on Thursday at Boise State.
- The win came in front of 1,865 fans, the largest road crowd CSU has played in front of this season.
- Following back-to-back road matches, CSU will stay on the road to play a rare Tuesday night match at Wyoming (14-12, 4-8 MW). CSU is 30-2 all-time against Wyoming under Head Coach Tom Hilbert but lost in Laramie two years ago, the first time since 1997.