



2009 GAME SUMMARIES



COLORADO STATE 23 COLORADO 17

September 6 (Folsom Field; Boulder)

GAME # 1

BOULDER—Colorado State stunned Colorado for 20 first-half points and held on to defeat the Buffaloes 23-17 in just the second-ever Sunday night game at Folsom Field before a near-sellout crowd of 53,168 and a national television audience on FSN.

The Rams got things going from the opening gun, marching 80 yards to take a 7-0 lead on the game's first drive. CSU's Grant Stucker hit John Mosure on a 57-yard pass play to set up Mosure's one-yard run just over three minutes into the contest.

The Buffs had some glimpses of life in the first half but hit a wall when center Mike Iltis limped off the field. Cody Hawkins was then intercepted by Elijah-Blu Smith on a pass that caromed off of Scotty McKnight.

CSU converted the turnover into a 14-0 lead when Stucker found Mosure again, this time with a 14-yard scoring pass. The Rams converted on a pair of key third down plays on the drive, the second of which was the touchdown. CSU's big play mentality hit again when Stucker hooked up with Ryan Gardner for a 43-yard completion to the CU 4-yard line, setting up a Ben DeLine field goal to push the lead to 17-0 early in the second quarter.

The Buffs got on the scoreboard by getting a career-long 54-yard field goal from Aric Goodman to pull within 17-3. Ben Burney set up the score with an interception. CSU answered just before intermission by positioning DeLine for a 45-yard field with five seconds left that restored the Rams' 17-point lead at 20-3 at the break.

Hawkins opened the second half by completing a 44-yard bomb to Andre Simmons – his first CU catch – that set up the Buffs at the nine-yard line. From there, Brian Lockridge took a pitch right and went into the end zone untouched to cut the deficit to 20-10 less than two minutes into the second half.

Hawkins again found his passing touch on the next drive, moving the Buffs to the Rams' 18-yard line where McKnight caught a pass before an apparent helmet-to-helmet hit. Initially called down by contact, the play was overturned and ruled a fumble.

CU's defense kept the Buffs in the game. After a pair of three-and-outs, Jeff Smart came up with a critical interception but the Buffs weren't able to take advantage before CSU got a 45-yard pass from Stucker to Rashaun Greer down to the Buffs 4-yard line. The CU defense held at that point and CSU got its final points of the game, leading 23-10 with 8:58 to play.

The Buffs got the ball back with less than four minutes remaining. McKnight, suffering from a concussion, came back in the game to draw a big pass interference penalty before catching a 3-yard touchdown pass from Hawkins two plays later, pulling CU to within 23-17 with 1:57 left to play.

But the Buffs had burned all three timeouts and when CSU's Dion Morton recovered the on-sides kick at midfield, the Rams were able to run out the clock.

This was the final game on either school's campus for a decade, as the schools announced earlier in the week a 10-year contract to move the game back to Denver's Invesco Field beginning in 2010.

Playing from behind, the Buffs managed just 68 yards from their four-horsed running back stable. Hawkins finished 24-of-40 for 222 yards and one touchdown with his favorite target being Riar Geer, who had six receptions for 65 yards. The Buffs were just 3-of-14 on third down and were out-gained by CSU 376-to-251 in total offense. Stewart led the Buffs ground game, picking up 38 yards on six carries.

Colorado State	14	6	0	3	—	23
COLORADO.....	0	3	7	7	—	17

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Colorado State — Mosure 1 run (DeLine kick)	0-7	11:47	1Q
Colorado State — Mosure 13 pass from Stucker (DeLine kick)	0-14	1:09	1Q
Colorado State — DeLine 29 FG	0-17	11:43	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 54 FG	3-17	2:50	2Q
Colorado State — DeLine 45 FG	3-20	0:05	2Q
COLORADO — Lockridge 9 run (Goodman kick)	10-20	13:20	3Q
Colorado State — DeLine 18 FG	10-23	8:58	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 2 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	17-23	1:57	4Q

Attendance: 53,168 Time: 3:23

Weather: 79 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 3 mph winds from the east

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	COLORADO ST.
First Downs	13	14
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	3-14 (2-3)	3-14 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards.....	21-29	45-168
Passing Yards	222	208
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	40-24-1	17-10-2
Total Offense	251	376
Return Yards	20	50
Punts: No-Average	6-43.3	5-44.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	5/60	6/71
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	2-8	4-38
Time of Possession	27:04	32:56
Drives/Average Field Position.....	13/C33	13/CS31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	2-2 (14)	4-4 (20)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 6-38, Sumler 8-20, Lockridge 1-9, Scott 1-1, C.Hawkins 4-minus 38, Team 1-minus 1. **Colorado State:** Mason 23-107, Mosure 11-44, Morton 2-27, Greer 1-3, Stucker 5-minus 4, Team 3-minus 9.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 40-24-1, 222, 1 td. **Colorado State:** Stucker 17-10-2, 208, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 6-65, McKnight 4-36, Deehan 3-20, Sumler 3-15, Espinoza 2-9, Devenny 2-7, Simmons 1-44, Scott 1-14, Stewart 1-7, Lockridge 1-5. **Colorado State:** Mosure 3-38, Mason 3-20, Greer 2-50, Morton 1-57, Gardner 1-43.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-43.3 (52 long, 2 In20). **Colorado State:** Kontodiakos 5-44.2 (51 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 4-10. **Colorado State:** Thomas 4-39. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Scott 5-138, Stengel 1-5. **Colorado State:** Morton 2-42.

Interceptions—Colorado: Smart 1-10, Burney 1-0. **Colorado State:** E.Smith 1-11.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: J.Smith 9,3—12; Smart 6,3—9; Burton 3,5—8; C.Brown 6,1—7; Perkins 5,2—7; Polk 2,4—6; Mohler 4,0—4; Cunningham 2,2—4; Herrod 2,1—3; Stengel 2,1—3. **Colorado State:** Sisson 5,4—9; Wilkinson 7,1—8; Oppeneier 4,3—7; Kubiak 3,3—6; Williams 5,0—5; Thomas 4,0—4; Whittier 3,1—4; Miller 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Smart 1-7, C.Brown 1-1. **Colorado State:** Miller 1-10, Whittier 1-10, Morehead 1-9, Sisson 1-9.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown, West. **Colorado State:** Kawulok, Sisson, Thomas, Wilkinson, Williams.

GAME NOTES

TB Darrell Scott rushed for 1 yard on CU's first play of the year, the 48th time in the last 60 years that the Buffaloes called a rushing play to open the season ... **C Mike Iltis**, seeing his first career action, left the game midway through the first quarter with an ankle injury; his replacement, **Keenan Stevens**, had not played since 2007, when he saw the only snaps of his career (10) vs. Miami-Ohio ... **WR Scotty McKnight** extended his streak to 25 straight regular season games with at least one reception; the record is 27 by Charles E. Johnson (1991-93; does not include bowls). He also had his 10th career TD reception, the 13th player in CU history to catch at least 10 ... **TB Brian Lockridge's** 9-yard TD run in the third quarter was his second career score; it was his first trip to the end zone since a 43-yard run against Miami-Ohio on Sept. 22, 2007 ... CSU outgained CU by 265-63 in the first half, but the Buffs came out and reversed the trend in the third quarter (111-26); CU outscored the Rams 7-0 in the period—last year, opponents jumped the Buffs for a 103-55 edge in the quarter ... CSU was 3-of-4 on third down in the first quarter, then went 0-of-10 the rest of the game (though it snuck in a fourth down conversion along the way) ... Colorado is 0-of-9 on onside kicks after trying one after its last score, last recovering one versus Nebraska on Nov. 26, 1999 ... This was CSU's first win in Boulder since dealing CU a 23-7 setback on the exact same date in the '86 opener ... The 12-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Scotty McKnight on 4th-and-5 in the second quarter was CU's 12th consecutive conversion on fourth down dating back to the last five games of 2008; CU made its final 11 tries last year in finishing 18-of-25 for the season (the streak ended in the third quarter when Demetrius Sumler was stopped for no gain on a 4th-and-1).



TOLEDO 54 COLORADO 38

September 11 (Glass Bowl; Toledo, Ohio)

GAME # **2**

TOLEDO, Ohio—Toledo started fast, which is what Colorado intended to do. But by the time the Buffaloes got untracked, their skirmish with the Rockets nearly was over. CU trailed 23-3 at halftime and 37-24 after three quarters before finally succumbing 54-38, dropping to 0-2 on the season in the process.

The long night — the game required 3:48 to complete — was a defensive coordinator's nightmare. The teams combined for 1,075 yards and 92 points (the most ever scored at Toledo's Glass Bowl) in front of 20,082.

Cody Hawkins was knocked woozy at the goal line while scoring the Buffs' final touchdown, a 12-yard run with 1:53 to play. He threw for 356 yards and four touchdowns, but was forced to throw a school record 64 passes (30 completions) and was intercepted three times.

Toledo quarterback Aaron Opelt accounted for 428 yards in total offense (319 passing, 109 rushing), and threw for four touchdowns and ran for two more. He directed the Rocket offense to 624 yards of total offense, 305 of it on the ground. The Rockets had two 100-yard rushers in Opelt (who topped the century mark on just eight carries) and DaJuane Collins (20-160).

Building a 30-3 lead early in the third quarter, the Rockets scored on five of their first six possessions, burning the Buffs deep in what looked like a little déjà vu of five days earlier against Colorado State at Folsom Field. Toledo drove 62 yards in six plays to take a 27-point lead before the Buffs finally answered a Toledo score. Hawkins engineered a six-play, 66-yard march, capped by a 4-yard toss to Scotty McKnight, making the score 30-10.

Opelt & Co. retaliated with a quick 77-yard march, Opelt hitting tight end Tom Burzine with a 23-yard scoring pass. The Buffs finally got a spurt, scoring twice in 20 seconds to pull within 37-24.

After Hawkins hit Jason Espinoza in the end zone to cap 13-play, 60-yard march, Travis Sandersfeld forced a fumble that Jimmy Smith recovered on the ensuing kickoff and then Hawkins hit tight end Riar Geer two plays later to pull CU with two scores. The quarter ended with Toledo facing a 3rd-and-6 from its own 39, and a CU stop might have completely swung momentum to the Buffalo sideline.

But Opelt found a gap on a quarterback sneak and raced 61 yards up the gut to put the Rockets back up by 20 on the first play of the fourth quarter, deflating CU's comeback attempt, and they still weren't satisfied. Collins' 23-yard run with 8:41 to play shot the Rockets ahead 51-24, and Alex Steigerwald added a 43-yard field for a 30 point (54-24) lead with just over 4 minutes remaining.

The Buffs scored twice in the final 2:56, with Hawkins finding Pat Devenny for an 18-yard score. After CU recovered the onside kick, Hawkins scored but was almost knocked out by an illegal hit. Toledo recovered the next onside attempt and ran the clock out.

CU's lone real bright spot in the opening half was Darrell Scott, who carried 12 times for 85 yards. He didn't have a second-half carry as the Buffs shifted to catch-up mode once again through the air. CU ran 18 times in the first half, just twice in the second, Hawkins' TD run and a run on a fake punt by Matt DiLallo. The other "attempts" included two sacks and a muffed center exchange. Aric Goodman accounted for the only score in the opening half, a 32-yard field goal early in the second quarter, though he would miss a 47-yard attempt wide right two series later.

Several records fell for the Buffs, including Scott's 204 yards on eight kickoff returns, breaking Josh Smith's record of 193 yards set just last November at Nebraska. Hawkins set or tied career highs in attempts, yardage, completions, touchdowns and interceptions. McKnight (11 receptions, 114 yards) and Espinoza (eight receptions, 109 yards) both hit the 100-yard receiving mark, becoming 12th pair to accomplish the feat at CU.

COLORADO.....	0	3	21	14	—	38
Toledo.....	13	10	14	17	—	54

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Toledo — Noble 8 pass from Opelt (pass failed)	0-6	7:18	1Q
Toledo — Page 70 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick)	0-13	3:00	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 32 FG	3-13	13:31	2Q
Toledo — Steigerwald 50 FG	3-16	9:59	2Q
Toledo — Opelt 27 run (Steigerwald kick)	3-23	0:36	2Q
Toledo — Stafford 26 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick)	3-30	12:36	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 4 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	10-30	7:26	3Q
Toledo — Burzine 23 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick)	10-37	4:51	3Q
COLORADO — Espinoza 5 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	17-37	1:43	3Q
COLORADO — Geer 4 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	24-37	1:23	3Q
Toledo — Opelt 27 run (Steigerwald kick)	24-44	14:10	4Q
Toledo — Collins 23 run (Steigerwald kick)	24-51	8:41	4Q
Toledo — Steigerwald 43 FG	24-54	4:01	4Q
COLORADO — Devenny 18 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	31-54	2:56	4Q
COLORADO — Hawkins 12 run (Goodman kick)	38-54	1:53	4Q

Attendance: 20,082 Time: 3:48

Weather: 63 degrees, clear skies, calm winds

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	TOLEDO
First Downs	25	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	7-16 (2-3)	7-15 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	23-95	43-305
Passing Yards	356	319
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	64-30-3	23-15-0
Total Offense	451	624
Return Yards	15	4
Punts: No-Average	3-33.3	3-31.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-1	2-2
Penalties/Yards	9/100	12/104
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-1	3-23
Time of Possession	29:08	30:52
Drives/Average Field Position	16/C41	14/T31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	6-6 (38)	1-1 (6)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Scott 12-85, Sumler 4-20, DiLallo 1-9, Moyd 1-2, C.Hawkins 5-minus 21. Toledo: Collins 20-160, Opelt 8-109, Thomas 6-21, Pasquale 6-18, Team 3-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 64-30-3, 356, 4 td. Toledo: Opelt 23-15-0, 319, 4 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 11-114, Espinoza 8-109, Geer 3-28, Sumler 3-4, Wright 1-42, Deehan 1-34, Devenny 1-18, Ebner 1-6, Scott 1-1. Toledo: Noble 5-56, Stafford 4-88, Page 3-138, Burzine 1-23, Bailey 1-8, Collins 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 3-33.3 (43 long, 2 In20). Toledo: Claus 1-40.0 (40 long, 0 In20, 2 blk), Team 2-27.5.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 1-15. Toledo: Collins 1-0. **Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Scott 8-204. Toledo: Bellinger 4-70, Collins 1-15, Team 1-0.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. Toledo: Church 1-4, Richmond 1-0, Westbrook 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 9,4—13; C.Brown 7,3—10; J.Smith 6,1—7; Mahnke 3,4—7; Perkins 3,4—7; Pericak 2,3—5; J.Brown 2,2—4; Ahles 1,3—4; Stengel 1,3—4; Burton 3,0—3; Burney 1,2—3; Cunningham 1,2—3; Rippey 0,3—3. Toledo: Swanson 7,1—8; Donald 5,3—8; Church 2,6—8; Brudzinski 3,3—6; Richmond 2,3—5; Robinson 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Burton 1-1. Toledo: Robinson 1-8, Summers 1-8, Johnson 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Smith 2, Mahnke, Perkins. Toledo: Church, Swanson, Veal.

GAME NOTES

The official start time was 9:07 p.m.; it turned out to be the second latest kick in school history (9:09, 1991 Blockbuster Bowl); the end time of 12:55 a.m. was the latest ending by a single minute (12:54 a.m., '91 Blockbuster Bowl vs. Alabama) ... At 3:48, it tied for the fifth longest game in CU history (fourth regulation) ... Colorado is now 1-2 in regular season Friday night games played in its history; the other two occurred in 1964 (lost 21-0 at USC) and 1975 (won 23-10 at Miami-Fla.) ... It was just the third game CU ever played in the state of Ohio (1-2) ... CU is also now 7-20 all-time in games played in the Eastern Time Zone, now dropping seven straight; the last win was at Michigan in 1994 (yes, "The Catch") CU is now 5-3 on September 11 and 17-6-1 on the road at non-BCS schools since it joined the Big Seven (nee: Big 8, Big 12) for the 1948 season ... This was the second most points (38) that CU has scored in losing a game (to an 82-42 loss to Oklahoma on Oct. 4, 1980) ... McKnight caught a pass for the 26th straight game, one shy of the school record ... CU had been 0-for-9 on on-side kick tries before Jeff Smart recovering one in the fourth quarter; the last successful attempt came against Nebraska in Boulder on Nov. 26, 1999 ... This was just CU's third loss (26-3) when its average field position is its own 40 or better since 1989 (CU 41).



COLORADO 24 WYOMING 0

September 19 (Folsom Field, Boulder)

GAME # **3**

BOULDER—The Colorado Buffaloes, apparently feeling comfortable in their silver and gold throwback uniforms, shutout the Wyoming Cowboys 24-0 and got into the win column for the first time in 2009 before 50,535 at Folsom Field. The shutout was CU's first since a 42-0 win over Miami (Ohio) here two seasons ago.

A week after a disheartening 54-38 loss at Toledo, the defensive staff drastically reduced the number of calls to be used against the Cowboys (1-2). Less was more for the Buffs, who did not come close to yielding the number of "explosion plays" that devastated them in their previous two games. Of its 71 plays, Wyoming had only five that gained 10 or more yards. And when it reached midfield and beyond, they were contained: the Cowboys ran 24 plays in "plus" territory, gaining just 39 yards.

Sophomore tailback Rodney "Speedy" Stewart led a CU ground game that finally found itself. He rushed 32 times for 127 yards and two touchdowns in a running game that netted 151 yards (187 before sack yardage).

CU won for the 12th time in 13 meetings with its neighbor to the north and now lead the series 24-2-1.

For the first time in three games, the Buffs took a lead and managed to hold it to halftime. Newsworthy? Consider CU was outscored 43-6 in the first halves of Games 1-2.

But in Game 3, something clicked: the Buffs led 17-0 at intermission, outgaining the Cowboys 206-61 in total offense and 13-3 in first downs. CU finished with 326 yards of total offense to Wyoming's 230, and of that total, only 76 were on the ground.

To open the game, CU drove 69 yards in six plays, with receiver Scotty McKnight credited for a 2-yard rushing touchdown when he picked up Demetrius Sumler's fumble and stepped into the end zone. Not a pretty way to end a drive, but effective nonetheless.

Aric Goodman's PAT put the Buffs in front 7-0 and they had established early momentum. It temporarily faded on their next series, though, when the center snap from shotgun formation sailed over quarterback Cody Hawkins' head.

Wyoming linebacker Brian Hendricks recovered at the CU 18-yard line, but the Cowboys couldn't capitalize when kicker Austin McCoy was wide right with a 35-yard field goal attempt, enabling the Buffs to maintain a 7-0 advantage that held up through the first quarter.

Four plays into the second quarter, CU increased its lead to 10-0, marching 51 yards in 12 plays after a Wyoming fake punt backfired.

McCoy, who also punts, was stopped for a 5-yard gain on fourth-and-eight, giving CU possession at its 46-yard line. The big play: Cody Hawkins converted a third-and-19 with a 28-yard completion to McKnight, and six plays later - with 13:35 left in the second quarter - Goodman hit a 20-yard field goal to push the Buffs in front 10-0.

CU then struck again - and fast. Two plays after Goodman's kick defensive back Jalil Brown recovered Darius Terry's fumble at the Wyoming 27, setting up a 2-yard plunge by Stewart. Benjamin Burney flew into Terry to force the fumble.

CU's defense seemed intent on protecting its shutout in the second half. While the Buffs were forced to punt the first two possessions of the third quarter, the defense held strong.

On CU's third possession of the third quarter, Cody Hawkins (17-of-31, 175 yards) directed a 13-play, 76-yard drive that consumed 6:45 of the period.

To cap it, Stewart ran for his second touchdown, this one from 11 yards and the Buffs were cruising, 24-0. The quarter ended that way, and the game would, too. Wyoming blew an early fourth-quarter chance to get on the scoreboard when McCoy was wide left on a 35-yard field goal attempt.

Wyoming.....	0	0	0	0	—	0
COLORADO.....	7	10	7	0	—	24

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — McKnight 2 run/fumble advance (Goodman kick)	7-0	13:30	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 20 FG	10-0	13:35	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 2 run (Goodman kick)	17-0	11:40	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 11 run (Goodman kick)	24-0	1:17	3Q

Attendance: 50,535 **Time:** 3:02 **Weather:** 72 degrees, mostly sunny skies, winds from the east at 7 mph

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	WYOMING
First Downs	21	13
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	7-16 (0-2)	4-18 (0-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	45-151	35-76
Passing Yards	175	154
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	31-17-0	36-15-0
Total Offense	326	230
Return Yards	5	25
Punts: No-Average	6-47.7	9-39.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	3-1
Penalties/Yards	10/86	8/86
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	4-19	1-6
Time of Possession	35:08	24:52
Drives/Average Field Position	15/C31	14/W31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	4-4 (24)	0-2 (0)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 32-127, Sumler 8-37, Lockridge 2-12, McKnight 0-2, Hawkins 1-minus 6, Team 2-minus 21. **Wyoming:** Carta-Samuels 9-36, Alexander 6-22, Stewart 7-17, Benjamin 6-6, McCoy 1-5, Caraway 1-1, Bolger 1-minus 2, Terry 3-minus 3, Sween 1-minus 6.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 31-17-0, 175, 0 td. **Wyoming:** Carta-Samuels 24-11-0, 125, 0 td; Sween 8-3-0, 27, 0 td; Benjamin 4-1-0, 2.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 5-77, Geer 4-26, Espinoza 3-18, Lockridge 1-17, Sumler 1-16, Jefferson 1-9, J.Behrens 1-7, Stewart 1-5. **Wyoming:** Leonard 6-49, Arnold 2-29, Bolger 2-15, McNeill 2-11, Morgan 1-37, Bolling 1-7, Stewart 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-47.7 (57 long, 1 In20). **Wyoming:** McCoy 9-39.0 (51 long, 3 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 2-5. **Wyoming:** Leonard 3-25. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lockridge 1-26. **Wyoming:** M.Gipson 3-56, Browder 1-3.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Wyoming:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: C.Brown 5,3—8; Herrod 4,3—7; Smart 2,5—7; J.Brown 4,1—5; J.Smith 4,1—5; Burney 3,2—5; Burton 3,2—5; Beatty 4,0—4; Mahnke 2,2—4; Mohler 2,2—4; Shields 3,0—3; Major 2,1—3. **Wyoming:** Hendricks 10,8—18; Gary 11,4—15; T.Gipson 9,1—10; Knapton 7,3—10; Johnson 4,4—8; Proinski 3,4—7; Givens 3,3—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Beatty 2-12, Rippy 1-6, Herrod 1-1. **Wyoming:** Fletcher 1-6.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Smart 2, Beatty, J.Brown, Burney, Burton, J.Smith, West. **Wyoming:** none.

GAME NOTES

WR Markques Simas finally saw his first action today, and started the game as well ... In addition to Simas seeing his first action, **ILB Jon Major** saw his first action on defense (he saw some special teams duty at Toledo), **ILB Guy Sergeant** his first taste of college play on special teams and **OG David Clark** his first on the final play of the game ... **TB Darrell Scott** dressed but did not play due to a bruised knee that was aggravated in pregame ... There were nine possessions in the first quarter ... Wyoming did not get its first first down until 11:14 remained in the second quarter (five consecutive three-and-outs preceded it) ... The last time CU held the opponent scoreless in the first half was on Nov. 10, 2007 when the Buffs led 21-0 at Iowa State (16 games) ... CU's last shutout was almost two years ago to the day, on Sept. 22, 2007 versus Miami-Ohio in Boulder (42-0; it was CU's most decisive win since that same game) ... Colorado allowed just 61 yards in the first half, and Wyoming netted zero yards on seven plays run in plus territory (50 on in) ... Wyoming ran 31 plays before posting its first play in double digits, a 19-yard run by Carta-Samuels in the third quarter (and its first 20-yard plus play came on play No. 42)... **WR Will Jefferson** made his first career reception (3rd Qtr) ... Colorado is now 12-of-12 in the red zone in 2009 (10 TDs) ... Colorado allowed 624 yards on defense in the previous loss at Toledo; Wyoming gained 230, or 394 yards less, the sixth biggest improvement from one game to the next in CU history.



WEST VIRGINIA 35 COLORADO 24

October 1 (Mountaineer Field; Morgantown, W.Va.)

GAME #
4

COLORADO.....	7	3	7	7	—	24
West Virginia.....	7	7	7	14	—	35

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. —The West Virginia Mountaineers outran, outscored and ultimately outlasted the Colorado Buffaloes, 35-24, in Milan Puskar Stadium here on a Thursday night ESPN contest, dropping the Buffs to 1-3 on the season.

Aric Goodman, the hero of the Buffs' 17-14 overtime win last season in Boulder, missed a 40-yard attempt on the game's opening possession and then the Mountaineers answered with no hesitation.

WVU running back Noel Devine, on his team's second offensive play, transformed a routine off-tackle play into a 77-yard scoring run, putting the Mountaineers up 7-0 early. On the other side of the ball, CU's Rodney Stewart apparently likes running against the Mountaineers' 3-3-5 stack defense. Last season in what amounted to his coming out party, he ran for 166 yards and he followed that this season by carrying 21 times for 105 yards and CU's first touchdown on a 36-yard run, the longest of his career, tying the game at 7-7.

After that score and an exchange of punts, CU forced the game's first turnover. Outside linebacker B.J. Beatty tackled and stripped West Virginia quarterback Jarrett Brown, then recovered the fumble at the West Virginia 34-yard line.

The Buffs advanced six yards further, and on fourth down, Goodman missed his second field goal of the night - this a 45-yard attempt clanking off the left upright.

West Virginia appeared ready to capitalize, with Jarrett Brown marching the Mountaineers as far as the Buffs 15-yard line. But after a first-down completion there, receiver Brad Starks fumbled and CU nickel back Jalil Brown recovered, enabling the Buffs to escape the first quarter with the 7-all tie.

Colorado was unable to take advantage of West Virginia's third turnover of the first half, this one a fumble that linebacker Jeff Smart covered. The last of the Mountaineers' first-half fumbles nullified an interception by linebacker J.T. Thomas, who picked off a Cody Hawkins' pass but fumbled it away to Scotty McKnight.

That takeaway did lead to CU points as the Buffs completed a 10-play, 32-yard march capped by a Goodman 39-yard field goal to give CU a 10-7 lead.

The Mountaineers answered with a first-down hand off to Devine, who sprinted 56 yards to the CU 24. Four plays later, Jarrett Brown and Jock Sanders teamed for a 6-yard scoring pass and a 14-10 halftime lead.

West Virginia then opened the second half with a score on a 48-yard catch-and-run by Starks to give the Mountaineers a 21-10 cushion. The Buffs quickly responded with Cody Hawkins' 29-yard scoring pass to McKnight on fourth-and-seven as CU crept within 21-17 with 10:02 remaining in the third.

CU's defense held strong but CU botched the ensuing series, being penalized twice before Mountaineer safety Robert Sands intercepted Cody Hawkins on the West Virginia 37. Neither team threatened for the remainder of the third.

The Mountaineers opened the fourth quarter by using Devine. In a 14-play, 69-yard scoring drive, he carried nine times for 50 yards, leaving the final step into the end zone for redshirt freshman Ryan Clarke as the Mountaineers open an 11-point advantage (28-17), and with 9:17 to play.

When CU failed to convert on fourth down at its 15-yard line, Clarke scored his second touchdown two plays later with 2:00 to play to send the Mountaineers safely up 35-17.

The Buffs got their final points on a 20-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Marques Simas, whose grab in the end zone with :03 left was his second career reception. Hawkins finished 27-of-52 for 292 yards and two touchdowns. McKnight led CU's receivers catching nine passes for 98 yards.

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
West Virginia — Devine 77 run (Bitancourt kick)	0-7	10:27	1Q
COLORADO — Stewart 36 run (Goodman kick)	7-7	8:36	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 39 FG	10-7	3:51	2Q
West Virginia — Sanders 6 pass from Brown (Bitancourt kick)	10-14	1:21	2Q
West Virginia — Starks 48 pass from Brown (Bitancourt kick)	10-21	13:05	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 29 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	17-21	10:02	3Q
West Virginia — Clarke 1 run (Bitancourt kick)	17-28	9:17	4Q
West Virginia — Clarke 8 run (Bitancourt kick)	17-35	2:00	4Q
COLORADO — Simas 20 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	24-35	0:03	4Q

Attendance: 60,055 Time: 3:17 Weather: 56 degrees, clear skies, winds calm

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	WEST VA.
First Downs	21	19
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	10-21 (2-3)	4-9 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	30-100	42-257
Passing Yards	292	148
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	54-27-3	19-12-0
Total Offense	392	405
Return Yards	12	42
Punts: No-Average	3-31.0	4-48.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	5-4
Penalties/Yards	5/29	5/43
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	3-43	2-19
Time of Possession	32:44	27:16
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C34	14/W37
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	0-0 (0)	3-3 (21)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 21-105, Sumler 1-7, Scott 4-5, Lockridge 2-2, Hawkins 2-minus 19. **West Virginia:** Devine 22-220, Clarke 5-22, Sanders 3-21, Rodgers 1-4, Austin 1-4, Starks 1-minus 5, Brown 8-minus 7, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 52-27-3, 292, 2 td; Team 2-0-0, 0. **West Virginia:** Brown 19-12-0, 148, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 9-98, Geer 7-89, Devenny 4-57, Simas 2-23, Sumler 2-19, Stewart 2-minus 1, J.Behrens 1-7. **West Virginia:** Starks 3-68, Sanders 3-18, Arnett 2-28, Austin 1-9, Clarke 1-9, Urban 1-9, Devine 1-7.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 3-31.0 (36 long, 0 In20). **West Virginia:** Kozlowski 4-48.0 (56 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 4-12. **West Virginia:** Sanders 1-12. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lockridge 6-153. **West Virginia:** Rodgers 3-48, Austin 1-19.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **West Virginia:** Glover 1-20, Thomas 1-10, Hogan 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 9,1—10; Perkins 6,1—7; J.Brown 5,1—6; Cunningham 3,3—6; C.Brown 4,1—5; Beatty 4,0—4; Burney 3,1—4; Burton 2,2—4; Major 2,0—2; Pericak 1,1—2. **West Virginia:** Williams 3,6—9; Lazear 4,4—8; Sands 3,5—8; Hogan 3,4—7; Neild 2,4—6; Tandy 2,4—6; Thomas 2,4—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: C.Brown 2-31, Burton 1-12. **West Virginia:** Miller 1-10, Goulbourne 1-9.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown, J.Smith. **West Virginia:** Williams 3, Hogan 2, Goulbourne, Miller.

GAME NOTES

Colorado remained perfect in the red zone in 2009 (12-of-12), as the Buffs didn't have a chance in the game (all four scores from outside the zone—36, 29 and 20 yard touchdowns and the 39-yard field goal) ... West Virginia improved to 11-3 since losing in Boulder last year, while CU was 3-10 since that game ... Noel Devine (20-220) is the first player to rush for over 200 yards against CU since North Texas' Jamario Thomas rushed for 247 in Boulder on Sept. 18, 2004 ... **WR Marques Simas** made his first career reception and also had his first career TD, the latter the 20-yard catch with :03 remaining ...

QB Cody Hawkins moved into third place all-time at Colorado in passing yards with 5,630; he vaulted Koy Detmer (5,390, 1992-96) in the game; he also pulled to within one of both the career touchdown (44) and interception (33) records at CU ... Colorado had 10 penalties last time against Wyoming, but cut that in half tonight to five, not committing one until 7:55 remained in the third quarter ... 12 of CU's 21 first downs were earned on third (10) and fourth (2) down ... CU ran 84 plays tonight and 84 last month at Toledo; that makes 18 games this decade (out of 127) that CU has run 80 or more plays; the most in a single season was four in 2001 ... Each team scored in every quarter in the game.



TEXAS 38 COLORADO 14

October 10 (Memorial Stadium; Austin, Texas)

GAME #
5

COLORADO.....	7	7	0	0	—	14
Texas.....	3	7	14	14	—	38

AUSTIN, Texas—Rallying behind a pair of special teams' touchdowns and another on defense, the No. 2 Texas Longhorns closed the game with 35 unanswered points and thwarted Colorado's upset bid in defeating the Buffaloes, 38-14.

The Buffs held a 14-3 lead with under a minute left in the first half, but gave up a late touchdown to Longhorn wide receiver Jordan Shipley to close the gap before the break. The Buffs then gave up three touchdowns without its defense on the field and a late one with it in the second half for the final score.

CU pulled sophomore quarterback Tyler Hansen's redshirt for the second consecutive season. Hansen entered the game with 14:13 remaining after Cody Hawkins threw interceptions on back-to-back possessions in the third quarter.

The Buffs dropped their Big 12 Conference opener and slipped to 1-4 overall. The Longhorns improved to 5-0 and 2-0.

The Buffs appeared to be in position to take a third-quarter lead or at least tie the game at 17 when safety Earl Thomas stepped in front of a Cody Hawkins' pass at the Longhorns 8-yard line and ran 92 yards for the game-turning touchdown. The game's turning point was the Longhorns' second-longest interception return in history and the fifth longest by a CU opponent. Instead, Texas cruised in front 24-14, and what appeared to be a monumental upset in the making instead shifted towards a routine rout, at least on the scoreboard.

The Buffs momentarily silenced the Longhorns by driving 66 yards on the game's opening possession and taking a 7-0 lead. On the drive's eighth play, Cody Hawkins hit tight end Patrick Devenny with a 25-yard touchdown pass, and Aric Goodman's PAT put CU in front by seven early.

Texas pulled to 7-3 on a 32-yard Hunter Lawrence field goal, but the Buffs blocked a 29-yard Lawrence attempt two series later that would have made it a one-point game.

The Buffs defense provided the half's biggest play with linebacker Marcus Burton sacking and forcing McCoy to fumble at his own 6-yard line with cornerback Jimmy Smith recovering.

After a false start penalty on first down (one of a school record 20 by the Buffs), Cody Hawkins flipped an 11-yard scoring pass to Riar Geer, shooting the Buffs ahead 14-3 and silencing 101,152 at Darrell K Royal-Memorial Stadium.

Cody Hawkins' pair of first-half scoring passes gave him the CU career record (45), surpassing Joel Klatt (2002-05), but his two interceptions gave him that career mark as well (34).

McCoy wasn't finished in the first half and he needed only 2:00 of the 2:46 left before intermission to make it a 14-10 game. His 39-yard touchdown pass to Shipley capped a 78-yard drive and pulled Texas to within four points at intermission.

With momentum on its side, the Buffs were up to forcing a three-and-out on the first drive of the second half and proceeded to keep one of the nation's top offensive teams in check the rest of the game.

But Texas special teams stepped up to the plate. The Longhorns overwhelmed the Buffs on a middle rush, with Marquise Goodwin blocking Matt DiLallo's punt and Ben Wells taking the ball three yards for Texas' first advantage of the night, 17-14, with 8:49 left in the third.

Thomas' interception came just under four minutes later and after Shipley returned a punt 74 yards with 12:29 to play, the Longhorns had opened up a 31-14 lead. Fozzy Whitaker ran 12 yards to send the Horns ahead 38-14 with 6:12 to play to cap the only Texas offensive scoring drive of the second half, the final points of the game.

SCORING

COLORADO — Devenny 25 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7-0	11:26	1Q
Texas — Lawrence 32 FG	7-3	5:28	1Q
COLORADO — Geer 11 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	14-3	2:51	2Q
Texas — Shipley 39 pass from McCoy (Lawrence kick)	14-10	0:46	2Q
Texas — Wells 3 blocked punt return (Lawrence kick)	14-17	8:49	3Q
Texas — Thomas 92 interception return (Lawrence kick)	14-24	4:55	3Q
Texas — Shipley 74 punt return (Lawrence kick)	14-31	12:29	4Q
Texas — Whittaker 12 run (Lawrence kick)	14-38	6:12	4Q

Attendance: 101,152 Time: 3:10 Weather: 59 degrees, cloudy skies, winds calm

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs	11	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	3-15 (1-1)	7-14 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	34-42	25-46
Passing Yards	85	267
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	23-9-2	40-33-1
Total Offense	127	313
Return Yards	50	205
Punts: No-Average	9-34.6	4-28.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	20/140	8/93
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-12	3-29
Time of Possession	31:31	28:29
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C42	11/T23
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (14)	2-3 (10)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 21-40, Sumler 4-20, Scott 3-2, Hawkins 1-minus 5, Hansen 5-minus 15. **Texas:** Johnson 9-20, McGee 7-14, Whittaker 1-12, Chiles 2-3, McCoy 6-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 18-6-2, 68, 2 td; Hansen 5-3-0, 17, 0 td. **Texas:** McCoy 39-32-1, 265, 1 td; Gilbert 1-1-0, 2, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Simas 2-13, Devenny 1-25, J.Behrens 1-14, McKnight 1-12, Geer 1-11, Deehan 1-5, Sumler 1-4, Scott 1-1. **Texas:** Shipley 11-147, Buckner 6-39, Chiles 5-21, McGee 4-23, Kirkendoll 3-25, Whittaker 2-3, Goodwin 1-7, Hales 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 8-38.9 (47 long, 3 In20, 1 blk), Team 1-0. **Texas:** Tucker 4-28.8 (45 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 2-16. **Texas:** Shipley 3-88, Goodwin 1-22, Wells 0-3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Scott 3-93, Lockridge 1-34, Sumler 1-15, Burton 1-14, J.Behrens 1-13. **Texas:** Shipley 2-38.

Interceptions—Colorado: J.Brown 1-minus 2. **Texas:** Thomas 1-92, Gideon 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 6.5—11; Perkins 5.4—9; Burney 5.3—8; C.Brown 1.7—8; J.Brown 4.3—7; J.Smith 6.0—6; Sipili 5.1—6; Mohler 4.2—6; Burton 5.0—5; Herrod 3.1—4; Cunningham 2.2—4; West 3.0—3; Polk 2.1—3. **Texas:** Muckelroy 7.4—11; Kindle 5.1—6; E.Acho 5.0—5; S.Acho 5.0—5; Alexander 3.2—5; Thomas 2.2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Herrod 1-7, Burton 1-5. **Texas:** S.Acho 2-14, Muckelroy 1-15.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Smart, J.Smith. **Texas:** Muckelroy 2, Brown, Houston.

GAME NOTES

This was just CU's second Saturday game in 2009 (1-1) ... The 59 degrees at kickoff was the lowest-ever for a CU-UT game in Austin (previous temps had been 84, 87, 79, 85, 79, 79 and 85); it was 65 degrees in Boulder for last year's game ... The **38-14** final score matched last year's final; the last time CU had two straight games with the same final score against the same opponent was in 1946-47, when it lost back-to-back games to Missouri by 21-0 scores ... CU is now **12-16** all-time in games played in the state of Texas ... In 14 Big 12 Conference openers, the Buffs are now **7-7** ... The second quarter field goal block by **OG Ryan Miller** was the first blocked field goal by the Buffaloes since Sept. 10, 2005, when **DE James Garee** blocked one in Boulder against New Mexico State ... **QB Tyler Hansen** was under consideration for a redshirt year, but he saw his first action this year on CU's first drive of the fourth quarter. Hansen finished the game directing three drives (14 plays, 9 yards); **Cody Hawkins** directed for 43 plays for 118 yards ... Colorado held Texas to a season-low **313** yards on offense (just 98 in the second half), the second lowest output by a Buff opponent this fall ... The Longhorns had a healthy **205-50** yard edge in return yards ... Colorado led 14-10 at halftime, its first intermission lead over Texas since the '01 Big 12 title game (when the Buffs were up 29-17). Since that game, UT has owned halftime leads of 14-7, 35-10, 42-3 and 21-0 (or a combined 112-20 in the four games).



COLORADO 34 KANSAS 30

October 17 (Folsom Field, Boulder)

GAME # **6**

Kansas	3	7	13	7	—	30
COLORADO.....	0	24	3	7	—	34

BOULDER—Colorado's Cha'pelle Brown batted down a Todd Reesing pass in the end zone on the game's final play, preserving a 34-30 CU victory over previously unbeaten No. 17 Kansas, the 11th ranked, undefeated team since 1989 to visit Folsom Field and leave with its first loss.

The Buffs (2-4, 1-1 Big 12) snapped a two-game losing streak and won their first Big 12 game of the season. CU's defense held KU (5-1, 1-1) to minus-8 yards rushing, but surrendered 431 passing yards with Reesing doing the majority of the work (30-of-51, 401 yards, two touchdowns). KU took a 3-0 lead into the second quarter as both offenses struggled early, going three-and-out on each of their first two possessions.

CU got untracked under quarterback Tyler Hansen, making his first start of the season, near the end of the first quarter. He fashioned a 45-yard drive, and on the first play of the second quarter, CU's Aric Goodman, kicking despite an abdominal strain, hit a 45-yarder to tie the score.

On KU's second play of the next drive, the scrambling Reesing had the football knocked from his grasp when he ran into offensive tackle Jeff Spikes and Will Pericak recovered at the Jayhawks' 3-yard line. One play later, Stewart scored, giving CU a 10-3 lead with two scores just 29 seconds into the second quarter.

Hansen then began to roll, directing an 8-play, 79-yard drive. There were three big plays on that drive: a 20-yard scramble by Hansen, a 36-yard Hansen to Markques Simas completion, and a 12-yard scoring pass from Hansen to tight end Riar Geer.

Hansen then made his first mistake of the night, throwing an interception to safety Darrell Stuckey, but Jalil Brown had his QB's back, picking off Reesing and returning it 35 yards to the KU 1-yard line. Two plays later, Hansen went over right tackle for the touchdown, his first career score and CU led 24-3 with 2:24 before intermission.

That was more than enough time for Reesing to execute a textbook 2-minute drill. In an 11-play, 80-yard march, he hit Kerry Meier on a 4-yard TD pass with 11 seconds left in the half.

CU took the second-half kickoff, positioned Goodman for a 39-yard field goal and increased its lead to 27-10. Kansas then went to work as Reesing directed his offense on another 80-yard drive, capped Toben Oporum's 2-yard dive to pull within 27-17.

After another CU turnover, this time a Rodney Stewart fumble, CU's defense held Kansas to a field goal and CU's lead was down to a touchdown at 27-20. In a bit of déjà-vu, Hansen fumbled the ball away and again CU's defense held Kansas to another field goal, as KU continued to chip away at the lead, now at 27-23 as the third quarter came to a close.

Following a CU punt, Reesing capped a 58-yard drive with a 25-yard TD pass to Briscoe, giving KU a 30-27 lead.

Giving up the lead is perhaps what the Buffs needed to get their offense back into gear, and Hansen directed a 10-play, 76-yard march and the Buffs reclaimed the lead, 34-30, on a 13-yard Stewart run. Stewart was first hit at the 7-yardline and bulled his way to pay dirt. Hansen hit Geer for 29 yards on 3rd-and-15 earlier in the drive.

But 8:36 remained for Reesing, who converted a third-and-29 with a 41-yard pass to Briscoe. On fourth-and-goal from the 6-yard line, Reesing's pass for Briscoe was broken up in the end zone by Jimmy Smith.

CU was unable to run the clock out and KU took over with 59 seconds left. Reesing pushed his team to the Buffs 19-yard line, where after he spiked the ball to stop the clock, Jalil Brown batted away one pass and then Cha'pelle Brown batted the ball away from Dezmon Briscoe in the end zone as time expired.

SCORING

Kansas — Branstetter 37 FG	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Goodman 45 FG	0-3	6:01	1Q
COLORADO — Stewart 3 run (Goodman kick)	3-3	14:55	2Q
COLORADO — Geer 12 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	10-3	14:31	2Q
COLORADO — Hansen 1 run (Goodman kick)	17-3	6:57	2Q
Kansas — Meier 4 pass from Reesing (Branstetter kick)	24-3	2:24	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 39 FG	24-10	0:11	2Q
Kansas — Oporum 2 run (Branstetter kick)	27-10	10:36	3Q
Kansas — Branstetter 43 FG	27-17	7:24	3Q
Kansas — Branstetter 42 FG	27-20	3:55	3Q
Kansas — Briscoe 25 pass from Reesing (Branstetter kick)	27-23	1:15	3Q
COLORADO — Stewart 13 run (Goodman kick)	27-30	13:02	4Q
	34-30	8:36	4Q

Attendance: 51,146 Time: 3:36

Weather: 68 degrees, clear skies, winds from the southeast at 6 mph

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs	21	23
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	8-15 (0-0)	5-17 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	43-147	22-(-8)
Passing Yards	175	431
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	25-14-1	54-32-1
Total Offense	322	423
Return Yards	40	0
Punts: No-Average	4-35.5	4-44.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	3-1
Penalties/Yards	8/60	7/55
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	5-50	3-30
Time of Possession	31:41	28:19
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C34	11/K33
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	5-5 (31)	4-6 (20)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 24-108, Hansen 11-34, Sumler 2-3, Scott 3-2, Lockridge 2-1, Team 1-minus 1. **Kansas:** Sharp 13-29, Oporum 2-3, Reesing 7-minus 40.

Passing—Colorado: Hansen 25-14-1, 175, 1 td. **Kansas:** Reesing 51-30-1, 401, 2 td; Rojas 1-1-0, 16; Meier 1-1-0, 14; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 5-33, Geer 4-65, Simas 3-47, Scott 1-19, Jefferson 1-11. **Kansas:** Meier 11-103, Briscoe 8-154, Wilson 6-65, Sharp 3-44, Biere 2-23, McDougald 1-28, Reesing 1-14.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-35.5 (41 long, 0 In20). **Kansas:** Rojas 4-44.2 (51 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 3-5. **Kansas:** Patterson 2-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Scott 5-129, Lockridge 1-29. **Kansas:** Briscoe 2-41.

Interceptions—Colorado: J.Brown 1-35. **Kansas:** Stuckey 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 6,2—8; C.Brown 7,0—7; J.Smith 5,1—6; J.Brown 4,2—6; Burney 3,2—5; Burton 2,3—5; Perkins 3,1—4; Beatty 2,0—2; Cunningham 2,0—2; Herrod 2,0—2; Polk, 2,0—2; West 1,1—2. **Kansas:** Dudley 12,5—17; Stuckey 10,2—12; Smith 8,0—8; Wright 3,3—6; Harris 5,0—5; Beshears 5,0—5; Patterson 4,0—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Herrod 2-14, Cunningham 1-14, Pericak 1-10, Team 1-12. **Kansas:** Wright 1-19, Wheeler 1-6, Laptad 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown 3, C.Brown, Burney, Cunningham, Mohler, J.Smith. **Kansas:** Foster, Harris, Stuckey.

GAME NOTES

With Kansas entering the game ranked No. 17 (Associated Press), since the start of the 1989 season, Colorado has now played the second most ranked teams in the nation (103), trailing only Florida (112) and equaled by Florida State ... CU is 43-58-2 in those games ... **WR Will Jefferson** made his first career start, the first true freshman to start for CU in 2009 ... The teams went "three-and-out" on the first four possessions; the game's initial first down came at the 8:19 mark of the first quarter ... Kansas netted only a first quarter field goal, extending the opponent streak to eight quarters at Folsom Field without a touchdown (CSU scored two first quarter TDs in the opener and KU got the next one late in the first half) ... **PK Aric Goodman's** 45-yard field goal to open the second quarter was his first career make as a Buffalo between 40-49 yards (he was 0-for-8, and 2-of-14 including his time at Wyoming); he did make a 54-yard kick against CSU and had a 52-yard boot when he was a Cowboy ... Colorado's **24-3** lead in the second quarter was its second largest of the year, behind only the 24-0 final score in the win over Wyoming; it also marks the largest margin KU has trailed in 2009 ... **WR Scotty McKnight** extended his regular season streak to 30 games with at least one reception ... CU was in danger of tying its record for losing its largest lead (21 points on two previous occasions, once to Kansas: in 1950, CU led 21-0 but lost 27-21; the other was in 2007 at Iowa State, losing 31-28 after leading 21-0) ... The **24** points scored by Colorado was its most in a single quarter since Aug. 30, 2003, when the Buffs scored 28 points in the second quarter of a 42-35 win over Colorado State in Denver.



KANSAS STATE 20 COLORADO 6

October 24 (Snyder Family Stadium; Manhattan, Kan.)

GAME # **7**

COLORADO.....	6	0	0	0	—	6
Kansas State	3	17	0	0	—	20

MANHATTAN, Kan.—Daniel Thomas rushed for 145 yards and a touchdown, leading the charge for Kansas State as the Wildcats defeated Colorado, 20-6, in an early battle for control of the Big 12 North.

CU looked good on offense early but then sputtered after the first possession, failing to capitalize in logging a successful sequel to the previous week's upset of then-No. 17 Kansas. At the end of this day, K-State stood atop the North with a 3-1 league record and 5-3 overall mark, while CU dropped to 2-5 overall and 1-2 in the Big 12.

All of the game's scoring was done in the first 29 minutes, with half of K-State's total resulting from two of CU's four turnovers. Defense wasn't the downfall; offensive inefficiency and a couple of special teams missteps doomed the Buffs. Poor field position also was a factor: for 12 possessions, the Buffs' averaging starting point was their 19-yard line, while the Wildcats averaged opening on their 47 on 14 drives. CU started nine drives at or inside its own 20 compared to one for KSU.

The Buffs didn't bring nearly enough juice or whatever else might be needed offensively. Although they fell behind 3-0, they answered.

The Wildcats allayed some of those fears by marching to a 3-0 lead on their first possession, with Josh Cherry's 25-yard field goal culminating the nine-play 61-yard drive. CU answered smartly and efficiently with a 13-play, 71-yard drive that would be their only offensive noise until a late fourth quarter drive that ended in an interception. Rodney Stewart's 2-yard dive into the end zone put CU on the board, but Aric Goodman's PAT slammed high into the right upright, and the Buffs' lead was only 6-3, their first and only one of the game.

K-State's last drive of the first quarter spilled into the second, with a pair of option plays directed by Grant Gregory gaining 33 yards and a 14-yard run by the junior quarterback accounting for the bulk of the 58-yard scoring march.

Thomas got the touchdown on a 3-yard run, and Cherry's PAT pushed the Wildcats in front 10-6.

Less than a minute later, Cherry was the beneficiary of a Tyler Hansen fumble on the center snap that was recovered by linebacker Ulla Pomele at the CU 13-yard line. Cherry's 27-yard field goal sent the Wildcats in front 13-6, and the first half appeared on the verge of deteriorating for the Buffs.

After an earlier ill-advised decision to field a punt at his own 4-yard line (he was buried there), returner Jason Espinoza lost his first bobble of the season at the Buffs' 20, where it was recovered by Corey Adams.

The CU defense looked as if it might hold, but on third-and-two and the 12, the Buffs jumped off sides, giving K-State an effortless first down. Two plays later, Gregory scored on his 5-yard run off right tackle. After Cherry's PAT, the Wildcats led 20-6 and any of K-State's lost early momentum had been recaptured. And, given the state of its offense, most of CU's comeback hopes were disappearing.

With 1:06 left in the half, CU changed quarterbacks, subbing in Cody Hawkins to run the 2-minute drill. That strategy netted one first down before ending with Hawkins being intercepted by Emmanuel Lamur eight seconds before half-time.

If CU had designs on a comeback, receiving the second half kickoff was a good place to start. Instead, the Buffs took a delay of game penalty on first down. The series, then the third quarter and then the fourth fizzled from there. Four of six second half possessions ended in "three plays and out" as the saying goes. The K-State defense did an exceptional job on first down, limiting the Buffs to 2.2 yards per try, and after the opening drive, the Buffs didn't run their next play in Wildcat territory until five minutes remained in the game.

SCORING

Kansas State — Cherry 25 FG	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Stewart 2 run (kick failed)	0-3	10:49	1Q
Kansas State — Thomas 4 run (Cherry kick)	6-3	5:39	1Q
Kansas State — Cherry 27 FG	6-10	13:19	2Q
Kansas State — Gregory 5 run (Cherry kick)	6-13	11:24	2Q
	6-20	1:11	2Q

Attendance: 42,019 Time: 3:06

Weather: 51 degrees, partly cloudy skies, winds from the southwest at 5 mph

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	KANSAS ST.
First Downs	15	14
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	5-16 (0-2)	2-11 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	31-60	42-204
Passing Yards	184	80
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	37-17-2	18-9-0
Total Offense	244	284
Return Yards	-3	10
Punts: No-Average	7-37.4	7-33.4
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties/Yards	8/69	9/69
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-17	4-32
Time of Possession	25:43	34:17
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C19	14/KS47
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-2 (6)	4-5 (20)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 16-49, DiLallo 1-8, Sumler 2-7, Hawkins 1-4, Hansen 11-minus 8. **Kansas State:** Thomas 20-145, Gregory 11-27, Valentine 6-21, Banks 2-15, Team 3-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 23-10-2, 95, 0 td; Hansen 14-7-0, 89, 0 td. **Kansas State:** Gregory 18-9-0, 80, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-61, Geer 3-42, Deehan 3-18, Simas 2-24, Stewart 1-17, Lockridge 1-13, Ebner 1-9. **Kansas State:** Banks 3-14, Snipes 2-33, Thomas 2-18, Mastrud 1-11, Wilson 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 7-37.4 (50 long, 0 In20). **Kansas State:** Doerr 4-38.5 (48 long, 2 In20); Fulhage 3-26.7 (39 long, 3 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 3-(-3). **Kansas State:** Banks 3-10. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lockridge 4-82. **Kansas State:** Banks 1-41, Valentine 1-30.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas State:** Lamur 2-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Polk 9,6—15; Smart 11,0—11; J.Smith 8,0—8; Burney 4,3—7; Ahles 3,4—7; Burton 4,1—5; Cunningham 3,1—4; Sipili 3,1—4; C.Brown 2,2—4; J.Brown 1,2—3; Bonus 2,0—2; Herrod 2,0—2. **Kansas State:** Pomele 5,2—7; Houlik 5,1—6; Moore 4,2—6; Hartman 5,0—5; Lamur 4,1—5; Rohleder 4,0—4; Butler 3,0—3; Fitzgerald 2,1—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Cunningham 1-11, Herrod 1-6. **Kansas State:** Fitzgerald 1½-6; Pomele 1-12; Brown ½-6, Moore ½-5, Berard ½-3.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Burney, Cunningham, Pericak. **Kansas State:** Butler 2, Harrison, Hartman, Moore, Thomas.

GAME NOTES

This was CU's 69th game in the state of Kansas, and the Buffs now own a record of **34-30-5**; the games and wins are the most in any state other than Colorado ... CU is now 1-2 for the sixth time in Big 12 play (but has never had an 0-3 start) ... **ILB Brandon Gouin** (kickoff return unit) and **TE Luke Walters** (FG/PAT unit) saw their first action as Buffs ... This was the ninth straight year the Buffs have played both Sunflower State schools back-to-back weeks: CU swept four encounters, the Kansas schools swept twice and there have been three splits ... Colorado ran the last eight plays of its first drive in plus territory and the last 10 of the game in the zone, but did not reach or cross the 50 in the 45 plays in-between ... Colorado is now **59-29-3** on artificial turf dating back to the 1989 season but is 0-4 on the fake stuff in 2009 ... **PK Aric Goodman** had made 26 straight PAT kicks prior to his first quarter miss ... The **6** points by CU was its fewest against Kansas State since a 38-6 loss in Manhattan in 1984 ... The last two games in the series have produced just 53 points (CU won 14-13 last year); that's the fewest over any two-game span in the series since 1965-66, when CU posted back to back shutouts (36-0 and 10-0) for 46 total points ... CU's 60 yards rushing was a low against the Wildcats since 1999, when the Buffs had 25 tries for 10 yards (as was its 244 yards of total offense; CU had 214 that year) ... It was the first time K-State held CU to zero touchdown passes since a 12-0 Buff win in Boulder in 1996 ... Field position was key in the game, with KSU starting 14 drives on average at its 47, while CU's 12 averaged to its 19; nine of the 12 were at or inside-the-20 (eight of the latter).



MISSOURI 36 COLORADO 17

October 31 (Folsom Field, Boulder)

GAME #
8

Missouri.....	21	12	0	3	—	36
COLORADO.....	0	3	14	0	—	17

BOULDER—Missouri endured a three-point second half but let its efficient early work in building a 33-0 first half lead at one point carry it to a 36-17 Big 12 Conference victory over Colorado at Folsom Field. It was the just the fourth “Halloween Homecoming” in CU history, the first ending in a loss for the hometown Buffaloes.

The defending North Division champion Tigers won their first conference game (1-3) and improved to 5-3 overall. With four games remaining, CU slumped to 1-3 in the league and 2-6 overall.

Colorado rallied gamely in the second half, despite how disastrous their opening act was, the Buffs still gave themselves a chance after intermission. But after getting back-to-back touchdowns (the first by the offense, the second by the defense) in the third quarter and cutting the Tigers’ lead to 33-17, they failed on a critical fourth-and-one at the MU 13-yard line early in the fourth quarter that proved to be a back-breaker.

CU won the opening coin toss, deferred to the second half and immediately fell behind 7-0 as MU quarterback Blaine Gabbert drove the Tigers 80 yards in 11 plays. Gabbert completed three-of-six passes for 34 yards during the march, but tailback Derrick Washington accounted for 30 yards and walked in from the 1-yard line for the score.

Three plays after forcing the Buffs to punt, Gabbert and receiver Danario Alexander hooked up for a 73-yard score. Alexander appeared to break free of coverage on a pick play, then raced past diving CU safety Ray Polk and finished his sprint to the end zone unchallenged.

The Buffs then temporarily dodged one bullet, stopping the Tigers on downs inside the CU 6-yard line after a lost Tyler Hansen fumble. But any good vibes from that defensive stand disappeared when the Tigers, benefitting from a short field, moved 33 yards in two plays to push ahead 21-0. Tailback De’Von Moore got 31 yards on first down, the Gabbert and Alexander teamed for a 2-yard scoring pass on the next play.

The bright, virtually cloudless afternoon only got darker for CU. After cornerback Jimmy Smith intercepted Gabbert at the Buffs 10-yard line, Hansen promptly lost a fumbled center exchange and Grant Ressel kicked a 29-yard field goal four plays later for a 24-0 Tigers lead with 8:42 left in the half.

Ten seconds later, Missouri’s lead swelled to 26-0 when Hansen, scrambling/retreating from his own 7-yard line, was tackled in the zone for a safety.

Not long after that the lead swelled to 33-0 as, after apparently lining up for a 43-yard field goal attempt, Mizzou holder Forrest Shook took the center snap and flipped the ball to blocker Jacques Smith, who ran 24 yards off left tackle for his first career rushing touchdown.

The Buffs finally scored on Aric Goodman’s 48-yard field goal just over a minute before halftime and then to open the second half, Hansen drove the Buffs 58 yards for a touchdown – Rodney Stewart scored it on a 3-yard dive – and cut the Tigers’ lead to 33-10.

After CU forced a Mizzou punt, Hansen was sacked and lost the ball at the Buffs 35. But four plays later, Burney intercepted Gabbert and returned it 78 yards for a touchdown that brought CU to 33-17 with 7:02 left in the third quarter.

After the Buffs’ missed opportunity on 4th-and-1, CU’s next possession was halted at the 8 when Hansen was intercepted by Tiger corner Kevin Rutland.

Missouri finished the scoring when, with just under 5 minutes remaining, it took over on downs at the CU 22-yard line, and Ressel kicked his 33-yard field goal.

The Tigers rolled up 400 yards on offense, not a blockbuster number, but did hold CU to just 176, including minus-14 on the ground (although that total included 73 yards lost in sacks).

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Missouri — Washington 1 run (Ressel kick)	0-7	10:33	1Q
Missouri — Alexander 73 pass from Gabbert (Ressel kick)	0-14	6:47	1Q
Missouri — Alexander 2 pass from Gabbert (Ressel kick)	0-21	2:40	1Q
Missouri — Ressel 29 FG	0-24	8:42	2Q
Missouri — Safety, Harrison sacked Hansen in end zone	0-26	8:32	2Q
Missouri — J.Smith 24 pass from Shock (Ressel kick)	0-33	4:03	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 48 FG	3-33	1:07	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 3 run (Goodman kick)	10-33	11:37	3Q
COLORADO — Burney 78 interception return (Goodman kick)	17-33	7:02	3Q
Missouri — Ressel 29 FG	17-36	3:57	4Q

Attendance: 45,634 Time: 3:12

Weather: 48 degrees, clear skies, winds from the northwest at 3 mph

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs	14	20
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	3-13 (0-3)	5-16 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	24-(14)	45-184
Passing Yards	190	216
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	36-22-1	30-18-2
Total Offense	176	400
Return Yards	91	27
Punts: No-Average	4-36.5	5-42.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-3	2-0
Penalties/Yards	7/45	8/89
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-6	8-73
Time of Possession	23:36	36:24
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C29	16/M41
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (10)	4-8 (20)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Simmons 1-15, Stewart 10-3, Sumler 2-2, Hansen 11-minus 34.
Missouri: Washington 22-99, Moore 6-58, Gabbert 6-26, Lawrence 7-4, Team 2-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Hansen 36-22-1, 190, 0 td. **Missouri:** Gabbert 29-17-2, 192, 2 td; Shock 1-1-0, 24, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 9-104, Sumler 3-25, Simas 3-15, Geer 2-19, Stewart 2-10, Behrens 1-7, Devenny 1-5, Jefferson 1-5. **Missouri:** Alexander 8-123, Perry 4-38, Washington 2-2, J.Smith 1-24, Moore 1-12, Kemp 1-12, Jackson 1-5.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-36.5 (43 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Harry 5-42.0 (50 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McKnight 2-8, Espinoza 2-5. **Missouri:** Gettis 3-26.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jaffee 2-68, Lockridge 3-65, Sumler 1-26. **Missouri:** Simmons 3-49, Gissinger 1-2.

Interceptions—Colorado: Burney 1-78, J.Smith 1-0. **Missouri:** Rutland 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Sipili 4,6—10; Smart 7,2—9; Polk 5,4—9; C.Brown 8,0—8; Burton 5,2—7; J.Smith 4,1—5; J. Brown 3,1—4; Herrod 3,1—4; Pericak 3,1—4; Mohler 2,2—4; Burney 3,0—3; Perkins 3,0—3; Beatty 2,1—3. **Missouri:** Weatherspoon 8,4—12; Gachkar 6,3—9; A.Smith 5,0—5; Ebner 4,0—4; Gettis 3,1—4; Gooden 3,0—3; Hamilton 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Perkins 1-6, Smart 1-0. **Missouri:** A.Smith 3-27, Rutland 1-14, Ebner 1-13, Coulter 1-7, Harrison 1-7, Steeples 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Smith 3, Burton, Perkins. **Missouri:** Baston, Ebner, A.Smith.

GAME NOTES

Colorado is now 2-1-1 in all-time Halloween Homecoming games (61-29-5 all-time on HC) ... Missouri’s TD on its first possession was the fourth by an opponent this year on the first drive, but the first in four Big 12 games; CU has allowed two field goals with two three-and-outs the other four times ... The last safety suffered by Colorado before this game was at Kansas last year when Cody Hawkins was sacked in the end zone (Tyler Hansen was sacked in the EZ today) ... **PK Aric Goodman’s** 48-yard field goal in the second quarter ended a run of 139 straight points in the series by Missouri ... CU had four punt returns for 13 yards, while not spectacular, Mizzou came in allowing 11 yards on 11 returns, or 1.0 per ... CU’s struggles on first down continued, as the Buffs averaged just 3.3 yards on the down ... The Tigers had 306 yards in the first half but just 94 in the second ... CU has been especially stingy in the third quarter this year, allowing 564 yards in eight games, or just 70.5 yards ... The 71-yard TD play (Gabbert to Alexander) was the third 70-yard play this year against CU ... **SS Benjamin Burney** scored CU’s first non-offensive touchdown of the 2009 season with his 78-yard interception return in the third quarter. It was the 14th longest INT return in school history, and the longest since teammate Marcus Burton rambled 99 yards with one at Oklahoma State in 2005 ... The eight sacks by Missouri were the most against the Buffs since 1984, when Iowa State had eight in a 23-21 CU win at Folsom.



COLORADO 35 TEXAS A&M 34

November 7 (Folsom Field, Boulder)

GAME # **9**

BOULDER—Down by 10 with 11:01 remaining, the Buffs kept their postseason hopes flickering by rallying in the final minutes for a 35-34 win against Texas A&M.

CU (3-6 overall, 2-3 Big 12 Conference) earned the victory with a 22-yard Tyler Hansen-to-Patrick Devenny touchdown pass - the catch came on a one-handed stab in the end zone with 2:04 left - and a pair of ensuing defensive highlights by safety Anthony Perkins (interception) and linebacker Marcus Burton (fumbled punt recovery) as A&M futilely pursued its own rally.

The Buffs got a breakthrough performance from receiver Markques Simas (seven catches, 135 yards, both career highs) and a 118-yard, two-touchdown rushing performance from tailback Rodney Stewart.

The Aggies (5-4, 2-3) entered the game averaging 490.5 yards in total offense - third in the nation - and the Buffs held them to 374 yards total. A&M quarterback Jerrod Johnson came in No. 1 in total offense at 328.9 yards a game and was limited to 251.

CU trailed by double-digits on two occasions (21-10 at halftime, 31-21 in the fourth quarter) but answered when necessary.

After a goal line stand stopped A&M at the CU 1-yard line on the Aggies' first possession, A&M took advantage of the resulting short field and drove 47 yards on their second possession to take a 7-0 lead.

The Buffs responded with efficient drives on their next two series, positioning Goodman for a 37-yard field goal (7-3). After forcing the Aggies to go three-and-out, Stewart capped a 69-yard march with a 13-yard touchdown run to push CU ahead 10-7.

A&M regained the lead (14-10) when Cyrus Gray returned Aric Goodman's kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown. Johnson then scored on a 3-yard keeper, and 17 seconds before intermission, CU's lead and flirtation with momentum were lost in as A&M led, 21-10.

To open the second half, CU's defense again stepped up, holding A&M to a missed field goal. The Buffs answered with a 50-yard drive ending with a 37-yard field goal by Goodman to cut the Aggies' advantage to 21-13 with 7:54 left in the third quarter.

A series later, after holding A&M to another three-and-out, Hansen marched CU 79 yards in 10 plays, the last of which was an option pitch to Stewart, who ran around right end for an 11-yard touchdown.

The Buffs tied the game at 21 on Hansen's two-point conversion pass to Simas, setting the stage for some fourth quarter fireworks.

Only three plays into the fourth quarter, the tie was broken (28-21) when A&M tailback Christine Michael bounced outside on a play off right tackle and scored on a 6-yard run to complete an 85-yard drive.

Two plays later, the Buffs' plight got worse when Hansen was intercepted by free safety Jordan Pugh. CU's defense held, but Randy Bullock's 47-yard field goal staked A&M to its second double-digit lead (31-21).

The Buffs were left with 10:53 to make up a 10-point deficit, and they immediately went to work. Two plays after Hansen and Simas converted a third-and-13 for a first down at the Aggies' 31, Sumler ran 8 yards for his first TD of the season, bringing the Buffs within three at 31-28 with 7:14 left.

A&M then doubled the Buffs deficit by kicking a 20-yard field goal with 3:59 left, making the score 34-28. But the Buffs didn't blink, answering with a 61-yard drive that included another Hansen-Simas third-down connection for 45 yards - and Devenny's one-handed scoring catch.

The Aggies had 2:04 to respond - but Perkins and Burton provided the telling answers instead.

Texas A&M.....	7	14	0	13	—	34
COLORADO.....	0	10	11	14	—	35

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Texas A&M — Fuller 1 pass from Johnson (Bullock kick)	0-7	2:33	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 37 FG	3-7	12:33	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 13 run (Goodman kick)	10-7	9:11	2Q
Texas A&M — Gray 99 kickoff return (Bullock kick)	10-14	8:57	2Q
Texas A&M — Johnson 3 run (Bullock kick)	10-21	0:17	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 37 FG	13-21	7:54	3Q
COLORADO — Stewart 11 run (Simas pass from Hansen)	21-21	1:19	3Q
Texas A&M — Michael 6 run (Bullock kick)	21-28	14:22	4Q
Texas A&M — Bullock 47 FG	21-31	11:01	4Q
COLORADO — Sumler 7 run (Goodman kick)	28-31	7:14	4Q
Texas A&M — Bullock 20 FG	28-34	3:59	4Q
COLORADO — Devenny 22 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	35-34	2:04	4Q

Attendance: 47,227 Time: 3:10

Weather: 60 degrees, clear skies, winds from the east at 5 mph

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	TEXAS A&M
First Downs	24	20
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	8-16 (1-1)	6-14 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	43-166	34-132
Passing Yards	271	242
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	36-20-1	32-21-1
Total Offense	437	374
Return Yards	0	17
Punts: No-Average	5-37.8	3-37.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	10/94	3/18
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-2	8-60
Time of Possession	35:20	24:40
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C27	11/T34
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	5-5 (28)	4-5 (24)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 20-118, Hansen 20-45, Sumler 1-7, Team 2-minus 4. **Texas A&M:** Michael 16-74, Gray 11-41, Johnson 5-9, Nwachukwu 1-6, McCoy 1-2.

Passing—Colorado: Hansen 32-21-1, 271, 1 td. **Texas A&M:** Johnson 36-20-1, 242, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Simas 7-135, McKnight 4-66, Sumler 3-10, Geer 2-25, Devenny 1-22, Jefferson 1-7, Simmons 1-3, Stewart 1-3, Ebner 1-0. **Texas A&M:** Tannehill 9-100, Swope 3-39, Fuller 3-37, Nwachukwu 2-37, McNeal 1-19, McCoy 1-8, Gray 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 5-37.8 (46 long, 0 In20). **Texas A&M:** Epperson 3-37.7 (43 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Stewart 1-0. **Texas A&M:** Harris 2-5, Frederick 1-3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Lockridge 6-113. **Texas A&M:** Gray 4-181.

Interceptions—Colorado: Perkins 1-0. **Texas A&M:** Pugh 1-9.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: J.Brown 8,7—15; Burney 6,4—10; C.Brown 7,2—9; Perkins 5,4—9; Sipili 4,4—8; Smart 4,2—6; J.Smith 3,2—5; Cunningham 1,3—4. **Texas A&M:** Hunter 8,5—13; Pugh 6,2—8; Hodges 5,2—7; Harris 5,0—5; Brown 5,0—5; Porter 4,1—5; Miller 4,1—5; Frederick 3,2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Beatty ½-1; Smart ½-1. **Texas A&M:** Miller 2-18, Moss 1-10, Brown 1-7, Featherston 1-6, Harris 1-5, Porter 1-5, Team 1-9.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown 3, Cunningham 2, Mohler. **Texas A&M:** Mangan, Pugh, Stewart.

GAME NOTES

This marked the 28th time in CU history that the Buffs had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game ... Associate head coach/linebacker coach **Brian Cabral**, in honor of his 300th game as a Colorado Buffalo (254 coach/46 player) wore his trademark lava lava on the sideline ... **WR Dustin Ebner** made his first career start ... Texas A&M ran 18 plays in the first quarter, 16 in CU territory (but just seven of 16 in the second quarter) ... Cyrus Gray's 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown was the first by a CU opponent since last season (two, the last by Florida State's Michael Garvin for 94 yards on Sept. 27 in FSU's 39-21 win; CSU's Johnny Mosure had the other) ... CU had four plays of 30 yards or longer (two in each half); it had just seven coming in, with three against Toledo the only time previous the Buffs had managed multiple 30-plus plays in the same game ... CU's 437 yards were its second most on offense this year (451 at Toledo), its most in a Big 12 game since amassing 518 yards in the 65-51 win over Nebraska in the '07 season finale ... **PK Aric Goodman** kicked his first game-winning extra point of his career; he had a game-winning field goal against West Virginia last year ... CU averaged five yards or more on first down for just the second time this season (5.1; the Buffs averaged 5.4 against Colorado State). Colorado struggled its last two games (2.2 vs. K-State, 3.3 vs. Missouri).



IOWA STATE 17 COLORADO 10

November 14 (Jack Trice Stadium; Ames, Iowa)

GAME # **10**

COLORADO.....	0	3	0	7	—	10
Iowa State.....	7	3	7	0	—	17

AMES, Iowa — Iowa State (6-5, 3-4 Big 12) qualified for its first postseason appearance since 2005 with a 17-10 victory over Colorado, while the Buffs' improbable dream of attaining bowl eligibility finally ended as the Buffs fell to 3-7 (2-4 Big 12).

CU scored its first touchdown of the game with 3:17 remaining in the game on Tyler Hansen's 36-yard, fourth-down pass to Markques Simas. That score pulled CU to 17-10, but the Cyclones allowed the Buffs offense back on the field with only 23 seconds remaining.

Iowa State scored on its second possession, courtesy of 25 penalty yards against CU that kept an 83-yard touchdown drive from derailing. The costliest infraction: A 15-yard facemask flag on third-and-15 and a 5-yard sideline penalty on the same play that allowed the Cyclones to escape from their own 12 to the 32. Six plays later, Austen Arnaud (12-of-25, 116 yards, two TDs, one interception) hit Marquis Hamilton with an 8-yard touchdown pass.

Two series later, the Buffs seemed to have their first break of the game when Jimmy Smith intercepted Arnaud and returned it 10 yards to the Iowa State 5-yard line.

After two handoffs - one to Stewart, one to Demetrius Sumler - produced minus-2 yards, Hansen ran a quarterback draw to the one. On fourth down, Sumler ran into the middle for no gain, and the Buffs' opportunity to at least pull even vanished.

CU's defense, which forced Iowa State into seven three-and-outs, presented another scoring chance on the Cyclones' first series of the second quarter, and this time the Buffs took advantage.

After safety Anthony Perkins caused Iowa State receiver Darius Darks to fumble, defensive tackle Nate Bonsu hopped on the ball at the CU 30-yard line.

The offense mustered enough efficiency to drive 65 yards and position Aric Goodman for

a 22-yard field goal (7-3), but Iowa State's Grant Mahoney answered with a 25-yarder on the final play of the half (10-3).

Hansen (18-of-38, 258 yards, one TD, one interception) was intercepted on the second play of the second half by nose guard Nate Frere. The Cyclones didn't do any immediate damage, but their punt was downed at the Buffs' 6-yard line.

A 24-yard Hansen-to-McKnight pass appeared to give the Buffs room to maneuver. But a play later, Stewart fumbled after a 5-yard gain - a replay reversal was required to give Iowa State possession at the CU 33 - and the Cyclones capitalized.

On third-and-nine, Arnaud found Alexander Robinson (30 carries, 138 yards) streaking along the left sideline and lobbed him what would be a 20-yard TD pass.

Taking over at the Cyclones' 36 after a short punt, the Buffs advanced to the 9-yard line, but right tackle Bryce Givens drew 30 yards in penalties - the first a hands-to-the-face flag, the second an unsportsmanlike conduct flag for protesting the first.

Instead of having first-and-goal at the 9, the Buffs had first-and-goal at the 39. The once-promising drive ended with Goodman sending a 42-yard field goal attempt wide right, his first miss in his last seven attempts.

The Buffs tried to regroup on their first possession of the final quarter, putting together a drive that ended with another lost fumble by Stewart - this one recovered by the Cyclones at their 8-yard line after Stewart was blind-sided.

After the Hansen-to-Simas TD pass pulled them to 17-10, Goodman's kickoff trickled out of bounds, giving ISU a first down at 40 with 3:17 to play. Iowa State was then able to grab a few first downs and run out the clock.

CU outgained the Cyclones, 390-310; as has been the case all season, ISU gained 177 yards on 11 plays, netting just 133 on its other 61.

SCORING

Iowa State — Hamilton 8 pass from Arnaud (Mahoney kick)	0-7	3:49	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 22 FG	3-7	5:22	2Q
Iowa State — Mahoney 25 FG	3-10	0:00	2Q
Iowa State — Robinson 20 pass from Arnaud (Mahoney kick)	3-17	9:09	3Q
COLORADO — Simas 36 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	10-17	3:17	4Q

Attendance: 43,208 Time: 3:09

Weather: 47 degrees, overcast skies, winds from the northwest at 10-15 mph

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs	21	19
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	2-14 (3-4)	7-17 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	35-132	46-194
Passing Yards	258	116
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	38-18-1	26-12-1
Total Offense	390	310
Return Yards	17	25
Punts: No-Average	6-35.3	9-35.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties/Yards	11/110	7/64
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-18	2-7
Time of Possession	29:21	30:39
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C33	14/IS30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-4 (3)	2-2 (10)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 19-85, Hansen 12-50, Sumler 2-1, Lockridge 1-minus 2, Moyd 1-minus 2. **Iowa State:** Alexander 30-138, Arnaud 15-42, Darks 1-14.

Passing—Colorado: Hansen 38-18-1, 258, 1 td. **Iowa State:** Arnaud 25-12-1, 116, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 8-107, Simas 7-128, Stewart 1-10, Devenny 1-7, Sumler 1-6. **Iowa State:** Franklin 3-38, Hamilton 3-17, Darks 3-17, Catlett 2-24, Robinson 1-20.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-35.3 (55 long, 3 In20). **Iowa State:** Brandtner 8-38.0 (54 long, 2 In20); Arnaud 1-11.0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: McKnight 3-7. **Iowa State:** O'Connell 1-6, Lenz 3-3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jaffee 3-55. **Iowa State:** Sims 1-15.

Interceptions—Colorado: J.Smith 1-10. **Iowa State:** Frere 1-16.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Perkins 10,4—14; Burton 4,6—10; C.Brown 7,2—9; Pericak 5,3—8; Burney 5,2—7; J.Brown 4,3—7; J.Smith 4,2—6; Sipili 2,3—5; Major 4,0—4; Cunningham 3,1—4; Mohler 3,1—4; Herrod 2,2—4; Ahles 2,1—3; Smart 1,2—3. **Iowa State:** Sims 6,1—7; Je.Smith 4,3—7; Ja.Smith 5,1—6; Garrin 5,1—6; Johnson 3,3—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Pericak 1-11, Herrod 1-7. **Iowa State:** Neal 1-5, Lyle 1-2.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown, Mohler. **Iowa State:** Ja.Smith 2, Banks, Knott, Raven, Je.Smith.

GAME NOTES

The 47 degree temperature at kickoff was the coldest for CU in 10 games this season ... **TB Corey Nabors**, **WR Kevin Moyd** and **OLB Tyler Ahles** all made their first career starts... Both 17-10 scores in the series have gone the way of the Cyclones (1981, 2009) ... Iowa State had a 180-97 edge in total offense in the first half, CU bounced back for a 293-130 advantage after halftime ... Colorado averaged a season-best 6.6 yards on first down (first time over 6; best had been 5.4 versus CSU in the opener) ... **P Matt DiLallo** punted six times for a 35.3 average three with the 15-20 mph wind gusts (40.0) and three against them (31.7) ... Colorado lost its 11th straight road game, the streak starting here in Ames two years ago ... Colorado came into the games among the national leaders in defensive "three-and-outs" and forced seven by the Cyclones ... For the second time this season, Colorado had two receivers with 100-plus yards: **Scotty McKnight** (8-107) had his third 100-yd game of the season (fourth career), while **Markques Simas** had his second in a row (7-128). Simas became the first CU player to have back-to-back 100-yard games in a decade; it was last done by Javon Green in 1999 ... CU and Iowa State were tied for seventh nationally in Red Zone Defense with identical figures at 70.3 percent (26 scores allowed for 37 penetrations of the 20); the Cyclones won the battle, holding CU to a field goal in four tries, while ISU was 2-of-2 (TD, FG).



OKLAHOMA STATE 31 COLORADO 28

November 19 (Boone Pickens Stadium; Stillwater, Okla.)

GAME # **11**

STILLWATER, Okla. — The Colorado Buffaloes managed to strike Oklahoma State hard and often but the trouble was, the No. 12 Cowboys absorbed each of the Buffs' blows - including a 98-yard kickoff return by Brian Lockridge - and counterpunched, finally outlasting them 31-28.

CU came into the game with nothing to lose, having been eliminated from bowl eligibility the previous week, but the Buffs gave OSU a huge scare before a national TV audience.

Almost forsaking the run CU went to the pass. For the third consecutive week, Markques Simas was the game's most productive receiver, catching 11 passes for 90 yards and a 28-yard touchdown from starter Tyler Hansen.

Cody Hawkins spelled Hansen late in the second quarter when Hansen suffered an injury to his right thumb and in relief, Hawkins completed 7-of-11 passes for 69 yards and a score in the 2-minute drill. Hansen opened the second half and finished with 169 passing yards (23-for-36) and a pair of scores.

After forcing CU to punt on the game's opening series, OSU took a 7-0 lead immediately as Perrish Cox returned the punt 67 yards for a touchdown.

After one of nine three-and-outs from its offense, CU's defense stepped up and on the first play, Marcus Burton caused and recovered a fumble by Keith Toston at the Cowboys 47-yard line.

Eight plays later, six being passes, Hansen connected with Scotty McKnight for a 5-yard touchdown, tying the game at 7-7 midway through the first quarter where it would remain until 5:40 before halftime, the Cowboys broke the tie on a 30-yard field goal by Dan Bailey. After two three-and-out drives from Hawkins, Conrad Obi blocked a 53-yard OSU field goal attempt and Hawkins responded seven yards later by lobbing a 5-yard pass to Riar Geer to put CU up 14-10 just seconds before halftime.

The Buffs struck first in the third quarter as Cox muffed a punt and Anthony Perkins, already with an interception in the game, hopped on the ball at the OSU 28. Hansen then hit Simas with a 28-yard scoring pass and CU was up 21-10 with 8:41 left in the third.

But on OSU's third series of the second half, Toston's sprung free on a 45-yard scoring run, which pulled the Cowboys to 21-17 with a quarter to play. After an Aric Goodman 49-yard field goal hit the right upright, CU's defense responded as Michael Sipili stripped OSU tailback Kendall Hunter and Will Pericak recovered at the Cowboys 36.

On the next series, facing fourth-and-two at the 28, Hansen threw incomplete to Geer. OSU responded as Toston took a Weeden pass and scampered for another long TD, this one 47 yards to give the Cowboys a 24-21 lead with 11:24 left in the game.

Lockridge and the Buffs responded immediately, returning OSU's kickoff 98 yards for a score and putting the Buffs back in front 28-24. It was CU's longest kickoff return since Ben Kelly's 98-yarder against Washington on Sept. 25, 1999.

Oklahoma State kept the scoring changes rolling, as it responded with a 73-yard scoring drive, with Weeden hitting receiver Justin Blackmon for 28 yards and what would be the Cowboys' winning touchdown (31-28).

Six plays after getting the ball at their 17-yard line, Demetrius Sumler fumbled at the 48 and Cox recovered for the Cowboys with 5:21 to play. CU, though, got another chance when linebacker Tyler Ahles sacked Weeden for a 3-yard loss on fourth-and-one, giving the Buffs possession at their 42-yard line with 3:14 to play.

But CU gave up the ball on downs - the Buffs elected to punt on fourth-and-10, pinning its hopes on his defense - and OSU took over at its 21 with 2:45 remaining. There were three fourth quarter lead changes, but the Buffs never got the ball back to see if they could make it four.

COLORADO.....	7	7	7	7	—	28
Oklahoma State	7	3	7	14	—	31

SCORING

	Score	Time	Qtr
Oklahoma State — Cox 67 punt return (Bailey kick)	0-7	12:39	1Q
COLORADO — McKnight 5 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	7-7	7:16	1Q
Oklahoma State — Bailey 30 FG	7-10	5:40	2Q
COLORADO — Geer 5 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	14-10	0:22	2Q
COLORADO — Simas 28 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	21-10	8:41	3Q
Oklahoma State — Toston 45 run (Bailey kick)	21-17	3:52	3Q
Oklahoma State — Toston 47 pass from Weeden (Bailey kick)	21-24	11:24	4Q
COLORADO — Lockridge 98 kickoff return (Goodman kick)	28-24	11:11	4Q
Oklahoma State — Blackmon 28 pass from Weeden (Bailey kick)	28-31	8:11	4Q

Attendance: 50,080 Time: 3:23

Weather: 58 degrees, partly cloudy skies, winds from the east at 6 mph

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	OKLA. STATE
First Downs	14	20
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	5-18 (1-2)	5-15 (0-3)
Rushes—Net Yards	22-13	49-232
Passing Yards	240	168
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	49-30-0	24-10-1
Total Offense	253	400
Return Yards	0	90
Punts: No-Average	10-37.6	3-34.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	5-3
Penalties/Yards	7/80	5/50
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-3	5-35
Time of Possession	30:23	29:37
Drives/Average Field Position	16/C33	16/OS34
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-2 (14)	1-1 (3)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 8-21, Lockridge 2-11, Sumler 2-4, Hawkins 1-minus 8, Hansen 9-minus 15. **Oklahoma State:** Toston 30-172, Hunter 11-47, Cate 2-5, Johnson 2-5, Weeden 3-5, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Hansen 37-23-0, 169, 2 td; Hawkins 11-7-0, 69, 1 td; McKnight 1-0-0, 0. **Oklahoma State:** Weeden 15-10-0, 168, 2 td; Cate 9-0-1, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Simas 11-92, McKnight 7-71, Geer 4-32, Sumler 2-14, Jefferson 2-13, Behrens 2-10, Stewart 2-8. **Oklahoma State:** Cooper 3-32, Toston 2-45, Blackmon 1-28, Anyiam 1-27, Horton 1-18, Youman 1-10, Hunter 1-8.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 10-37.6 (49 long, 1 in20). **Oklahoma State:** Sharp 3-34.0 (40 long, 1 in20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Oklahoma State:** Cox 5-86, Team 0-4.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Lockridge 5-148, Jaffee 1-21. **Oklahoma State:** Cox 4-58, Thomas 1-17.

Interceptions—Colorado: Perkins 1-0. **Oklahoma State:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Mohler 5,7—12; C.Brown 8,2—10; Burton 6,4—10; Burney 5,5—10; Perkins 4,6—10; Ahles 3,3—6; J.Brown 5,0—5; J.Smith 4,0—4; Herrod 3,1—4; Pericak 3,0—3; Cunningham 2,1—3; Major 1,1—2; Sipili 1,1—2. **Oklahoma State:** Booker 9,0—9; Lavine 7,1—8; McGee 4,1—5; Chinasa 3,1—4; five with 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Ahles 1-3. **Oklahoma State:** Chinasa 1-13, Booker 1-8, Lavine 1-7, Price 1-3, Team 1-4.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown 4, Burney, Perkins, J.Smith. **Oklahoma State:** McGee 3, Sexton 2, Anderson, Antoine, Booker, Jones.

GAME NOTES

TB Brian Lockridge had CU's first kickoff return for a touchdown in 21 games, the 98-yard effort tying for the 10th longest in school history ... **DE Conrad Obi**, who has been playing on the FG/PAT Defense unit, recorded the first block of his career (FG) and CU's fourth of the season ... An adjusted scoring call extended Colorado's sack streak to 19 games ... At one point, OSU had run 23 plays for 53 yards in CU territory, but its next three after that all went for touchdowns (45, 47 and 28 yards) ... **WR Markques Simas** tied two school records in the game: the 11 receptions for the most in a single game, and catching at least seven passes in three consecutive games ... **WR Scotty McKnight** moved into second place in all-time receptions with 158, passing Phil Savoy (152, 1994-97); he also caught at least one pass for his 35th consecutive game ... **P Matt DiLallo** had 10 punts in the game, his and the team's most since punting 11 times at Missouri in 2007 ... **Cody Hawkins** filled in for **Tyler Hansen** at quarterback for three drives in the first half while Hansen had his hand X-rayed (negative); he led the Buffs to a touchdown and a 14-10 lead, the fifth score in the seven times he has engineered the 2-minute drill this season. Hawkins was in for 13 snaps, Hansen 58 ... Colorado forced OSU into six three and outs, though CU had nine on offense.



NEBRASKA 28 COLORADO 20

November 27 (Folsom Field, Boulder)

GAME # **12**

Nebraska	7	14	0	7	—	28
COLORADO.....	0	7	7	6	—	20

BOULDER—The Colorado Buffaloes ended the 2009 football season in much the same manner as they played through it - mostly competitive, but often error-prone. Final result on this Friday after Thanksgiving: a 28-20 loss against archrival Nebraska.

The Huskers, who previously had already advanced to the Big 12 championship game, end their regular season with a 9-3 overall mark and a 6-2 Big 12 mark while the Buffs finished their season exactly the opposite, at 3-9 and 2-6, respectively.

The Buffs spent most of the first quarter near their own goal line. CU's four opening possessions began at its 17-, 2-, 7- and 9-yard lines and the Buffs went three-and-out on all four of those possessions. On Matt DiLallo's third punt, Niles Paul returned it 59 yards for a touchdown, running untouched up the middle on a play the Huskers appeared to have gone for the block instead of setting up for a return.

That score held until the first play of the second quarter, when Nebraska quarterback Zac Lee and tight end Ben Cotton teamed for a 24-yard touchdown pass and the Huskers were up 14-0.

The Buffs recorded their initial first down of the game on the ensuing drive, but that CU possession ended when Tyler Hansen threw an interception to Dejon Gomes. But the Buffs defense held fast and forced Henery into a wide right miss on a 50-yard field goal attempt.

Hansen and the Buffs regrouped, driving 67 yards in seven plays and scoring on a 2-yard Hansen-to-Jake Behrens pass to pull within a touchdown at 14-7.

CU's defense forced Nebraska into its first three-and-out of the first half but Hansen was intercepted again, this time by free safety Matt O'Hanlon, who ran it in from the CU 20 for a touchdown and a 21-7 Huskers halftime lead.

Nebraska took the second half kickoff and after a three-and-out, Hansen hit McKnight on

a 6-yard strike, capping a 12-play, 59-yard drive to pull the Buffs once again to within a touchdown (21-14) halfway through the third quarter.

After being injured on the initial drive of the second half, Lee returned but was ineffective, giving CU possession at its own 17. Hansen marched his offense to the Huskers 18 with a 58-yard pass to Markques Simas, the Buffs' longest play of the season from scrimmage, keying the drive. But the drive fizzled after Hansen was penalized 17 yards on an intentional grounding call on 3rd-and-3 (though replays clearly showed Hansen's arm was hit on the play, resulting in Nebraska's only sack of the game). Goodman's 52-yard field goal attempt on fourth down drifted wide left, and the third quarter ended with Nebraska holding its touchdown advantage.

The Buffs made a break themselves on the first play of the last quarter, with defensive tackle Eugene Goree recovering a fumble by Huskers Roy Helu, Jr., at the Nebraska 49.

Stewart ran 28 yards to the Huskers 21, but the drive was stalled there and Goodman was wide left on a 47-yard field goal attempt.

Nebraska took over on its own 20 with 13:35 remaining and drove 80 yards in 13 plays, with freshman Rex Burkhead the workhorse (9 carries, 55 yards) and the scorer on a 7-yard run. The drive took an additional 6:52 off the clock and put the Huskers up 28-14.

Hansen drove his team to the NU 16, but his fourth-down pass was intercepted by cornerback Prince Amukamara and returned to the Nebraska 47-yard line. The Huskers had 4:00 to kill for the win. They used most of that before returning the ball to the Buffs at their own 20 with 1:30 remaining.

Hansen then drove the Buffs and hit McKnight on a 56-yard strike, the second longest play of the season for the Buffs, on the season's last play and the game ended with the Huskers winning, 28-20.

SCORING

Nebraska — Paul 59 punt return (Henery kick)	0-7	3:34	1Q
Nebraska — Cotton 24 pass from Lee (Henery kick)	0-14	14:53	2Q
COLORADO — J.Behrens 2 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	7-14	5:39	2Q
Nebraska — O'Hanlon 20 interception return (Henery kick)	7-21	3:16	2Q
COLORADO — McKnight 6 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	14-21	6:50	3Q
Nebraska — Burkhead 7 run (Henery kick)	14-28	6:43	4Q
COLORADO — McKnight 56 pass from Hansen (no PAT kick)	20-28	0:00	4Q

Attendance: 52,817 Time: 3:13

Weather: 67 degrees, mostly sunny skies, winds from the southeast at 7 mph

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	NEBRASKA
First Downs	20	14
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth)	7-16 (0-1)	3-10 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	28-134	40-144
Passing Yards	269	73
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	44-21-3	14-9-0
Total Offense	403	217
Return Yards	20	136
Punts: No-Average	5-42.6	6-50.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	7/34	7/49
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	4-19	1-17
Time of Possession	28:50	31:10
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C21	11/N35
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-5 (14)	1-1 (7)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 21-110, Lockridge 2-20, Hansen 5-4. **Nebraska:** Burkhead 18-100, Helu 14-54, Green 2-4, Lee 6-minus 14.

Passing—Colorado: Hansen 44-21-3, 269, 3 td. **Nebraska:** Lee 14-9-0, 73, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 7-114, Simas 6-108, Deehan 2-14, Devenny 2-13, Sumler 2-12, Stewart 1-6, J.Behrens 1-2. **Nebraska:** Cotton 3-33, Paul 2-20, Kinnie 1-8, Young 1-7, McNeill 1-3, Reed 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 5-42.6 (52 long, 0 In20). **Nebraska:** Henery 6-50.7 (63 long, 4 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McKnight 2-17, Espinoza 1-3. **Nebraska:** Niles 4-71.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Lockridge 3-49. **Nebraska:** Paul 1-21.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Nebraska:** Amukamara 1-40, O'Hanlon 1-20, Gomes 1-5.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: C.Brown 9,2—11; Burney 7,4—11; Burton 6,4—10; Perkins 4,4—8; Beatty 2,5—7; Smart 4,2—6; Pericak 3,3—6; Bonsu 4,1—5; J.Smith 3,2—5; J.Brown 3,0—3; Sipili 1,2—3. **Nebraska:** Dillard 4,4—8; Asante 5,1—6; Suh 5,0—5; Compton 4,1—5; Amukamara 4,0—4; Allen 2,2—4; O'Hanlon 2,2—4; Turner 3,0—3; Dennard 2,1—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Burton 1-6, Burney 1-5, C.Brown 1-4, Pericak 1-0. **Nebraska:** Suh 1-17.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown, Pericak. **Nebraska:** Crick, Steinkuhler.

GAME NOTES

Colorado was the only team in the regular season to put 400 yards of offense on Nebraska; previous high was in the opener when Florida Atlantic had 368 ... Nebraska came in allowing 99.0 yards rushing per game; CU posted 134 and averaged 4.8 per rush in doing so ... CU outgained Nebraska in every quarter, the only time this year the Buffs did that in a game ... Senior **SN Austin Bisnow** was all set to snap the final PAT kick, with junior **PK Ryan Aweida** to kick, until the officials huddled and waived off the try; it would have been both players first career plays (*Rule 8, Sect. 3, etc.*: "...If a touchdown is scored during a down in which time in the fourth quarter expires, the try shall not be attempted unless the point(s) would affect the outcome of the game.") ... Nebraska's 89 yards in the first half was the second lowest by a CU opponent this season (Wyoming had 61 in the first half); the Husker's 26 second quarter yards were the third lowest (the low of 11 was also by Wyoming, in the first quarter) ... **TB Rodney Stewart's** 28-yard run after NU's fourth quarter fumble was the longest rush against Nebraska in conference play this year, and the second longest gain this year on the first play after an opponent turnover (behind a 42-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Anthony Wright at Toledo) ... CU was flirting with holding Nebraska to under 200 yards for the first time since 1961 (31 total yards), but the Huskers hit the mark on a Rex Burkhead 4-yard rush with 7:10 left in the game ... NU's 217 yards was a regular season Husker low.