



THE BUFFS AND THE WEATHER



Colorado's wacky weather, for the most part, has not played too much havoc with the Buffaloes through the years. Here are the last times the elements affected games in Boulder.

Snow: There has seldom been snowfall during a game in Boulder. In fact, only six times since 1949 has any real snowfall of note occurred during a game. It last happened on Nov. 11, 2000, when it snowed the entire game in a 35-27 loss to Iowa State. It marked the first time snow had fallen during a game in Boulder since 1996 (light snowfall throughout the first half in a 12-0 win over Kansas State on Nov. 16, and just the second time since 1991, when it started snowing lightly late in a 30-24 win over Kansas, also on Nov. 16. There was light snowfall in a 21-6 win over Kansas State in 1979, but nothing major. In 1971, about two feet of snow fell the morning of a 56-13 win over Wyoming; what made that day unique is that it was Sept. 18, and was CU's first home game on artificial turf. The two most famous snow games came in 1969 (a 30-7 win over Indiana where it snowed all game, and in 1949, when it was sunny at kickoff prior to a 14-7 win over Utah. But the clouds rolled in and by halftime, there were snow flurries. By game's end, there was six inches of snow on the ground. There have been major snowstorms on Fridays but the weather cleared prior to game time (in 1986 before Kansas, in 1987 and 1991 before Nebraska, and in 1992 and 1994 before Iowa State).



'91 CU-Nebraska

Rainfall: Rain during a game in Boulder is about as rare as snowfall; light rain or annoying drizzle have happened on occasion. Light rain fell sporadically during the second half of the Texas Tech game on Oct. 14, 2006. The last time there was heavy rain during a game in Boulder was in the fourth quarter in a 20-13 loss to Michigan in 1996; otherwise you have to go back to Sept. 11, 1982, in a 31-17 loss to California (Bill McCartney's first game).

Bitter Cold: There have been only three occasions where the temperature was below 20 degrees at kickoff at Folsom Field in the last 30 years. The last time was the Iowa State game in 2000 mentioned under "snow" above. On Nov. 16, 1996, it was 16 degrees at the start of both halves in a 12-0 win over Kansas State, and the mercury reached 12 degrees with a wind-chill of minus-8 in a 19-19 tie against Nebraska on Nov. 2, 1991.

Wind: The last time, and the only time in the last 25 years that wind has really affected a game came on Nov. 11, 1995—winds gusting from 30 to 67 miles per hour were prevalent in most of CU's 21-0 win over Missouri. In 2008 against West Virginia (Sept. 18) winds gusted 18-35 mph in the first half. On the road, winds are often prevalent in games on the Great Plains, but never more so than on Nov. 12, 2005, when a tornado warning/sighting delayed the start of the Iowa State game in Ames; winds gusted 20-45 miles per hour throughout.



'82 CU-California

CU'S WARMEST GAMES (Since 1950, when data was available)

Date	Opponent	Site	Result	Temperature/Conditions
Sept. 8, 2007	Arizona State	Tempe	L 14-33	102/clear skies
Sept. 21, 2002	UCLA	Los Angeles	W 31-17	99/clear skies (light haze)
Oct. 5, 1963	Kansas State	Manhattan	W 21-7	94/clear and windy
Sept. 16, 2000	Washington	Boulder	L 14-17	91/hazy (forest fire nearby)
Aug. 26, 2001	Fresno State	*Boulder	L 22-24	91/partly cloudy and breezy
Sept. 10, 1983	Michigan State	East Lansing	L 17-23	90/sunny and windy
Oct. 6, 2007	Baylor	Waco	W 43-23	90/cloudy skies
Oct. 13, 1962	Oklahoma State	Stillwater	L 16-36	89/clear and windy
Sept. 3, 2005	Colorado State	Boulder	W 31-28	89/clear skies
Oct. 1, 1994	Texas	Austin	W 34-31	88/clear skies
Sept. 20, 2003	Florida State	Tallahassee	L 7-47	88/partly cloudy skies

warmest night games on road:

Sept. 8, 2007	Arizona State	Tempe	L 14-33	102/clear skies
Oct. 6, 2007	Baylor	Waco	W 43-23	90/cloudy skies
Sept. 20, 1980	Louisiana State	*Baton Rouge	L 20-23	85/partly cloudy and humid

Since 1950, Colorado is 43-24 in games when it has been at least 80 degrees at kickoff.

CU'S COLDEST GAMES (Since 1950, when data was available)

Date	Opponent	Site	Result	Temperature/Conditions
Nov. 2, 1991	Nebraska	*Boulder	T 19-19	12/cloudy skies (wind chill -8)
Nov. 16, 1996	Kansas State	*Boulder	W 12-0	16/snow flurries (wind chill 3)
Nov. 23, 1991	Iowa State	Ames	W 17-14	17/blizzard
Nov. 14, 1959	Nebraska	Lincoln	L 12-14	19/cloudy and windy
Nov. 11, 2000	Iowa State	Boulder	L 27-35	19/snowfall throughout
Nov. 23, 1985	Kansas State	Boulder	W 30-0	24/sunny and windy
Nov. 23, 2007	Nebraska	Boulder	W 65-51	24/cloudy (wind chill 13)
Nov. 15, 1997	Kansas State	Manhattan	L 20-37	25/cloudy
Nov. 22, 1958	Utah	Salt Lake City	W 7-0	28/snow, wind (wind chill 8)
Nov. 13, 1976	Kansas	Boulder	W 40-17	28/overcast, with light fog
Oct. 9, 1993	Missouri	Boulder	W 30-18	29/overcast and humid

Since 1950, Colorado is 10-6-1 in games when it has been 32 degrees or colder at kickoff.

(*—denotes night game)