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7-3-0 5-1 (2nd/Big 7)

|   |    | Result            | Attend  | Rank   | CU  | Rushing | Passing |    |           |     | Tot Off | Opp | Rushing | Passing |     |    |           | Tot Off | TV |
|---|----|-------------------|---------|--------|-----|---------|---------|----|-----------|-----|---------|-----|---------|---------|-----|----|-----------|---------|----|
|   |    |                   |         | CU     | Opp | att     | yds     | td | a - c - i | yds | td      | no  | yds     | att     | yds | td | a - c - i | yds     | td |
| S | 22 | COLORADO STATE    | W 28-13 | 18,913 | —   | —       | 9       | 52 | 174       | 3   | 12- 6-1 | 97  | 1       | 64      | 271 | 12 | 37        | 65      | 1  |
| S | 29 | at Northwestern   | L 14-35 | 42,000 | —   | —       | 15      | 51 | 148       | 1   | 37-15-1 | 221 | 1       | 88      | 369 | 6  | 43        | 185     | 2  |
| O | 6  | *KANSAS           | W 35-27 | 29,367 | —   | 20      | 14      | 51 | 246       | 3   | 12- 6-0 | 65  | 1       | 63      | 311 | 16 | 46        | 172     | 2  |
| O | 13 | *MISSOURI         | W 34-13 | 21,331 | —   | —       | 14      | 50 | 325       | 5   | 13- 6-0 | 72  | 0       | 63      | 397 | 13 | 39        | 76      | 1  |
| O | 20 | *at Kansas State  | W 20- 7 | 14,523 | —   | —       | 19      | 80 | 268       | 3   | 7- 3-0  | 41  | 0       | 87      | 309 | 5  | 13        | 15      | 0  |
| O | 27 | *at Oklahoma      | L 14-55 | 46,686 | —   | —       | 12      | 40 | 155       | 2   | 21- 9-3 | 101 | 0       | 61      | 256 | 14 | 57        | 268     | 3  |
| N | 3  | *IOWA STATE       | W 47-20 | 23,462 | —   | —       | 10      | 52 | 262       | 4   | 8- 5-1  | 109 | 1       | 60      | 371 | 16 | 42        | 168     | 1  |
| N | 10 | UTAH              | W 54- 0 | 14,048 | —   | —       | 23      | 68 | 452       | 6   | 12- 8-0 | 175 | 2       | 80      | 627 | 7  | 24        | 22      | 0  |
| N | 17 | *at Nebraska      | W 36-14 | 34,000 | —   | —       | 22      | 73 | 308       | 3   | 11- 6-1 | 110 | 2       | 84      | 418 | 14 | 29        | 105     | 1  |
| N | 24 | at Michigan State | L 7-45  | 29,987 | —   | 2       | 12      | 48 | 178       | 1   | 17- 7-2 | 68  | 0       | 65      | 246 | 22 | 58        | 390     | 5  |

**Head Coach:** Dal Ward. **Assistant Coaches:** Eugene Gentry (ends), Frank Prentup (backfield), Marshall Wells (line), Ray Jenkins (B squad).

**Usual Lineup: Offense (Single-wing)**—LE Chuck Mosher, LT Laverne Rickels, LG Dick Knowlton, C Ken Huffer, RG Jack Swigert, RT Bill Allen, RE Hilary Johnson, QB Roger Williams, LH Zack Jordan, RH Woody Shelton, FB Merwin Hodel. **Defense (5-3)**—LE Don Branby, LT Jim Stander, LG Don Greenwood, C Roy Shepherd, RG Tom Cain, RT Jack Jorgenson, RE H. Johnson, B Jim Dalthorp, LH Cliff Vandeverter, S Larry Horine, RH Tom Brookshier. **Specialists**—PK Williams, P Jordan.

**Note:** Substitutions for the next four seasons were more readily allowed with relaxed rules due to the Korean War (freshmen were also eligible).

| SCORE/QUARTERS  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4   | — | Total |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-----|---|-------|
| COLORADO .....  | 48 | 82 | 57 | 102 | — | 289   |
| Opponents ..... | 68 | 59 | 41 | 61  | — | 229   |

#### TEAM STATISTICS

|                                    | Colorado | Opponents |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| FIRST DOWNS .....                  | 150      | 125       |
| by rushing .....                   | 117      | 69        |
| by passing .....                   | 30       | 47        |
| by penalty .....                   | 3        | 9         |
| RUSHING ATTEMPTS .....             | 565      | 388       |
| yards gained .....                 | 2833     | 1765      |
| yards lost .....                   | 317      | 299       |
| NET RUSHING YARDS .....            | 2516     | 1466      |
| average per rush .....             | 4.5      | 3.8       |
| average per game .....             | 251.6    | 146.6     |
| PASSING ATTEMPTS .....             | 150      | 232       |
| passes completed .....             | 71       | 95        |
| had intercepted .....              | 9        | 15        |
| completion percentage .....        | 47.3     | 40.9      |
| NET PASSING YARDS .....            | 1059     | 1665      |
| average per attempt .....          | 7.1      | 7.2       |
| average per completion .....       | 14.9     | 17.5      |
| average per game .....             | 105.9    | 166.5     |
| TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS .....        | 715      | 620       |
| TOTAL NET YARDS .....              | 3575     | 3131      |
| AVERAGE GAIN PER PLAY .....        | 5.0      | 5.1       |
| AVERAGE PER GAME .....             | 357.5    | 313.1     |
| FUMBLES-LOST .....                 | 42-17    | 35-19     |
| PENALTIES/YARDS .....              | 86/660   | 54/444    |
| TURNOVERS (Margin: +8/+0.80) ..... | 26       | 34        |
| TOTAL RETURN YARDS .....           | 642      | 281       |
| Punt Returns: No-Yards .....       | 40-414   | 27-208    |
| Interceptions: No-Yards .....      | 15-228   | 9-73      |
| Misc. (Fum/Blk. FG) Returns .....  | 0-0      | 0-0       |
| KICKOFF RETURNS: No-Yards .....    | 42-681   | 49-812    |
| average per return .....           | 16.2     | 16.6      |
| PUNTS/Average .....                | 63/39.3  | 66/39.7   |
| BLOCKED KICKS .....                | 1        | 5         |
| TOUCHDOWNS .....                   | 42       | 34        |
| by rushing .....                   | 31       | 19        |
| by passing .....                   | 8        | 15        |
| by return .....                    | 3        | 0         |
| PAT Kicks .....                    | 35-42    | 25-34     |
| Field Goals .....                  | 0-0      | 0-1       |
| Safeties .....                     | 1        | 0         |
| TOTAL POINTS .....                 | 289      | 229       |
| average per game .....             | 28.9     | 22.9      |

#### RUSHING

| Player              | Att | Gain | Loss | NET | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|----|------|
| M. Hodel .....      | 137 | 613  | 16   | 597 | 4.4  | 5  | 66   |
| R. Johnson .....    | 72  | 482  | 27   | 455 | 6.3  | 6  | 36t  |
| C. Hardy .....      | 53  | 440  | 17   | 423 | 7.9  | 5  | 67t  |
| W. Shelton .....    | 113 | 527  | 107  | 417 | 3.7  | 4  | 24   |
| R. Curtis .....     | 53  | 237  | 4    | 233 | 4.3  | 3  | 51t  |
| Z. Jordan .....     | 65  | 276  | 110  | 166 | 2.5  | 2  | 19   |
| B. Horton .....     | 14  | 77   | 8    | 69  | 4.9  | 0  | 23   |
| H. Davidson .....   | 23  | 89   | 17   | 62  | 2.7  | 1  | 12   |
| R. Gray .....       | 12  | 53   | 10   | 43  | 3.5  | 0  | 16   |
| R. Williams .....   | 13  | 36   | 0    | 36  | 2.9  | 3  | 10   |
| L. Venzke .....     | 9   | 14   | 1    | 13  | 1.5  | 2  | 4    |
| T. Brookshier ..... | 1   | 2    | 0    | 2   | 2.0  | 0  | 2    |

#### RECEIVING

| Player            | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD | Long |
|-------------------|-----|-------|------|----|------|
| W. Shelton .....  | 14  | 254   | 18.1 | 2  | 48t  |
| C. Mosher .....   | 12  | 190   | 15.8 | 1  | 31   |
| L. Venzke .....   | 11  | 140   | 12.7 | 2  | 31t  |
| M. Hodel .....    | 11  | 122   | 11.1 | 1  | 36   |
| R. Williams ..... | 7   | 56    | 8.0  | 0  | 22   |
| T. Evans .....    | 4   | 43    | 10.8 | 0  | 20   |
| G. Knafelc .....  | 3   | 50    | 16.7 | 0  | 23   |
| R. Curtis .....   | 3   | 22    | 7.3  | 0  | 11   |
| R. Johnson .....  | 2   | 108   | 54.0 | 0  | 57   |
| R. Gray .....     | 2   | 34    | 17.0 | 0  | 22   |
| C. Fisher .....   | 1   | 30    | 30.0 | 1  | 30t  |
| H. Davidson ..... | 1   | 10    | 10.0 | 1  | 10   |

#### SCORING

| Player              | Tot | Ru | Re | Rt | EP-A  | FG-A | PTS |
|---------------------|-----|----|----|----|-------|------|-----|
| R. Williams .....   | 3   | 3  | 0  | 0  | 35-42 | 0-0  | 53  |
| M. Hodel .....      | 6   | 5  | 1  | 0  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 36  |
| R. Johnson .....    | 6   | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 36  |
| W. Shelton .....    | 6   | 4  | 2  | 0  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 36  |
| C. Hardy .....      | 5   | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 30  |
| L. Venzke .....     | 4   | 2  | 2  | 0  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 24  |
| R. Curtis .....     | 3   | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 18  |
| Z. Jordan .....     | 2   | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 12  |
| H. Davidson .....   | 2   | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 12  |
| G. Figner .....     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 6   |
| T. Brookshier ..... | 1   | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 6   |
| L. Horine .....     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 6   |
| C. Fisher .....     | 1   | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 6   |
| C. Mosher .....     | 1   | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 6   |

#### PASSING

| Player              | Att | Com | Int | Pct. | Yards | —avg. per— | TD   | Long | TOTAL OFFENSE | Att. | Yds  | Avg. |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|------------|------|------|---------------|------|------|------|
| Z. Jordan .....     | 123 | 62  | 7   | 50.4 | 897   | 7.3        | 14.5 | 6    | 57            | 188  | 1063 | 5.7  |
| B. Horton .....     | 3   | 2   | 0   | 66.7 | 48    | 16.0       | 24.0 | 1    | 26t           | 17   | 117  | 6.9  |
| R. Johnson .....    | 6   | 1   | 0   | 16.7 | 36    | 6.0        | 36.0 | 0    | 36            | 78   | 491  | 6.3  |
| R. Gray .....       | 2   | 1   | 0   | 50.0 | 30    | 15.0       | 30.0 | 1    | 30t           | 14   | 73   | 5.2  |
| C. Hardy .....      | 4   | 2   | 1   | 66.7 | 29    | 7.3        | 14.5 | 0    | 20            | 57   | 452  | 7.9  |
| W. Shelton .....    | 10  | 3   | 1   | 30.0 | 19    | 1.9        | 6.3  | 0    | 10            | 123  | 436  | 3.5  |
| T. Brookshier ..... | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0.0  | 0     | 0.0        | 0.0  | 0    | 0             | 2    | 2    | 1.0  |
| R. Williams .....   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0.0  | 0     | 0.0        | 0.0  | 0    | 0             | 14   | 36   | 2.6  |

NCAA Rating: Jordan 116.4.

#### PUNTING

| Player            | No. | Yards | Avg. | Long | In | had | Net    |
|-------------------|-----|-------|------|------|----|-----|--------|
| Z. Jordan .....   | 43  | 1751  | 40.7 | 69   | 4  | 7   | 1 37.6 |
| R. Johnson .....  | 5   | 229   | 45.8 | 68   | 1  | 2   | 0 39.6 |
| L. Venzke .....   | 5   | 209   | 41.8 | 55   | 1  | 1   | 0 38.8 |
| R. Williams ..... | 5   | 198   | 39.6 | 48   | 0  | 0   | 0 37.0 |
| C. Hardy .....    | 3   | 87    | 29.0 | 47   | 1  | 0   | 1 23.7 |
| Team .....        | 2   | 0     | 0.0  | 0    | 0  | 0   | 0 0.0  |

#### PUNT RETURNS

| Player              | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------------|-----|-------|------|----|------|
| T. Brookshier ..... | 18  | 216   | 12.0 | 1  | 65t  |
| W. Shelton .....    | 17  | 175   | 10.3 | 0  | 30   |
| G. Figner .....     | 2   | 10    | 5.0  | 0  | 6    |
| C. Hardy .....      | 3   | 13    | 4.3  | 0  | 7    |

#### KICKOFF RETURNS

| Player              | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------------|-----|-------|------|----|------|
| R. Curtis .....     | 6   | 140   | 23.3 | 0  | 29   |
| C. Hardy .....      | 10  | 241   | 24.1 | 0  | 43   |
| T. Brookshier ..... | 8   | 113   | 14.1 | 0  | 24   |
| B. Horton .....     | 1   | 20    | 20.0 | 0  | 20   |
| R. Gray .....       | 1   | 20    | 20.0 | 0  | 20   |
| R. Johnson .....    | 1   | 16    | 16.0 | 0  | 16   |
| L. Venzke .....     | 3   | 43    | 14.3 | 0  | 17   |
| H. Davidson .....   | 4   | 48    | 12.0 | 0  | 22   |
| M. Hodel .....      | 1   | 9     | 9.0  | 0  | 9    |
| H. Johnson .....    | 3   | 18    | 6.0  | 0  | 13   |
| R. Hunt .....       | 1   | 4     | 4.0  | 0  | 4    |
| D. Branby .....     | 2   | 6     | 3.0  | 0  | 6    |
| B. Allen .....      | 1   | 3     | 3.0  | 0  | 3    |

#### INTERCEPTIONS

| Player               | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD | Long |
|----------------------|-----|-------|------|----|------|
| C. Vandeverter ..... | 4   | 27    | 6.8  | 0  | 13   |
| L. Horine .....      | 3   | 31    | 10.3 | 1  | 25t  |
| G. Figner .....      | 2   | 48    | 24.0 | 1  | 45   |
| R. Shepherd .....    | 2   | 47    | 23.5 | 0  | 45   |
| R. Johnson .....     | 1   | 36    | 36.0 | 0  | 36   |
| D. Greenwood .....   | 1   | 15    | 15.0 | 0  | 15   |
| R. Gray .....        | 1   | 14    | 14.0 | 0  | 14   |
| J. Dalthorp .....    | 1   | 10    | 10.0 | 0  | 10   |

#### FIELD GOALS

| Player          | 10-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | Total | Long |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|------|
| Colorado .....  | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-0 | 0-0   | 0    |
| Opponents ..... | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-1   | 0-0 | 0-1   | 0    |