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			Result	Attend	Rank	CU	Opp	FD	Rushing	Passing		Tot Off	Opp	Rushing	Passing		Tot Off	TV
					CU	Opp			att	a - c - i	yds	no	FD	att	a - c - i	yds	no	
S	19	at Washington	W	21-20	31,000	—	—	14	52 218 1	13- 3-2	67 2	65 285	16	29 107 2	42-19-1	285 1	71 392	
S	26	ARIZONA	W	20-14	24,500	—	—	14	55 175 3	6- 3-1	49 0	61 224	10	47 114 0	11- 4-2	31 0	58 145	
O	3	*MISSOURI	L	16-27	23,840	—	—	15	45 200 1	15- 4-3	97 1	60 297	12	40 147 2	14- 9-1	229 2	54 376	
O	10	*KANSAS	L	21-27	24,300	—	—	9	26 67 1	25-11-4	146 1	51 213	18	59 306 4	8- 3-1	60 0	67 366	
O	17	*at Kansas State	L	14-28	14,000	—	—	17	54 215 2	12- 8-1	101 0	66 316	14	43 376 3	2- 0-0	0 0	45 376	
O	24	*at Oklahoma	L	20-27	34,000	—	9	11	53 277 3	9- 3-1	11 0	62 288	16	57 327 4	5- 1-0	11 0	62 338	
O	31	*IOWA STATE	W	41-34	22,500	—	—	17	45 278 3	14- 6-1	117 2	59 395	17	48 220 3	18-12-2	218 2	66 438	
N	7	UTAH	W	21- 0	18,500	—	—	10	47 161 2	6- 2-1	29 1	53 190	14	51 191 0	24- 9-7	58 0	75 249	
N	14	*at Nebraska	W	14-10	36,000	—	—	10	34 150 1	7- 3-1	46 1	41 196	20	62 248 1	12- 5-0	55 0	74 303	
N	28	at Colorado State	W	13- 7	7,549	—	—	22	67 290 1	11- 5-4	74 1	78 364	8	44 114 1	6- 2-0	19 0	50 133	

Head Coach: Dal Ward. **Assistant Coaches:** Frank Prentup (backfield), Bob Sneddon (ends), Marshall Wells (line), Ray Jenkins (freshmen).

Usual Lineup: Offense (Single-wing), Defense (5-3)—LE Gary Knafelc, LT Lee Marshall, LG Jim Stander, C Dave Hill, RG Dick Knowlton, RT Bob Morton, RE Alabama Glass, QB Roger Hunt, LH Carroll Hardy/Homer Jenkins/Ron Johnson, RH Frank Bernardi, FB Emerson Wilson. **Specialists**—PK Roger Hunt/Don Piper, P Jenkins/Hardy.

Note: The Buffs rebounded from four straight tough losses in the middle of the season to close with four straight wins, including the last three over long-time rivals Utah,

SCORE/QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	—	Total
COLORADO	27	55	63	56	—	201
Opponents	70	40	35	49	—	194

TEAM STATISTICS	Colorado	Opponents
FIRST DOWNS	139	145
by rushing	107	114
by passing	28	30
by penalty	4	1
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	49-112	40-124
percentage	43.8	32.3
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	9-21	11-25
percentage	42.9	44.0
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	478	480
yards gained	2316	2429
yards lost	285	279
NET RUSHING YARDS	2031	2150
average per rush	4.2	4.5
average per game	203.1	215.0
PASSING ATTEMPTS	118	142
passes completed	48	64
had intercepted	19	14
completion percentage	40.7	45.1
NET PASSING YARDS	737	966
average per attempt	6.2	6.8
average per completion	15.4	15.1
average per game	73.7	96.6
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS	596	622
TOTAL NET YARDS	2768	3116
AVERAGE GAIN PER PLAY	4.6	5.0
AVERAGE PER GAME	276.8	311.6
FUMBLES-LOST	38-14	30-18
PENALTIES/YARDS	55/428	50/447
TURNOVERS (Margin: -1/-0.10)	33	32
TOTAL RETURN YARDS	664	592
Punt Returns: No-Yards	27-464	22-333
Interceptions: No-Yards	14-200	19-174
Misc. (Fum/Blk. FG) Returns	0-0	2-85
KICKOFF RETURNS: No-Yards	37-730	36-762
average per return	19.7	21.2
PUNTS/Average	50/38.8	54/36.5
BLOCKED KICKS	2	2
TIMES PENETRATED OPP. 20	25	22
scores/td,fg	17/17.0	16/15.1
TOUCHDOWNS	29	28
by rushing	18	20
by passing	9	5
by return	2	3
PAT Kicks	25-29	20-28
Field Goals	0-0	2-2
Safeties	1	0
TOTAL POINTS	201	194
average per game	20.1	19.4

RUSHING	Att	Gain	Loss	NET	Avg.	TD	Long
E. Wilson	118	617	26	591	5.0	6	41t
F. Bernardi	95	553	60	493	5.2	2	46t
C. Hardy	74	416	55	361	4.9	3	35t
H. Jenkins	65	248	65	183	2.8	3	17
D. Shelley	41	172	0	172	4.2	2	11
R. Johnson	38	157	19	138	3.6	0	16
R. Hunt	4	33	0	33	8.3	2	26t
S. Maphis	4	17	0	17	4.3	0	8
C. Toms	2	15	0	15	7.5	0	11
B. Horton	14	39	26	13	0.8	0	10
D. Piper	6	13	0	13	2.2	0	5
L. Popoff	1	9	0	9	9.0	0	9
D. Neary	5	8	3	5	1.0	0	3
P. Middlemist	7	17	16	1	0.1	0	9
B. Lamont	2	0	4	-4	-2.0	0	-2
G. Knafelc	2	2	11	-9	-4.5	0	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
G. Knafelc	22	451	20.5	8	50t
D. Piper	6	65	10.8	0	22
F. Bernardi	4	41	10.3	0	17
B. Lamont	4	40	10.0	0	22
R. Hunt	3	49	16.3	0	25
A. Glass	2	14	7.0	0	10
E. Wilson	2	-3	-1.5	0	-1
R. Johnson	1	29	29.0	1	29t
C. Fisher	1	22	22.0	0	22
M. Balich	1	20	20.0	0	20
D. Shelley	1	8	8.0	0	8
H. Jenkins	1	1	1.0	0	1

SCORING	Tot	Ru	Re	Rt	EP-A	FG-A	PTS
G. Knafelc	8	0	8	0	0-0	0-0	48
E. Wilson	6	6	0	0	0-0	0-0	36
R. Hunt	2	2	0	0	14-15	0-0	26
R. Johnson	3	0	1	2	0-0	0-0	18
C. Hardy	3	3	0	0	0-0	0-0	18
H. Jenkins	3	3	0	0	0-0	0-0	18
F. Bernardi	2	2	0	0	0-0	0-0	12
D. Shelley	2	2	0	0	0-0	0-0	12
D. Piper	0	0	0	0	9-10	0-0	9
B. Lamont	0	0	0	0	2-4	0-0	2

PASSING	Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yards	—avg. per—	TD	Long	TOTAL OFFENSE	Att.	Yds	Avg.
F. Bernardi	22	11	3	50.0	176	8.0	16.0	2	31t	117	669	5.7
H. Jenkins	26	9	5	34.6	163	6.3	18.1	3	50t	91	346	3.8
B. Horton	16	8	2	50.0	111	6.9	13.9	1	28t	30	124	4.1
C. Hardy	19	6	1	31.6	104	5.5	17.3	1	25t	93	465	5.0
R. Johnson	17	7	2	41.2	88	5.2	12.6	1	30t	55	226	4.1
C. Toms	8	3	2	37.5	45	5.6	15.0	0	22	10	60	6.0
P. Middlemist	7	2	3	28.6	29	4.1	14.5	1	17	14	30	2.1
D. Neary	1	1	0	100.0	22	22.0	22.0	0	22	6	27	4.5
B. Lamont	1	0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	3	-4	-1.3
D. Piper	1	1	0	100.0	-1	-1.0	-1.0	0	-1	7	12	1.7

NCAA Rating: Bernardi 119.9, Jenkins 86.9.

PUNTING	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	In	had	Net
D. Neary	1	42	42.0	42	0	0	42.0
C. Hardy	17	732	43.1	77	5	2	37.2
H. Jenkins	18	750	41.7	61	3	3	34.3
R. Hunt	2	65	32.5	39	0	0	-7.5
R. Johnson	7	278	39.7	59	2	4	36.7
C. Toms	2	56	28.0	36	1	0	28.0
P. Middlemist	1	16	16.0	16	0	0	16.0
Team	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
R. Johnson	7	179	25.6	1	92t
C. Hardy	4	74	18.5	0	54
F. Bernardi	10	164	16.4	0	51
P. Middlemist	3	26	8.7	0	12
H. Jenkins	2	16	8.0	0	16
C. Toms	1	5	5.0	0	5

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
R. Johnson	6	210	35.0	1	97t
H. Jenkins	2	59	29.5	0	45
C. Hardy	4	100	25.0	0	30
R. Hunt	8	160	20.0	0	26
D. Neary	1	20	20.0	0	20
D. Piper	3	59	19.7	0	22
F. Bernardi	2	33	16.5	0	26
B. Horton	1	12	12.0	0	12
G. Knafelc	2	22	11.0	0	22
E. Wilson	4	40	10.0	0	17
D. Shelley	1	8	8.0	0	8
A. Glass	2	5	2.5	0	3
H. Branby	1	2	2.0	0	2

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
F. Bernardi	5	131	26.2	0	45
C. Hardy	3	35	11.7	0	25
H. Jenkins	2	12	6.0	0	19
D. Karnoscak	2	2	1.0	0	2
K. Huffer	1	3	3.0	0	3
D. Piper	1	0	0.0	0	0
P. Middlemist	0*	17		0	17

FIELD GOALS	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	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2	46