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5-5**3-3 (3rd/Big7)**

						Rank		CU		Rushing			Passing			Tot Off		Opp	Rushing			Passing			Tot Off		TV
						CU	Opp	FD	FD	att	yds	td	a-c-i	yds	td	no	yds		att	yds	td	a-c-i	yds	td	no	yds	
S	19	WASHINGTON	L	12-21	23,678	—	—	14	41	76	1		24-15-2	167	0	65	243	13	53	172	1	7- 4-1	61	1	60	233	
S	26	BAYLOR	L	7-15	23,761	—	—	12	42	86	1		28-13-3	133	0	70	219	10	31	98	1	22-14-1	92	1	53	190	
O	3	*at Oklahoma	L	12-42	53,000	—	—	18	37	101	1		33-15-2	202	1	70	303	25	62	309	6	13- 8-0	167	1	75	476	
O	10	*at Kansas State	W	20-17	10,000	—	—	18	55	144	2		22-10-3	180	1	77	324	11	33	26	1	19-12-0	130	1	52	156	
O	17	*IOWA STATE	L	0-27	34,469	—	—	8	45	94	0		16- 4-2	27	0	61	121	17	54	247	3	8- 5-0	80	1	62	327	
O	24	at Arizona (N)	W	18- 0	21,000	—	—	16	61	231	3		12- 6-0	62	0	73	293	10	29	38	0	19- 9-2	75	0	48	113	
O	31	*MISSOURI	W	21-20	28,422	—	—	15	38	70	2		26-15-0	174	1	64	244	19	50	177	2	25-10-1	147	1	75	324	
N	7	*KANSAS	W	27-14	27,513	—	—	21	56	164	1		19-11-0	138	3	75	302	13	44	193	2	15- 5-1	53	0	59	246	
N	14	*at Nebraska	L	12-14	26,000	—	—	16	36	182	2		37-16-1	189	0	73	371	11	55	217	1	6- 2-3	23	1	61	240	
N	28	AIR FORCE	W	15- 7	40,000	—	—	18	61	183	0		25-10-1	83	2	86	266	13	32	125	1	28-11-1	125	0	60	250	

Head Coach: Sonny Grandelius. **Assistant Coaches:** Charles Boerio (defense), Bob Ghilotti (ends), Carl "Buck" Nystrom (line), John Polonchek (backs), Frank Johnston (freshmen), Bob Beattie (freshmen assistant).

Usual Lineup: Offense (Wing-T), Defense (4-3)—LE Bill Elkins/Chuck McBride, LT Bob McCullough, LG Ken Vardell, C Walt Klinker, RG Joe Romig, RT Jim Perkins, RE Mel Semenko, QB Gale Weidner, LH Jerry Steffen/Don Maurer, RH Dave Rife, FB Chuck Weiss/Loren Schweninger. **Specialists**—PK Joe Dowler, P Chuck McBride.

Note: This team joined the 1939 team as the only ones in CU's first 70 seasons of football to rally from 0-3 starts to finish with a winning record.

SCORE/QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	—	Total
COLORADO	20	36	22	66	—	144
Opponents	59	44	61	13	—	177

TEAM STATISTICS	Colorado	Opponents
FIRST DOWNS	156	142
by rushing	79	87
by passing	65	47
by penalty	12	8
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	60-165	44-125
percentage	36.4	35.2
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	11-26	7-13
percentage	42.3	53.8
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	472	443
yards gained	1548	1959
yards lost	217	357
NET RUSHING YARDS	1331	1602
average per rush	2.8	3.6
average per game	133.1	160.2
PASSING ATTEMPTS	242	162
passes completed	115	80
had intercepted	14	10
completion percentage	47.5	49.4
NET PASSING YARDS	1355	953
average per attempt	5.6	5.9
average per completion	11.8	11.9
average per game	135.5	95.3
QBs sacked/yards lost	6/39	15/128
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS	714	605
TOTAL NET YARDS	2686	2555
AVERAGE GAIN PER PLAY	3.8	4.2
AVERAGE PER GAME	268.6	255.5
FUMBLES-LOST	22-11	27-15
PENALTIES/YARDS	58/501	55/508
TURNOVERS (Margin: 0/0.00)	25	25
TOTAL RETURN YARDS	356	423
Punt Returns: No-Yards	30-239	27-195
Interceptions: No-Yards	10-117	14-228
Misc. (Fum/Blk. FG) Returns	0-0	0-0
KICKOFF RETURNS: No-Yards	31-593	25-456
average per return	19.1	18.2
PUNTS/Average	62/35.1	60/37.3
BLOCKED KICKS	2	0
TIMES PENETRATED OPP. 20	26	30
scores/td,fg	20/20,0	20/19,1
TOUCHDOWNS	22	25
by rushing	13	17
by passing	8	6
by return	1	2
PAT Kicks	4-7	20-22
2-Pt. PAT	4-15	2-3
Field Goals	0-0	1-3
Safeties	0	0
TOTAL POINTS	144	177
average per game	14.4	17.7

RUSHING Player	Att	Gain	Loss	NET	Avg.	TD	Long
D. Rife	96	314	39	275	2.9	2	12
C. Weiss	56	200	4	196	3.5	1	26
D. Maurer	58	202	8	194	3.4	2	13
J. Steffen	58	211	32	179	3.1	1	24
G. Weidner	49	155	50	105	2.1	5	18
L. Schweninger	28	100	2	98	3.5	1	12
F. Purnell	16	65	0	65	4.1	0	10
R. Johnson	20	67	14	53	2.7	0	12
D. Garvin	22	55	6	49	2.2	0	10
T. Woods	13	47	0	47	3.6	0	13
D. Bennett	7	29	4	25	3.6	0	11
D. Dickerson	10	24	2	22	2.2	0	8
M. Oliver	8	24	7	17	2.1	0	7
F. Montera	10	21	9	12	1.2	0	5
N. Counter	6	10	0	10	1.7	1	4
G. Adams	2	5	0	5	2.5	0	3
T. Reed	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1
B. Senger	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	-4
J. Dowler	11	18	36	-18	-1.6	0	5

RECEIVING Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
C. McBride	16	189	11.8	1	25
J. Steffen	14	119	8.5	1	25
J. Hillebrand	12	196	16.3	1	45
C. Weiss	12	91	7.6	1	13
G. Henson	11	201	18.3	2	43
D. Maurer	11	171	15.5	0	48
D. Rife	11	129	11.7	0	34
B. Elkins	7	90	12.9	1	19
D. Garvin	6	34	5.7	0	17
M. Semenko	5	46	9.2	0	11
D. Dickerson	2	27	13.5	0	19
D. Bennett	2	22	11.0	0	19
K. Campbell	1	15	15.0	1	15t
J. Watkins	1	13	13.0	0	13
F. Purnell	1	9	9.0	0	9
T. Woods	1	3	3.0	0	3
L. Schweninger	1	3	3.0	0	3
G. Adams	1	-3	-3.0	0	-3

SCORING Player	Touchdowns—			2Pt.	PAT				EP-A	FG-A	PTS
	Tot	Ru	Re	Rt							
G. Weidner	6	5	0	1	0-9	0-0	0-0	0-0	36		
D. Rife	2	2	0	0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	14		
G. Henson	2	0	2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	12		
D. Maurer	2	2	0	0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12		
J. Steffen	2	1	1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	12		
C. Weiss	2	1	1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	12		
N. Counter	1	1	0	0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	8		
J. Hillebrand	1	0	1	0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	8		
L. Schweninger	1	1	0	0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	8		
K. Campbell	1	0	1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6		
B. Elkins	1	0	1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6		
C. McBride	1	0	1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6		
J. Dowler	0	0	0	0	0-2	4-7	0-0	0-0	4		
F. Montera	0	0	0	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0		
T. Reed	0	0	0	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0		

PASSING Player	Att-Com-Int			Pct.	Yards	—avg. per—		TD	Long	Sacked	TOTAL OFFENSE		
	Att.	Com.	Int.			att.	comp.				Att.	Yds	Avg.
G. Weidner.....	207	100	13	48.3	1200	5.8	12.0	7	48	3/27	256	1305	5.1
F. Montera.....	16	9	0	56.3	100	6.3	11.1	0	24	1/ 0	26	112	4.3
J. Dowler.....	12	5	0	41.7	42	3.5	8.4	1	15t	2/12	23	24	1.0
T. Reed.....	7	1	1	14.3	13	1.9	13.0	0	13	0/ 0	8	14	1.8

NCAA Rating: Weidner 95.6, Montera 108.8.