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		Result	Attend	Rank		CU	Opp	FD	Rushing			Passing			Tot Off		Opp	FD	Rushing			Passing			Tot Off		TV
									att	yds	td	a-c-i	yds	td	no	yds			att	yds	td	a-c-i	yds	td	no	yds	
S 11	at Louisiana State (N)	W	31-21	70,099	—	9	20	58	293	2	19	9-3	82	1	77	375	17	40	150	1	27	9-4	77	1	67	227	
S 18	WYOMING	W	56-13	40,729	12	—	26	64	405	7	10	5-1	129	1	74	534	13	43	110	2	32	10-3	150	0	75	260	
S 25	at Ohio State	W	20-14	85,538	10	6	19	50	285	2	9	4-2	97	0	59	382	24	56	145	1	33	20-0	255	1	89	400	
O 2	*KANSAS STATE	W	31-21	47,740	6	—	17	37	97	1	28	14-1	276	2	65	373	18	51	219	2	32	15-0	178	1	83	397	
O 9	*at Iowa State	W	24-14	32,000	5	—	27	76	334	2	14	5-1	107	1	90	441	17	40	94	1	24	14-1	171	1	64	265	
O 16	*at Oklahoma	L	17-45	61,826	6	2	18	32	83	1	33	14-2	241	1	65	324	27	73	498	3	5	4-0	172	3	78	670	
O 23	*MISSOURI	W	27-7	45,129	11	—	18	68	330	3	13	1-2	14	0	81	344	10	34	106	0	34	16-3	119	1	68	225	
O 30	*at Nebraska	L	7-31	67,776	9	1	11	55	108	0	9	2-1	52	1	64	160	20	58	180	3	21	12-0	144	1	79	324	ABC
N 6	*at Kansas	W	35-14	35,500	13	—	19	60	289	5	12	5-1	71	0	72	360	9	48	120	0	15	8-0	60	1	63	180	
N 13	*OKLAHOMA STATE	W	40-6	40,211	12	—	27	67	505	5	22	8-0	171	1	89	676	9	42	50	1	21	6-4	74	0	63	124	
N 20	AIR FORCE	W	53-17	46,362	10	—	26	55	352	5	28	11-2	204	2	83	556	15	46	138	1	25	10-1	195	1	71	333	
D 31	#Houston (N)	W	29-17	54,720	7	15	24	62	336	3	17	7-1	62	1	79	398	19	50	219	2	25	11-1	173	0	75	392	ABC

#—Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston, Texas.

Head Coach: Eddie Crowder. **Assistant Coaches:** Jerry Claiborne (AHC/DC), Kay Dalton (QB), Rick Duval (WR), Larry Kennan (TE), C.B. McGowan (RB), Jim Mora (DL), Steve Ortmayer (OL), Steve Sidwell (LB), Augie Tammariello (OL), Dan Stavely (freshmen).**Usual Lineup: Offense (Switching T: Slot-I Triple Option)**—TE Bob Masten/J.V. Cain, TT Greg Horton, TG Bill Kralicek, C William McDonald, SG Chuck Mandril, ST Jake Zumbach, SE Cliff Branch/Willie Nichols, QB Ken Johnson/Joe Duenas, TB Charlie Davis, FB John Tarver/Bo Matthews, SB Larry Brunson. **Defense (Wide-tackle 6)**—LE Rick Kay, LT Herb Orvis/Mark Cooney, LB Randy Geist, LG Carl Taibi, LB Billie Drake/Lenny Ciufio, RT Chris Havens, LB Bud Magrum/Dave Orvis, RE John Stavely, LH Cullen Bryant, RH Brian Foster/Loren Richardson, S John Stearns. **Specialists**—PK J.B. Dean, P Stearns.**Notes:** Artificial surfacing makes its debut in Boulder, as an AstroTurf carpet blanketed Folsom Field. CU's stunning road upsets of Louisiana State and Ohio State pave the way for a 10-2 season, as the Big Eight owned the top three spots in the final Associated Press poll after the bowls. With Nebraska (#1), Oklahoma (#2) and Colorado (#3), it was the first and to date only time in history one conference has occupied all top three positions at the end of the year.

SCORE/QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	—	Total
COLORADO	57	99	82	103	—	341
Opponents	38	55	68	42	—	203

TEAM STATISTICS	Colorado	Opponents
FIRST DOWNS	228	179
by rushing	158	98
by passing	61	70
by penalty	9	11
FIRST DOWN PLAYS / Average	365/5.2	333/4.6
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	70-167	62-189
percentage	41.9	32.8
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	4-12	9-24
percentage	33.3	37.5
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	624	532
yards gained	3565	2227
yards lost	471	417
NET RUSHING YARDS	3094	1810
average per rush	5.0	3.4
average per game	281.3	164.5
PASSING ATTEMPTS	196	270
passes completed	78	125
had intercepted	16	16
completion percentage	39.8	46.3
NET PASSING YARDS	1444	1639
average per attempt	74	6.1
average per completion	18.5	13.1
average per game	131.3	149.0
QBs sacked/yards lost	24/215	37/287
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS	820	802
TOTAL NET YARDS	4538	3449
AVERAGE GAIN PER PLAY	5.5	4.3
AVERAGE PER GAME	412.5	313.5
FUMBLES-LOST	48-25	26-20
PENALTIES/YARDS	72/671	46/397
turnovers (Margin: -5/-0.45)	41	36
TOTAL RETURN YARDS	827	183
Punt Returns: No-Yards	39-577	11-77
Interceptions: No-Yards	16-250	16-87
Misc. (Fum/Blk. FG) Returns	0-0	1-19
KICKOFF RETURNS: No-Yards	29-389	53-1077
average per return	13.4	20.3
PUNTS/Average	58/35.7	82/38.4
DEFENSIVE/tackles for loss	64-332	64-320
quarterback sacks/yards	37/287	24/215
passes broken up	32	19
BLOCKED KICKS	3	5
TIME OF POSSESSION (Avg.)	29:38	30:22
TIMES PENETRATED OPP. 20	39	38
scores/td,fg	31/27.4	24/21.3
TOUCHDOWNS	47	28
by rushing	33	16
by passing	10	10
by return	4	2
PAT Kicks	37-45	26-27
2-Pt. PAT	2-2	0-1
Field Goals	6-12	3-8
Safeties	0	0
TOTAL POINTS	341	203
average per game	31.0	18.5

RUSHING	Att	Gain	Loss	NET	Avg.	TD	Long
Player							
C. Davis	219	1481	95	1386	6.3	10	67t
J. Tarver	122	677	0	677	5.5	6	52
K. Johnson	142	553	204	349	2.5	4	25
C. Branch	9	240	5	235	26.1	4	85t
B. Matthews	33	140	9	131	4.0	2	16
J. Duenas	55	255	135	120	2.2	4	34
R. Bland	16	85	12	73	4.6	2	19
L. Thomas	13	66	4	62	4.8	1	12
L. Brunson	4	23	3	20	5.0	0	15
S. Mendez	3	20	2	18	6.0	0	20
J. Keyworth	3	10	0	10	3.3	0	6
M. Whitaker	3	10	2	8	2.7	0	8
J. Stearns	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Player					
W. Nichols	16	316	19.8	4	64t
C. Branch	13	330	25.4	3	74t
B. Masten	11	214	19.5	1	48t
M. Whitaker	9	126	14.0	0	19
J.V. Cain	8	173	21.6	1	40
C. Davis	7	79	11.3	0	18
L. Brunson	6	112	18.7	1	55t
S. Mendez	4	58	14.5	0	18
J. Tarver	3	31	10.3	0	15
J. Keyworth	1	5	5.0	0	5

SCORING Player	Touchdowns—				2Pt.	PAT	EP-A	FG-A	PTS
	Tot	Ru	Re	Rt					
C. Branch.....	11	4	3	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	68	
C. Davis.....	10	10	0	0	1-1	0-0	0-0	62	
J.B. Dean.....	0	0	0	0	0-0	37-45	6-12	55	
J. Tarver.....	6	6	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	36	
K. Johnson.....	4	4	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	24	
J. Duenas.....	4	4	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	24	
W. Nichols.....	4	0	4	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	24	
B. Matthews.....	2	2	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	12	
R. Bland.....	2	2	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	12	
B. Masten.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6	
L. Brunson.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6	
L. Thomas.....	1	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6	
J.V. Cain.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6	

PASSING	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	—avg. per—	att.	comp.	TD	Long	Sacked	TOTAL OFFENSE	Att.	Yds	Avg.
Player													
K. Johnson	163-64-12	39.3	1126	6.9	17.6	8	64t	14/131	305	1475	4.8		
J. Duenas	26-11-4	42.3	212	8.2	19.3	1	74t	10/84	81	332	4.1		
C. Branch	4-2-0	50.0	88	22.0	44.0	1	48t	0/0	13	323	24.8		
R. Bland	3-1-0	33.3	18	6.0	18.0	0	18	0/0	19	91	4.8		

NCAA Ratings: Johnson 98.8, Duenas 92.8.

PUNTING	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	In 20	had 50+	Net blk	Net Avg.
Player								
J. Stearns	49	1730	35.3	54	11	2	1	34.0
D. Stewart	8	339	42.4	59	2	2	0	40.5
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Player					
C. Branch	31	505	16.3	4	75t
B. Foster	3	54	18.0	0	61
C. Bryant	3	12	4.0	0	11
L. Richardson	2	6	3.0	0	3

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Player					
C. Branch	9	191	21.2	0	41
L. Brunson	8	109	13.6	0	50
C. Davis	4	59	14.8	0	22
W. Nichols	2	9	4.5	0	8
J.V. Cain	1	13	13.0	0	13
B. Masten	1	5	5.0	0	5
B. Matthews	1	3	3.0	0	3
G. Parr	1	0	0.0	0	0
B. Bain	1	0	0.0	0	0
L. Thomas	1	0	0.0	0	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Player					
J. Stearns	5	158	31.6	0	59
J. Stavely	3	4	1.3	0	4
C. Bryant	2	57	28.5	0	34
L. Richardson	2	18	9.0	0	18
L. Ciufio	1	10	10.0	0	10
J.B. Dean	1	2	2.0	0	2
B. Foster	1	1	1.0	0	1
R. Geist	1	0	0.0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
Player							
J.B. Dean	0-0	0-1	5-7	1-2	0-2	6-12	47
Opponents	0-0	1-2	2-3	0-0	0-3	3-8	36

TACKLE LEADERS	UT	AT	—	Tot	TFL	QBS	PBU
Player							
R. Geist	37	71	—	108	4-12	2-9	6
B. Magrum	39	65	—	104	8-49	5-43	1
B. Drake	34	68	—	102	5-19	1-7	0
C. Taibi	23	49	—	72	12-82	8-78	0
J. Stearns	31	29	—	60	0-0	0-0	3
M. Cooney	20	40	—	60	5-20	3-13	1
J. Stavely	19	29	—	48	4-25	2-21	4
C. Havens	14	33	—	47	6-26	3-23	0
H. Orvis	19	27	—	46	6-34	3-26	3
L. Ciufio	18	27	—	45	4-19	2-13	1
C. Bryant	22	18	—	40	0-0	0-0	4
D. Orvis	18	20	—	38	2-6	2-13	0
B. Foster	19	16	—	35	2-11	1/5	3
L. Richardson	17	15	—	32	0-0	0-0	3
J. B. Dean	10	21	—	31	0-0	0-0	1

—avg. per—					TOTAL OFFENSE		
att.	comp.	TD	Long	Sacked	Att.	Yds	Avg.
6.9	17.6	8	64t	14/131	305	1475	4.8
8.2	19.3	1	74t	10/84	81	332	4.1
22.0	44.0	1	48t	0/ 0	13	323	24.8
6.0	18.0	0	18	0/ 0	19	91	4.8