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7-3-1 3-3-1 (4th/Big 8)

		Result	Attend	Rank	CU	Rushing	Passing	Tot Off	Opp	Rushing	Passing	Tot Off	TV
				CU	Opp	att	yds	no	FD	att	yds	no	
S 10	STANFORD	W 27-21	50,482	12	—	23	62 262 2	25-16-1	231	1	87 493	18	44 170 1
S 17	KENT STATE	W 42- 0	46,164	12	—	22	60 245 4	21-12-0	278	1	81 523	9	47 82 0
S 24	NEW MEXICO	W 42- 7	47,152	8	—	18	67 267 5	22- 6-0	94	1	89 361	8	48 103 0
O 1	at Army	W 31- 0	34,548	7	—	25	63 382 3	19-10-1	119	0	82 501	19	43 121 0
O 8	*OKLAHOMA STATE	W 29-13	52,904	6	—	17	55 358 4	18- 5-1	72	0	73 430	16	58 213 1
O 15	*at Kansas	T 17-17	39,320	3	—	17	43 158 2	18- 7-2	101	0	61 259	24	83 338 2
O 22	*at Nebraska	L 15-33	76,486	7	18	13	46 222 1	17- 6-1	44	0	63 266	29	68 390 3
O 29	*MISSOURI	L 14-24	52,908	15	—	13	45 144 1	18- 5-3	151	1	63 295	24	61 292 1
N 5	*at Iowa State	W 12- 7	50,000	—	19	18	70 248 1	9- 6-0	96	0	79 344	13	37 96 1
N 12	*at Oklahoma	L 14-52	71,184	—	3	12	45 148 2	24-10-4	99	0	69 247	29	77 430 6
N 19	*KANSAS STATE	W 23- 0	43,873	—	—	26	77 384 2	10- 4-1	57	1	87 441	21	31 55 0

Head Coach: Bill Mallory. **Assistant Coaches:** George Belu (OC/OL), Bob Reublin (DC/LB), Tom Batta (DL), Ron Corradini (DE), Gary Durchik (OL), Floyd Keith (RB), Milan Vooletich (DB), Dwight Wallace (QB/WR).

Usual Lineup: Offense (I-Formation)—TE Bob Niziolek, TT Matt Miller, RG Dave Griffin, C Leon White, LG Bruce Kirchner, ST Stan Brock, SE Steve Gauntly, QB Jeff Knapple, FB James Mayberry/Mike Holmes, TB Howard Ballage/Mike Kozlowski, WB Robert LaGarde. **Defense (5-2)**—OSE Stuart Walker, LT Ruben Vaughan, OSLB Brian Cabral, MG Laval Short, CSLB Tom Perry, RT Mike Hagan/Dan Kennelly, CSE Randy Westendorf, OCB Odis McKinney, CCB Jesse Johnson, AP Mark Haynes, S Tom Tesone.

Specialists—PK Pete Dadiotis, P Knapple/Lance Olander.

Note: CU climbs as high as No. 3, its highest ranking in five years, but a 17-17 tie at Kansas starts a 2-3-1 second half of the year to knock the Buffs out of bowl contention.

SCORE/QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	—	Total
COLORADO.....	63	82	52	69	—	266
Opponents.....	17	51	51	55	—	174

TEAM STATISTICS	Colorado	Opponents
FIRST DOWNS.....	204	210
by rushing.....	142	134
by passing.....	59	64
by penalty.....	3	12
FIRST DOWN PLAYS / Average.....	349/5.3	355/5.0
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY.....	72-180	57-183
percentage.....	40.0	31.1
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY.....	14-20	11-20
percentage.....	70.0	55.0
RUSHING ATTEMPTS.....	633	596
yards gained.....	3115	2686
yards lost.....	297	399
NET RUSHING YARDS.....	2818	2287
average per rush.....	4.5	3.8
average per game.....	256.2	207.4
PASSING ATTEMPTS.....	201	237
passes completed.....	87	105
had intercepted.....	14	17
completion percentage.....	43.3	44.3
NET PASSING YARDS.....	1342	1337
average per attempt.....	6.7	5.6
average per completion.....	15.4	12.7
average per game.....	122.0	121.5
QB's sacked/yards lost.....	11/91	28/204
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS.....	834	833
TOTAL NET YARDS.....	4160	3624
AVERAGE GAIN PER PLAY.....	5.0	4.4
AVERAGE PER GAME.....	378.2	329.5
FUMBLES-LOST.....	30/16	32/20
PENALTIES/YARDS.....	57/590	39/384
TURNOVERS (Margin: +7/+0.64).....	30	37
TOTAL RETURN YARDS.....	525	188
Punt Returns: No-Yards.....	34-267	22-99
Interceptions: No-Yards.....	17-258	14-89
Misc. (Fum/Blk. FG) Returns.....	0-0	0-0
KICKOFF RETURNS: No-Yards.....	29-617	41-791
average per return.....	21.3	19.3
PUNTS/Average.....	63/38.9	75-39.3
DEFENSIVE/tackles for loss.....	66-304	44-216
quarterback sacks/yards.....	28/204	11/91
passes broken up.....	34	30
BLOCKED KICKS.....	1	1
TIME OF POSSESSION (Avg.).....	29:37	30:23
TIMES PENETRATED OPP. 20.....	44	32
scores/td,fg.....	34/27,7	20/16,4
TOUCHDOWNS.....	35	22
by rushing.....	27	15
by passing.....	5	7
by return.....	3	0
PAT Kicks.....	30-32	21-22
2-Pt. PAT.....	1-3	0-0
Field Goals.....	8-16	7-12
Safeties.....	0	0
TOTAL POINTS.....	266	174
average per game.....	24.2	15.8

RUSHING Player	Att	Gain	Loss	NET	Avg.	TD	Long
J. Mayberry.....	246	1310	11	1299	5.3	9	70
H. Ballage.....	87	487	25	462	5.3	6	59t
M. Kozlowski.....	61	279	40	239	3.9	1	42t
M. Holmes.....	45	176	2	174	3.9	3	25
P. Cyphers.....	32	160	16	144	4.5	1	27
J. Hornberger.....	36	168	34	134	3.7	0	21
B. Humble.....	27	126	0	126	4.7	1	15
J. Knapple.....	64	235	127	108	1.7	5	36
G. Washington.....	3	78	0	78	26.0	1	72t
M. Johnson.....	3	15	0	15	5.0	0	7
E. Walker.....	5	18	5	13	2.6	0	12
B. Niziolek.....	3	12	0	12	4.0	0	5
L. Lillo.....	6	10	2	8	1.3	0	5
S. Doolittle.....	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7
B. Solomon.....	3	7	0	7	2.3	0	6
M. Haynes.....	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3
E. Ford.....	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2
R. LaGarde.....	8	22	27	-5	-0.6	0	11
S. Gauntly.....	1	0	8	-8	-8.0	0	-8

RECEIVING Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
B. Niziolek.....	29	416	14.3	3	50
S. Gauntly.....	13	370	28.5	2	79t
J. Mayberry.....	11	78	7.1	0	18
R. LaGarde.....	10	172	17.2	0	55
H. Ballage.....	6	86	14.3	0	25
M. Kozlowski.....	6	69	11.5	0	48
K. Pugh.....	4	68	17.0	0	27
G. Howard.....	4	54	13.5	0	23
J. Hornberger.....	3	25	8.3	0	14
M. Davis.....	1	4	4.0	0	4

SCORING Player	Touchdowns—				2Pt.	EP-A	FG-A	PTS
	Tot	Ru	Re	Rt	PAT			
P. Dadiotis	0	0	0	0	0	30-32	8-16	54
J. Mayberry	9	9	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	54
H. Ballage	7	6	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	42
J. Knapple.....	5	5	0	0	1-2	0-0	0-0	32
M. Holmes	3	3	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	18
B. Niziolek.....	3	0	3	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	18
S. Gaunty	2	0	2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
P. Cyphers	1	1	0	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	6
M. Haynes.....	1	0	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
B. Humble.....	1	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
D. Kennelly.....	1	0	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
M. Kozlowski.....	1	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
G. Washington.....	1	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6

PASSING Player	Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yards
J. Knapple.....	180	79	13	43.9	1203
P. Cyphers.....	17	6	1	35.3	80
M. Kozlowski.....	2	1	0	50.0	55
L. Lillo.....	1	1	0	100.0	4
B. Solomon.....	1	0	0	0.0	0

PUNTING Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	In 20	had 50+	Net blk	Net Avg.
J. Knapple.....	44	1706	38.8	60	14	5	0	37.4
L. Olander.....	18	724	40.2	63	5	3	0	38.1
S. Doolittle.....	1	20	20.0	20	0	0	0	20.0

PUNT RETURNS Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
M. Davis.....	25	205	8.2	0	29
T. Tesone.....	6	58	9.7	0	17
R. Cullins.....	3	4	1.3	0	4

KICKOFF RETURNS Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
M. Johnson.....	10	223	22.3	0	48
H. Ballage.....	9	199	22.1	1	98t
J. Mayberry.....	5	112	22.4	0	41
J. Hornberger.....	2	46	23.0	0	24
S. Brock.....	3	37	12.3	0	17

INTERCEPTIONS Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
M. Davis.....	3	4	1.3	0	4
M. Haynes.....	2	141	70.5	1	97t
T. Tesone.....	2	38	19.0	0	20
O. McKinney.....	2	26	13.0	0	26
B. Cabral.....	2	11	5.5	0	11
B. Roe.....	1	32	32.0	0	32
S. Walker.....	1	4	4.0	0	4
R. Westendorf.....	1	2	2.0	0	2
M. Cilento.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
J. Lee.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
J. Johnson.....	1	0	0.0	0	0

FIELD GOALS Player	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
P. Dadiotis.....	0-0	5-7	3-4	0-5	0-0	8-16	37
Opponents.....	0-0	0-0	4-6	3-5	0-1	7-12	48

TACKLE LEADERS Player	UT	AT	—	Tot	TFL	QBS	PBU
L. Short.....	34	51	—	85	11-75	6-65	0
R. Vaughan.....	37	47	—	84	8-29	1- 8	0
M. Haynes.....	43	39	—	82	2- 4	0- 0	2
B. Cabral.....	31	48	—	79	2-12	1-11	2
R. Westendorf.....	33	44	—	77	17-74	9-54	1
J. Lee.....	27	50	—	77	2-11	0- 0	2
T. Perry.....	23	26	—	49	2- 4	0- 0	0
S. Walker.....	17	29	—	46	7-43	6-40	2
T. Tesone.....	25	19	—	44	0- 0	0- 0	4
B. Roe.....	12	28	—	40	0- 0	0- 0	0
M. Davis.....	23	15	—	38	0- 0	0- 0	2
B. McCabe.....	6	27	—	33	0- 0	0- 0	1
O. McKinney.....	13	17	—	30	1- 1	0- 0	8

—avg. per—	att.	comp.	TD	Long	Sacked	TOTAL OFFENSE
Player						Att. Yds Avg.
J. Knapple.....	6.7	15.3	4	79t	9/78	244 1311 5.4
P. Cyphers.....	4.7	13.3	1	19	2/13	49 224 4.6
M. Kozlowski.....	27.5	55.0	0	55	0/ 0	63 294 4.7
L. Lillo.....	4.0	4.0	0	4	0/ 0	7 12 1.7
B. Solomon.....	0.0	0.0	0	0	0/ 0	4 7 1.8

NCAA Ratings: Knapple 93.2, Cyphers 82.5.