



B.J. Beatty strips Caleb King of the ball in the game's final moments. Jon Major (31) recovered the fumble.  
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## Brooks: Beatty, Major Come Up Big In Buffs Win

**BOULDER** - Just as Georgia appeared ready to parlay a One Dawg Night - that would be A.J. Green's superlative 2010 debut - into a last-minute win, Colorado linebackers B.J. Beatty and Jon Major stepped forward and changed the script.

Beatty's strip of quarterback Aaron Murray and Major's recovery allowed the suddenly confident and steadily improving Buffaloes to leave Folsom Field with a 29-27 victory and head into their final Big 12 Conference season with a respectable 3-1 non-conference record. CU opens league play next Saturday at Missouri (5 p.m. MDT, FSN).

"We can see improvement . . . there's such a big difference between that Cal game (a 52-7 blowout) and

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now," Major said shortly after a jubilant CU locker room had cleared out. "We just need to keep on that trend, keep on improving a week at a time. I think we've shown we'll be competitive in the Big 12."

Set to begin competition in the Pac-10 Conference next fall, CU now has won consecutive games for the first time since opening the 2008 season 3-0. Before last weekend's open date, the Buffs rallied in the second half to defeat Hawaii, 31-13.

"That's big for us," said quarterback Tyler Hansen, who more and more is becoming an offensive force. "It gives us a lot of confidence. Georgia's 1-4 now, but that's a good football team. Every game they've lost has been close; they could be 5-0 right now and they're from a great conference (SEC). This was a good win."

It was a good start - the Buffs led at one point 14-3 - but a near heart-stopping finish. With 1:55 to play, after kicker Aric Goodman had just missed a 52-yard field goal attempt, CU clung to a two-point lead and watched UGA try to position itself for the win at the Buffs' 27-yard line.

"That's as basic of a play as we've got," said UGA coach Mark Richt, whose team lost its fourth straight game and dropped to 1-4. "You say, 'What's our number one running play?' - and that was it. They got penetration, obviously, but you've still got to be able to secure the ball for a four- or five-yard loss. You've got to hold onto it, but we didn't."

"I don't know where the guy (Beatty) came from," Murray said. "I handed the ball off (to tailback Caleb King) and it just came out. That's pretty much how it happened."

It was night of big plays made late, but Richt's team featured the night's big, early playmaker. Green, playing in his first game after a four-game NCAA suspension, didn't touch the ball for the first time until the second quarter.

But that was for a 40-yard gain on a flanker reverse. His second touch produced an acrobatic one-handed catch of a Murray pass over CU corner Jalil Brown for a 3-yard touchdown that pulled UGA to within four points (14-10).

Clearly, the Dawgs were uplifted by Green's return - and there was more Green on the way.

After forcing a CU punt, Murray and Green connected again, with Green again victimizing Brown,

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this time for a 39-yard score. Blair Walsh, who opened the Dawgs' scoring with a 33-yard field goal, kicked his second PAT and UGA took its first lead, 17-14.

Brown, who finished with a team-best eight tackles and an interception, said Green was "definitely" the best receiver he's faced: "He's big (6-4, 212) and he's got speed, too."

But Major noted that Brown and the secondary rebounded nicely: "He's a great player, but it speaks to our corners, how they fought back and they made plays. Jalil had that interception (in the first half) after he had that big pass thrown on him. It's a testament to the kind of guys we have; they'll never quit."

The Dawgs and an estimated 7,500 of their fans were ecstatic to see Green return, chanting "A.J. Green, A.J. Green" after his two TD catches.

Meanwhile, if the Buffs were hoping the second half of Green first game back wouldn't be any more damaging, they were wrong - temporarily. On UGA's first second-half possession, he and Murray connected for a 50-yard pass play to put the Dawgs in scoring position.

But after that long pitch-and-catch, Green virtually disappeared from the UGA offense. His 50-yard reception was his last of the night; victimized by cramps, he wasn't a factor for the rest of the game.

Finishing with seven receptions (six in the first half) for 119 yards and the two TDs, Green said he felt Boulder's altitude "a lot, this being my first game back. It was hard for me to keep my breath, but I fought through it."

The Buffs fought through travails of their own, rallying from a 24-14 deficit with a pair of third-quarter touchdowns and a two-point conversion pass from Cody Hawkins to tight end Ryan Deehan that might have given them as much momentum as anything else they attempted.

After Hansen scored on a 2-yard dive, the Buffs lined up in a formation they call "Shoestring." Deehan is the center - but an eligible receiver - and most of his teammates, including Goodman, are split to the left of the formation.

Hawkins can call off the two-point attempt and bring Goodman into a placekicking formation, depending on how the defense reacts to the odd alignment. But the Buffs stayed in "Shoestring" and Hawkins hit Deehan for what would be two very important points.

"It's part of getting your guys an edge," CU coach Dan Hawkins said of the call. "It's just another way of getting your guys to get on the attack . . . You have to get out of the box and get your attack mode going."

The Buffs went on the offensive early with tailbacks Brian Lockridge (16 carries, 36 yards, 1 TD) and Rodney "Speedy" Stewart (19-149, 1 TD). Lockridge started, then was briefly sidelined by an ankle injury. Stewart then came on strong, catching three passes for 31 yards in addition to his rushing total, and going 65 yard on an option run that set up Hansen's TD. He scored on his 11-yard run on CU's next possession.

That drive appeared to have ended with a 38-yard Goodman field goal, but he was roughed on the play and the Dawgs were penalized 10 yards to the 11. Stewart scored on the next play and

Goodman's PAT pushed CU back in front 29-24 with 4:39 left in the third quarter, and that score held until Blair Walsh kicked a 20-yard field goal to draw UGA to within two (29-27) with 12:30 to play.

CU responded by running almost 9 minutes off the clock, with its drive stalling at the UGA 35-yard line where on fourth-and-18, Goodman missed his 52-yard field goal attempt. With 3:37 remaining, the Dawgs took over on their 35-yard line and pushed as far as the CU 27 before the Buffs' timely strip and recovery snuffed them.

CU's first two scoring drives covered 80 and 78 yards. The Buffs out-rushed UGA 235-188, although the Dawgs held a 221-158 advantage in passing and 409-393 edge in total offense.

In addition to completing 13-of-20 passes for 158 yards and one TD, Hansen ran 10 times for 51 yards and a score. Richt called the CU junior "a big problem . . . I can't think of how many times thaqt he was the difference in them moving the chains in a third-down situation. His ability to run, break tackles and keep plays alive (helped them). And later on in the game, he did a lot of great things."

While three of the Buffs' TDs came from conventional sources - Hansen, Stewart and Lockridge - their first score came courtesy of guard-turned-fullback Matt Bahr, who caught Hansen's 4-yard lob and stepped into the end zone.

"My first touchdown . . . the first of my life," Bahr said afterwards. "I lined up on the left side as a tight end and blocked just a little to hide myself . . . then I ran out to the flat and was wide open."

Hansen found him and CU had the fast start it wanted. A couple of hours later, Beatty and Major would provide the ending the Buffs needed.

"I knew I had the opportunity to come off the edge and maybe disrupt the handoff," Beatty said. "I was thinking, 'If I could get off the ball fast enough, I can get to that exchange and force it out.' That's all that ran through my head."

Turns out, it was the thought of the night.

**BUFF BITS:** Saturday night's attendance was 52,855 . . . CU senior receiver Scotty McKnight's 13-yard catch in the second quarter extended his streak of consecutive games with a reception to 41 counting postseason play . . . The Buffs were penalized a season-low three times for 21 yards . None of the penalties were on the offense . . . Stewart's 65-yard run in the third quarter on an option pitch was the longest of his CU career . . . CU has recorded at least one quarterback sack in 24 consecutive games . . . The only previous CU-UGA meeting was in 2006 in Athens. The Bulldogs rallied in the fourth quarter to win 14-13 . . . UGA is only the second SEC team to visit Folsom Field. The first - Louisiana State - smacked CU 44-0 in 1979 . . . Bulldogs coach Mark Richt owned a 39-4 record against non-conference opponents entering Saturday night's game . . . The Buffs, coming off their 31-13 win against Hawaii two weekends ago, had won consecutive games on only two occasions over the past four years - a three-game winning streak (Miami-Ohio, Oklahoma, at Baylor) that took them to the mid-way point of the 2007 season and another three-game winning streak (Colorado State, Eastern Washington, West Virginia) to open 2008.

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## Krieger: CU's victory could save Hawkins' job

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**BOULDER** — In one moment, one mind-set, one presnap obsession, CU football gave its fans reason for hope Saturday night.

Linebacker B.J. Beatty had plenty of time to think about it. Colorado had called a timeout with 1 minute, 59 seconds remaining in a desperate attempt to conserve time as Georgia drove toward the winning field goal at Folsom Field.

The Bulldogs were already at the CU 27-yard line, well within junior placekicker Blair Walsh's range, as the Buffaloes clung to a 2-point lead.

"We knew they were going to try to run the ball, milk the clock and kick a field goal," Beatty explained afterward. "So I knew I had the opportunity to come off the edge and disrupt the handoff."

"The whole time we were waiting, waiting for them to go get that play, I was thinking in my head, 'If I get off the ball fast enough, I can get that exchange and force it out.'"

When Georgia finally ran it, the CU senior reached junior running back Caleb King about the same time quarterback Aaron Murray tried to give him the ball.

"I don't know where the guy came from," Murray said. "I handed the ball off and it just came out."

That fast, the ball was on the ground, CU sophomore Jon Major was falling on it and coach Dan Hawkins' players had given him a chance to survive.

"Once I saw it pop out, all I could think about was hold the running back so he can't get it," Beatty said. "I just kind of went ballistic, knowing that was the game, knowing that we won."

A 3-1 nonconference record guarantees nothing, but it gives CU an opportunity to collect seven victories by winning out at home against Baylor, Texas Tech, Iowa State and Kansas State.

If they can steal one on the road — say, at Kansas — they might go 8-4 and get invited to a decent bowl. It would be hard to fire a coach after a season like that, no matter how weak his previous record.

This would likely cause some consternation among those CU boosters for whom Hawkins' ouster is now the No. 1 goal. But the schedule



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sets up in his favor. CU would be unlikely to beat Oklahoma or Nebraska anywhere, so it's just as well those games are on the road and more winnable conference contests are at Folsom.

Losing to Georgia in a close game would have been no disgrace in itself, but at 2-2 going into conference play, winning out at home and losing out on the road would have left the Buffs at 6-6, probably not enough to save Hawkins' job.

Instead, they won consecutive games for the first time since reeling off three straight to start the 2008 season.

"They are all important," said Hawkins, weary of the constant speculation about his fate. "We put a couple of (wins) back to back. Now we open up Big 12 play, so we have to carry that same sort of swagger on the road."

His players were weary too, weary of being the butt of jokes. Georgia fans flocked to the Broomfield hotel where the Buffs stay the night before home games, motivating them more than any CU boosters did.

"Before the game, there were about 500 Georgia fans at the hotel," junior quarterback Tyler Hansen said. "They were talking trash."

"It was like, 'Good luck, but not really,' " added Beatty.

" 'We're the SEC and you're the Big 12 — the bottom feeder of the Big 12,' " added senior cornerback Jimmy Smith, recounting the taunts.

CU is now 3-1 and Georgia is 1-4. Despite an outstanding 10-year record of 91-31, it is Georgia coach Mark Richt who will be the coach on the hot seat this week.

For Hawkins, now 19-34 in five years at CU, it will be a rare week when the next opponent — Missouri — is the primary preoccupation of CU football rather than his future.

"Great win, Coach, great win!" a fan shouted as Hawkins entered the locker room just in front of the wave of students that flooded the field.

"One at a time, baby," declared Alfred Williams of the 1990 national championship team, smiling broadly.

Hawkins' wife, Misti, greeted the players with hugs and smiles.

After all, they had just given her husband as important a win as he has had in Boulder.

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## CU's Speedy Stewart puts on 149-yard rushing show

By Tom Kensler  
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BOULDER — To a man, Colorado players say junior tailback Rodney "Speedy" Stewart never needs to be motivated.

But apparently it didn't hurt to keep Stewart out of his customary spot in the starting lineup Saturday against Georgia. In other words, Stewart was temporarily benched in favor of junior Brian Lockridge.

"I'm always motivated," Stewart said. "I was just waiting for my chance to get in."

If Stewart was teed off, he wouldn't admit it. But judging from his performance, he must have wanted to show something to the coaches and to the fans.

"I think it did (light a fire)," CU coach Dan

Hawkins said after Stewart rambled for 149 yards on 19 carries against a Bulldogs defense that entered the weekend ranked third in the talent-rich Southeastern Conference in stopping the run.

Lockridge, 5-feet-7 and 185 pounds, drew all the carries in CU's opening two series and was a first-half workhorse with 14 carries before halftime. Lockridge netted only 31 yards, but that did not reflect his effectiveness at crucial times. He caught a 35-yard swing pass from quarterback Tyler Hansen that set up Lockridge's 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

Stewart (5-6, 175) finally came in late in the first quarter and also netted 31 yards in the first half. He was just getting started.

Answering a third-quarter Georgia touchdown, Stewart broke loose for a 65-yard run to set up a diving, 2-yard touchdown by Hansen on a scramble. Stewart put CU up 29-24 with an 11-yard TD run later in that quarter, caught a 24-yard pass from Hansen in the fourth on third-and-13 from the CU 28 that kept the clock rolling.

And then, with a determined run that became as important as any play of the night, Stewart rushed for 14 yards and a first down on the first play after CU's fumble recovery with 1:55 remaining.

Lockridge turned an ankle but Stewart may have played most of the second half anyway. As Lockridge said, "they were going with the hot

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hand."

Stewart's 65-yarder was CU's longest rush since a 74-yarder by Hugh Charles at Oklahoma State in 2005. Stewart has 10 100-yard games, tied for seventh in school history. CU had 235 yards rushing and passed the 200-yard mark in back-to-back games for the first time since 2006.

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## Buff's' 1990 championship team members return to Folsom Field

**By Chris Dempsey**  
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**BOULDER** — With hair now highlighted with silver as bright as the school's color, Bill McCartney took the field once again Saturday night. Around him were the familiar faces of Colorado's proudest football moment, players from the Buffs' 1990 national title team.

Around all of them stood a capacity Folsom Field crowd that cheered. McCartney took the mic and addressed all in attendance.

"It's an honor to be part of this team," he said. "This is truly a group of leaders. Everything rises and falls on leadership. Leadership determines how high you climb. This team climbed to the top of the national rankings. Twenty years later, these guys are leaders off the field. You can be

proud of them."

All who were CU fans were proud. That team, which finished 11-1-1 and defeated Notre Dame 10-9 in the Orange Bowl to finish No. 1 in The Associated Press poll, was honored in a halftime ceremony during Colorado's game against Georgia at Folsom Field.

Players were introduced one by one, as were the coaches. All ran onto the field through the tunnel that the current team emerges from at the start of the game and coming out of halftime. But it wasn't the first time those players ran through the tunnel.

The 1990 players provided an instant spark of emotion at the beginning of the game by running out with Ralphie and the current players.

Colorado rode that energy to a quick 14-3 lead. Well, most of the players ran onto the field. All-America running back Eric Bieniemy walked out, content to take the scene in.

"I just walked out, because I actually wanted to see the response we were getting," Bieniemy said. "I was taking pictures. I was a fan. I was taking pictures of our players, taking pictures of the fans; it was an exciting moment. It's always great to be back here."

Bieniemy also was honored between the first and second quarters, as he's going to be inducted into the CU Athletic Hall of Fame. His obligations as running backs coach of the Minnesota Vikings will prevent him from being at that ceremony

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But Saturday's recognition was just fine.

"It feels great," Bieniemy said. "Also, having an opportunity to be with the guys. Twenty years, man. Time passes by real fast."

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## Georgia WR Green puts on a clinic

By Tom Kensler  
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BOULDER — It took awhile for Georgia star receiver A.J. Green to get going in his first game of the season. But Green, regarded as a future NFL first-round draft choice, put on a show Saturday night at Folsom Field with his first three touches.

With his first touch, on an end around, the 6-foot-4, 212-pound junior galloped 40 yards to the Colorado 40 with 12 minutes remaining in the second quarter. Then four plays later, Green made a circus, one-handed catch for a 3-yard touchdown. Then he added a 39-yard touchdown on his next touch, beating cornerback Jalil Brown on a post pattern.

"It's nice to have A.J. back," Georgia coach Mark Richt said, in one of the understatement of the season. "You could see tonight how talented he is. He's a momentum changer."

Except for a spell early in the second half when he suffered from leg cramps, Green kept going. He finished with seven catches for 119 yards and

two of the three touchdowns tossed by Bulldogs quarterback Aaron Murray. Green had been suspended for the first four games by the NCAA for selling his bowl jersey.

"I was preparing the whole time I was suspended," Green said. "I wasn't worried that I was going to come out and not perform."

### Work on two-pointer pays off.

Colorado coach Dan Hawkins acknowledged afterward that the team had worked all week on the two-point conversion that pulled CU to within 24-22 midway through the third quarter.

After Tyler Hansen's 2-yard touchdown run, Colorado sent in kicker Aric Goodman for a would-be PAT. But Goodman split out wide, and before Georgia could react, holder Cody Hawkins flipped a pass to tight end Ryan Deehan for two points.

Colorado ultimately won the game by two points.

### Seeing red.

The game was designated as a "Blackout," with CU fans encouraged to wear all black. However, areas of Georgia red were conspicuous throughout the stadium — including the entire north bleachers.

Georgia officials said the school's full allotment of 6,000 tickets were sold. Ticket requests by Georgia fans surpassed 8,500.

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"When you come into your own stadium and see the other team's colors, that motivates you," CU quarterback Hansen said.

## Footnotes.

CU committed just three penalties — easily a season low after drawing 10, nine and nine flags in their first three games. . . . The 4-yard TD catch by Matt Bahr provided the first points scored by CU this year on its opening drive. . . . Buffs senior wideout Scotty McKnight didn't catch his first pass — a 13-yarder — until 1:49 left in the first half. But that extended his school record of 40 consecutive games with at least one reception. That leads all active FBS players.

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## Colorado makes statement, improves to 3-1 with Georgia defeat

By John Henderson  
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BOULDER — For three days, the Colorado Buffaloes were reminded that, yes, once they were great. Once they were champions. Once Folsom Field was a place to fear, where opponents watched their step around more than just Ralphie.

Saturday night, with more than 75 members of the 1990 national championship team providing the historical backdrop, the 2010 Buffaloes didn't show they are great.

However, they showed they are good.

This season, that's good enough for embattled coach Dan Hawkins. It was good enough for the near-capacity crowd of 52,855 that stormed the field, obviously not caring that the 29-27 win over Georgia came against a team that's 1-4.

"There's a saying that the pride and tradition of

the Buffaloes won't be entrusted to the weak," said linebacker Jon Major, whose recovery of Georgia tailback Caleb King's fumble at the Colorado 30 with 1:55 left sealed the win. "They came up with that. So we wanted to make them proud."

They'll be proud of Rodney Stewart, beaten out for the starting tailback job last week by Brian Lockridge. "Speedy" burst off the bench for 149 yards. They'll puff out their chests for B.J. Beatty, whose strip of King snubbed a Georgia drive that seemed destined for the deadly foot of kicker Blair Walsh.

And they'll boast of a team that finally has a season again. Colorado is 3-1 and, with a favorable home schedule, took a huge step toward the first winning season in Hawkins' five years.

"Having those guys here and everything they accomplished and the tradition they created," receiver Scotty McKnight said, "it made us want to play hard, not only for them but to show them the program is back."

Many times during this topsy-turvy night, Colorado, a 4 1/2-point underdog, seemed destined instead for last-minute heartache. A.J. Green, coming off a four-game suspension angry and antsy, proved nearly unstoppable, with seven catches for 119 yards and two touchdowns.

Yet he wasn't needed when freshman

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quarterback Aaron Murray led Georgia from his own 35 after Colorado's Aric Goodman missed a 52-yard field goal with 3:37 left. King, who ignited a dormant rushing attack with 100 yards, ran 12 yards to the 27, well within the range of Walsh, who was 9-for-10 on the year.

Georgia merely tried to keep possession with a simple off-tackle play, but Beatty stripped King.

"I knew I had the opportunity to come off the edge and disrupt the handoff," Beatty said. "The whole time we were waiting, waiting for them to go get that play, I was thinking my head, 'If I get off the ball fast enough, I can get that exchange and force it out.' "

The play broke the hearts of more than 6,000 red-clad Georgia fans in attendance.

"That's as basic of a play as we've got," Georgia coach Mark Richt said. "You say, 'What's our No. 1 running play?' and that was it."

Richt can curse whatever god it is who protects rusty hamstrings. Green looked prepared to beat Colorado single-handedly. In his first three touches of the 2010 season Saturday, he raced 40 yards on an end around to set up Georgia's first touchdown, his own spectacular, leaping one-handed, 3-yard grab to cut Colorado's lead to 14-10.

Then he outraced the world to settle under Murray's 36-yard TD pass for a 17-14 lead.

"He's the best I've ever faced in college," senior

CB Jimmy Smith said.

However, shortly after a 50-yard catch down the sideline in the third quarter, Green left with a cramp in his hamstring, not to return until late in the game. Then, after Murray's 8-yard pass to Marlon Brown made it 24-14 Bulldogs, Georgia's offense went flat.

So did its defense for one 10-second burst when Stewart took a pitch 65 yards to the 8, setting up one touchdown to make it 24-22. Then Hawkins took Goodman's 38-yard field goal off the board after a roughing penalty.

On the next play, Stewart ran the final 11 yards in to give CU a 29-24 lead.

"Obviously, I'm very proud," Hawkins said. "No. 1, we got started fast. And then we did a good job of coming back a little bit. We showed some courage and perseverance and some ambition."

Kind of like the Buffs did in 1990. The 2010 edition's goals aren't as lofty. However, for the first time all season, they seem within reach.

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## Three questions

**Can Colorado get off to a quick start?** How's this for a fast start — the Buffs took the opening kickoff and marched 80 yards in 13 plays for the team's first opening-possession touchdown of the season. CU ended up relinquishing the lead

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and trailed 17-14 at halftime. But unlike in recent blowout losses against marquee opponents, the Buffs were able to hang in there and make it a four-quarter game.

## **Can CU's senior cornerbacks, Jimmy Smith and Jalil Brown, prevent Georgia wideout A.J. Green from making a spectacular season debut?**

As expected of a probable NFL first-round draft choice, Green took over the game at times. Despite suffering from leg cramps that kept him out for a spell early in the second half, Green had a terrific night with seven catches for 119 yards and two touchdowns. But Brown and especially Smith had their moments too.

## **Will the 75-plus members of Colorado's 1990 national championship team here for a 20-year anniversary celebration leave Folsom Field high-fiving a big victory or will they depart disappointed?**

Let's just say the celebration no doubt went well into the morning hours. Perhaps CU needs to honor former greats more often, having won the previous game on "Alfred Williams Day."

### **Key stat**

149. Yards for tailback Rodney Stewart coming off the bench. His 65-yard run to the 8-yard line set up quarterback Tyler Hansen's 2-yard TD dive, then he scored from the 11 for the go-ahead score with 4:39 left in the third quarter.

### **Key play**

B.J. Beatty's strip of tailback Caleb King on the

Colorado 30 with 1:55 left and Colorado leading 29-27. Jon Major recovered and the Buffaloes ran out the clock.

### **Offensive numbers**

*A look at the back-and-forth offensive yards in Saturday's game:*

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Second	207	74
Third	119	141
Fourth	68	57
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## Former Colorado RB Eric Bieniemy: “We’re behind Dan”

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On a day when the 1990 Colorado football team was honored, more than a few fans zeroed in on Eric Bieniemy, the former CU star running back whose coaching acumen has many longing for him to coach the Buffs.

All of those people – minus Bieniemy.

Bieniemy, who finished his career as Colorado’s all-time leading rusher, said he’s squarely in support of Dan Hawkins and his staff.

“We’re behind Dan,” Bieniemy said, moments after he was honored on-field as he’ll go into the CU Athletic Hall of Fame. “We’re also behind the players. You have to understand, this is our university. Through thick and thin, we’re going to be there. Because when it’s all said and done, the players, the only thing we have is each other. And so you want to make sure that these kids are getting the support they need. It’s very important, especially players from my class supporting them. They’ve had some struggles; that’s okay. That’s a part of life, you know what I mean? The only thing you have is next week or the next play. That’s why I’m excited right now.”

Bieniemy has coaching buzz surrounding him. For two years he was an assistant coach at CU, coaching running backs and making a name for himself as one of the nation’s top recruiters, before moving on to UCLA. He’s currently the running backs coach for the Minnesota Vikings, and is considered one of the top assistants in the NFL.

Asked if his desire is to coach in the NFL, Bieniemy said, “You know what, let me put it this way: I’m going to take it step-by-step. Obviously, I do have some aspirations. But right now, I’m enjoying what I’m doing.

“You have to understand this: I coach with the Minnesota Vikings. I’m wishing Dan and his staff the best of luck. I want them to succeed. Because why? They represent my university. You know what I mean? I’m not here to campaign or anything. I’m here to support my university.”

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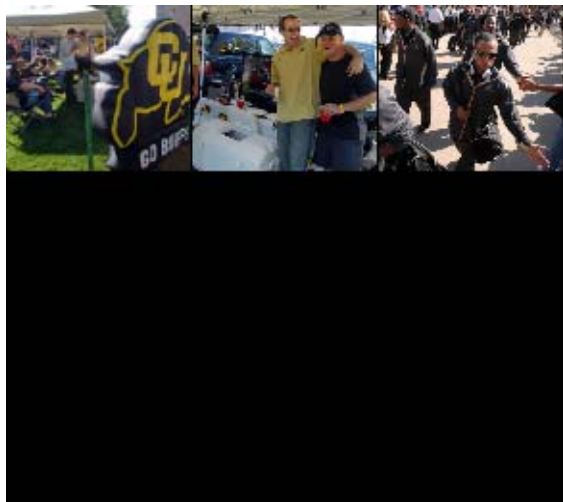
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# CU Buffs lock up win against Georgia with late fumble recovery

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Pound it and launch it.

It's the style of play Colorado coach Dan Hawkins envisioned and targeted when he took over as coach nearly five years ago. It finally seems to have materialized and was on display for a national television audience Saturday evening at Folsom Field.

The Buffs overcame the breath-taking talents of Georgia wide receiver A.J. Green and beat the Bulldogs 29-27, capping a weekend dedicated to celebrating the 20th anniversary of the 1990 national championship team. It was the final nonconference game of the season played in front of 52,855.

"Not everything went perfect, and it never does in any game, but I thought they were able to kind of make plays and really answer when we needed it," Hawkins said, celebrating his program's first winning streak in two years.

It was a night of big plays for both teams, including the longest run of the Hawkins era at CU by tailback Rodney Stewart. That

came on the heels of the longest passing play under Hawkins two weeks ago against Hawaii.

While the offenses delighted, the biggest play of the night came from Colorado's defense when linebacker B.J. Beatty forced a fumble from Georgia running back Caleb King and linebacker Jon Major recovered at the CU 30-yard line with 1 minute, 55 seconds remaining in the game.

Georgia was in field goal position at the time for place-kicker Blair Walsh, one of three finalists for the Lou Groza Award last season.

"It was exactly what we wanted," Major said. "We wanted to be on the field to win the game. We never lost confidence. I think everyone can see the improvement this team is making and it's good timing, too, going into Big 12 (play)."

Major said he viewed the game as a must-win for the Buffs because of the presence of the 1990 team and the weekend being dedicated to them.

Colorado ran out the clock and sent Georgia home 1-4, its worst start to a season in more than 50 years. The Buffs improved to 3-1, a mark most fans would have said was the best-case scenario at the beginning of the season.

King's fumble was one of several critical mistakes from the Bulldogs in the second half. Another came in third quarter when Georgia was called for roughing the kicker on a successful field goal attempt by CU. The Buffs opted to take the points off the board and scored the go-ahead touchdown one play later.

The Buffs started strong, marching down the field 80 yards in 13 plays to their first touchdown, a 4-yard pass from quarterback Tyler Hansen to fullback Matt Bahr, a converted offensive lineman. It was the first time Colorado has scored on its opening drive this season.

"I thought we got started fast, which is good and shows a little bit of confidence and assertiveness by those guys, and then did a good job coming back a little bit a couple times when we got down," Hawkins said.

Colorado resembled the 1990 team in overpowering the Bulldogs with 10 consecutive runs to start the game. It should be noted one was intended to be a pass, but became a scramble from Hansen. CU gained 66 yards on the ground on the

drive.

The game was billed nationally as the return of Green, who missed the first four games of the season serving an NCAA suspension. Green was quiet through the first quarter, but took over in the second.

He touched the ball seven times in the quarter and scored two touchdowns against CU cornerback Jalil Brown. He produced 109 total yards leading his team to a 17-14 lead at intermission.

Green took a hand off on the first play of the second quarter and raced around the left end for 40 yards. Four plays later, he leaped high over Brown and caught a 3-yard pass from quarterback Aaron Murray with one hand, landing on his back just in bounds.

Green ran past Brown on a post route on Georgia's next possession, collecting a 39-yard touchdown pass and putting the Bulldogs ahead. Georgia went to Green on a deep pass on the opposite side of the field late in the half, but Jimmy Smith easily broke it up.

The big plays kept coming from Green early in the second half. On the third play of the second half, he caught a 50-yard pass over Brown moving the Bulldogs to the CU 20. Georgia scored eight plays later when Murray connected with wide receiver Marlon Brown, giving the Bulldogs a 24-14 lead.

Green left the game for the remainder of the third period with an injury. He was taken to the Georgia locker room but returned in the fourth quarter.

Colorado answered quickly thanks to Stewart's 65-yard run toward the student section in the south end of the stadium. It was part of the second consecutive 200-yard rushing game for the Buffs.

"Confidence is a huge, huge thing and there are a lot of ways that comes about," Hawkins said. "Obviously in the second half against Hawaii they were feeling it a little bit and getting some consistency and that carried into this game."

Hansen scrambled around the right side three plays later and dived just over the goal line to make the score 24-21. Coach Dan Hawkins curiously decided to go for a 2-point conversion, but the Buffs converted when senior Cody Hawkins found tight end Ryan Deehan on a successful passing play.

The CU defense held Georgia to a three-and-out, giving the football back to offense. Colorado moved the ball to the Georgia 21-yard line and settled for a 38-yard field goal from Aric Goodman, but Georgia roughed the kicker and gave the Buffs new life.

Stewart scored on an 11-yard run on the next play, diving and stretching the ball to the pylon. Colorado had the lead back 29-24.

Georgia clawed three points closer early in the fourth quarter with a 20-yard field goal.

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## Woelk: It's difficult to complain about Buffs' 3-1 start

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It's OK to breathe now, Buff fans.

Colorado's B.J. Beatty really did force Georgia's Caleb King to fumble, Jon Major actually did recover it and the Colorado Buffaloes are now 3-1.

Wait a sec ... 3-1? Seriously?

Yep -- and six weeks ago, if you would have offered any Colorado fan a 3-1 record heading into the Big 12 portion of the schedule, they would have taken it. Pick your three, take the record and run.

Which, of course, is exactly what Dan Hawkins' team wants to do. Take a 3-1 record and keep running. Keep running and take aim at another 200-plus yard night on the ground.

Saturday night, the Buffs ran for 235 in their heart-stopping 29-27 win over the Bulldogs. Two weeks ago, it was 252 in a win over Hawaii.

Next up? A road trip to Missouri, where the only running the Buffs have done recently is out of town as quickly as possible.

But there's plenty of time to talk about the Tigers and CU's road woes.

This morning, it's still fair to talk about Saturday night and a win that will cool the Hawkins hot seat for a while -- at least until the next game.

After all, every game this season will be a referendum on Hawkins' future in Boulder. A win over a good Georgia team (don't kid yourself -- the Bulldogs are going to beat some folks this year) won't change the big picture in any dramatic fashion.

But strictly in terms of games worth remembering, put this one right up there on the list. As entertaining as they come.

Big plays galore. Comebacks by both squads -- in fact, the second straight game the Buffs have overcome a 10-point deficit to win.

And to top it off, an edge-of-your-seat, oh-my-gosh did he really just fumble it finish.

Give the Buffs full credit for this one. On a night when fans gathered to celebrate the memory of the 1990 national champions, the 2010 Buffs gave them something else to remember.

Did we mention the running game? All of a sudden, the Buffs have a 1-2 punch that's downright effective. Actually, a 1-2-3 combination.

Rodney Stewart pounded through the Bulldogs for 149 yards and a touchdown. Tyler Hansen ran for 51 and a score. Brian Lockridge tallied 36 on the ground and another touchdown, and set the tone for the night by carrying nine times on CU's opening 13-play, 80-yard touchdown march.

Not that the Buffs have forgotten their air game. Hansen chucked it around the field very effectively. Nine different Buffs caught passes, as Hansen finished 13-for-20 for 158 yards and a touchdown.

A solid offensive performance on the back of a great game called by Buff O-coordinator Eric Kiesau.

Defensively, the Buffs were good when they had to be. Yes, they did give up some big plays, in particular to Bulldogs wide receiver A.J. Green. But the Buffs aren't the first team -- and guaranteed, won't be the last -- to see Green put up some major numbers.

Meanwhile, they stopped the Bulldogs when they absolutely, positively had to. Third quarter, down 24-22 and momentum looking for a home, the Buffs issued an invitation to their sideline by forcing a three-and-out from the Bulldogs, punctuated by a Josh Hartigan sack on third-and-6.

Five plays and one penalty later, the Buffs regained the lead on an 11-yard Stewart run, finishing a drive that began on a 46-yard Hansen completion to Will Jefferson.

Then came the game-clinching turnover. The Buffs knew the Bulldogs would run the ball to put themselves in the best possible position for a field goal. So, defensive coordinator Ron Collins called for a blitz. Bring Beatty off the corner and hope that he could disrupt the play and somehow put the ball up for grabs.

Bingo.

Perfect? By no means. Colorado's special teams are still an adventure waiting to happen. The Bulldogs turned a long kickoff return into a field goal, then used a long punt return to put themselves in position for a touchdown. While Buff fans hate this term, there are still plenty of things to clean up.

But overall, the Buffs are improving. A team plagued by penalties thus far this season drew just three yellow flags for 21 yards. Their unforced errors are dropping while their big plays are increasing.

Most importantly, however, the Buffs refuse to drop into panic mode. When Georgia opened the third quarter with an 85-yard touchdown drive to go up by 10, it would have been the perfect time for the Buffs to check it in for the night.

But they didn't. They answered, then answered again.

"Not everything went perfect," Hawkins allowed. "It never does in the game. But I thought they were able to make plays and really answer when we needed. To me, just a great intangible showing by our guys."

So, it's 3-1 and off to Big 12 play. Lots of season left. Anything can happen.

But this morning, the Buffs are in position to play some winning football.

Six weeks ago, that's all just about anyone could have asked.

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# Tyler Hansen's hustle stumps Bulldogs

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The running ability of Colorado's starting quarterback Tyler Hansen somehow escaped Georgia coaches in their preparation for Saturday's game.

Georgia coach Mark Richt acknowledged after the Buffs' 29-27 victory that Hansen's ability to make plays with his feet caused his defense problems. Hansen helped the Buffs continue their strong performance on third downs. The Buffs converted seven of 15 third-down opportunities.

"He was a big problem," Richt said. "... I can't think of how many times that he was the difference in them moving the chains in a third-down situation. His ability to run, break tackles and keep plays alive. Later in the game, he did a lot of great things."

Hansen scored a touchdown on a 2-yard run in the third quarter. He finished the game with 51 rushing yards and completed 13 of 20 passes for 158 yards and a touchdown.

He also led the Buffs to their first winning streak in two years.

"There hasn't been many times where we won two in a row while I've been here and it feels real good to put two weeks together," Hansen said.

## Penalty problem clipped

The Buffs came into the game as one of the most penalized teams in the country, but managed to play their cleanest game. They were flagged three times, two on special teams and one defensively.

CU was averaging nine penalties per game. It was the fewest number of penalties the Buffs have committed since the season finale at Nebraska in 2008 when they were penalized just twice.

## Big day for Hartigan

Colorado junior Josh Hartigan is proving coaches were right to move him from linebacker to defensive end and begin feeding him more and more playing time.

Hartigan produced the first two sacks of his career Saturday, helping the Buffs extend their streak to 24 consecutive games with at least one sack. Hartigan came into the season with three total tackles in seven games of previous experience.

## Solder semifinalist

CU left tackle Nate Solder is one of 121 semifinalists for the Campbell Trophy, also known as the Academic Heisman. The National Football Foundation will announce 15 finalists for the award on Oct. 28. Each of them will receive an \$18,000 post-graduate scholarship.

Solder, a fifth-year senior, graduated in May with a degree in biology. He is doing post-graduate work in integrative physiology. Solder earned first-team All-Big 12 honors last year both athletically and academically.

## Bieniemy honored

Former Colorado running back Eric Bieniemy was honored between the first and second quarters Saturday. Bieniemy will be inducted into the Colorado Athletic Hall of Fame next month but won't be able to attend because of his commitments as running backs coach and assistant head coach of the Minnesota Vikings.

Bieniemy is the Buffs` all-time leading rusher with 3,940 yards. He finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting in 1990 and was a unanimous All-American in 1990 and a two-time Big Eight Conference first-team member.

Bieniemy received a standing ovation from both Colorado and Georgia fans and appeared to have tears in his eyes as he waved to the crowd.

#### **Olatoye suspended**

Colorado defensive back Deji Olatoye did not dress for Saturday`s game after violating team rules. He is expected to return to active status next week.

#### **Notable**

Wide receiver Scotty McKnight extended his streak to 41 games overall and 40 regular season games with at least one reception. He leads the nation in that department. ... Eight different NFL teams sent scouts to Saturday`s game.

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# CU gets serious about run game

## Bufs rush for more than 200 yards for second straight game

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After Colorado's offensive line produced two 100-yard rushers (Brian Lockridge and Rodney Stewart) in a 31-13 victory over Hawaii on Sept. 18, starting right guard Ryan Miller begged the coaching staff to implement a similar strategy throughout the season.

"It's always nice when you have a game plan to actually come out and follow the game plan," Miller said after the Buffs piled up 252 net yards rushing against the Warriors. "We wanted to really come out and show we could run the ball and that's what we did. We ran the ball. ...

"So next week I think we should come out and run the ball."

After a bye week, offensive coordinator Eric Kiesau had his unit ready to run the football.

In fact, the Buffs opened the game with 10 consecutive running plays, including seven by Lockridge for 21 yards and a 39-yard tone-setter by quarterback Tyler Hansen.

"It was great," Lockridge said of a CU attack that included 47 running plays and 20 passing plays. "It goes down to the linemen. If they're doing well, the whole team is doing well. If we get the running game going it opens up a lot for the pass game, and that's what we did."

After getting the Buffs off to a strong start, Lockridge suffered an ankle injury and finished with 16 carries for 36 net yards and a 1-yard touchdown that gave the Buffs a 14-3 lead.

Stewart came off the bench and gashed the Bulldogs for 149 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries (7.8 per).

"I'm always motivated," Stewart said when asked about Lockridge getting the start. "I just wait for my chance to get in and I showed the people what I can do."

Four of Hansen's 13 completions were to his versatile running backs. Stewart had three catches for 31 yards, and Lockridge added one catch for 35 yards.

"We go into the game thinking about making plays," Lockridge said. "We were given an opportunity and excelled in that."

Hansen burned the visitors for 68 yards on 10 carries. He credited the running game for his key 46-yard play-action pass to Will Jefferson.

"He was a big problem," Georgia head coach Mark Richt said. "His ability to run, break tackles and keep plays alive helped them."

Stewart burst through a huge hole and completed a career-long 65-yard run in the third quarter to set up a 2-yard touchdown run by Hansen. A 2-point conversion pass from Cody Hawkins to Ryan Deehan cut CU's deficit to 24-22 with 7:46 remaining in the third quarter.

Stewart's 11-yard touchdown run with 4:39 remaining in the third quarter completed the comeback, giving the Buffs a 29-24 lead.

"I think the defense wanted to stop us too much," said Stewart, who posted the 10th 100-yard running game of his career.

"So when we went to a run, they would jump over the top, and I was able to cut it back."

In the fourth quarter, Lockridge fumbled at his own 31-yard line with 11:59 remaining. He recovered the loose ball after an anxious moment without it in his possession.

Stewart made a 24-yard reception on third-and-13, converted a fourth-and-1 and moved the chains again on a third-and-1 to set up Aric Goodman's 52-yard field goal attempt.

The kick went wide left, but Georgia running back Caleb King -- who had 12 carries for 100 yards -- lost a fumble to seal the Bulldogs' fate.

CU finished with 235 net yards rushing on 47 attempts (5.0 per) while Georgia had 188 net yards rushing on 32 attempts (5.9 per).

"We wanted to pound the rock early and kind of establish the run game early," Hansen said. "And I think that's our identity. We're going to run the football and pass when they load up the box."

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# Georgia's Green gives CU fits

## Bulldogs wide receiver scores two TDs in return

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Let the bidding begin.

No doubt a few of the many Georgia fans who traveled 1,500 miles out to Boulder would love to head back home with a game-worn No. 8 jersey.

Of course, A.J. Green will probably just wait to start cashing checks next season in the NFL.

The Bulldogs' dynamic wide receiver -- who returned from a four-game NCAA suspension for selling his Independence Bowl jersey for \$1,000 -- put on a show for scouts and the sellout crowd of 52,855 on Saturday night at Folsom Field.

Green finished with seven catches for 119 yards and two touchdowns during Georgia's 29-27 loss to Colorado.

"Oh, man, I'm going to get loose out there," Green predicted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution earlier in the week. "I worked so hard, and I had to miss four games. This offseason was probably one of my best offseasons. I felt like, in just getting better and stronger and faster. ... I'm going to have a lot of catching up to do."

Green had a quiet first quarter before getting involved with a 40-yard run on a reverse. The 6-foot-4 junior capped the drive with a spectacular one-handed touchdown grab as Jalil Brown was hitting him.

"That was unbelievable," Georgia quarterback Aaron Murray said. "No other receiver in the nation can make that catch. That was special right there. To go up and catch it with one arm, and bring it down with only one arm, it's pretty unbelievable."

That score brought Georgia to within 14-10. Green's 39-yard touchdown gave the visitors a 17-14 lead with 7:53 remaining after he beat Brown into the end zone by a step.

"He's a great player. Usually when you get a receiver that size who is that big, they're not as fast as he was," Brown said. "He was moving like a smaller, quicker receiver. I have to tip my hat to him. He had an unbelievable game for them."

Green had averaged about five catches for about 80 yards per game in his first two seasons at Georgia. He had six catches for 69 yards and two touchdowns before Deon Figures and the rest of CU's 1990 national championship team were introduced at halftime.

"They are physical DBs," Green said of Brown and Jimmy Smith. "I had to bring my A game, I watched a lot of film on them."

CU's experienced cornerback tandem did their best to fight back late in the second quarter. Brown intercepted a pass by Murray after the quarterback was hit by a blitzing Patrick Mahnke with 2:19 remaining. The Buffs turned the ball over on the ensuing possession, but Smith improved his draft stock with a brilliant pass break-up on a pass intended for Green in the end zone.

"He's by far the best receiver I've ever seen," Smith said. "Better than Dez Bryant, (Jordan) Shipley ... there's no comparison."

On the first possession of the third quarter, Green beat Brown down the east sideline for a 50-yard reception. In the end zone a couple of snaps later, Brown was called for holding Green's jersey, setting up a first-and-goal at the CU 4 that led to a Georgia touchdown and a 24-14 lead for the visitors with 10:40 remaining.

"He's a great receiver and he made a couple of great plays against us. It's just a testament to our corners to be able to hang with him through that whole game," CU safety Anthony Perkins said. "He got some big passes early on, but overall I think our corners were able to shut him down."

The Buffs had some help from the thin air. Green missed most of the third quarter dealing with cramps and searching for oxygen.

"I felt it a lot, this being my first game back," Green said. "It was hard for me to keep my breath, but I fought through it."

As the crowd roared during CU's dramatic comeback, Green was kept silent in the fourth quarter.

"It wasn't a relief," Brown said of Green's physical issues in the second half. "I was hoping he would come back to my side and they'd throw the ball to him and I'd have a chance to make a play."

With the game in the balance and the Bulldogs in position for a walk-off field goal, Green watched helplessly as running back Caleb King fumbled and the Buffs celebrated a sweet victory.

"It's tough. I've never been 1-4 in my life," Green said. "We're going to stay together and we're going to keep fighting."

Despite a brutal start to the season by Georgia's lofty standards, opposing defensive coordinators are not going to get a lot of sleep preparing for Green and Co.

"We've got great corners and we trust our guys," CU coach Dan Hawkins said. "They made a couple plays, Jimmy Smith knocked the ball away, Jalil Brown picked one of them. It's not like we were totally afraid to match up with him."

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## Like old times

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BOULDER — B.J. Beatty watched the ball roll around on the Folsom Field turf for a split second, and then saw University of Colorado teammate Jon Major pounce on it.

“It felt unreal,” Beatty said. “I just kind of went ballistic knowing that that was the game that we wanted. This team fought and deserved that.”

Major’s recovery of a Georgia fumble with 1 minute, 55 seconds left sealed CU’s 29-27 win on Saturday night in a game that many Buffs said delivered a statement.

“It was big for our team,” Beatty said. “(Georgia’s) record doesn’t reflect how good they are; they’re a great team. They pounded on us and we pounded back. I think for all the guys that are just getting to play, and all of the young guys, it’s kind of like, ‘Man, we are good.’ The older guys, we know what we can do. We know how good it can get for us and it’s going to be just momentum for us now.”

Colorado (3-1) has won back-to-back games for the first time since starting 3-0 in 2008. This is just the third time in head coach Dan Hawkins’ five seasons that the Buffs have won consecutive games.

Georgia (1-4) lost its fourth straight game, but the Buffaloes insist this Georgia team is not your average 1-4 team.

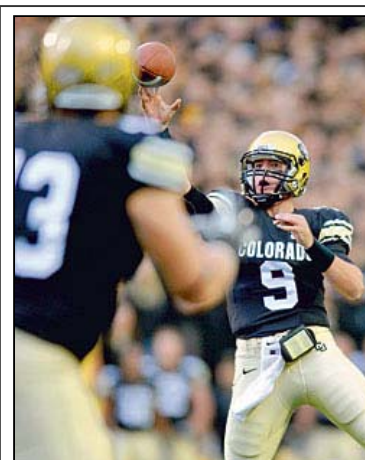
“Just a great victory and by far the best team we’ve played this year,” Major said.

To get the win, the Buffs put together their most complete performance of the season. They racked up 393 yards in total offense, while also making critical stops on defense when they needed them most.

“They showed some courage and some perseverance and a little bit of ambition there,” Hawkins said.

The Buffs rallied from a 24-14 second-half deficit. Georgia’s Aaron Murray connected with Marlon Brown on an 8-yard touchdown early in the third quarter to give the Bulldogs their big lead.

With 21 straight points at that stage, the Bulldogs appeared to be running away with the game.



CU quarterback Tyler Hansen throws a touchdown pass to Matthew Bahr against Georgia on Saturday at Folsom Field. The Buffs beat the Bulldogs 29-27.

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## COLORADO 29, GEORGIA 27

Georgia

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First Quarter

Col—Bahr 4 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick), 7:47.

Geo—FG Walsh 33, 4:58.

Second Quarter

Col—Lockridge 1 run (Goodman kick), 13:15.

Geo—Green 3 pass from A.Murray (Walsh kick), 11:08.

But, the Buffs hit back. Sparked by a 65-yard run from Rodney Stewart, CU got back on the board. Stewart's run put the Buffs at the Georgia 8, and three plays later, quarterback Tyler Hansen ran in from the 2. Cody Hawkins then threw a two-point conversion pass to Ryan Deehan to cut the deficit to 24-22.

A few moments later, CU regained the lead. Hansen threw a 46-yard pass to Will Jefferson, setting up an 11-yard touchdown run by Stewart, who finished with 149 yards rushing. That came one play after Georgia was flagged for roughing the kicker on a Buffs field goal. Aric Goodman had nailed a 38-yard field goal, but CU took the three points off the board and instead tried to go for a touchdown. It worked and CU led 29-24.

"It was kind of kicker instincts," Goodman said. "You get run in to and you know you go down. Credit to the offense for getting it in and getting a touchdown out of it."

Georgia pulled within 29-27 on a fourth quarter field goal. Late in the game, the Buffs tried to extend their lead, but Goodman's 52-yard field goal try with 3:37 to play went wide left. That gave Georgia new life.

The Bulldogs marched 38 yards in four plays to the CU 27-yard line and the Buffs called a timeout.

"We took that time out and (defensive coordinator Ron) Collins called a certain play and I said, 'Let's run it,'" Beatty said. "You knew they were going to try to run the ball, milk the clock and kick a field goal."

Beatty said the Buffs were waiting for Georgia to call a particular play, and then the Bulldogs finally did. They handed off to Caleb King and Beatty prevented him from getting the ball cleanly.

"I knew I had the opportunity to come off the edge and disrupt the handoff," Beatty said. "The whole time we were waiting for them to go up with that play. All I did was run at him knowing that he was going to get the handoff."

Beatty's play stunned Georgia.

"I don't know where the guy came from," Murray said. "I handed the ball off, and it just came out."

Major saw it on the ground scooped it up.

"What a gift; I was just there to pick it up," he said. "Right place, right time."

And, it was the right time for a win the Buffs needed.

"It feels real good to put two weeks together," Hansen said. "Now we have to put three weeks together against a good Missouri team (on Oct. 9)."

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Geo—Green 39 pass from A.Murray (Walsh kick), 7:53.

Third Quarter

Geo—Brown 8 pass from A.Murray (Walsh kick), 10:40.

Col—Hansen 2 run (Deehan pass from C.Hawkins), 7:46.

Col—Stewart 11 run (Goodman kick), 4:39.

Fourth Quarter

Geo—FG Walsh 20, 12:30.

A—52,855.

GeoCol

First downs

2018

Rushes-yards

32-18847-235

Passing

221158

Comp-Att-Int

16-27-113-20-1

Return Yards

3813

Punts-Avg.

3-46.34-40.5

Fumbles-Lost

3-11-0

Penalties-Yards

5-483-21

Time of Possession

26:0034:00

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Georgia, C.King 12-100,  
Green 1-40, Ealey 1-15,

A.Murray 7-13, Chapas 3-12, Thomas  
7-11, Wooten 1-(minus 3). Colorado,

Stewart 19-149, Hansen 10-51,  
Lockridge 16-36, Patterson 1-1,

Team 1-(minus 2).

PASSING—Georgia, A.Murray 16-27-  
1-221. Colorado,

Hansen 13-20-1-158.

RECEIVING—Georgia, Green 7-119,  
Charles 2-38, A.White 2-20,

Chapas 1-12, T.King 1-11, Thomas 1-  
9, Brown 1-8, C.King 1-4. Colorado,

Stewart 3-31, McKnight 2-21,  
Patterson 2-(minus 1), Jefferson 1-46,

Lockridge 1-35, Clemons 1-10,  
Walters 1-9, Bahr 1-4, Deehan 1-3.



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## Stewart produces huge game for Buffs

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BOULDER — For the past two years, Rodney Stewart has led the University of Colorado football team in rushing yards.

He was the starter through the first three games of this season, too.

On Saturday night against Georgia, however, Stewart stood on the sidelines while Brian Lockridge ran the ball nine times on CU's game-opening touchdown drive.

"It don't really matter who starts," Stewart said. "I know the coaching staff believes in me."

Perhaps more today than ever before.

Head coach Dan Hawkins said Lockridge earned the start because of his performance in CU's 31-13 win over Hawaii on Sept. 18. Stewart certainly made his case for taking the job back.

The junior ran for 149 yards on 19 carries and caught three passes for 31 yards. He wasn't tackled behind the line of scrimmage on any of his 19 rushing attempts.

Seeing Lockridge start may have been what Stewart needed.

"Yeah, I think it did a lot," Hawkins said when asked if the move lit a fire under Stewart. "We keep talking all the time about competition. When you know you've got to be at your very best to get snaps, it's a good thing."

Stewart didn't feel he needed that to motivate him, but he said seeing Lockridge start did help him.

"It taught me a lot of things," he said. "I take it as a learning experience. Nothing more than that."

Asked what he learned, he said, "To follow my reads every time, because I get greedy and want to make a big play. Just do what (the coaches) say more and take it upon myself."

Stewart's night included a 65-yard run in the third quarter that was the longest run of his three-year career at CU. In fact, it was the longest run by any CU player in five years.

He also had the go-ahead touchdown on an 11-yard run in which he dove and stretched the ball over the goal line.

"I wanted (the touchdown)," he said. "I would have done anything to get it and I got it."

**BIG DAY FOR HARTIGAN:** Defensive end Josh Hartigan had both of CU's sacks of Georgia quarterback Aaron Murray.

"I knew I had to come out and try to do something to help our defense out," Hartigan said. "We have to go out and leave it on the field. That's what I did."

**GREEN'S IMPACT:** Georgia receiver A.J. Green made his season debut after serving a four-game suspension. He was quiet early, but exploded in the second quarter with a 40-yard run, a one-handed touchdown grab and a 39-yard touchdown catch.

"That dude, when he gets the ball in his hands, you can see he can move," said CU cornerback Jimmy Smith, who spent part of his night covering Green. "He make you miss, he can go up and get the ball. He's just an amazing athlete. By far the best I've faced since I've been in college."

Green finished with seven catches for 119 yards, but did miss a large chunk of the second half with a hamstring injury.

**MANY UNHAPPY RETURNS:** The Buffs were disappointed in the number of big plays they gave up in the kicking game.

Georgia had kickoff returns of 72, 14 and 25 yards. The Bulldogs also had a 36-yard punt return.

**SHOESTRING PLAY:** After a touchdown in the third quarter, CU lined up in a formation where tight end Ryan Deehan was the snapper, and the majority of the team spread wide to the left.

Deehan snapped to Cody Hawkins, who threw a pass to Deehan for a two-point conversion.

The play, called "Shoestring," has options, but Dan Hawkins said, "I can't tell you all the options. There are options, though."

**RED ZONE:** CU called for a blackout — urging fans to wear black — for Saturday's game. The Buffs fans did that, but there was enough Georgia red in the stands to make it look like a Nebraska game.

"It felt like Nebraska," linebacker B.J. Beatty said.

Georgia fans used all of their 6,000 allotted tickets, and actually made 8,500 requests for tickets. There appeared to be at least 8,500 Bulldog fans, as the entire north end zone, as well as a large chunk of the west stands were filled with red-clad fans.

**EXTRA POINTS:** Lockridge finished with 36 yards on 16 carries. He also injured his ankle, but did come back later in the game. His was the only injury reported. ... The Buffs defense has recorded at least one sack in 24 consecutive games. ... Utility back Matt Bahr, who was converted from offensive line in fall camp, caught a 4-yard touchdown pass. ... Receiver Scotty McKnight caught two passes, extending his streak to 41 straight games with at least one catch.

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## Former Buffs, hostile crowd motivate CU

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BOULDER — Colorado's football team is used to staying at the Omni Interlocken Hotel in Broomfield the night before a home game.

The Buffs aren't used to what they saw at their hotel this weekend, however.

"Before the game there was about 500 Georgia fans at the hotel," quarterback Tyler Hansen said. "They were talking trash. There was (Georgia) banners, balloons."

Cornerback Jimmy Smith added there was a sign that read, "Welcome Bulldog Nation," and that Georgia fans called the Buffs the "bottom feeders of the Big 12."

Well, those bottom feeders looked pretty good on Saturday night, and they're on their way to a season that may prove many of their doubters wrong.

Hansen threw the ball well, Rodney Stewart ran it well, the defense came through, and CU pulled out a 29-27 win over the big, bad Bulldogs to improve to 3-1.

It left a lot of Georgia fans that filled Folsom Field unhappy.

"Whenever you walk into a stadium — your home stadium — and you see the other team's colors, it kind of makes you a little more motivated," Hansen said.

CU had a lot of motivation on Saturday. Facing a visiting team with a whole lot of swagger was only part of it.

The weekend was also marked by a celebration of CU's 1990 national championship team. The former and current players had several functions together throughout the weekend, and former players spoke to the team in the days leading up to the game.

"For me, you had to win this game," linebacker Jon Major said. "That's the way I felt. From what those guys did and how they lived, just hearing them talk really had an effect on us."

Hansen said the weekend was "one of the most special" he's had at CU.

Linebacker B.J. Beatty added: "They set the standard for any Colorado team that follows them. All those guys are great guys. It definitely motivated us thinking what they did and how they still support us."

Those who support the Buffs had to like what they did on Saturday night. Every week seems to be a test for this team to prove they are a quality squad.

So far, the Buffs have passed three of their four tests. This was the most impressive.

Although Georgia is 1-4, it is the most talented team the Buffs have faced, and they responded with their best game of the season.

“Absolutely,” left tackle Nate Solder said. “From start to finish, I think we had a pretty good game.”

Give the Buffs credit. There are still eight games to play, but they’ve had a pretty good season to this point.

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## Fumble extends UGA losing streak to four

By [Tim Tucker](#)

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

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**BOULDER, Colo.** -- The losses continue for Georgia's football team, each one seemingly more excruciating than the previous.

The Bulldogs lost their fourth consecutive game here Saturday night, falling to Colorado 29-27 in a game decided when tailback Caleb King fumbled the ball away in the final two minutes.

King's fumble came after Georgia had reached the Colorado 27-yard line, seemingly driving toward a possible game-winning field goal or touchdown.

The loss gave Georgia (1-4) its first four-game losing streak in 20 years, or since the final four games of the 1990 season. The Bulldogs need a win at home over Tennessee next Saturday to avoid their first five -game single-season losing streak since ... 1953.

The latest loss spoiled the return to the Georgia lineup of wide receiver A.J. Green, who played for the first time this season after serving an NCAA suspension. Green caught seven passes for 119 yards and two touchdowns and added 40 yards rushing on an end-around play.

He amassed those statistics despite Georgia not getting the ball to him in the first quarter and despite missing much of the third quarter with what he described as "a lot of cramping" in his hamstrings and calves.

"It's bad luck, man," Green said of the loss. "Nothing's falling our way. They fumble, and we can't do anything. We fumble, and it costs us the game.

"But we have to keep working. We're not going to give up hope. We're all we have right now."

Georgia had a shot to pull the game out, getting the ball at its own 35-yard line after Colorado missed a 52-yard field goal with 3:37 to play.

Quarterback Aaron Murray drove the Bulldogs down the field. An 11-yard pass to Tavarres King, a 4-yard pass to Caleb King, a 12-yard pass to Shaun Chapas and an 11-yard run by King moved the Dogs to the Colorado 27 with 1:55 to play. But on the next play, King fumbled the Murray handoff as he was hit by Colorado linebacker B.J. Beatty. And the ball was recovered by Beatty's fellow linebacker, Jon Major. And Georgia's losing streak reached four.



"That's as basic of a play we as we've got," Georgia coach Mark Richt said of the play that produced the fumble. "You say, 'What's our No. 1 running play?,' and that was it. They got penetration, obviously, but you've still got to be able to secure that ball for a four- or five-yard loss. You've got to hold on to it, but we didn't."

Richt expressed confidence his players will "stay together, keep working," and he had no complaints about their effort or attitude. But he conceded, "The bottom line in football is wins and losses, and right now we haven't gotten [a win] in awhile."

Saturday's game started as Georgia's previous three losses had. Once again, the opponent scored the first time it had the ball.

Colorado went 80 yards in 13 plays, the big one a 39-yarder on the draw by quarterback Tyler Hansen, who ran up the middle and then cut toward the right side of the field and kept going until brought down at the Georgia 13. Five plays later, Hansen hit tight end Matthew Bahr on a 4-yard touchdown pass.

On the subsequent kickoff, the Bulldogs responded with a 72-yard return by Brandon Boykin to the Colorado 24. After immediately getting inside the 20 on an 8-yard Murray-to-Aron White pass, Georgia wound up settling for a 33-yard Blair Walsh field goal that cut Colorado's lead to 7-3.

Early in the second quarter, Colorado stretched its lead to 14-3 with an eight-play, 78-yard drive. A 35-yard pass from Hansen to tailback Brian Lockridge gave the Buffaloes a first-and-goal at the Georgia 1, from where Lockridge scored on a run. The extra point made the score 14-3.

Then Green came out to play in the second quarter.

The first time he touched the ball, Green ran 40 yards down the left sideline on an end-around. Three plays later -- one of them a 32-yard run by King -- Green made an extraordinary, leaping, stretching, left-handed catch of a Murray pass in the end zone to cut Colorado's lead to 14-10.

"No other receiver in the nation can make that catch," Murray said. "To go up and catch it with one arm, and bring it down with only one arm, it's pretty unbelievable."

Georgia forced a punt on Colorado's next possession and, after a 40-yard punt return by Branden Smith to the Buffaloes' 39, Green struck again.

He beat the Colorado secondary down the middle of the field and caught Murray's pass in stride at the goal line to give Georgia its first lead since the season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette. Walsh's extra point made the score 17-14.

Georgia failed to add points as the first half ended when Walsh missed his first field goal of the season, a 41-yard attempt that went wide right. Green's show resumed on Georgia's first drive of the second half.

Murray hit Green down the right sideline with a 50-yard pass to the Colorado 20. A few plays later, Marlon Brown's first career touchdown -- an 8-yard pass from Murray -- allowed Georgia to stretch its lead to 24-14.

That didn't last long, as Colorado tailback Rodney Stewart broke free for 65 yards -- the longest run of his career -- on an option pitch from Hansen to the Georgia 10. Hansen scrambled into the end zone from the 2 after dropping back to pass and narrowly avoiding a sack. Colorado successfully went for two points to cut Georgia's lead to 24-22 midway through the third quarter.

With Green temporarily out of the game because of the cramping, Georgia punted on the next possession after Murray was sacked on third down. Then things started going very badly for Georgia.

First Colorado wide receiver Will Jefferson got behind Vance Cuff deep down the middle for a 46-yard pass. Then, as Colorado tried to settle for a 38-yard field goal, a roughing-the-kicker penalty against Cuff gave the Buffaloes a first down at the Georgia 11, from where tailback Rodney Stewart took a pitch and scored on the next play. The extra point put Colorado ahead 29-24.

Georgia edged within 29-27 early in the fourth quarter, reaching the Colorado 2-yard line but then having to settle for a 20-yard Walsh field goal after incomplete passes in the end zone on second and third downs.

The Bulldogs were within range of another Walsh field goal when King fumbled late. In fact, Colorado coach Dan Hawkins already was preparing for Georgia to take the lead.

"We kind of knew that if they got the ball down to the 40 they would have an opportunity to kick a field goal from there," Hawkins said. "The guy can boom it, so to me it became 'let's burn our timeouts right here so we have plenty of time on the clock if they kick a field goal [and] go up by one.'"

Alas, that field-goal attempt never came.

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## Georgia-Colorado notebook

By [Tim Tucker](#)

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

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BOULDER, Colo. -- Georgia center **Ben Jones** didn't play in the first half of Saturday's game at Colorado as punishment for a clipping penalty against him late in last week's loss at Mississippi State.

Georgia coach **Mark Richt** and SEC commissioner **Mike Slive** conferred after reviewing video of the play and agreed a half-game suspension was in order, UGA said Saturday.

"It was poor judgment on Ben's part," Richt said in a statement. "He feels very badly about the incident and has sent a note of apology to the Mississippi State player. I have talked with [Mississippi State coach] **Dan Mullen**, and he appreciated the concern and Ben's apology."

Jones clipped Mississippi State defensive tackle **Fletcher Cox** on Georgia's next-to-last play of a 24-12 loss.

In an interview several days ago, Jones said: "There was a pass downfield, and I was trailing the play because I didn't know if it was caught yet. I went to cut a guy downfield because I thought he might make a play, because the ball was still up. [The refs] said it was too far behind the play, and I shouldn't have done it. ... After watching film, I now know I shouldn't have done it."

### Reunion time

One week after playing in a loud, lively, cowbell-clanging stadium at Mississippi State, Georgia found another charged environment here Saturday.

In conjunction with the Georgia-Colorado game at Folsom Field, the Buffaloes held two days of festivities celebrating the 20th anniversary of what Colorado calls "the 1990 consensus national championship team."

More than 80 players and several coaches from the 1990 team ran onto the field with the current Buffaloes before the start of Saturday's game. The '90 team was formally honored at halftime.

After the '90 season, Colorado finished No. 1 in the Associated Press poll and Georgia Tech No. 1 in the United Press International poll. Both schools can claim national championships for that season, but Colorado insists it was the "consensus" champion. Colorado argues that nine postseason polls were recognized as determining a national champion in 1990 and that the Buffaloes topped six of those.

### Red and black in Boulder

There was a lot of red and black around the Boulder area the past couple of days as thousands of Georgia fans made the trip to Colorado.

Georgia easily sold out its 5,000-ticket allotment for the game, limiting sales to contributors with cumulative lifetime donations of at least \$38,500 to the UGA Athletic Association's Hartman Fund. Other Georgia fans got their tickets directly from Colorado, some buying a three-game package that included this game. Others bought tickets on the resale market.

Colorado attempted a "blackout" of Saturday night's game, asking its fans to dress in black. But there were large pockets of red in the stadium. Georgia associate athletic director **Frank Crumley** estimated at least 7,000 UGA fans on hand.

### **Stripling injured**

Georgia freshman linebacker **T.J. Stripling** was carted off the field with an apparent right knee injury early in the game.

Stripling, playing on special teams, was injured on a Colorado kickoff return in the first quarter.

### **Etc.**

Injured Denver Broncos running back **Knowshon Moreno** visited Georgia's team hotel Friday night and, dressed in jeans and a red shirt, was on the UGA sideline Saturday. ... Word is that another former Bulldog now with the Broncos, cornerback **Champ Bailey**, was wearing a Georgia cap this past week and catching a bit of grief from teammates about it. ... Former Georgia safety **Makiri Pugh**, who is sitting out this season after transferring to Colorado, chatted briefly with several former UGA teammates before the game.

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# The Augusta Chronicle

## Bulldogs' woes continue

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By Marc Weiszer  
Morris News Service  
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BOULDER, Colo. --- Far away from Southeastern Conference country, Georgia discovered Saturday night against Colorado that changes in time zones and altitudes couldn't change its losing ways.

Even with the electrifying return of star receiver A.J. Green, the Bulldogs dropped their fourth consecutive game.

With Georgia driving for the go-ahead score, running back Caleb King fumbled on first down at the Colorado 27 when trying to make a spin move and the Buffaloes recovered at the 30 with 1:55 remaining.

Georgia never got the ball back and Colorado celebrated a 29-27 victory, along with thousands of fans from a crowd of 52,855 in Folsom Field who rushed the field and joined the players.

"That's as basic as a play as we've got," Georgia coach Mark Richt said.

"You say, 'What's our No. 1 running play?' That was it, we just didn't execute it well. They got penetration (from linebacker B.J. Beatty), which was obvious, and then we've still got be able to secure that ball, even if it's a four- or five-yard loss. We've still got to do that and hold onto it, but we didn't. They made a play when they absolutely had to have a play."

Green, returning from a four-game NCAA suspension for selling a jersey to someone classified as an agent, had seven catches for 119 yards and two touchdowns and rushed once for 40 yards.

Colorado (3-1) couldn't stop Green, but cramps could. Green went to the Georgia locker room in the third quarter after the Bulldogs pulled ahead 24-14 and didn't return until the second play of the fourth quarter after Colorado had pulled ahead 29-24.

Colorado, coming off four consecutive losing seasons - including 3-9 in 2009 - added to the Bulldogs' season of misery.

"There's going to be frustration," defensive end Demarcus Dobbs said. "We're Georgia. We never expect ourselves to get four losses or lose to the teams we have lost to. We just have to push ahead and we cannot give up on each other. All we have is each other."



Green's return turned out to be no panacea for the faltering Bulldogs, even on a night where he made touchdown catches of 3 and 39 yards.

Georgia's longest losing streak in 20 years stretched to four games even though it outgained Colorado 409 yards to 393.

The Bulldogs (1-4) need a win Saturday at home against Tennessee to avoid its first-five game losing streak in the same season since 1953. Georgia also lost five in a row spanning two seasons in 1963-64.

"Losing's not good, but there's a lot of good things that came out as far as the effort and just the attitude and belief," Richt said. "There's a lot of things I could point to as a coach to be proud of, but the bottom line of football is wins and losses and right now we haven't got a win in a while."

This was the last cross-country road game for Georgia in the foreseeable future after new athletic director Greg McGarity was able to cancel a series with Oregon for 2015-16.

The Bulldogs' woes were a topic on ESPN's *College Gameday* on Saturday morning. Host Chris Fowler labeled Georgia as "September's most disappointing team." Georgia fans showed up in large numbers, making up perhaps a fourth of the crowd, but they left dissatisfied.

"It's tough," Green said. "I've never been 1-4 in my life. We're going to stay together and we're going to keep fighting."

Georgia's defense gave up a touchdown on the opponent's first possession for the fourth straight game when Tyler Hansen hit Matt Bahr for a 4-yard touchdown.

Colorado opened a 14-3 lead before Green got his first touch on a 40-yard end-around early in the second quarter.

Then came what may have been his most spectacular catch of his career - a leaping left-handed grab over cornerback Jalil Brown for a 3-yard touchdown.

"That was unbelievable," quarterback Aaron Murray said. "No other receiver in the nation can make that catch." Green wasn't done. Murray hit Green on the run for a 39-yard touchdown with 7:53 left in the second quarter for a 17-14 Georgia lead.

Georgia extended its lead to 24-14 after Murray hit Green for a 50-yard gain early in the second half, but he left the game with cramps. Murray then found Marlon Brown for his first career touchdown in the back of the end zone for 8 yards.

Colorado trimmed the Georgia lead to 24-22 after Rodney Stewart took a pitch 65 yards - his career long - to set up a 2-yard touchdown run by Hansen.

Colorado scored on a two-point conversion pass from Cody Hawkins, the son of coach Dan Hawkins, to Ryan Deehan to cut the lead to two with 7:46 left in the third quarter.

Georgia went three-and-out and Colorado took advantage of a couple of plays involving Vance Cuff.

First, Hansen hit Will Jefferson deep, beating Cuff for a 46-yard gain.

Then, after Cuff ran into kicker Aric Goodman on a field goal, Stewart took a pitch for a 11-yard touchdown run for a 29-24 lead.

Georgia got the ball on first-and-goal at the 4. After a 2-yard Shuan Chapas run, Murray was off-target to Green and a pass to Orson Charles in the end zone was broken up.

Blair Walsh's 20-yard field goal pulled Georgia to 29-27.

Colorado couldn't extend its lead when Goodman missed a 52-yard field goal try with 3:37 left, but Georgia couldn't take advantage.

King rushed for 100 yards on 12 carries - his second 100-yard game of his career - but the fumble will linger.

"I thought it was a shoo-in, that's how comfortable I was," Dobbs said of thinking Georgia was headed for a win. "I put my helmet down, I was ready to run on the field and celebrate, but it didn't happen that way."

Not this season for Georgia.

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## THIRD QUARTER


UGA COLO

 TD 10:40 Marlon Brown 8 Yd Pass From Aaron Murray (Blair Walsh Kick)

24 14

 TD 07:46 Tyler Hansen 2 Yd Run (Cody Hawkins Pass To Ryan Deehan For Two-Point Conversion)

24 22

 TD 04:39 Rodney Stewart 11 Yd Run (Aric Goodman Kick)

24 29

## FOURTH QUARTER

UGA COLO

 FG 12:30 Blair Walsh 20 Yd

27 29

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. -- During a timeout in the waning minutes and with the [Georgia Bulldogs](#) already in range for a game-winning field goal, Colorado defensive coordinator Ron Collins decided to turn linebacker B.J. Beatty loose on a blitz.

"I told him, 'Let's run it,'" Beatty said. "Because we knew they were going to try to run the ball, milk the clock and kick a field goal. I knew I had the opportunity to come off the edge and maybe disrupt the hand-off."

Lining up with the Buffs clinging to a 29-27 lead, Beatty was just hoping for the Bulldogs to run the ball, and sure enough, it played out exactly like he envisioned.

Beatty stripped [Caleb King](#) just as he got the handoff from quarterback [Aaron Murray](#) at the Buffaloes' 30-yard line and he held King back while teammate Jon Major smothered the loose ball.

[Rodney Stewart](#), who rushed 19 times for 149 yards and a score despite not starting, helped the Buffaloes (3-1) salt it away by reeling off a 14-yard gain on first down. Three more snaps and the crowd rushed the field.

It's not that often you see a crowd go crazy over beating a team that's 1-4.

"Their record doesn't reflect how good they are," Beatty said.

But it does reveal how down in the dumps they are over their first four-game slide since 1990.

Not even the spectacular return of Georgia wide receiver [A.J. Green](#) from a four-game suspension could halt the Bulldogs' fall. Green caught two touchdown passes among his seven receptions for 119 yards, but he didn't catch another pass after his 50-yard grab on the third snap after halftime, spending plenty of time on the sideline.

"I was just cramping, a lot of cramping," Green said.

The altitude affected Green, who also reeled off a 40-yard run on a reverse.

"I felt it a lot, this being my first game back," Green said. "I'm cramping up like crazy and I can't get my breath."

The Buffaloes were breathing a big sigh of relief when Green went to the sideline.

"Yeah, definitely, because that's their go-to guy," cornerback Jimmy Smith said. "He was doing a lot of damage."

Green's suspension contributed to the Bulldogs' slow start this season. He was penalized for selling his Independence Bowl jersey for \$1,000 to a man the NCAA deemed was an agent. But he kept practicing during his monthlong hiatus and it showed Saturday night.

"It's nice to have A.J.," Bulldogs coach Mark Richt said. "Everybody could see tonight just how talented and dangerous of a player he is and how he can be a momentum changer."

Green helped the Bulldogs build a 24-14 lead that they'd eventually blow along with a golden chance to sneak out of Boulder with a win.

Aric Goodman missed a 52-yard field goal, giving the Bulldogs good field position with 3:37 left, trailing by two.

They methodically moved downfield and had first-and-10 at the Buffs 27 when Richt called for a run up the middle.

"That's as basic of a play as we've got," Richt said. "You say, 'What's your No. 1 running play?' And that was it. They got penetration, obviously, but you've still got to be able to secure the ball for a 4- or 5-yard loss. You've got to hold on to it. But we didn't."

Fired up after running onto the field pregame with members of Colorado's 1990 national championship team, the Buffaloes jumped out to a quick 14-3 lead. But it looked like the Bulldogs had weathered that emotion with 21 unanswered points, including Green's two TD catches.

Green hauled in Murray's fade pass to the right corner with his left hand despite tumbling over cornerback Jalil Brown in the end zone for his first score, and then he sped past Brown to haul in Murray's 39-yard touchdown toss down the middle of the field for a 17-14 Georgia lead.

Green's 50-yard catch set up [Marlon Brown](#)'s 8-yard TD reception that gave the Bulldogs a 24-14 lead.

Colorado roared back behind the running of Stewart, who replaced starter [Brian Lockridge](#) (ankle), and reeled off a career-best 65-yard burst to set up one touchdown and then put Colorado ahead 29-24 with an 11-yard TD run late in the third quarter.

Blair Walsh's 20-yard field goal made it 29-27, and he was warming up on the sideline about to go in for a potential game-winner when Beatty stripped the ball and the game away from the Bulldogs, who are 1-4 for the first time since 1993.

"Man, it's tough," Green said. "I've never been 1-4 in my life."

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## Big 12 helmet stickers: Week 5

By David Ubben

Here are the five (and a few more) guys who got it done this week:

**Robert Griffin, QB, Baylor:** Griffin threw for a career-high 380 yards and three touchdowns. The best was his third quarter score to [Terrance Williams](#). The ball was snapped over his head, but Griffin scooped it up, rolled to his left and threw across his body to Williams for an 11-yard touchdown that put Baylor up by 34 in the third quarter of [its 55-7 win over Kansas](#). He also ran for 64 yards and a touchdown on eight carries.



**Rodney Stewart, RB, Colorado:** The 5-foot-6, 175-pound running back they call "Speedy" averaged almost eight yards on his 19 carries, running for 149 yards and a touchdown in [Colorado's 29-27 win over Georgia](#) that put the Buffaloes at 3-1 heading into its conference opener against Missouri.

**Dan Bailey, K, Oklahoma State:** He should probably share his sticker with receiver [Justin Blackmon](#) (10 rec., 127 yards, TD) and Shaun Lewis, who set him up with an interception in the final minute, but Bailey banged home a 40-yard field goal as time expired to [beat Texas A&M 38-35](#) on Thursday night.

**Iowa State offensive line:** The big boys, headlined by center Ben Lamaak and left tackle Kelechi Osemele, paved the way for a pair of 100-yard rushers -- running backs [Shontrelle Johnson](#) and [Alexander Robinson](#) -- and gave quarterback [Austen Arnaud](#) time to throw four touchdown passes in the [Cyclones' 52-38 win over Texas Tech](#). Arnaud was sacked just twice, on the same possession with the Cyclones up 24-7 in the second quarter.

**DeMarco Murray, RB, Oklahoma:** Murray ran for 115 yards and two touchdowns against rival Texas to help pace Oklahoma to [a 28-20 win](#). Here's [what I wrote about his day](#).

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## Bulldogs' struggles continue at Colorado

**BY SETH EMERSON**

BOULDER, Colo. — Mark Richt called it the team's "No. 1 running play." And with Caleb King having one of his best nights, it seemed a no-brainer call.

Instead, it was just the latest dose of misery for a Georgia football team that has a lot of it right now.

King's fumble, with his team in field goal range, iced a 29-27 loss at Colorado on Saturday night. It was the fourth straight loss for the Bulldogs, who started the season with hopes of making it to the SEC championship.

Colorado (3-1) was predicted to finish at the bottom of the Big 12 North Division. Georgia (1-4) had been predicted by most to finish second in the SEC East.

"We didn't represent Georgia well. We didn't represent the SEC well," defensive end Demarcus Dobbs said. "The only people we have to blame is ourselves."

The loss was all the more stunning because A.J. Green returned and had a sterling game. His first catch of the season, a leaping, one-handed grab for a touchdown, seemed to turn the momentum in the second quarter.

Georgia even led at halftime, its first lead since its season-opening win over Louisiana-Lafayette. But the Georgia defense allowed Colorado back in the game.

Georgia still had a great shot in the final few minutes. After Colorado missed a 52-yard field goal, the Bulldogs took over at their 35 with 3:37 left.

Right away, the Bulldogs began marching. Quarterback Aaron Murray had a pass for a first down. Shaun Chapas had an 11-yard catch to get down to the 39. King followed that up with a 12-yard carry up the middle.

Then a timeout was called. At that point, at the Colorado 29, the Bulldogs were easily in place-kicker Blair Walsh's field goal range. There were less than two minutes left.

King had gained 103 yards on 11 carries up to that point. He had not fumbled this season, unlike the man he had replaced as starter, Washaun Ealey, who had two critical fumbles inside the 5 this season.

Upon the snap, Murray handed it to King. He was met in the backfield by a blitzing Colorado player, and the ball popped out.

"Right when he got the ball he got hit," Murray said. "So it was not a good situation for him at all."

Richt didn't pile on King.

"I think he was trying to make a spin move as he was getting the ball," Richt said. "You know, that's his instinct, to try to make somebody miss. But we've gotta get the ball first, and he just didn't do that. But Caleb, he gave great effort, he made great runs."

Green finished with 159 total yards and two touchdowns. He didn't touch the ball on Georgia's first two drives, but once the second quarter started he was the difference in lifting the Bulldogs' offense.

Green's firsts three touches of the season, coming on consecutive drives, resulted in 82 yards and two touchdowns.

It was obvious that his presence, after a four-game NCAA suspension, had a huge impact on the offense. But in the end it was still another loss for his team.

"It's hard to say what happen. Luck, I guess," Green said. "We're gonna keep fighting. I don't know what to say right now."

"Losing's not good," Richt said. "But there's a lot of good things that came out of this, just as far as the effort and the attitude of this group. There's a lot of things I could point to as a coach to be proud of as these guys. But the bottom line in football is wins and losses. And right now we haven't gotten a win in a while."



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## Georgia-Colorado gameline

### BY SETH EMERSON

Key player: A.J. Green

Georgia may not have won, but it was obvious that his presence changed the outlook of his team's offense. Green's 40-yard end-around run in the second quarter was a turning point, according to Georgia head coach Mark Richt. And when he left the team for two drives in the third quarter, the offense sputtered again and Colorado took the lead for good.

Key moment:

Caleb King's fumble with 1:55 left in the game. Georgia had a first down at the Colorado 27, and was in field goal range. The handoff seemed good, but Colorado's B.J. Beatty, an outside linebacker, broke through and hit King. The ball came out, and Colorado's Jon Major jumped on it at the 30.

Key decision

Colorado trying for a 52-yard field goal with 3:42 left. Buffaloes kicker Aric Goodman's longest field goal this season had been a 28-yarder, and he missed it. That gave Georgia the ball in decent field position with plenty of time, only needing a field goal to win it. It could have lost the game for Colorado, but it just ended up setting up the game-deciding fumble.

Quote of the game

"It's tough. I've never been 1-4 in my life. But you know, God puts you through things. We're gonna be together, we're gonna stick together and we're gonna keep fighting." — Green

By the numbers

259 — Total offensive yards by King and Green, who missed a combined six games this season.



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## Recap: Colorado vs. Georgia

By Sports Network  
The Sports Network

Rodney Stewart ran for 149 yards and a touchdown and generated 180 yards in total offense as the Colorado Buffaloes held off the Georgia Bulldogs, 29-27, in a non-conference test at Folsom Field.

Tyler Hansen was 13-of-20 through the air for the Buffaloes (3-1), who won consecutive games for the first time since 2008 when they opened the season with three straight wins.

Caleb King ran for 100 yards on 12 carries for the Bulldogs (1-4), who have now lost four straight. Aaron Murray was 16-of-27 through the air for 221 yards and three touchdowns. A.J. Green, who returned to the lineup after serving a four-game suspension, caught seven balls for 119 yards and two scores.

The Buffaloes got on the board when Hansen found Matthew Bahr with a four-yard scoring pass midway through the first period.

The Bulldogs responded with Blair Walsh's 33-yard field goal with just under five minutes left in the opening quarter.

Colorado extended its lead to 14-3 when Brian Lockridge scored from a yard out two minutes into the second quarter.

Murray answered back for Georgia with a three-yard touchdown pass to Green that made it a 14-10 game with 11 minutes left in the first half.

Murray and Green hooked up again three minutes later on a 39-yard touchdown connection that gave the Bulldogs a 17-14 lead.

Murray's eight-yard scoring pass to Marlon Brown four-and-a-half minutes into the third quarter extended Georgia's lead to 24-14,

Hansen brought the Buffs closer with a two-yard run midway through the third quarter and Cody Hawkins followed up with a two-point conversion pass to Ryan Deehan. That made the score 24-22 in favor of the visiting Bulldogs.

Stewart put the hosts in front 29-24 with an 11-yard run with four-and-a-half minutes left in the third period.

Walsh added a 20-yard field goal for the Bulldogs two-and-a-half minutes into the fourth quarter, bringing the score to its final of 29-27.

Georgia outgained Colorado 409 yards to 393 yards.

Game Notes

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