



# K-State derails Buffs

## CU suffers first Big 12 loss

By Kyle Ringo  
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MANHATTAN, Kan. — Playing sloppy football might be good enough for a 20-point road win against the likes of the Baylor Bears, but the Colorado Buffaloes couldn't get away with it for the second week in a row at Kansas State on Saturday.

CU was badly out-played in the kicking game, committed double-digit penalty totals for the second consecutive contest and was unable to throw the ball consistently. Redshirt freshman quarterback Cody Hawkins looked confused and unsettled at times for the first time in his career.

The recipe produced a 47-20 Kansas State victory and helped cast the Big 12 North Division back into the cluttered mess fans have grown accustomed to in recent years. The Buffs will have a chance next week to add to the confusion when Kansas comes to Folsom Field.

The Jayhawks are the only remaining undefeated team in the division.

"K-State did a great job," CU coach Dan Hawkins said. "Out-played us. Out-coached us, which I said before I have a lot of respect for how Ron (Prince) runs his program.

"His kids play hard. They play physical. They get after it. They did a great job and they took it to us."

Hawkins said he felt his team was tight from the beginning and played not to lose in the first half as opposed to having fun as had been the case during a three-game winning streak.

The Buffs wasted a career night from tailback Hugh Charles who ran for a career-best 171 yards and a touchdown. It was Charles fourth consecutive 100-yard game.

A CU defense that had been making steady improvement since losing at Arizona State in Week 2, was victimized by clever play-calling by the Kansas State coaching staff and the play-making ability of quarterback Josh Freeman and wide receivers Jordy Nelson and Deon Murphy.

Freeman came into the game having thrown 22 interceptions and just 10 touchdown passes in his brief career, but the 6-foot-6 sophomore managed the game well for his team and didn't make any costly mistakes.

Freeman completed 15 of 27 passes for 214 yards and a touchdown. Kansas State gained 463 totals yards and seemed to be playing on a short field most of the night because its special teams units put the regularly put the offense in good field position.

The game was still in doubt late in the third quarter with the Buffs trailing 33-20. Punter Matt DiLallo dropped a snap near his goal line and had his punt blocked by Daniel Gonzalez and recovered in the end zone by Courtney Herndon for a KSU touchdown. The play sealed the victory.

"They beat us in every phase of the game," CU defensive tackle George Hypolite said. "They ran the ball very well, threw the ball very well and played great on special teams. They beat us." The loss ended the Buffs three-game winning streak.

Kansas State scored first on its third possession when tailback James Johnson bounced around left end eluding CU safety D.J. Dykes to score from five yards out.

KSU quarterback Josh Freeman connected on a 43-yard pass with wide receiver Jordy Nelson two plays earlier and CU defensive tackle George Hypolite was flagged for a rare defensive holding call in the trenches on the drive.

Colorado quarterback Cody Hawkins threw an interception on the first play of the ensuing drive, giving Kansas State great field position at the Buffs' 30-yard line. CU made the Wildcats settle for 20-yard field goal from place-kicker Brooks Rossman.

The Buffs' scored late in the first quarter when a drive stalled at the KSU 33-yard line and place-kicker Kevin Eberhart boomed a 50-yard field goal through the uprights. It was Eberhart's second field goal of 50 yards or more in as many weeks.

Kansas State needed only three plays to score on its next drive. Freeman connected with Nelson for a 32-yard gain and the Wildcats badly fooled the Buffs with a well-executed reverse with wide receiver Deon Murphy sprinting 20 yards untouched into the end zone. Dykes appeared to lose containment on the left side again on the play.

The Buffs drove seven plays and 78 yards early in the second quarter to their first touchdown when Hawkins used a play-action fake and threw to fullback Jake Behrens, who caught his first career touchdown falling down in the end zone.

Dan Hawkins likes to challenge his team at certain times during games by electing to go for it on fourth downs. His decision to do so in the final minute of the first half resulted in an incomplete pass and the Buffs giving the Wildcats possession at their 46-yard line.

Kansas State took advantage of Hawkins' aggressive nature and completed two passes to get into position for a 52-yard field goal from Brooks Rossman to end the half with a 23-13 lead.

The Wildcats extended their lead midway through the third quarter when Freeman hit Murphy on a crossing route. Murphy blew through the CU defense and beat pursuing defenders to the pylon for a 28-yard touchdown.

Cornerback Terrence Wheatley got caught in traffic on the play allowing Murphy to get open and score.

Kansas State took full control with the blocked punt and added a late 68-yard touchdown run by running back James Johnson to seal the worst loss in Dan Hawkins short tenure at CU.



## Once again, penalties become a major problem for Buffaloes

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Call them the suddenly sloppy Colorado Buffaloes.

Coach Dan Hawkins elected to go easy on his football team a week ago today when it returned home from a win at Baylor, a game in which the Buffs overcame 11 penalties to win.

Hawkins philosophy in such situations usually involves extra running and conditioning work for his team on Sunday evenings, making players atone for mistakes. Hawkins said he thought his team was mature enough to learn the error of its ways without running.

Apparently he was wrong.

The Buffs followed up their flagfest at Baylor with an encore Saturday at Kansas State. They racked up eight penalties for 66 yards in the first half and finished with 10 penalties for 91 yards.

Kansas State figured to be the most penalized team Saturday. The Wildcats came into the game as the second most penalized team in the Big 12, averaging more than nine penalties and more than 90 yards per game.

The Buffs were the sixth-most penalized team in the conference prior to Saturday, but 19 of their 48 penalties have come in the past two weeks. Asked why his team was suddenly struggling so badly with penalties, Hawkins simply answered, "We'll see."

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Big 12 officials announced the Buffs' home game next Saturday with No. 20 Kansas will begin at 3:45 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN.

Miller makes history

Tackle Ryan Miller became the first true freshman in CU history to start a game at tackle for the Buffs. Miller worked his way into the starting lineup after playing for the first time in a victory over Miami (Ohio) in the fourth game of the season.

Miller is the second true freshman to start on the CU offensive line this season and the ninth to do so since the NCAA allowed freshman participation in 1973. He joined left guard Kai Maiava as the first pair of true freshmen starters on the line since Clint Moore and Dolyn Jackson started for the Buffs in the 1991 season.

Right guard Devin Head, who had started every game this season, was moved to a reserve role to make room for Miller. Senior Edwin Harrison moved to guard from tackle, where he had played all season.

## **First touch**

CU began the game with a surprise when quarterback Cody Hawkins turned and handed off to sophomore fullback Jake Behrens, who had never started a game or carried the ball in his college career. Behrens bounced the play out to the right side and ran for a 23-yard gain.

The night improved for Behrens in the second quarter when he caught the first pass of his career and scored the first touchdown of his career on the same play.

## **Dizon moves up**

Linebacker Jordon Dizon recorded 11 tackles in Saturday's game and became one of the top-five tacklers in CU history in the process.

Dizon's unofficial career total stands at 375 tackles. He passed former CU greats Chad Brown and Laval Short with his performance Saturday. All four former Buffs ahead of Dizon on the list registered more than 400 tackles in their careers.

Dizon leads the nation in tackles and is one of the nation's career leaders in tackles as a four-year starter.

## **Big play man**

True freshman wide receiver Josh Smith has caught 11 passes for 290 yards in the first four games of his career. He is averaging 26.4 yards per catch and six of his receptions have gone for 20 yards or more. He made two catches for 70 yards Saturday.

## **Special teams**

Kansas State's punt return team came into the game ranked No. 1 in the country, but the Wildcats managed only three returns for a total of seven yards against the Buffs.

While the Wildcats weren't as good in that area of special teams as they had been they still dominated the kicking game, with a blocked punt and great kickoff coverage and returns.

## **Notable**

The Buffs had outscored their opponents 36-10 in the fourth quarter prior to Saturday, but failed to score in the fourth quarter Saturday and gave up a late touchdown to the Wildcats. ... Senior punt return man Chase McBride was able to play Saturday after missing the Baylor game with a separated shoulder. ... Senior running back Hugh Charles and senior cornerback and kickoff return man Terrence Wheatley served as team captains once again along with linebacker Jordon Dizon and tackle Tyler Polumbus.



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# CU's Charles puts up career-best numbers

## Buff back runs for 171 yards and one touchdown vs. KSU

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MANHATTAN, Kan. — Colorado running back Hugh Charles is in the middle of the best stretch of football of his career.

The best performance of his four years in black and gold came in a loss Saturday to Kansas State. Charles rushed for 171 yards and a touchdown, gashing a Kansas State defense that had been ranked 20th in the nation against the run prior to meeting Charles.

The Wildcats were allowing 2.7 yards per carry but surrendered a total of 188 yards on 36 carries to the Buffs. It was the fourth consecutive week Charles eclipsed the 100-yard mark, but it came in a loss, which is what Charles chose to focus on afterward.

"We knew coming in we couldn't make mistakes," Charles said. "The longer the season goes the tougher each team gets, and the mistakes hurt us tonight.

"We've just got to go back to the drawing board and eliminate them, look at the film, see what we did and fix it for next week with Kansas coming in."

Charles had five different runs for at least 17 yards. His longest gain of the night was 37 yards.

The senior from Keller, Texas, moved into 12th place on the Buffs' all-time rushing list Saturday, passing former stars such as J.J. Flannigan and Kayo Lam. He needs less than 100 yards to become one of the top 10 rushers in CU history.

"I set my goals high every night, every week, every day," Charles said. "I visualize them and I achieve them. I've just got to keep it going each week and help out the team."

Colorado coach Dan Hawkins credited Charles for a solid outing, but Hawkins also continues to be frustrated with his team's inability to run the ball consistently. The Buffs still had too many short gains and negative yardage plays against the Wildcats.

"We also need to be able to run the ball when we have to run the ball," Hawkins said. "There were times that we didn't."



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## Woelk: Harsh lesson to be learned from loss

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Welcome back to earth, Colorado Buffaloes.

That three-game joy ride was no doubt fun while it lasted, but sooner or later, those bullets you've been dodging the last few weeks were bound to hit home.

Hit home they did on Saturday.

The list of miscues in the 47-20 loss to Kansas State — the biggest margin of defeat in Dan Hawkins' tenure at CU, by the way — is a long one. It is magnified by the fact that the hosts made very, very few of their own.

Let's start with penalties. The team that had prided itself in the first month of the season for limiting the yellow flags found them littering the field against the Wildcats. The fact that CU had 11 penalties in last week's win at Baylor was lost in the shuffle of the 20-point victory, but there was no such cover this week.

The 10 flags for 91 yards were there for everyone to see — and remember — and they came at the most inopportune times.

Then there's the defense. Yes, that same defense that put the clamps on powerful Oklahoma, the same defense that played well against Florida State and shut out Miami of Ohio, looked like they were wearing cement cleats. The Wildcats' superior speed on the offensive side showed, but the Buffs didn't help themselves any with some rather shoddy tackling.

Offensively? Explain this one: Colorado's best back slapped down 171 yards on 22 carries, and the Buffs still lost by 27.

The explanation could start with three interceptions by Buff quarterback Cody Hawkins, whose tendency to push the envelope has been hovering over his head since Day One. Lil' Hawk pushed it too many times Saturday, and paid the price.

We know the kid wants to be a gunslinger, and the potential is there. But we also know there's a time and place for slinging it — and there's a time and a place for playing it safe. That line became awfully blurry on Saturday.

Of course, even when Hawkins did find an open receiver, he was helping himself up off the turf, particularly when CU fell behind and was forced to play catch-up.

And, we can't leave out special teams. A botched punt turned what still could have been a close game into a rout, the coverage teams were nothing special, and the one big kick return the Buffs did have was

nullified by a penalty.

Did we miss anything?

Oh yes, one more item.

Plenty of folks this morning will be griping about Dan Hawkins' penchant for gambling on fourth down. It flouts conventional wisdom, and it certainly didn't pay off against the Wildcats.

But here's a word of advice: get used to it. That's who Dan Hawkins is. When he hits, folks are going to love his rambling, gambling style.

When he misses, it's going to produce some heat.

Funny thing, though. A couple of weeks ago, nobody was griping when Hawkins went for it on fourth down against Oklahoma and it worked twice. Once it resulted in a touchdown, and once it produced a big pass play over the middle in the fourth quarter to Patrick Williams.

And, of course, there's that fourth-down play late in the game against Colorado State that kept the game-tying drive alive.

No complaints then.

So, get used to it. That's who Dan Hawkins is. It's not going to change. He'll make the call, he'll take the heat if it doesn't work and he'll simply keep plugging away.

The head coach didn't offer any excuses after Saturday's showing.

"We got outplayed and we got out-coached," Hawkins told KOA radio. "They really brought it to us. I tip my hat to (K-State coach) Ron Prince. He did a better job of getting his guys ready."

More than anything, Saturday night's loss to the Wildcats should prove to be a major lesson to the Buffs.

They'll have to work for every little bit of progress they make.

As Hawk noted, five games are still left on the schedule. That's a possibility of five wins — or five losses.

But now, the Buffs have learned that looking too far ahead or basking too much in the past is a dangerous trend.

"I still like our team, I like our guys and I like where we're going," Hawkins said. "We still need to learn to get that consistency. Every week, we have to scratch and claw to get better."

No doubt, Saturday's thumping in Manhattan will be a wake-up call.

The Buffs showed signs of sloppiness last week against Baylor, then put up a billboard on Saturday.

That won't fly in the Big 12 — particularly not on the road.

We'll see how they react next week when unbeaten Kansas comes to town.



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## Buff's flop in Manhattan

**Charles's career-high 171-yard rushing effort is squandered as CU falls out of Big 12 North lead**

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Kansas State running back Leon Patton (9) cuts past Colorado's Patrick Williams (4) during the second quarter of their college football game in Manhattan, Kan., Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007. (AP | Orlin Wagner)

MANHATTAN, KAN. Colorado's stature in the Big 12 North Division took a major hit

Saturday night from a determined Kansas State squad that came ready to play and ready to hit.

Still smarting from a home loss to Kansas the previous week, Kansas State forced the issue this time and put CU's usually stout defense in a back-pedaling mode. The Wildcats never trailed in a 47-20 thrashing before 46,637 fans in Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

Kansas State's 6-foot-6 sophomore quarterback Josh Freeman passed for 214 yards, and his job was made easier by a rejuvenated running attack. KSU (4-2, 2-1 Big 12) entered the game ranked 99th nationally (109.8 yards per game) and finished with 249 yards on 39 carries.

"K-State did a great job. They outplayed us, outcoached us," CU coach Dan Hawkins said. "I've said I respected how Ron Prince runs his program. They play hard."

In the first quarter alone, Kansas State rolled up 182 yards in total offense. Three weeks earlier, Colorado limited Oklahoma to 230 yards for the game.

Hawkins said his team appeared tight at the beginning of the game. CU trailed 17-3 after the first quarter.

"Particular on defense, guys looked tight," Hawkins said. "They were playing not to lose initially."

### Colorado players agreed

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"We came in here expecting to win, and you've got to claw and scrap," Buffaloes quarterback Cody Hawkins said. "You have to not be so concerned about what they're doing and worry about what you're doing."

Coming off a 20-point victory at Baylor, Colorado (4-3, 2-1) sought back-to-back conference road victories for the first time since 1991. The Buffs got a career-high 171 yards from senior tailback Hugh Charles. But Cody Hawkins couldn't find enough open receivers to move the chains consistently.

And Kansas State stayed a step ahead of CU's defense.

"They do a great job of getting their playmakers the ball, and they do it in a variety of ways," CU defensive tackle George Hypolite said. "It kind of keeps you on your heels."

Any chance of a CU comeback ended when Freeman hit Deon Murphy for a 28-yard touchdown that made it 30-13 with 6:19 left in the third quarter. Murphy, a speedster, scored a first-quarter touchdown on a 20-yard reverse.

A blocked punt that was returned for a 6-yard touchdown by Courtney Herndon late in the third quarter made Kansas State the first team to score 40 points on Colorado this season. Arizona State scored 33 points in a 19-point win over the Buffs on Sept. 8.

"They're solid," Dan Hawkins said, when asked about KSU's special teams. "You can tell they work on it."

Almost 12 minutes of the first quarter had elapsed before Hawkins completed his first pass. He finished with 223 yards on 19-for-41 with three interceptions.

"Our offensive line did an awesome job," Cody Hawkins said. "We just didn't execute on (passing) plays. That's my fault."

Hawkins flipped a 1-yard touchdown pass to fullback Jake Behrens with 12:12 remaining in the second quarter. But the Buffs had to settle for field goals on two other scoring drives in the first half.

Even a 50-yard field goal by CU's Kevin Eberhart in the first quarter was trumped by a 52-yarder by Kansas State's Brooks Rossman as time expired in the first half.

Colorado wasted a brilliant performance by Charles, who reached 100 yards rushing for the fourth straight game. Charles needed only the first half to surpass the century mark, netting 114 yards on 11 carries in the first 30 minutes.

"I know I'm a big part of the offense," Charles said. "I just have to do whatever I can to help the team win."

But Colorado couldn't complement Charles' runs with consistent passing.

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Kansas State struck first, needing just four plays to move 69 yards, thanks to a 43-yard pass from Freeman to Jordy Nelson. With a perfect trajectory, Freeman's spiral cleared the reach of CU cornerback Benjamin Burney. Only a saving tackle by safety Daniel Dykes at the CU 19 kept the play from going the distance.

Two plays later, running back James Johnson scored from 5 yards out.

CU's Behrens surprised Kansas State on CU's first play from scrimmage with his first career carry. Behrens rambled 23 yards. But the Buffs failed to gain another first down and were forced to punt.

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## CU Grades By Tom Kensler

### OFFENSE

C It's too bad quarterback Cody Hawkins had an off-night, because senior tailback Hugh Charles was spectacular.

### DEFENSE

D For the first time since the Sept. 8 loss at Arizona State, Colorado's secondary looked a step slow. That was disappointing, considering that the Buffs' defense kept up with Oklahoma and Florida State.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

D Terrence Wheatley had some nice kickoff returns and Kevin Eberhart booted a 50-yard field goal. But Colorado lost the battle of field position all evening and had a punt blocked for the first time since the 2005 Big 12 championship game against Texas. To make matters worse, the blocked punt was recovered by Kansas State for a third-quarter touchdown.

### OVERALL

D Charles' running was the only bright spot in an otherwise dismal night.

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## cu football notes

### Buff become fixtures on TV

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MANHATTAN, KAN. Once again, the Colorado football team played on a national stage.

Saturday night's ESPN2 telecast marked the fifth time in seven games that the Buffaloes were shown on national television. CU coach Dan Hawkins said he hopes that exposure will help recruiting.

"That doesn't hurt," Hawkins said. "There are a lot of kids that have been able to see us play."

The Buffs are guaranteed at least two more nationally televised games. CU's next game, Saturday against visiting Kansas, will kick off at 3:45 p.m. and will be on ESPN, the school announced Saturday. And ABC will air the Nov. 23 game in Boulder against Nebraska at 10 a.m.

**Long and short of it.** During pregame warm-ups, Colorado quarterback Cody Hawkins chatted for several minutes with Kansas State quarterback Josh Freeman.

Hawkins is 5-feet-11 and 190 pounds; Freeman is 6-6, 250.

"Josh and I are good friends," Cody said, explaining that the two became acquainted at national QB camps while in high school.

**Another newbie.** Colorado offensive tackle Ryan Miller, a true freshman who earned Parade All-America honors last fall at Columbine High School, made his first career start.

"Ryan has been getting better in the passing game. ... It's hard to keep him out," Dan Hawkins said on his pregame radio show.

According to the CU sports information department, Miller became the first-ever CU offensive tackle to start as a true freshman, starting on the right side. Miller and guard Kai Maiava are the first pair of true freshmen to start together on the offensive line for the Buffs since guards Clint Moore and Delyn Jackson in 1991.

Another true freshman, tailback Brian Lockridge, also made his first start, as did sophomore fullback Jake Behrens. Behrens recorded his first run, reception and touchdown in the first half - the latter a 1-yard TD pass from Cody Hawkins.

**Footnotes.** CU senior punt returner Chase McBride returned to the lineup after sitting out the Baylor game with a shoulder injury. ... Making headlines in this part of the country was an Elton John concert opening the new Sprint Center on

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Saturday night in downtown Kansas City, Mo. The arena will host the 2008 Big 12 men's basketball tournament in March.

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## Buff's hit roadblock

Wildcats strike early, often to halt CU's 3-game win streak

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MANHATTAN, Kan. — The Colorado Buffaloes entered Saturday night at Bill Snyder Family Stadium with grand visions of winning their fourth game in a row and taking another large step leap in the Big 12 North race.

Instead, this became a sobering night for a team that was enjoying its most success in two years. Because the Buffs got knocked around by an opponent that looked superior in every way imaginable.

Kansas State sliced through CU for most of the first half and during key junctures in the second on its way to a 47-20 defeat of the Buffs. CU (4-3, 2-1) dropped into a second-place tie with KSU (4-2, 2-1) in the Big 12 North and now awaits a visit on Saturday from unbeaten and first-place Kansas, which beat this KSU team a week ago.

The Buffs failed to push their winning streak to four straight, which would have been their longest since winning five in a row in 2002.

CU pulled to within 30-20 with 4 minutes, 34 seconds left in the third quarter on Hugh Charles' 1-yard touchdown. But KSU's Brooks Rossman kicked a 39-yard field goal, his fourth of the night, moments later. Then KSU's special teams scored on a blocked punt with 28 seconds left in the quarter to put its lead to 40-20, and basically out of reach.

As CU defensive tackle George Hypolite trudged off the field afterward, KSU fans pleaded with him to beat Kansas next week, which would turn the make the top of the division a very crowded place. The Buffs have yet to be relegated to a spoiler role, and their hopes and goals remain alive in 2007. But there was disappointment in how they played Saturday, and more than a little respect for their opponent.

"Kansas State did a great job," CU coach Dan Hawkins said. "They out played us and they outcoached us. "I have a lot of respect for how they play. Their kids play hard, and they took it to us." Said Hypolite: "They beat us in every phase of the game." James Johnson ran 68 yards with 3:58 left for KSU's final score of the night, and he finished with 159 yards on 20 carries. He became the second CU opponent to top 100 rushing yards in 2007, but unlike Colorado State's Kyle Bell, he did not need 40 carries to do so.

KSU entered 99th in the nation and 10th in the Big 12 with an average of 109.8 rushing yards per game. The Wildcats ran for 249, the most CU has allowed in 2007. KSU finished with 463 total yards and averaged 6.9 per play.

Offensively, the Buffs moved the ball fairly well, and Charles went off for a career-most 171 rushing yards. But a slow start, three turnovers, 10 penalties and poor execution on two fourth downs put the defense in bad positions, and KSU took advantage. CU quarterback Cody Hawkins threw three more interceptions to bring his season total to 12. Saturday's included one in the first quarter on a deep route to Josh Smith when Hawkins had tight end Tyson DeVree running open down the middle of the field. The quarterback said he expected DeVree to be covered.

"I have to stop expecting the defenses to do their jobs and just play football," Hawkins said.



Colorado running back Hugh Charles fights off Kansas State defensive end Ian Campbell, right, during the second quarter Saturday night in Manhattan, Kan. Charles rushed for a career-high 171 yards, but it wasn't nearly enough in the Wildcats' 47-20 win. **AP/Orlin**

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"I did not make the plays my team needed me to make."

Dan Hawkins said his team was very tight to start the game, and the slow beginning puzzled coaches and players. Hawkins said his team learned Saturday about not jumping out quickly, which is one of many lessons the coach has had to teach this team since he arrived in Boulder.

"Initially, we were playing not to lose," he said. "Guys were playing very tight." But Hawkins also conceded one obvious point. "(Kansas State) was pretty much in control the whole game."

Cody Hawkins said he didn't know how to explain the start.

"We forgot how to keep clawing and scratching," Hawkins said.

KSU gained 182 yards in the first quarter and 249 by halftime, and did enough after the break to hold CU off. The Wildcats took a 23-13 lead after two quarters on a 52-yard field goal by Rossman as time expired. The kick came 20 seconds after CU failed to convert a fourth-and-6 at KSU's 46 when tight end Riar Geer dropped a pass that probably wouldn't have gained six yards. Hawkins said that turn of events did not swing momentum in KSU's favor.

"We were trying to gain some momentum," he said.

"They had the momentum from the get-go."

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## Prize freshman makes first start

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MANHATTAN, Kan. — Colorado freshman Ryan Miller made his first start Saturday night, and he'll probably make a bunch more.

Miller, the five-star recruit from Columbine, started at right offensive tackle in Saturday night's 47-20 loss to Kansas State, becoming the first true freshman to ever start at tackle in program history. Miller and Kai Maiava became the fourth pair of true freshmen to start on CU's offensive line, and the first since guards Dolyn Jackson and Clint Moore did so Sept. 21, 1991, against Minnesota.

Miller and Maiava broke their redshirts on Sept. 22 against Miami-Ohio. Maiava made his first start the next week against Oklahoma.

Miller was called for a first-quarter holding penalty in first quarter that Kansas State declined.

The offensive line opened big holes all night for the running game. Tailback Hugh Charles had a career high with 171 rushing yards.

Senior Edwin Harrison, who started CU's first six games at right tackle, moved to right guard.

**Running well:** Charles record his fourth straight 100-yard rushing game. He had 114 yards on his first 10 carries. Four straight is the most by a Buff since Chris Brown's eight in a row in 2002.

Charles' entered with a single-game high of 132.

CU also used its fullback Saturday. Sophomore Jake Behrens made his first career carry, a 23-yarder on the Buffs' first offensive play. He also caught a 1-yard touchdown pass, which was his first career reception.

Behrens also made his first career start.

**Flag concern:** Penalties are becoming a problem for CU. A week after committing 11 for 105 yards at Baylor, CU had 10 for 91 yards Saturday.

CU had eight for 66 yards in the first half.

**Not special:** KSU scored two touchdowns on special teams to beat Texas on Sept. 29, and they victimized CU, too.

KSU blocked a punt late in third quarter and turned it into a touchdown.

CU punter Matt DiLallo dropped the snap, and KSU's Daniel Gonzalez blocked his kick. Courtney Herndon recovered it near the goal line and scored, making it 40-20 with 28 seconds left in third quarter.

Kevin Eberhart ran his streak of consecutive makes to seven straight with two more in the first half.



CU punt returner Chase McBride was cleared to play Saturday after missing the previous week. He suffered an AC joint separation in his left shoulder in practice on Oct. 2. McBride played, and was on the field for KSU's first punt.

McBride aggravated his injured shoulder in the fourth quarter and left the game.

**Extra points:** Charles and Terrence Wheatley joined Tyler Polumbus and Jordon Dizon as CU's captains again. Charles and Wheatley were captains a week ago at Baylor. ... CU's home game Saturday against Kansas will kick off at 3:45 p.m. and be televised by ESPN. The Jayhawks beat Baylor, 58-10, on Saturday. They're 6-0 for the first time since 1995 and will probably move up in the polls released today. ... Eberhart's 50-yard field goal in the first quarter extended CU's scoring streak to 229 straight games. ... CU SID Dave Plati, who serves as the official scorer for a quarter of the Colorado Rockies' home games, is on stand by to work Game 5 of the World Series, if the Rockies reach it. ... On the Sundays following road games, CU has discontinued its late afternoon scrimmages for players who are redshirting or didn't play the previous day so they can go home for the night.

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