

# ALL-TIME COMEBACKS

## RALLIED FROM LARGEST DEFICITS

Trailed By	Time, Qtr.	Final	Opponent, Site (Date)
20 ( 7-27)	8:01, 3Q	28-27	Missouri at Columbia (Oct. 28, 1978)
19 ( 0-19)	13:18, 4Q	20-19	Kansas in Boulder (Oct. 7, 1961)
18 (17-35)	8:20, 3Q	43-38	Iowa State at Ames (Nov. 8, 1997)
17 ( 0-17)	7:00, 3Q	21-20	Minnesota at Minneapolis (Sept. 19, 1992)
15 (13-28)	8:52, 2Q	41-34	Iowa State in Boulder (Oct. 31, 1953)
14 ( 0-14)	4:58, 2Q	34-14	Kansas State in Boulder (Nov. 15, 1952)
14 ( 0-14)	7:38, 3Q	14-14	Missouri at Columbia (Nov. 10, 1956)
14 ( 6-20)	13:05, 4Q	21-20	Missouri in Boulder (Oct. 31, 1959)
14 ( 3-17)	7:43, 3Q	31-20	Missouri in Boulder (Oct. 18, 1975)
14 ( 7-21)	11:01, 3Q	28-27	Iowa State at Ames (Nov. 1, 1975)
14 ( 7-21)	14:52, 3Q	38-21	Kansas State in Boulder (Nov. 19, 1983)
14 ( 0-14)	9:59, 3Q	21-17	Stanford in Boulder (Sept. 6, 1990)
14 (10-24)	8:44, 3Q	30-24	Kansas in Boulder (Nov. 16, 1991)
14 ( 0-14)	5:00, 1Q	21-14	Utah at Salt Lake City (Nov. 4, 1939)
14 ( 0-14)	3:10, 1Q	33-21	*Washington at San Diego, Holiday Bowl (Dec. 30, 1996)
14 ( 0-14)	4:27, 2Q	38-24	Missouri in Boulder (Nov. 3, 2001)
14 ( 0-14)	11:15, 1Q	30-21	Kansas at Lawrence (Nov. 6, 2004)
13 ( 0-13)	7:26, 3Q	17-16	Kansas in Boulder (Nov. 9, 1974)
13 ( 0-13)	13:36, 2Q	27-23	Colorado State at Fort Collins (Oct. 1, 1988)
12 ( 0-12)	15:00, 4Q	27-12	Nebraska at Lincoln (Nov. 3, 1990)
12 (14-26)	3:52, 4Q	27-26	Michigan at Ann Arbor (Sept. 24, 1994)

(\*—fifth largest comeback in NCAA bowl history.)

**NOTE:** The largest deficit CU has ever overcome to tie or take the lead in a game is 24 points. On Nov. 26, 1999, the Buffs trailed Nebraska, 27-3, early in the fourth quarter but rallied to tie the game with 2:59 remaining. A game winning field goal sailed just wide at the final gun, but the Buffs did take a 30-27 lead in overtime before succumbing to the Cornhuskers, 33-30.



Steve Vogel

## RALLIED TO WIN OR TIE IN FINAL TWO MINUTES

Trailed By	Time Left	Time of Score	Final	Opponent, Site (Date)
1 ( 6- 7)	0:04	<b>0:00</b>	9- 7	Brigham Young in Boulder (Oct. 18, 1947) (John Zisch kicked a 36-yard field goal as time expired.)
3 (22-25)	0:18	<b>0:00</b>	25-25	Oklahoma State at Stillwater (Oct. 16, 1982) (Tom Field kicked a 49-yard field goal on first down at the gun.)
4 (27-31)	2:32	<b>0:00</b>	33-31	Missouri at Columbia (Oct. 6, 1990) (Charles Johnson scored on a one-yard touchdown run on fourth down.)
3 (21-24)	0:02	<b>0:00</b>	24-24	Oklahoma in Boulder (Oct. 17, 1992) (Mitch Berger kicked a 53-yard field goal on first down as time expired.)
5 (21-26)	0:06	<b>0:00</b>	27-26	Michigan at Ann Arbor (Sept. 24, 1994) (The National Play-of-the-Year: Kordell Stewart threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to Michael Westbrook, who caught the ball off a Blake Anderson deflection after time expired. CU trailed by 12 with 3:52 left, and got the ball back with 0:15 left on its own 15; Stewart passed complete to Westbrook to start the drive.)
0 (31-31)	4:49	<b>0:01</b>	34-31	Texas at Austin (Oct. 1, 1994) (Neil Voskeritchian kicked a 24-yard field goal on third down.)
9 (10-19)	4:29	<b>0:03</b>	20-19	Wyoming in Boulder (Sept. 27, 1997) (After Wyoming scored to go up 19-10 with 4:29 remaining, Ben Kelly returned the ensuing kick-off 99 yards for a touchdown. With less than two minutes to go, Mike Phillips forced a fumble that Ron Merkeron returned to Wyoming 25. Three plays later, with CU at the one-yard line, Jeremy Aldrich kicked an 18-yard field goal on second down.)
11 (10-21)	13:32	<b>0:04</b>	31-28	Colorado State in Boulder (Sept. 3, 2005) (Mason Crosby kicked a 47-yard field goal on third down.)
0 (31-31)	0:30	<b>0:05</b>	38-31	Kansas State in Boulder (Nov. 13, 2004) (Joel Klatt completed a first down pass to Ron Monteilh at the KSU 23 and he ran into the end zone from there to complete a 64-yard play.)
7 ( 3-10)	1:28	<b>0:06</b>	11-10	Oklahoma State in Boulder (Nov. 17, 1981) Steve Vogel hit Brad Parker on a nine-yard touchdown pass and then passed to Derek Singleton for the two-point conversion.)
2 (10-12)	1:54	<b>0:06</b>	16-12	Oklahoma State at Stillwater (Nov. 9, 1991) (Robbie James passed 20 yards to Christian Fauria for a touchdown on a fake field goal attempt on third down.)
0 (20-20)	0:55	<b>0:06</b>	23-20	Kansas State at Manhattan (Oct. 29, 2005) (Mason Crosby kicked a 50-yard field goal on third down.)
1 (37-38)	2:54	<b>0:09</b>	43-38	Iowa State at Ames (Nov. 8, 1997) (Dwayne Cherrington scored on a one-yard run on second down.)
3 (14-17)	4:17	<b>0:12</b>	21-17	Stanford in Boulder (Sept. 6, 1990) (Eric Bieniemy scored on a one-yard touchdown run on fourth down.)
3 (41-44)	5:24	<b>0:14</b>	50-47	Kansas in Boulder (Oct. 11, 2003) (Mason Crosby kicked a 23-yard field goal to send the game into overtime, where CU won on a 12-yard run by Brian Calhoun.)
3 ( 7-10)	4:18	<b>0:21</b>	10-10	Iowa State in Boulder (Oct. 16, 1965) (Frank Rogers kicked a 33-yard field goal on fourth down.)
3 (20-23)	3:08	<b>0:38</b>	27-23	Colorado State at Fort Collins (Oct. 1, 1988) (Sal Aunese threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Mike Pritchard on third down.)
1 (23-24)	2:09	<b>0:40</b>	30-24	Kansas in Boulder (Nov. 16, 1991) (James Hill scored on a one-yard touchdown run on third down.)
0 (35-35)	1:50	<b>0:40</b>	42-35	Colorado State in Denver (Aug. 30, 2003) (Bobby Purify scored on a 9-yard run on first down.)
1 (23-24)	6:27	<b>0:41</b>	30-24	Utah in Boulder (Sept. 28, 1957) (Bob Stransky scored on a one-yard touchdown run on third down.)
4 (6-10)	6:06	<b>0:43</b>	20-10	Oklahoma State at Stillwater (Oct. 16, 1976) (Jim Kelleher scored on a one-yard touchdown run on second down; with 0:18 left, Frank Patrick returned an interception 25 yards for a touchdown.)
4 (13-17)	2:24	<b>1:04</b>	27-17	Kansas State at Manhattan (Nov. 18, 1995) (John Hessler capped a 6-play, 80-yard drive with a 20-yard touchdown pass to James Kidd on first down; Kerry Hicks added fumble recovery in end zone with 45 seconds left.)
3 (10-13)	2:07	<b>1:21</b>	17-13	Missouri in Boulder (Oct. 27, 1973) (Jim Kelleher scored on a four-yard touchdown run on first down.)
0 (34-34)	2:44	<b>1:22</b>	41-34	Iowa State in Boulder (Oct. 31, 1953) (Carroll Hardy scored on a 17-yard touchdown run on first down.)
4 (10-14)	4:05	<b>1:23</b>	17-14	Oklahoma State in Boulder (Nov. 15, 1969) (Bobby Anderson scored on a one-yard touchdown run on second down.)
6 (10-16)	1:58	<b>1:33</b>	16-16	Nebraska in Boulder (Oct. 25, 1952) (Zack Jordan passed 9 yards to Roger Williams for a touchdown on fourth down; Williams missed PAT kick.)
4 (17-21)	5:36	<b>1:55</b>	24-21	Iowa at Iowa City (Sept. 17, 1988) (Sal Aunese scored on a one-yard touchdown run on first down.)
1 (15-16)	6:25	<b>2:00</b>	18-16	Baylor in Boulder (Sept. 26, 1998) (Jeremy Aldrich kicked a 31-yard field goal on fourth down.)

## OTHER FOURTH QUARTER WINS/TIES

(Games in which CU was behind or tied at any point in the fourth quarter; post World War II.)

Date	Opponent	Score	Decisive Play	Time Left
Oct. 22, 1949	at Utah State	W 20- 7	Malcolm Miller 31 run	10:00
Nov. 1, 1952	at Utah	W 20-14	Roger Williams 1 run	3:35
Sept. 26, 1953	ARIZONA	W 20-14	Homer Jenkins 4 run	13:40
Nov. 10, 1956	at Missouri	T 14-14	Boyd Dowler, 18 pass to Frank Clarke, Ellwyn Indorf PAT	10:02
Jan. 1, 1957	a-Clemson	W 27-21	John Bayuk 1 run	7:13
Oct. 25, 1958	NEBRASKA	W 27-16	Howard Cook 20 pass to Boyd Dowler	14:21
Oct. 10, 1959	at Kansas State	W 20-17	Gale Weidner 20 pass to Gary Henson	12:44
Oct. 31, 1959	MISSOURI	W 21-20	Gale Weidner 1 run, Boyd Dowler PAT	6:15
Oct. 7, 1961	KANSAS	W 20-19	Gale Weidner 17 pass to Jerry Hillebrand	2:56
Oct. 28, 1961	at Oklahoma	W 22-14	Loren Schweninger 1 run	11:28
Sept. 24, 1966	at Baylor	W 13- 7	Wilmer Cooks 1 run	12:08
Oct. 29, 1966	OKLAHOMA	W 24-21	Wilmer Cooks 9 run	13:00
Nov. 19, 1966	AIR FORCE	W 10- 9	John Farler 24 FG	5:14
Dec. 23, 1967	b-Miami, Fla.	W 31-21	Bobby Anderson 38 run	6:55
Nov. 8, 1969	at Kansas	W 17-14	Bobby Anderson 12 run	2:29
Dec. 13, 1969	c-Alabama	W 47-33	Bobby Anderson 2 run	10:57
Oct. 9, 1971	at Iowa State	W 24-14	J.B. Dean 37 FG	6:42
Nov. 6, 1971	at Kansas	W 35-14	Cliff Branch 85 run	14:34
Sept. 22, 1973	at Wisconsin	W 28-25	Billy Waddy 17 run	2:26
Sept. 28, 1974	WISCONSIN	W 24-21	Billy Waddy 5 run	13:55
Nov. 9, 1974	KANSAS	W 17-16	Tom Mackenzie 24 FG	5:03
Oct. 18, 1975	MISSOURI	W 31-20	David Williams 4 run	12:57
Nov. 1, 1975	at Iowa State	W 28-27	Terry Kunz 2 run	2:30
Oct. 28, 1978	at Missouri	W 28-27	Eddie Ford 16 run	5:32
Sept. 29, 1979	at Indiana	W 17-16	Bill Solomon 1 run, Tom Field PAT	8:51
Sept. 14, 1985	OREGON	W 21-17	Mark Hatcher 22 run	12:34
Sept. 28, 1985	at Arizona	W 14-13	Mark Hatcher 2 run, Larry Eckel PAT	10:41
Sept. 24, 1988	OREGON STATE	W 28-21	Eric Bieniemy 66 run	9:16
Sept. 22, 1990	at Texas	W 29-22	Eric Bieniemy 2 run	5:47
Nov. 3, 1990	at Nebraska	W 27-12	Eric Bieniemy 2 run	8:37
Nov. 14, 1992	at Kansas	W 25-18	James Hill 8 run	2:09
Oct. 22, 1994	KANSAS STATE	W 35-21	Kordell Stewart 60 run	10:00
Sept. 23, 1995	TEXAS A & M	W 29-21	John Hessler 20 pass to Tennyson McCarty	14:28
Oct. 21, 1995	at Iowa State	W 50-28	Lendon Henry 1 run	11:10
Nov. 4, 1995	at Oklahoma State	W 45-32	John Hessler 5 pass to Phil Savoy	11:06
Oct. 26, 1996	TEXAS	W 28-24	John Hessler 1 run	3:10
Nov. 9, 1996	IOWA STATE	W 49-42	Herchell Troutman 4 run	13:01
Oct. 9, 1999	MISSOURI	W 46-39	Won in overtime	—
Sept. 22, 2001	KANSAS	W 27-16	Craig Ochs 17 pass to Daniel Graham	11:04
Oct. 27, 2001	at Oklahoma State	W 22-19	Bobby Pesavento 21 pass to Daniel Graham	5:54
Nov. 9, 2002	at Missouri	W 42-35	Won in overtime	—
Nov. 16, 2002	IOWA STATE	W 41-27	Medford Moorer 71 fumble return	5:12
Sept. 6, 2003	UCLA	W 16-14	Joel Klatt 6 pass to Joe Klopfenstein	2:15
Dec. 29, 2004	d-Texas-El Paso	W 33-28	Joel Klatt 39 pass to Evan Judge	8:43

(a—Orange Bowl at Miami; b—Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston; c—Liberty Bowl at Memphis; d—Houston Bowl at Houston.)

**LAST TIME CU WON A GAME ON A LAST-MINUTE FIELD GOAL**—Oct. 29, 2005 (Mason Crosby kicked a 50-yard field goal with 0:06 left; Colorado 23, Kansas State 20).

**LAST TIME CU LOST A GAME ON A LAST-MINUTE FIELD GOAL**—Nov. 24, 2000 (Josh Brown kicked a 29-yard field goal as time expired; Nebraska 34, Colorado 32). In regulation; CU lost to Wisconsin on a field goal in overtime in the 2002 Alamo Bowl.

## Largest Comebacks Against Common & 2006 Opponents

Opponent	Date	Site	Deficit	Time, Qtr.	Final Score
Baylor	Sept. 12, 1992	Waco	<b>3</b> (0-3)	8:19, 1Q	57-38
Colorado State	Oct. 1, 1988	Fort Collins	<b>13</b> (0-13)	13:36, 2Q	27-23
Iowa State	Nov. 8, 1997	Ames	<b>18</b> (17-35)	8:20, 3Q	43-38
Kansas	Oct. 7, 1961	Boulder	<b>19</b> (0-19)	13:18, 4Q	20-19
Kansas State	Nov. 15, 1952	Boulder	<b>14</b> (0-14)	4:58, 2Q	34-14
Missouri	Oct. 28, 1978	Columbia	<b>20</b> (7-27)	8:01, 3Q	28-27
Nebraska	Nov. 3, 1990	Lincoln	<b>12</b> (0-12)	15:00, 4Q	27-12
Oklahoma	Oct. 30, 1976	Boulder	<b>11</b> (20-31)	7:26, 3Q	42-31
Oklahoma State	Nov. 1, 1986	Stillwater	<b>11</b> (3-14)	15:00, 3Q	31-14
Texas	Oct. 26, 1996	Boulder	<b>10</b> (7-17)	7:07, 2Q	28-24
Texas A&M	Oct. 13, 2001	Boulder	<b>8</b> (6-14)	1:47, 2Q	31-21
Texas Tech	Oct. 26, 2002	Boulder	<b>3</b> (10-13)	3:36, 2Q	37-13



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The picture that made the cover of *Sports Illustrated* after CU's 27-26 win at Michigan in 1994 (photo by Hal Staelze).