

COLORADO VS. NO. 1 TEAMS

The Buffs are 0-10 in their history when they have come up against the number one ranked team. Colorado has played only three teams with number one rankings—Nebraska (0-3); Oklahoma (0-6) and Southern Cal (0-1). In eight of these games, the Buffs have given the nation's best a solid run for their money. Here's a look at each CU No. 1 matchup (both AP & UPI/Coaches unless otherwise noted):

Nov. 4, 1956 in Boulder

Oklahoma	6	0	14	7	—	27
COLORADO	7	12	0	0	—	19

Oct. 26, 1957 at Norman

Oklahoma	0	0	6	7	—	13
Oklahoma	7	0	0	7	—	14

Sept. 21, 1963 in Boulder

Southern Cal	0	7	0	7	—	14
COLORADO	0	0	0	0	—	0

Oct. 23, 1965 at Lincoln

COLORADO	3	3	0	7	—	13
Nebraska (UPI)	17	14	0	7	—	38

Oct. 30, 1971 at Lincoln

COLORADO	0	7	0	0	—	7
Nebraska	7	17	7	0	—	31

Oct. 4, 1975 at Norman

COLORADO	0	7	7	6	—	20
Oklahoma	7	7	7	0	—	21

Nov. 4, 1978 in Boulder

Oklahoma	7	0	14	7	—	28
COLORADO	0	7	0	0	—	7

Oct. 22, 1983 at Lincoln

COLORADO	3	9	7	0	—	19
Nebraska	7	7	48	7	—	69

Oct. 24, 1987 at Norman

COLORADO	0	6	0	0	—	6
Oklahoma	10	0	7	7	—	24

Oct. 25, 2003 in Boulder

Oklahoma	14	3	10	7	—	34
COLORADO	7	0	0	13	—	20

NOTE: Colorado is 1-1 as the nation's No. 1 team, losing 21-6 to Notre Dame in the 1990 Orange Bowl and defeating Notre Dame 10-9 in the 1991 Orange Bowl.

COLORADO VS. HEISMAN WINNERS

Colorado has played 10 opponents which featured the eventual Heisman Trophy winner for that season. Here's a look at how each fared against the Buffs:

Sept. 27, 1952 vs. Oklahoma in Boulder: HB Billy Vessels

Rushing: 21-110, 2 TD; Passing: 3-1-0, 37; Kick Returns 4-39.

Oct. 18, 1969 vs. Oklahoma at Norman: TB Steve Owens

Rushing: 28-112, 4 TD; Passing: 1-1-0, 16.

Nov. 4, 1972 vs. Nebraska in Boulder: WB Johnny Rodgers

Rushing: 5-minus 6, 1 TD; Receiving 4-79, 1 TD.

Nov. 4, 1978 vs. Oklahoma in Boulder: HB Billy Sims

Rushing: 27-220, 1 TD.

Oct. 22, 1983 vs. Nebraska at Lincoln: IB Mike Rozier

Rushing: 19-156, 4 TD; Receiving: 1-26; Kickoff Returns 4-90.

Oct. 8, 1988 vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder: TB Barry Sanders

Rushing: 24-174, 4 TD.

Sept. 13, 1997 vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor: CB Charles Woodson

Receiving: 1-29. Defense: 5 tackles, 1 interception.

Nov. 23, 2001 vs. Nebraska in Boulder: QB Eric Crouch

Rushing: 18-162, 2 TD; Passing: 28-13-2, 198, 0 TD.

Sept. 14, 2002 vs. USC in Boulder: QB Carson Palmer

Rushing: 4-minus 5, 1 TD; Passing: 30-22-0, 244, 1 TD.

Oct. 25, 2003 vs. Oklahoma in Boulder: QB Jason White

Rushing: 2-minus 12; Passing: 28-19-0, 248, 3 TD.

DID YOU KNOW . . . That despite not having beaten a No. 1 team, Colorado has twice knocked Oklahoma out of the No. 1 slot? CU's efforts in 1957 and 1975 knocked the Sooners from No. 1 to No. 2 in the AP poll.

THE BUFFS AND THE WEATHER

Colorado's wacky weather, for the most part, has not played too much havoc with the Buffaloes through the years. Here are the last times the elements affected games in Boulder.

Snow: There has seldom been snowfall during a game in Boulder. In fact, only six times since 1949 has any real snowfall of note occurred during a game. It last happened on Nov. 11, 2000, when it snowed the entire game in a 35-27 loss to Iowa State. It marked the first time snow had fallen during a game in Boulder since 1996 (light snowfall throughout the first half in a 12-0 win over Kansas State on Nov. 16, and just the second time since 1991, when it started snowing lightly late in a 30-24 win over Kansas, also on Nov. 16. There was light snowfall in a 21-6 win over Kansas State in 1979, but nothing major. In 1971, about two feet of snow fell the morning of a 56-13 win over Wyoming; what made that day unique is that it was Sept. 18, and was CU's first home game on artificial turf. The two most famous snow games came in 1969 (a 30-7 win over Indiana where it snowed all game, and in 1949, when it was sunny at kickoff prior to a 14-7 win over Utah. But the clouds rolled in and by halftime, there were snow flurries. By game's end, there was six inches of snow on the ground. There have been major snowstorms on Fridays but the weather cleared prior to game time (in 1986 before Kansas, in 1987 and 1991 before Nebraska, and in 1992 and 1994 before Iowa State).



'91 CU-Nebraska

Rainfall: Rain during a game in Boulder is about as rare as snowfall; light rain or annoying drizzle have happened on occasion. Light rain fell sporadically during the San Jose State game on Sept. 8, 2001 and the Fresno State game on Sept. 12, 1998. The last time there was heavy rain during a game in Boulder was in the fourth quarter in a 20-13 loss to Michigan in 1996; otherwise you have to go back to Sept. 11, 1982, in a 31-17 loss to California (Bill McCartney's first game).

Bitter Cold: There have been only three occasions where the temperature was below 20 degrees at kickoff at Folsom Field in the last 30 years. The last time was the Iowa State game in 2000 mentioned under "snow" above. On Nov. 16, 1996, it was 16 degrees at the start of both halves in a 12-0 win over Kansas State, and the mercury reached 12 degrees with a wind-chill of minus-8 in a 19-19 tie against Nebraska on Nov. 2, 1991.

Wind: The last time, and the only time in the last 25 years that wind has really affected a game came on Nov. 11, 1995—winds gusting from 30 to 67 miles per hour were prevalent in most of CU's 21-0 win over Missouri. On the road, winds are often prevalent in games on the Great Plains, but never more so than on Nov. 12, 2005, when a tornado warning/sighting delayed the start of the Iowa State game in Ames; winds gusted 20-45 miles per hour throughout.



'82 CU-California

CU'S WARMEST GAMES (Since 1950, when data was available)

Date	Opponent	Site	Result	Temperature/Conditions
Sept. 21, 2002	UCLA	Los Angeles	W 31-17	99/clear skies (light haze)
Oct. 5, 1963	Kansas State	Manhattan	W 21- 7	94/clear and windy
Sept. 16, 2000	Washington	Boulder	L 14-17	91/hazy (forest fire nearby)
Aug. 26, 2001	Fresno State	*Boulder	L 22-24	91/partly cloudy and breezy
Sept. 10, 1983	Michigan State	East Lansing	L 17-23	90/sunny and windy
Oct. 13, 1962	Oklahoma State	Stillwater	L 16-36	89/clear and windy
Sept. 3, 2005	Colorado State	Boulder	W 31-28	89/clear skies
Oct. 1, 1994	Texas	Austin	W 34-31	88/clear skies
Sept. 20, 2003	Florida State	Tallahassee	L 7- 47	88/partly cloudy skies
Sept. 7, 2002	San Diego State	*Boulder	W 34-14	87/partly cloudy skies
Sept. 18, 2004	North Texas	Boulder	W 52-21	87/partly cloudy skies

warmest night game on road:

Sept. 20, 1980	Louisiana State	*Baton Rouge	L 20-23	85/partly cloudy and humid
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Since 1950, Colorado is 42-22 in games when it has been at least 80 degrees at kickoff.

CU'S COLDEST GAMES (Since 1950, when data was available)

Date	Opponent	Site	Result	Temperature/Conditions
Nov. 2, 1991	Nebraska	*Boulder	T 19-19	12/cloudy skies (wind chill -8)
Nov. 16, 1996	Kansas State	*Boulder	W 12- 0	16/snow flurries (wind chill 3)
Nov. 23, 1991	Iowa State	Ames	W 17-14	17/blizzard
Nov. 14, 1959	Nebraska	Lincoln	L 12-14	19/cloudy and windy
Nov. 11, 2000	Iowa State	Boulder	L 27-35	19/snowfall throughout
Nov. 23, 1985	Kansas State	Boulder	W 30- 0	24/sunny and windy
Nov. 15, 1997	Kansas State	Manhattan	L 20-37	25/cloudy
Nov. 22, 1958	Utah	Salt Lake City	W 7- 0	28/snow, wind (wind chill 8)
Nov. 13, 1976	Kansas	Boulder	W 40-17	28/overcast, with light fog
Oct. 9, 1993	Missouri	Boulder	W 30-18	29/overcast and humid

Since 1950, Colorado is 9-6-1 in games when it has been 32 degrees or colder at kickoff.

(*—denotes night game)