



QUICKLY The win was the 100th in **Coach Dan Hawkins'** career, as he improved to 100-39-1; it was also CU's 400th all-time in conference play... The 116 combined points were the second most in a game in CU history, trailing only the 124 scored in an 82-42 loss to Oklahoma in Boulder on Oct. 4, 1980... The 65 points by Colorado were the most scored under Dan Hawkins, and were the most by CU since a 66-14 win over NE Louisiana in Boulder on Sept. 16, 1995... This marked the first time Colorado has defeated both Oklahoma and Nebraska in the same season since 1990... On **Ralphie's** opening run, she was wearing a **THANKS HANK** blanket (with **GO BUFFS** on the other side); it was presented to CU president **Hank Brown** in the halftime ceremony, honoring his service to the school; he retires this coming February. The **Ralphie Handlers** also wore different shirts representing all those during the 10-year career of **Ralphie IV**... The 31-point first quarter (CU 17-14) was the highest of the season involving the Buffs, eclipsing by one the 30-point third quarter at Texas Tech (CU, 17-13). That was until the 37-point fourth quarter... CU and NU had a 31-point first quarter six years ago to the day here, except CU held a 28-3 edge that game (the second quarters weren't much different (34 points that game, 28 today)... **WR Stephone Robinson** had the longest play from scrimmage in his career (35 yard reception), eclipsing two of 14 in 2005... CU outscored Nebraska 20-0 in the third quarter; the Buffs had been outscored 123-59 in the period coming into today (NU's 40 yards was also the second fewest by the opponent in the quarter, Miami had 37; it came on the heels of a 257 yard second quarter by the Huskers)... CU had a 165-14 edge in return yards, the often forgotten statistic... **WR Dusty Sprague** scored his first rushing touchdown of his career (he also had six rushes for 48 yards, career highs in both); his one catch for 22 yards was enough to move him past Mike Pritchard (1,241) into ninth all-time at CU in receiving yards (1,261)... Colorado's team streak of 92 consecutive PAT kicks made came to an end; it was the second longest in school history, the school record is 111. It was **PK Kevin Eberhart's** first miss after 36 makes.

SERIES STUFF Colorado now leads the series 4-3 this decade, and wins at home over the huskers for the first time since the 62-36 win in 2001. This was the highest scoring CU-NU contest (116 points) in the 66-game series (NU leads, 47-18-1), eclipsing the 98 points scored in that '01 game... this was just CU's fourth win over Nebraska at home since 1961 (1986, 1989, 2001, 2007).

GAME TIME The game time was 3:56 (that's three hours, 56 minutes), the longest non-overtime game in school history. It edged the 2003 CU-CSU game in Denver by three minutes (3:53), but that game had a 28-minute lightning delay. The '96 Cotton Bowl went 3:50 with no delays, a 38-6 CU win. The longest game was four hours on the nose, a 46-39 single overtime win over Missouri in 1999.

234 & COUNTING Colorado scored in its 234th consecutive game (last shutout: 7-0 at Nebraska on Nov. 12, 1988), adding to the fifth longest active streak in the nation and now the ninth longest of all-time (breaking a tie with... Nebraska). CU has now also scored in 150 straight league games (all 100 in Big 12 Conference play including four title games), and has scored in 124 straight games at home (last shutout: a 28-0 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 15, 1986).

SMITH 14TH BUFF SINCE '92 TO RETURN FIRST CAREER PICK FOR TD **CB Jimmy Smith** became the 14th player to return his first career interception for a touchdown with his 31-yard effort in the third quarter. The last to have done it was **ILB Marcus Burton** at Oklahoma State on Oct. 1, 2005 (and for 99 yards). Two of his current teammates are also among the 14, former **OLB Joe Sanders** (versus Washington State at Seattle in 2004) and **CB Terrence Wheatley** (versus Texas, also in 2004). As with Smith, both did it as redshirt freshmen.

OFFENSIVE FRENZY NU's last drive upped its total offense on the day to 610 yards, the first 600-yard total offense day by a CU opponent since Missouri had 639 in Columbia on Oct. 6, 1984. The combined 1128 yards was not a CU school record for both teams in a game—that number is 1,274: CU (767) and San Jose State (507) in 1999.

QB CODY HAWKINS (29-17-0, 241, 2 TD, 141.5) The redshirt frosh finished with 424-239-15, 2,693 yards and 19 TDs; that's an overall school record for attempts (Joel Klatt had 400 in 2005), the second most completions (trailing Klatt's 241 in '05); tied the third most yards (with Mike Moschetti, 1999) and the fourth most touchdown passes. And since pulling to within one of tying the school's single season interception record, he ended the regular season with 70 throws without a pick.

MORE FRESHMEN RECORDS **WR Scotty McKnight** set CU freshman single season records for receptions (43) and yards (488), breaking **TB Chris McLemore's** numbers for both set in 1982 (39, 337). McKnight also led the team in receiving, the first freshman wide receiver to ever do so and just the second frosh ever (**TE Riar Geer** was the first, last year). **OG Kai Maiava** made eight starts, tying for the second most starts by a true frosh on the offensive line (**OG Brian Daniels** started nine in 2003).

ILB JORDON DIZON (14,4—18 TACKLES, 1 3DS, UNOFFICIALLY) The senior Butkus Award finalist, if the numbers stand in coaches tape review, will have taken over first all-time in solo stops (295, **Matt Russell** had 282 so that is a given) and edged by **Greg Biekert** into third overall (442; Biekert had 441). His one third down stop gives him 19 for the season and 48 for his career, both school marks by one.

TB HUGH CHARLES (33-169 RUSHING, 3 TD) *Note: 102 of his yards were post-contact.* He finished his CU career with 2,659 rushing yards, passing James Mayberry into sixth place all-time (1975-78; 2,544) and just shy of fifth (Chris Brown, 2001-02; 2,690). He became the second player in school history to rush for 2,500 and catch 500 in passes in a CU career, finishing with 2,659 and 552 (joining Bobby Purify, 2000-04; 3,016 & 508). He had his 11th 100-yard rushing game, tied for the fifth most in school history (**Bieniemy 22**, **Brown 14**, **Salaam 14**, **Davis 13**, **Anderson 11**, **Mayberry 11**, **Charles 11**). This was the first three-TD game of his career (he two 2-TD games previous), and with 327 all-purpose yards today (1-33 receiving, 5-125 KOR) was the seventh 300-yard such game in school history (sixth most), and gave him and propelled him into second all-time behind Eric Bieniemy (4,351). He finished with 3,211 yards from scrimmage, fifth all-time. He did come up just short in his bid to rush for 1,000 yards for the season, finishing with 989 (CU does not count bowl stats into its numbers to protect historical integrity.)

THE BUFFALO HEART AWARD The 10th annual **Buffalo Heart Award**, presented by the "Fans behind the Bench" was awarded in an informal postgame presentation on the CU sideline. The award goes to the senior who the fans, from their own observations, believe has best exemplified heart, grit, determination and desire during their CU career. This year's winner is **ILB Jordon Dizon**, the second linebacker and fourth defensive player to win the award.

INJURY REPORT Colorado had no injuries to report; **DE Alonzo Barrett** will have arthroscopic surgery Tuesday to fix a chronic knee problem. **CB Terrence Wheatley** is questionable and **ILB Bryan Stengel** probable at this point for a bowl game (**ILB R.J. Brown** is out).