



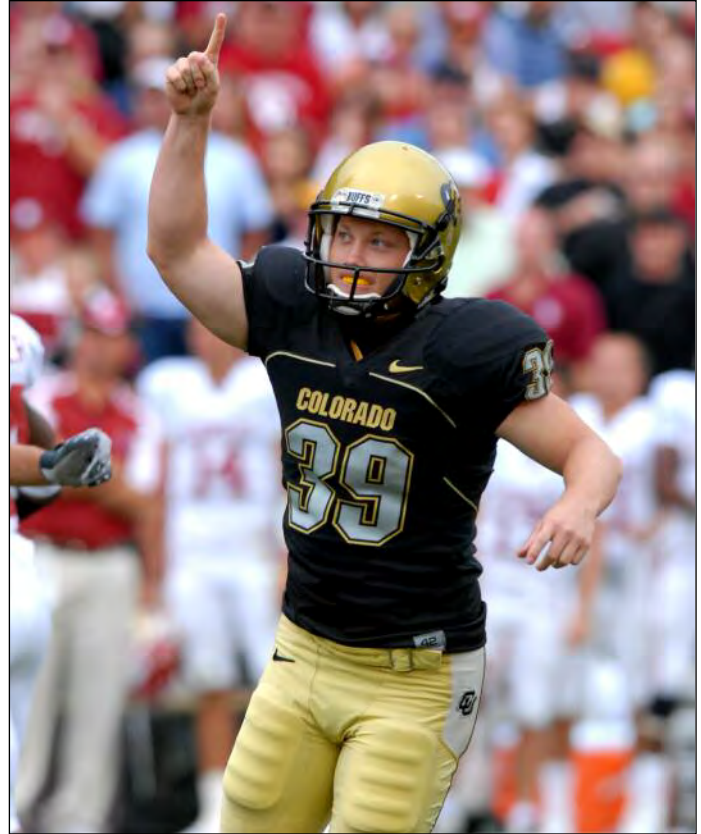
ALL-TIME COMEBACKS



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) |
| 17 (7-24) | 8:11, 3Q | 27-24 | Oklahoma in Boulder (Sept. 29, 2007) |
| 17 (14-31) | 14:47, 4Q | 35-34 | Washington State at Pullman (Sept. 22, 2012) |
| 15 (13-28) | 8:52, 2Q | 41-34 | Iowa State in Boulder (Oct. 31, 1953) |
| 14 (0-14) | 5:00, 1Q | 21-14 | Utah at Salt Lake City (Nov. 4, 1939) |
| 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) | 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) |
| 14 (0-14) | 2:44, 1Q | 27-24 | Colorado State in Denver (Sept. 19, 2015; OT) |
| 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.)



Kevin Eberhart celebrating after his 45-yard field goal rallied CU to a 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma in 2007



Steve Vogel

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.

Largest Comebacks Against Common Opponents

| Opponent | Date | Site | Deficit | Time, Qtr. | Final Score |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Arizona | Sept. 26, 1953 | Boulder | 7 (0- 7) | 15:00, 3Q | 20-14 |
| Arizona | Oct. 12, 1957 | Boulder | 7 (0- 7) | 9:49, 1Q | 34-14 |
| Arizona State | N/A | | | | |
| Baylor | Sept. 12, 1992 | Waco | 3 (0- 3) | 8:19, 1Q | 57-38 |
| California | N/A | | | | |
| Colorado State | Sept. 19, 2015 | Denver (OT) | 14 (0-14) | 2:44, 1Q | 27-24 |
| Iowa State | Nov. 8, 1997 | Ames | 18 (17-35) | 8:20, 3Q | 43-38 |
| Kansas | Oct. 7, 1961 | Boulder | 19 (0-19) | 13:18, 4Q | 20-19 |
| Kansas State | Nov. 15, 1952 | Boulder | 14 (0-14) | 4:58, 2Q | 34-14 |
| Missouri | Oct. 28, 1978 | Columbia | 20 (7-27) | 8:01, 3Q | 28-27 |
| Nebraska | Nov. 3, 1990 | Lincoln | 12 (0-12) | 15:00, 4Q | 27-12 |
| Oklahoma | Oct. 30, 1976 | Boulder | 17 (7-24) | 8:11, 3Q | 27-24 |
| Oklahoma State | Nov. 1, 1986 | Stillwater | 11 (3-14) | 15:00, 3Q | 31-14 |
| Oregon | Jan. 1, 1996 | a-Dallas | 6 (0- 6) | 1:33, 1Q | 38- 6 |
| Oregon State | Sept. 24, 1988 | Boulder | 5 (16-21) | 11:04, 4Q | 28-21 |
| Southern Cal | N/A | | | | |
| Stanford | Sept. 6, 1990 | Boulder | 14 (0-14) | 9:59, 3Q | 21-17 |
| Texas | Oct. 26, 1996 | Boulder | 10 (7-17) | 7:07, 2Q | 28-24 |
| Texas A&M | Nov. 7, 2009 | Boulder | 11 (10-21) | 12:19, 3Q | 35-34 |
| Texas Tech | Oct. 26, 2002 | Boulder | 3 (10-13) | 3:36, 2Q | 37-13 |
| UCLA | Sept. 21, 2002 | Pasadena | 7 (0- 7) | 14:50, 2Q | 31-17 |
| Utah | Nov. 4, 1939 | Salt Lake City | 14 (0-14) | 5:00, 1Q | 21-14 |
| Washington | Dec. 30, 1996 | b-San Diego | 14 (0-14) | 3:10, 1Q | 33-21 |
| Washington State | Sept. 22, 2012 | Pullman | 17 (14-31) | 14:47, 4Q | 35-34 |

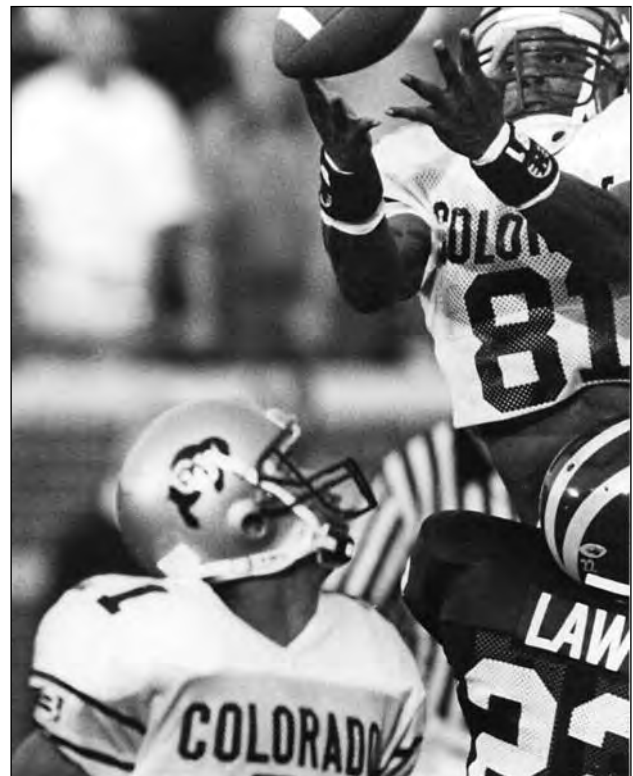
a—Cotton Bowl; b—Holiday Bowl.



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 | 0:00 | 9- 7 | Brigham Young in Boulder (Oct. 18, 1947) <i>(John Zisch kicked a 36-yard field goal as time expired.)</i> |
| 3 (22-25) | 0:18 | 0:00 | 25-25 | Oklahoma State at Stillwater (Oct. 16, 1982) <i>(Tom Field kicked a 49-yard field goal on first down at the gun.)</i> |
| 4 (27-31) | 2:32 | 0:00 | 33-31 | Missouri at Columbia (Oct. 6, 1990) <i>(Charles Johnson scored on a one-yard touchdown run on fourth down.)</i> |
| 3 (21-24) | 0:02 | 0:00 | 24-24 | Oklahoma in Boulder (Oct. 17, 1992) <i>(Mitch Berger kicked a 53-yard field goal on first down as time expired.)</i> |
| 5 (21-26) | 0:06 | 0:00 | 27-26 | Michigan at Ann Arbor (Sept. 24, 1994) <i>(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.)</i> |
| 0 (24-24) | 2:51 | 0:00 | 27-24 | Oklahoma in Boulder (Sept. 29, 2007) <i>(Kevin Eberhart kicked a 45-yard field goal on fourth down as time expired.)</i> |
| 0 (31-31) | 4:49 | 0:01 | 34-31 | Texas at Austin (Oct. 1, 1994) <i>(Neil Voskeritchian kicked a 24-yard field goal on third down.)</i> |
| 9 (10-19) | 4:29 | 0:03 | 20-19 | Wyoming in Boulder (Sept. 27, 1997) <i>(After Wyoming scored to go up 19-10 with 4:29 remaining, Ben Kelly returned the ensuing kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown. With less than two minutes to go, Mike Phillips forced a fumble that Ron Merkinson 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.)</i> |
| 11 (10-21) | 13:32 | 0:04 | 31-28 | Colorado State in Boulder (Sept. 3, 2005) <i>(Mason Crosby kicked a 47-yard field goal on third down.)</i> |
| 0 (31-31) | 0:30 | 0:05 | 38-31 | Kansas State in Boulder (Nov. 13, 2004) <i>(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.)</i> |
| 7 (3-10) | 1:28 | 0:06 | 11-10 | Oklahoma State in Boulder (Nov. 17, 1981) <i>(Steve Vogel hit Brad Parker on a nine-yard touchdown pass and then passed to Derek Singleton for the two-point conversion.)</i> |
| 2 (10-12) | 1:54 | 0:06 | 16-12 | Oklahoma State at Stillwater (Nov. 9, 1991) <i>(Robbie James passed 20 yards to Christian Fauria for a touchdown on a fake field goal attempt on third down.)</i> |
| 0 (20-20) | 0:55 | 0:06 | 23-20 | Kansas State at Manhattan (Oct. 29, 2005) <i>(Mason Crosby kicked a 50-yard field goal on third down.)</i> |
| 1 (37-38) | 2:54 | 0:09 | 43-38 | Iowa State at Ames (Nov. 8, 1997) <i>(Dwayne Cherrington scored on a one-yard run on second down.)</i> |
| 6 (28-34) | 3:17 | 0:09 | 35-34 | Washington State at Pullman (Sept. 22, 2012) <i>(Jordan Webb scored on a 4-yard quarterback draw on fourth-and-goal, capping a 12-play, 70-yard drive to tie the game; Will Oliver kicked the game-winning PAT.)</i> |
| 3 (14-17) | 4:17 | 0:12 | 21-17 | Stanford in Boulder (Sept. 6, 1990) <i>(Eric Bieniemy scored on a one-yard touchdown run on fourth down.)</i> |
| 3 (25-28) | 2:08 | 0:13 | 31-28 | Colorado State in Denver (Sept. 1, 2007) <i>(Kevin Eberhart kicked a 22-yard field goal on fourth down and then made a 35-yard game winner in overtime.)</i> |
| 3 (41-44) | 5:24 | 0:14 | 50-47 | Kansas in Boulder (Oct. 11, 2003) <i>(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.)</i> |
| 3 (7-10) | 4:18 | 0:21 | 10-10 | Iowa State in Boulder (Oct. 16, 1965) <i>(Frank Rogers kicked a 33-yard field goal on fourth down.)</i> |
| 3 (20-23) | 3:08 | 0:38 | 27-23 | Colorado State at Fort Collins (Oct. 1, 1988) <i>(Sal Aunese threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Mike Pritchard on third down.)</i> |
| 1 (23-24) | 2:09 | 0:40 | 30-24 | Kansas in Boulder (Nov. 16, 1991) <i>(James Hill scored on a one-yard touchdown run on third down.)</i> |
| 0 (35-35) | 1:50 | 0:40 | 42-35 | Colorado State in Denver (Aug. 30, 2003) <i>(Bobby Purify scored on a 9-yard run on first down.)</i> |
| 1 (23-24) | 6:27 | 0:41 | 30-24 | Utah in Boulder (Sept. 28, 1957) <i>(Bob Stransky scored on a one-yard touchdown run on third down.)</i> |

| Trailed By | Time Left | Time of Score | Final | Opponent, Site (Date) |
|------------|-----------|---------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 (6-10) | 6:06 | 0:43 | 20-10 | Oklahoma State at Stillwater (Oct. 16, 1976) <i>(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.)</i> |
| 0 (3- 3) | 1:00 | 0:45 | 6- 3 | Colorado State at Fort Collins (Nov. 29, 1923) <i>(Art Quinlan drop-kicked a 10-yard field goal—after he recovered the ball when his first attempt was blocked to plays earlier; in-between, he was stopped at the 1-yard line.)</i> |
| 4 (13-17) | 2:24 | 1:04 | 27-17 | Kansas State at Manhattan (Nov. 18, 1995) <i>(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.)</i> |
| 3 (10-13) | 2:07 | 1:21 | 17-13 | Missouri in Boulder (Oct. 27, 1973) <i>(Jim Kelleher scored on a four-yard touchdown run on first down.)</i> |
| 0 (34-34) | 2:44 | 1:22 | 41-34 | Iowa State in Boulder (Oct. 31, 1953) <i>(Carroll Hardy scored on a 17-yard touchdown run on first down.)</i> |
| 4 (10-14) | 4:05 | 1:23 | 17-14 | Oklahoma State in Boulder (Nov. 15, 1969) <i>(Bobby Anderson scored on a one-yard touchdown run on second down.)</i> |
| 3 (21-24) | 4:32 | 1:30 | 28-24 | Iowa State in Boulder (Nov. 8, 2008) <i>(Cody Hawkins' 5-yard TD pass to Cody Crawford on second down completed an 11-play, 81-yard drive)</i> |
| 6 (10-16) | 1:58 | 1:33 | 16-16 | Nebraska in Boulder (Oct. 25, 1952) <i>(Zack Jordan passed 9 yards to Roger Williams for a touchdown on fourth down; Williams missed PAT kick.)</i> |
| 0 (24-24) | 1:54 | 1:44 | 31-24 | Eastern Washington in Boulder (Sept. 6, 2008) <i>(Cha'pelle Brown's 27-yard interception return for a touchdown marked the first time a defensive play led CU to a win in the final 2 minutes, and just the second defensive play in the fourth quarter to do so.)</i> |
| 4 (17-21) | 5:36 | 1:55 | 24-21 | Iowa at Iowa City (Sept. 17, 1988) <i>(Sal Aunese scored on a one-yard touchdown run on first down.)</i> |
| 1 (15-16) | 6:25 | 2:00 | 18-16 | Baylor in Boulder (Sept. 26, 1998) <i>(Jeremy Aldrich kicked a 31-yard field goal on fourth down.)</i> |



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



OTHER FOURTH QUARTER WINS/TIES

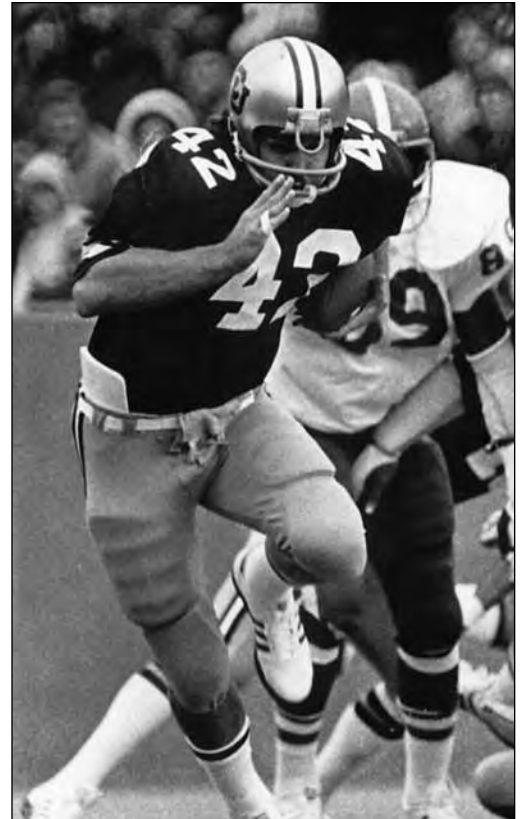
(Games in which CU was behind or tied at any point in the fourth quarter; post World War II.)

| 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 Schweningen 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 |
| Oct. 17, 2009 | KANSAS | W 34-30 | Rodney Stewart 13 run | 8:36 |
| Nov. 7, 2009 | TEXAS A&M | W 35-34 | Tyler Hansen 22 pass to Patrick Devenny | 2:04 |
| Sept. 7, 2013 | CENTRAL ARKANSAS | W 38-24 | Connor Wood 30 pass to Paul Richardson | 9:16 |
| Sept. 19, 2015 | Colorado State (Denver) | W 27-24 | Won in overtime | — |
| Oct. 24, 2015 | at Oregon State | W 17-13 | Sefo Liufau 4 run | 12:31 |

(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—Sept. 29, 2007 (Kevin Eberhart kicked a 45-yard field goal as time expired; Colorado 27, Oklahoma 24).

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.



Jim Kelleher



Billy Waddy

LARGEST LEADS CU FORFEITED

Here's a look at the biggest leads Colorado could not hold on to:

| Led By | Time, Qtr. | Final | Opponent, Site (Date) |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------|
| 28 (45-17) | 14:52, 4Q | 45-52 | Kansas at Lawrence (Nov. 6, 2010) |
| 21 (21- 0) | 5:45, 3Q | 21-27 | Kansas at Lawrence (Oct. 7, 1950) |
| 21 (21- 0) | 13:02, 3Q | 28-31 | Iowa State at Ames (Nov. 10, 2007) |
| 20 (20- 0) | 15:00, 4Q | 20-21 | Oklahoma State in Boulder (Nov. 10, 1979) |
| 14 (31-17) | 7:03, 4Q | 31-31 | Tennessee at Anaheim (Aug. 26, 1990) |
| 14 | on eight other occasions (all in first half), last: vs. USC, Nov. 13, 2015 | | |