



# 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

|                |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| COLORADO ..... | 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.

### Nov. 22, 2014 vs. Oregon at Eugene: QB Marcus Mariota

Rushing: 8-73, 1 TD; Passing: 32-24-0, 323, 3 TD.

**DID YOU KNOW . . .** That despite not having beaten a No. 1 team, Colorado 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. And in 2001, CU defeated Nebraska, 62-36; the Huskers were ranked No. 3 by the AP, but were in fact the No. 1 team ... in the BCS Standings going into the game.



Official game program from 1924 homecoming versus Utah.



The 1982 program, Bill McCartney's first game at Colorado. It was in tribute to Derek Singleton, who passed away January 1 that year.