

Minnesota Golden Gophers (3-0, 0-0 Big Ten) 49, Colorado Buffaloes (0-3, 0-0 Pac-12) 7 Huntington Bank Stadium, Minneapolis; Sept. 17

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS	P	
FINAL SCORE	7	49
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 5:28)	0:00	54:32
Total Plays-Yards	58-227	72-500
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	25-114	43-315
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory	4 of 11	9 of 10
First Down Plays/Yards	23/66	32/226
Average on First Down	2.9	7.1
First Half	1.5 (9-14)	7.1 (22-156)
Second Half	3.7 (14-52)	7.0 (10-70)
Rushes/Average	14/5.3	20/6.0
Passes/Average (includes sacks)	9/-0.9	12/8.8
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+	0/3/7	1/7/17
Times Gained: 2-/0/Neg	13/6/3	10/5/3
Second Down Efficiency	6-18	9-24
First Half	1-7	7-16
Second Half	5-11	2-8
Yards Gained	87	158
Third Down Efficiency	1-12	13-15
Rushing	1-4	12-13
Passing	0-8	1-2
Average Yards To Go (All)	8.8	4.6
Average Yards To Go (Conversions)	9.0	3.7
Yards Gained	28	120
3rd & 5 or less	0-2	10-10
3rd & 6 or more	1-10	3-5
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	4-5 (46)	0-1 (-4)
Total Possessions/Average FP	11/C20	10/M36
First Half	7/C27	7/M37
Second Half	4/C28	3/M33
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20	1 (1/0)	1 (1/0)
Drives Started In Plus Territory	1 (0 pts)	0 (0 pts)
Three Plays & Out	5	1
Opponent Turnovers (Pts)	1 (7)	1 (0)
Scores-Times Penetrated The 20 (pts)	1-1 (7)	5-5 (35)
Plays-Yards	1-4	11-63
Third Down Efficiency	0-0	3-3
Yards by Quarter: 1st	14	144
2nd	25	205
3rd	52	96
4th	136	55

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- ▶ **Series.** Colorado now leads the series by a **3-2** count (1-1 in Boulder, 2-1 in Minneapolis). No games between the two are scheduled in the future at this time.
- ▶ **0-3.** Colorado is 0-3 for just the 13th time in its history, last doing so in 2012.
- ▶ **Long One.** Opponents had been **0**-of-**25** on third and 20 or more since 2011; Ibrahim's 34-yard run on 3rd-and-21 was the first such conversion since Stanford converted
- ▶ Fourth Down Success. Colorado was 4-of-5 on fourth downs, tying for the third most converted in a game:
- 6-of-8 vs. Indiana in Boulder, Sept. 27, 1980.
- 5-of-5 vs. Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
- 4-of-4 vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 3, 1964.
- 4-of-4 vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, Nov. 15, 2008.
- 4-of-4 vs. Oregon at Eugene, Oct. 30, 2021.
- 4-of-5 vs. Minnesota at Minneapolis, Sept. 17, 2022.

- FIRST CAREER STARTS Four players made their first starts for the Buffaloes today: TE Caleb Fauria, S Jeremy Mack, TB Deion Smith and OG Van Wells.
- FIRST ACTION AS BUFFALOES Three players saw their first action as Buffaloes today: ILB Isaiah Hurtado, QB Owen McCown and OL Ben Reznik.
- **OTHER FIRSTS ... Accomplished in today's game:
- QB Owen McCown: first career completion on first attempt (3 yards to Olsen).

TE Erik Olsen: first career reception.

INDIVIDUAL LINER NOTES

TE Austin Smith (1-4, 4.0 avg., 1 TD receiving)

▶ He became the 18th known player in CU history to score a touchdown on first career touch—joining two current teammates who also had done so:

Player	Date	Opponent	Score	How
Lamar Meyer	Sept. 18, 1954	DRAKE	W 61-0	26 pass from Frank Bernardi
Gerry Leahy	Sept. 25, 1954	COLORADO ST.	W 46-0	8 pass from Homer Scott
Leon Mavity	Sept. 30, 1961	OKLAHOMA ST.	W 24-0	60 punt return
Chuck Morris	Nov. 25, 1961	IOWA STATE	W 34-0	12 pass from Pat Young
Roger Wissmiller	Oct. 20, 1962	at Iowa State	L 19-57	2 pass from Frank Cesarek
Larry Ferguson	Sept. 15, 1973	at Louisiana State	L 6-17	37 run
Mike Kerin	Sept. 27, 1975	WICHITA STATE	W 52-0	32 pass from Jeff Austin
Craig Keenan	Sept. 25, 1982	WYOMING	L 10-24	1 run
James Kidd	Sept. 11, 1993	BAYLOR	W 45-21	25 pass from Vance Joseph
Jeremy Bloom	Aug. 31, 2002	Colorado State	L 14-19	75 punt return
DaVaughn Thornto	n Nov. 6, 2010	at Kansas	L 45-52	12 pass from Cody Hawkins
Scott Fernandez	Nov. 10, 2012	at Arizona	L 31-56	71 pass from Connor Wood
Jay MacIntyre	Sept. 26, 2015	NICHOLLS STATE	W 48- 0	38 pass from Sefo Liufau
Kabion Ento	Sept. 10, 2016	IDAHO STATE	W 56- 7	69 pass from Steven Montez
Laviska Shenault	Sept. 9, 2017	TEXAS STATE	W 37- 3	55 punt return
Daniel Arias	Oct. 20, 2018	at Washington	L 13-27	27 pass from Steven Montez
Trevor Woods	Oct. 16, 2021	ARIZONA	W 34- 0	36 blocked punt return
Austin Smith	Sept. 17, 2022	at Minnesota	L 7- 49	4 pass from J.T.Shrout

TB Deion Smith (10-70, 7.0 avg., 0 TD rushing)

▶ He recorded his career high in yards for the second straight game, eclipsing the 59 yards on 11 carries at Air Force last week.

TB Charlie Offerdahl (8-55, 6.9 avg., 0 TD rushing)

▶ In his first extensive action, he had career highs in both attempts and yards and also earned five first downs.

S Isaiah Lewis (7,1-8 TT, 1 INT)

▶ He made his third career interception to stifle a Minnesota first quarter possession. His eight tackles also led CU today.

QB Brendon Lewis (6-2-0, 14, 0 TD, 52.9 rating)

- ▶ He has now thrown **156** consecutive passes without an interception; that is the second-longest in school annals:
- Steven Montez (seven games, Sept. 23-Nov. 4, 2017)
- Brendon Lewis (eight games, Oct. 23, 2021 to present)
- Sefo Liufau (nine games, Nov. 13, 2015 to Nov. 3, 2016)
- Joel Klatt (five games, Oct. 15 to Nov. 12, 2005)
- Tyler Hansen (four games, Sept. 3 to Oct. 1, 2011)

