

1938 COTTON BOWL

Jan. 1, 1938 at Dallas, Texas

Rice 28
Colorado 14

In Colorado's first bowl appearance ever, the Buffaloes fell short to Rice 28-14, in the second annual Cotton Bowl. Other than the Rose Bowl, which began in 1902, bowls were relatively new in college football, as the Orange and Sugar came on the scene in 1935 and then the Cotton in 1937, with those four games considered the cream of the crop for the next 50 years.

The Buffs, champions of the Rocky Mountain Conference with an 8-0 overall record, were heavy underdogs ("4 to 1" according to newspaper articles at the time) to the Southwest Conference champion Owls, who entered the game with a 5-3-2 mark, but 5-1-1 down the stretch of the season.

It was a one-man show for both teams, as All-Americans Byron "Whizzer" White (Colorado) and Ernie Lain (Rice) dominated for their respective squads. White was involved in both Colorado scores and Lain in all four Owl touchdowns.

CU sprinted to a 14-0 advantage in the first quarter, when White threw an eight-yard touchdown pass to Joe Antonio for the first TD, and then returned an interception 47 yards for a score five minutes later. Rice battled back and scored 21 second-quarter points to take a 21-14 lead at the half. Lain threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score.

The Owls, also called the "Feathered Flock" at the time, added the game's final score in the middle of the third quarter when Frank Steen caught an 11-yard pass from Lain. One of the major differences in the game came down to offensive style, as the passing game was much further along in the southwest and it showed in the statistics, as Rice had 158 yards passing as compared to just eight for Colorado.

Still, accounts at the time in the newspapers in both Colorado and Texas praised the CU effort, and Buff coach Bunnie Oakes blamed the outcome on CU's quick start. He told the team and reporters that things might have turned out differently had CU not gone up 14-0 and then relaxed, figuring it was easy to score. But Rice's only two turnovers had set up both Colorado scores, and the Owls didn't punt until their first series of the second half.

Lain and White were both named the outstanding players of the game.

Colorado	14	0	0	0	—	14
Rice	0	21	7	0	—	28

CU—Antonio 8 pass from White (White kick)	7- 0	8:00	1Q
CU—White 47 interception return (White kick)	14- 0	3:00	1Q
Rice—Schuehle 13 pass from Lain (Vestal kick)	14- 7	14:00	2Q
Rice—Lain 3 run (Vestal kick)	14-14	9:00	2Q
Rice—Cordill 37 pass from Lain (Vestal kick)	14-21	3:00	2Q
Rice—Steen 11 pass from Lain (Vestal kick)	14-28	7:00	3Q

Attendance: 35,000

Time: N/A

Weather: 50 degrees, clear skies

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	RICE
First Downs	6	20
Third Down Efficiency.....	3-11	5-12
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-1	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards.....	38-47	52-254
Passing Yards	8	158
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	6-1-2	20-11-2
Total Offense	55	412
Return Yards.....	60	64
Punts: No-Average	9-41.2	3-20.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-0	3-1
Penalties/Yards	3/15	9/65
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	N/A	N/A
Time Possession	N/A	N/A

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: White 23-54, Cheney 9-19, Antonio 2-4, Hill 1-1, Reeves 1-minus 5, Hickey 2-minus 26. Rice: Lain 14-78, Vickers 13-55, Cordill 7-44, Schuehle 4-25, Neece 3-18, Sullivan 4-13, Coffee 4-13, Rogers 1-4, Hancock 1-13, Mechler 1-2.

Passing—Colorado: White 5-1-2, 8; Reeves 1-0-0, 0. Rice: Lain 12-8-1, 123; Vickers 6-3-0, 35; Sullivan 1-0-0, 0; Coffee 1-0-1, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Antonio 1-8. Rice: Steen 4-57, Cordill 3-60, Hager 2-16, Schuehle 1-13, Williams 1-12.

Punting—Colorado: White 8-41.6, Reeves 1-38.0. Rice: Vickers 1-38.0, Sullivan 2-11.0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Reeves 1-10, White 1-0. Rice: Sullivan 4-39, Neece 1-13, Cordill 2-9, Coffee 2-minus 4.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: White 3-65. Rice: Vickers 1-24, Schuehle 1-16, Hancock 1-8.

Interceptions—Colorado: White 1-47, Grove 1-3.

Rice: Flowers 2-7.

Tackle Leaders—N/A.

1957 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1957 at Miami, Fla.

Colorado 27
Clemson 21

Big Seven runner-up Colorado stormed out of the chute and had Atlantic Coast champion Clemson down 20-0 at the half as 72,552 fans yelled and went for refreshments at the 23rd Orange Bowl Classic.

But a lot of those drinks were spilled in the second half as Clemson rallied to take a 21-20 lead in the final period before the resurgent Buffs buckled up and drove for the winning score to take their first bowl triumph in history by a 27-21 score.

Fumbles, eight of them, three lost to Clemson, were a nemesis Colorado managed to overcome in the school's first national television appearance in history. One at the goal line at the end of the first half perhaps prevented CU being able to put the game away, and one on its own 27 with three minutes remaining in the game gave the Tigers one last shot to pull out the win.

Dal Ward's Buffaloes got first half touchdowns from John Bayuk, Howard Cook and Boyd Dowler to take the seemingly safe 20-point halftime lead. But Frank Howard's Tigers roared back to go ahead by 21-20 with 11:12 left in the game on a one-yard run by fullback Bob Spooner.

But the Buffs sucked it up and drove 53 yards for the winning score after a Clemson onside kick attempt following the score had failed. Eddie Dove carried four times and Bayuk three in the drive, with Bayuk getting the TD from the one-yard line with 7:13 left to play. Elwin Indorf's kick gave CU what proved to be the winning margin.

With less than three minutes to go and facing a 2nd-and-9 on the Buff 26, Clemson's Charlie Bussey was intercepted at the 17 by Bob Stransky, nailing down the decision for the Buffs.

Colorado	0	20	0	7	—	27
Clemson	0	0	14	7	—	21

CU—Bayuk 2 run (Indorf kick)	7- 0	9:08	2Q
CU—Dowler 6 run (Cook kick)	14- 0	6:53	2Q
CU—Cook 26 run (kick failed)	20- 0	4:02	2Q
Clemson—Wells 3 run (Bussey kick)	20- 7	6:07	3Q
Clemson—Wells 58 run (Bussey kick)	20-14	0:27	3Q
Clemson—Spooner 1 run (Bussey kick)	20-21	11:12	4Q
CU—Bayuk 1 run (Indorf kick)	27-21	7:13	4Q

Attendance: 72,552

Time: N/A

Weather: 75 degrees, clear skies, 5 mph winds (S)

TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	CLEMSON
First Downs	16	14
Third Down Efficiency.....	3-10	9-19
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards.....	52-279	60-217
Passing Yards	27	25
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	4-2-0	9-4-2
Total Offense	306	242
Return Yards.....	76	5
Punts: No-Average	5-36.6	7-37.9
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	8-3	0-0
Penalties/Yards	5/55	4/40
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	N/A	N/A
Time Possession	N/A	N/A

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Bayuk 23-121, Stransky 7-59, Dove 6-36, Cook 6-35, Dowler 6-16, Herbst 1-7, Becker 1-4, Morley 2-1. Clemson: Wells 18-125, Spooner 18-65, Hayes 9-28, Coleman 5-10, Lawrence 2-3, Horne 1-0, Dukes 1-0, Bussey 4-minus 4, Turbeville 2-minus 10.

Passing—Colorado: Morley 1-1-0, 18; Stransky 1-1-0, 9; Cook 1-0-0, 0; Dowler 1-0-0, 0. Clemson: Bussey 8-3-2, 9; Turbeville, 1-1-0, 16.

Receiving—Colorado: Clarke 1-18, Dowler 1-9. Clemson: Lawrence 1-16, Smith 1-16, Horne 2-minus 7.

Punting—Colorado: Stransky 1-44.0, Dowler 4-34.8. Clemson: Turbeville 4-30.5, Bussey 3-47.7.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Stransky 1-15, Dove 1-8. Clemson: Coleman 1-5.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Stransky 1-24, Dowler 1-12. Clemson: Wells 2-34, Coleman 1-15.

Interceptions—Colorado: Stransky 2-53. Clemson: none.

Tackle Leaders—N/A.