

Bowl Games

1969 LIBERTY BOWL

Dec. 13, 1969 at Memphis, Tenn.

Colorado 47
Alabama 33

All-American tailback Bobby Anderson and his herd of Bison stampeded into Memphis and outslugged Alabama, 47-33, before 50,042 fans and a nationwide television audience in the 11th annual Liberty Bowl.

The 80 combined points by the teams marked the most ever scored in a major bowl game, and the second most at the time in any NCAA postseason game, surpassed only by the 91 points scored in the 1968 Tangerine Bowl (a 49-42 Richmond win over Ohio U.).

Anderson, a bullish 6-0, 208-pounder, capped his All-America campaign by rushing for a Liberty Bowl record 254 yards and scoring three touchdowns. It gave him a total of 5,017 yards in total offense for his career and enabled him to become the first Big Eight player ever to hit the 5,000-yard mark for a career, including bowl games.

Fullback Ward Walsh scored twice on short runs, Dave Haney kicked a 30-yard field goal, Anderson scored from the two, and Steve Engel and Bob Masten collaborated on a 91-yard kickoff return as CU stormed to a 31-19 halftime lead. The Crimson Tide rallied to take a 33-31 lead with two third quarter touchdowns, but CU blitzed 'Bama for 16 unanswered points in the final stanza to post the win.

Defensively, the Buffaloes harassed two Tide quarterbacks all afternoon, posting eight sacks, several knockdowns and seven pass deflections. End Bill Brundige was in on five sacks for 41 yards in losses.

It was the only match up between college coaching legends, as Eddie Crowder's Buffaloes prevailed over Paul "Bear" Bryant's Crimson Tide. It was a classic, as 'Bama stormed back from 17- and 12-point deficits, but CU's resiliency won out.

A total of 16 new Liberty bowl records were set in the long and exciting afternoon in Memphis Memorial Stadium before the ABC-TV cameras.

Colorado	10	21	0	16	—	47
Alabama	0	19	14	0	—	33

CU—Walsh 13 run (Haney kick)	7-0	11:36	1Q
CU—Haney 30 FG	10-0	4:54	1Q
CU—Anderson 3 run (Haney kick)	17-0	12:38	2Q
Alabama—Hunter 31 run (Buck kick)	17-7	10:13	2Q
Alabama—Ranager 6 run (pass failed)	17-13	4:49	2Q
CU—Walsh 15 run (Haney kick)	24-13	2:38	2Q
Alabama—Musso 2 run (run failed)	24-19	1:01	2Q
CU—Engel 91 kickoff return (Haney kick)	31-19	0:46	2Q
Alabama—Langston 55 pass from Hayden (Buck kick)	31-26	13:39	3Q
Alabama—Musso 10 pass from Hayden (Buck kick)	31-33	7:47	3Q
CU—Anderson 2 run (Haney kick)	38-33	10:57	4Q
CU—Safety, Hayden tackled in end zone by Brundige and Onvis	40-33	2:48	4Q
CU—Anderson 3 run (Haney kick)	47-33	0:45	4Q

Attendance: 50,042
Time: N/A
Weather: 55 degrees, clear skies, 15 mph winds (SW)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	ALABAMA
First Downs	29	24
Third Down Efficiency	5-13	6-17
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-3	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	70-473	46-155
Passing Yards	90	212
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	16-6-3	34-14-0
Total Offense	563	367
Return Yards	18	5
Punts: No-Average	2-37.5	7-41.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	2-0
Penalties/Yards	8/94	2/24
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	8-68	1-1
Time Possession	30:57	29:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Colorado: Anderson 35-254, Bratten 19-111, Walsh 12-59, Whitaker 1-43, Engel 2-4, Dal Porto 1-2. Alabama: Musso 23-107, Seay 7-53, Hunter 4-7, Ranager 1-6, Jilleba 1-2, Sawyer 1-minus 5, Hayden 9-minus 15.
Passing—Colorado: Bratten 11-3-3, 49; Anderson 4-3-0, 41; Robert 1-0-0, 0. Alabama: Hayden 21-8-0, 164; Hunter 13-6-0, 48.
Receiving—Colorado: Masten 2-35, Dal Porto 2-29, Pruett 1-15, Huber 1-11. Alabama: Bailey 3-43, Musso 3-22, Langston 2-64, Seay 2-20, Sawyer 1-33, Doran 1-26, Ranager 1-9, Jilleba 1-minus 5.
Punting—Colorado: Robert 2-37.5. Alabama: Mann 7-41.0.
Punt Returns—Colorado: Harris 1-13, Murphy 1-5. Alabama: Sasser 1-5.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Engel 3-122, Rieglert 2-38, Murphy 1-28, Anderson 1-23, Masten 1-11. Alabama: Moore 3-50, Ranager 2-54, Musso 2-23, Wilder 1-0.
Interceptions—Colorado: none. Alabama: Gilbert 1-0, James 1-0, Williams 1-0.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Brundige 6,9—15; Collins 3,11—14; Irwin 4,7—11; Ogle 1,10—11; Onvis 2,7—9; Blanchard 2,7—9.
Alabama: Samples 3,13—16; Duke 4,10—14; Gilbert 4,10—14; Parkhouse 2,11—13.

1970 LIBERTY BOWL

Dec. 12, 1970 at Memphis, Tenn.

Tulane 17
Colorado 3

Hungry Tulane ruined Colorado's return to the Liberty Bowl and the Green Wave walked off with a stunning 17-3 upset of the Buffs as 44,640 fans shivered in the cold at the 12th annual event at Memphis Memorial Stadium.

Colorado, playing without injured quarterback Jim Bratten, and going with sophomore Paul Arendt, mounted little offense and fell to the emotional Tulane effort. CU had come into the game with just a 6-4 record, but had upset powers Penn State and Sugar Bowl-bound Air Force during the season. Tulane used the win to improve to 8-4 on the year and added CU to the list of impressive teams it had beaten, including Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina and Miami, Fla.

CU's only points came on a 32-yard second quarter field goal from Dave Haney as the Buffs managed only 175 yards in total offense after leading the Big Eight with a per-game average of almost 425 yards. Tulane's David Abercrombie returned a second half kickoff 66 yards and scored himself on runs of two and four yards to cap drives that broke a 3-3 halftime tie and sent Tulane to its eighth win of the year. Linebacker Rick Kingrea set up the second tally with a 44-yard interception return off Arendt in the final period.

The game was a total contrast to the '69 Liberty Bowl, where CU and Alabama combined for 80 points and 930 yards. This affair saw just 20 points make it to the scoreboard on just 416 yards of offense.

Colorado	0	3	0	0	—	3
Tulane	3	0	7	7	—	17

Tulane—Gibson 19 FG	0-3	1:36	1Q
CU—Haney 32 FG	3-3	8:08	2Q
Tulane—Abercrombie 2 run (Gibson kick)	3-10	13:18	3Q
Tulane—Abercrombie 4 run (Gibson kick)	3-17	8:04	4Q

Attendance: 44,640
Time: N/A
Weather: 37 degrees, clear skies, 10-15 mph winds (N)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TULANE
First Downs	13	15
Third Down Efficiency	7-16	4-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-2
Rushes—Net Yards	57-155	52-213
Passing Yards	20	28
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	7-3-1	9-3-1
Total Offense	175	241
Return Yards	28	56
Punts: No-Average	7-42.9	6-38.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	4-0
Penalties/Yards	5/52	5/39
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-14	3-29
Time Possession	32:08	27:52

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Colorado: Arendt 29-65, Tarver 11-54, Walsh 8-26, Keyworth 6-16, Branch 1-4, Stearns 1-minus 2, Brunson 1-minus 8. Tulane: Abercrombie 25-128, Marshall 13-87, Com 1-4, Lachaussee 2-3, LeBlanc 1-2, M.Walker 10-minus 11.
Passing—Colorado: Arendt 7-3-1, 20. Tulane: Walker 8-3-1, 28; Lachaussee 1-0-0, 0.
Receiving—Colorado: Dal Porto 2-17, Masten 1-3. Tulane: Barrios 2-34, Abercrombie 1-minus 6.
Punting—Colorado: Stearns 7-42.9 (56 long). Tulane: Sanders 6-38.5 (44 long).
Punt Returns—Colorado: none. Tulane: Bullard 1-7, Williams 1-7, Murphy 2-minus 2.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Branch 4-80. Tulane: Abercrombie 1-66, Ewing 1-22.
Interceptions—Colorado: Murphy 1-28. Tulane: Kingrea 1-44.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smith 8,3—11; Stavelly 8,2—10; Ogle 5,5—10; Murphy 7,0—7; Drake 6,1—7; Irwin 6,1—7. Tulane: Hester 7,8—15; Kingrea 9,3—12; J.Walker 7,2—9; Stark 6,3—9; Young 6,3—9.