

Bowl Games

1975 BLUEBONNET BOWL

Dec. 27, 1975 at Houston, Texas

Texas 38
Colorado 21

Colorado rolled up a commanding 21-7 halftime lead over Texas, then kicked it away as the Longhorns rallied to a 38-21 win in the 17th Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl in the Houston Astrodome before 52,748.

In the first half, Colorado built up sizeable advantages in first downs (16-5), total yards (225-89), total plays (48-20) and time of possession (20:50-9:10) in building the 21-7 edge. After overcoming Texas returning the opening kickoff to the CU 14, when Russell Exleben's 25-yard field goal was low into the line, CU fullback Terry Kunz scored on a one-yard dive with 2:29 left in the first quarter for a 7-0 lead. Quarterback David Williams threw a four-yard TD pass to Dave Logan with 12:42 left in the second period, then added a 25-yard scoring aerial to huge end Don Hasselbeck with 0:24 left in the half to provide the two touchdown margin.

But Kunz opened the second half with a costly fumble at the Buff 34 and Texas halfback Jimmy Walker scored eight plays later to make it 21-13, though CU blocked the extra point. UT end Tim Campbell blocked a CU punt a minute later and roared 25 yards for the touchdown, with a two-point conversion pass from quarterback Marty Akins to fullback Earl Campbell tying the game at 21-21 with 10:56 left in the third quarter.

Exleben booted an NCAA bowl record 55-yard field goal with 6:25 left in the third period to give the Longhorns a 24-21 lead. Fleet Johnny Jones scored from four yards out with 3:15 left in the third period that put the Horns a 31-21, and then added an insurance score on a 7-yard run with 5:05 left in the game.

Despite 59 points being put on the scoreboard, the game really wasn't an offensive showcase. The Buffs outgained Texas by 294-237, but CU struggled on offense in the second half, gaining only 69 yards.

Colorado	7	14	0	0	—	21
Texas	0	7	24	7	—	38

CU—Kunz 1 run (MacKenzie kick)	7-0	2:29	1Q
CU—Logan 4 pass from Williams (MacKenzie kick)	14-0	12:42	2Q
Texas—Jackson 21 pass from Akin (Exleben kick)	14-7	1:47	2Q
CU—Hasselbeck 25 pass from Williams (MacKenzie kick)	21-7	0:24	2Q
Texas—Walker 3 run (kick blocked)	21-13	10:56	3Q
Texas—T.Campbell 25 blocked punt return (E.Campbell pass from Akin)	21-21	8:37	3Q
Texas—Exleben 55 FG	21-24	6:25	3Q
Texas—Jones 4 run (Exleben kick)	21-31	3:15	3Q
Texas—Jones 7 run (Exleben kick)	21-38	5:05	4Q

Attendance: 52,758
Time: 2:59
Weather: 72 degrees in controlled environment (played in the Astrodome)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs	21	15
Third Down Efficiency.....	8-14	3-10
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	2-2	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards.....	51-117	62-171
Passing Yards.....	177	66
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	26-17-3	5-4-0
Total Offense	294	237
Return Yards.....	-2	61
Punts: No-Average	4-24.0	2-40.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-2	2-2
Penalties/Yards.....	6/50	5/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	0-0	3-39
Time Possession	34:56	25:04

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Colorado: Reed 14-41, Moorehead 9-39, Kunz 10-20, Kelleher 6-18, Waddy 1-6, Mayberry 1-2, Williams 11-minus 9. Texas: Campbell 19-95, Jones 8-33, Walker 7-16, Suber 4-13, Akins 7-8, Aboussie 3-5, Featherstone 2-5, Rowan 1-2.
Passing—Colorado: Williams 25-17-2, 177; Austin 1-0-1, 0. Texas: Akins 5-4-0, 66.
Receiving—Colorado: Hasselbeck 5-84, Moorehead 3-25, Logan 3-20, Reed 3-17, Kelleher 1-14, Gauntly 1-11, Kunz 1-6. Texas: Jackson 2-31, Jones 1-30, Suber 1-5.
Punting—Colorado: Koleski 3-22.0 (39 long), Waddy 1-30.0. Texas: Exleben 2-40.0 (41 long).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Logan 1-1, McCoy 1-minus 4. Texas: T.Campbell 1-25.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Waddy 3-70, Mayberry 2-32, Gauntly 1-15. Texas: Jones 1-25, Martinez 1-25, Wyatt 1-10, Jackson 1-6, Clayburn 0-76 (lateral).
Interceptions—Colorado: none. Texas: Johnson 1-22, Hamilton 1-14, Jette 1-0.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: McCoy 7.5—12; Paul 3.8—11; Davis 4.6—10; Campbell 3.6—9; Johnson 4.4—8; Simpson 0.7—7. Texas: Johnson 3.14—17; Fenlaw 8.7—15; Hamilton 6.7—13; Clayborn 4.5—9; Jette 2.5—7; Lee 1.6—7.

1977 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1977 at Miami, Fla.

Ohio State 27
Colorado 10

Colorado returned to the Orange Bowl as Big Eight tri-champions for the first time since 1961, but Ohio State's defense and an injury to CU middle guard Charlie Johnson in the first half killed CU's chances in a 27-10 Buckeye win before 65,537.

The Buffs got the Orange Bowl nod over Oklahoma and Oklahoma State by virtue of their wins over both schools as all finished with 5-2 league records. CU came into the game ranked No.12, while Ohio State, the Big 10 runner-up, was 8-2-1 and ranked No. 11.

Colorado opened with a bang, getting ahead 10-0 in the first quarter on a 26-yard field goal by Mark Zetterberg with 5:56 elapsed, then a touchdown pass of 11 yards from sophomore quarterback Jeff Knapple to wingback Emery Moorehead with 3:43 left. At that point, CU held a 114-to-minus 7 edge in total offense and had run 19 plays to just 6 for OSU. But Johnson, who had a quarterback sack and a pass pressure in those six plays, went down with a broken ankle. Ohio State coach Woody Hayes substituted fleet Rod Gerald at quarterback for a harassed Tom Pacenta and the Buckeye offense came alive in the second quarter.

OSU tailback Jeff Logan rambled for a 36-yard touchdown up the middle as the first period came to an end, then the Buckeyes tied it on a 28-yard field goal by Tom Skladany with 9:29 left in the half.

Ohio State engineered a 99-yard drive, capped by fullback Pete Johnson's three-yard run, with 0:20 left in the half to take a 17-10 lead into intermission. That advantage stood up until Skladany added another 20-yard field goal with 2:30 left in the third quarter to make it 20-10 in favor of OSU.

The Buffs could not do anything offensively in the second half, and a pass interception at the Colorado 28 with 3:08 left led to the final Ohio State touchdown and the winning margin of 27-10.

Colorado	10	0	0	0	—	10
Ohio State	7	10	3	7	—	27

CU—Zetterberg 26 FG	3-0	9:04	1Q
CU—Moorehead 11 pass from Knapple (Zetterberg kick)	10-0	3:54	1Q
Ohio State—Logan 36 run (Skladany kick)	10-7	3:11	1Q
Ohio State—Skladany 28 FG	10-10	9:33	2Q
Ohio State—P.Johnson 3 run (Skladany kick)	10-17	0:24	2Q
Ohio State—Skladany 20 FG	10-20	2:30	3Q
Ohio State—Gerald 4 run (Skladany kick)	10-27	0:45	4Q

Attendance: 65,537
Time: N/A
Weather: 68 degrees, humid, clear skies, 9 mph winds (NW)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OHIO STATE
First Downs	12	21
Third Down Efficiency.....	5-16	8-19
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	1-1	2-2
Rushes—Net Yards.....	40-134	71-271
Passing Yards.....	137	59
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	23-8-2	7-2-0
Total Offense	271	330
Return Yards.....	5	39
Punts: No-Average	7-35.2	3-42.3
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-0	4-4
Penalties/Yards.....	8/60	4/37
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	2-18	0-0
Time Possession	25:31	34:29

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Colorado: Reed 22-58, Waddy 1-40, Kelleher 11-26, Knapple 5-13, Moorehead 1-minus 3. Ohio State: Springs 23-98, Gerald 14-81, Logan 14-79, P.Johnson 14-26, Jackson 1-1, Campbell 1-0, Pacenta 4-minus 14.
Passing—Colorado: Knapple 22-8-2, 137; Gauntly 1-0-0, 0. Ohio State: Gerald 6-2-0, 59; Pacenta 1-0-0, 0.
Receiving—Colorado: Moorehead 4-68, Reed 2-51, Hasselbeck 2-18. Ohio State: Harrell 2-59.
Punting—Colorado: Koleski 7-35.2 (45 long). Ohio State: Skladany 3-42.3 (46 long).
Punt Returns—Colorado: Morris 1-5. Ohio State: R.Griffin 1-8, Logan 1-minus 2.
Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Waddy 2-56, Kelleher 2-13. Ohio State: Logan 1-49, Jackson 1-39, Harrell 1-22.
Interceptions—Colorado: none. Ohio State: Thompson 1-22, Cousineau 1-11.
Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Cabral 12.1—13; Muxlow 5.6—11; Haynes 9.1—10; Walker 6.4—10; Vaughan 4.5—9; Westendorf 3.5—8; Loloti 6.1—7; M.L.Davis 6.1—7.
Ohio State: Cousineau 13.4—17; A.Brown 7.1—8; Allegro 6.1—7; Beamon 4.3—7.