

Bowl Games

1985 FREEDOM BOWL

Dec. 30, 1985 at Anaheim, Calif.

Washington 20

Colorado 17

Washington staved off a pair of late Colorado rallies and held on to defeat the Buffaloes, 20-17, in the second annual Freedom Bowl at Anaheim Stadium.

It was a close game throughout, as neither team ever held a two-score advantage. Washington took a 3-0 lead late in the first quarter on a 30-yard field goal by Jeff Jaeger. The Buffs came back to take what would be their only lead of the night early in the second quarter. Fullback Anthony Weatherspoon scored from a yard out and Larry Eckel added the point after to give CU a 7-3 edge with 5:59 remaining in the first half. The Huskies' David Toy scored on a three-yard run with only 30 seconds left in the first half to put Washington up 10-7 at intermission, capping a 14-play, 80 yard drive engineering by quarterback Chris Chandler.

Eckel tied the score at 10-10 with a 33-yard field goal with 8:41 left in the third quarter, but Washington countered three minutes later with a one-yard scoring run by Tony Covington for a 17-10 lead. Jaeger added an 18-yard field goal three seconds into the fourth quarter to make it 20-10.

All-American punter Barry Helton threw out of punt formation to Jon Embree for a dazzling 31-yard touchdown pass and Eckel added the extra point with 11:05 to go to pull CU to within three. The Buffs would get no closer, but had the ball at inside the Husky 10 in the final five minutes. Halfback Mike Marquez fumbled the ball at the two ending the drive, although television replays indicated the ground may have caused the fumble.

The game capped CU's turnaround season, as the Buffs went from 1-10 the previous year to 7-5 and captured the NCAA's most-improved team honor.

Marquez led the Buffs with 80 yards on 10 carries, while Chandler led the Huskies with 72 yards on seven tries. It was a defensive game, with each team committing just a single turnover, but Washington was penalized 13 times for 88 yards on the evening.

Colorado	0	7	3	7	—	17
Washington	3	7	7	3	—	20

Washington—Jaeger 30 FG	0- 3	4:15	1Q
CU—Weatherspoon 1 run (Eckel kick)	7- 3	5:59	2Q
Washington—Toy 3 run (Jaeger kick)	7-10	0:30	2Q
CU—Eckel 33 FG	10-10	8:41	3Q
Washington—Covington 1 run (Jaeger kick)	10-17	5:35	3Q
Washington—Jaeger 18 FG	10-20	14:57	4Q
CU—Embree 31 pass from Helton (Eckel kick)	17-20	11:05	4Q

Attendance: 37,839
Time: 3:03
Weather: 66 degrees, clear skies, 10 mph winds (S)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WASHINGTON
First Downs	15	20
Third Down Efficiency	8-17	4-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	58-190	43-207
Passing Yards	44	141
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	10-2-0	26-15-1
Total Offense	234	348
Return Yards	40	8
Punts: No-Average	5-39.0	6-40.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	4/20	13/88
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	2-12
Time Possession	30:22	29:38

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Colorado: Marquez 10-80, Hatcher 12-36, Brown 8-26, Weatherspoon 8-26, S.Smith 11-13, McCarty 4-9. Washington: Chandler 7-72, Weathersby 11-56, Covington 9-33, Toy 8-22, Hill 1-11, Fenney 6-11, Jenkins 1-2.

Passing—Colorado: Hatcher 8-1-0, 13; Helton 1-1-0, 31; Alexander 1-0-0, 0. Washington: Chandler 26-15-1, 141.

Receiving—Colorado: Embree 1-31, Ferrando 1-13. Washington: Hill 4-48, R.Jones 3-39, Weathersby 3-21, Covington 2-14, Fenney 2-minus 2, Toy 1-21.

Punting—Colorado: Helton 5-39.0 (54 long). Washington: Cleland 6-40.0 (50 long).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Collins 3-29, Pickens 1-3. Washington: Miles 2-8.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Alexander 1-33. Washington: Trimble 3-77, Toy 1-16.

Interceptions—Colorado: Remington 1-8. Washington: none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Rogers 9,4—13; Rappold 8,2—10; DeLuzio 8,2—10; Remington 5,5—10; Wilcoits 5,2—7; Bennett 5,0—5. Washington: Rill 10,7—17; Hadley 8,2—10; Fuimaono 9,0—9; Kelly 7,1—8; Milus 3,2—5.

1986 BLUEBONNET BOWL

Dec. 31, 1986 at Houston, Texas

Baylor 21

Colorado 9

Baylor turned two Colorado turnovers into touchdowns and then thwarted two Buff scoring threats in the fourth quarter as the Bears defeated CU, 21-9, before 40,470 in attendance at Rice Stadium in the 28th Bluebonnet Bowl.

It was CU's fourth appearance in the Houston-based game, with its last two games here played indoors in the Astrodome (1971 and 1975). As in 1967, this one was played outdoors on natural grass.

Baylor drew first blood with 3:34 left in the first quarter on a one-yard plunge by Derrick McAdoo on a fourth-and-goal play. Colorado countered two drives later with a 36-yard field goal by Dave DeLine to slice the lead to 7-3 early in the second stanza. But the Buffs turned the ball over on their own eight and it took Baylor three plays to score to extend the lead to 14-3, which stood at intermission. Cody Carlson hooked up with Darnell Chase on a 2-yard pass play for the score.

CU turned the ball over on its second play from scrimmage in the second half and McAdoo scored again from a yard out to put Baylor up 21-3. The Buffs finally put six on the board late in the quarter on a 31-yard touchdown run by Mark Hatcher, but CU couldn't convert the two and score remained 21-9 in favor of the Bears.

The Buffs twice had the ball deep in Baylor territory in the fourth quarter, but the Bear defense held, as CU couldn't convert either time on fourth down. In a game dominated by defense, Baylor outgained Colorado 279-194. Each team had 12 first downs, and the Buff defense held the Bears to over 200 yards under its per-game average for the season.

The running game, CU's bread-and-butter the last two seasons, was held in check by a ferocious Bear defense. Baylor had 14 tackles for loss in holding Colorado to just 83 rushing yards on 47 attempts. CU's running defense wasn't too shabby either, as Baylor netted just 114 yards on 43 tries.

Colorado	0	3	6	0	—	9
Baylor	7	7	7	0	—	21

Baylor—McAdoo 1 run (Sylar kick)	0- 7	3:34	1Q
CU—DeLine 36 FG	3- 7	13:09	2Q
Baylor—Chase 2 pass from Carlson (Sylar kick)	3-14	4:57	2Q
Baylor—McAdoo 1 run (Sylar kick)	3-21	12:56	3Q
CU—Hatcher 31 run (run failed)	9-21	2:38	3Q

Attendance: 40,470
Time: 3:01
Weather: 56 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 5-10 mph winds (N)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	BAYLOR
First Downs	12	12
Third Down Efficiency	4-14	6-19
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	2-2
Rushes—Net Yards	47-83	43-114
Passing Yards	111	165
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	14-7-1	28-14-2
Total Offense	194	279
Return Yards	15	3
Punts: No-Average	5-37.6	7-31.1
Fumbles: No-Lost	7-3	2-0
Penalties/Yards	4/25	7/58
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-14	6-38
Time Possession	28:51	31:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Colorado: Kissick 9-37, Oliver 11-36, Hatcher 10-14, Campbell 1-11, Marquez 7-8, Jones 1-4, Walters 8-minus 27. Baylor: McAdoo 8-36, Murray 11-35, Carlson 6-15, Perry 8-15, Rutledge 3-6, Lovell 4-3, Chase 1-2, Conner 1-2, Walls 1-0.

Passing—Colorado: Walters 8-5-1, 71; Hatcher 5-2-0, 40; Embree 1-0-0. Baylor: Carlson 22-11-2, 136; Lovell 6-3-0, 29.

Receiving—Colorado: Embree 3-57, Oliver 1-19, Carl 1-13, Ferrando 1-12, Marquez 1-10. Baylor: Clark 3-58, Chase 2-23, Murray 2-18, Fomes 2-16, Davis 1-17, Simpson 1-12, Huckabay 1-11.

Punting—Colorado: Helton 5-37.6 (47 long). Baylor: Mueller 5-36.8 (46 long), Rutter 1-34.0, Team 1-0-0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Beck 1-12. Baylor: Everett 1-3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Pontiffet 2-47, James 1-13, Nelson 1-3. Baylor: McAdoo 3-64.

Interceptions—Colorado: Schuback 1-3, Tate 1-0. Baylor: Crockett 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Remington 6,5—11; Wilcoits 5,6—11; Koch 7,2—9; Naim 2,5—7; Rogers 4,2—6; DeLuzio 3,3—6; Pruitt 3,3—6; Schuback 3,3—6. Baylor: Berry 8,4—12; Hall 5,2—7; J.Francis 3,1—4; Green 3,1—4; Grant 2,2—4; Watters 2,2—4.