

Bowl Games

1988 FREEDOM BOWL

Dec. 29, 1988 at Anaheim, Calif.

Brigham Young's only lead of the game came when it counted the most, as Jason Chaffetz' 35-yard field goal with 2:33 remaining in the fourth quarter rallied the Cougars to a 20-17 win over Colorado in the fifth annual Freedom Bowl.

The Buffs turned a BYU turnover into seven points just two-and-one-half minutes into the game, as Eric Bieniemy scored from one yard out to cap a six-play, 49-yard drive. Pat Blottiaux's PAT kick put CU up 7-0, but the Cougars tied the score some seven minutes later on a 19-yard touchdown pass from Sean Covey to Mike Salido.

Bieniemy's second touchdown of the game, also from a yard out, enabled CU to forge ahead 14-7 with 1:04 left in the half, with the margin standing at halftime.

The Buffs couldn't convert on several scoring opportunities in the second half, and twice penetrated the BYU 20 and came away with just three points. In the meantime, Ty Detmer's 14-yard scoring strike to Chuck Cutler knotted the score at 14 with 4:46 left in the third quarter. Blottaux made good on a 19-yard field goal early in the fourth to give CU its last lead (17-14), but Chaffetz countered with a 31-yarder before nailing the game winner in the final minutes.

Colorado outgained the Cougars, 337-320, on the evening, but its on mistakes and penalties (nine, the most in CU bowl history), added up to the fifth straight bowl loss by the Buffaloes. Detmer, a sophomore and future Heisman Trophy winner (1990), came off the bench to complete 11 of 17 passes for 129 yards and a bouchdown.

Bieniemy rushed for 144 yards and two scores on 33 carries, the second highest rushing performance to date in CU bowl history, and he also led the team in receiving yards in the game with 30. Alfred Williams posted three sacks for 25 yards in losses for the Buffs on defense.

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Brigham Young	7	0	7	6	_	20	
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CU-Bieniemy 1 run (Blottiaux kick)	7- 0	12:30	1Q
BYU-Salido 19 pass from Covey (Chaffetz kick)	7- 7	5:38	1Q
CU-Bieniemy 1 run (Blottiaux kick)	14- 7	1:04	2Q
BYU-Cutler 14 pass from Detmer (Chaffetz kick)	14-14	4:46	3Q
CU—Blottiaux 19 FG	17-14	11:19	4Q
BYU—Chaffetz 31 FG	17-17	4:11	4Q
BYU—Chaffetz 35 FG	17-20	2:33	4Q

Attendance: 35,941 Time: 3:06

Weather: 47 degrees, clear skies, 3 mph winds (S)

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TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	BYU
First Downs	20	23
Third Down Efficiency	7-17	6-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-4	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	60-273	42-152
Passing Yards	64	168
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	16-5-2	28-15-1
Total Offense	337	320
Return Yards	2	-2
Punts: No-Average	2-39.0	4-33.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties/Yards	9/81	4/33
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	4-31	1-7
Time Possession	29:45	30:15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Bieniemy 33-144, Aunese 14-49, Kissick 4-45, Hemingway 3-25, Hagan 6-10. BYU: Bellini 8-78, Salido 9-62, F. Whittingham 16-46, Detmer 4-minus 10, Covey 5-minus 24.

Passing—Colorado: Aunese 13-4-1, 46; Campbell 1-1-0, 18; Bieniemy 1-0-0, 0; Hagan 1-0-1, 0. BYU: Detmer 17-11-0, 129; Covey 10-4-1, 39.

Receiving—Colorado: Bieniemy 2-30, Kissick 2-23, Nelson 1-11. BYU: Bellini 4-41, Handley 3-42, Cutller 2-28, Salido 2-19, Frandsen 1-29, McBeth 1-5, Doman 1-2, F.Whittincham 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: English 2-39.0 (43 long). BYU: Thompson 4-33.5 (40 long).

Punt Returns-Colorado: Collins 1-2. BYU: none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Nelson 4-80, Pritchard 1-22. BYU: Crutchfield 3-47, Corley 1-0.

Interceptions—Colorado: McCloughan 1-0. BYU: Mitchell 1-0, Peterson 1-minus 2.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Jones 8,1—9; James 7,2—9; McCloughan 8,0—8; DeLuzio 5,0—5; Young 3,2—5; Williams 4,0—4. BYU: B.Davis 10,2—12; Long 8,1—9; Robinson 7,0—7; Neal 6,1—7; Peterson 5,2—7.

1990 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1990 at Miami, Fla.

Fullback Anthony Johnson's second touchdown run of the game late in the fourth quarter put an end to Colorado's undefeated season and national championship hopes as Notre Dame defeated the Buffaloes, 21-6, before a record 81,191 in the 56th annual Orange Bowl Classic.

Colorado came into the game with an 11-0 record and its first-ever No. 1 national ranking. The Buffs appeared headed to the national championship in the first half, as CU dominated the line of scrimmage in gaining 186 yards, but couldn't convert on three golden scoring opportunities. Instead of leading 17-0 or 21-0 at halftime, the Buffs found themselves in a scoreless deadlock and that thanks to Gary Howe's block of a Notre Dame field goal attempt at the intermission gun.

The lifsh took control of the game in the third quarter, using a two-yard scoring run by Johnson and a 35-yard touchdown run on a reverse by Raghib Ismail to take a 14-0 lead midway through the period. Colorado sliced the lead to 14-6 on a spectacular 39-yard run by Darian Hagan to close the quarter, but the PAT kick sailed wide by Ken Culbertson, leaving the Buffs eight points back.

The CU defense held Notre Dame on its next possession, and then the Buffs drove to the Irish 44 where its own stalled. With 10:27 remaining, there was still plenty of time remaining for the Buffs. But Johnson's second touchdown, a seven-yard effort, culminated a mammoth 17-play, 82-yard drive that ate up almost nine minutes on the clock. The Buffs got the ball back with 1:32 left in the game, and after Mike Pritchard returned the Irish kickoff 28 yards to the CU 41, could not get anything going prior to time running out and Hagan was intercepted on the game's final play.

The win enabled Notre Dame to end the year with a 12-1 record and a No. 2 ranking, while CU ended up No. 4 in the polls, as the 11-1 Buffs were inexplicably jumped by a 10-2 Florida State that finished No. 3. Miami, Fla., was selected the national champion.

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Notre Dame—A.Johnson 2 run (Hentrich kick)	0- 7	11:48	3Q
Notre Dame—Ismail 35 run (Hentrich kick)	0-14	7:19	3Q
CU—Hagan 39 run (kick failed)	6-14	0:01	3Q
Notre Dame—A.Johnson 7 run (Hentrich kick)	6-21	1:32	4Q

Attendance: 81,191 Time: 3:09

Weather: 70 degrees, cloudy skies, 20-25 mph winds (N)

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TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NOTRE DAME
First Downs	16	18
Third Down Efficiency	5-13	7-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	46-217	52-279
Passing Yards	65	99
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	13-4-2	9-5-0
Total Offense	282	378
Return Yards	36	0
Punts: No-Average	3-39.3	5-40.1
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards	1/5	3/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-6	1-5
Time Possession	27:17	32:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Hagan 19-106, Bieniemy 11-66, Flannigan 12-45, Kissick 2-6, Campbell 2-minus 6. Notre Dame: Ismail 16-108, A.Johnson 15-89, Rice 14-50, Culver 5-29, Watters 2-3.

Passing—Colorado: Hagan 13-4-2, 65. Notre Dame: Rice 9-5-0, 99

Receiving—Colorado: Kissick 2-33, Perak 1-16, Pritchard 1-16. Notre Dame: Eilers 2-47, Smith 1-27, A.Johnson 1-13, Brown

Punting—Colorado: Rouen 3-39.3 (58 long). Notre Dame: Hentrich 5-40.1 (49 long).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Campbell 3-36. Notre Dame: none

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Pritchard 2-43, Kissick 1-0. Notre Dame: Ismail 1-17, Simien 1-7.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. Notre Dame: Bolcar 1-0, Terrell 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Jones 7,3—10; Williams 8,1—9; Walker 5,3—8; Howe 6,1—7; Young 6,1—7; James 4,3—7; Brown 6,0—6; Gibbs 5,1—6. Notre Dame: Kowalkowski 7,4—11; Terrell 7,2—9; Ridgley 4,5—9; Bolcar 6,1—7; Francisco 5,2—7.