

## Bowl Games

### 2016 ALAMO BOWL

Dec. 29, 2016 at San Antonio, Texas

Oklahoma State 38

Colorado 8

SAN ANTONIO — No. 10 Colorado couldn't get untracked in its first bowl appearance in nine seasons and fell to No. 12 Oklahoma State, 38-8, in the Valero Alamo Bowl at the Alamodome, a tough end for what was still the Buffaloes' finest season in more than a decade.

Injuries played a role in the Buffs struggling, as quarterback Sefo Liufau (ankle) and cornerbacks Chidobe Awuzie (turf toe) and Ahkelio Witherspoon (shoulder) all were nursing maladies, but even if healthy, the Cowboys (10-3) were on a mission to end their season on a high note. Receiver James Washington made life miserable for the CU secondary (nine catches, 171 yards, one touchdown), while CU couldn't counter with much offensively until a late fourth quarter score.

The first quarter, though, was more or less a draw, with the teams' almost statistically even and just one score, a field goal by OSU that had it ahead, 3-0. CU had a chance to tie the score on its deepest penetration of the first half, but missed its field goal try, which turned out to be a harbinger of things to come.

The Cowboys scored a pair of touchdowns in each of the second and third quarters to methodically pull away, leading 31-0 before Colorado finally got on the board with 5:28 to play. Liufau, who was injured in the first half but returned to the game in the third quarter, drove the Buffs 77 yards in nine plays, with the senior quarterback scoring his final collegiate touchdown on a 6-yard keeper. He then hit tailback Phillip Lindsay with the two-point conversion.

Lindsay was the offensive star for CU, rushing 14 times for 63 yards with six receptions for 103 yards. OSU quarterback Mason Rudolph completed 22-of-32 passes for 314 yards and three touchdowns. OSU tailback Justice Hill carried 19 times for 100 yards and a TD, and Chris Carson ran 11 times for 61 yards and scored once. CU's leading tacklers were Rick Gamboa (11) and Kenneth Olugbode (10).

The Buffs ended the season with a 10-4 record, and a No. 15

ranking in the USA Today/Coaches poll (No. 17 by the Associated Press).

Oklahoma State.....	3	14	14	7	—	38
COLORADO.....	0	0	0	8	—	8

Okl. St. — Grogan 28 FG	0- 310:17	1Q
Okl. St. — Carson 10 run (Grogan kick)	0-1011:15	2Q
Okl. St. — Washington 5 pass from Rudolph (Grogan kick)	0-17 7:00	2Q
Okl. St. — Jarwin 6 pass from Rudolph (Grogan kick)	0-24 5:42	3Q
Okl. St. — Seales 23 pass from Rudolph (Grogan kick)	0-31 0:05	3Q
CU — Liufau 6 run (Lindsay pass from Liufau)	8-31 5:28	4Q
Okl. St. — Hill 37 run (Grogan kick)	8-38 3:44	4Q

Attendance: 59,815

Time: 3:14

Weather: 72 degrees (dome; controlled indoor environment)

	COLORADO	OKLA. STATE
First Downs .....	18	24
Third Down Efficiency.....	6-16	7-14
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	1-3	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards.....	29-62	41-189
Passing Yards.....	256	338
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	38-22-1	33-23-0
Total Offense .....	318	527
Return Yards.....	6	1
Punts: No-Average.....	6-41.3	4-47.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards.....	5/35	5/42
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-2	3-20
Time of Possession.....	27:36	32:24
Drives/Average Field Position .....	12/C21	12/OS29
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) ...	1-2 (8)	4-5 (24)

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Lindsay 14-63, MacIntyre 1-1, Montez 1-0, Liufau 13-minus 2. Oklahoma State: Hill 19-100, Carson 11-61, Sanders 2-11, Childs 4-7, Rudolph 4-7, Seales 1-3.

Passing—Colorado: Liufau 29-18-0, 195, 0 td; Montez 9-4-1, 61, 0 td. Oklahoma State: Rudolph 32-22-0, 314, 3 td; Carson 1-1-0, 24, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Lindsay 6-103, Fields 4-38, Bobo 3-25, Ross 3-22, Walker 2-23, MacIntyre 2-22, Irwin 1-15, Lee 1-8. Oklahoma State: Washington 9-171, McCleskey 4-50, Seales 3-43, Hays 3-19, Jarwin 2-20, Rudolph 1-24, Lacy 1-11.

Punting—Colorado: Kinney 6-41.3 (52 long, 1 In20). Oklahoma State: Sinor 4-47.8 (54 long, 3 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Oliver 1-(-6). Oklahoma State: none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Evans 2-44, Julmisse 1-20. Oklahoma State: Seales 1-6.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Gamboa 4,7—11; Olugbode 3,7—10; Kafovalu 4,5—9; Moeller 4,4—8; Oliver 4,2—6; Thompson 2,3—5; Gilbert 2,3—5; Awuzie 3,1—4; Gillam 2,1—3; Carrell 1,2—3; Laguda 0,3—3; Franke 1,1—2; Tupou 0,2—2. Oklahoma State: Taylor 1,6—7; Averette 2,4—6; Flowers 4,1—5; Sterns 1,4—5; Owens 3,1—4; Edison 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Gilbert ½-1, Jackson ½-1. Oklahoma State: Carter 1-9, Taylor 1-8, Webber 1-3.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. Oklahoma State: Lampkin 1-1.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Gilbert, Olugbode. Oklahoma State: Owens 2, Walterscheid 1, Averette, Osborne.

### 2020 ALAMO BOWL

Dec. 29, 2020 at San Antonio, Texas

Texas 55

Colorado 23

SAN ANTONIO — Colorado managed to keep up with No. 20 Texas for a half but eventually couldn't match the Longhorns' firepower in dropping a 55-23 decision against its former Big 12 mates in the Valero Alamo Bowl.

One of the bright spots of the night for the Buffs was the debut of quarterback Brendon Lewis, their possible quarterback of the future. The true freshman made his first appearance and engineered three touchdown drives for the Buffaloes in relief of starter Sam Noyer, who threw two interceptions in the first quarter.

But overall, the Buffs — who were missing a number of players because of injuries, suspensions and COVID-19 related issues — couldn't keep pace with the Longhorns after a close first half. The Buffs trailed 17-10 at halftime, but two quick Texas touchdowns in the third quarter put the Buffs in a hole they could not overcome.

Texas took a quick 14-0 lead, scoring touchdowns on two of its first three possessions, driving 74 and 89 yards for scores. But the Colorado defense found its footing and turned the Longhorns away on their next four possessions, giving the Buffs offense an opportunity to find its rhythm.

After six empty possessions, Colorado finally hit pay dirt behind the direction of Lewis. He directed a 10-play, 50-yard touchdown drive that saw CU convert two third downs. Jarek Broussard ran for 8 yards on third-and-3 and Lewis connected with Dimitri Stanley for a 26-yard gain — Lewis' first collegiate pass attempt — on third-and-8 to put Colorado at the Texas 2-yard line. CU then went nowhere on three straight runs but went for it on fourth down and Broussard delivered with a terrific second- and third-effort drive to the end zone. Evan Price's PAT pulled the Buffs to within 14-7 with 6:58 left in the second quarter.

After punts by both teams, Texas finally scored again, getting a 52-yard field goal after a third-down sack by Colorado's Mustafa Johnson stopped a Texas march. But Colorado quickly answered. Noyer returned to the huddle and directed a 53-yard drive that finished with a 40-yard Price field goal, sending CU into the locker room at the half trailing 17-10.

That, though, was as close as the Buffs could get. Texas needed just two plays to score to open the third quarter, and added another score on their next possession after CU missed a field goal. With the Buffs missing four of their best players on defense, it wound up being a matter of time before UT capitalized and put the game away with a 24-6 run over the first 15-plus minutes of the second half.

In a year where the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc, the Buffs

wrapped up their first season under Karl Dorrell at 4-2 while Texas finished 7-3.

Texas.....	14	3	17	21	—	55
COLORADO.....	0	10	6	7	—	23

Texas — Robinson 8 run (Dicker kick)	0- 712:51	1Q
Texas — Robinson 14 pass from Ehlinger (Dicker kick)	0-14 5:28	1Q
COLORADO — Broussard 2 run (Price kick)	7-14 6:58	2Q
Texas — Dicker 53 FG	7-17 2:07	2Q
COLORADO — Price 40 FG	10-17 0:43	2Q
Texas — Moore 13 pass from Thompson (Dicker kick)	10-2414:23	3Q
Texas — Moore 25 pass from Thompson (Dicker kick)	10-31 8:00	3Q
Texas — Dicker 35 FG	10-34 3:33	3Q
COLORADO — Broussard 3 run (pass failed)	16-34 1:46	3Q
Texas — Robinson 23 pass from Thompson (Dicker kick)	16-4114:42	4Q
COLORADO — Lewis 2 run (Price kick)	23-4111:48	4Q
Texas — Dixon 73 pass from Thompson (Dicker kick)	23-4811:01	4Q
Texas — Johnson 21 run (Dicker kick)	23-55 7:40	4Q

Attendance: 10,822

Time: 3:39

Weather: 74 degrees (dome; controlled indoor environment)

	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs .....	20	26
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) .....	4-17 (2-2)	2-11 (0-2)
Rushes—Net Yards.....	46-182	40-303
Passing Yards.....	196	335
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	33-14-2	28-19-0
Total Offense .....	378	638
Return Yards.....	2	-1
Punts: No-Average.....	8-42.9	4-44.2
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards.....	7/65	10/89
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	3-20	1-9
Time of Possession.....	30:58	29:02
Drives/Average Field Position .....	16/C25	17/T30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) ...	4-4 (23)	4-4 (24)

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Broussard 27-82, Lewis 9-73, Noyer 7-17, Davis 2-5, Nixon 1-5. Texas: Robinson 10-183, Johnson 10-32, Watson 5-29, Whittington 1-20, Epps 0-20, Thompson 4-17, Ballard 1-7, Card 2-3, Ehlinger 5-minus 5, Team 2-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Noyer 23-8-2, 101, 0 td; Lewis 10-6-0, 95, 1 td. Texas: Ehlinger 16-10-0, 160, 1 td; Thompsons 10-8-0, 170, 4 td; Card 2-1-0, 5, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Nixon 5-39, Stanley 4-86, Broussard 2-13, Bell 1-26, Arias 1-17, Lemonious-Craig 1-15. Texas: Moore 5-86, Whittington 3-35, Woodward 3-28, Brewer 2-59, Robinson 2-37, Dixon 1-73, Schooler 1-11, Money 1-5, Johnson 1-1.

Punting—Colorado: Watts 8-42.9 (60 long, 2 In20). Texas: Dicker 4-44.2 (53 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Stanley 1-2. Texas: Jamison 4-minus 1.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bell 2-36, Carpenter 1-15. Texas: Jamison 2-52, Robinson 1-16.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Lewis 5,3—8; Rakestraw 2,5—7; Wells 3,3—6; Jordan 1,5—6; Gonzalez 5,0—5; Jones 3,2—5; Van Diest 1,4—5; Montgomery 4,0—4; Thomas 1,3—4; Blackmon 3,0—3; Perry 2,1—3; Johnson 1,2—3; Gustav 0,3—3; Trujillo 2,0—2. Texas: Thompson 5,1—6; Overshown 4,2—6; Leitao 3,3—6; Adimora/Coburn/Foster all 4,1—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wells 2-10, Johnson 1-10.

Texas: Broughton 1-9.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. Texas: Collins 1-0, Overshown 1-0.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Gonzalez 3, Blackmon 2.

Texas: Coburn, Collins, Jamison, Thompson.