The Miracle In Michigan

On Sept. 24, 1994 in Ann Arbor, Mich., No. 7 Colorado trailed No. 4 Michigan, 26-14, entering the fourth quarter. With a little over five minutes to go, Colorado had driven to the Michigan 1-yard line, where quarterback Kordell Stewart appeared to break the plane of the goal line before losing control of the ball; the officials ruled he did not and Michigan took over on its 20 but went three plays and out and had to punt. CU used two of its three time outs to stop the clock after first and second down to preserve time. The last three possessions:

Colorado Ball (3:52)

1-10	C28	Stewart drops back to pass, scrambles for 6 yards
2- 4	C34	Stewart rolls to his left, laterals out of bounds, gains 3 yards
3- 1	C37	Salaam over the left end for 11 yards and a first down
1-10	C48	Stewart passes complete to Fauria for 4 yards
2- 6	M48	Stewart passes complete to Salaam for 8 yards and a first down
1-10	M40	Stewart passes complete to Fauria for 9 yards
2- 1	M31	Stewart passes complete to Fauria for 7 yards and a first down
1-10	M24	Stewart's pass to Kidd is incomplete, broken up by Irons
2-10	M24	Stewart keeps, runs over the left end for 21 yards and a first down
1- G	M 3	Stewart passes incomplete; Michigan penalized for illegal participation
1- G	M 1	Salaam takes the pitch and goes over left end for 1 yard and a touchdown

MICHIGAN 26, COLORADO 21 (Voskeritchian PAT kick is good)

Slevin's onside kick downed by Hayes at the Colorado 45.

Michigan Ball (2:15)

1-10	C45	Biakabutuka over the left guard, gains 3 yards
2- 7	C42	(1:32) Biakabutuka up the middle for no gain
3- 7	C42	(1:20) After CU timeout, CU penalized 5 yards (offside)
3- 2	C37	(1:07) Michigan penalized 5 yards (false start)
3- 7	C42	(0:56) Biakabutuka over the right guard for 4 yards
4- 3	C38	(0:21) After MU timeout, Baker punts 23 yards to C15 (Hudson fair catch)

Colorado Ball (0:14)

1-10	C15	Stewart passes complete to Westbrook for 21 yards and a first down
1-10	C36	(0:08) Stewart spikes the ball to stop the clock
2-10	C36	(0:06) Stewart passes complete to Westbrook for 64 yards and a touchdown

COLORADO 27, MICHIGAN 26 (no PAT attempt)

Keith Jackson (r.) and Bob Griese called the action for ABC for perhaps the most famous game in CU history, the "Miracle in Michigan" on Sept. 24, 1994. As time expired, CU's quarterback Kordell Stewart heaved a pass that traveled some 72 yards downfield where Blake Anderson tipped the ball into the hands of Michael Westbrook, rallying the No. 7 Buffaloes to a 27-26 win over the No. 4 Michigan Wolverines.

Their call after Stewart spiked the ball on first down at the CU 36-yard line with 6 seconds left:

Griese: "Well, they get one more play."
Jackson: "One more. Just six seconds."
Griese: "I think he just went over and said, 'Just throw it up.'"
Jackson: "So who we got here now. We've got Carruth who can fly. You've got Westbrook, a leaper who is big and strong and can run. I would think that James Kidd would be on the field as well. Probably Blake Anderson."
Griese: "If I was the defense, I'd have a few more guys over there."
Jackson: "Three wideouts at the top of the picture. Stewart, with time. Let's it go. He's got three people down there. The ball's up in the air … caught! Touchdown! … Caught by Westbrook for a touchdown! … Incredible!"
Jackson: "There is no time remaining. There are no flags on the field. Only despair for the Maize and Blue … joy and exultation for the Buffaloes of Colorado."
Griese: "This is why they try it … because it works. You're always looking for the rebound. Eighty-one Westbrook is right there, the way you hope it works. He threw that ball about 65 yards, there was no pressure on him. What an outstanding throw and a great result for Colorado."
Jackson: "An absolutely shocking finish. They call it in some circles the 'Hail Mary.' It was certainly perfect … and Michael Westbrook was in the right place at the right time."
Jackson: "Colorado has said we don't care about kicking the ball, we've got all the points we need. We win, 27-26, No. 7 beats No. 4."