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TEXAS VS. COLORADO

Memorial Stadium

Austin, Tx.

Saturday, September 22, 1990

Kickoff Time:

6:37 p. m. CDT.

Probable Attendance:

Upwards of 70,000

Series Record:

Texas leads series, 4-1. First meeting was in 1940, with UT winning, 39-7. Other scores were 34-6 in 1941, 76-0 in '46 and 38-21 in the 1975 Bluebonnet Bowl. Colorado's lone win came last year, 27-6, in Boulder.

Season Records:

Texas is 1-0-0

Texas 17, Penn State 13

Colorado is 1-0-1 (Prior to Ill. game)

Colorado 31, Tennessee 31

Colorado 21, Stanford 17

Colorado at Illinois, Sept. 15

ESPN:

The game will be telecast nationally by ESPN, with a 6:30 p. m. CDT, with Ron Franklin and Gary Danielson.

David McWilliams:

David McWilliams is now one game under .500 at Texas, with the Penn State victory pulling his mark at UT to 17-18. Including his year at Texas Tech, McWilliams is 24-22 as a collegiate head coach. Last year, Texas was 5-6. McWilliams' Red Raiders were 7-4, and he was 7-5 with a Bluebonnet Bowl win in his first year at UT in 1987. Texas was 4-7 in 1988.

Opening String Snap:

The victory over Penn State snapped a four game Longhorn losing streak in season openers. It was the first opening win since 1985, and it moved the Longhorns' opening record to 82-13-3. This is Texas' 98th season. The four straight opening losses was a UT all-time worst.

The Penn State Game:

Michael Pollak kicked three field goals and Adrian Walker's 88-yard kickoff return to start the second half set up the winning TD as the Longhorns beat Penn State in State College, 17-13, to open the 1990 season. Chris Samuels' six yard run following Walker's return was the only Longhorn TD, but a clutch two-point conversion from Peter Gardere to Keith Cash figured heavily in the game's outcome. The Texas defense held off a final Penn State drive as Stanley Richard and Boone Powell knocked away a pass in the endzone on the game's last play. Gardere hit 14 of 28 passes for 210 yards and redshirt freshman Phil Brown rushed for 95 yards to become the statistical leaders.

McWILLIAMS SUNDAY:

As a convenience to the media seeking Coach David McWilliams on Sundays, he will be available for a tele-conference at 3 p. m. The number is 512 471-5013. Please try to participate in this if you need him on Sunday.

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Phil Brown:

It was a great start for Phil Brown, the redshirt freshman from Commerce. Brown's 95 yards rushing was the most by a UT player in his first game as a Longhorn since Charles Hunter had 112 yards against Missouri in 1985.

A. Walker:

Adrian Walker's 88-yard kickoff return was UT's longest since Johnny Lam Jones went 100 yards for a TD against SMU in 1978. Next longest kickoff returns in recent years have been 75 yards by Eric Metcalf against SMU in 1985 and 72 yards by Edwin Simmons vs. North Texas in 1983. Walker, UT's leading rusher a year ago, finished the game with 65 yards on 17 carries.

Johnny Walker:

Johnny Walker had 4 catches for 53 yards to open his pursuit of two more Longhorn receiving marks. Walker, whose 55 catches set a season mark a year ago, now needs 48 receptions to break the UT career mark of 125 set by Eric Metcalf. He now has 1,055 yards in career receptions, trailing the record of 1,603 held by Johnny Lam Jones.

Michael Pollak:

Most pleasant development for the Longhorns in the Penn State game was kicker Michael Pollak, who booted three field goals. Pollak, a senior from Austin Johnston, had been used on kickoffs in three games, and that was his only game experience. He was 3 out of 4 in field goal attempts, hitting from 30, 29 and 20 yards. Pollak missed UT's spring practice, since he was studying abroad at the American University in Vienna, Austria. He has a dual major of German and geography.

Alex Waits:

Alex Waits averaged 47.1 yards per kick, with a long punt of 63 yards, in his return as the UT kicker. Waits, one of the nation's leaders when he ranked second with a 46.1 yard average in 1986, sat out last year with a torn muscle.

Campbell Honored:

In ceremonies at the Colorado game, former Longhorn Heisman winner Earl Campbell will be honored. Campbell will be inducted in the National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame in December, and the local ceremony will take place at this game. Former UT coach Darrell Royal will represent the Foundation at the presentation.

Peter Gardere:

After a record setting freshman performance last year, Peter Gardere showed he was ready to return to form as he hit on 14 of 28 passes for 210 yards and added a clutch two-point conversion scramble and pass in the Penn State game. Gardere set passing marks for a UT freshman with 1,511 yards, hitting 107 of 186 passes for 5 TDs before being limited with a shoulder injury.

Experience:

When Texas played Colorado a year ago, the depth chart included only four seniors in the starting lineup. Ten freshmen, including four "true" frosh, were on the Longhorns' two deep. This season, there are 10 seniors in projected starting roles, with only three redshirt frosh on the two deep. Last year there were only 12 seniors on the roster, this year there are 24.

Hadnot:

Freshman running back Butch Hadnot from Kirbyville may get a chance to play against Colorado after missing early practice because of a hip pointer suffered in the high school all-star game. He rushed for 2,144 yards and 24 touchdowns as a high school senior last fall.

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- Last Year: Colorado unveiled quarterback Darian Hagan on the second play from scrimmage and the Buffaloes used a big kick return to nail a field goal for a 17-6 halftime lead, going on to win 27-6 in a nationally televised game in Boulder. Peter Gardere was impressive in a late relief role for Texas, hitting 3 of 5 passes for 51 yards.
- Especially Teams: Last year's special teams were a serious problem for Texas, dating back to that Colorado kickoff return which turned a 14-6 game into a 17-6 comfort zone at halftime. Of UT's six losses, the kicking game figured directly in all two of them. This season, the special teams were turned over to assistant coach Bob Boyd, and despite the opening scare of the big 95 yard Penn State return, the special teams were in fact special. The UT special teams, beefed up with scholarship players and some starters, (1) returned a kickoff to set up the go-ahead score, (2) hit three of four field goals, (3) blocked a kick, (4) blocked a punt, and (5) averaged 47.1 yards per punt.
- Injuries: Middle linebacker Brian Jones missed much of the post Penn State practice with a shoulder injury suffered in the game, but was expected to be at full strength by Colorado. Defensive tackle Roger Fritcher is still out rehabilitating a knee injury, but otherwise the Longhorns are in good shape.
- Freshmen: No true freshmen played in the Penn State game, but Longhorn coaches believe that several may play yet this year. Butch Hadnot is a likely player, and wide receiver Justin McLemore and kicker Jason Ziegler may also see action.
- Brian Jones: The senior linebacker from Lubbock had his best game as a Longhorn, with 12 tackles to lead the team.
- Willie Mack's Back: Longhorn corner back Willie Mack Garza, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, returned to action and signaled his return with a pass interception. Garza, a team leader and freshman of the year in the Southwest Conference two seasons ago, played both corner back positions.
- Radio: The game will be broadcast over the Longhorn Radio Network, with Brad Sham and Bill Schoening doing the announcing. It also can be heard nationally over the PIA network.
- All-Time Wins: Texas' victory over Penn State was its 662nd all-time. The Longhorns rank third in all time wins, behind Michigan (703) and Notre Dame (683). Those two opened their season on September 15.
- Scoring Streak: Texas has now scored in 107 straight games, avoiding a shutout since a 16-0 loss to Baylor in 1980. That's second best in UT history, trailing only an Arkansas string of 125 set between 1973 and 1983.
- Memorial Stadium: Memorial Stadium opened in 1924, and Texas has a record of 249-73-9 at home since it opened. Most impressive, however, is the run since 1968, where the Longhorns are an impressive 98-18 at home.
- Lately: Since mid-1988, however, UT is only 2 and 6 at home.