

NEBRASKA 30 COLORADO 3

Game Eleven; November 25, 2005

BOULDER — Colorado needed a win on senior day to advance to the Big 12 Championship game, but Zac Taylor and Nebraska had other ideas as the Cornhuskers unleashed one of their most potent offensive games of the season in defeating the Buffaloes, 30-3.

Taylor threw for 392 yards and two touchdowns in surviving being sacked five times to lead the Huskers to the win, the fourth in a row by the visiting team in the series. He had 167 yards and a TD pass in the decisive second quarter, in which Nebraska scored 17 points in breaking a 3-3 tie in building a 20-3 halftime lead.

Things started off well enough for the Buffs. The CU defense forced two incomplete passes with Brian Iwuh sacking Taylor on third down to end the Huskers' first series of the game. When the Buffs got the ball, Hugh Charles scampered 45 yards up the middle on CU's first play, and then caught an 8-yard pass from Joel Klatt on the next one set CU up at the Nebraska 16. But the drive stalled and Mason Crosby drilled a 33-yard field goal to get CU on the board in what turned out to be the Buffs' only lead—and points—of the day.

Nebraska countered immediately with a 10-play drive that produced a 26-yard field goal from Jordan Congdon to knot the game at 3-3, setting the stage for its offensive explosion in the second quarter. In putting 17 points into the books on a Taylor to Cory Ross 19-yard touchdown pass, an Aaron Glenn 1-yard run and another Congdon field goal, the Huskers rolled up 201 yards of offense in the quarter in taking control of the game.

Colorado never got much going in the second half, possessing the ball for all of 10:16 after intermission, including just 2:33 in the fourth quarter as the Huskers played ball control after taking a 24-point lead. That was attained midway in the third quarter on a 21-yard touchdown pass from Taylor to Nate Swift that capped a 76-yard drive with 6:30 left in the period.

Congdon added a 32-yard field goal with 2:02 left in the game to account for the final points of the day.

Nebraska amassed 497 yards on offense, the most against Colorado on the year, and only the second time a team posted over 400. The Buffs finished with 212 yards, 111 of which came on their first and last possessions of the game. Charles had 78 yards to lead all ball carriers in the game, while Ross had a career day catching the ball, as the diminutive NU tailback caught nine passes for 129 yards.



NOTES—The crowd of 54,841 was the third largest in Folsom Field history... CU wore all black uniforms for the first time in 2005, falling to 15-12-1 overall in the getup and to 1-5 against Nebraska... The Huskers became only the third team to rush for over 100 yards against Colorado on the year, sneaking over the mark late in finishing with 105 yards; no individual had more than 33, however... Marlon Lucky's 10-yard gain on Nebraska's fifth rush of the game ended a string of 63 single-digit carries against the Buffaloes... Charles' run to open the game was his second longest on the year; he opened the Oklahoma State game with a 74-yard run for a score.

Nebraska	3	17	7	3	—	30
COLORADO.....	3	0	0	0	—	3

COLORADO—Mason Crosby 33 FG	0-3	12:25	1Q
Nebraska— Jordan Congdon 26 FG	3-3	8:06	1Q
Nebraska— Cory Ross 19 pass from Zac Taylor (Jordan Congdon kick)	3-10	13:01	2Q
Nebraska— Cody Glenn 1 run (Jordan Congdon kick)	3-17	9:57	2Q
Nebraska— Jordan Congdon 30 FG	3-20	4:44	2Q
Nebraska— Nate Swift 21 pass from Zac Taylor (Jordan Congdon kick)	3-27	6:30	3Q
Nebraska— Jordan Congdon 32 FG	3-30	2:02	4Q

Attendance: 54,841 **Time:** 3:38 **Weather:** 66 degrees, sunny skies, 4 mph winds from the east

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NEBRASKA
First Downs.....	13	28
Third Down Efficiency.....	3-15	11-21
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	1-1	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards.....	20-53	42-105
Passing Yards.....	159	392
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	40-20-1	48-27-0
Total Offense.....	212	497
Return Yards.....	29	37
Punts: No-Average.....	9-47.4	5-54.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards.....	10/105	7/51
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	5-30	4-33
Time of Possession.....	21:57	38:03
Drives/Average Field Position.....	13/C25	13/N29
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	1-1 (3)	5-7 (23)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 12-78, Ellis 1-5, Robinson 1-2, Klatt 7-minus 30. **Nebraska:** Lucky 10-33, Jackson 4-25, Glenn 8-18, Taylor 13-16, Ross 7-13.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 40-20-1, 159, 0 td. **Nebraska:** Taylor 43-27-0, 392, 1 td; Beck 4-0-0, 0; Nunn 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Sprague 5-37, Williams 5-30, Judge 3-34, Klopfenstein 3-26, Vickers 2-5, Sypniewski 1-19, Charles 1-8. **Nebraska:** Ross 9-129, Swift 4-77, Nunn 4-27, Peterson 3-54, Mulkey 3-49, Phillips 3-21, Hardy 1-35.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 9-47.4 (57 long, 3 In20). **Nebraska:** Koch 5-54.8 (63 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 2-29. **Nebraska:** Grixby 5-37.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Te.Washington 2-51, Robinson 2-40, Ellis 1-25. **Nebraska:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Nebraska:** Ickes 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 7,7—14; Iwuh 8,2—10; Dawn 6,3—9; Sims 6,0—6; Dizon 4,1—5; Henderson 4,1—5; Manupuna 4,1—5. **Nebraska:** Ickes 5,1—6; Ruud 5,0—5; Bullocks 3,2—5; B Grixby 4,0—4; Carricker 2,2—4; Tiedtke 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-8, Iwuh 1-7, Th. Washington 1-7, Dawn 1-6, Garee 1-2. **Nebraska:** Ruud 1-8, Smith 1-4, Carricker 1/2-6, Cryer 1/2-6, Adams 1/2-5, Moore 1/2-4.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Sims 3, Burl 2, Iwuh, Te. Washington. **Nebraska:** Bowman 2, McKeon.