

2008 GAME RECAPS

† **Colorado 38 Colorado St 17 (Denver)** - CS was SOD at the CU32 early. CU drove 58/5pl for a TD early 2Q, 7-0. After a bad snap on the P, CU took over at the CS5 and got a TD 2pl later, 14-0. CU was int at its 24 and CS got a TD 2pl later, 14-7. Each tm got a KR TD, 21-14. The tms traded TO's. CU opened the 3Q going 45/8pl for a TD, 28-14. On CS's 2nd 3Q poss they went 36/6pl for a 26 yd FG, 28-17. CU went 74/18pl but settled for a 23 yd FG (10:06). CS conv on 4&1 at the CU44 but was tk'd for a 10 yd loss and CU went 46/4pl for the clinching TD (2:14). CS was int'd at the CU33.

COLORADO 31 E Washington 24 - EW opened with a 84/9pl drive, 7-0. After 2 punts, CU went 65/12pl to tie converting on 4th and 1 at EW32. CU fum PR that set up EW at C27, 6 plays later led 14-7 (10:23 2Q). EW than int CU at C48 and ret for a TD and a surprise 21-7 led (7:29). CU punt. EW fum at 50 and CU missed 35 yd FG before HT. 2H opened with 4 punts. A 51 yd PR by CU set up a 4/3pl Td drive and than after a EW punt went 71/11pl for a 32 yd FG, 21-17 (13:46). EW punt. CU was SOD at EW22. EW went 43/11 pl for a 52 yd FG (3:52). CU went 57/5pl to tie, 24-24 (2:05). 2 plays later CU got a 27 yd IR TD, 31-24 (1:44). EW went 50/8pl but was int in EZ on 30 yd pass with :03 left.

COLORADO 17 West Virginia 14 (OT) - Thur night ESPN. CU took their opening drive 83/9pl for a TD & after rec'ing a fumble went 28/5pl for a TD & a 14-0 lead. WV took their next drive 58/5pl., CU fmb'd at the WV25 with 2:30 left 1H & had a 17-5 FD edge at the half but a 249-144 yd edge. WV was SOD on 4th & 1 at the CU 18 but then drove 68/4pl with White's 40 yd. WV at the CU 37 & White handoff to 3rd string QB Starks who had a wide open receiver which would have been a TD. He badly under threw the ball. WV's last drive got to midfield but poor clock management forced a 4th & 2 & a Hail Mary pass was inc. WV had a 23 yd FG bounce off the upright in OT & CU nailed the 25 yd GW FG.

† **Florida St 39 Colorado 21 (Jacksonville)** - Their DL penetrated twice early and caused a fmb'd on the 27 on the 3rd play. Smith ran the ball 4X for 27 yds and a TD, 7-0. CU went 82/11pl for a TD, 7-7 (7:28). FSU's Smith got a 60 yd TD run, 14-7 (2:29). FSU then blk'd a punt for a safety (1:54) and ret'd the free kick to the CU23. They had a FD at the 12 but settled for a 34 yd FG and led 19-7 1H. FSU opened the 3Q w/a 6pl drive for a 52 yd FG, 22-7. Two poss later FSU went 60/13pl for a 44 yd FG, 25-7 after 3Q's. CU did go 80/8pl for a TD but Garvin ret'd the ensuing KO 94 yds for a TD, 32-14 (13:20). CU converted on 4th & 1 and 4th & 7 on a 78/11pl drive for a TD, 32-21 (9:31). FSU went 67/10pl for a TD w/ 3:37 left, 39-21.

Texas 38 COLORADO 14 - (HC) On UT's 3rd play a simple screen went 65 yds for a TD. In the 1H CU missed 36, 43 and 44 yd FG's and they trailed 14-0 after the 3rd miss (9:09 2Q). Two poss later UT went 66/8pl for a TD and led 21-0 at the half with a 255-117 yd edge. UT rec'd a fmb'l at the CU18 (8:27 3Q) and got a TD 4pl later. UT was int'd at their own 27 and 6 plays later CU had a TD, 28-7 (3:58). UT got a 51 yd run and 3pl later a TD, 35-7 (2:15 3Q). UT went 16/8pl for a 46 yd FG, 38-7 (10:35). CU fmb'd at the UT41 (9:21) but then took over with 4:05 left and backup QB Bollinger led them 89/7pl for a 28 yd TD pass with 1:54 left.

KANSAS 30 Colorado 14 - Smith ret'd KU's 2nd punt 37 yd to the K35 but CU got 1 FD & had a pass stripped away at the 4. After a 27 yd punt, CU went 28/5pl for a TD, 7-0 (3:15). KU went 59/10pl but missed a 39 yd FG (14:09). KU went 76/7pl for a TD, 7-7. CU was tk'd for a safety on 3rd & 11 from their 16, 9-7 (8:07). CU went 53/11pl but from the 27 was int at the 10 (1:04). At the half KU had a 165-113 yd edge. KU took their 2nd 3Q poss 78/13pl for a TD, 16-7 but CU got a 59 yd KR by Smith and went 41/4pl for a TD, 16-14 after 3Q's. KU went 76/7pl for a TD, 23-14 and after a 36 yd KR, went 43/6pl, 30-14 (10:29). After 4 punts, CU took over at their 25 and got 3 FD's to the KU 33 but was sk'd on the final play.

COLORADO 14 Kansas St 13 - KSU took its first 2 drives 61/11pl, 36/8pl for 37 & 53 yd FG's and led 6-0. KSU faked a punt on the next drive and converted and went 36/8pl but missed a 47 yd FG. CU took the RS off of true frosh Hansen who is a running QB and he surprised them with a 70/11pl drive for a TD, 7-6. KSU fmb'd at their own 24 but CU had a 48 yd FG blk'd. Hansen led a 65/6pl drive and a 21 yd TD pass made it 14-6 (6:19). Hansen was int'd at the KSU40 on the next drive and KSU missed a 42 yd FG (2:16). At the half CU did have a 192-185 yd edge. KSU took its opening 3Q drive 46/3pl for a TD, 14-13. After 4 punts, CU went 50/13pl but missed a 47 yd FG. Two poss later KSU got a FD to the C42 and a pass to the C34 but fmb'd. CU converted on 3rd & 15 and 3rd & 2 but on 4th & 4 were SOD with :59 left at the KSU31. KSU on 4th & 1 got a FD but a holding call made it 4th & 11 and they were SOD.

MISSOURI 58 Colorado 0 - MO went 56/4pl on its opening drive then CU's P fumbled the snap and MO went 5/3pl for a TD. MO went 55/13pl for a TD leading 21-0 after 1Q. It was 34-0 at the half and they had a 293-33 yd edge. CU was SOD at the MO 17 to open the 3Q but MO kept scoring and got a 55 yd TD run with 2:45 left, 58-0. CU went 66/13pl ending the game at the MO9. MO got their 1st shutout of a current B12 opp S'86.

TEXAS A&M 24 Colorado 17 - This one was as tale of 2 halves. CU had a 218-76 yd edge in the 1H. A&M fmb'd at their own 43 (8:30 1Q) and CU got a TD 5pl later, 7-0. Two poss later CU went 40/13pl but missed a 46 yd FG (9:49 2Q). A&M went 49/10pl for a 39 yd FG, 7-3 (5:43). CU went 71/6pl and had a 1st & gl at the 6 after a 42 yd run by Scott but on 3rd & gl was int'd in the EZ (2:40). CU got a 31 yd PR by Smith (1:11) to the Aggie 32 and got a 30 yd FG with :02 left in the half to lead 10-3. The 3Q was dominated by A&M. They went 68/6pl for a TD. Two poss later after a 19 yd punt, the Aggies got a 59/1pl TD pass, 17-10. A&M then went 74/6pl for a TD and led 24-10 after 3Q's. CU punted (10:15), was int'd at the Aggie 42 (8:11) and then took over with 6:25 left and drove 98/11pl for a TD with 2:59. A&M punted and CU ret'd it 19 yds to the Aggie 46 but was int'd on a deep pass at the 2 and ret'd 40 yds. A&M got 2 FD's and ran out the clock.

COLORADO 28 Iowa St 24 - ISU led this almost start to finish. CU missed a 38 yd FG and ISU went 72/11pl for a 24 yd FG, 3-0. CU missed a 29 yd FG late 1Q. CU was int'd (7:08) and ISU drove 65/14pl for a TD with 1:00 left in the half to lead 10-0. Hansen QB'd the 1H and Hawkins the 2nd. Hawkins led CU 63/9pl for a TD, 10-6 (xpng). CU went 84/9pl for a 22 yd TD pass, 13-10 (2:21). ISU went 62/3pl for a quick TD, 17-13 (1:23). 3 punts. ISU went 58/4pl for a TD, 24-13 (9:14). CU went 80/8pl and got a 14 yd TD pass and 2 pt conv, 24-21 (7:05). ISU punted with 4:32 left and CU went 81/11pl for a TD with 1:30 left and the lead, 28-24. ISU went 58/9pl and had a 1st & gl at the 1 but on 2nd down & 1 was tk'd for a 2 yd loss as time expired.

Oklahoma St 30 COLORADO 17 - CU fmb'd at their own 44 and 9pl later OSU settled for an 18 yd FG. OSU went 72/11pl but settled for a 25 yd FG, 6-0. CU converted on 4th & 1 twice on a 14 pl drive but had a 50 yd FG bounce off the upright. OSU went 67/5pl for a TD, 13-0 (7:20). CU went 70/10pl for a 32 yd FG, 13-3 at the half and OSU only had a 196-188 yd edge. OSU went 80/5pl with a 43 yd TD run by Hunter, 20-3. CU went on a 9pl drive. On 4th & 9 a pass bounced off one receiver's shoulder and into the hands of another for an amazing TD, 20-10. OSU went 80/8pl for a TD, 27-10 but was int'd and ret'd 16 yds to their 16 (14:25). CU got a TD 5pl later after converting on 4th & 5 on the previous play, 27-17. Two poss later OSU settled for a 21 yd FG, 30-17 (4:37). CU punted on 4th & 21 with 3:09 left and it only went 28 yds but OSU got 1 FD & punted 32 yds for a TB with :34 left. CU ran 4 plays to OSU36 as time ran out.

NEBRASKA 40 Colorado 31 - NU had a 23-13 FD edge and 407-291 yd edge. CU on the 2nd play got a 68 yd TD pass. After a NU punt, CU got a 44 yd pass foll'd by a 36 yd TD run to stunningly led 14-0. NU went 64/9pl and got a 53/1pl pass, 14-14 (4:04). CU was int'd at their own 33 and NU got a 35 yd FG, 17-14. CU got a 57 yd KR setting up a 37 yd FG, 17-17 (9:08). NU went 64/12pl for a TD (2:03) then rec'd the KO at the CU36 when the key play of the game happened. The Huskers settled for a 50 yd FG and faked it but the holder flicked the ball over his shoulder and it was picked off by Jimmy Smith who ret'd it 58 yds for a TD with 1:11 left in the half, 24-24. NU had a 13-5 FD edge at the half. NU opened the 3Q with a 70/9pl drive for a 27 yd FG and CU went 65/9pl for a TD, 31-27. NU fmb'd at the CU5 and settled for a 37 yd FG and trailed 31-30 (8:09). They forced a punt (4:35) and got a school record 57 yd FG which made it by inches, 33-31 (1:43) then DL Suh took a deflected pass 30 yds for a TD, 40-31 (:55).