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ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Move over, Doug Flutie and Gerard Phelan. Make way for Kordell Stewart and Michael Westbrook.

In a miraculous play reminiscent of Flutie's famous Hail Mary pass in 1984, Westbrook made a diving 64-yard touchdown catch of a tipped toss from Stewart on the final play Saturday to give seventh-ranked Colorado a 27-26 victory over No. 4 Michigan.

With six seconds remaining, Stewart dropped back and heaved a long pass toward the Michigan goal line, where a group of players from both sides leaped for the ball. It was tipped into the air and caught in the end zone by Westbrook, who grabbed it over the shoulder of Michigan's Ty Law.

"They all jumped up and I just waited because I knew it was going to come back," said Westbrook, a native of nearby Detroit whose parents and high school coach were among the crowd of 106,427 at Michigan Stadium.

"All three receivers were there. I just happened to be the one in the back. It was tipped, and there was no one else around. I was just me and the ball. All I had to do was catch it. I have never had a feeling like this in my life."

Michigan safety Chuck Winters got his hand on the ball first, but it was knocked away by Colorado receiver Blake Anderson.

"I saw the ball the whole way," Winters said. "I was coming down with it in my hands, but their guy tipped it up. I did all I could do. I tried to knock the ball down, but it just bounced up."

After Westbrook made the catch, Colorado players and fans stormed the field as the Michigan crowd sat in stunned silence. The pass brought back memories of Flutie's last-play, 48-yard pass to Phelan that gave Boston College a 47-45 victory over Miami in 1984.

"I haven't seen it, but that's sweet," Flutie said Saturday night after his four touchdown passes helped Calgary beat Sacramento 39-25 in the Canadian Football League. "I'll have to go and see all the replays tomorrow."

Colorado tried its version of the Hail Mary, known as "Rocket," on the last play of the first half, but it was intercepted by Winters in the end zone. The second time worked like magic.

"It has to be one of the great wins of my career," said Stewart, who broke Colorado's career marks for TD passes and total offense. "The coach (Bill McCartney) called the play. I just heaved it up, and it worked."

Michigan coach Gary Moeller was shocked by the incredible ending.

"It's a sad way to lose a game," he said, "but nobody's supposed to give you a win. You have to earn it yourself, and you have to play every play."

Michigan (2-1) took a 26-14 lead on Todd Collins' 65-yard pass to Amani Toomer with 2:43 left in the third quarter, and there was no more scoring until Colorado (3-0) scored twice in the final 2:16.

After Rashaan Salaam's 1-yard TD run made it 26-21, the Buffaloes tried an onside kick that was recovered by Michigan.

But the Buffaloes held the Wolverines and regained possession on their 15 with 15 seconds left following a Michigan punt. Stewart hit Westbrook with a 21-yard pass on the first play and then spiked the ball to stop the clock before lofting the last pass.

"Words can't describe what I'm feeling right now," said McCartney, who was a Michigan assistant coach from 1974-81. "I feel like I had a sideline full of guys that would not give up."

Two incidents during Michigan's final drive proved costly for the Wolverines. At one point, the officials added five seconds to the clock following a penalty — just enough time to give Colorado one extra play.

Michigan also hurt itself with a false start penalty on third-and-2 from the Colorado 37 with under a minute left. The Wolverines came up three yards short on the next play and were forced to punt. Had the Wolverines not committed the penalty, the run would have given them a first down and allowed them to run out the clock.

"This is one of the most frustrating losses we've had," Moeller said.

The ending overshadowed the return of Michigan star Tyrone Wheatley, who returned after missing the Wolverines' first two games with a shoulder injury and broke the school's career TD mark with a 5-yard run in the third quarter that put Michigan ahead 17-14.

"It was just a good feeling to be back out there again," said the preseason Heisman Trophy favorite, who gained 50 yards on 17 carries. "I felt great. My teammates had me pumped up and ready to come back."

Stewart, the nation's second-ranked passer coming into the game, was 21-of-32 for 294 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran 20 times for 85 yards.

His final throw to Westbrook traveled over 70 yards in the air.

"Only a guy with Kordell's ability can throw it that far," McCartney said.

Westbrook caught seven passes for 157 yards and two touchdowns.

Michigan's Todd Collins was 17-of-24 for 258 yards and one touchdown.

It was only the second meeting between the Wolverines and Buffaloes, who lost 31-0 at Michigan Stadium in 1974. Michigan didn't play last week after opening the season with victories over Boston College and Notre Dame.

Colorado took a 14-9 lead in the second period on a 27-yard TD pass from Stewart to Westbrook. But Michigan rallied on Tshimanga Biakabutuka's 4-yard TD run shortly before halftime and three scores in the third period.

Michigan shut down Colorado's high-powered offense for most of the second half. The Buffaloes, who scored 103 points in their first two victories over Northeast Louisiana and Wisconsin, were held scoreless in the second half until Salaam's second TD run with 2:16 remaining.

Colorado, which had four turnovers, blew a great scoring opportunity when Stewart fumbled as he tried to dive into the end zone with about five minutes left. Michigan's Clarence Thompson, who also had a fumble recovery in the second quarter, pounced on the ball for a touchback.

After stopping Michigan on its first possession, Colorado went on an 11-play, 73-yard scoring drive that ended with a 2-yard run by Salaam.

Remy Hamilton, who kicked four field goals in the Wolverines' win over Notre Dame, made a 33-yarder early in the second quarter. The drive started when Thompson recovered a fumble by Salaam at the Colorado 37 on the opening play of the period.

Colorado took a 14-3 lead with 7:54 left in the half on the TD catch by Westbrook. Stewart froze the Michigan defense with a clever option fake, then hit an open Westbrook near the goal line.

Michigan made it 14-9 shortly before halftime on Biakabutuka's short TD run. The Wolverines went for a 2-point conversion, but Collins' pass was intercepted by Matt Russell.

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