



RETIRED NUMBERS



#24 BYRON "WHIZZER" WHITE

Colorado's first All-American and one of the greatest students in the history of the school, Byron (Whizzer) White, retired as a justice of the Supreme Court in March, 1993, after serving 31 years on the nation's high court.

White made all the All-America teams after a brilliant 1937 season in which he led CU to an 8-0 record and Cotton Bowl bid as he set national records with 1,121 rushing yards and 122 points. Those marks, erased nationally only after colleges went to 10- and 11-game schedules, set CU records.

White was a Phi Beta Kappa, Rhodes Scholar, two-time All-Pro halfback with Pittsburgh and Detroit, leading graduate of the Yale Law School in 1946, decorated naval intelligence officer in World War II, leading Denver attorney, and deputy attorney general for the United States. White is a member of the NFL Hall-of-Fame, the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall-of-Fame, the GTE Academic Hall-of-Fame, and was selected to CU's "All-Century Team." In 1998, he was the first inductee into CU's Athletic Hall-of-Fame. He passed away at the age of 84 on April 15, 2002.



#67 JOE ROMIG

Romig, a two-time All-American selection, is a member of the Big Eight Hall-of-Fame and the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame. Now a senior research associate in radio physics in Boulder, Romig was the Buffs' 1961 team captain and the United Press International Lineman of the year. Romig had no peers as a linebacker, as he ranged far and fiercely from his middle linebacker position behind a four-man line. Fast and strong, he was consistently in on most of CU's tackles.

Offensively, Romig developed into an excellent straight-ahead and pulling blocker. Like White, he was an inspirational leader gifted with extraordinary physical and mental abilities.

Romig was a tremendous student, logging straight A's in his last six semesters and building a 3.9 grade-point average. He was also a Danforth and Woodrow Wilson Scholar. A Rhodes Scholar, Joe received his master's degree in physics at Oxford University in England and a doctorate in physics at Colorado in 1975. He is a member of the GTE Academic Hall-of-Fame and was selected to CU's "All-Century Team." In 1999, he was part of the second class to be inducted into CU's Athletic Hall-of-Fame.



#11 BOBBY ANDERSON

Anderson set 18 single-game, single-season and career marks during his three-season career with the Buffs along with earning All-Big Eight and All-American honors.

A professional player with Denver (the team's No. 1 draft choice), Washington and New England, Anderson started his CU career as a quarterback but switched to tailback for the third game of his senior season (1969). In his career, he rushed for 2,729 yards and had over 5,000 yards in total offense.

Anderson concluded his Colorado career with a 254-yard rushing effort in the 1969 Liberty Bowl as the Buffs beat Alabama 47-33. He currently is a Denver-area businessman, and has worked over two decades for KOA-Radio handling pre- and post-game shows as well as sideline reporting on the CU Football Network. He is a member of CU's "All-Century Team." In 1999, he received the prestigious University Medal, awarded to those who have performed outstanding service to or for the University. In December 2006, he became the fourth Buffalo to be inducted into the College Football Hall-of-Fame.



THE NATIONAL PLAY-OF-THE-YEAR



In 1992, Nu Skin International and CoSIDA started sponsorship of "The National Play-of-the-Year," honoring the most outstanding play annually in college football. Notre Dame won the inaugural honor in 1992, but the University of Colorado won for both the 1993 and 1994 seasons. Here's a closer look at CU's winning plays:

1993 (October 16; Colorado 27, Oklahoma 10)—Lamont Warren throws a 34-yard touchdown pass to Charles Johnson on the halfback option play. What made it special? Warren slipped on the slick artificial surface as he threw the ball, and some 40 yards later in the end zone, Johnson made the catch on the ground after he was interfered with. The play defied imagination, and is truly appreciated when looked at in slow motion.

1994 (September 24; Colorado 27, Michigan 26)—College football's play of the decade, this effort also won an "Espy" from ESPN for the play of the year in all of sports for 1994. As time expired, Kordell Stewart throws a 64-yard touchdown pass to Michael Westbrook, who made the catch after a Blake Anderson deflection. CU had trailed, 26-14, with under four minutes remaining, and trailed by five with 15 seconds left on its own 15-yard line after stopping Michigan on defense.



An artist's conception of CU's 1993 award-winning play.