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GAME NOTES: COLORADO BUFFALOES (6-1-1) vs. OKLAHOMA SOONERS (5-2-0), OCTOBER 29, 1990

Special Welcome... to the Oklahoma contingent headed by Athletic Director Donnie Duncan, SID Mike Treps, and Assistant SID Larry McAlister...we'd also like to extend a warm welcome to CBS-TV, making their first trip to Boulder since last year's Colorado-Nebraska game...special guests in the press box today include Denver Bronco PR Director Jim Saccomano, Becky Yahn, former CU Assistant SID and now an assistant SID at Oregon State, and Jon Wexler, former CU student assistant and now SID at Chapman College...we're glad to have you with us this afternoon, along with all of our regulars...if we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Bowl Welcome... There are representatives from seven bowl games with us here today, and we'd like to welcome them to Boulder...Steve Hatchell (Orange), Warren Goodrich (Fiesta), Colin Oveland (Holiday), Bill Brown and Bob Bertram (Florida Citrus), Cricket Musch and Bob Wingo (Hancock), Nick Pund and David Epstein (Hall-of-Fame), and Charles Hughes (Gator).

The Game... Colorado (6-1-1, 3-0-0 Big Eight; ranked 8th in UPI & 10th in AP) vs. Oklahoma (5-2-0, 2-1-0 Big Eight; ranked 22nd in AP)... ● It's been 25 years since the Sooners lost three straight, and 25 years since CU has won two in a row over OU... ● The Buffs are shooting for their sixth consecutive win, coming off a 41-10 trouncing at Kansas last week...CU opened the season tying Tennessee (31-31) in the Pigskin Classic, came back to beat Stanford (21-17), and then lost at Illinois (23-22)...next came wins at Texas (29-22), vs. Washington (20-14), at Missouri (33-31), vs. Iowa State (28-21) and at KU... ● CU is looking to extend its home win streak to 12 games... ● Meanwhile, Oklahoma has dropped two straight games to Texas (14-13) and Iowa State (33-31)... ● CBS-TV is televising the game nationally, with the trio of Jim Nantz (play-by-play), Tim Brant (color analyst) and John Dockery (sideline) calling the action...for more on the Buffs on national TV, see page 5 of the game notes... ● Mutual Radio also has the game nationally as Bill Rosinski and Fran Curci will handle the announcing... ● KOA-Radio (850 am in Denver) originates the 27-station CU Football Network...Larry Zimmer, the voice of the Buffs, will handle the play-by-play, while his partner will be Kent Groshong, adds his color analysis.

The Crowd... The game is a sellout, with a capacity crowd of 51,463 expected to be on hand... ● This marks CU's third straight home sellout...the Buffs have sold out in four of the last five home games, and five of the last seven... ● For more on 50,000-plus crowds at Folsom Field, see page 4 of the game notes.

Special Fundraiser... You may have noticed that we are asking for a \$2 donation from everyone today for the game day "press feed." The reason we are doing this is to raise some badly needed funds for Lynn & Rick Berger. Lynn, a student assistant in the CU sports information office last year, married Rick last December, and shortly afterward it was learned that he had bone cancer. He recently has shown some improvement, but is currently more or less confined to a wheel chair. We hope that this one-time donation is not too much to ask for, as it is something that will make a tremendous difference in these two young people's lives.

The Schedules...**Colorado (6-1-1; 3-0-0 Big Eight)**

A 26 #COLORADO 31, Tennessee 31
 S 6 COLORADO 21, Stanford 17
 S 15 Illinois 23, COLORADO 22
 S 22 COLORADO 29, Texas 22
 S 29 COLORADO 20, Washington 14
 O 6 *COLORADO 33, Missouri 31
 O 13 *COLORADO 28, Iowa State 12
 O 20 *COLORADO 41, Kansas 10
 O 27 *vs. Oklahoma
 N 3 *at Nebraska
 N 10 *vs. Oklahoma State
 N 17 *vs. Kansas State

Oklahoma (5-2-0; 2-1-0 Big Eight)

S 8 OKLAHOMA 34, UCLA 14
 S 15 OKLAHOMA 52, Pittsburgh 10
 S 22 OKLAHOMA 52, Tulsa 10
 S 29 *OKLAHOMA 31, Kansas 17
 O 6 *OKLAHOMA 31, Oklahoma State 17
 O 13 Texas 14, OKLAHOMA 13
 O 20 *Iowa State 33, OKLAHOMA 31
 O 27 *at Colorado
 N 3 *at Missouri
 N 10 *vs. Kansas State
 N 23 *vs. Nebraska

*-Big Eight Conference game

The Coaches... Colorado head coach **Bill McCartney** (Missouri '62) is in his ninth season at Colorado...his overall record stands at 52-46-2 (.530 pct.), while his career mark is the same...McCartney is 45-21-1 (.679 pct.) over the last five seasons, and 38-12-1 (.755 pct.) since the start of the 1986 Big Eight season...he is coaching his 101st game at CU, which puts him fourth in longevity, as well as being second in league longevity (NU's Tom Osborne is first)...in Big Eight games, Mac is 32-26-1 (.551 pct.), and 27-10-0 (.730 pct.) since 1985...he owns a 1-7 mark vs. Oklahoma... ● Oklahoma head coach, Gary Gibbs (Oklahoma '75), is in his second season at OU, posting a 12-6-0 (.667 pct.) record...his career mark is the same, while he is 0-1 against the Buffs.

Post-Game Press Conference... with Coach McCartney will be held in the SE meeting room of the CU team house (enter on south side of building) following a 10-minute cooling-off period after the game...the Buff locker room is open to the media...members of the CU Athletic Media Relations office will be in the locker room to help with interviews... ● Check with Oklahoma Assistant SID Larry McAlister for the Sooner's postgame locker room policy.

The Series... This is the 45th time these two clubs have met, as Oklahoma holds an edge in the all-time series, 34-9-1... ● In games played in Boulder, it's the Sooners with the advantage again, 15-5-1, and OU has won the last six meetings in Folsom... ● Colorado's 20-3 win last year marked the first CU victory since 1976, as Oklahoma has won 15 of the last 18 games... ● The last time these two squared off (Oct. 28, 1989), the Buffs ended a 12-year drought vs. the Sooners with a 20-3 victory...CU moved ahead 3-0 on a 30-yard field goal, and eventually led 10-0 on a J.J. Flannigan TD that came on the now famous "lob" pitch from Darian Hagan...OU cut the lead to 10-3 on its only score of the day early in the fourth quarter...Colorado countered on it next possession with a 34-yard FG by Ken Culbertson, and then took advantage of an OU turnover deep in it's own territory by sealing the game with a Hagan touchdown, 20-3...all told, the Buffs outgained Oklahoma 314-248, as CU held the Sooners to zero or minus yardage on 34-of-71 scrimmage plays...Hagan rushed for 107 yards, while Flannigan netted 103 yards of his own.

Series Synopsis...

<u>Colorado vs. Oklahoma</u>	
Series Meeting:	45th
Series Meeting in Boulder:	22nd
Series Record:	Oklahoma leads 34-9-1
Points Scored:	Colorado 633, Oklahoma 1288
First Meeting:	Nov. 23, 1912, Colorado won 14-12 in Norman, Okla.
Last Meeting:	Oct. 28, 1989, Colorado won 20-3 in Norman
Series Record in Boulder:	Oklahoma leads 15-5-1
Last Meeting in Boulder:	Oct. 22, 1988, Oklahoma won 17-14
Last Colorado Win:	Oct. 28, 1989, Colorado won 20-3 in Norman
Last Oklahoma Win:	Oct. 22, 1988, Oklahoma won 17-14 in Boulder
Last Colorado Win in Boulder:	Oct. 30, 1976, Colorado won 42-31
Tie Game:	Sept. 27, 1952, Colorado and Oklahoma tied 21-21 in Boulder

Colorado vs. the Big Eight Conference... Colorado is in its 43rd season in the Big Eight Conference, having joined in 1948...during that span, CU owns a 141-135-7 (.511 pct.) mark in 283 league games... ● Here's how the Buffs stack up against the league:

<u>Colorado vs. The Big Eight*</u>						
<u>Big Eight Conference Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tie</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Opp.</u>
Iowa State Cyclones.....	33	11	1	.744	1107	625
Kansas State Wildcats.....	33	12	0	.733	1180	600
Kansas Jayhawks.....	29	18	3	.610	1007	880
Oklahoma State Cowboys.....	16	15	1	.516	654	584
Missouri Tigers.....	19	33	3	.373	840	1132
Nebraska Cornhuskers.....	13	34	1	.281	607	1175
Oklahoma Sooners.....	9	34	1	.216	633	1288
Totals.....	152	157	10	.492	6028	6284

*-includes all games (vs. Big 7/8 CU is 141-135-7; vs. Big 8 CU is 108-103-3)

Colorado Since Going to the Bone... Since the Buffs converted to the wishbone/I-Bone in 1985, here's what the league standings look like:

<u>A Look at the Big Eight Conference Since 1985</u>										
<u>Team</u>	<u>Conference Games Only</u>				<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>All Games</u>			
	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Pct.</u>			<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Oklahoma.....	34	4	0	.895	Nebraska.....	57	10	0	.851	
Nebraska.....	33	5	0	.868	Oklahoma.....	53	12	0	.815	
Colorado.....	28	10	0	.737	Colorado.....	45	21	1	.679	
Oklahoma State...	21	17	0	.553	Oklahoma State...	40	24	0	.625	
Iowa State.....	16	21	1	.434	Iowa State.....	28	33	1	.460	
Missouri.....	10	28	0	.263	Missouri.....	17	44	1	.282	
Kansas.....	5	31	2	.158	Kansas.....	16	45	2	.270	
Kansas State.....	3	34	1	.092	Kansas State.....	8	53	1	.137	

Folsom Field Streak on the Line... In the summer of 1989, the 11-year-old artificial turf at Folsom Field was removed and replaced with a new carpet of AstroTurf-8... ● All three times that the AstroTurf has been replaced at Folsom, the Buffs have posted wins in the first game played on the new carpet...in fact, when the turf was replaced in 1971, the Buffs went undefeated at home that year (carried over into 1972 season for nine-straight victories) and in 1978, CU opened with five wins at home... ● Last season, the Buffs went 6-0 at home to record another undefeated season at Folsom...this year, CU is looking for its fourth home victory, as they have yet to lose on the new artificial turf at Folsom.

Another Streak... The Buffs are shooting for their 12th straight win at Folsom Field...CU's last home loss was 17-14 to Oklahoma in 1988... ● The record for consecutive home victories is 15 (1908-1912)... ● Here's CU's last 11 Folsom Field wins:

Date	Opponent	Score	Date	Opponent	Score
O 29, 1988	Iowa State.....	24-12	O 21, 1989	Kansas.....	49-17
N 19, 1988	Kansas State.....	56-14	N 4, 1989	Nebraska.....	27-21
S 4, 1989	Texas.....	27- 6	S 6, 1990	Stanford.....	21-17
S 9, 1989	Colorado State....	45-20	S 29, 1990	Washington.....	20-14
S 16, 1989	Illinois.....	38- 7	O 13, 1990	Iowa State.....	28-12
O 7, 1989	Missouri.....	49- 3			

Fourth Straight 50,000-Plus Crowd... For only the second time ever, CU will draw over 50,000 for each of its first four home games...the only other time it happened was 1972, when 50,000-plus attended each of the six home games... ● Here's a look at 1972 & 1990:

1972 Home Season (Capacity: 51,000)					1990 Home Season (Capacity: 51,463)				
Date	Opponent	Result	Attend	Average	Date	Opponent	Result	Attend	Average
S 9	California..	W 20-10	50,751	---	S 6	Stanford....	W 21-17	50,669	---
S 16	Cincinnati..	W 56-14	50,171	(50,461)	S 29	Washington..	W 20-14	52,868	(51,769)
O 14	Iowa State..	W 34-22	51,668	(50,863)	O 13	Iowa State..	W 28-12	51,861	(51,799)
O 21	Oklahoma....	W 20-14	52,022	(51,153)					
N 4	Nebraska....	L 10-33	52,128	(51,348)					
N 11	Kansas.....	W 33- 8	50,304	(51,174)					

Folsom Field Capacity Crowds...

The Buffs have had 13 50,000-plus crowds at Folsom Field since 1980 (36 all-time), including this year's three 50,000-plus crowds (50,669 vs. Stanford; 52,868 vs. Washington; 51,861 vs. Iowa State)... ● Of the 13 50,000-plus crowds since 1980, six were against Nebraska, two against Oklahoma, and one each against Iowa State and Missouri... ● Before this year's non-league sellout vs. Washington (52,868), the last time the Buffs soldout against a non-conference opponent was vs. Notre Dame in 1983 (52,692)... ● Colorado posts a 20-16 mark all-time in front of 50,000-plus crowds at Folsom Field... ● At the right is a look at Colorado's 50,000-plus crowds since the 1980 campaign:

Folsom Field's 50,000-Plus Crowds Since 1980

Attend	Opponent	Date	Result
53,022*	Nebraska.....	Oct. 9, 1982	L 14-40
52,877*	Nebraska.....	Nov. 4, 1989	W 27-21
52,868*	Washington....	Sept. 29, 1990	W 20-14
52,707*	Oklahoma.....	Nov. 15, 1986	L 0-28
52,692*	Notre Dame....	Oct. 1, 1983	L 3-27
52,440*	Nebraska.....	Oct. 25, 1986	W 20-10
52,124*	Nebraska.....	Oct. 20, 1984	L 7-24
52,026*	Nebraska.....	Nov. 28, 1987	L 7-24
51,989*	Nebraska.....	Oct. 25, 1980	L 7-45
51,861*	Iowa State....	Oct. 13, 1990	W 28-12
51,855*	Missouri.....	Oct. 7, 1989	W 49- 3
50,669	Stanford.....	Sept. 6, 1990	W 21-17
50,217	Oklahoma.....	Oct. 4, 1980	L 42-82

*-sellout

Record (since 1980): Won 6, Lost 7 (.462 pct.)
Record (all-time): Won 20, Lost 16 (.556 pct.)

The Buffs on National TV... This evening's game marks the 31st time that the Buffs have played before a national television audience... O All told, CU is 13-16-1 on national TV... ● Here's a breakdown of the Buffs' national television appearances (since 1951):

Colorado Buffaloes on National Television (30 appearances, 13-16-1)				
Date	Opponent	Result	Site	Network
Nov. 17, 1951	Nebraska.....	W 36-14	Lincoln	IND
Jan. 1, 1957	Clemson.....	W 27-21	*Miami	NBC
Nov. 4, 1961	Missouri.....	W 7-6	Boulder	ABC
Jan. 1, 1962	Lousiana State.....	L 7-25	*Miami	NBC
Dec. 23, 1967	Miami (Fla.).....	W 31-21	#Houston	ABC
Dec. 13, 1969	Alabama.....	W 47-33	%Memphis	ABC
Sept. 26, 1970	Penn State.....	W 41-13	Boulder	ABC
Dec. 12, 1970	Tulane.....	L 3-17	%Memphis	ABC
Oct. 30, 1971	Nebraska.....	L 7-31	Lincoln	ABC
Dec. 31, 1971	Houston.....	W 29-17	#Houston	ABC
Oct. 21, 1972	Oklahoma.....	W 20-14	Boulder	ABC
Dec. 28, 1972	Auburn.....	L 3-24	&Jcksnl	ABC
Dec. 27, 1975	Texas.....	L 21-38	#Houston	ABC
Jan. 1, 1977	Ohio State.....	L 10-27	*Miami	NBC
Nov. 12, 1977	Oklahoma.....	L 14-52	Norman	ABC
Oct. 26, 1985	Nebraska.....	L 7-17	Lincoln	ABC
Dec. 30, 1985	Washington.....	L 17-20	\$Anaheim	Lorimar
Dec. 31, 1986	Baylor.....	L 9-21	#Houston	Raycom
Oct. 24, 1987	Oklahoma.....	L 6-24	Norman	ESPN
Nov. 28, 1987	Nebraska.....	L 7-24	Boulder	ESPN
Oct. 22, 1988	Oklahoma.....	L 14-17	Boulder	ESPN
Dec. 29, 1988	Brigham Young.....	L 17-20	\$Anaheim	Raycom
Sept. 4, 1989	Texas.....	W 27-6	Boulder	ESPN
Sept. 16, 1989	Illinois.....	W 38-7	Boulder	CBS
Nov. 4, 1989	Nebraska.....	W 27-21	Boulder	CBS
Jan. 1, 1990	Notre Dame.....	L 21-6	*Miami	NBC
Aug. 26, 1990	Tennessee.....	T 31-31	\$Anaheim	NBC
Sept. 6, 1990	Stanford.....	W 21-17	Boulder	ESPN
Sept. 15, 1990	Illinois.....	L 23-22	Champaign	ABC
Sept. 22, 1990	Texas.....	W 29-22	Austin	ESPN

*-Orange Bowl; #-Bluebonnet Bowl; %-Liberty Bowl; \$-Freedom Bowl; §-Pigskin Classic

100-Yard Buffs... Here's some interesting marks when the Buffs have a 100-yard rusher. Colorado is:

- 15-3..... when Eric Bieniemy rushes for 100-plus yards (0-1 in bowls)
- 7-1..... when Darian Hagan rushes for 100-plus yards (0-1 in bowls)
- 0-1..... when Michael Simmons rushes for 100-plus yards
- 0-0-1.... when Mike Pritchard rushes for 100-plus yards
- 1-0..... when O.C. Oliver rushes for 100-plus yards

Since 1985, Colorado is:

- 19-2..... when another Buff (other than those above) rushes for 100-plus yards
- 12-0..... when two Buffs rush for 100-plus yards
- 3-0..... when both Eric Bieniemy and Darian Hagan rush for 100-plus yards
- 31-7-1... when at least 1 Buff rushes for 100-plus yards
- 11-5..... when at least one opponent has rushed for 100-plus yards

Colorado Notes...

● Since converting to the wishbone/I-Bone in 1985, Colorado is:

- 45-21-1... overall record
- 30-2-1.... when rushing for 300 or more yards
- 15-19..... when held under 300 yards rushing
- 3-11..... when held under 200 yards rushing
- 12-0..... when rushing for 400 or more yards
- 21-5..... when passing for 100-plus yards
- 2-0..... when passing for 200-plus yards
- 25-0-1.... when gaining 400-plus yards in total offense
- 10-0..... when gaining 500-plus yards in total offense
- 12-0..... when punting two or fewer times
- 17-4..... when punting three or fewer times
- 25-0..... when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing
- 27-5..... when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense
- 30-6..... when scoring first (have won 24 of last 26)
- 23-2..... when running more plays than opponent
- 35-2-1.... when holding edge in time-of-possession
- 10-19..... when opponent has edge in time-of-possession
- 31-8..... when committing two or fewer turnovers
- 9-1..... when committing no turnovers
- 4-8-1..... when committing four or more turnovers
- 24-1..... when converting over 50 percent of 3rd down attempts
- 25-2..... when making 20-plus first downs
- 36-6..... when average field position is own 30 yard line or better
- 36-7..... when holding opponents to 17 points or less

● Since moving to the wishbone offensive scheme five years ago, the Buffs have improved from 105th in the nation in 1984, to become the country's fifth-best rushing team over the past five years... ● Here's a look at the top-10 ground-gaining college teams in the USA over the past five-plus seasons:

The Top-10 Rushing Teams in the Nation Since 1985 (thru 10/7)											
Rk	Team	Games	Yards	TDs	Yd/Game	Rk	Team	Games	Yards	TDs	Yd/Game
1.	Nebraska.....	63	22844	245	362.60	6.	Arkansas.....	62	16200	163	261.29
2.	Oklahoma.....	62	22394	240	361.19	7.	Clemson.....	63	15946	154	253.11
3.	Air Force.....	66	21304	220	322.79	8.	Michigan.....	62	14545	141	234.60
4.	Army.....	61	19435	191	318.61	9.	Georgia.....	62	14513	135	234.08
5.	Colorado.....	63	18419	185	292.37	10.	Notre Dame.....	62	14469	168	233.37

● Over the past five seasons, the Buffs have ranked No.1 in the country in net punting...what's impressive, is that on the average, they are ahead by better than 2 yards per kick... ● Here's the country's top punting teams since 1985:

The Nation's Top Punting Teams Since 1985 (thru 10/20)									
Rk	Team	Punts	Net Yards	Net Avg.	Rk	Team	Punts	Net Yards	Net Avg.
1.	Colorado.....	282	11632	41.25	6.	Oklahoma.....	269	10119	37.62
2.	BYU.....	300	11719	39.06	7.	Air Force.....	302	11277	38.34
3.	Texas.....	330	12784	38.74	8.	Ohio State.....	267	9907	37.10
4.	Auburn.....	295	11258	38.16	9.	Alabama.....	304	11021	36.25
5.	Michigan.....	233	8798	37.76					

Colorado Notes (cont.)...

- On the right side is a glance at where the Colorado Buffaloes stack up in both the Big Eight Conference and the national statistics after eight games this season.

Colorado in Statistics		
Category (avg.)	Big 8	NCAA
Rushing Offense (280.1)...	3rd	7th
Passing Offense (136.1)...	5th	94th
Total Offense (416.3)...	2nd	23rd
Scoring Offense (28.1)...	4th	34th
Rushing Defense (103.8)...	2nd	13th
Passing Defense (122.4)...	5th	67th
Total Defense (314.6)...	3rd	27th
Scoring Defense (20.0)...	3rd	37th
Net Punting (36.8)...	3rd	24th
Punt Returns (14.2)...	2nd	10th
Kickoff Returns (16.0)...	8th	103rd
Turnover Margin (-0.25)...	5th	66th

- In its last 17 games on artificial turf, Colorado is 18-1.
- In Bill McCartney's tenure at CU, the Buffs are 35-12-1 when scoring first, and 17-33-1 when the opponent has drawn the first blood.
- Colorado has allowed 40 or more points only twice in the last five-plus seasons (spanning 65 games)...Oklahoma State was the culprit both times...only OSU, Tennessee and Missouri have been able to score more than 30 points on the Buffs' defense in their last 54 games.
- The Buffs have thrown only 24 interceptions in the last 36 games, covering 428 passes.
- Colorado has only 56 turnovers in its last 32 games, an average of 1.75 per outing...CU has had 10 turnover free games in its last 42.
- The Buffs are one of 26 teams in NCAA history to record 500 victories...with an overall record of 527-340-33, CU currently stands 25th on the all-time victory list...their .602 winning percentage puts them 28th on that ledger...the only other two teams from the Big Eight Conference to rank ahead of CU are Nebraska and Oklahoma.
- Colorado is in its 55th season at Folsom Field (originally called Colorado Stadium)...CU's all-time record on the "hilltop" stands at 216-109-8 (.667).
- Coach Bill McCartney is working his 101st game as the CU mentor, fourth all-time at CU.

Seasons Coached at CU			Games Coached at CU			Victories at CU		
Rk.	Coach	No.	Rk.	Coach	No.	Rk.	Coach	No.
1.	Fred Folsom.....	15	1.	Eddie Crowder....	119	1.	Fred Folsom.....	77
2.	Myron Witham.....	12	2.	Dallas Ward.....	110	2.	Eddie Crowder....	67
3.	Dallas Ward.....	11	3.	Fred Folsom.....	102	3.	Myron Witham.....	63
	Eddie Crowder....	11	4.	Bill McCartney... 101			Dallas Ward.....	63
5.	Bill McCartney... 9					5.	Bill McCartney... 52	

Buffalo Injuries... TE Jon Boman (sprained foot) will not start, but is expected to play... ● OG Russ Heasley (left shoulder sprain) also will not make the start, but is expected to play.

Colorado Player Notes...

- Colorado's team captains this year are OG **Joe Garten** (offense) and OLB **Alfred Williams** (defense).
- OG **Joe Garten** now has 40 career starts, breaking the school record of 39 held by Mickey Pruitt (now of the NFL's Chicago Bears)...Garten has started every game of his career (26 in a row), but missed a game as a sophomore due to a sprained ankle.
- SS **Tim James**, OT **Mark Vander Poel** and OLB **Alfred Williams** have all started 32 straight games, the longest current streaks on the team.
- Four of Colorado's 25 seniors have already earned their sheepskin and are enrolled in graduate courses this fall...CB **David Gibbs** and CB **Dave McCloughan** (both marketing majors) are enrolled in CU's M.B.A. program, while TE **David Brown** and SS **Tim James** (both sociology majors) will be taking graduate courses in criminology.
- Here's where the Buffs rank in both the Big Eight Conference and NCAA individually:

Colorado Individual Player Statistics					
<u>Rushing (avg.)</u>	<u>Big 8</u>	<u>NCAA</u>	<u>Punting (avg.)</u>	<u>Big 8</u>	<u>NCAA</u>
Eric Bieniemy (148.6).....	1st	2nd	Tom Rouen (41.4).....	2nd	24th
<u>Scoring (avg.)</u>	<u>Big 8</u>	<u>NCAA</u>	<u>Interceptions (total)</u>	<u>Big 8</u>	<u>NCAA</u>
Eric Bieniemy (9.4).....	2nd	9th	Tim James (4).....	4th	26th
<u>Punt Returns (avg.)</u>	<u>Big 8</u>	<u>NCAA</u>	<u>All-Purpose Yards (avg.)</u>	<u>Big 8</u>	<u>NCAA</u>
Dave McCloughan (15.9)....	1st	6th	Eric Bieniemy (169.3).....	1st	5th
			Mike Pritchard (120.4)....	3rd	40th

- The average Buff this year (based on the 120 active roster players) stands 6-1 1/2 and weighs 217 pounds...the total height of the team is 8,814 inches, or 734 1/2 feet, while the total weight is 25,995 pounds, or 13 tons.
- TB **Eric Bieniemy**... Colorado's all-time rushing leader with 3,352 yards (broke Charlie Davis's record of 2,958 yards at Missouri this year)...ranks first in 100-yard rushing games at Colorado with 17...also ranks first in career touchdowns with 36 (35 rushing, 1 receiving)...CU's all-time leading scorer with 218 career points (broke Bobby Anderson's record of 212 points in last week's game at Kansas)...first player in CU history to achieve two 1,000-yard rushing seasons...ranks first in the Big Eight in rushing and second in the nation with his 148.6 yard-per-game average...listed 10th on the all-time Big Eight rushing slate...best performance this year came against Missouri when he rushed for 217 yards on 29 carries...has compiled 1,040 yards on 178 carries this season (5.8 yards per carry).
- QB **Darian Hagan**... Had his best rushing performance of the season against Stanford, gaining 103 yards on 20 carries...has compiled 1,091 yards of total offense for the Buffs this season (778 passing, 313 rushing)...did not start in either the Missouri or Iowa State games due to an injury (sprained left shoulder)...has completed 42-of-95 passes for 778 yards and four touchdowns...ranks 15th on the Colorado career scoring list with 126 points.

Colorado Player Notes (cont.)...

- **WR Mike Pritchard...** Second-leading ground-gainer on the Buffs this season with 371 yards...while filling in at tailback for the suspended Eric Bieniemy, he rushed for 217 yards against Tennessee in the season-opener...top receiver on the team with 375 yards on 14 receptions (grading out to 26.8 yards per catch)...has been a threat on reverses this season...ranks third in the Big Eight in all-purpose yardage (120.4 yards per game)...ranks seventh on Colorado's all-time receiving slate with 883 yards, needing 174 yards to move into the sixth spot...best game receiving this season came against Kansas last week (114 yards on four receptions)...averages 18 yards every time he touches the football.
- **FB George Hemingway...** Has gained 242 yards on 57 carries this season (4.2 yards per attempt)...has also caught nine passes for 140 yards and a touchdown...ranks 61st on Colorado's all-time rushing list (547 yards)...best rushing performance this season came against Texas when he gained 76 yards on seven carries (also caught three passes for 54 yards and a touchdown in that contest).
- **OLB Alfred Williams...** Colorado's all-time sack leader with 32 career sacks...that includes at least one sack in every game this season...ranks 19th on all-time tackle list (240 stops)...has 9.5 sacks and 65 tackles (40 solo, 25 assists) this season, averaging out to 8.1 tackles per game...a Butkus and Lombardi candidate, as well as being named a preseason All-American...recorded a safety in the Texas game during the final minute of play...unanimous Defensive-Player-of-the-Year in the Big Eight Conference last season...selected as one of two team captains (along with Joe Garten).
- **OLB Kanavis McGhee...** Ranks sixth on Colorado's all-time sack list with 14...has 71 tackles for the season (40 solo, 31 assists)...ranks seventh on CU's career tackle list with 274 hits...one of four finalists for the 1989 Lombardi Award...a unanimous all-Big Eight selection in 1988, while garnering second-team All-America honors that same year.
- **LB Greg Biekert...** Colorado's leading tackler with 105 for the year (71 solo, 34 assists) grading out to 13.1 tackles per game...had 20 tackles against Illinois (including a school record 19 solo stops) and was named the Big Eight's Defensive Player-of-the-Week for his performance...has nine tackles for 17 yards in losses.
- **DT Garry Howe...** Has 60 tackles for the season (41 solo, 19 assists), grading out to 7.5 tackles per game...had a great game against Illinois this year when he recorded 11 tackles and two sacks...ranks second on the team in QB sacks with seven, behind Alfred Williams' team-leading 9.5...has recorded nine tackles for 16 yards in losses...played a solid game in last year's Orange Bowl with seven tackles (two for losses), a quarterback sack and a blocked field goal against Notre Dame...could be considered the Buffs' biggest over-achiever this season.
- **SS Tim James...** Team leader in interceptions with four, ranking fourth in the Big Eight in interceptions...has 43 tackles for the season (43 solo, eight assists), grading out to 5.4 per game...had two interceptions in the season-opener against Tennessee at the Disneyland Pigskin Classic.
- **CB Dave McCloughan...** Has three interceptions for the season (ranks second on the team)...has filled in nicely for former Buff return specialist Jeff Campbell (now with the NFL's Detroit Lions) as he leads the Big Eight in punt returns (15.9 yards per return)...that checks him in at sixth overall in the nation...has returned two punts for touchdowns this year (a 55-yard return against Tennessee and a 90-yarder at Kansas).

Colorado Player Notes (cont.)...

● **CB Deon Figures...** Has two interceptions this year (one of them a pick in the end zone against Washington that preserved the 20-14 CU victory)...has 65 tackles for the season (53 solo, 12 assists), grading out to 8.1 tackles per game...had an excellent game against Tennessee in the season-opener with 13 tackles (10 solo)...was named the Big Eight's Defensive Newcomer-of-the-Year as a freshman following the 1988 campaign...sat out last year.

Last Year... Colorado finished the regular season with an 11-0 mark, the nation's only undefeated team, and won its first Big Eight title since 1976...the Buffs attained their first-ever No.1 national ranking, and had a shot at the national championship, only to come up short in a 21-6 loss to Notre Dame at the Orange Bowl... ● Oklahoma finished with a 7-4 mark in its first year under head coach Gary Gibbs...the Sooners' 5-2 Big Eight mark was good for third place in the league standings.

Big Eight Conference Standings...

Team	C o n f e r e n c e						O v e r a l l					
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Nebraska Cornhuskers.....	3	0	0	1.000	145	32	7	0	0	1.000	305	53
Colorado Buffaloes.....	3	0	0	1.000	102	53	6	1	1	.813	225	160
Oklahoma Sooners.....	2	1	0	.667	93	67	5	2	0	.714	244	115
Iowa State Cyclones.....	1	1	1	.500	79	93	3	3	1	.500	199	184
Missouri Tigers.....	1	2	0	.333	82	112	3	4	0	.429	184	209
Kansas State Wildcats...	1	2	0	.333	41	93	4	3	0	.517	193	154
Kansas Jayhawks.....	0	2	1	.167	61	106	1	5	1	.214	125	239
Oklahoma State Cowboys..	0	3	0	.000	37	85	2	5	0	.286	108	192

Elsewhere in the Big Eight This Afternoon (all times are MT)... The Nebraska Cornhuskers are in Ames, Iowa, to take on the Iowa State Cyclones (noon)... ● The Kansas State Wildcats will be in Lawrence, Kan., to face the Kansas Jayhawks in another series of the Sunflower State Showdown (noon)... ● The Missouri Tigers travel to Stillwater, Okla., to meet the Oklahoma State Cowboys (2 p.m.).

From Here... The Buffs go from one "Big Red" to another, as they travel to Lincoln, Neb., to face the Nebraska Cornhuskers on Nov. 3...ESPN will televise the game nationally, while kickoff is set for 2 p.m. (MT) at Memorial Stadium (73,650)... ● Oklahoma remains on the road, traveling to Columbia, Mo., where the Sooners will square off against the Missouri Tigers...kickoff is set for 1 p.m. (CT) at Faurot Field.