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QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The **Colorado Buffaloes** (3-6, 2-3 Big 12) returns to the conference road for two games in a five-day span, starting with a visit to Ames to take on the **Iowa State Cyclones** (5-5, 2-4 Big 12) in a 12:00 p.m. MST kickoff at Jack Trice Stadium (50,000) ... The game will not be televised on any basis, the only game in 2009 for the Buffs that won't make the TV airwaves ... The Buffs are still alive in the Big 12 North race; CU needs to win out over Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Nebraska, while Kansas State must lose its last two games to Nebraska and Missouri. While obviously a tough road to hoe, those five results is all that need to happen (*see page 4 for a complete look*) ... The Buffaloes are coming off a 35-34 win over Texas A&M last Saturday, the most exciting offensive game of the day in the conference ... CU's last two visits to Ames have bordered on the bizarre: in 2005, kickoff was delayed for nearly an hour after a tornado passed within two miles of the stadium, and in 2007, officials waved off a 50- and then a 55- yard field goal at the end of the game by CU's Kevin Eberhart, ruling that neither got off in time ... This will be the eighth time since the Big 12 was formed in 1996 that the Buffaloes will have to play back-to-back conference games on the road, last doing so at Missouri and Texas A&M last year. CU owns a 0-3-5 mark in these twin-road packs (five splits, swept thrice) ... About 4,700 seats remain for the Nov. 27 Nebraska game ... Visit CUBuffs.com/gameday as your one stop for everything, including live stats for all games.

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SIXTH DOUBLE-DIGIT COMEBACK IN HAWKINS ERA

Colorado rallied from 11 down, 21-10, to tie the game at 21 in the third quarter against Texas A&M last Saturday, only to see the Aggies score 10 quick points to open the fourth quarter to go back up, 31-21. But the Buffaloes persevered; CU pulled back to within 31-28 on a 7-yard run by **TB Demetrius Sumler** with 7:14 left, and then took the lead 35-34 on a 22-yard pass from **QB Tyler Hansen** to **TE Patrick Devenny** with 2:04 left. The Buffs then held on defense to secure the win, the sixth double-digit comeback in Dan Hawkins' four years as head coach. Five have taken place

in Boulder, with the sixth, the first one, in a Denver against Colorado State. A closer look:

Trailed By	Time, Qtr.	Final	Opponent (Date)
10 (21-31)	11:01, 4Q	35-34	TEXAS A&M (Nov. 7, 2009)
11 (13-24)	9:14, 4Q	28-24	IOWA STATE (Nov. 8, 2008)
14 (7-21)	7:29, 2Q	31-24	EASTERN WASHINGTON (Sept. 6, 2008)
11 (24-35)	0:23, 2Q	65-51	NEBRASKA (Nov. 23, 2007)
17 (7-24)	12:23, 3Q	27-24	OKLAHOMA (Sept. 29, 2007)
11 (17-28)	10:05, 3Q	31-28	OT; Colorado State (Sept. 1, 2007)

STAT OF THE WEEK

QB Tyler Hansen passed for 271 yards and rushed for a net 45 after sacks (60 yards' worth) were deducted, still giving him 315 yards of total offense in the win over Texas A&M. **QB Cody Hawkins** had a 300-yard game against Toledo earlier in the year (335), thus there have now been 42 occasions in CU history where a player earned that many yards of total offense (seven over 400). Hansen's ability to scramble and use his feet make him a threat to one day join Bobby Anderson and Kordell Stewart as the only players in school history to have 300 or more yards of total offense with at least 100 yards both rushing and passing. Anderson had 207 rushing and 146 passing in a 34-17 loss at Oklahoma State in 1968, while Stewart had 205 passing and 143 rushing in CU's 41-24 thrashing of Notre Dame in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl.

OBSCURE NOTE OF THE WEEK

➔ CU is converting on third down tries between 15- and 25 yards at 33.3 percent (7-of-21); that's a shade below of the opponent overall (33.6, 43-of-128).

2009 COLORADO RESULTS (3-6, 2-3 BIG 12)

Date	CU*	Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	2009 Record	Series	This-N-That
SEPT. 6	NR	COLORADO STATE (N)	NR	FSN	L 17-23	3-7	59-20-2	CSU jumps out to 20-3 halftime lead; Buffs rally falls just short
Sept. 11	NR	at Toledo (N)	NR	ESPN	L 38-54	4-5	0- 1-0	Rockets zoom to 30-3 lead, Buffs pull back to within 13 but can't complete it
SEPT. 19	NR	WYOMING	NR	FCS-C	W 24- 0	4-5	24- 2-1	Buff defense smothers Cowboys; Stewart 127 yds, 2 TDs paces offense
Oct. 1	NR	at West Virginia (N)	NR	ESPN	L 24-35	7-2	1- 1-0	WVU pulls away with two fourth quarter TDs; Stewart: 105 yds/1 TD
Oct. 10	NR	+ at Texas (N)	2	ESPN	L 14-38	9-0	7-11-0	Buffs lead 14-3 late in first half, but 3 UT returns for scores rally Horns
OCT. 17	NR	+ KANSAS (N; FW)	17	FSN	W 34-30	5-4	42-24-3	CU zooms to 24-3 lead; Stewart TD, Brown & Brown PBU's at gun rally Buffs
Oct. 24	NR	+ at Kansas State	NR	FCS-C	L 6-20	6-4	44-20-1	Buffs take early 6-3 lead then sputter on offense; KSU 10 points off TO
OCT. 31	NR	+ MISSOURI (HC)	NR	FSN	L 17-36	5-4	31-40-3	Tigers jump out to 33-0 lead, CU cuts to 33-17 in 3Q but could get no closer
NOV. 7	NR	+ TEXAS A & M	NR	FCS-C	W 35-34	5-4	6- 3-0	Buffs rally from 31-21 down in 4Q; Hansen-to-Devenny/Goodman PAT wins it
Nov. 14	NR	+ at Iowa State	NR	none	12:00 p.m.	5-5	48-14-1	CU rallies from 11 down (9:14 4Q); Hawkins 4 TDs, Smith/Dykes GS TFL
Nov. 19		+ at Oklahoma State (N)		TBA	5:45 p.m.	7-2	26-18-1	Buffs fall behind 13-0 and tried to play catch-up the rest of the way
NOV. 27		+ NEBRASKA		ABC	1:30 p.m.	6-3	18-47-2	Henery 57-yard field goal with 1:43 remaining dashes CU postseason hopes
Dec. 5		Big 12 Championship Game		ABC	6:00 p.m. (Arlington, Texas)			Buffs have second most appearances (4) in Big 12 title game

(All times mountain. **KEY:** +—Big 12 Conference game; N—Night game; **HC**—Homecoming; **FW**—Family Weekend.)

MEDIA SERVICES

- Coach **Dan Hawkins** holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Hawkins beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 8-15-28 (Monday), Oct. 6-13-20-27, Nov. 3-10-16 (Monday)-23 (Monday), Dec. 1-Dec. TBA (bowl). NOTE that there is no organized press luncheon on Sept. 22 (bye week). The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on www.CUBuffs.com (in the BuffsTV area); all press conferences on CUBuffs.com are free and thus do not require access codes.
- Hawkins can be heard Mondays (Aug. 31-Nov. 30) on the **Big 12 Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. MT. All coaches participate; call the Big 12 office (469-524-1007) for access (media only—you must register). A teleconference replay is available after 3 p.m. MT the same day by phone (706/634-1618) or on www.Big12sports.com.
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available anytime provided by the Big 12 Conference through XOS, with access managed by Collegiate Images. Contact Bob Burda at the Big 12 office for approval and access (469/524-1007; bob@big12sports.com). Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (Deric Swanson or Eric Pelloni: 303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed after games; following the customary 10-minute cooling off period, players will be made available (a list of players will be solicited immediately following the game; no cutoff to request players).
- Colorado's regular season **football practices** are closed to the general public (exception: Sundays) but are open to the media (exception: Thursdays). The 11th through 30th minute of practices Tues.-Wed. (all of Sun.) in-season are open for photo/video needs from the end zones and sidelines. All parameters listed in CU media policies.
- This year's standard **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (3:15-5:00, 5:15-6:15); Monday (off); Tuesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Wednesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Thursday (2:30-3:40/4:00-5:45), Friday (3:00-4:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed post-practice on Sundays, pre- and post-practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and pre-practice Thursdays (the cutoff moves up to pre-Wednesday practice for Thursday/Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all four days in all time slots. Interviews on Mondays are at the discretion of the player, as it being the standard player day off (no meetings/practice), CU can't arrange due to NCAA rules.
- **Collegepressbox.com** is the official media website for Big 12 football. Access and download weekly game notes, statistics, quotes, media guides and more for the conference and each member school throughout the season. Most FBS conferences are also accessible as well. Login information will be distributed to accredited media, and media members can also apply for a password by sending an e-mail to password@collegepressbox.com.
- **CU On-Line Photo Database.** The CU sports information service has an online photo database that allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality head shots of all CU coaches and student-athletes as well as action shots of key players. Registration is easy: for a login and password, simply log on to www.CUBuffs.com, select "Sports Information" from the "Athletic Department" menu located on the left navigation bar and follow the instructions.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE INTERNET

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Visit the official CU site at www.CUBuffs.com for the latest information, releases, game notes, press conference broadcasts (free) and articles by former *Rocky Mountain News* sportswriter B.G. Brooks. Go to www.cubuffs.com/media and click on Media Center: it will link you to everything you'll need to know about CU football. "BuffsTV" offers the opportunity to listen and/or watch live game action of several CU athletic teams. Breaking news with the program will be found here first every time and delivered in full without others editing out what they might deem unessential.
- **Audio.** [CUBuffs.com](http://www.CUBuffs.com) is now the official site for subscription service for audio-only broadcasts, as all football and men's and women's basketball games (and Dan Hawkins' weekly radio show) are streamed through BuffsTV on the site. It is still a subscription service, but is quite affordable: \$4.99/month or \$39.99/annual.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE AIRWAYS

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 8-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his sixth year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Larry Zimmer** (analysis) is in his 36th season broadcasting Colorado football (he handled play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** (pre- and postgame shows/sidelines) is in his fifth year on the broadcast team. Other cities on the network in addition to KOA/Denver metro: Alamosa, Aspen, Colorado Springs, Durango, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction and Salida.
- Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the **Dan Hawkins Show** originates from The Boulder Draft House (13th & Spruce), with Mark Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program; the show will air Tuesdays the weeks of the West Virginia (Sept. 29) and Oklahoma State (Nov. 17) games. The shows run Sept. 2 through Nov. 25.
- **Satellite Radio:** Sirius-XM is the satellite home of the Buffaloes; the CU-Iowa State game (KOA broadcast) will be on channel 154 (ISU feeds on Sirius 126 and XM 243).
- **FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" is broadcast in the six-state FSN area. The show airs Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. MT with replays at 11:00 a.m. Fridays and 7:30 a.m. Saturdays (sometimes with adjustments for Colorado Rockies baseball). Assistant AD and former CU QB **Charles Johnson** hosts the program; the show airs through the end of basketball season. It is also online at <http://buffalostampede.tv/>.

IMPORTANT ROSTER INFORMATION & UPDATES (Number changes, etc., from the media guide)

Number Changes: Ryan Aweida (39, from 22); Anthony Wright (16, from No. 21). **Position Change:** Wright. **Quit:** DE Lagrone Shields. **DUPE NUMBERS:** Those who appear below are the duped ones where both are likely to see action (at the others, **10** (Sipili), **13** (Goodman), **18** (Hawkins), **22** (Jaffee), **25** (Moyd), **28** (Smith), **59** (Beatty), **68** (Daniels) and **83** (Pericak) are likely the only ones to play). CU jerseys *DO* have names; Skin tone key: A—African-American, C—Caucasian, P—Polynesian:

Offense/Kicker

12 Ryan Maxwell, WR (C)
15 Jason Espinoza, WR (C)

Defense/Kicker

12 Patrick Mahanke, S (C)
15 Zach Grossnickle, PK/P (C)

Offense/Kicker

20 Brian Lockridge, TB (A)
55 Max Tuioti-Mariner, OG (P)

Defense/Kicker

20 Matt Meyer, S (C)
55 Josh Hartigan, ILB (A)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**Coaches/Staff**

Brad **BEDELL** (buh-dell)
 Brian **CABRAL** (cuh-browl)
 Eric **KIESAU** (key-saw)
ROMEO Bandison (row-may-oh)

Players

Tyler **AHLES** (alice)
 Ryan **AWEIDA** (uh-weigh-duh)
 Matthew **BAHR** (bar)
 David **BAKHTIARI** (bock-T-are-E)

B.J. **BEATTY** (bay-tee)
 Blake **BEHRENS** (bear-ens)
 Jake **BEHRENS** (bear-ens)
 Austin **BISNOW** (bizz-no)
 Nate **BONSU** (bonn-sue)
CHA'PELLE Brown (shuh-pell)
JALIL Brown (juh-leal)
 Ryan **DANNEWITZ** (dan-uh-wits)
JARROD Darden (Jared)
 Patrick **DEVENNY** (duh-vain-E)

Matt **DILALLO** (di-lah-low)
 Justin **DRESCHER** (dresh-er)
RIAR Geer (rye-er)
 Eugene **GOREE** (gore-ray)
 Brandon **GOVIN** (go-in)
MARQUEZ HERROD
 (mar-qwez hair-ed)
Nick KASA (cah-suh; casa)
TAJ Kaynor (as in Taj Mahal)
 Patrick **MAHNKE** (main-key)

Shaun **MOHLER** (mole-er)
 Kevin **MOYD** (moid, as in void)
LILLOA NOBRIGA (lie-low-ah,
 no-brigg-uh)
 Conrad **OBI** (oh-bee)
DEJI OLATOYE (day-ghee
 O-la-toy-ye)
 Will **PERICAK** (pre-check)
MARKQUES SIMAS
 (marcus see-muss)

Michael **SIPILI** (sih-pill-E)
 Nate **SOLDER** (sold-er)
SIONE TAU (see-own-E
 towe, as in now)
 Maxwell **TUIOTI**-Mariner
 (two-E-oh-T)
TERDEMA USSERY
 (ter-dee-muh us-er-E)
 Paul **VIGO** (vee-go)

Honor Candidates

There are several Colorado players worthy of consideration for national and conference honors as the season has now passed the midway point; for those of you who have votes in such, please consider the below players!

✓ **TE RIAR GEER** *All-American Candidate; All-Big 12 Candidate* **JOHN MACKEY AWARD CANDIDATE**
He is one of 22 players on the official midseason watch list for the John Mackey Award. CU's second leading receiver (32 for 370, 3 TDs), he is among the leaders nationally for tight ends. He is first in the Big 12 and eighth in the nation for receptions per game by a tight end (3.6), and is first in the league for tight ends and 21st overall in yards per game (41.1; nationally he is outside the top 100, which only had four tight ends). He has caught three or more passes in six games (at least one in all nine).

✓ **OT NATE SOLDER** *All-American (second/third-team) & All-Big 12 Candidate*
 He is having the best year of all the CU linemen, grading out to 89.1 percent for the season (80 percent or higher in all nine games, four games over 90). Solder has team bests of 77 knockdown/finish blocks (high of 14 versus Kansas) and seven touchdown blocks while allowing just three quarterback sack and four pressures.

✓ **TB RODNEY STEWART** *All-Big 12 Candidate*
 One of the top backs in the Big 12, he's fifth in the conference and 63rd nationally in rushing (73.5 yards per game); he missed the Toledo game due to an injury or his numbers would likely be better. He has 588 yards and 9 touchdowns on the season (he's fourth in the league in rushing TDs), with four 100-yard games which has upped his career total to 7. Almost half of his yards (288) have come post-contact, and he has 18 runs of 10 yards or more and 49 of five-plus.

✓ **CB CHA'PELLE BROWN** *All-Big 12 Candidate*
 A natural corner, he's played the nickel position much of the season as CU normally goes with five in the secondary. Has played every snap on defense (605) this season and is CU's second leading tackler (66); he's also tied for second in sacks (3) and is the team leader in third down stops (9) and tackles for zero (8). He kn1111111111locked away the pass in the end zone as time expired to preserve CU's 34-30 win over Kansas.

✓ **WR SCOTTY MCKNIGHT** *All-Big 12 Candidate*
 He is well on his way to leading Colorado in receiving for a third straight year, with 54 receptions for 601 yards (11.1 per) and three touchdowns (and a fourth on a fumble recovery). He has earned 34 first downs, 17 coming on third/fourth down plays, with 27 catches for 10 or more yards. He has caught a pass in a CU record 33 consecutive games and two of his three career 100-yard games have come this season.

✓ **CB JIMMY SMITH** *All-Big 12 Candidate*
 One of the best cover corners in the conference, he's allowed just five completions all season in man coverage. Third on the team in tackles (55, 41 solo), he has a team-high nine passes broken up, five third down stops, a fumble recovery, an interception and a TD save in playing all but two snaps from scrimmage (533).

✓ **CB JALIL BROWN** *All-Big 12 Candidate*
 CU's defensive back of the week following the Kansas game, he's played 500 snaps in racking up 51 tackles on the year (32 solo and a career-high 15 against Texas A&M). He's tied for the team high in interceptions (3) and fumble recoveries (2), while leading in touchdowns saves (5) and standing second in passes broken up (9). He broke up the first KU pass into the end zone with: 03 left in the game, leaving the Jayhawks one final play.

✓ **SS BENJAMIN BURNERY** *All-Big 12 Candidate*
 He moved from cornerback to safety early in the season and made a very smooth adjustment. He is on the field over 80 percent of the time (436 snaps) with CU usually in a nickel package, and he has 45 tackles, five third down stops, two forced fumbles, three pass deflections, two interceptions and four touchdown saves to his credit. He returned one of his picks 78 yards for a touchdown against Missouri and had a career-high 10 tackles, with two TD saves, versus Texas A&M.

✓ **ILB JEFF SMART** *All-Big 12 Candidate*
 CU's leading tackler with 84 (60 solo), and has been as active as can be by his "garnish" stats: five for losses (two sacks), seven third down stops, five tackles for zero, an interception, three passes broken up, a forced fumble, two recoveries, three near-sacks, a pressure and a touchdown save. He has posted double-digit tackles on four occasions, with a high of 13 at Toledo followed by 11 at Texas and Kansas State (all 11 solo in the latter).

✓ **DE MARQUEZ HERROD** *All-Big 12 Candidate*
 He is enjoying his breakout season. CU's leader in quarterback sacks (5, seventh in the Big 12), he has 28 tackles overall with eight for losses. He also has a team-best seven quarterback hurries and seven third down stops to his credit in 407 snaps from scrimmage.

✓ **DT WILL PERICAK** *Freshman All-American / Freshman All-Big 12 Candidate*
(Fr.-RS) He has started all nine games at nose tackle, seeing action for 401 snaps from scrimmage, the most snaps by any freshman on the team. He has recorded 19 tackles (13 solo), with four third down stops, three for losses with one quarterback sack and a fumble recovery.

CU ON TRACK TO START FEWEST UPPERCLASSMEN IN RECENT MEMORY

Thus far, upperclassmen (juniors and seniors) have started just 56.1 percent of CU's nine games; the lowest figure in the last 26 years is 58.3 percent in 2003, as precise information is available back to 1999 and rough data eye-balled back to 1984. Of the 198 starts through nine games, 43 have been by seniors, 68 by juniors, 67 by sophomores and 20 by freshmen (18 redshirt/2 true).

BUFFS STILL MATHEMATICALLY ALIVE TO CLAIM FIFTH NORTH DIVISION TITLE

Colorado has won four Big 12 Conference North Division titles, and while admittedly on life support, CU has not been mathematically eliminated with three games remaining. Seemingly dead in 2004 with a 1-4 league mark entering November, CU needed just five things to happen as long as it won its last three to claim the crown; lo and behold, as if it were scripted, it played out that way and the Buffs won the division. Fast-forward to 2009, and the Buffaloes are 2-3 in league play with three divisional games remaining. Here's the current state of the North Division:

Team	W	L	Pct.	CU	ISU	KU	KSU	MU	NU	DIV	Notes
Kansas State	4	2	.600	W	W	W	----	N14	N21	3-0	
Nebraska	3	2	.600	N27	L	N14	N21	W	----	1-1	
Colorado	2	3	.400	----	N14	W	L	L	N27	1-2	claimed North titles in 2001-02-04-05
Iowa State.....	2	4	.333	N14	----	L	L	----	W	1-2	
Kansas.....	1	4	.200	L	W	----	L	N28	N14	1-2	
Missouri	1	4	.200	W	N21	N28	N14	----	L	1-1	

Colorado can win the North in the following scenario:

1) Colorado wins out.

If so, the Buffaloes are 5-3 in the North Division, and would eliminate Iowa State, Kansas and Missouri.

2) Kansas State loses its last two to Missouri and Nebraska.

K-State would thus own a 4-4 league record and be 3-2 in divisional play if the above happens.

3) Nebraska beats Kansas State, loses to Colorado; inconsequential what it does against Kansas.

Nebraska would thus own either 5-3 or 4-4 league record, but loses head-to-head tiebreaker with Colorado if tied with CU at 5-3.

Thus, if the above five results occur (CU defeats ISU, OSU and NU; MU defeats KSU; NU defeats KSU), here's how the top of the North Standings would look and Colorado thus wins the division:

Team	W	L	Pct.	CU	ISU	KU	KSU	MU	NU	DIV	Notes
Colorado	5	3	.625	---	W	W	L	L	W	3-2	CU wins out
Nebraska	5	3	.625	L	L	W	W	W	---	3-2	if NU beats KU, KSU loses to CU
OR Nebraska	4	4	.500	L	L	L	W	W	---	2-3	if NU beats KSU, loses to KU, CU
Kansas State	4	4	.600	W	W	W	---	L	L	3-2	KSU loses to NU, MU

No 5-3 multiple-way tie with Kansas State would work as the Wildcats would be 4-1 in the division. There does not appear to be a way for Colorado to win the North Division with a 4-4 record. Every tiebreaker works against CU after the first or second batch of ties among three teams are eliminated:

- 1) If a 4-4 Colorado is in a 3-way tie with K-State and Nebraska, CU and KSU are 3-2 in division, but Nebraska is 2-3, CU then loses HTH to KSU.**
- 2) If a 4-4 Colorado is in a 3-way tie with Missouri (4-1 division) and Kansas State (3-2), Missouri wins in round robin and division record.**
- 3) If a 4-4 Colorado is in a 3-way tie with K-State and Kansas, all are 3-2 in division, but KSU wins round robin over both.**
- 4) If a 4-4 Colorado is in a 4-way tie with K-State, Kansas and Nebraska, the first three are 3-2 in division, but NU is 2-3; NU is then eliminated and thus KSU wins round robin over CU and KU.**
- 5) KU and MU can't figure in a 4-way 4-4 tie since they play; a 4-way tie between CU, KSU, MU and NU has CU eliminated with a 1-2 round robin.**

The remaining Big 12 Conference schedule for 2009:

November 14

*Colorado at Iowa State
 *Texas at Baylor
 *Missouri at Kansas State
 *Nebraska at Kansas
 *Texas A&M at Oklahoma
 *Texas Tech at Oklahoma State

November 21

(Nov. 19) *Colorado at Oklahoma State
 *Baylor at Texas A&M
 *Iowa State at Missouri
 *Kansas at Texas
 *Kansas State at Nebraska
 *Oklahoma at Texas Tech

November 28

(Nov. 26) *Texas at Texas A&M
 (Nov. 27) *Nebraska at **Colorado**
 Kansas vs. Missouri at Kansas City
 *Oklahoma State at Oklahoma
 *Texas Tech at Baylor

CONFERENCE TIEBREAKERS Here's a quick breakdown of Big 12 Conference football tiebreaker procedures from 2009 Big 12 Football Game Procedures and the Dr Pepper Championship Guide (Article 9.18):

- (a) If two teams are tied, the winner of the head-to-head game between the two teams will be the representative;
- (b) If three or more teams are tied, steps 1-7 will be followed until a determination is made; if only two teams remain tied after any step, the winner of the game between the two tied teams shall be the representative:
 - (1) The record of the teams will be compared against each other;
 - (2) The record of the teams within their division;
 - (3) The record of the teams will be compared against the next highest placed teams in their division in order of finish (if three teams, against 4, 5 and then 6; if four teams, then against 5 and then 6, etc.).
 - (4) The record of the teams will be compared against all common conference opponents;
 - (5) If the teams remain tied, then the representative will be the highest-ranked team in the first Bowl Championship Series poll following the completion of Big 12 regular-season (intra-) conference play shall be the representative;
 - (6) If the teams remain tied, then the team with the best overall winning percentage (excluding exempted games, which there were none in 2006), shall be the representative;
 - (7) The representative will be chosen by draw.

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are CU's starters for the 2009 season (**bold** indicates first career start); this list often does not reflect who might "listed" first at a position, as especially on offense, the first play selected often involves a particular grouping:

OFFENSE	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	TB	FB / Other
Colorado State	McKnight	Espinoza	Solder	Adkins	Ittis	Miller	Givens	Geer	C.Hawkins	Scott	Deehan (TE)
Toledo	McKnight	Espinoza	Solder	Adkins	Ittis	Miller	Givens	Geer	C.Hawkins	Scott	Deehan (TE)
Wyoming	McKnight	Espinoza	Solder	Adkins	Ittis	B.Behrens	Miller	Geer	C.Hawkins	Sumler	Simas (WR)
West Virginia	McKnight	Deehan (TE)	Solder	Adkins	Stevens	Miller	Givens	Geer	C.Hawkins	Stewart	J.Behrens
Texas	McKnight	Simas	Solder	Adkins	Stevens	Miller	Givens	Geer	C.Hawkins	Stewart	Deehan (TE)
Kansas	McKnight	Simas	Solder	Adkins	Stevens	B.Behrens	Miller	Geer	Hansen	Scott	Jefferson (WR)
Kansas State	McKnight	Simas	Solder	Adkins	Stevens	Bahr	Miller	Geer	Hansen	Lockridge	Jefferson (WR)
Missouri	McKnight	Simas	Solder	Adkins	Stevens	Bahr	Miller	Geer	Hansen	Sumler	J.Behrens
Texas A&M	McKnight	Simas	Solder	Adkins	Stevens	Bahr	Miller	Geer	Hansen	Sumler	Ebner (WR)
DEFENSE	DE	DT	NT	DE / Other	MLB	WLB	SLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Mohler	Smart	Beatty	Burney	Perkins	Polk	J.Smith
Toledo	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	Rippy (OLB)	Stengel	Smart	Beatty	C.Brown	Perkins	Mahnke	J.Smith
Wyoming	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Burton	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Perkins	Burney	J.Smith
West Virginia	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Burton	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Mahnke	Burney	J.Smith
Texas	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Sipili	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Perkins	Burney	J.Smith
Kansas	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Burton	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Perkins	Burney	J.Smith
Kansas State	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Sipili	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Polk	Burney	J.Smith
Missouri	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Burton	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Polk	Burney	J.Smith
Texas A&M	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	C.Brown (N)	Burton	Smart	Beatty	J.Brown	Perkins	Burney	J.Smith

(N)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Smart 31, C.Brown 24, Solder 21, J.Smith 12. **CAREER STARTS**—Geer 34, C.Brown 33, Smart 31, C.Hawkins 28, Solder 25.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Colorado State 100/57; Toledo 75/56; Wyoming 104/64; West Virginia 72/53; Texas 70/56; Kansas 105/58; Kansas State 70/57; Missouri 105/55; Texas A&M 103/58.

COLORADO COACHES' WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

A look at Colorado's weekly award winners for each game as selected by the coaching staff (#—chosen if a linemen does not win offensive or defensive; none selected following losses; *—denotes nominated for Big 12 player-of-the-week):

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	#Lineman (Off or Def)	Scout Team (Offense/Defense/Special Teams)		
Wyoming	*TB Rodney Stewart	CB Jalil Brown	S Travis Sandersfeld	OLB B.J. Beatty	WR Toney Clemons	DE David Goldberg	OLB Forrest Webb
Kansas State	QB Tyler Hansen & *TB Rodney Stewart	*CB Jalil Brown	TB Darrell Scott	DE Marquez Herrod	WR Kyle Cefalo	S Vince Ewing	FB Trace Adams
Texas A&M	WR Markques Simas	Cha'pelle Brown	SN Justin Drescher	OLB B.J. Beatty	QB Seth Lobato	OLB Brandon Gouin	WR Kyle Cefalo

THIRD DOWN DEFENSE

Colorado continues to stifle the opponent on third down, as the enemy is converting at just **33.6** percent on the year (**43-of-128**); within those numbers are **23-of-79** (29.1%) at Folsom Field; **3-of-21** (14.3%) on third downs inside the Buff 20; and **11-of-24** on 3rd-&-2 or less and **21-of-46** on 3rd-&-4 or less, not distances teams only click around 50 percent. There is still a feast or famine factor, as opponents have gained **692** yards on its' 37 makes (**16.1** per), but have gained a net **5** on the 85 misses (**0.1**). Colorado is 21st in the nation in third down defense; ahead of the Buffs, one of five of the seven remaining undefeated teams, with just one also owning a sub-.500 record (Bowling Green).

FOUR OUT OF FIVE PLAYS WE'RE THE '85 BEARS

After nine games it is what it is as the saying goes, but one of the most all-time perplexing stats to ever come across these pages shows that the Buff defense is likely to shut you down four times in five. Much like *four out of five dentists recommend*... well, maybe not. But take for example the Missouri game: the Tigers gained 341 yards on 19 plays, and had 59 yards on the other 56. A&M followed that up with 243 of its 374 on 13 plays (131 on the other 57). So on the season, the opponent has picked up 2,525 of its 3,429 yards on 115 plays, averaging 22.0 yards for those plays; the other 491 have netted 904, or 1.4 per try; it all means 19 percent of opponent plays have gained 74 percent of the yardage.

➡ Colorado has been fairly stout in goal-to-go defense; the opponent has been in 20 G-T-G's and has scored just 12 touchdowns (15 scores overall) on 47 plays (or scoring a TD barely better than one in four plays). Colorado, by contrast, has 13 touchdowns on 31 plays, a shade under 42 percent (41.7).

SURPRISE, SURPRISE

Colorado is among the national leaders in forcing "three-and-outs," when the opponent is held to three plays then punting (or less if forcing a turnover or if stopped on fourth down without earning a first). The Buffs have forced 37 through nine games, tied for 14th in the nation. A closer look at the national numbers as compiled by Ohio State sports information:

School	G	3 & Outs	Avg.	School	G	3 & Outs	Avg.	School	G	3 & Outs	Avg.
Ohio State	10	60	6.00	Tennessee	8	40	5.00	Mississippi State	9	39	4.33
Florida	8	46	5.75	Nebraska	9	42	4.67	Colorado	9	37	4.11
Mississippi	8	45	5.63	Arkansas	8	37	4.63	Arizona State	9	37	4.11
Texas	9	49	5.44	Oklahoma	8	36	4.50	South Carolina	9	37	4.11
TCU	9	49	5.44	North Carolina	9	40	4.44	Utah	9	36	4.00
Alabama	8	41	5.13	Vanderbilt	10	44	4.40	Arizona	8	32	4.00

CABRAL CELEBRATES 300TH GAME AS A BUFFALO

Associate head coach and long-time linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** celebrated his 300th game as Colorado Buffalo in CU's thrilling 35-34 win over Texas A&M. He wore his famous trademark lava lava wrap in CU colors for the game (he said the Buffs are now 4-1 when he dons the garb). A former inside linebacker for the Buffs, he originally was a middle guard until suffering an elbow injury midway through his freshman year ('74) before switching to linebacker in a career that spanned 46 games from 1974-77. He has coached in 253 since joining the coaching staff as a graduate assistant in 1989. He had a 9-year career in the National Football League (1978-86) and then worked two years as GA for Purdue before making his way back to Boulder. Cabral finished his CU career as the Buffs' all-time leading tackler with 297; he is still tied for 16th on the all-time list. He has coached eight of the players who have passed him on the list: **Matt Russell, Greg Biekert, Jordon Dizon, Ted Johnson, Chad Brown, Michael Jones, Thaddaeus Washington** and **Jashon Sykes**, with a ninth, senior **Jeff Smart**, needing 16 more to do the same.

KICKIN' IT ... WELL, RETURNIN' IT

How good has CU's kickoff return unit been in 2009? Aside from averaging **24.1** yards per return (which includes four short kicks to the up-backs), through nine games the Buffs are averaging their own 31 after opponent kickoffs. The unit has been so potent that it wasn't until the 26th kickoff of the year that the Buffs started a drive inside-their-own 25 (the 21, at Texas). After 56 opponent kickoffs, CU's been pinned inside-the-25 just 13 times and inside-the-20 only seven times. By contrast, CU has kicked off 40 times, with the enemy starting 31 times inside their 25, including 10 times inside-the-20, and just four times at the 30 or better.

➔ Colorado has started 35 drives at or inside its own 20, but have managed to score just once (field goal against Texas A&M) on those possessions; opponents have started 41 in the same situation, but have worked to 10 scores (eight touchdowns, two field goals, or 62 points).

HANSEN QUICKLY MOVING UP CHARTS

Just four starts into his sophomore season (and with only two as a frosh), QB Tyler Hansen is already 17th in school history in true rushing yards by a quarterback. When adjusting for sack yardage to be thrown out of the equation, he has 87 true rushes for 550 yards, a healthy 6.32 average per rush. That last figure at present is topped by just one previous quarterback: Kordell Stewart averaged 7.04 yards per true rushing attempt between 1991-94. It's obviously early in Tyler's career, but it will be interesting to watch.

CU Career Quarterback Rushing (Adjusted)

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Gross Att-Yards	Sacked/Yds Lost	Adjusted Att	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Darian Hagan (1988-91).....	489-2,007	42/264	447	2,271	5.08	27
2	Byron White (1935-37).....	342-1,864	?	342	1,864	5.45	22
3	*Bob Anderson (1967-69).....	390-1,580	24/162	366	1,742	4.76	20
4	Kordell Stewart (1991-94).....	302-1,289	55/451	247	1,740	7.04	15
5	Mark Hatcher (1984-87).....	375-1,470	16/ 95	359	1,565	4.36	16
6	David Williams (1973-75).....	276- 959	32/251	244	1,210	4.96	12
7	Sal Aunese (1987-88).....	235-1,009	18/102	217	1,111	5.12	14
8	Ken Johnson (1971-73).....	274- 727	32/264	242	991	4.10	8
9	Bill Solomon (1977-79).....	287- 509	63/447	224	956	4.27	10
10	Harry Narcisian (1947-49).....	227- 894	?	227	894	3.94	8
11	Bernard Jackson (2004-06).....	164- 690	28/155	136	845	6.21	7
11	Bernie McCall (1964-66).....	289- 725	14/120	275	845	3.07	6
13	Jim Bratten (1968-70).....	220- 724	17/105	203	829	4.08	4
14	Zack Jordan (1950-52).....	227- 748	?	227	748	3.30	7
15	Dan Kelly (1965-67).....	168- 590	14/112	154	702	4.56	7
16	Mike Moschetti (1998-99).....	186- 70	64/481	122	551	4.52	7
17	Tyler Hansen (2008).....	121- 283	34/267	87	550	6.32	1
18	Paul Arendt (1969-70).....	156- 343	21/175	135	518	3.84	6

(*—Anderson switched to tailback in the third game of the 1969 season.)

Top Quarterback Rushing Games

Yds (att-td)	Player	Opponent	Date
207 (26-0)	Bobby Anderson	at Oklahoma State	Nov. 9, 1968
185 (28-3)	Bobby Anderson	Oklahoma	Oct. 26, 1968
185 (22-1)	Sal Aunese	Washington State	Sept. 26, 1987
173 (17-2)	Mark Hatcher	at Oregon	Sept. 13, 1986
163 (24-4)	Bobby Anderson	Tulsa	Sept. 20, 1969
156 (29-3)	Dan Kelly	at Iowa State	Oct. 15, 1966
156 (28-3)	Darian Hagan	at Kansas State	Nov. 18, 1989
151 (25-3)	Mark Hatcher	Missouri	Oct. 12, 1985
144 (8-2)	David Williams	at Nebraska	Oct. 25, 1975
143 (7-1)	Kordell Stewart	#Notre Dame	Jan. 2, 1995
134 (16-2)	Bill Solomon	Northwestern	Sept. 30, 1978
127 (19-3)	Sal Aunese	at Iowa State	Oct. 31, 1987
127 (22-3)	Kordell Stewart	Kansas State	Oct. 22, 1994
119 (12-1)	Mark Hatcher	Kansas State	Nov. 23, 1985
118 (17-2)	Darian Hagan	Kansas	Oct. 21, 1989

(38 games total with a quarterback rushing for 100-plus yards)

MISCELLANEOUS STAT BOX

Game	Red Zone (Scores-Att; TD/FG); Plays-Yds)			Avg./1st Down		2nd Down Efficiency		Plays (+/0/-)			Plus Territory (Plays-Yards)		
	Colorado	Opponent		Colo	Opp.	Colo	Opp.	Colorado	Opponent		Colorado	Opponent	
Colorado State	2-2 (2/0)	4-19	4-4 (2/2)	11-36	5.4	7.7	4-19	6-21	39 17 5	42 11 9	24- 47	33-215	
Toledo	6-6 (5/1)	15-42	1-1 (1/0)	2-14	4.9	9.6	8-29	6-22	47 35 5	51 10 5	44-176	31-175	
Wyoming	4-4 (3/1)	9-43	0-2 (0/0)	3-(-8)	3.5	4.0	9-25	5-24	49 21 6	38 26 7	33-211	24- 39	
West Virginia	0-0 (0/0)	0- 0	3-3 (3/0)	8-38	4.4	6.5	5-28	12-22	48 30 6	41 9 11	41-197	30-172	
Texas	2-3 (2/0)	5- 5	2-3 (1/1)	8-12	2.4	5.6	4-19	6-22	29 17 11	48 11 6	19- 37	28-144	
Kansas	5-5 (4/1)	7-37	4-6 (2/2)	15-44	4.5	7.1	5-20	4-22	45 16 7	44 24 8	27-137	39-210	
Kansas State	1-2 (1/0)	8-22	4-5 (2/2)	16-50	2.2	5.1	8-24	6-21	42 20 6	42 9 9	18- 96	29-211	
Missouri	2-3 (1/1)	8- 4	4-8 (2/2)	16-13	3.3	4.9	4-17	6-24	32 16 12	47 17 11	26- 64	35-168	
Texas A&M	5-5 (3/2)	11-42	4-5 (3/1)	19-50	5.0	4.9	6-23	8-25	47 14 14	45 23 2	28-166	44-236	

NIGHT & DAY

Colorado allowed 624 yards on defense in the 54-38 loss at Toledo, but bounced back to hold Wyoming to 230, or 394 yards less. The win also marked the second best effort in Colorado history in terms of posting a shutout in relation to points allowed the previous game. The top improvements in both in CU history:

Season	Opponent (Yards)	Next Opponent (Yards)	Difference
1980	Oklahoma (875)	Drake (347)	528
1981	Nebraska (719)	Oklahoma State (238)	481
1946	Texas (594)	Utah State (127)	467
1971	Oklahoma (670)	Missouri (225)	445
1949	Oregon (515)	Utah State (109)	406
2009	Toledo (624)	Wyoming (230)	394
1984	Missouri (639)	Iowa State (274)	365
2003	Colorado State (585)	UCLA (243)	342
1999	San Jose State (507)	Kansas (172)	335

1959	Oklahoma (476)	Kansas State (156)	320
1974	Oklahoma (641)	Missouri (331)	310
1992	Nebraska (428)	Iowa State (118)	310

Season	Opponent (Score)	Next Opponent (Score)	Difference
1946	Texas (L, 0-76)	Utah State (W, 6-0)	76
2009	Toledo (L, 38-54)	Wyoming (W, 24-0)	54
1977	Oklahoma (L, 14-52)	Kansas State (W, 23-0)	52
1992	Nebraska (L, 7-52)	Oklahoma State (W, 28-0)	52
1929	Utah (L, 0-40)	Denver (T, 0-0)	40

McKNIGHT KEEPS MAKING HISTORY AND MOVING UP THE CHARTS

Junior **Scotty McKnight** has caught a pass in every game he has played in as a Colorado Buffalo—33 regular season plus the one bowl game for a total of 34. He has thus set the school record for the most consecutive games with at least one reception, breaking the mark of 27 by **Charles E. Johnson** between 1991 and 1993 (CU records do not include bowl games; if it did, McKnight also topped Johnson's 29 straight).

Nationally, McKnight is tied for the ninth longest streak nationally; here's the list going through games of October 24 as compiled by the Central Michigan SID office (these include postseason): Bryan Anderson, Central Michigan 49; Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo 47; Duke Calhoun, Memphis 46; Dennis Pitta, BYU 39; Brandon LaFell, LSU 37; Antonio Brown, Central Michigan 36; Toren Dixon, Rice 35; **Scotty McKnight, Colorado 34**; Eric Decker, Minnesota 34; Jeff Moturi, UTEP 33; Jason Harmon, FAU 33; Kerry Meier, Kansas 32; Darrell McNeal, Louisiana-Monroe 31; Austin Pettis, Boise State 30. **Next CU:** Riar Geer, 10.

He has cracked the top 10 at Colorado in both all-time receptions and all-time receiving yards, zooming up both charts; he's now third in catches and seventh in receiving yards. He also is at or near the top in three categories for players at CU entering their senior seasons. A closer look:

All-Time Receptions

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	167	2,548	15.3	19
2	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	152	2,176	14.3	14
3	Scotty McKnight (2007-09)	143	1,608	11.2	12
4	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17
5	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	135	2,540	18.8	20
6	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	134	2,038	15.2	20

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6	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17
7	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
8	Scotty McKnight (2007-09)	143	1,608	11.2	12

Career Receptions/Fr.-Jr. Seasons

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.
1	Scotty McKnight (2007-09)	143
2	Michael Westbrook (1991-93)	131
3	Phil Savoy (1994-96)	109

Career Yards/Fr.-Jr. Seasons

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Yards
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-93)	1,859
2	Scotty McKnight (2007-09)	1,608

Career Receiving TDs/Fr.-Jr. Seasons

Rk	Player (Seasons)	TDs
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-93)	15
2	Javon Green (1997-99)	13
3	Scotty McKnight (2007-09)	12

GEER MARCHING UP ON SAME LISTS FOR TIGHT ENDS

Senior **Riar Geer** is climbing the same charts as Scotty McKnight, but is doing so on two counts. Now 17th all-time in receptions (83) and 24th in receiving yards (942), those same numbers rank him fourth and sixth, respectively, in both all-time among CU tight ends. Not bad for a guy who play the position until he got to college; he was recruited by former CU head coach Gary Barnett, who pegged him as a tight end all along. Fast-forward five years, and here Geer sits as one of 22 midseason candidates for the John Mackey Award. Where he ranks among his CU tight end brethren:

All-Time Receptions (Tight Ends)

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
2	Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11
3	Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2
4	Riar Geer (2006-09)	83	942	11.3	10
5	Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5
6	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12

All-Time Receiving Yards (Tight Ends)

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
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FIRST DOWN STRUGGLES

Colorado is currently averaging 4.08 yards on first down, which stands to be its lowest figure since 1979, when it averaged 3.5 per first down play. CU has averaged five or more yards a pop on first down just twice (5.4 in the season opener against CSU and 5.0 against Texas A&M), and has been held under four yards four times. The Buffs are gaining slightly more on the average on all other downs: 4.4 on second, 4.4 on third and 4.6 on fourth (just 18 plays). The last time that happened was in 1992, when CU earned 4.4 yards on first down, followed by 6.2 (second), 6.4 (third) and 8.8 (fourth). The Buffs were 9-1-1 that regular season.

FIRST & THIRD REVERSAL

In 2008, CU was outscored by the opponent **188-104** in the first and third quarters, while also being outgained by **728** yards in those periods. Fast-forward to 2009, and the Buffs have been outscored 119-97 and have been outgained by just 216 yards.

REDEMPTION

PK Aric Goodman, who set the dubious school record of eight straight field goal misses last season, initially opened up 2009 with a vengeance. His 40 kickoffs (not counting four onside tries), have seen 26 reach the end zone and the average opponent starting yardline be the 25, despite 24 being returned; 31 times the opponent has had to start inside their own 25. He scored CU's first points of the year when he nailed a career-best 54-yard field goal against Colorado State; he's 7-of-11 on field goal kicks so far this year. Goodman's 54-yard kick is still tied for the seventh longest in the NCAA (second longest in the Big 12) this season; the 53 field goals of 50-yards or longer in Division I-A/FBS through November 7:

59 Carson Wiggs, Purdue vs. Toledo, 9/05	55 Trevor Cook, Miami-Ohio vs. Toledo, 10/31	52 on 9 occasions
57 Philip Welch, Wisconsin vs. Fresno State, 9/12	54 Aric Goodman, CU vs. Colorado St., 9/06	51 on 9 occasions
57 Jacob Branstetter, Kansas vs. Oklahoma, 10/24	54 Nate Whitaker, Stanford at Wake Forest, 9/12	50 on 21 occasions
56 Caleb Sturgis, Florida vs. Georgia, 10/31	54 Trey Farquhar, Idaho vs. Nevada, 10/24	
55 Carson Wiggs, Purdue vs. Ohio State, 10/17	53 on 5 occasions	

ESPINOZA CREDITED WITH NUMBER 100

WR Jason Espinoza enjoyed a career game at Toledo, hauling in eight passes for 109 yards and a touchdown; **WR Scotty McKnight** also topped the century mark (11-114), but Espinoza reached the plateau first and thus was officially credited with the school's 100th 100-yard receiving game in its history. It marked the first time CU had two 100-yard receivers in the same game since Oct. 4, 2003 at Baylor (Derek McCoy 6-171, D.J. Hackett 4-143) and the 12th time overall that has happened in CU annals. The first was recently unearthed: Jim Haley caught three passes for 108 yards and a touchdown against Colorado State on Nov. 25, 1930; the next was **Frank McGlone** versus Northern Colorado on Nov. 18, 1933; he caught two passes, both for touchdowns for 109 yards.

STEWART CLIMBING THE RUSHING CHARTS

Sophomore **TB Rodney Stewart** returned to action in the Wyoming game after missing the Toledo contest due to an aggravated hamstring strain and has basically been CU's go-to-back since (149 attempts compared to 26 by the other three tailbacks combined). Stewart ran for 132 yards and two touchdowns, with almost half of his yards (64) coming post-contact against the Cowboys. He followed that up with his fifth career 100-yard game, rambling for 105 at West Virginia (49 post-contact). He had 108 yards and two scores against Kansas, including a 13-yard run for the go-ahead points where he dragged a defender the last five yards; 62 of those were post-contact. He enjoyed another 100-yard day (20-118-2 TD) in the win over Texas A&M.

- ♦ Overall, **288** of his **588** yards have come after he was first hit by a defender (49.0 percent).
- ♦ He has three multiple rushing TD games this season, the most since Chris Brown had six in 2002 (and five in '01).
- ♦ Stewart now has seven career 100-yard rushing games (four this season); that's tied for the 14th most in school history. Ahead of him: Eric Bieniemy 22, Chris Brown 14, Rashaan Salaam 14, Charlie Davis 13, Bobby Anderson 11, James Mayberry 11, Hugh Charles 10, Merwin Hodel 10, Cortlen Johnson 10, Bobby Purify 10, Darian Hagan 9, Tony Reed 9, Lamont Warren 9, John Bayuk 7, J.J. Flannigan 7, **Rodney Stewart 7**, Byron White 7.
- ♦ He became the 49th player in Colorado history to record at least 1,000 career rushing yards, going over the plateau in the Kansas game. He reached the number in his 14th game, becoming the 12th to reach the mark as a sophomore. He already has the fifth most career yards by a sophomore with three games left this season:

MOST YARDS RUSHING, FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORE SEASONS (*—denotes quarterback; all 1,000 yard rushers)

Player	Seasons	Yards	Player	Seasons	Yards	Player	Seasons	Yards
Eric Bieniemy	1987-88	1,751	Rodney Stewart	2008-09	1,210	Lee Rouson	1981-82	1,077
Charlie Davis	1971	1,386	*Darian Hagan	1988-89	1,179	Herchell Troutman	1994-95	1,070
Lamont Warren	1991-92	1,342	Brian Calhoun	2002-03	1,108	Cortlen Johnson	1998-99	1,010
Billy Waddy	1973-74	1,316	Bobby Purify	2000-01	1,093	Rashaan Salaam	1992-93	1,002

UNDERCLASSMEN RUSHING AT RECORD LEVEL

In 2008, almost 98 percent of CU's rushing yards were by underclassmen (freshmen and sophomores); much of that charge was led by the fact that CU was the only school in the nation that had three true freshman occupy the top three spots on any statistical category in the land (**Rodney Stewart, Darrell Scott, Tyler Hansen**). This year, that number has only dipped four percentage points, with younger players again the ones netting most of the rushing yards. It dramatically switched from Hawkins' first two years, where 16.7 percent of the yards were gained by freshmen and sophomores (including .0001 percent in 2006), to the last two, where 96.3 percent of the yards have been produced by the younger guys. In fact, Hawkins is the only coach in CU history where over 75 percent of the rushing yards for two seasons are on track to be provided by underclassmen. A look at the Hawkins Era and all-time at CU:

HAWK ERA

Season	Fr/SO Yards	Total Yards	Pct.	Notes
2006	2	2075	0.0	Only 2 FR/SO had attempts
2007	647	1800	35.9	Charles neared 1000 yds
2008	1460	1494	97.7	Top three rushers all FR
2009	729	776	93.9	Mostly R.Stewart

TOP UNDERCLASSMEN SEASONS

Season	Fr/SO Yards	Total Yards	Pct.	Notes
2008	1460	1494	97.7	Top three rushers all FR
1995	1967	2084	94.4	Post-Salaam Heisman year
2009	729	776	93.9	Mostly R.Stewart
1987	2803	3370	83.2	Three 500+ underclassmen

OPPONENT THIRD DOWN WOES AT FOLSOM

After CSU opened 3-of-4 on third down, it missed its last 10 tries; Wyoming opened 0-of-11, meaning the opponent endured an **0-of-21** streak on the down at Folsom Field. In four home games, the enemy is just 23-of-79 on third down at Folsom (29.1%).

SCOTT LEAVES PROGRAM

Sophomore running back **Darrell Scott** informed his coaches on Nov. 3 of his intent to leave the University of Colorado football program. Head coach **Dan Hawkins** said Scott, a 6-foot-1, 220-pound tailback from Ventura, Calif., is leaving for assorted personal reasons and assumed he would be transferring closer to his Southern California home. Scott indicated that UCLA might be where he winds up.

Scott had been bothered by injuries throughout his brief Colorado career. Most recently, he had arthroscopic knee surgery on Oct. 22 to clean up some cartilage after first injuring the knee in the second game of the season at Toledo. He had 23 carries for 95 yards for the season, most of those coming in the Toledo game, when he carried 12 times for 85 yards. He had 10 carries for nine yards in the next three games prior to undergoing surgery. He was targeting this Saturday's game against Texas A & M as his potential return date, though team medical officials thought the Nov. 14 Iowa State game was appearing more realistic. He was CU's leader in all-purpose yards with 694, the bulk coming on kickoff returns, as he had 21 for 564 yards and a 26.9 average. He set a school record for the most kickoff return yards in a game with 204 on eight returns at Toledo.

He entered the fall as one of four players in a most competitive deadlock at tailback. He was the recipient of the Fred Casotti Award as the most improved offensive back during spring ball, as selected by the coaching staff, but the injury limited him to three starts.

As a freshman, he saw action in 11 games, including one start (at Iowa State); he missed one full game and parts of others due to groin and ankle injuries. He finished second on the team in rushing with 343 yards, picking those up on 87 carries for a 3.9 average per rush, and scored one touchdown.

Scott was widely considered the nation's top running back prospect in the 2007 recruiting class, earning top All-America honors from Parade, USA Today, *Prep Star* and *SuperPrep* among a host of other accolades he earned at St. Bonaventure High School.

YOUNG BUT NOT SO YOUNG

It's been rare when Colorado hasn't had at least one senior in its two-deep on its offensive line or at least one senior starter. The last time the latter happened was in 1998, when two different units of non-seniors started a combined five games and crushed Oregon in the Aloha Bowl, 51-43 (it was 44-14 at one point). The last time that a senior did not start at least one game on the offensive line was in 1982, **Bill McCartney's** first season as head coach. In 2009, CU has no senior offensive linemen on its roster, the first time in known CU history that has happened (Mac's '82 team had one senior OL, **Mark Hasart**). A look at senior-less starting offensive lines since 1978, when records are available:

Season	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	Notes
1982	Derek Weisner, Jr.	Vince Rafferty, Jr.	Tim Howard, So.	Steve Heron, Jr.	John Firm, Jr.	started the '82 opener, Mac's 1st
	Derek Weisner, Jr.	Vince Rafferty, Jr.	Steve Heron, Jr.	Tim Howard, So.	John Firm, Jr.	started 2 games
	Derek Weisner, Jr.	Vince Rafferty, Jr.	Steve Heron, Jr.	Calvin Beaty, Jr.	John Firm, Jr.	started 1 game
	Randy Hogbin, Jr.	Vince Rafferty, Jr.	Steve Heron, Jr.	Calvin Beaty, Jr.	John Firm, Jr.	started 3 games
	Randy Hogbin, Jr.	Vince Rafferty, Jr.	Steve Heron, Jr.	Eric Coyle, Fr.	John Firm, Jr.	started 4 games
1993	Tony Berti, Jr.	Heath Irwin, So.	Bryan Stoltenberg, So.	Chad Hammond, So.	Derek West, Jr.	a—group started first seven games
1998	Shane Cook, Jr.	Brad Bedell, Jr.	Ryan Johanningmeier, Jr.	Chris Morgan, Jr.	Victor Rogers, Fr.-RS	started 2 games
	Ryan Johanningmeier, Jr.	Brad Bedell, Jr.	Andre Gurode, Fr.-RS	Chris Morgan, Jr.	Shane Cook, Jr.	started 3 games, incl. Aloha Bowl
2009	Nate Solder, Jr.	Ethan Adkins, Soph.	b—Mike Iltis, Soph.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	Bryce Givens, Fr.-RS	started 2 games
	Nate Solder, Jr.	Ethan Adkins, Soph.	Keenan Stevens, Jr.	Matt Bahr, Soph.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	started 3 games
	Nate Solder, Jr.	Ethan Adkins, Soph.	Keenan Stevens, Jr.	Blake Behrens, Soph.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	started 2 games
	Nate Solder, Jr.	Ethan Adkins, Soph.	Keenan Stevens, Jr.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	Bryce Givens, Fr.-RS	started 2 games
	Nate Solder, Jr.	Ethan Adkins, Soph.	Mike Iltis, Soph.	Blake Behrens, Soph.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	started 1 game

a—Hammond suffered a season-ending back injury; b—was injured six plays into season opener and was replaced remainder of the way by Keenan Stevens, Jr.

TRUE FROSH WATCH

Three true freshmen played in the opener as expected against Colorado State, but none started the game. **DT Nate Bonsu**, **WR Will Jefferson** and **DE Forrest West** all played against Colorado State, and had they started, were in line to become the first player at their respective position in Buff annals to ever start the season opener. No other true frosh have yet played; here are the six known true freshmen in CU history thrown in the fray from play one:

TB Billy Waddy, 1973 (at Louisiana State); **CB Victor Scott** and **OLB Scott Hardison**, 1980 (at UCLA); **HB Eric Bieniemy**, 1987 (vs. Oregon); **OG Clint Moore**, 1991 (vs. Wyoming) and **ILB Jordon Dizon**, 2004 (vs. Colorado State).

Freshman (true or redshirt) accounted for 95 starts over the last two seasons, the most in any two-year period in CU history; the count this season through nine games is 20 starts (by four different players) to up that total to 115.

Speaking of youthful overall, CU started 12 underclassmen (nine sophomores, three redshirt frosh) at Toledo, after starting 11 against Colorado State. The 12 is the second most nationally, topped only by Rice, which started 13 at Texas Tech on Sept. 12 (12 sophomores, one redshirt freshman). Virginia has started 11 and Missouri and Texas A&M 10 in games to date.

DIVERSE SCHEDULE

Colorado has played at least one team from every FBS Conference this decade, matched only by Cincinnati, Georgia, Navy, Southern Miss and Syracuse. Four of the six have a leg up on CU and UGA, they've also played an independent. Here's a look at CU's opponents from 2000 through 2008 (no additions to the list in 2009):

ACC: Clemson, Florida State, Miami-Fla.

Big East: West Virginia

Big 10: Wisconsin

Big 12: All other 11

Conference USA: UTEP

Independents: none

Mid-American: Miami-Ohio

Mountain West: Colorado State, San Diego State

Pac-10: Arizona State, Oregon, UCLA, USC,

Washington, Washington State

SEC: Alabama, Georgia

Sun Belt: North Texas

WAC: Fresno State, New Mexico State,

San Jose State

ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE MIDSEASON HONORS

CB CHA'PELLE BROWN (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
TE RIAR GEER (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
WR SCOTTY MCKNIGHT (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

OT NATE SOLDER (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
ILB JEFF SMART (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL AWARD LISTS**(FINALIST, SEMIFINALIST, WATCH)**

Ray Guy Award (top punter): **P Matt DiLallo** (one of 42 candidates on official list)
John Mackey Award (top tight end): **TE Riar Geer** (one of 22 on official midseason watch list)

BIG 12 PLAYER OF THE WEEK

TB RODNEY STEWART (*Co-Offensive: October 17 vs. Kansas: 24-108 rushing, 2 TDs, 6 first downs earned; 13-yard game winning score with 8:36 left*)

CU ATHLETE-OF-THE-WEEK

CB JALIL BROWN (*October 17 vs. Kansas: 4,2—6 TT; 3 PBU, 2 third down stops, 1 TD Save; 1 INT*)

COLORADO CHAPTER NFF-COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME / AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

TB RODNEY STEWART (*October 17 vs. Kansas: 24-108 rushing, 2 TDs, 6 first downs earned; 13-yard game winning score with 8:36 left*)

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

OT NATE SOLDER (3.45 GPA, Biology)

SPORTING NEWS ALL-DECADE (2000-09) TEAM

PK Mason Crosby ('06) was named to *The Sporting News'* All-Decade team for the 2000-2009 period. Now in his third year with the NFL Green Bay Packers, Crosby is CU's all-time leading scorer (307 points) and scored the most points in the first two years of any player in NFL history. The *TSN* team, which was released Sept. 24:

OFFENSE

WR Larry Fitzgerald, Pitt; WR Calvin Johnson, Georgia Tech; T Jake Long, Michigan; G Shawn Andrews, Arkansas; C Alex Mack, California; G Marcus McNeill, Auburn; T Robert Gallery, Iowa; TE Kellen Winslow, Miami-Fla.; QB Matt Leinart, USC; RB Darren McFadden, Arkansas; RB Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma.

DEFENSE

DE David Pollack, Georgia; DT John Henderson, Tennessee; DT Tommie Harris, Oklahoma; DE Terrell Suggs, Arizona State; LB James Laurinaitis, Ohio State; LB Paul Posluszny, Penn State; LB Derrick Johnson, Texas; CB Terence Newman, Kansas State; CB Lito Sheppard, Florida; S Sean Taylor, Miami-Fla.; S Roy Williams, Oklahoma.

SPECIALISTS

PK Mason Crosby, Colorado; P Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor; KR Ted Ginn, Ohio State; PR Jeremy Maclin, Missouri.

HEAD COACHES & COACHING A POSITION

CU head coach **Dan Hawkins** is coaching the receivers this season, grooming defensive technical intern **Ashley Ambrose** to take over in 2010. Hawk is the first Buff head coach to take over the chores of a specific position (other than special teams) since **Rick Neuheisel** coached the quarterbacks from 1995-97. It's pretty rare: only three have really done it at Colorado, and Hawk is one of two BCS coaches and one of just seven overall doing it this year; take a look:

Colorado

2009	Dan Hawkins	Receivers
1995-97	Rick Neuheisel	Quarterbacks
1993	Bill McCartney	Quarterbacks

NCAA (2009)

Ball State	Stan Parrish	Quarterbacks
Colorado	Dan Hawkins	Receivers
Kent State	Doug Martin	Quarterbacks
Nevada	Chris Ault	Quarterbacks
San Diego State	Brady Hoke	Defensive Line
Texas Tech	Mike Leach	Quarterbacks
Utah State	Gary Andersen	Defensive Tackles

Before the birth of the coordinator in the late 1960s, head coaches usually handled those chores on one or both sides of the ball; the last head coach to also serve as a coordinator was McCartney, when he was over the offense in his first season (1982).

SACKIN' THE QB

The Buffs are flirting with the most single season quarterback sacks in the Dan Hawkins Era; CU has 22 for 158 yards in losses (7.2 per) through nine games. In 2008, the Buffs had 26 sacks for 175 yards (6.7 per), with 19-for-130 (6.8) in 2007 and 25-for-172 in 2006 (6.9). CU has at least one sack in every game (at least two in seven of the eight); the Buffs have had one or more sacks in 17 straight games, but haven't had a sack in every game over the course of a single season since 1996.

FIRST PBU WAS A BIG ONE

CB Cha'pelle Brown entered the year 12th all-time at Colorado with 24 pass deflections; he had 10 as a junior in 2008, but none in the last two games and the first five in 2009. And technically, none in the 60 minutes against Kansas—he made his first of season after time expired, knocking the ball away from Dezmon Briscoe in the end zone. It ended the seven-game drought for Brown, who is now tied for 11th all-time with **Alfred Williams** with 25 PBU's.

INJURY UPDATE

The Buffs came out of the Texas A&M game in pretty good shape. The injury list as of November 9:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status/Iowa State
DE	*Nick Kasa	illness (mono)	diagnosed the last week of October; out for the season	OUT
FS	Ray Polk	broken bone/foot	dropped a piece of furniture on a pinkie toe (11/06); playing despite injury	PROBABLE
ILB	Bryan Stengel	concussion	suffered in practice (10/27)	DAY-TO-DAY
OG	Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner	knee(s)	tore ACL in non-contact drill in practice (9/23/08), tore other in winter conditioning (3/03)	WEEK-TO-WEEK
WR	Anthony Wright	knee	suffered versus Missouri (10/31); season-ending surgery in second week of November	OUT

HIPAA: The players listed above have signed waivers for their injury information to be released/discussed with the media.

NOTE: Injuries are reported in conjunction with the HIPAA laws. CU releases player name, body part (but no right or left ID's), the general nature and playing status when it comes to reporting injuries. Status will be listed as either OUT, DOUBTFUL, QUESTIONABLE, DAY-TO-DAY, PROBABLE or DEFINITE. Injuries will be updated in-game, postgame, the Sunday after the game, and for game notes at the end of the week.

*—According to CU compliance officials, the chance for Kasa to receive a medical hardship for 2009 is unlikely: he meets one of the criteria with a 12-game schedule (playing in a maximum 30% of the games, 4 of 12, rounding up allowed), but the catch is the second. He played in game No. 7 (at Kansas State), and in addition to only competing in 30%, the injury or illness must occur in the first half of the season, and that is where the problem is—game 7 is in the second half of the season.

RECORD WATCH

The list of records set or tied so far in 2009; *NOTE: CU did not adopt the NCAA 2002 policy of adding bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.*

INDIVIDUAL (16)

Most Pass Attempts, Half — 46 (19 completions), Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (second).	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 38 (21 completions), Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996 (first)</i>	
Most Pass Attempts, Game — 64 (30 completions), Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 54, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (38 completions).</i>	
Most Pass Attempts By Class, Game — 64 (30 completions), Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 51, Randy Essington vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 9, 1982 (24 completions).</i>	
Most Touchdown Passes, Quarter — 3, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (third)	TIED RECORD
<i>Record: 3, on four occasions (Gale Weidner vs. Kansas, 1961; Darian Hagan at Oklahoma, 1991; John Hessler at Oklahoma State, 1995; Joel Klatt vs. CSU, 2003)</i>	
Most Touchdown Passes, Half —4, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (second half)	TIED RECORD
<i>Record: 4, John Hessler vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 4, 1995 (second); Cody Hawkins vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008 (second)</i>	
Most Touchdown Passes, Career —45, Cody Hawkins, 2007-09.	RECORD
<i>Record: 44, Joel Klatt, 2002-05.</i>	
Most Interceptions, Quarter — 3, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (fourth)	TIED RECORD
<i>Record: 3, on three occasions (Bobby Anderson at Missouri, 1968; Jeff Austin at Texas Tech, 1976; Scott Kingdom vs. Drake, 1980.</i>	
Most Interceptions, Career — 36, Cody Hawkins, 2007-09.	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 33, by Steve Vogel, 1981-84, and Joel Klatt, 2002-05.</i>	
Most Total Plays, Quarter —27, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (25 pass, 2 rush)	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 26, Steve Vogel vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Nov. 20, 1982 (26 pass, 0 rush).</i>	
Most Total Plays, Half — 50, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (46 pass, 4 rush)	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 39, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996 (38 pass, 1 rush).</i>	
Most Total Plays, Game —69, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (64 pass, 5 rush)	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 62, Craig Ochs vs. Fresno State in Boulder, Aug. 26, 2001 (50 pass, 12 rush).</i>	
Most Receptions, Game —11, Scotty McKnight vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009	TIED RECORD
<i>Record: 11 on three occasions: Michael Westbrook vs. Baylor, 1992; Charles E. Johnson at Missouri, 1992; Derek McCoy vs. Washington State, 2003.</i>	
Most Consecutive Games With At Least One Reception —33, Scotty McKnight (Sept. 1, 2007 to current)	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 27, Charles E. Johnson, Oct. 26, 1991 to Nov. 20, 1993.</i>	
Most Kickoff Returns, Game — 8, Darrell Scott vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009	TIED RECORD
<i>Record: 8, Walter Stanley at Nebraska, Oct. 10, 1981 and Shelby Nash vs. Missouri, Oct. 8, 1983.</i>	
Most Kickoff Return Yards, Game — 204, Darrell Scott vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (8 returns).	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 193, Josh Smith vs. Nebraska, Nov. 28, 2008 (7 returns).</i>	
Most Blocked Kicks, Game — 2, Douglas Rippy vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (2 punts).	TIED RECORD
<i>Record: 2, Tyrone Henderson vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (2 punts).</i>	
Most Touchdown Passes, Duo, Career —11, Cody Hawkins to Scotty McKnight, 2007-09	NEED 2
<i>Record: 12, Koy Detmer to Rae Carruth, 1992-96.</i>	

TEAM (4)

Latest Ending Time, Game — 12:55 a.m., vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 12:54 a.m., vs. Alabama, Blockbuster Bowl at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Dec. 28, 1991.</i>	
Most Pass Attempts, Half — 46 (19 completions), vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (second).	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 38 (21 completions), vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996 (first)</i>	
Most Pass Attempts, Game — 64 (30 completions), vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 55 (32 completions), vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003</i>	
Most Penalties, Game — 20 (for 140 yards), vs. Texas at Austin, Oct. 10, 2009.	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 18 (for 115 yards), vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Sept. 30, 1950</i>	

SERIES HISTORY—COLORADO VS. IOWA STATE

Colorado owns a **48-14-1** lead in the series, which includes a **24-6-1** edge in Boulder and a **24-8** margin in Ames. CU has won 12 of the last 13 meetings in Boulder and has a **22-3** overall edge in the series dating back to 1984. Colorado had won **10** straight games at Jack Trice Stadium, four by five points or less and four by 32 points or more, until the 30-16 loss in 2005, and the Cyclones made it two in a row with a 31-28 come-from-behind win in 2007. The other ISU win in this time frame came in 2000 in Boulder, in the snow, by a 35-27 score. Since 1966, CU has dominated the series by a 35-8 count, and in the last 24 games, CU has outscored the Cyclones 798-462 and has outgained ISU 10,462-to 7,609 (or an average of 436-317). Though Colorado has recent command of the win column, many of the games have been dogfights, with nine of the last 18 decided by eight points or less. The last shutout in the series was a 14-0 Colorado win in 1969; the winner has scored 30 or more in 12 of the last 15 games, while the loser has scored 20 or more points in nine of those games. This is the 16th time in the last 19 meetings these two schools, the most western and northern in the Big 12, will meet in November. CU coach **Dan Hawkins** is 3-1 against Iowa State (including a 34-16 win while at Boise State in the 2002 Humanitarian Bowl), while ISU's **Paul Rhoads** is 0-0 against Colorado. A closer look at the series:

Sept. 21, 1946 Colorado 13- 7 (B)	Oct. 20, 1962 Iowa State 57-19	Nov. 18, 1978 Iowa State 20-16 (B)	Nov. 19, 1994 Colorado 41-20 (B)
Sept. 27, 1947 Colorado 7- 0	Oct. 19, 1963 Iowa State 19- 7 (B)	Nov. 3, 1979 Iowa State 24-10	Oct. 21, 1995 Colorado 50-28
Oct. 16, 1948 Iowa State 18- 7	Oct. 17, 1964 Colorado 14- 7	Nov. 1, 1980 Colorado 17- 9 (B)	Nov. 9, 1996 Colorado 49-42 (B)
Oct. 8, 1949 Iowa State 13- 6 (B)	Oct. 16, 1965 Tie 10-10 (B)	Oct. 24, 1981 Iowa State 17-10	Nov. 8, 1997 Colorado 43-38
Sept. 23, 1950 Iowa State 14- 7	Oct. 15, 1966 Colorado 41-21	Oct. 23, 1982 Iowa State 31-14 (B)	Nov. 14, 1998 Colorado 37- 8 (B)
Nov. 3, 1951 Colorado 47-20 (B)	Oct. 7, 1967 Colorado 34- 0 (B)	Oct. 15, 1983 Iowa State 22-10	Oct. 23, 1999 Colorado 16-12
Oct. 18, 1952 Colorado 21-12	Oct. 5, 1968 Colorado 28-18	Oct. 13, 1984 Colorado 23-21 (B)	Nov. 11, 2000 Iowa State 35-27 (B)
Oct. 31, 1953 Colorado 41-34 (B)	Oct. 11, 1969 Colorado 14- 0	Oct. 19, 1985 Colorado 40- 6	Nov. 10, 2001 Colorado 40-27
Oct. 16, 1954 Colorado 20- 0	Oct. 10, 1970 Colorado 61-10 (B)	Oct. 18, 1986 Colorado 31- 3 (B)	Nov. 16, 2002 Colorado 41-27 (B)
Nov. 19, 1955 Colorado 40- 0 (B)	Oct. 9, 1971 Colorado 24-14	Oct. 31, 1987 Colorado 42-10	Nov. 15, 2003 Colorado 44-10
Oct. 20, 1956 Colorado 52- 0	Oct. 14, 1972 Colorado 34-22 (B)	Oct. 29, 1988 Colorado 24-12 (B)	Oct. 16, 2004 Colorado 19-14 (B)
Nov. 23, 1957 Colorado 38-21 (B)	Oct. 13, 1973 Colorado 23-16	Oct. 14, 1989 Colorado 52-17	Nov. 12, 2005 Iowa State 30-16
Oct. 18, 1958 Colorado 20- 0	Oct. 12, 1974 Colorado 34- 7 (B)	Oct. 13, 1990 Colorado 28-12 (B)	Nov. 11, 2006 Colorado 33-16 (B)
Oct. 17, 1959 Iowa State 27- 0 (B)	Nov. 1, 1975 Colorado 28-27	Nov. 23, 1991 Colorado 17-14	Nov. 10, 2007 Iowa State 31-28
Oct. 15, 1960 Colorado 21- 6	Oct. 23, 1976 Colorado 33-14 (B)	Nov. 21, 1992 Colorado 31-10 (B)	Nov. 8, 2008 Colorado 28-24 (B)
Nov. 25, 1961 Colorado 34- 0 (B)	Nov. 5, 1977 Colorado 12- 7	Nov. 20, 1993 Colorado 21-16	

SERIES DID YOU KNOW — CU has fewer than 21 points against ISU only four times since 1983, winning three times: 17-14 in 1991, 16-12 in 1999 and 19-14 in 2004 and in 2005, 30-16. Also, in CU's only 1-win seasons in the modern era (1980, 1984), the one win came at the expense of the Cyclones.

SERIES SIGNATURE ANNIVERSARY GAME — 25th. In 1984, Colorado's lone win in a 1-10 season came against the Cyclones in Boulder, a 23-21 verdict. The Buffaloes used a pair of Steve Vogel to Ron Brown scoring bombs to rally from a 12-6 halftime deficit to win their annual Homecoming game. Iowa State held a 5-0 lead after scoring a safety and a field goal in the first quarter, but the Buffs went ahead 6-5 on a 12-yard TD pass from Vogel to Jon Embree. The two-point try failed, and ISU came back with a touchdown before halftime to take the 12-6 lead. Vogel threw TD passes of 43 and 85 yards to Brown, sandwiched around a 52-yard field goal by Dave DeLine, to take a 23-12 lead into the fourth quarter. Iowa State added nine fourth quarter points to creep back to within two but would get no closer, missing a late field goal for the win. It was a defensive game, with 18 punts and only 481 yards of combined offense, though Brown did catch five passes for 158 yards.

BUFFS & CYCLONES BY THE NUMBERS

Here's a look at some numbers-related trivia or fun facts with **Colorado** and **Iowa State**:

- 1** Ralphie I officially retired following the 1978 game in Boulder (a 20-16 Iowa State win);
- 2** The number of games CU has had with zero punts since 1978, both against Iowa State (in 1989 and 1994);
- 9** The length of a Kordell Stewart-to-Chris Anderson pass in '94, making Stewart the Big 8 all-time total offense leader;
- 16** The number of consecutive wins CU posted over Iowa State between 1984 and 1999, a school record for the most in a row over one opponent;
- 17** The game-time temperature of the 1991 game at Ames, played in sub-zero wind-chill and blizzard conditions;
- 33** The field goal length made by Frank Rogers in 1965, which he booted through with 21 seconds left to give CU a 10-7 win;
- 46** The number of points scored by PK Mason Crosby against the Cyclones, the most by any Buff against one team in school history;
- 47** The number of rushing attempts by Iowa State's Dwayne Crutchfield in the 1981 game, the most ever against a CU team;
- 66** The length of *two* defensive returns for touchdowns (fumble, interception) by Iowa State in the 2005 game;
- 67** The number of yards Rashaan Salaam dashed down the east sideline for a touchdown in the 1994 game, sending him over the 2,000-yard mark and on his way to winning CU's first Heisman Trophy;
- 75** The number of points scored in the '53 game at Folsom Field, a stadium record at the time, in CU's 41-34 win.
- 85** The number of receiving yards in the '57 game by CU quarterback Boyd Dowler (who went on to be a receiver in the NFL);
- 105** The distance in yards of two Kevin Eberhart field goals (50 & 55 yards) that did not count at the end of the 2007 game.
- 105/172** The number of receiving and rushing yards by Cortlen Johnson in 2001, the first Buff to have 100 of both in the same game;
- 301** The number of rushing yards Bobby Purify (174) and Chris Brown (127) combined for in the 2002 game;
- 1750** The estimated attendance of the 1991 game at Ames, played in sub-zero wind-chill and blizzard conditions.

PUNCH VS. PUNCH / THE SET-UP

- Colorado and Iowa State are tied for seventh nationally in red zone defense, with identical figures at 70.3 percent (26 scores allowed for 37 penetrations of the 20). The Buffs enter the game 17th in red zone offense, scoring at a 90 percent clip (27 scores, with 21 touchdowns, in 30 trips. (*Iowa State is ranked 80th in red zone offense.*)

COLORADO-IOWA STATE SERIES TRENDS

Here's a quick look at the last 15 games and some team statistical trends in the **Colorado-Iowa State** series:

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU ISU	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	ISU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
Nov. 19, 1994	Boulder	W 41-20	46,113	7 —	25	47 380 5	21-14-0 196 0	68 576	15	48 73 1	19-14-0 170 0	67 243	KCNC (1)
Oct. 21, 1995	Ames	W 50-28	34,669	9 —	23	49 326 5	23-11-2 173 0	72 499	22	47 196 3	36-17-1 161 0	83 357	KCNC (1)
Nov. 9, 1996	Boulder	W 49-42	49,662	7 —	31	36 190 2	47-27-1 401 5	83 591	23	48 252 3	27-16-2 153 2	75 405	
Nov. 8, 1997	Ames	W 43-38	32,080	— —	26	36 180 5	40-24-1 299 1	76 479	20	38 102 1	32-16-0 209 3	70 311	FSN
Nov. 14, 1998	Boulder	W 37- 8	49,438	— —	22	54 267 3	18-11-0 196 1	72 463	14	34 89 1	32-15-3 93 0	66 182	
Oct. 23, 1999	Ames	W 16-12	34,892	— —	17	40 180 1	23-14-1 116 1	63 296	22	43 195 0	27-16-2 184 1	70 379	
Nov. 11, 2000	Boulder	L 27-35	46,430	— —	23	38 132 3	34-25-1 307 1	72 439	23	47 277 3	27-15-1 173 1	74 450	FSN
Nov. 10, 2001	Ames (N)	W 40-27	39,204	21 —	26	57 255 2	27-18-0 247 2	84 502	22	35 132 1	36-22-1 279 3	71 411	FSN
Nov. 16, 2002	Boulder (N)	W 41-27	48,728	17 —	28	51 331 2	29-17-0 187 2	80 518	27	38 207 3	35-24-1 265 1	73 472	FSN
Nov. 15, 2003	Ames	W 44-10	36,977	— —	19	45 110 4	29-21-1 288 2	74 398	17	32 102 0	40-16-1 121 1	72 223	
Oct. 16, 2004	Boulder	W 19-14	44,285	— —	17	34 141 0	34-18-3 163 1	68 304	24	47 164 0	33-16-1 239 1	80 403	FSN
Nov. 15, 2005	Ames	L 16-30	49,242	22 —	23	38 79 1	42-25-2 284 0	80 363	15	25 36 0	38-20-0 251 1	63 287	FSN
Nov. 11, 2006	Boulder	W 33-16	43,056	— —	18	38 263 1	19-13-0 200 2	57 463	19	30 102 1	29-18-0 209 2	59 311	
Nov. 10, 2007	Ames	L 28-31	45,487	— —	17	32 157 2	40-23-0 262 2	72 419	18	42 162 2	27-13-1 189 2	69 351	FCS
Nov. 8, 2008	Boulder	W 28-24	46,440	— —	21	32 148 0	41-24-1 274 4	73 422	22	44 188 3	29-16-0 215 0	73 403	Versus

SAY WHAT?

- ➔ On only one occasion has Iowa State defeated Colorado and did not finish either ahead or tied with the Buffs. In 1948, ISU won 18-7, but finished 2-4 in the standings; CU was in its first season of then-Big Seven play, and for whatever reason, did not have Oklahoma yet on the schedule, thus playing just five games in finishing 2-3. What's it all mean? Nothing, but this next-to-worthless note filled in the rest of this page.

SERIES FAST FACTS

Some team and individual bests in the **Colorado-Iowa State** series:

TEAM		INDIVIDUAL	
Most Points		Most Yards Rushing	
CU: 61, on Oct. 10, 1970		CU: 259, Rashaan Salaam, Nov. 19, 1994	
ISU: 57, on Oct. 20, 1962		ISU: 228, Troy Davis, Nov. 9, 1996	
Fewest Points		Most Yards Passing	
CU: 0, on Oct. 17, 1959		CU: 401, Koy Detmer, Nov. 9, 1996	
ISU: 0, on eight occasions		ISU: 265, Seneca Wallace, Nov. 16, 2002	
Most First Downs		Most Receptions	
CU: 31, on Nov. 9, 1996		CU: 9, Javon Green, Nov. 11, 2000	
ISU: 32, on Oct. 23, 1982		ISU: 8, Darius Darks on Nov. 8, 2008	
Fewest First Downs		Most Yards Receiving	
CU: 4, on Oct. 19, 1963		CU: 167, Javon Green, Nov. 11, 2000	
ISU: 6, on Sept. 21, 1946		ISU: 148, Kim Tidd, Oct. 31, 1953	
Most Yards Rushing			
CU: 447, on Oct. 14, 1989			
ISU: 377, on Nov. 20, 1993			
Fewest Yards Rushing			
CU: -16, on Oct. 13, 1984			
ISU: 3, on Oct. 11, 1969			
Most Yards Passing			
CU: 401, on Nov. 9, 1996			
ISU: 279, on Nov. 10, 2001			
Fewest Yards Passing			
CU: 14, on Oct. 19, 1985			
ISU: -1, on Nov. 9, 1955			
Most Total Plays			
CU: 90, on Oct. 9, 1971			
ISU: 93, on Oct. 23, 1982			
Fewest Total Plays			
CU: 44, on Oct. 23, 1982			
ISU: 42, on Oct. 15, 1960			
Most Yards Total Offense			
CU: 662, on Oct. 14, 1989			
ISU: 571, on Oct. 23, 1982			
Fewest Yards Total Offense			
CU: 121, on Oct. 17, 1959			
ISU: 76, on Nov. 19, 1955			

IOWA STATE NOTES

Iowa State is 5-5 overall and 2-4 in the Big 12 under coach Paul Rhoads. The Cyclones have been on a series of mini streaks in 2009. After winning to open the season against North Dakota State, ISU fell to Iowa the second week of the season. Then the Cyclones won two straight to close non-conference play against Kent State and Army. In Big 12 play, the Cyclones lost two, then won two and have dropped the last two. The first two Big 12 games in which the Cyclones fell were close contests, falling to Kansas State 24-23 and Kansas 41-36. They then broke it open against Baylor with a 24-10 win before getting a rare win in Lincoln, Neb., with a 9-7 win over the Cornhuskers. The last two weeks have not been as close, as Iowa State fell 35-10 at Texas A&M on Halloween and then fell 34-8 at home against Oklahoma State last week. The Cyclones have a solid rushing attack, ranking third in the Big 12 at 185.7 yards per game. Alexander Robinson leads the attack averaging 96.0 yards per game individually, good for third in the Big 12. Dual threat QB Austen Arnaud averages 48.5 yards rushing per game and 207.9 yards of total offense per game. The Cyclone offense has averaged just 9.0 points per game over the past three games.

- ➔ Iowa State coach **Paul Rhoads** is in his first season at the helm of the Cyclones, compiling a 5-5 record his first year in Ames. He is not unfamiliar with the area, however, having been born about 10 miles from Ames and attending high school about 20 miles from Ames. He was a member of Dan McCarney's staff for five years when he coached the inside linebackers (1995) and the defensive backs (1996-99). Rhoads then moved to Pitt, where he was the defensive coordinator from 2000-07 before moving to Auburn in the same role in 2008. He was also an assistant coach at Pacific and a graduate assistant at Ohio State and Utah State.
- ➔ Iowa State led the Big 12 in rushing headed into last week but mustered just 54 yards against No. 18 Oklahoma State as the Cowboys went into Ames and came away with a 34-8 victory. Keith Totson led OSU with 206 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Oklahoma State held a 13-0 lead at the half and busted it open to a 27-0 lead in the third quarter. Iowa State got on the board early in fourth quarter and hit a two-point conversion to make it 27-8 before the Cowboys finished the scoring on the next drive, 34-8.
- ➔ Iowa State will be honoring its senior class as the Buffaloes will be the final home opponent for Iowa State this season.
- ➔ The Cyclones have struggled recently on offense, averaging just 9.0 points per game in the last three. They did win one of those, however, knocking off Nebraska 9-7 in Lincoln three weeks ago before falling 35-10 to Texas A&M and 34-8 to Oklahoma State the last two weeks. In Lincoln, Iowa State lost starting QB Austen Arnaud and redshirt freshman Jerome Tiller passed for 102 yards and ran for 65 yards and led the Cyclones to its first win in Memorial Stadium since 1977. Two weeks ago, Texas A&M was able to run out to a 21-3 lead at halftime and pushed that lead to 28-3 early in the third quarter cruising to a 35-10 win.
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TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Texas A&M** in several statistical categories through games of **November 7** (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):



Category	Colorado		Iowa State	
Overall Record, 2009	3-6		5-5	
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	1-1		0-2	
Opponents 2009 Combined Record (SOS: NCAA, Sagarin)	51-42	(32)	45-40	(48)
Overall Record, 1989-current (last 21 seasons).....	156-94-4	(23)	86-152-3	
Versus Ranked Teams.....	43-58-2		6-69	
In Conference Play.....	99-56-3	(13)	42-114-3	
Alumni On NFL Rosters (as of November 10).....	21		6	
Rushing Offense.....	86.2	(113)	185.7	(29)
Average Per Rush	2.6		4.6	
Passing Offense	216.7	(64)	181.0	(100)
Completion Percentage.....	52.9		55.7	
Average Per Attempt.....	5.7		6.3	
Passing Efficiency	103.2	(112)	113.0	(100)
Total Offense	302.9	(111)	366.7	(69)
Average Per Play.....	4.3		5.4	
Scoring Offense.....	23.2	(91)	21.2	(99)
Rushing Defense.....	151.6	(72)	169.8	(93)
Average Per Rush	4.1		4.5	
Passing Defense	229.4	(70)	234.5	(81)
Completion Percentage.....	60.1		63.2	
Average Per Attempt.....	7.6		7.1	
Pass Efficiency Defense	135.4	(90)	134.2	(86)
Total Defense	381.0	(74)	404.3	(94)
Average Per Play.....	5.7		5.7	
Scoring Defense.....	30.0	(94)	22.74	(48)
Third Down Conversion Offense.....	38.0	(74)	42.2	(43)
Third Down Conversion Defense	33.6	(21)	41.7	(88)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed.....	22 / 36	(42/118)	12 / 9	(107/10)
Net Punting	32.7	(110)	38.9	(12)
Punt Returns	3.0	(117)	6.0	(97)
Punt Return Yardage Defense.....	9.7	(73)	1.6	(1)
Kickoff Returns	24.1	(26)	22.3	(56)
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense.....	21.2	(52)	18.1	(10)
Turnovers	24	(115)	20	(90)
Turnover Margin.....	-0.67	(100)	+0.60	(25)
Red Zone Scoring Percentage.....	90.0	(17)	80.0	(75)
Time of Possession.....	30:13	(51)	28:11	(104)

CONFERENCE GAMES ONLY (with conference rank)

Category	Colorado		Iowa State	
Opponents To Date Record (League Play).....	13-13		15-16	
Rushing Offense.....	80.2	(9)	171.0	(3)
Passing Offense	181.0	(10)	186.0	(9)
Total Offense	261.2	(12)	357.0	(6)
Scoring Offense.....	21.2	(8)	18.3	(10)
Rushing Defense.....	111.6	(7)	177.3	(12)
Passing Defense	247.2	(7)	257.8	(9)
Total Defense	358.8	(7)	435.2	(11)
Scoring Defense.....	31.6	(9)	25.2	(5)
Net Punting	30.8	(12)	36.1	(6)
Punt Returns	2.4	(11)	7.1	(8)
Kickoff Returns	23.5	(4)	22.9	(6)
Turnover Margin.....	-1.00	(10)	+1.33	(3)
Third Down Conversion Defense.....	34.7	(4)	49.4	(12)
Quarterback Sacks	11	(7)	4	(12)

DID YOU KNOW

Here's a little known fact: Oklahoma won every Big 7 title between 1948 and 1959; in the 1960's, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma all won Big Eight titles. In the 1970's, Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State won or shared crowns, and in the 1980s, CU, NU and OU earned titles. In the 1990s, Colorado or Nebraska won the final six Big 8 championships, with Nebraska, Texas and Texas A&M claiming the top spot in newly formed Big 12 between 1996-99. In the 2000s, Colorado, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Texas have won Big 12 titles. Where's this leading? If Nebraska doesn't win the '09 Big 12 championship, CU will be the only school from the old Big 8 to have won at least one title in each of the last five decades, joined only by Texas in doing the same.

THE LAST TIME: COLORADO 28, IOWA STATE 24**NOVEMBER 8, 2008 (BOULDER)**

BOULDER — It might not be “Joe to Jerry,” but Cody to Cody was good enough for Colorado. Cody Hawkins threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Cody Crawford with 1:30 remaining and then the defense stopped Iowa State at the goal line as the Buffaloes rallied from 11 points down in the final 9:14 to defeat the Cyclones, 28-24.

Though CU defeated Iowa State for the 22nd time in the last 25 meetings, this one went down to the wire. After Hawkins’ fourth touchdown pass, all in the second half, put the Buffs up by four, a good kickoff return by the Cyclones started them off at their own 39. Three plays later, I-State was already at the CU 14 with just 40 seconds left in the game.

Austen Arnaud completed an 8-yard pass to Houston Jones and then picked up another yard on an option run, and the Cyclones were faced with a third-and-one at the Buff 5, where they took their third and final time out. After an incomplete pass, Arnaud completed a pass to a wide open Darius Darks at the CU 1, but he had to leave his feet for the ball and came to a stop less than 18 inches from the goal. Arnaud spiked the ball with three seconds left and the game came down to one last play.

The Cyclones called another option play and ran it to the near side, with Arnaud faking the pitch to Alexander Robinson at the CU 5. But when he turned up field, he was greeted by D.J. Dykes and Jimmy Smith simultaneously, the play resulting in a 2-yard loss with time expiring.

CU twice rallied from double-digit deficits, trailing 10-0 at halftime and after storming back for a 13-10 lead, watched Iowa State regroup and take a 24-13 lead with just over nine minutes left after a 4-play, 57-yard drive which featured a 53-yard Robinson run.

Hawkins steered an 8-play, 80-yard drive, using the two-minute offense, and polished it off with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Patrick Williams to cut the lead to 24-19. Hed then tossed a two-point conversion pass to Jake Behrens to pull CU to within three. The Buff defense then held ISU to three plays and out, and CU again employed its two minute magic, driving 81 yards in 11 plays, with the pass from Hawkins to Crawford putting CU in the lead for what turned out to be good.

Hawkins replaced Tyler Hansen after halftime, as the CU freshman, despite rushing for 48 yards, was having some trouble reading the Iowa State defense. Hawkins responded by completing 20-of-29 passes for 415 yards and four touchdowns. In playing just 43 snaps he recorded his career-best single game rating (180.0) and threw a career best four touchdown passes, the first pair of which were to Scotty McKnight on CU’s first two second half possessions that bought CU a brief 13-10 lead. ISU scored in just three plays, covering 62 yards and needing just 52 seconds to do so, retaking the lead at 17-13.

Iowa State took a 3-0 lead on its first possession when Grant Mahoney made a 24-yard field goal after an 11-play drive stalled inside the CU 10. The Cyclones made it 10-0 just 55 seconds before halftime, turning an interception of Hansen into a 14-play, 65-yard march that culminated with a Jason Scales 1-yard run. The ISU defense did its part, containing CU to only 110 yards on offense.

Williams had a big day for the Buffs. In addition to his touchdown reception, he caught a 25-yard pass on the drive that put CU ahead in the third quarter, reaching the career 100 receptions and 1,000 yard milestones on the same play. Crawford caught a career-high eight passes for 79 yards to lead all Buff receivers.

Iowa State	3	7	7	7	—	24
COLORADO	0	0	13	15	—	28

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Iowa State — Mahoney 24 FG	0-3	7:06	1Q
Iowa State — Scales 1 run (Mahoney kick)	0-10	0:55	2Q
COLORADO — McKnight 4 pass from Hawkins (kick blocked)	6-10	9:50	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 22 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	13-10	2:21	3Q
Iowa State — Robinson 14 run (Mahoney kick)	13-17	1:23	3Q
Iowa State — Robinson 1 run (Mahoney kick)	13-24	9:14	4Q
COLORADO — Williams 14 pass from Hawkins			
(Behrens pass from Hawkins)	21-24	7:05	4Q
COLORADO — Crawford 5 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	28-24	1:30	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs.....	20	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	9-17 (2-2)	4-14 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	32-148	44-188
Passing Yards	274	215
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	41-24-1	29-16-0
Total Offense.....	422	303
Return Yards	39	8
Punts: No-Average.....	3-49.7	6-38.7
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards	6/50	5/50
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-6	1-5
Time of Possession	27:12	32:48
Drives/Average Field Position	11/C29	11/IS29
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	3-4 (20)	4-5 (24)

Attendance: 46,440 **Time:** 3:14

Weather: 50 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 9 mph winds from the northwest

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Scott 19-87, Hansen 9-48, Hawkins 2-14, Sumler 1-3, Jo.Smith 1-minus 4. **Iowa State:** Robinson 23-101, Arnaud 14-70, Scales 7-17.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 29-20-0, 226, 4 td; Hansen 12-4-1, 48, 0 td. **Iowa State:** Arnaud 28-16-0, 215, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Crawford 8-79, McKnight 6-62, Sumler 5-40, Williams 4-85, Jo.Smith 1-8. **Iowa St:** Darks 8-69, Franklin 2-76, Hamilton 2-32, Jones 2-19, Scales 1-18, Johnson 1-1.

Punting—Colorado: Suazo 3-49.7 (58 long, 1 In20). **Iowa State:** Brandtner 6-38.7 (48 long, 4 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 3-35, McKnight 1-4. **Iowa State:** McDowell 1-5.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jo.Smith 4-104, Cantrell 1-11. **Iowa State:** Johnson 2-55, Sumrall 1-28.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Iowa State:** Johnson 1-3.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Walters 13,3—16; Smart 6,6—12; Ji.Smith 8,1—9; Dykes 6,3—9; J.Brown 4,3—7; Jones 3,3—6; C.Brown 2,2—4; Hypolite 3,0—3; Lucas 3,0—3; McKay 1,1—2; Nicolas 1,1—2; Beatty 0,2—2. **Iowa State:** Je.Smith 10,3—13; Ja.Smith 9,2—11; McDowell 5,1—6; Garrin 3,2—5; Singleton 4,0—4; Hunley 3,1—4; Brown 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Walters 1-6. **Iowa State:** Na.Frere 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Ji.Smith 4, C.Brown 2, McKay, Walters. **Iowa State:** Ja.Smith, Je.Smith.

GAME NOTES

This was the second straight game in the series that came down to the final play; in 2007, CU could not get two field goal tries off as time expired ... This was CU’s third come-from-behind win this season, joining rallies against Eastern Washington and Kansas State ... Colorado gained a season-high 422 yards, also the first 400-plus game for the Buffs on the year; CU had 110 yards at halftime but easily exceeded that total with 147 in the third quarter and 165 in the fourth for a 312-yard second half ... Colorado averaged just 2.5 yards on first down in the first half (11 plays, 27 yards), but reversed that course in the second half with a 7.0 figure (19-132) ... CU was 3-of-3 on 3rd-&-1 ... CU was bidding to score on just its second opening drive of the season but missed a field goal; Iowa State came back and drove for a three, the sixth score by the opponent on a first possession in ’08 (4 TD, 2 FG) ... It was the third time in 2008 CU did not score in the first half (Texas, Missouri previously) ... Nate Frere’s block of **PK Aric Goodman’s** third quarter PAT kick was the first blocked PAT kick by a CU opponent since Oct. 25, 2003 (Brodney Pool, in a 34-20 win in Boulder by No. 1 Oklahoma) ... CU had the game’s only turnover, a second quarter interception, CU’s 12th in the quarter on the season ... Williams became just the 10th player to catch 100 passes and the 19th to earn 1,000 receiving yards in a CU uniform ... Two Buffs made their first career starts in the game, **TB Darrell Scott** and **CB Jimmy Smith**, which upped the total to 13 players who have made their first career starts in 2008, including eight freshmen (five true, three redshirt).

IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: NOVEMBER 14

Colorado is **6-8** all-time on **November 14** as the Buffaloes almost always play on the road the second Saturday in November; CU is 2-0 at home, 0-1 at a neutral site and 4-7 on the road on the date. Here's a look at a few games on the 318th day of the year (319th in leap years): **1914**—The always interesting recap early last century account from the CU yearbook (Coloradoan) of a 6-2 loss to Colorado Mines in Denver: *"Colorado met defeat at the hands of the Mines. Unable to pull off successful forward passes after that exponent of the art, Tank Walter, was injured, the Varsity failed to make a touchdown. By use of the Minnesota shift which had proven ineffective against Colorado in years past, Burris succeeded in placing the pigskin over the line for a touchdown."* It went on to say that in the second quarter, CU was *"able to cope with the hobby shift of the Orediggers."* **1925**—Again, from the yearbook: *"Sallying forth into conflict without a leader, Colorado's fighting gridsters were for to bow to the Farmer boys from Fort Collins before nine thousand howling fans by a score of 12 to 0."* Translation: Colorado A&M 12, CU 0. **1936**—Utah State toppled CU, 14-13, in Logan to secure its first league title in 15 years. The teams traded touchdowns on their opening drives, CU missing the PAT. USU went up 14-6 in the second quarter, but CU pulled back to within one in the third quarter. Byron White missed a 25-yard field goal in the fourth quarter that could have won it. **1953**—Frank Bernardi's 4-yard TD pass to Gary Knafelc on fourth down late in the third quarter was the first key fourth down play in the game, giving CU a 14-10 lead. The second came with 1:05 left in the game, when on fourth-and-goal from the CU5, Ray Novak picked up four yards and two feet, stopped cold just a foot from the end zone by Dick Knowlton and Dave Hill, the end result spoiling Nebraska's Homecoming. Emerson Wilson scored CU's first touchdown, which Nebraska matched in the second quarter to forge a 7-all tie at halftime. **1959**—Nebraska jumped to a 14-6 lead and still led by 14-12 late in the game, when the Buffs went for it on fourth down from the Husker 26; Gale Weidner's pass fell incomplete, allowing NU to escape with the win. The Buffs had dominated the game, but couldn't capitalize on several scoring opportunities. **1964**—CU took an early 7-0 lead in Lawrence, but the Jayhawks used a muffed punt play in the third quarter to defeat the Buffs, 10-7. Sam Harris was set to punt on 4th-and-2 from the CU 28, but his blocker was too close to him and he couldn't get the punt off, instead trying to pick up the first down. He was tackled, and Kansas' Gary Duff broke a 7-7 tie with a 21-yard field goal. CU dominated the game, limiting KU to 202 yards of total offense, but each team committed four turnovers at costly times to keep the scoring low.

1970—Ah, Stillwater in November. Snow and rain mix, winds up to 40 miles per hour. But it didn't daunt the Buffaloes, who drove 80- and 90 yards on their first two possessions as Colorado romped over Oklahoma State, 30-6. CU used 33 plays combined on those drives, which ended on TD runs by John Tarver and Jon Keyworth. Only 18,000 braved the conditions to watch the affair, in which the Buffs capitalized on their strength by piling up 390 yards rushing (owning a 470-185 edge overall in total offense). Ward Walsh led the way with 87 yards, and six players had 40 or more yards on the ground for CU. **1981**—Though compiling 476 yards on offense and holding CU to just 147, Kansas managed a controlled 27-0 win over the Buffs in Lawrence. A 62-yard touchdown pass from Frank Seurer to Wayne Capers added to a 10-0 Jayhawk halftime lead and put the game out of reach. **1992**—James Hill rushed for two touchdowns, including the game-winning 8-yard run with 2:09 left in the game as No. 13 Colorado rallied to defeat No. 20 Kansas, 25-18 at Lawrence. CU dominated the first half, owning a 202-113 edge in yards in building a 17-7 lead, but KU reversed that in the third quarter, amassing 123 yards and scoring 11 points to take an 18-17 lead. After a poor CU punt and a late hit penalty, the Buffs took over at the Jayhawk 42. Hill rushed for 24 yards on the winning drive, while Kordell Stewart and Charles Johnson hooked up for 24 yards to convert a key third down. Hill had 69 yards in the game, with Leonard Renfro (15 tackles, 12 solo with a sack and an interception) along with Greg Biekert (12 stops) led the Buffs' defensive effort. **1998**—Marlon Barnes rushed for a career-high 237 yards and two touchdowns as CU enjoyed its best offensive day of the season with a 37-8 win over Iowa State in Boulder. The Buffs had season highs in both rushing (267) and total yards (463), while the defense intercepting three passes and holding the Cyclones to just 182 overall. Ahead 9-0 after the first quarter, two long scoring plays before halftime put the Buffs in total control, a 61 yard pass from Mike Moschetti to Javon Green and a 76-yard punt return by Ben Kelly (the latter helping CU to a 129-16 edge in return yards).

NOVEMBER 14 COLORADO MVP: G Dick Knowlton. He had an estimated 12 tackles, including a fourth down stop of Nebraska fullback Ray Novak at the 12-inch line with 1:05 left in CU's 14-10 win in 1953.

THIS WEEK'S HISTORICAL STAT / 2001

Eight years ago, on Nov. 10, 2001, senior **TB Cortlen Johnson** made school history in Ames during a 40-27 Colorado win over Iowa State. He became the first (and to this day, the only) Buffalo player to have 100 or more yards both rushing and receiving in the same game. He rushed 27 times for 172 yards and caught six passes for 105 more in leading the Buffs to an important late season win tin their march toward the Big 12 North Division title. He scored a touchdown of each variety, and was named the national player of the week by *The Sporting News*.

REVERSAL OF FORTUNE, IN A GOOD WAY

Colorado lost **121** games due to injury or illness in 2008, with all but **11** of those **121** by players who figured in either the two-deep or prominently on special teams. The Buffs were a bit shorthanded as Hawkins & Staff continued to rebuild the CU roster, with 20 on the inactive roster by season's end (11 injured, five ineligible, four transfers), not including 16 freshmen ticketed for a redshirt season. It's an entirely different story in 2009, as CU has for the most part escaped a barrage of serious injury (**21** total games missed due to maladies). Here are the worst regular seasons for injuries/illness for the CU program over the last 20 years (KEY: GL—Games lost to injury; GL/2—Games lost by 2-deep players; MG—"Man games" as defined by as the total number of games if all players NOT ticketed to redshirt played every game; Pct. Lost – percentage of man games lost, knowing that in actuality, the number is higher as third-team players and reserves don't see that much action; 2/MG—2-deep man games, or starting 22 positions plus backups):

Season	G	GL	MG	Pct. Lost	GL/2	2/MG	Pct. Lost	Season	G	GL	MG	Pct. Lost	GL/2	2/MG	Pct. Lost
2009	9	33	880	3.8	28	396	7.1	2002	13	139	1118	12.4	80	572	14.0
2008	12	121	1008	12.0	110	528	20.8	2003	12	74	876	8.4	58	528	11.0
1998	11	101	864	11.7	89	484	18.4	1997	11	51	770	6.6	41	484	8.5
2000	11	101	880	11.5	82	484	16.9								

Dating back to 1987, only seven times has CU lost over five percent of its "man game" count due to injury (1995-97-98-2000-02-03-08).

HANSEN JUST THE ELEVENTH

When he appeared late in the first quarter against Kansas State last season (Oct. 18, 2008), **QB Tyler Hansen** became just the 11th true freshman to see action in a game for Colorado since 1972, the year freshmen were once again eligible to play. Hansen was ticketed to redshirt in 2009, but the wraps came off that in the Texas game (fifth of the season) and he was promoted to starter for the following game. It's still possible another true freshman could very well join the below list at some point this season (CU's has three quarterbacks who are all true frosh). Here's a look at the group Hansen joined and how they fared; game number indicates how far into the season the player made his debut (Colorado is 9-2 in games when a true frosh made his Buffalo debut):

Quarterback	Season	Game	FIRST GAME	Passing-----					Rushing-----			SEASON Passing-----					Rushing-----		
		No.	Opponent	Att	Com	Int	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD	G-GS	Att	Com	Int	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD
Larry Lillo.....	1977	9	at Iowa State (W)	1- 1- 0	4	0	6	8	0			1- 0	1- 1- 0	4	0	6	8	0	
Charlie Davis	1978	1	OREGON (W)	2- 0- 0	0	0	1	0	0			5- 0	15- 6- 0	87	0	34	118	1	
Randy Essington.....	1980	1	at UCLA (L)	7- 6- 0	62	0	0	0	0			6- 2	80- 43- 4	453	2	18	-45	1	
Marc Walters.....	1986	6	IOWA STATE (W)	2- 0- 0	0	0	7	47	0			5- 1	13- 7- 0	167	1	35	177	2	
Darian Hagan.....	1988	1	FRESNO STATE (W)	1- 0- 0	0	0	4	85	1			5- 0	6- 2- 1	33	0	32	175	2	
Vance Joseph.....	1990	7	IOWA STATE (W)	1- 0- 0	0	0	2	4	0			4- 0	7- 5- 0	80	1	13	55	0	
Kordell Stewart	1991	3	MINNESOTA (W)	1- 1- 0	2	0	8	73	1			2- 0	2- 1- 0	2	0	18	144	1	
Koy Detmer.....	1992	3	at Minnesota (W)	18-11- 0	184	2	2	8	0			7- 2	117- 67-10	962	8	7	- 5	0	
Craig Ochs.....	2000	4	KANSAS STATE (L)	24-15- 1	208	1	9	38	1			8- 7	245-145- 7	1778	7	62	106	4	
Joel Klatt.....	2002	7	at Baylor (W)	3- 0- 0	0	0	0	0	0			3- 0	3- 0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tyler Hansen	2008	7	KANSAS STATE (W)	14- 7- 1	71	1	16	89	0			5- 3	65- 34- 4	280	1	63	261	0	

The most interesting of the above might be the first listed; in 1977, CU traveled three quarterbacks to Ames, and the first two, Jeff Knappe and Pete Cyphers, both went down with injuries and Lillo took over for the last 11:40 of the game and helped preserve a 12-7 Colorado win. It was the only action of his career at quarterback as he redshirted in 1978, and then played free safety his sophomore through senior seasons. NOTE: In 1984, Mark Hatcher was originally a quarterback but was moved to tailback where he saw action for seven games; he returned to quarterback in 1985 in CU's switch to the wishbone offense.

And in 1986, Bill McCartney opened up the competition at quarterback after the fifth game of the year, and true frosh Marc Walters (father of current Buff Ryan) appeared for the first time in game seven (Nebraska), and started the season finale at Kansas State when CU needed the win to secure a Bluebonnet Bowl bid.

AND JUST THE FIFTH Hansen started the next game at Missouri on October 25, becoming just the fifth true freshman to start a game at quarterback for the Buffaloes (and just the eight freshman overall when three redshirts are included). Here's how he compared with the four before him:

TRUE FRESHMAN STARTING QB DEBUTS

Date	Quarterback	Opponent	Result	Statistics
Oct. 18, 1980	Randy Essington	at Missouri	L 7-45	<i>Rushing: 4-(-19), 0 td Passing: 22-11-1, 58, 0 td (57.2 rating)</i>
Nov. 22, 1986	Marc Walters	at Kansas State	W 49- 3	<i>Rushing: 18- 88, 2 td Passing: 4-4-0, 111, 1 td (415.6 rating)</i>
Oct. 17, 1992	Koy Detmer	OKLAHOMA	T 24-24	<i>Rushing: 9-(-22), 0 td Passing: 50-33-5, 418, 2 td (129.4 rating)</i>
Oct. 7, 2000	Craig Ochs	at Texas A&M	W 26-19	<i>Rushing: 6-6, 1 td Passing: 25-15-0, 239, 1 td (153.5 rating)</i>
Oct. 25, 2008	Tyler Hansen	at Missouri	L 0-58	<i>Rushing: 16-30, 0 td Passing: 16-12-0, 72, 0 td (112.8 rating)</i>

HAWKINS RISE UP THE CHARTS ON HOLD

QB Cody Hawkins was one of 16 freshman starting quarterbacks in the nation in 2007 (8 at BCS schools), and threw for 2,693 yards, just the fifth 2,500-yard season in school history (the total tied for the third most a season at CU). He set all the major passing and total offense records for a true freshman, and also set a record for attempts in a season by any class. Hawkins placed high on the other single season lists as well, such as attempts, completions and total offense. His 19 touchdown passes were the fourth most in a single season (record: 22, Koy Detmer in 1996), while his 15 interceptions tied for the second most in a single year (record: 16, John Hessler in 1997, followed by 15, Joel Klatt 2004). The interception count was a bit skewed—seven were by deflection. As is sometimes the case after a solid freshman year, a sophomore slump set in to a degree, and he was replaced as CU's starter six games into the 2009 season (CU was **11-16** when he started).

- He is in the top 5 in every major passing category, including first in TD passes (**45**), second in attempts (**972**) and completions (**536**) and third in yards (**5,793**).
- **Red Zone.** He has a **33-to-5** career ratio of touchdowns to interceptions in the red zone (**6-to-2** in 2009 after **11-to-2** in 2008; one pick this year was costly, as CU was trying to capitalize on a Texas turnover and retake the lead in the third quarter; instead, UT's Earl Thomas returned it 92 yards for a score).
- **The 40-On-In.** Once the Buffs reach the opponent's 40-yard line, Hawkins was fairly deadly last season. He completed 55-of-91 passes for 564 yards, with 16 touchdowns and three interceptions. That worked out to a passer rating of **163.91** from the opponent 40- on-in for CU's sophomore signal caller. (*In rallying CU to the win over Iowa State, he was 10-of-12 for 81 yards and 4 TDs, a rating of 250.03.*) *In 2009, he is 42-of-81 for 431 yards (8 TD/4 INT; 129.3).*
- He had his career game when it came to passer rating with a figure of **179.95** in the 28-24 come-from-behind win over Iowa State. But looking inside the numbers, once CU crossed midfield, he was even more deadly: he completed 11 of 13 passes for 91 yards and four touchdowns, which worked to a rating of **244.96** (and it was even higher from the 40-on-in, at 250.03).
- Speaking of ratings, his career rating is a modest **113.1**; however, he has been hurried/pressured **172** times, **15** of which were intercepted, both numbers being rather high due to playing behind a young and/or patchwork offensive line at times. His rating when the opponent is not credited with a pressure? **142.3**.

Cornerbacks**BROWN RECORDS KNOWN SCHOOL FIRST**

CB Cha'pelle Brown's 27-yard interception return for a touchdown that provided the winning points in CU's 31-24 win over Eastern Washington last year marked a first in school history: never before had the Buffs used a defensive score in the fourth quarter as the decisive play to come-from-behind or break a tie for a win.

➡ Then there's **CB Jimmy Smith**. He intercepted a pitch on a Nebraska fake field goal try and raced 58 yards for a touchdown, the second year in a row he put six on the board against the Huskers. As a freshman in 2007, he returned an interception 31 yards for score. One wisecracker walked by him at CU's spring game and asked him, "Shouldn't you be at Nebraska's spring game right now returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown?"

IN THE POLLS

Colorado has not been ranked in any *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* poll since November 6, 2005, when the Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the coaches' ballot (No. 22 in the AP and Harris Interactive), but dropped out after a Nov. 12 loss at Iowa State. CU was ranked three times in 2005, reaching No. 18 in the BCS Standings at one point (Nov. 6) and had returned to the polls after a 25-month hiatus on October 9. Dating back to the 1989 preseason, CU has been ranked in **185** of the last **330** polls (*AP*; 56%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). CU has been ranked **293** times in its history, the 23rd most all-time (Michigan State in 22nd with 303, Pittsburgh is 24th with 285). Since 1989, CU has played the third most ranked teams in the nation (103, tied with Michigan), trailing only Florida (113) and Florida State (104).

COLORADO IN THE POLLS – 2009 WEEKLY

A weekly look at where Colorado has placed weekly in each of the four major polls in 2009 (RV—denotes received votes; number is place outside top 25):

Poll	PS	9/08	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/04	10/11	10/18	10/25	11/01	11/08	11/15	11/22	11/29	12/06	Final
<i>Associated Press</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>USA Today Coaches</i>	RV (53)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Harris Interactive																
BCS Standings																

43 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS 10TH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 43 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season are the 10th most in the nation in this time frame (21 seasons). Florida State has the most with 69, followed by Florida (67), Michigan (60), Ohio State (58), Miami, Fla. (54), Southern Cal (53), Tennessee (52), Alabama (44), Texas (44), **Colorado (43)**, Penn State (42), Notre Dame (40), Oklahoma (40) and Nebraska (38); as for the Big 12, after CU, UT, OU and NU, the next schools on this list are Texas A&M (29) and Texas Tech (23). All-time, Colorado's 66 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history. (*AP polls used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

- Colorado's last three wins over ranked teams came against No. 17 Kansas this year (34-30), No. 21 West Virginia in 2008 (17-14 in OT) and No. 3 Oklahoma in 2007 (27-24), its last over a top 10/top 5 team. CU has lost 10 straight road games against ranked opponents, with the last win at UCLA 31-17 in 2002.

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2009

- **8** The number of rushing yards by Kansas, the fewest against Colorado since 1999 (Oklahoma, -11).
- 2** The number of times a player had two blocked kicks in the same game in CU history, with **ILB Doug Rippy** blocking two punts at Toledo on 9/11.
- 3-of-21** The opponents' combined efforts on third down inside-the-CU 20 (or **14.3** percent).
- 6** The school record number of regular season night games CU will play in 2009, including WVU and OSU on ESPN Thursday Night Football.
- 8-3** Dan Hawkins' record following a bye week, which CU has enjoyed following the 24-0 win over Wyoming on September 19.
- 11** The number of national or regional regular season TV games CU will play in 2009 (including seven national).
- 12** Colorado ran its streak to 12 consecutive makes on fourth down tries in the CSU game before finally being stopped (school record).
- 12-12** Colorado was 2-of-2 in the red zone against CSU, thus are now 12-of-12 (8 TDs) when cracking the 20 in Dan Hawkins' four season openers.
- 13** The number of times out of **56** opponent kickoffs CU has had to start a drive inside-their-own 25.
- 15** The number of players who have at least one reception for Colorado, tied for the sixth most in the nation.
- 15th** The anniversary of perhaps college football's play of the century: "The Catch" at Michigan on Sept. 24, 1994.
- 21** The number of consecutive third down conversions CSU & Wyoming missed at Folsom Field, where opponents are **23-of-79** (29.1%) in 2009.
- 27-30** Colorado is 27-of-30 in the red zone overall in 2009 (21 touchdowns).
- 24** The margin of victory over Wyoming was the third highest in the Dan Hawkins' Era and the most since a 42-0 win over Miami-Ohio in 2007.
- 24** Points scored by CU in the second quarter against Kansas, its most in any quarter since 2003 (28 in the second in a 42-35 win over CSU).
- 31 (of 40)** The number of kickoffs by **PK Aric Goodman** that has had the opponent beginning drives inside their own 25-yard line.
- 36** The number of career interceptions thrown by **QB Cody Hawkins**, a school record.
- 38** The number of rushing yards Texas (46) and Kansas (-8) combined for on 47 attempts in back-to-back games (40 for 90 yards minus sacks).
- 45** The number of career touchdown passes by **QB Cody Hawkins**, a school record.
- 70-48** The margin CU has outscored the opponent in the third quarter, after being outscored **103-55** in 2008.
- 81.8** The career conversion percentage on 3rd/4th-&-1 runs by **TB Rodney Stewart (9-of-11; 9-of-9** before Missouri stopped him twice on Oct. 31).
- 115** The number of freshmen who have started games for CU over the last two-plus seasons (the **95** in 2007-08 is a 2-year school historical high).
- 216** The number of yards CU has been outgained by in the first and third quarters combined, compared to **728** in 2008.
- 282** The length in yards of CU's four touchdown drives in the Texas A&M game (69, 79, 73, 61).
- 290** The number of all-purpose yards **TB Darrell Scott** had against Toledo, including a CU record **204** on eight kickoff returns.
- 904** The number of yards the opponent has gained on the **491** plays they have collectively run that have not gained double digits (**1.84** per).
- 2,525** The number of yards the opponent has gained on the **115** plays they have collectively run that have gained 10 or more yards (**22.0** per).
- 1,134** The number of games Colorado has played in its history (120th season of intercollegiate football).

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of November 7:

TEAM											
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
11th	113th	RUSHING OFFENSE	86.2	9th	72nd	RUSHING DEFENSE	151.6	12th	117th	PUNT RETURNS	3.0
8th	64th	PASSING OFFENSE.....	216.7	5th	70th	PASSING DEFENSE.....	229.4	4th	26th	KICKOFF RETURNS	24.1
12th	111th	TOTAL OFFENSE	302.3	9th	74th	TOTAL DEFENSE	381.0	12th	110th	NET PUNTING	32.7
11th	91st	SCORING OFFENSE.....	23.2	11th	94th	SCORING DEFENSE.....	30.0	12th	100th	TURNOVER MARGIN	-0.67
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)											
Rushing				Receiving Yards				Field Goals			
Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm	
Rodney Stewart	5th	63rd	73.5	Scotty McKnight.....	8th	60th	66.8	Aric Goodman.....	6th	65th	1.00
Passing				Punting				Interceptions			
Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Big 12	NCAA	Avg.		Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm	
Cody Hawkins.....	10th	58th	201.3	Matt DiLallo.....	9th	78th	38.9	Jalil Brown.....	14th	.....	0.22
Pass Efficiency				Punt Returns				Fumble Recoveries			
Big 12	NCAA	Rating		Big 12	NCAA	Avg.		Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm	
Cody Hawkins.....	12th	109th	97.9	Jason Espinoza.....	12th	62nd	3.1	J. Brown/Smart.....	4th	41st	0.22
Total Offense				Kickoff Returns				QB Sacks.....			
Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Big 12	NCAA	Avg.		Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm	
Cody Hawkins.....	10th	82nd	187.2	Brian Lockridge.....	9th	80th	241.3	Marquez Herrod.....	7th	62nd	0.56
Rodney Stewart	16th	.....	73.5	Scoring				Tackles / Tackles For Loss			
All-Purpose	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm		CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match			
Rodney Stewart	18th	.....	78.6	Rodney Stewart.....	10th	80th	6.8				
Receptions				Kick Scoring							
Big 12	NCAA	No./Gm		Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm					
Scotty McKnight.....	6th	33rd	6.0	Aric Goodman	15th	.....	5.7				
Riar Geer	t-20th	.....	3.6	Aric Goodman	8th	.....	5.7				

CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several Buffs are ranked on some of CU's all-time statistical charts nine games into the 2009 season (*Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history*):

- ⇒ **CB CHA'PELLE BROWN** is 44th in total tackles (**227**) and is 11th in pass deflections (**25**);
- ⇒ **WR RIAR GEER** is 17th in receptions (**83**), is 24th in receiving yards (**917**) and is 84th in scoring (**62**);
- ⇒ **PK ARIC GOODMAN** is tied for 43rd in scoring (**96** points);
- ⇒ **QB TYLER HANSEN** is 25th in passing yards (**1,213**) and is 17th in adjusted quarterback rushing (**550**);
- ⇒ **QB CODY HAWKINS** is third in passing yards (**5,793**), is second in completions (**536**), is second in attempts (**972**), is first in touchdown passes (**45**), is first in interceptions (**36**) and is fourth in total offense (**5,674**);
- ⇒ **DE MARQUEZ HERROD** is 37th in quarterback sacks (**9**);
- ⇒ **WR SCOTTY MCKNIGHT** is third in receptions (**143**), is seventh in receiving yards (**1,608**), is tied for seventh in receiving touchdowns (**12**) and is tied for 61st in scoring (**78**);
- ⇒ **ILB JEFF SMART** is 18th in total tackles (**282**) and is 13th in solo tackles (**183**);
- ⇒ **TB RODNEY STEWART** is 36th in rushing yards (**1,210**) and is tied for 81st in scoring (**66** points).
- ⇒ **TB DEMETRIUS SUMLER** is 67th in rushing yards (**709**).

CAPITAL RETURNS

CU's success often correlates directly with if it owns a hefty margin in return yards, as was the case in the 2001, 2002 and 2004 seasons—when the Buffs won the Big 12 North. The Buffs had advantages of **854-417** (2001), **803-607** (2002) and **574-499** (2004) in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs. In the Hawkins Era, in 2006, the opponent had the upper hand at **390-277**, but in 2007 (**677-408**) and 2008 (**518-323**) CU had hefty edges; opponents have a **380-230** command in 2009. And the Buffs have **45** return and/or non-offensive touchdowns over the last 10-plus seasons (41 regular season, four bowl game), the 14th most in the nation for this span. The overall list through games of November 7:

School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	Total	School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	Total
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	11	6	7	5	10	5	4	76	COLORADO	8	4	7	8	1	6	3	1	3	3	1	45
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	9	7	8	5	72	Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	4	3	4	0	45
Texas	6	8	6	7	9	2	7	8	5	5	9	72	Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	2	0	3	2	45
Miami, Fla.	3	13	12	5	9	10	3	1	1	3	3	63	Alabama	4	4	2	4	7	3	2	6	1	9	2	44
Oklahoma	4	7	6	9	3	3	5	7	3	2		58	East Carolina	7	5	6	5	4	3	0	4	2	6	2	44
Florida State	7	4	5	6	6	3	5	6	5	6	4	57	Michigan State	9	0	5	3	7	3	4	4	5	2	2	44
Fresno State	5	5	3	6	4	6	7	4	5	7	1	53	Boston College	8	3	1	3	1	5	2	6	4	8	1	42
California	8	3	1	8	3	2	4	8	5	7	2	51	Hawaii	0	1	7	5	3	8	0	5	9	3	0	41
Louisville	6	4	5	7	3	6	4	4	3	6	1	49	Texas Tech	3	7	8	6	3	2	3	2	1	4	2	41
Ohio State	1	8	3	3	5	6	6	5	4	4	4	49	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	1	3	4	0	40
North Carolina State	3	3	4	9	10	5	2	4	3	3	1	47	Wake Forest	1	2	2	3	6	5	3	3	10	3	0	38
Boise State	3	4	3	4	4	7	8	4	3	5	2	47	LSU	4	1	1	4	9	4	5	4	2	2	2	38
Nebraska	7	7	6	7	4	2	4	0	3	4	2	46	TCU	6	3	4	6	3	1	3	3	5	2	2	38

2009 LEADERS: Texas 9, Air Force 6, Clemson 6, Mississippi St. 6, Kansas State 5, Ohio 6, Oregon 6, Rutgers 6, SMU 5, Southern Miss 5.

ROAD-SWEET-ROAD: BUFFS 13TH BEST IN ENEMY STADIUMS SINCE '88

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 21 seasons. CU has been victorious 59 of the last 104 times in enemy stadiums with a **59-47-1** overall road record (a 55.6 winning percentage) since the start of the 1988 season. That stands 13th nationally and third among Big 12 Conference teams in this span; only 11 schools have won 60 percent of their away games in this time frame. The Buffaloes own a **48-32-1** mark in their last 81 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—with most of the losses at Nebraska (seven), Kansas State (five) and Missouri (four), with just one at Baylor and Oklahoma State; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **23-31** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (**0-2** in 2009), though have struggled since 2005 with a **2-13** mark. The chart to the right does not include neutral site games and includes games of November 7:

ON THE ROAD (1988-2009)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	113	81	32	0	.717
Ohio State	102	72	28	2	.716
Florida State	104	73	31	0	.702
Florida	88	60	27	1	.688
Tennessee	100	67	31	2	.680
Michigan	104	68	33	3	.668
Nebraska	104	68	33	3	.668
Texas	103	67	36	0	.650
Southern Cal	121	77	42	2	.645
Alabama	98	62	36	0	.633
Notre Dame	102	63	37	2	.627
Penn State	105	62	42	1	.595
COLORADO	107	59	47	1	.556

23RD BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989

Colorado has the nation's 23rd best record over the last 20 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **156-94-4** record. From opening 1-0 in '89, through the 10th game of the 2005 season, the Buffs owned one of the top 10 overall records in the nation (**247** consecutive weeks). The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through games of November 7 (#—denotes 2009 Colorado opponent):

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2009
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida	262	205	56	1	.784	113	67-45-1	9-0
2	Florida State	260	201	58	1	.775	104	69-34-1	4-5
3	Ohio State	259	198	58	3	.770	103	58-42-3	8-2
4	Miami, Fla.	252	193	59	0	.766	93	54-39-0	7-2
5	#Nebraska	259	197	61	1	.763	77	38-38-1	6-3
6	Tennessee	258	190	65	3	.742	99	52-44-3	5-4
8	#Texas	255	185	68	2	.729	86	44-40-2	9-0
7	Michigan	255	183	69	3	.724	103	60-41-2	5-5
9	Penn State	255	179	75	1	.704	89	42-47-0	8-2
10	Virginia Tech	255	178	75	2	.702	72	35-36-1	6-3
11	Southern Cal	256	177	75	4	.699	94	53-40-1	7-2
12	Oklahoma	256	175	78	3	.689	86	40-45-1	5-4
13	Georgia	252	173	78	1	.688	93	39-53-1	5-4
14	Alabama	257	175	81	1	.683	92	44-47-1	9-0
15	Auburn	251	169	79	3	.679	82	34-47-1	7-3
16	Brigham Young	260	173	85	2	.669	42	12-29-1	7-2
17	Notre Dame	253	166	85	2	.660	91	40-49-2	6-3
18	#Texas A & M	254	164	88	2	.650	79	29-49-1	5-4
19	Oregon	250	161	89	0	.644	74	32-42-0	7-2
20	#West Virginia	249	157	89	3	.637	57	19-36-2	7-2
21	#Kansas State	252	159	92	1	.633	61	19-41-1	6-4
22	#Toledo	243	150	90	3	.623	12	5- 7-0	4-5
23	COLORADO	254	156	94	4	.622	103	43-58-2	3-6

THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12

The Big 12 Conference is in season No. 14, and the Buffaloes are still tied for the second most division titles won with four, trailing only Oklahoma's seven; seven of the schools in the conference have won a division title. A closer look:

- ➔ **Big 12 Division Titles:** Oklahoma 7, **Colorado 4**, Nebraska 4, Texas 4, Kansas State 3, Texas A & M 2, Missouri 2.
- ➔ **Big 12 Championship Game Records:** Oklahoma 6-1, Nebraska 2-2, Texas 2-2, Texas A & M 1-1, **Colorado 1-3**, Missouri 0-2.

CU vs. THE BIG 12 NORTH: Colorado owns the second best record in intra-division competition going back to the start of the 2001 season against Big 12 North Division rivals, as the Buffaloes are **25-18**; other records: Nebraska is 26-16, Kansas State 23-20, Missouri 21-21, Kansas 19-24 and Iowa State 14-29. Colorado is **16-6** at home in this stretch versus the North, the only losses to NU (2003, 2005), MU (2007, 2009), KSU (2006) and KU (2007).

2009 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-6)						South Division (+6)					
conference-----						conference-----					
School (BCS; AP/Coaches/Harris)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	School (BCS; AP/Coaches/Harris)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp
Kansas State (—; RV/RV/RV).....	4	2	.667	167	161	Texas (3; #2/#2/#2).....	5	0	1.000	369	112
Nebraska (—; RV/RV/RV).....	3	2	.600	74	65	Oklahoma State (19; #17/#18/#18).....	4	1	.800	151	104
COLORADO	2	3	.400	106	158	Oklahoma (—; ---/---/RV).....	3	2	.600	126	76
Iowa State.....	2	4	.333	110	151	Texas Tech (—; RV/RV/---).....	3	2	.600	193	131
Kansas.....	1	4	.200	115	164	Texas A & M.....	2	3	.400	166	173
Missouri.....	1	4	.200	104	158	Baylor.....	1	4	.200	74	143
overall-----						overall-----					
W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
6	4	.600	261	225	N 14 MISSOURI	9	0	1.000	369	112	N 14 at Baylor
6	3	.667	231	93	N 14 KANSAS	7	2	.778	307	189	N 14 TEXAS A&M
3	6	.333	209	270	N 14 at Iowa State	5	4	.556	268	111	N 14 TEXAS TECH
5	5	.500	212	227	N 14 COLORADO	6	3	.667	362	211	N 14 at Oklahoma State
5	4	.556	277	218	N 14 at Nebraska	5	4	.556	320	275	N 14 at Oklahoma
5	4	.556	251	220	N 14 at Kansas State	4	5	.444	219	222	N 14 TEXAS

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

Dan Hawkins is in his fourth season as head coach of the University of Colorado football program, his ninth overall as a FBS/Division I-A head coach and 15th as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **16-30** record at Colorado, along with a **69-41** record in the Division I-A ranks (53-11 at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **108-53-1** including five years at NAIA Willamette (Ore.) College. In his final year at Willamette (1997), his team posted a 13-1 record, falling in the NAIA Championship game, before he moved on to Boise State where he was assistant head coach under Dirk Koetter for three seasons. At BSU, he coached the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting; when Koetter left BSU for Arizona State after the 2000 season, Hawkins was promoted to head coach. He took the Broncos to four bowl games in five years, with his 2004 team compiling an 11-0 regular season mark and ascending to No. 10 in the national polls; in the most anticipated non-BCS bowl game to date, Boise State dropped a thriller to No. 7 Louisville, 44-40. In the modern history of Division I-A football, only three coaches won more games in their first five seasons than Hawkins (53, bested by Bob Pruett, Marshall; Bob Stoops, Oklahoma; and Pete Carroll, USC). **Hawk's Handiwork:**



	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	2nd Half	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Hawkins at Colorado	16-30	12-11	2-17	2- 2	7-14	3-12	13-18	6-11	10-19	0-1
Career (NCAA I-A)	69-41	43-13	23-25	3- 3	36-18	5-17	64-24	22-19	11-19	2-3

- ◆ **COLORADO STREAKS:** 2-game plus wins, 2-game plus losses: **2, 10**. 3-game plus wins, 3-game plus losses: **2, 4**. 4-game plus wins, 4-game plus losses: **0, 2**. 5-game plus wins, 5-game plus losses: **0, 1**. Longest winning streak: 3, in 2007 & 2008. Longest losing streak: 6, in 2006.
- ◆ **Hawkins & Bye Weeks.** Hawkins is **8-3** in games following bye weeks, not including bowls (2-3 at Colorado, 6-0 at Boise State). At Colorado, the 2-3 mark includes a 1-2 mark against Nebraska, and a split with West Virginia in 2008 and 2009.
- ◆ **Hawkins** has been a head coach for **162** games (108-53-1), with that record and 67.0 winning percentage the 17th best in the nation for active coaches with five or more seasons coached.
- ◆ In 15 seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have been shutout just once, coming in his 149th game at the hands of Missouri (58-0). He had never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (which happened just three times) until his first season at CU and won at least eight games seven times (10-plus four times).
- ◆ **Hawkins** tells his players: "You're in America, you're going to college, you live in Colorado. You have it better than 90 percent of the people in the world."
- ◆ Hawkins has used the term "conflama" when referring to some people's desire for conflict and drama (the reason someone like Jerry Springer and that lot is even on the air). He references it when people on the outside of a program choose to look at the negative without choosing to understand why something may very well be the way it is.
- ◆ Hawk on depth charts: "To be honest, we really don't pay too much attention to depth charts, we run a lot of personnel in and out of there at several positions. For example, I view the defensive line like hockey; they're playing in shifts as we want them fresh." As a result, especially on offense at receiver, tight end and in the backfield, CU utilizes different "groupings" as opposed to following a depth chart.
 - ◆ Hawk on the vertical passing game: "I love the long pass. As I've come along in this game, I've learned you've got to pound it and launch it."
 - ◆ Hawkins believes the four most important positions on a football team are the offensive and defensive lines, quarterback and cornerback.
 - ◆ Hawk's philosophy on big wins, like CU's 27-24 over No. 3 OU in 2007: "You enjoy it on Saturday, but come Sunday, it's in the vapor trail."
 - ◆ One of his beliefs is, "Once is a mistake; twice is a behavior." He applies it to football, whether for things on or off the field, and to life.
 - ◆ Hawk's response about potential for disaster after the 0-3 start in 2006: "There's always potential. When you get in your car and get out on the freeway, there's potential for disaster. I knew when I left Boise State there was potential for disaster. That doesn't scare me... there's also the potential for greatness. So you can hide behind the shadow if you want, but that's not living."
- ◆ Versus' **Ron Thulin** on Hawkins' optimism: "His glass isn't half-full, it's overflowing. He's not going to change. He said they are going to keep fighting and doing the little things everyday. I think everyone on our crew was ready to put on a football helmet after talking to this man yesterday. He is excitable and he cares." Chimed in analyst
- ◆ As with many coaches, at the end of practice, the team will run for turnovers, mistakes, missed field goals, etc. One day in 2006 after **PK Mason Crosby** missed a kick within his range, Hawk felt a little bad as he wondered to himself, "How many coaches are making their kids run for a missed 64-yard field goal?"
- ◆ **Hawkins** is one of the Division I-A coaches voting in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches poll (the ninth straight year he is a voter and the 23rd straight CU's coach has voted).

DAN HAWKINS
COLORADO

Dan Hawkins Year-By-Year Coaching Record

Season	School	Overall						Conference					
		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Opp
1993	Willamette.....	5	4	0	.556	293	281	3	2	0	.600	179	143
1994	Willamette.....	6	3	0	.667	218	214	4	1	0	.800	111	108
1995	Willamette.....	6	2	1	.722	314	171	4	0	1	.900	195	103
1996	Willamette.....	9	2	0	.818	374	246	5	0	0	1.000	158	100
1997	Willamette.....	13	1	0	.929	470	187	5	0	0	1.000	200	47
2001	Boise State.....	8	4	-	.667	411	280	6	2	-	.750	307	184
2002	Boise State.....	12	1	-	.923	593	240	8	0	-	1.000	409	111
2003	Boise State.....	13	1	-	.929	602	239	8	0	-	1.000	375	143
2004	Boise State.....	11	1	-	.917	587	308	8	0	-	1.000	401	196
2005	Boise State.....	9	4	-	.692	469	317	7	1	-	.875	339	178
2006	Colorado	2	10	-	.167	196	267	2	6	-	.250	160	199
2007	Colorado	6	7	-	.462	355	383	4	4	-	.500	238	276
2008	Colorado	5	7	-	.417	242	351	2	6	-	.250	135	257
2009	Colorado	3	6	-	.333	209	270	2	3	-	.400	106	158
Colorado Totals		16	30	-	.348	1002	1271	10	19	-	.345	639	890
Division I-A Totals.....		69	41	-	.627	3664	2655	47	22	-	.681	2470	1702
Career Totals		108	53	1	.670	5333	3754	68	25	1	.729	3313	2203

KEY: (a)—NAIA National Quarterfinalist; (b)—NAIA National Runner-up.

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS CONTINUED

Hawkins got his first look in 2008 at the three other members of the Big 12 South he had not seen (Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A & M); in 2009, he coached against Toledo for the first time, otherwise he's seen all other foes at least once previously, as he has now coached against **45** different teams in his career:

Dan Hawkins vs. the Nation (I-A/FBS Only)

School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp
Alabama.....	0	1	24	30	Georgia.....	0	2	26	62	Nebraska.....	1	2	110	128	Texas.....	0	2	28	76
Arizona State.....	0	2	17	54	Hawai'i.....	5	0	244	124	Nevada.....	5	0	256	52	Texas A & M.....	1	1	52	58
Arkansas.....	0	1	14	41	Idaho.....	5	0	242	86	New Mexico State...	1	0	56	6	Texas Tech.....	2	0	61	32
Baylor.....	1	1	74	57	Idaho State.....	1	0	62	0	Oklahoma.....	1	1	30	48	Toledo.....	0	1	38	54
Boston College.....	0	1	21	27	Iowa State.....	3	1	123	87	Oklahoma State.....	0	1	17	30	Tulsa.....	4	0	165	96
Bowling Green.....	1	0	48	20	Kansas.....	1	3	77	99	Oregon State.....	1	2	104	90	Utah State.....	2	0	108	59
Brigham Young.....	2	0	78	39	Kansas State.....	1	3	61	114	Portland State.....	1	0	21	14	UTEP.....	4	0	198	72
Central Michigan.....	1	0	26	10	Louisiana Tech.....	4	1	206	122	Rice.....	1	1	63	52	Washington State....	0	1	20	41
Colorado State.....	2	2	96	82	Louisville.....	0	1	40	44	San Jose State.....	5	0	272	98	West Virginia.....	1	1	41	49
Eastern Washington	1	0	31	24	Miami-Ohio.....	1	0	42	0	SMU.....	2	0	83	23	Wyoming.....	3	0	92	30
Florida State.....	0	2	27	55	Missouri.....	0	4	40	177	South Carolina.....	0	1	13	32	Totals.....	69	41	3664	2655
Fresno State.....	4	1	173	111	Montana State.....	0	1	10	19	TCU.....	1	0	34	31					

Dan Hawkins / Situational (I-A/FBS Only)

Category	W	L	Category	W	L	Category	W	L
Overall.....	69	41	Scoring 50+ Points.....	20	0	Non-Conference.....	22	19
At Colorado.....	16	30	Scoring 20+ Points.....	67	15	At Colorado.....	6	11
At Boise State.....	53	11	Scoring <20 Points.....	2	26	7-Point Games Or Closer...	19	14
Home.....	43	13	Allowing <20 Points.....	36	5	Overtime.....	3	1
Boulder.....	12	11	Ranked Teams.....	5	17	1 OT.....	2	0
Boise.....	31	2	Top 5 (0-0 vs. No. 1).....	1	2	2 OT.....	1	0
Road.....	23	25	Top 10.....	1	6	3 OT.....	0	1
At Colorado.....	2	17	Unranked Teams.....	64	24	August.....	2	0
Neutral.....	3	3	As A Ranked Team.....	16	2	September.....	18	16
Bowl Games.....	2	3	Conference Games.....	47	22	October.....	26	13
Day Games.....	41	25	Home.....	28	7	November.....	20	9
Night Games.....	28	16	Big 12 Games.....	10	19	December.....	3	3
Shutouts.....	3	1	Home.....	8	7	January.....	0	0

See **Trends III** for more Hawk numbers

HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST

Dan Hawkins has one of the top records among all-active Division I-A (FBS) coaches. He owns the 17th best winning percentage (minimum five seasons); a closer look through games of November 7:

Coach, School	W	L	T	Pct.
Pete Carroll, USC.....	95	17	0	.848
Urban Meyer, Florida.....	92	17	0	.844
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma.....	114	28	0	.803
Mark Richt, Georgia.....	87	26	0	.770
Gary Patterson, TCU.....	82	27	0	.752
Joe Paterno, Penn State.....	391	129	3	.750
Bobby Bowden, Florida State.....	386	128	4	.749
Brian Kelly, Cincinnati.....	168	57	2	.744
Jim Tressel, Ohio State.....	226	78	2	.742
Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech.....	125	44	0	.740
Steve Spurrier, South Carolina.....	176	66	2	.725
Bobby Petrino, Arkansas.....	51	20	0	.718
Nick Saban, Alabama.....	119	50	1	.703
Les Miles, LSU.....	77	34	0	.694
Chris Ault, Nevada.....	204	94	1	.684
Dennis Erickson, Arizona State.....	167	79	1	.678
Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....	108	53	1	.670

THE CLASS OF '06

In 2006, 10 programs hired new head coaches, including Colorado (with Northwestern being the 11th to do so when head coach Randy Walker passed away unexpectedly in July '06). Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" and their record through games of November 7 (*—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Chris Peterson, Boise State.....	44	4	.917
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin.....	35	13	.729
*Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern.....	25	22	.532
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee.....	23	23	.500
*Turner Gill, Buffalo.....	17	29	.370
*Al Golden, Temple.....	16	28	.364
Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....	16	30	.348
No longer with same program:			
Todd Graham, Rice.....	7	6	.538
*Ron Prince, Kansas State.....	17	20	.459
Dennis Erickson, Idaho.....	4	8	.333
*Chuck Long, San Diego State.....	9	27	.250

COACHES ON GAME DAY

The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. Upstairs are offensive coordinator **Eric Kiesau**, secondary coach **Greg Brown**, outside linebackers coach **Bob Foster**, graduate assistants **Paul Creighton** and **Skyler Fulton** and technical assistants **Brad Bedell** and **Ashley Ambrose**. Head coach **Dan Hawkins** wears a headset on the sideline, along with defensive coordinator **Ron Collins**, linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, offensive line coach **Denver Johnson**, running backs coach **Darian Hagan**, defensive line coach **Romeo Bandison** and special teams/tight ends coach **Kent Riddle**. Plays are generally shuttled in from substituting players.

OLD-TIMER

Associate head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. He is in his 20th full-time season (300 games), he is now the longest tenured assistant coach in Colorado all sports history. A closer look at the top eight in football:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Brian Cabral 19 (1990-current); 2. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 4. Dan Stavely 15 (1958, 1963-76); 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74), Mike Hankwitz 12 (1985-94, 2004-05) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 8. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58).

Versus' **Ron Thulin** said about Cabral: "He's one of the great individuals. Besides being an outstanding football coach he has been the barometer for this football program for the last two decades. He teaches a lot more than just football to these players and that's why Dan Hawkins kept him on the staff. He's one of the best in the business."

HAWKINS, CU AGREE TO CONTRACT EXTENSION

In 2008, the University of Colorado extended Dan Hawkins contract through the 2012 season, athletic director **Mike Bohn** announced October 7. Hawkins was named the 23rd head football coach in Colorado history on December 16, 2005, and originally signed a five-year, \$4.25 million contract that was effective January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2010, not including incentive compensation for academic progress, student citizenship and community outreach, along with various performance incentives ranging from rewarding bowl appearances to winning conference and national championships.

The new contract was effective as of July 1, 2008 and runs through January 31, 2013, with the guaranteed compensation package for fiscal year 2008-09 to include base salary (\$174,720); radio, television and public appearances (\$514,500); sponsorship support (\$210,000); and football camps (\$52,500) for a total of \$951,720, prior to performance incentives. Those incentives includes academic progress toward graduation of football program athletes; meeting performance objectives in the area of player welfare and development; development of football program outreach; participation in the Big 12 Conference championship game; league and national titles and bowl participation and wins; and competitive success, e.g., if he is named the conference or national coach of the year.

EXPERIENCE

Colorado's 2009 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. Through October 1, the 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective **105** seasons in Division I-A and have combined to coach in **1,204** games (with a record of **662-529-13, .555**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 470 years, thus making the average age **47.0**; outside linebacker coach **Bob Foster** is the elder statesman at 68, followed by associate head coach Brian Cabral (53) and secondary coach **Greg Brown** (52). Five of the coaches are 40 or older, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (48), and five under, with offensive coordinator **Eric Kiesau** the youngest (36). Kiesau is the 10th youngest coordinator in the Division I-A/FBS ranks, the seventh most youthful on the offensive side; a closer look:

YOUNGEST COORDINATORS (as of November 14, 2009)

Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age	Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age
Marcus Arroyo	Wyoming	Offensive	Jan. 30, 1980	29	Mark Helfrich	Oregon	Offensive	Oct. 28, 1973	36
Neal Brown	Troy	Offensive	March 11, 1980	29	Todd Ford	North Texas	Offensive	March 28, 1973	36
Jeff Grady	Fresno State	Offensive	March 3, 1979	29	Brent Brennan	San Jose State	Co-Offensive	March 20, 1973	36
Phil Galiano	FIU	Defensive	Sept. 8, 1977	32	Eric Kiesau	Colorado	Offensive	Nov. 24, 1972	36
Brian Harsin	Boise State	Offensive	(private)	33	Tyrone Nix	Mississippi	Defensive	Sept. 30, 1972	37
Justin Wilcox	Boise State	Defensive	(private)	33	Danny Langsdorf	Oregon State	Offensive	June 28, 1972	37
Nigel Burton	Nevada	Defensive	July 30, 1976	33	James Franklin	Maryland	Offensive	Feb. 2, 1972	37
Rocky Seto	USC	Defensive	March 12, 1976	33	Dave Doeren	Wisconsin	Defensive	Dec. 3, 1971	37
Mike Bajakian	Central Michigan	Offensive	Aug. 4, 1974	35	Dana Holgorsen	Houston	Offensive	June 21, 1971	38
Manny Diaz	Middle Tennessee	Defensive	March 3, 1974	35	Todd Orlando	Connecticut	Defensive	March 24, 1971	38
Jeremy Rowell	Troy	Defensive	Nov. 21, 1973	35	<i>(Five others born between Dec. 25, 1969 and July 30, 1970)</i>				

FOURTH ALMOST ALWAYS A WINNER

Dan Hawkins will become the 11th head coach in CU history to coach at least four seasons this fall. The 10 coaches who previously reached year number four generally had winning teams, with eight posting winning records and a ninth going .500; the 10th? That was the 1938 team coached by **Bunny Oakes** that had to replace Mr. Everything, **Byron "Whizzer" White**, and it still managed to go 3-4-1. On two other occasions when coaches were asked to rebuild the program, **Eddie Crowder** had his first winning season in his third year (going 6-2-2 in 1965), following that up with a 7-3 campaign his fourth year, while **Bill McCartney** enjoyed his first winning year in his fourth season at the helm.

Head Coach	Season	Record	First 3 Yrs	Head Coach	Season	Record	First 3 Yrs	Head Coach	Season	Record	First 3 Yrs
Fred Folsom	1898	4-4	17-2	Dal Ward	1951	7-3	11-15-1	Rick Neuheisel	1998	8-4	25-10
Myron Witham	1923	9-0	12-6-3	Eddie Crowder	1966	7-3	10-18-2	Gary Barnett	2002	9-4	20-16
Bunny Oakes	1938	3-4-1	17-8	Bill Mallory	1977	7-3-1	22-13	Dan Hawkins	2009	?	13-24
Jim Yeager	1946	5-4-1	15-8-1	Bill McCartney	1985	7-5	7-25-1				

THE AVERAGE BUFF

The 113 players on the 2009 opening week roster (active and inactive, as of August 31 and including those walk-ons set to join the team after the first game) totaled **8,273** inches in height and weighed **25,805** collective pounds, or an average of 6-1½, 228 pounds per player (within a half inch and 3 pounds of the average number each of the last six seasons). The 8,273 inches translate roughly into 689 feet or 230 yards, about the average distance of a par-three hole on the PGA Tour, while the weight of 25,805 pounds is the equivalent of 103,220 quarter-pounders at McDonald's. Here's a look at position-by-position averages (LW—denotes lettermen):

Position (Seniors)	Players	LW	Height	Weight	Position (Seniors)	Players	LW	Height	Weight
Cornerbacks (2)	9	4	5-11½	192	Quarterbacks (0)	5	2	6-2	208
Defensive Ends (0)	7	3	6-3	256	Safeties (0)	10	4	5-11	197
Defensive Tackles (2)	8	4	6-2½	279	Special Teams Snappers (1)	2	1	6-1	220
Fullbacks (2)	2	1	6-0	230	Tailbacks (0)	7	6	5-9	198
Inside Linebackers (4)	11	5	6-1	235	Tight Ends (4)	7	4	6-4	241
Kickers/Punters (1)	6	3	6-0	189	Wide Receivers (1)	16	4	5-10	190
Offensive Linemen (0)	17	6	6-4½	291	Team (17)	113	52	6-1¼	228
Outside Linebackers (0)	6	3	6-1	226					

At six of the 14 positions, CU has no seniors, most notably on the offensive line; three others have just one set to graduate.

HEAD COACHING FATHERS AND THEIR PLAYER SONS

There have been **64** known players in Division I-A (FBS) history who have played for their head-coaching fathers in college, including **23** quarterbacks and **six** active pairings, according to a survey of I-A sports information departments. The count includes CU head coach **Dan Hawkins** and his oldest son, **Cody**.

The most famous and perhaps best head coach father (HCF) and quarterback son (QBS) tandem in NCAA history is **Jim** and **Kevin Sweeney** at Fresno State. Kevin played for his father from 1982-86, when he became the first player in NCAA history to throw for 10,000 career passing yards (Jim was FSU's head coach for 19 years, retiring No. 17 on the all-time win list with 200 in his 32-year coaching career). The most famous "near-miss" happened at Stanford, where **John Elway** played quarterback from 1979-82 and his father, **Jack**, took over as head coach from 1984-88. And at Marshall, when they were a I-AA powerhouse just before moving up to I-A, **Todd Donnan** started at QB for his father, **Jim**, in 1993-94.

STARTING FROSH. Cody started the first game of his redshirt frosh year, which made him the ninth known son at the time to start at quarterback for his head coach father in I-A/FBS history, and just the third freshman to do so. Kevin Sweeney started the first two games of his true freshman season at Fresno State in 1982, but was injured in the second game and granted a medical hardship for the season; he came back to start as a redshirt frosh through his senior season. **Tim Sale** started all 11 games of his true frosh year at Minnesota in 1980; he lettered that year, but played sparingly thereafter. There are two other active HCF-QBS combos, at North Texas where Riley Dodge is starting this season as a redshirt frosh, playing for his father, Todd; and at Arkansas, where Nick Petrino is a reserve for his father, Bobby (upping the count to 11 quarterbacks, four of which were freshmen). The list (#—denotes active):

-----Quarterbacks-----			
School	Head Coach	Son (Position)	Years
#Arkansas	Bobby Petrino	Nick (QB)	2008-09
Army	Earl "Red" Blaik	*Robert (QB)	1949-50
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Joey (QB)	2002
#Colorado	Dan Hawkins	*Cody (QB)	2006-09
Fresno State	Jim Sweeney	*Kevin (QB)	1982-86
Iowa	Bob Commings	*Bobby Jr. (QB)	1977-78
Kansas State	Jim Dickey	*Darrell (QB)	1979-82
Kentucky	Hal Mumme	Matt (QB)	1997-98
Memphis	Rip Scherer	Scott (QB)	1998-00
Miami, Fla.	Dennis Erickson	Bryce (QB)	1993
Michigan	Lloyd Carr	Jason (QB)	1994-95
Minnesota	Joe Sale	*Tim (QB)	1980-82
Minnesota	Tim Brewster	Clint (QB)	2007
#North Texas	Todd Dodge	*Riley (QB)	2008-09
Ohio	Cleve Bryant	*Rodney (QB)	1989-90
Penn State	Joe Paterno	Jay (QB)	1986-89
San Diego State	Tom Craft	Kevin (QB)	2005
SMU	Rusty Russell	*H.N. (QB)	1950-51
Texas	Fred Akers	Danny (QB)	1983-85
Tulsa	Glen Dobbs	Glenn III (QB)	1963-67
Tulsa	Glen Dobbs	Johnny (QB)	1966-68
USC	Larry Smith	Corby (QB)	1992
Western Michigan	Bill Cubit	*Ryan (QB)	2003-06
-----Non-Quarterbacks-----			
Alabama-Birmingham	Watson Brown	*Steven (WR)	2005-06
Arizona State	Frank Kush	*Danny (PK)	1973-76
Arizona State	Larry Marmie	Larry Jr. (DB)	1989-91
#Arkansas	Bobby Petrino	Bobby (WR)	2009
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Billy (WR)	1998-01
Baylor	Bill Beal	*Phil (S)	1970-71
BYU	LaVell Edwards	*Jimmy (WR)	1981, 84-86
Chicago, U of	Amos Alonzo Stagg	Amos Alonzo Jr.	1922
Colorado State	Harry Hughes	William	1935, 37
Florida	Doug Dickey	Don (DB)	1975-76

School	Head Coach	Son (Position)	Years
Florida State	Bobby Bowden	Jeff (WR)	1981-82
Fresno State	Pat Hill	Zak (SS)	2007-09
Houston	Art Briles	Kendal (WR/QB)	2004-05
Indiana	Lee Corso	*Steve (SE)	1979-80
Iowa	Kirk Ferentz	*Brian (OL)	2002-05
#Iowa	Kirk Ferentz	James (C)	2009
Iowa State	Jim Criner	Mark (LB)	1986
Kansas State	Bill Snyder	*Sean (P)	1991-92
Louisiana Tech/Mississippi	%Billy Brewer	Brett (P)	1980-84
#Louisiana-Lafayette	Rickey Bustle	Brad (OG)	2006-09
Louisiana-Monroe	Pat Collins	*Mike (C)	1981-82
Maryland	Jerry Claiborne	Jonathan (S)	1975-77
#Memphis	Tommy West	Turner (WR)	2006-09
Miami, Fla.	Randy Shannon	Xavier (C)	2008
Mississippi State	Bob Tyler	Breck (WR)	1977-78
Notre Dame	Ara Parseghian	Mike (RB)	1971-74
Notre Dame	Lou Holtz	Skip (WR)	1986
Oklahoma State	Bob Simmons	Nathan (RB)	1996-99
Oregon	Jim Aiken	*James Jr. (RB)	1948
Oregon	Rich Brooks	Brady (FS)	1988-89
Oregon	Mike Bellotti	Luke (PK)	2003-07
#South Carolina	Steve Spurrier	Scott (WR)	2006-09
SMU	Phil Bennett	*Sam (LS)	2006-07
Southern Miss	Jim Carmody	Steve (C)	1982-83
Southern Miss	Jim Carmody	Keith (DT)	1985-86
Tulsa	John Cooper	John, Jr. (DB)	1981-84
USC	John McKay	*John, Jr. (WR)	1972-74
Virginia Tech	Frank Beamer	*Shane (LS/WR)	1996-99
Wake Forest	Jim Caldwell	Jimmy Caldwell (WR)	1999
Washington State	Mike Price	*Aaron (PK)	1991-93
West Virginia	Bobby Bowden	*Tommy (WR)	1973-75
West Virginia	Bobby Bowden	Terry (RB)	1975

*—denotes started/first-team (at some point when father was head coach at the time; in some cases, they became the starter after the father moved on).
%—The elder Brewer moved on to Mississippi in 1983 and son followed.

While this is the first time that CU has had the head coach father-player son active combo, the Buffaloes have seen it against them in the past. Iowa State (**Criners**), Kansas State (**Dickeys, Snyders**), Oklahoma State (**Simmons**) and perhaps one of the most famous father-son duos, **Lee** and **Steve Corso** at Indiana. When confirming with Lee, he was pretty proud that Steve caught the game winning TD in a 36-30 win against Kentucky his senior year, and reminded us that he had two pretty good games against Colorado (5 catches for 87 yards in a 17-16 CU win in 1979, and 3-for-38 in a 49-7 Indiana win in 1980).

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS

Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2009 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

Aug. 10	Ryan Maxwell (21)	Oct. 1	*Derrick Webb (19)	Nov. 3	Forrest Webb (19)	Dec. 6	*Tyler Hansen (20)
Aug. 10	Liloa Nobriga (19)	Oct. 2	David Clark (21)	Nov. 10	Dan Hawkins (49)	Dec. 15	Matt Meyer (21)
Aug. 25	Josh Hartigan (20)	Oct. 2	Kevin Cooney (21)	Nov. 13	Douglas Rippey (20)	Dec. 15	Paul Vigo (20)
Aug. 31	Bret Smith (22)	Oct. 10	*Greg Brown (52)	Nov. 14	*Kevin Moyd (22)	Dec. 19	Vince Ewing (20)
Sept. 1	Eugene Goree (20)	Oct. 11	Toney Clemons (21)	Nov. 17	Miguel Rueda (38)	Dec. 19	Riar Geer (23)
Sept. 6	*Clark Evans (19)	Oct. 14	Jalil Brown (22)	Nov. 18	Jarrod Darden (19)	Dec. 21	Conrad Obi (21)
Sept. 8	Jean Onaga	Oct. 14	Mile Iltis (21)	Nov. 22	Jeff Smart (23)	Dec. 23	Eric Lawson (23)
Sept. 9	Zach Grossnickle (19)	Oct. 14	Dwayne Thornton (19)	Nov. 24	Eric Kiesau (37)	Dec. 30	Will Pericak (20)
Sept. 17	Ashley Ambrose	Oct. 15	Devin Shanahan (23)	Nov. 28	Ethan Adkins (21)	Dec. 30	Lagrone Shields (22)
Sept. 25	Jashon Sykes (30)	Oct. 17	Denver Johnson (51)	Dec. 5	Seth Lobato (19)	Jan. 1	Justin Drescher (21)
Sept. 27	Luke Walters (23)	Oct. 24	*Jerry Slota (19)	Dec. 6	*Tyler Ahles (21)	Jan. 3	Rodney Stewart (20)
Sept. 30	David Bakhtiari (18)	Oct. 30	Geoff Sissom (19)	Dec. 6	*Blake Behrens (21)	Jan. 6	Max Tuioti-Mariner (20)

QUARTERBACK BATTLES OVER THE LAST THE QB BATTLE

The competition for the starting quarterback job this year was really just the seventh real battle in the last 18 years at Colorado, though the fourth time in the last seven seasons (the other times the incumbent was either entrenched or had little competition). **Cody Hawkins** battled **Tyler Hansen** this season, with Hawkins pulling ahead a bit the second half of camp with the plan to redshirt Hansen if possible (that was scrubbed when Hansen played the fourth quarter at Texas and then assumed the starting role the following week, leading CU to a 34-30 win over Kansas); Hawkins also beat out **Nick Nelson** and **Matt Ballenger** for the nod in 2007. There was a three-way competition for the job in 2006 among **James Cox**, the initial winner, **Bernard Jackson** (who would start games two through 12) and **Brian White** (who quit after the first game). The last time had been in 2003, when walk-on **Joel Klatt** earned the nod; in 2000, the competition between **Zac Colvin** and **Bobby Pesavento** raged from the start of spring ball to the final week of August camp. Colvin was named the opening game starter but four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and did not relinquish the role the remainder of the season. In 1998, the first real battle in six years, juniors **Mike Moschetti** and **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won the job and Weisinger subsequently transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety. Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91, taking over for the dying Sal Aunese after he was diagnosed with stomach cancer in March 1989.

AND MORE—In looking back at CU history, the Buffs have usually had a capable backup quarterback that became a household name. As far back as 1971, when 5-foot-7 **Joe Duenas** subbed for an injured **Ken Johnson** to lead CU to a 56-13 win over Wyoming in the second game of the season, Colorado second-team signal callers have made names for themselves. Two years later, **David Williams** and **Clyde Crutchmer** dueled for starting honors; in 1976, Austin replaced **Jeff Knapple** on occasion after Knapple wrestled the starting job away from him; in 1979, **Charlie Davis** and **Bill Solomon** battled back and forth; in the early 1980s, **Steve Vogel** and **Randy Essington** alternated as starters for three years, with Vogel emerging as CU's all-time passing leader at the time. In the last 1980s, there was the run of **Sal Aunese** replacing **Mark Hatcher**, Hagan replacing Aunese, **Charles Johnson** and Joseph both subbing for an injured Hagan on occasion; Stewart replacing Hagan, and he himself being replaced by Detmer and Tobin due to injuries; and of course, Hessler subbing for Detmer after Detmer replaced Stewart. Perhaps the best examples of this came in the 1991 Orange Bowl, when Johnson replaced an injured Hagan in the second half and earned MVP honors in leading CU to a 10-9 win over Notre Dame which paved the way for Colorado to be named the consensus national champion, and in 2001, when **Bobby Pesavento** took over the second half of the year for an injured **Craig Ochs**, and he helped lead the Buffs to their first Big 12 Conference title. That run included Pesavento steering the Buffs to wins over No. 2 Nebraska and No. 3 Texas. And in 2002, **Robert Hodge** has had to replace Ochs, after Ochs suffered the third concussion of his CU career and eventually left the team.

How did the quarterbacks compare in the six main scrimmages (three each in the spring and fall)? Pretty darn close; take a look:

Quarterback	PASSING								RUSHING				
	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Sacked	Rating		Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
Cody Hawkins	118-75-1	63.6	1,001	11	50	11/60	163.89		7	27	3.9	0	15
Tyler Hansen	88-53-1	60.2	746	7	70t	16/99	155.41		19	123	6.5	1	23

The two combined for an **18-to-2** touchdown-to-interception ratio, one any coaching staff in the country would love to have one playing for real starts.

2009 SCHEDULE FACTOIDS

- There are 78 games involving 119 FBS teams in week one of the college football season and the Buffaloes are playing in the third-to-last game of the week. The Buffs play in the later of two Sunday games, preceding two Monday games. Additionally, Florida International is the only school with an opening-weekend bye.
- The Buffs will also have the fourth-shortest amount of time between contests from the first to second weeks. Florida State opens against Miami, Fla. (6 p.m. MT Monday, Sept. 7) and then hosts Jacksonville State (4 p.m. MT Saturday, Sept. 12), giving the Seminoles four days, 22 hours between games. Rutgers opens with Cincinnati (2 p.m. MT Monday, Sept. 7) and then hosts Howard (1:30 p.m. MT Saturday, Sept. 12), giving Scarlet Knights four days, 23-and-a-half hours. Clemson opens its season at home against Middle Tennessee State (4 p.m. MT Saturday, Sept. 4) before playing at Georgia Tech (5:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10), giving the Tigers five days, one-and-a-half hours between games. The Buffs will have five days and two hours, opening at 5 p.m. MT Sunday before traveling to Toledo for a 7 p.m. MT kickoff against the Rockets.
- The Buffs arguably have the shortest week when factoring travel into the situation. Clemson, Colorado, Florida State and Rutgers all open at home, but Florida State and Rutgers will also remain home in week two while Clemson will travel just 105 miles from Clemson, S.C. to Atlanta to face the Yellow Jackets. The Buffs will travel 1,137 miles from Boulder to Toledo, Ohio.
- Additionally, the Buffs are the only school in the country that plays each of the first three weeks of the season without having a Saturday game until the third weekend on Sept. 19. Miami, Fla. opens its season Monday, Sept. 7 and then has a bye week before playing on Thursday, Sept. 17, meaning the Hurricanes are the only team waiting longer to play on a Saturday during 2009 (Sept. 26) and they are the only other team in the FBS to open with two non-Saturday games. Eastern Kentucky (Thursday), Ole Miss (Sunday) and Utah State (Thursday) both open with non-Saturday tilts and all have bye weeks before holding their first Saturday games on Sept. 19 like the Buffs.
- The 28 days that Colorado has between home games (Sept. 19/Wyoming;-Oct. 17/Kansas) ties for the eighth-longest span between home games in 2009. UAB has 37 days (Oct. 1-Nov. 7), Hawai'i goes 36 days (Sept. 4-Oct. 10), while Arizona (Sept. 12-Oct. 17), Georgia (Oct. 3-Nov. 7), Middle Tennessee State (Sept. 12-Oct. 17), SMU (Sept. 5-Oct. 10) and Washington State (Oct. 10-Nov. 14) all have 35-day windows.

TRENDS**1985-2009**

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **184-113-4**, the 23rd best record nationally in this span). In these 301 games spanning 25 seasons, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

◆ with 400-plus yards total offense	106-19-2	◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	87-18-1
◆ with 500-plus yards total offense	52- 5-0	◆ when leading at halftime	148-20-2
◆ when leading in time of possession	122-31-3	◆ when leading after three quarters (146-13-3 in last 162)	151-15-3
◆ when making 20-plus first downs	112-34-1	◆ when scoring 24 or more points	150-23-2
◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	71- 8-1	◆ when scoring 14 or more points	180-69-4
◆ when punting three or fewer times	67-16-1	◆ when held to 13 points or less	3-42-0
◆ when scoring first	118-34-1	◆ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	14- 0-0
◆ with zero turnovers (133-53-2 with two or fewer)	33-10-2	◆ when rushing for more yards than passing	105-35-2
◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	107-18-1	◆ when passing for more yards than rushing	79-78-2
◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	93-13-1	◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	100-21-2

TRENDS II**1989-2009**

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 23rd best overall record at **156-94-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (254 games over 21 seasons, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	87-36-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	79- 5-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (47-5 with 500-plus)	92-19-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	53- 2-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	103- 8-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	31- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time (54-66-1 when not)	102-28-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	34- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	99-31-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	84-44-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	57- 7-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (10-0-1 400-plus)	25-14-1
➤ when scoring first (86-24-1 the last 111 times)	97-27-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	79-78-2
➤ with zero turnovers (116-49-2 with two or fewer)	27-10-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	82-21-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	83-11-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	123-26-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	77-13-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	13- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	65-13-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	126-14-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (26-3 40+)	113-42-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	116-36-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	129-31-2		

TRENDS III**HAWKINS**

Some trends of Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **110** games including bowls (**69-41**; the Broncos were 53-11 under his guidance in five seasons):

Category	At CU	Overall	Category	At CU	Overall
➤ when scoring 20 or more points (2-26 when not)	14- 9	67-15	➤ when leading after three (11-33 trailing, 3-2 tied)	10- 3	55- 4
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	11- 3	58- 5	➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	8- 5	40- 8
➤ when scoring 40 or more points	3- 0	38- 2	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense	4- 6	28- 7
➤ when scoring 50 or more points	1- 0	20- 0	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	6- 1	38- 1
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	7- 3	36- 3	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (7-0 300-plus)	3- 1	25- 1
➤ in games decided by 7 points or less	9- 9	19-14	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	7- 6	25- 7
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (10-2 with zero)	13-19	51-27	➤ with a 100-yard rusher	10- 5	37- 5
➤ when turnover margin was plus or even	11-17	50-24	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	3- 0	28- 0
➤ when scoring first (23-24 when not)	10-13	46-16	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (46-2 last 48)	6- 3	50- 5
➤ when leading at halftime	11- 6	54- 9	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (6-0 with 600-plus)	2- 0	25- 1
➤ when trailing at halftime (4-1 when tied)	5-22	11-30			

TURNOVERS ARE INDEED COSTLY

Dan Hawkins, as with most head coaches, believes that when it comes to turnovers, that they are one of the single most important factors in winning or losing ball games. He has penalties and rewards daily in the practice dependent on the number of turnovers committed or forced. Former CU coach **Gary Barnett** drilled home to his teams the importance of taking care of the football, which he learned from the legendary **Bill McCartney**. Statistics back up the argument, as the below shows that it is definitely better to take than to give over the last 21 seasons, in which CU owns the nation's 23rd best overall record:

	Turnovers Committed	Turnovers Forced	+/-	Scoring Off Turnovers PF	PA	+/-
156 WINS	261	389	+ 128	1,292	530	+762
HAWKINS ERA (16 WINS)	26	32	+ 6	94	74	+ 20
94 LOSSES (& 4 TIES)	242	161	- 81	384	757	-373
HAWKINS ERA (30 LOSSES)	65	50	- 15	122	175	- 53
21-SEASON TOTALS (254 Games)	503	550	+ 47	1,676	1,287	+389
HAWKINS ERA (46 Games)	91	82	- 9	216	249	- 33

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored **131** times in **203** tries, including **23** game winning or tying scores, when the offense has gone into the “two-minute offense” drill since 1988; that’s 64 percent of the time. The Buffs are **6-of-11** in the drill in 2009, highlighted by the game winning score against Texas A&M; other scores include a TD against CSU, two late TDs at Toledo, a late six at West Virginia and a first half field goal versus Missouri. In 2008, CU was **5-of-10**, highlighted by scoring a TD with urgency to tie the game with Eastern Washington scoring twice in the last 9:14 to rally and defeat Iowa State. CU was **9-of-12** in 2007, utilizing the drill to score field goals at the end of each half against CSU, a fourth quarter TD against Florida State (and nearly a second one), once for six before the half versus Miami, for the game winning field goal, though a bit less rushed, against Oklahoma, and twice in the final stages at Iowa State (scoring a TD a nearly the tying field goal), a first half TD against Nebraska and two TDs against Alabama in the Independence Bowl (one in each half). The Buffs were **2-of-6** in 2006: 1-of-1 against Texas Tech (field goal), 0-of-2 versus Montana State, 0-of-1 versus Colorado State, 0-1 at Georgia and 1-of-1 versus Iowa State (field goal). Thus, in the **Dan Hawkins** Era, CU is **20-of-33** in the drill (**60.6** percent). One of the most prolific years in the drill was 1994, when CU was 7-of-8; that included two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade. Between 1988 and 1994, Colorado was an amazing **61-of-81** in the two-minute offense, with 44 touchdowns. The chart showing CU’s scores:

2-Min. Offense/Scores	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Totals	Pct.
Total.....	10-13	11-11	11-14	8-12	6-12	8-11	7-8	5-8	4-6	6-11	3-5	6-13	6-10	5-9	1-4	5-8	4-5	4-9	2-6	9-12	5-10	6-11	132-207	63.8
First Half.....	6-7	10-10	6-7	4-5	4-9	6-7	4-4	4-6	4-6	1-3	2-3	5-8	4-5	4-7	1-2	2-4	2-2	3-5	2-4	4-5	1-2	1-3	80-114	70.2
TDs/FGs.....	4/2	7/3	2/4	3/1	2/2	5/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	0/1	0/2	2/3	2/2	4/0	1/0	2/0	1/1	3/0	0/2	3/1	0/1	0/1	50/30	
Second Half.....	4-6	1-1	5-7	4-7	2-3	2-4	3-4	1-2	0-0	5-8	1-2	1-5	2-5	1-2	0-2	3-4	2-3	1-3	0-2	5-7	4-8	5-8	52-93	55.9
TDs/FGs.....	4/0	1/0	4/1	4/0	1/1	2/0	2/1	1/0	0/0	5/0	0/1	1/0	1/1	1/0	0/0	2/1	2/0	0/1	0/0	4/2	4/0	5/0	43/9	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	1	23	

SAFELY AHEAD

The Buffs have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 34 seasons. Since 1976 (game 1), CU has protected a two-score lead **213** of **233** times, losing 17 and tying three when it blew the lead. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result	Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result
10/10/09	at Texas	11 (14-3; 2nd Quarter)	L, 14-38	09/02/00	Colorado State (Den)	10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 24-28
11/28/08	at Nebraska	14 (14-0; 1st Quarter)	L, 31-40	10/23/93	at Kansas State	9 (9-0; 2nd Quarter)	T, 16-16
11/10/07	at Iowa State	21 (21-0; 3rd Quarter)	L, 28-31	09/18/93	at Stanford	10 (37-27; 4th Quarter)	L, 37-41
09/08/07	at Arizona State	14 (14-0; 2nd Quarter)	L, 14-33	09/15/90	at Illinois	14 (17-3; 2nd Quarter)	L, 22-23
10/28/06	at Kansas	9 (9-0; 3rd Quarter)	L, 15-20	08/26/90	*Tennessee	14 (31-17; 4th Quarter)	T, 31-31
09/23/06	at Georgia	13 (13-0; 4th Quarter)	L, 13-14	09/27/86	ARIZONA	9 (21-12; 4th Quarter)	L, 21-24
10/23/04	at Texas A&M	12 (19-7; 3rd Quarter)	L, 26-29 OT	11/03/84	KANSAS	11 (27-16; 4th Quarter)	L, 27-28
11/01/03	at Texas Tech	14 (14-0; 1st Quarter)	L, 21-26	10/16/82	at Oklahoma State	13 (13-0; 1st Quarter)	T, 25-25
10/04/03	at Baylor	9 (23-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 30-42	09/19/81	WASHINGTON STATE	10 (10-0; 4th Quarter)	L, 10-14
11/14/00	Iowa State	11 (20-9; 2nd Quarter)	L, 27-35	10/10/79	OKLAHOMA STATE	20 (20-0; 4th Quarter)	L, 20-21

Colorado has lost only 20 games (and was tied twice) dating back to 1980 when leading by *any* margin at any point in the fourth quarter or overtime. The most recent losses were in 2008 (Nebraska, when the Huskers scored 10 points in the final 1:43), and in 2006 (Kansas, Baylor in three overtimes—CU scored first in OT2—and at Georgia, when the Buffs led 13-0 entering the quarter and lost with just 46 seconds remaining as UGA won, 14-13). In conference play, only Kansas (1984, 2006), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2008), Oklahoma State (1997), Texas A&M (2004) and Baylor (2006) have rallied in the fourth to topple CU in this span. The ties came against Tennessee in 1990 (31-31, after leading 31-17) and Kansas State in 1993 (16-16 after taking a late 16-13 lead).

➤ Colorado has won **97** of its last **108** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—and **24** of the last **31**. A 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 26-game winning streak in such situations on the road, and an overall streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).

In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 34 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The most recent wins of this variety came this year against Texas A&M (won 35-34 after trailing 31-21 with 11:01 remaining) and last year versus Iowa State (won 28-24 after trailing 24-13 with 9:14 left) and Eastern Washington (won 31-24 after being down 24-17). In 2007 CU rallied from 28-17 down in the third and 28-25 in the fourth to defeat CSU 31-28 in overtime) and Oklahoma (down 24-7 late in the third, eventually tying the fourth largest comeback in school history in winning 27-24).

DOMINATION

Colorado has only **35** losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon. On several occasions, teams used the win over the Buffs to gain national notoriety and/or move into the rankings following the win. The Buffs are **96-35-2** in their last 133 games against (AP) unranked teams, along with a record of **127-37-2** in the last 166. The Buffs are **166-94-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-9 in bowls); **114-66-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **52-28-1** in non-conference regular season action.

LITTLE KNOWN RARITY

In CU history, the Buffaloes have had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game on **28** occasions (and are **22-6** in games when this occurs). It’s happened eight times this decade, most recently against Texas A&M this season (TB Rodney Stewart 118 yards, WR Markques Simas 135). The previous time was at Baylor in 2007 (TB **High Charles** 109 yards, and WR **Josh Smith** 103). That was the first time since 2004, when it occurred three times, as it did in 2001, including the first time the same player had 100 yards in both in the same game: **TB Cortlen Johnson** at Iowa State (172 rushing and 105 receiving); Johnson and **TE Daniel Graham** did it against Missouri, Graham and **TB’s Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. *A closer look at this unique list can be found on page 34 of the 2008 CU History & Records supplement.*

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below are the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2009 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in **847** games, with **236** starts entering the season. Recent past numbers entering a season have been **817** games played/277 started (2008), **853/251** (2007), **1,053/295** (2006), **1,080/314** (2005), **761/182** (2004), **845/239** (2003), **883/278** (2002), **694/223** (2000) and **790/229** (1999). The list (includes bowls):

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ADAMS	0	0	DARDEN	0	0	HAWKINS, C.	31	28	MOYD	37	0	SLOTA	0	0
ADKINS	12	9	DEEHAN	21	10	HAWKINS, J.	11	0	NABORS	28	0	SMART	45	31
AHLES	17	0	DEVENNY	27	1	HERROD	33	12	NOBRIGA	0	0	SMITH, B.	16	0
AWEIDA	0	—	DILALLO	42	—	HICKS	0	0	OBI	13	0	SMITH, J.	32	12
BAHR	17	11	DRESCHER	46	0	HILDRETH	0	0	OLATOYE	0	0	SOLDER	34	25
BAKHTIARI	0	0	EBNER	7	0	ILTIS	4	3	ORMS	0	0	STENGEL	15	1
BEATTY	21	9	ESPINOZA	10	3	JAFFEE	10	0	PERICAK	9	9	STEVENS	9	6
BEHRENS, B.	15	14	EVANS	0	0	JEFFERSON	9	3	PERKINS	21	10	STEWART	17	7
BEHRENS, J.	31	6	EWING	3	0	KASA	4	0	POLK	9	3	SUMLER	33	13
BISNOW	0	0	FERNANDEZ	0	0	KAYNOR	30	0	POREMBIA	2	0	TAU	0	0
BONSU	9	0	GEER	44	34	LaBARGE	0	0	RIPPY	5	1	THORNTON	0	0
BROWN, C.	46	33	GIVENS	5	4	LAWSON	10	0	SALE	0	0	TUIOTI-MARINER	3	2
BROWN, J.	34	13	GOLDBERG	2	0	LOBATO	0	0	SANDERSFELD	21	0	USSERY	0	0
BURNEY	45	23	GOODMAN	20	—	LOCKRIDGE	18	2	SCOTT	16	4	VIGO	1	0
BURTON	43	6	GOREE	18	0	MAHNKE	20	3	SERGEANT	3	0	WALTERS	3	0
CELESTINE	14	2	GOUIN	3	0	MAJOR	4	0	SHANAHAN	20	0	WEBB	0	0
CLARK	5	0	GROSSNICKLE	0	—	MAXWELL	4	0	SHIELDS	5	0	WEST	9	0
CONTE	0	0	HAM	8	0	McANINCH	0	0	SILIPO	0	0	WOOD	0	0
COONEY	0	0	HANDLER	0	0	McKNIGHT	34	23	SIMAS	7	6	WRIGHT	20	0
CUNNINGHAM	21	9	HANSEN	10	6	MEYER	0	0	SIMMONS	9	0	TEAM	1361	434
DANIELS	3	0	HARRIS	0	0	MILLER	23	20	SIPILI	27	6	2008 Final	1469	541
DANNEWITZ	7	0	HARTIGAN	21	0	MOHLER	20	11	SISSOM	0	0			

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: WR Will Jefferson (2009); TE Ryan Deehan, FS Patrick Mahnke, TB Darrell Scott, TB Rodney Stewart, OG Max Tuioti-Mariner (2008);

TB Brian Lockridge, OG Kai Maiava, OT Ryan Miller, WR Josh Smith (2007); CB Cha'pelle Brown, ILB Michael Sipili (2006); Maurice Lucas (2005); ILB Jordon Dizon (2004);

ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, DB Lorenzo Sims (2003).

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT QUARTERBACK: Tyler Hansen (2008), Craig Ochs (2000), Koy Detmer (1992). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Has not occurred.

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: Darrell Scott (2008), Rodney Stewart (2008), Brian Lockridge (2007), Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000).

IN A SEASON OPENER: Kent Kahl (1991).

LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: wr Dustin Ebner, T Bryce Givens, OT Will Pericak, SS Ray Polk, OLB Douglas Rippey (2009); OT Matt Bahr, OG Blake Behrens, S Anthony Perkins (2008); QB Cody Hawkins, WR Scotty McKnight, OG Wes Palazzi, TE Nate Solder, TB Demetrius Sumler (2007); OT Paul Backowski, TE Riar Geer, OG Devin Head (2006).

LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: ILB Bryan Stengel (2009); WR Steve Melton (2008), TE Joe Sanders (2007); Paul Creighton, TE Dan Goettsch, C Bryce MacMartin, TB Mell Holliday, WR Nick Holz (2006); WR Mike Duren, OG Terrance Barreau (2004); WR D.J. Hackett (2003).

STARTING STREAKS

ILB Jeff Smart owns the longest starting streak on the team at **31** games, followed by CB Cha'pelle Brown (24), OT Nate Solder (21) and CB Jimmy Smith (12). CU is still rather young, but this also is a result of what Dan Hawkins thinks of depth charts; he prefers the term contributors, so whatever play they want to run to open a game could feature virtually anyone that fits a particular play or scheme.

FOURTEEN PLAYERS MAKE FIRST CAREER STARTS SO FAR IN 2009

Eight players made their first career starts in the season opener against CSU, four each on offense and defense. OLB B.J. Beatty, DT Curtis Cunningham, DT Will Pericak and SS Ray Polk started the game on defense, while OG Ethan Adkins, WR Jason Espinoza, OT Bryce Givens and C Mike Iltis lined up for the first play on offense. Polk replaced Patrick Mahnke, who suffered a sprained ankle in the previous Friday's practice. And Pericak became the first freshman, true or redshirt, to start a season opener at defensive tackle in CU history. Two others followed at Toledo, as ILB Bryan Stengel and OLB Doug Rippey were in on the defense's first play, and WR Markques Simas got his first nod versus Wyoming. C Keenan Stevens started at West Virginia and WR Will Jefferson made his first against Kansas with WR Dustin Ebner getting the nod against Texas A&M.. Over the last 25 seasons, CU has had as few as six players (1994) and as many as 29 (1984, 15 on offense) make their first career starts in a single year. The high on a single side of the ball came in 1998, when 17 of 27 new starters were on offense. Here are the annual numbers of first-time starters since 1984:

ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS: 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16), 2003 (20), 2004 (12), 2005 (11), 2006 (24), 2007 (18), 2008 (15), **2009 (14)**.

TWENTY-TWO SEE FIRST CU ACTION IN 2009

Thirteen players saw their first collegiate action in the season opener against Colorado State (19 did so in 2008), though 11 of the 13 saw significant action from scrimmage as opposed to special teams. Four true freshmen were among the 11, DT Nate Bonsu, WR Will Jefferson, CB Paul Vigo and DE Forrest West. Two others played for the first time at Toledo, four their first time versus Wyoming and heralded true frosh DE Nick Kasa at West Virginia. Here's the breakdown by class of those players seeing their first CU action in 2009 (*—mainly special teams duty):

TRUE FRESHMEN (5): DT Nate Bonsu, WR Will Jefferson, DE Nick Kasa, CB *Paul Vigo, DE Forrest West

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (9): OL *Ryan Dannewitz, WR Dustin Ebner, CB *Vince Ewing, OT Bryce Givens, ILB Jon Major, DT Will Pericak, S Ray Polk, OLB Douglas Rippey, OLB *Guy Sergeant

SOPHOMORES (6): OL *David Clark, DE David Goldberg, OLB *Brandon Gouin, C Mike Iltis, WR Ryan Maxwell, WR Markques Simas.

JUNIORS (1): WR Andre Simmons.

SENIORS (1): TE *Luke Walters.

Recent counts of players seeing their first action at Colorado by season: **30** (2008), **28** (2007), **19** (2006), **16** (2005), **24** (2004) and **24** (2003).

2009 PARTICIPATION CHART

The participation chart for the 2009 Colorado Buffaloes; KEY: S—started; ✓—played; DNP—dressed, but did not play; INJ—injured; (—)—denotes did not dress; SSP—suspended; **—saw first action as a Buffalo in 2009:

Player	CSU	TOL	WYO	WV	UT	KU	KSU	MU	A&M	ISU	OSU	NU
ADAMS	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
ADKINS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
AHLES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
AWEIDA	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP			
BAHR	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	✓	S	S	S			
BAKHTIARI	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
BEATTY	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
BEHRENS, B.	DNP	DNP	S	DNP	DNP	S	DNP	DNP	✓			
BEHRENS, J.	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓		
BISNOW	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP			
**BONSU	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
BROWN, C.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
BROWN, J.	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
BURNEY	S	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
BURTON	✓	✓	S	S	✓	S	✓	S	S	S		
CLARK	DNP	DNP	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
CONTE	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
COONEY	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
CUNNINGHAM	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
DANIELS	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP			
DANNEWITZ	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
DARDEN	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
DEEHAN	S	S	✓	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
DEVENNY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
DiLALLO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
DRESCHER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
**EBNER	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	DNP	S			
ESPINOZA	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	INJ		
EVANS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP			
**EWING	✓	✓	✓	SSP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP			
FERNANDEZ	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
GEER	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
**GIVENS	S	S	—	S	—	—	DNP	✓				
**GOLDBERG	DNP	✓	✓	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
GOODMAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
GOREE	✓	✓	DNP	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
**GOUIN	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓			
GROSSNICKLE	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
HAM	✓	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP				
HANDLER	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
HANSEN	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	S	S	S	S			
HARRIS	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
HARTIGAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
HAWKINS, C.	S	S	S	S	S	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP			
HAWKINS, J.	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	✓	✓			
HERROD	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
HICKS	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
HILDRETH	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
**ILTIS	S	S	S	INJ	INJ	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP			
JAFFEE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
**JEFFERSON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S	✓	✓			
**KASA	INJ	INJ	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	ILL	ILL			
KAYNOR	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	—	DNP	DNP			
KIRKWOOD	—	—	—	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
LaBARGE	—	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
LAWSON	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ			
LOBATO	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			

Player	CSU	TOL	WYO	WV	UT	KU	KSU	MU	A&M	ISU	OSU	NU
LOCKRIDGE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓			
MAHNKE	INJ	S	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
**MAJOR	DNP	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓			
MANARINO	—	—	DNP	—	—	(Quit team 10/11)						
**MAXWELL	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓			
McANINCH	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
McKNIGHT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S			
MEYER	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP			
MIHALCIN	—	—	DNP	(Quit team 9/21)								
MILLER	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S			
MOHLER	S	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
MOYD	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓			
NABORS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
NOBRIGA	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
OBI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓			
OLATOYE	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP			
ORMS	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
**PERICAK	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S			
PERKINS	S	S	S	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	S			
**POLK	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S	✓			
POREMBIA	DNP	—	✓	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
**RIPPY	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ			
SALE	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
SANDERSFELD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
SCOTT	S	S	INJ	✓	✓	S	INJ	INJ	(Quit team 11/03)			
SERGEANT	DNP	DNP	✓	—	—	✓	DNP	DNP	✓			
SHANAHAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
SHIELDS	✓	✓	✓	DNP	(Quit team 10/04)							
SILIPO	DNP	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
SIMAS	SSP	SSP	S	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓			
**SIMMONS	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
SIPILI	INJ	✓	✓	DNP	S	✓	S	✓	✓			
SISSOM	—	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
SLOTA	DNP	SSP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
SMART	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S			
SMITH, B.	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
SMITH, J.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S			
SOLDER	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S			
STANLEY	—	—	—	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
STENGEL	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	INJ	INJ		
STEVENS	✓	DNP	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	S			
STEWART	✓	✓	✓	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓			
SUMLER	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S		
THORNTON	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
TUJOTI-MARINER	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ			
USSERY	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
**VIGO	✓	—	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
**WALTERS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓			
WEBB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
**WEST	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
WOOD	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP			
WRIGHT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	INJ		
DRESSED	100	75	104	72	70	105	70	105	103			
PLAYED	57	56	64	53	56	58	57	55	58			

Inactive For 2009: Cefalo (transfer), Celestine (ineligible), Clemons (transfer), Farley (transfer), Tau (suspended).

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

Upperclassmen started about 61 percent of CU's games in 2008, down a bit from two-thirds in both 2006 and 2007, though seniors accounted for 40 percent of the '08 starts, up from 31 percent the previous year, which was the third lowest figure over a 9-year span. In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (25.1) since the 1995 team (which had only seven seniors), while 38.8 percent of the starts were made by underclassmen. That showed the youth of the team, especially since underclassmen also had 41.7 percent of the starts in 2003. Fast-forward to 2006-07, Dan Hawkins' first two seasons where underclassmen accounted for 179 starts over the two years, or 33 percent. Over the course of the 2007 and 2008 seasons, 95 freshmen made starts, the most in any two-year period in school history (the old mark was 54 on two occasions, last in 1999-2000). It's historically a cyclical pattern, showing up in breakdown of the starters over the course of the season. A year-by-year look at starts by class since 1999:

Season	G	SR	JR	SO	FR (RS-True)	UpperCl%	Fr-Pct.
1999	12	115	42	86	21 (20-1)	59.5	8.0
2000	11	55	116	38	33 (15-18)	70.7	13.6
2001	13	102	95	83	7 (0-7)	68.9	2.4
2002	14	155	130	14	9 (0-9)	92.5	2.9
2003	12	105	49	78	32 (14-18)	58.3	12.1
2004	13	72	103	100	11 (0-11)	61.2	3.8

Season	G	SR	JR	SO	FR (RS-True)	UpperCl%	Fr-Pct.
2005	13	116	112	48	10 (4-6)	79.7	3.5
2006	12	92	84	71	17 (11-6)	66.7	6.4
2007	13	89	106	38	53 (29-24)	68.2	18.5
2008	12	106	54	62	42 (25-17)	60.6	15.9
2009	9	43	68	67	20 (18-2)	56.1	10.1

TWENTY-THREE SKIDOO

Colorado is one of just **23** schools in I-A/FBS history to be able to make the claim of winning (or sharing) a national championship and also having a Heisman Trophy winner. The criteria for national championship consideration included those crowned by the *Associated Press*, the coaches and the BCS; 30 total schools at one point in the past have been able to claim the throne. This prestigious short list:

School	National Championships	Heisman Trophies	School	National Championships	Heisman Trophies
Army	1944-45	1945-46-58	Notre Dame	1943-46-47-49-66-73-77-88	1943-47-49-53-56-64-87
Auburn	1957	1971-85	Ohio State	1942-54-57-68-2002	1944-50-55-74-75-95-2006
Brigham Young	1984	1990	Oklahoma	1950-55-56-74-75-85-2000	1952-69-78-2003-08
Colorado	1990	1994	Penn State	1982-86	1973
Florida	1996-2006-08	1966-96-2007	Pittsburgh	1937-76	1976
Florida State	1993-99	1993-2000	Syracuse	1959	1961
Georgia	1980	1942-82	Texas	1963-69-70-2005	1977-98
Louisiana State	1958-2003	1959	Texas A&M	1939	1957
Miami, Fla.	1983-87-89-91-2001	1986-92	TCU	1938	1938
Michigan	1948-97	1940-91-97	UCLA	1954	1967
Minnesota	1936-40-60	1941	USC	1962-67-72-74-78-2003-04	1965-68-79-81-2002-04-05
Nebraska	1970-71-94-95-97	1972-83-2001			

Schools with national championships and no Heisman winner are Alabama (7 titles), Michigan State (2), Tennessee (2), Clemson (1), Georgia Tech (1), Maryland (1) and Washington (1).

GRADUATION STAT(US)

Two of CU's 17 seniors in 2009 have already earned their degrees: **CB Ben Burney** (Film Studies) and **TB/WR Kevin Moyd** (Accounting & Management). Ten are on schedule to pick up the sheepskin in December: **FB Trace Adams** (Communication), **Patrick Devenny** (Marketing), **P Matt DiLallo** (Integrative Marketing), **SN Justin Drescher** (Finance), **TE Riar Geer** (History), **DT Taj Kaynor** (Sociology), **DT Tyler Sale** (Environmental Engineering), **TE Devin Shanahan** (Economics), **ILB Jeff Smart** (Sociology) and **TE Luke Walters** (Geography). Three are on schedule for May graduation, **FB Jake Behrens** (Finance & Accounting), **ILB Marcus Burton** (Ethnic Studies) and **ILB Bryan Stengel** (Integrative Physiology). **ILB Shaun Mohler** (Sociology) and **CB Cha'pelle Brown** (Sociology) are looking at no earlier than next summer to wrap up.

► **NOTE:** Over the last seven years (2002-08), CU has had **120** of its **143** seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 84 percent (with nine of the 23 non-grads still in school and looking to graduate within the next year, while six are in the NFL). NCAA numbers will not match these (it doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate, i.e., Wayne Lucier ('02), WR Mike Duren ('04), TE Tyson DeVree, FB Samson Jagoras and WR Chase McBride (all '07), but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. It's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially at tougher academic schools like Colorado.

AROUND THE NATION

Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (73 percent of the entire roster—82 of 113 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado **51**, California **25**, Texas **6**, Florida **4**, Arizona **3**, Hawai'i **3**, Idaho **3**, Ohio **3**, Tennessee **3**, Connecticut **1**, Georgia **1**, Illinois **1**, Indiana **1**, Louisiana **1**, Missouri **1**, Nebraska **1**, Nevada **1**, New Jersey **1**, Pennsylvania **1**, South Carolina **1** and Washington, D.C. **1**. That's **20** states total along with the District of Columbia that has produced the make-up of this year's team. Last year, Army had the most states represented with 37.

SCORING STREAKS

The Buffs scored in a school record **242** consecutive games until a 58-0 loss at Missouri last October 25, CU's first shutout loss since November 12, 1988 by Nebraska in Lincoln (7-0). The Buffs had scored in **94** consecutive road games (**123** including neutral sites) as well as in **153** straight league games, all **103** in Big 12 play, including the four title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska.

► CU has scored in **135** straight games at home (last shutout: a 28-0 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 15, 1986), and has scored in **132** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at Folsom Field over the course of the last **274** games (all the way back to 1963).

► CU has been shutout just eight times in its last **487** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only five schools have administered them: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State, Michigan and Missouri.

► **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through November 7):** Nebraska 173, Kansas State 162, Texas Tech 151, Oklahoma 143, Missouri 86, Kansas 85, Iowa State 73, Texas A&M 72, Texas 68, Oklahoma State 55, Baylor 31, **Colorado 12**. CU is the last team to shutout both Kansas State (12-0 in 1996) and Oklahoma State (34-0 in 2005).

242 WAS HISTORIC

Colorado's **242**-game scoring streak ranks as the ninth longest in Division I-A college history; of the top 16 all-time, nine were started in the 1980s while the other five began in the 1970s. Here's that list, through November 7: (*—329 games including I-AA games prior to joining I-A in 1992):

School	Streak	Dates	Ended By	School	Streak	Dates	Ended By
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Michigan	310	10/27/1984 - present	.....	Florida State	232	9/10/1988 - 11/11/2006	Wake Forest
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/1995	Colorado State
Washington State	280	10/22/1984 - 10/18/2008	USC	Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
Washington	272	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	TCU	213	11/23/1991 - present	.....
Oregon	267	10/05/1985 - 11/15/2007	UCLA	Air Force	203	12/31/1992 - present	.....
Florida	266	11/05/1988 - present	.....	Virginia	195	9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000	Georgia Tech
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	*Nevada	187	9/05/1992 - 12/01/2007	New Mexico
Colorado	242	11/19/1988 - 10/25/2008	Missouri				

THREE SENIORS SERVING AS 2009 CAPTAINS

Senior linebackers **Marcus Burton** and **Jeff Smart** along with senior tight end **Riar Geer** were selected as team captains by their University of Colorado teammates at the end of August camp (Aug. 23). All are fifth-year seniors, three-year lettermen and were at the top of the depth chart at their respective positions enter fall camp. Burton is a 6-0, 265-pound linebacker from Channelview, Texas; Geer is a 6-4, 250 pounder from Fruita-Monument High School in Grand Junction, and Smart is a 6-0, 225-pound linebacker from Boulder High School.

"The leadership throughout this team is really outstanding, so it says something special for these three to be selected by their peers to be at the top of that list," Hawkins said, noting that all players, not just seniors, were eligible to be selected. "All three of these guys have grown and developed their way into being in this position, so it's a well-earned reward on their parts and will handle the responsibilities that come with it well."

Smart is the first CU captain from Boulder since linebacker **Barry Remington** served in the capacity as both a junior and senior for the 1985 and 1986 seasons. He was a graduate of Fairview High; the last two from Boulder High were linebacker **Phil Irwin** (1970) and All-America tailback **Bobby Anderson** (1969). Irwin's son, **Heath**, also played at BHS and was an offensive guard as a senior in 1996 and served as a captain on occasion when they were appointed each game between 1995 and 1997.

A former walk-on, Smart is the first named captain since 2007, when **R.J. Brown** earned the distinction; **Joel Klatt** (QB, 2004 & 2005) and **Steve Beck** (S, 1986) are the only other one-time walk-ons to be selected as (season-long) team captains in program history.

Geer is the first from Grand Junction to be named a Buff captain since tackle **Jerry McClurg** served as a senior in 1964; he attended Grand Junction High. Since then, two others from the state's Western Slope have been so honored, defensive end **Mike Pruett** (Delta High School, 1969) and offensive tackle **Matt Miller** (Durango High School, 1978).

Burton's selection marks the sixth straight year a player with Texas high school roots will serve as a Colorado captain, as he follows **Sam Wilder** (OT, 2004), **Lawrence Vickers** (FB, 2005), **Mason Crosby** (PK, 2006), **Hugh Charles** (TB, 2007), **Terrence Wheatley** (CB, 2007) and **Patrick Williams** (WR, 2008).

TUFTS IN GRAD SCHOOL, SIGNS ON AS RALPHIE HANDLER

Sean Tufts, who lettered four years at linebacker (2000-03), is back at CU in its MBA program. But he will also be back on the football field, as just the second football player-turned-Ralphie Handler (**OG Chad Hammond** did the same in 1996 after his career ended due to a back injury). Senior **DT Tyler Sale** was a two-year Ralphie Handler before joining the team last year as a walk on, the first handler-to-player. "This is a good fit for me," Tufts said. "It's a way to stay involved in the athletic program, get with guys and teach them some of the lessons I've learned." In the opener against Colorado State, he didn't run with her, but was one the handlers stationed to help steer her on the turn toward her trailer, which is fairly dicey duty.

A 265-POUND LINEBACKER?

Not to mention a father for the second time ... Senior **ILB Marcus Burton** actually does check in at 265 pounds, making him the heaviest inside or outside linebacker in school history (and by 10 pounds). And since he's got around 18 percent body fat, he's also fast, with 4.7 speed in the 40. Marcus and his wife, **Krislen**, welcomed their second child into the world Sept. 6 as **Noah Alanea Christopher Burton** was born at 9:59 a.m. at Boulder Community Hospital. They already have another son, Tysen, 2. But now, back to the heaviest linebackers to don a CU uniform (*—now weighs 240, but played at 250 earlier in career):

Player	Pos.	Seasons	Height	Weight	Player	Pos.	Seasons	Height	Weight
Marcus Burton	ILB	2005-09	6-0	265	Sam Rogers	OLB	1992-93	6-3	245
Ron Merkerson	OLB	1994-97	6-3	255	Matt Russell	ILB	1993-96	6-2	245
Kanavis McGhee	OLB	1987-90	6-4	250	Jeff Nabholz	ILB	1993-96	6-5	245
Walter Boye-Doe	OLB	2003-06	6-2	250	Hannibal Navies	ILB	1995-98	6-3	245
*Michael Sipili	ILB	2006-09	6-1	250	Fred Jones	OLB	1996-99	6-3	245
Rodell Guest	OLB	1991	6-5	245	Thaddaeus Washington	ILB	2003-06	5-11	245

HANGING 'EM UP

Citing issues with his surgically repaired knee, sophomore **PK Jameson Davis** decided to end his football career on August 31. He had been struggling with constant soreness in his knee and never fully returned to the player he was prior to the injury. He made 1-of-3 field goals as a true freshman in 2008, after selecting to attend Colorado after serving his Mormon mission. He was CU's No. 1 kickoff man, with 46 total; 31 were returned and 15 went for touchbacks; he had five inside-the-20 and a very respectable 26 inside-the-25. Another kicker, **Justin Mihalcin**, quit the team on Sept. 22, but he wasn't slated for any action, as he was one of five placekickers on the roster. On Oct. 4, **DE Lagrone Shields** spoke with the coaching staff and decided to leave the team as well, citing one desire to return closer to his home in Memphis.

BIG 12 ANNOUNCES FUTURE BOWL AGREEMENTS

The Big 12 Conference announced Nov. 3 that it has entered into agreements with the Dallas Football Classic and Eagle Bank Bowl for the 2010-13 seasons. Under the agreement terms the Big 12 is guaranteed a spot in the Dallas Football Classic for the 2010 and '12 seasons; and the Eagle Bank Bowl in 2013.

The conference will provide a team to either bowl in 2011 if the conference/team under contract that season is unable to supply an opponent. For 2011 the Dallas Football Classic has agreements with the Big Ten and Conference USA to provide teams; while the Eagle Bank Bowl is partnered with the ACC and Navy.

These bowls join the Tostitos Fiesta, AT&T Cotton, Valero Alamo, Insight, Pacific Life Holiday, Texas, and New York Yankees Bowls in partnering with the Big 12. Beginning in 2010, the Big 12 bowl lineup will feature (opponent):

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and/or BCS National Championship
AT&T Cotton (SEC)
Valero Alamo (Pac-10)
Insight (Big Ten)

Pacific Life Holiday (Pac-10)
Texas (Big Ten)
New York Yankees (Big East)
Dallas Football Classic/Eagle Bank (Big Ten/ACC)

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **296-13-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **210-4** with 35-plus points and **194-3** with 36-plus, **171-2** with 38-plus and **109-0** with 43 or more tallies. The four losses with 35 more points came to Air Force (58-35 in 1968), Oklahoma (82-42 in 1980), Stanford (41-37 in 1993) and Toledo (54-38 this year). Colorado has played **1,134** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- ➔ Colorado is **100-56-3** in its last **159** league games, and has the 12th fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **112** of its last **254** games, posting a **103-8-1** record. The most recent losses were to Toledo this year (54-38) and at Nebraska to close 2008 (40-31). The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **171** of these **254** games dating to the start of 1989, going **134-35-2** (CU is **22-59-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed **440** touchdowns in the **841** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 dating back to 1988; the other **401** times has yielded **210** field goals as well as **191** non-scores. In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 24% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 48% of the time, solid defensive numbers.
 - ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the opponent has penetrated the CU red zone **166** times, with **96** touchdowns, **42** field goals and **28** non-scores.
- ➔ Since the middle of the 1998 season, the Buffalo "D" has rose to the occasion when the opponent has started a drive inside CU territory. Going back to the last six games in 1998 to the present, CU has allowed just **109** touchdowns out of **273** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **164** scores overall, meaning **109** non-scores). Over the last six seasons, CU's allowed just **123** scores (84 TD/39 FG) in **195** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory (15 scores out of 23 times in 2009, and just 7 TDs).
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **54** of its last **151** contests (twice in 2009; nine times in the Hawkins Era), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **205** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **90** times (44 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **43** of the **205** games since the '93 season opener (22%)... and note that CU has played **82** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong CU team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. The last time the Buffs averaged six or more for a season was in 2001, their Big 12 Championship year. Colorado did it six times between 1989 and 1997, including a team record best of **7.2** in both 1989 and 1994.
 - ➔ Colorado averaged **5.3** per first down play in 2007, but was inconsistent, gaining five or more yards just 149 times in 382 tries while being held to two yards or fewer 173 times. The average was **5.5** in Hawkins' first year. That dipped to a modest **4.4** yards in 2008; since 1966, CU has averaged less than **4.3** just six times (last in 1984) and less than **4.1** just once—**3.5** in 1979
 - ➔ Through nine games in '09, the Buffs' struggles on first down continue, averaging **4.08** yards on first down, **4.0** rushing and **4.1** passing.
- ➔ Dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **45** scores by return in the last **131** games (one in 2009, with season highs of eight in 1999 and 2002). Since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **66** scores by return in **180** games (59 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado has accomplished the 200 "double-double," that is 200 yards both rushing and passing **13** times in the last **130** games (and **34** times in the last **203**, dating to 1993). CU averaged over 200 in each for the season in both 1993 and 1994 (the first times ever at CU), as well as in 2001 (228.5/205.9). The Buffs are **34-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only 19 times in its first 929 games in its history.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **68-57-1** in its last **126** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**64-51** in the last **115**, including a **39-25** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **92-39-3** in its last **134** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **59-29-3** mark in conference games. CU is 0-4 on the fake stuff in 2009; the Buffs are **2-12** on it under Hawkins.
- ➔ CU quarterbacks have traditionally taken care of the football, as Buff slingers have thrown **205** interceptions in **6,391** attempts since the start of the 1993 season, an interception rate of just **3.21** percent (or one every **31.2** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs have been a bit of an enigma on **third down** defensively dating back to 2003. In 2003, while opponents converted at an ordinary 34.6 percent clip (56-of-162), it's what they accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents gained 966 yards on those 56 makes, or an average of **17.3** per play; otherwise, CU allowed just 61 yards on the other 106 plays, or just 0.6 per. In 2004, opponents were 92-of-205 (44.9%), but gained 1,300 yards on the 92 conversions (**14.1** per). In 2005, that number was down a bit to **10.2** on the 73 conversions, but jumped to **12.0** in 2006 (**1,022** yards on the **85** conversions).
 - ➔ The trend continued in '07, as opponents had **838** yards on 60 makes (**14.0** per), and just 130 on 113 misses (1.1). In '08, opponents had **643** yards on its' 66 makes (**9.7** per), and just 78 on the 102 misses (**0.8**)
 - ➔ Through nine games in '09, opponents have **692** yards on its' 43 makes (**16.1** per), and 5 on the 85 misses (**0.1**).
- ➔ **Second Down Conversions.** In the fifth year of tracking this statistic, trends basically show great success in converting on second down in wins as opposed to losses, whereas often on third down it doesn't seem to translate as much (2009 numbers on page 6 of the stat sheet; 2008 shown below to prove trend):
 - Second Down:**
2008 WINS (5)—Colorado: 41-of-125, 32.8%; Opponent 29-of-111, 26.1%.
2008 LOSSES (7)—Colorado: 41-of-155, 26.5%; Opponent 68-of-166, 41.0%.
 - Third Down:**
2008 WINS (5)—Colorado: 35-of-77, 45.5%; Opponent 23-of-73, 31.5%.
2008 LOSSES (7)—Colorado: 33-of-104, 31.7%; Opponent 43-of-95, 45.3%.
- ➔ **Third Down & 36 Inches.** Under Hawkins, CU is **42-of-54** on 3rd-&-1 (77.8%), including **4-of-6** this year. Colorado was **12-of-13** on 3rd-&-1 plays in 2006, and was a bit subpar in 2007 (**11-of-17**) before rallying to go **15-of-18** in 2008.
- ➔ **No Turns Or Sacks.** Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **14-0** in games when not allowing a sack or committing a turnover. The latest occurrence of this was in 2007—twice, in the 65-51 throttling of Nebraska and in the 31-26 win at Texas Tech. It also happened twice in 2005, when CU did it in a three-game span (in a 41-20 conquest of Texas A & M and a 44-13 win over Kansas). Those were the first times since 2001, when CU also did it twice (San Jose State and Nebraska). In these 14 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **570-284**, with only three games decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993 and the two 2007 games).
- ➔ Colorado rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder in 1993, opponents are just **4-of-92** on 3rd-and-20 or more (**0-of last-1**; Kansas converted on a 3rd-&-29 in 2009). The Buff defense had stopped the opponent 51 straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 in 2003, and then 30 straight times before KU made good in '09. The CU offense is **7-of-86** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in **114** of **184** quarters (62 percent) and 4 of 5 overtime periods. All told, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **583** of **836** quarters (70%). Those numbers include **25** of **48** quarters in 2008 (after **35** of **52** quarters in 2007).

NFL SCOUT WATCH

Colorado has 17 seniors on its roster in 2009, and history proved again most, if not all NFL teams pass through Boulder or a road site for CU game every season. In 2009, 42 scouts from 20 teams have so far witnessed the Buffs in person, visiting from Arizona, Baltimore, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Green Bay, Houston, Jacksonville, Miami, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Tampa Bay and Washington. Dating back to 2000, all 32 teams have seen multiple CU games in person (404 scouts in the decade-long period).

"OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS"

Some out of the ordinary records by the Buffs in some unique situations:

- ❑ Colorado is 85-48 in its last 133 games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is 74-25 against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is 66-29-1 in its last 96 games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is 77-26-2 before crowds under 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (81-64-2 with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is 525-244-25 all-time in games played in the Mountain Time Zone (Colorado, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)

FOURTEEN TO THE HOUSE ON THE FIRST TRY WHEN IT COMES TO THEFTS & SCORES

CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, 14 Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. The latest was by redshirt frosh **CB Jimmy Smith**, as his 31-yard return of a Joe Ganz pass cut Nebraska's lead over CU to 35-31 early in the second half and was the impetus to a 65-51 comeback win in 2007. The one previous was the most spectacular of the lot: **ILB Marcus Burton** returned a pick 99 yards at Oklahoma State in 2005, preserving CU's shutout in the waning seconds of the game. Three did it in 2004: **OLB Brian Iwuh** did it off the bat when he made his first career pick and returned it 37 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown against Colorado State in the season opener; a week later, he was injured early against Washington State, and his sub, **Joe Sanders**, plucked off a ball and raced 51 yards for six, snapping a 3-3 deadlock in the process. Against Texas, **CB Terrence Wheatley** plucked one off and race 37 yards for six with his first theft. Two did it in 2001: **S Medford Moorer** picked off his first career pass and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, while **CB Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the CSU game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a TD against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first one in CU's win over CSU in 1997, returning it 26 yards for a score, rallying the Buffs into a 14-14 tie early in the second half. Barnes was the fourth Buff in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a TD—**Marcus Washington** had a 95-yard theft for a score in the '96 Cotton Bowl against Oregon; **Vili Maumau** had a 33-yard interception for six (and a Hula dance) at Colorado State in 1996; and **Nick Ziegler** stole one for a 31-yard score against Washington in the '96 Holiday Bowl. **Ben Kelly** didn't do with an interception, but he did take his first career punt return back for a TD (against Utah State). In 1992, **Dwayne Davis** returned one 31 yards for a TD in a 21-20 win at Minnesota to start this amazing run.

BUFFALO DINOSAURS

Nine games into 2009, the longtime radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 453 CU games in his career, including 190 in a row (he's only missed three bowl games, two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts, and three regular season games due to travel conflicts); his 400th at CU was also the 1,000 of his professional career. **SID Dave Plati** has worked 355, including the last 313 (dating to the '83 finale), while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 304 in all (a string of 144 straight ended in 2008). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 254 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 300 CU games (celebrating No. 300 with the 35-34 win over Texas A&M). The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. Senior associate AD **Jon Burianek**, who retired in June 2006, is next as he worked 432 CU football games, including a closing run of 415 in a row (229 of which were at home; he'd seen 453 all told at the time he left CU). And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw every CU home game (394 of 'em) from 1921 until 1999, when he passed away at the age of 94.

CONFERENCE CHARTS

A look at how Big 12 teams stack up in some categories since the league's birth in 1996 (TV appearance totals are for the year with all selections made):

On The Big 12 Road			
School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	35	12	.745
Oklahoma	32	16	.667
Nebraska	29	24	.547
Kansas State	26	28	.481
Texas A&M	26	29	.473
Texas Tech	23	30	.434
Colorado	23	31	.426
Oklahoma State	20	34	.370
Missouri	19	34	.358
Iowa State	12	43	.218
Kansas	11	43	.204
Baylor	3	52	.055

Does not include neutral site games OU-UT, OSU-TTU, NU-OSU, KU-MU or ISU-KSU through the years.

Inter-Division (North vs. South)			
School	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska	23	19	.548
Colorado	22	19	.537
Kansas State	22	20	.524
Missouri	21	21	.500
Iowa State	9	33	.214
Kansas	8	33	.195

Inter-Division (South vs. North)			
School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	34	7	.829
Oklahoma	31	11	.738
Texas Tech	24	17	.585
Texas A&M	24	18	.571
Oklahoma State	21	20	.512
Baylor	10	32	.238

(does not include title games)

2009 Network TV Appearances						
School	Tot	ABC	FSN	ESPN	Oth	
Colorado	9	0	3	3	3	
Kansas	9	2	2	0	5	
Oklahoma	8	5	2	1	0	
Texas	8	4	2	1	1	
Kansas State	7	0	2	0	5	
Oklahoma State	7	3	2	1	1	
Missouri	6	1	1	4	0	
Texas Tech	6	3	1	1	1	
Nebraska	6	3	1	1	1	
Baylor	5	2	0	0	3	
Iowa State	5	1	2	0	2	
Texas A&M	4	0	0	2	2	

Does not include pay-per-view; does include other packages (Versus, FCS, etc).

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(AP, since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	28	14	13	1	.518
Texas	23	8	13	2	.364
Oklahoma	16	7	9	0	.438
Nebraska	15	8	7	0	.533
Texas Tech	13	0	13	0	.000
Texas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333
Baylor	11	2	9	0	.182
Missouri	10	2	8	0	.200
Iowa State	9	1	8	0	.111
Oklahoma State	7	1	6	0	.143
Kansas	7	0	7	0	.000
Kansas State	4	1	3	0	.333

(regular season; does not include bowls)

PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS

There are **21** former Colorado Buffaloes on National Football League rosters as November 10. There were 23 on the rosters at the end of the 2008 season (28 in 2007). CU has continually been one of the top 20 producers for the last 21 years of NFL talent, and at one time in the late 1970's had the most active players (47) of any school in the nation. The last time Colorado was in the top 10 in players produced was in 2002, coming in 10th, ironically with the same number (29) as were playing in 2006 (when it was 19th). CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was second in 2002 and 2003, and was third seven other seasons (including 2004 through 2007). Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The active list (♣—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; 2R—denotes second-year rookie; i—denotes on injured reserve; wi—waived-injured status; club still owns rights but player does not count against roster maximum; p—practice squad):

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
Justin Bannan	DT	Baltimore Ravens	7
Mitch Berger	P	Denver Broncos	15
Tyler Brayton	DT	Carolina Panthers	6
Chris Brown	RB	Houston Texans	6
Mason Crosby	PK	Green Bay Packers	2
Jordon Dizon	ILB	Detroit Lions	1
Daniel Graham	TE	Denver Broncos	7
Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	7
D.J. Hackett	WR	Washington Redskins	5
♣-Marques Harris	DE	San Francisco 49ers	4
Brian Iwuh	OLB	Jacksonville Jaguars	3
Brad Jones	OLB	Green Bay Packers	R
Michael Lewis	SS	San Francisco 49ers	7
p—Maurice Lucas	DE	Atlanta Falcons	R
Tyler Polumbus	OT	Denver Broncos	1
Donald Strickland	CB	New York Jets	6
wi—Quinn Sypniewski	TE	Baltimore Ravens	3
♣-David Veikune	DT	Cleveland Browns	R
Lawrence Vickers	RB	Cleveland Browns	3
Terrence Wheatley	CB	New England Patriots	1
i—Patrick Williams	WR	Green Bay Packers	R

Waived In-Season

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
Brian Daniels	OG	Minnesota Vikings	2

BY TEAM (14 of 32)— Denver 3, Green Bay 3, Baltimore 2, Cleveland 2, San Francisco 2, Atlanta 1, Carolina 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Houston 1, Jacksonville 1, New England 1, N.Y. Jets 1, Washington 1.

AND IN CANADA? Three former Buffs are making livings north of the border in the Canadian Football League, as **C Marwan Hage** is in his sixth year with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and **TB Hugh Charles** is in his second with the Saskatchewan Rough Riders. **DE Gabe Nyenhuis** is also with Saskatchewan, but is on the practice squad.

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: Six former Buffaloes are serving as high school head coaches in the state; the six who head prep programs: **Dave Logan** (Mullen), **Mike Marquez** (Northglenn), **Bill Mondt** (Eaton), **Tom Tesone** (Bishop Machebeuf), **Ron Woolfork** (Denver East) and **Scott Yates** (Kent Denver).

ALL-TIME CU PRO NOTE: How good was CU's 1994 offense? Ten of the 11 starters were drafted into the NFL (Tony Berti, Rae Carruth, Christian Fauria, Heath Irwin, Chris Naeole, Rashaan Salaam, Kordell Stewart, Bryan Stoltzberg, Derek West and Michael Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played, and three remain on NFL rosters some 11 years later. And six of the '94 defensive starters wound up playing professionally as well.

➔ CU has had **257** players drafted into the NFL; that's 20th all-time, and fourth among Big 12 schools behind Oklahoma (339), Nebraska (331) and Texas (316); Notre Dame leads with 462, one more than second place USC. OU is fourth, NU sixth and UT ninth; Texas A&M is right being CU in 21st with 255.

O-LINEMEN PIPELINE?

In recent times, CU has been a solid conduit to the National Football League when it has come to linebackers, encroaching a bit on the title justifiably thrown Penn State's direction. However, some research has indicated CU may very well be the place to go if an offensive lineman wants to take it to the next level. Dating back to the 1991 NFL draft, or the '87 recruiting class, 22 of 29 players who started at least two years on the Buff offensive line were either drafted or signed as free agents. The list is impressive (with three others who started just one season):

Player	Pos	Full Years As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)
Daniel Sanders	G/C	(3) 2006-08	St. Louis (FA)
Edwin Harrison	G/T	(3) 2005-07	Kansas City (FA)
Tyler Polumbus	T	(3) 2005-07	Denver (FA)
Brian Daniels	G	(4) 2003-06	Minnesota (FA)
Mark Fenton	C	(3) 2004-06	Denver (FA)
Clint O'Neal	T	(2) 2004-05	Washington (FA)
Sam Wilder	T	(2) 2003-04	Dallas (FA)
Marwan Hage	G/C	(3) 2001-02-03	Jacksonville (FA)
Wayne Lucier	G/C	(2) 2001-02	N.Y. Giants (7)
Justin Bates	T/G	(3) 2000-01-02	Dallas (7)
Andre Gurode	G/C	(3) 1999-00-01	Dallas (2)
Victor Rogers	T	(3) 1999-00-01	Detroit (7)
Brad Bedell	G	(2) 1998-99	Cleveland (6)
Shane Cook	T	(2) 1998-99	New Orleans (FA)

Player	Pos	Full Years As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)
Ryan Johanningmeier	G/T	(3) 1997-98-99	Atlanta (FA)
Melvin Thomas	G/T	(3) 1995-96-97	Philadelphia (7)
Chris Naeole	G	(3) 1994-95-96	New Orleans (1)
Heath Irwin	G	(3) 1993-94-95	New England (4)
Bryan Stoltzberg	C	(4) 1992-93-94-95	San Diego (6)
Derek West	T	(3) 1992-93-94	Indianapolis (5)
Tony Berti	T	(2) 1993-94	San Diego (6)
Jay Leeuwenburg	C	(3) 1989-90-91	Kansas City (9)
Mark VanderPoel	T	(3) 1988-89-90	Indianapolis (4)
Joe Garten	G	(4) 1987-88-89-90	Green Bay (6)
One-Year Starters:			
Tom Ashworth	T	(1) 2000	New England (FA)
Ben Nichols	G	(1) 1998	Atlanta (FA)
Ariel Solomon	T	(1) 1990	Pittsburgh (10)

McKNIGHT, SMART THE LATEST IN LONG LINE OF WALKONS TO RISE TO FIRST-TEAM

After the NCAA started reducing the number of scholarships from 95 to 85 (completed in 1992), more and more players have had to make their bones starting as walk-ons. Here's a short list (27 count) of some of the standout former walk-ons at Colorado:

Player	Pos	First Season	Letters	Notes
Willie Beebe	FB	1978	4L	Solid blocker who scored nine career touchdowns as a bruiser near the goal line
Kyle Rappold	NT	1985	3L	Known as the "trash compactor" for his stature, the Fort Lewis transfer clogged the run
Jeff Campbell	WR/KR	1986	4L	Earned scholarship second day of freshman camp; played five years in the NFL
Ken Culbertson	PK	1986	3L	Scored 98 points in CU's 11-0 run in '89 season, making 59-59 PAT and 11-17 FG
David Gibbs	CB	1986	4L	Solid corner and special teams performer, now coaching with NFL Kansas City Chiefs
Mark Henry	WR	1987	3L	Big play guy with 18 career catches for 416 yards, or 23.1 per catch
Robbie James	WR	1987	1L	Threw TD pass on third down FG fake at Oklahoma State to lead CU to 16-12 win in 1991
Charles Johnson	QB	1987	2L	Often subbed for an injured Darian Hagan, earning Orange Bowl MVP honors in '91 vs. Notre Dame
Chris O'Donnell	LB/SN	1987	4L	Solid as a rock at long snapper on special teams all four years
Keith Miller	FB	1992	2L	From tiny Ovid, Colo., he was a solid blocking back. Now an opera singer with the MET.
Ryan Black	SS	1993	4L	Led team in tackles as a junior in 1996 with 154 (78 solo)
Ryan Sutter	FS	1993	3L	CU's all-time special team points leader, led Buffs in tackles (170, 98 solo) in 1997
Neil Voskeritchian	PK	1993	2L	Won the starting placekicker job in 1994, finished career ninth in scoring at CU (161 points)
Nick Pietsch	P	1996	4L	Led CU in punting in 1997-98-99, finished with a career average of 39.9
Beau Williams	TE	1998	2L	Primarily a blocking tight end, played a big role on CU's 2001 Big 12 title team
D.J. Hackett	WR	2001	2L	Walked on after CS-Northridge dropped football; led CU in receiving in '03, four-year NFL veteran
Tom Hubbard	FS	2001	2L	Defensive MVP of the 2004 Houston Bowl with two interceptions
Evan Judge	WR	2001	4L	Caught 69 balls for 903 yards to finish in top 20 in receiving yards
John Torp	P	2001	3L	Finished second for the '05 ray Guy Award; set a school records with 205 punts, 65 inside the 20
Paul Creighton	TE	2002	4L	Also saw action at FB, he primarily was a
Greg Pace	SN	2002	4L	Took over all special team snapping chores early as a freshman and handled through senior year
Joel Klatt	QB	2003	3L	Former infielder in Padres organization went on to set 44 CU passing and total offense records
Cody Crawford	WR	2004	3L	Has cracked the school's all-time lists in catches and yards
Jeff Smart	ILB	2005	2L	Earned a scholarship 3 games into the 2007 season, first LB to do so under Cabral; second most tackles by a WO
Scotty McKnight	WR	2006	2L	First freshman wide receiver to ever lead CU in receiving (43-488, 4 TD), approaching top 10 in catches and yards
Aric Goodman	PK	2008	1L	In his first season, he was awarded a scholarship after making the game-winning FG versus West Virginia
Jason Espinoza	WR	2008	VR	Suffered two breaks to his collarbone in '08, playing briefly in-between; co-first team WR in '09

CLOCK RULE CHANGES

The third major change in how college football is timed did not have as big an effect in games involving CU in 2008 as they did in 2006, but the number of scrimmage and total plays remain down from 2007. While not large in number, scrimmage plays were 4.1 per game and total plays by both to 3.7, CU did run a no huddle offense last season as compared to other years. Thus, we'll chart again in 2009 with the Buffs returning to a regular tempo offense; there was a big drop in plays, both overall (152) and from scrimmage (123), in the '09 opener versus CSU, but the numbers have rebounded since. The average game time was down 16 minutes between 2007 and 2008 (3:15 from 3:30), and is the second lowest in the seven years examined below. Here's a look at some regular season numbers over the last six seasons to compare; the NCAA rules committee started tinkering with the clock for the 2006 season and has changed them for each season since:

Season	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Games	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	9
Average Number of Offensive Plays/Game (Colorado)	69.7	73.9	65.6	69.0	59.6	74.4	70.3	70.7
Average Number of Offensive Plays/Game (CU & Opp)	141.7	146.1	142.5	142.1	126.3	143.6	139.9	138.0
Total Plays (Scrimmage + Kicks; CU & Opponent)	2,242	2,134	2,073	2,084	1,815	2,113	2,035	1,524
Average Per Game	172.5	177.8	172.8	173.7	151.3	176.1	169.6	169.3
Average Game Time	3:12	3:23	3:18	3:30	3:05	3:30	3:14	3:18

2009 TEAM MAKE-UP

The 113 players listed on the roster on August 31 broke down into 17 seniors, 21 juniors, 37 sophomores and 38 freshmen (including 10 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

Lettermen Returning: 51 (23 offense, 25 defense, 3 specialists)

Lettermen Lost: 20 (9 offense, 9 defense, 2 specialists)

Starters Returning (13)—Offense 8: OT Matt Bahr (8/8), OG Blake Behrens (12/12), TE Ryan Deehan (6/6), TE Riar Geer (25/8), QB Cody Hawkins (23/10), WR Scotty McKnight (14/9), OT Nate Solder (14/10), TB Demetrius Sumler (9/7). **Defense 5:** CB Cha'pelle Brown (24/12), CB Jalil Brown (6/6), CB Benjamin Burney (from 2007, 15/13), ILB Shaun Mohler (10/10), ILB Jeff Smart (22/12).
(Career/2008 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those with five-plus starts in 2008; C.Brown & J.Brown were both in when CU was in nickel scheme.)

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (6; min. 3 career starts)— DE Marquez Herrod (3/3), OT Ryan Miller (11/4), SS Anthony Perkins (3/3), ILB Michael Sipili (4/3), CB Jimmy Smith (3/3), TB Rodney Stewart (4/4).

Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (13; two or fewer career starts)— OLB B.J. Beatty, FB Jake Behrens, ILB Marcus Burton, DT Curtis Cunningham, TE Patrick Devenny, DT Eugene Goree, QB Tyler Hansen, DT Taj Kaynor, TB Brian Lockridge, FS Patrick Mahanke, DE Conrad Obi, TB Darrell Scott, ILB Bryan Stengel, OG Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner.

Starters Lost (11)—Offense 4: OG Devin Head (17/10), C Daniel Sanders (40/12), WR Josh Smith (10/5), WR Patrick Williams (22/8). **Defense 7:** SS D.J. Dykes (21/9), DT George Hypolite (32/12), OLB Brad Jones (36/12), DE Maurice Lucas (26/12), CB Gardner McKay (12/10), NT Brandon Nicolas (36/12), FS Ryan Walters (33/11)

Others Lost With Significant Starting/Playing Experience (3)— DE Jason Brace (1/0), FB Maurice Cantrell (9/2), WR Cody Crawford (10/6)

Specialists Returning (3)— P Matt DiLallo, SN Justin Drescher, PK Aric Goodman.

Specialists Lost (2)— PK Jameson Davis, P Tom Suazo.

BUFFS AGAINST THE BEST

Here's a look at how CU has fared all-time against nationally ranked teams (*Associated Press* poll):

Games	All-Time Record	1989-09 Record	Dan Hawkins Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	12-50-2	8-17-1	1-2	5 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	25-86-3	14-30-2	1-4	8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	37-107-3	20-39-2	1-8	10 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	69-139-3	43-58-2	3-12	20 / Bill McCartney

CU, Nebraska and Texas have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 14-year old league owns a **37-82** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own nine of those wins. CU is **9-12** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 8-7, Texas 7-6, Missouri 3-5, Oklahoma 3-6, Kansas State 2-5, Kansas 1-3, Baylor 1-5, Oklahoma State 1-6, Iowa State 1-8, Texas Tech 1-10 and Texas A&M 0-9. CU has played 21 of the 119 games, with Nebraska next with 15 followed by Texas (13).

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 47-9, Texas 46-10, Kansas State 43-11, Oklahoma State 39-12, Missouri 41-11, Kansas 38-12, Oklahoma 40-15, Texas Tech 41-16, Texas A&M 37-17, Iowa State 33-18, Baylor 28-19 and **Colorado 29-26** (remember traditionally CU plays one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

BUFFALO ROUNDUP BECOMING TRADITION

The 2007 Colorado Buffaloes started two new traditions that caught on. First was upon the team's arrival at Folsom Field prior to home games, instead of the busses just pulling up and unloading the team at the Dal Ward Center, the team is dropped off at Libby Hall off of Colorado Avenue (approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes prior to kickoff). At that point, the **Buffalo Roundup** commences; the team walks over to the stadium through the plaza area between Folsom and the MCDB (biology) building, touching the bronze buffalo along the way and accompanied by the pep band. They then enter the stadium at Gate 1 and proceed to the lockerrooms to get dressed for the game. The initial Buffalo Roundup was prior to the Florida State game, and that same night the fans were asked to wear black for the national TV audience and it gave the stadium a unique look. That also was popular; **West Virginia** was the 2009 Blackout opponent with 2009's TBA.

THE VERTICAL GAME

Dan Hawkins noted that one thing missing from CU's offense his first season in 2006 that was prevalent of his past offenses at Boise State was the vertical passing game. "By the end of the season, we'd always be up in the 70s or 80s in the number of pass plays over 20 yards," he said. He was definitely on mark with his assessment. In 2006, CU had just **35** total, **18** rushing and **17** passing, the Buffs' fewest overall 20-yard plays since 2000 (38) as well as pass plays of 20 yards or more since 2002 (23, also the last time CU had a quarterback quit the team after the season began). Colorado did have 18 rushing plays of 20 yards or more, and while not an overly large number, it was its most since 2002 and higher than nine of the totals in the 13 season snapshot below. In 2007, CU had 58 plays of 20 yards or longer (66 percent more than in 2006, more than doubling the pass play count). But in **2008**, the Buffs went the other direction, with just 40 plays of 20 yards or more, reflective of the troubles CU has had on offense when it comes to consistency, with just 30 in nine games in **2009**. Here's a look at CU's 20-plus plays in recent memory, going back to 1994, when CU had a high of 76 plays over 20-yards, almost equal in nature (37 rush, 39 pass):

Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass
1994	76	37	39	1998	40	11	29	2002	58	35	23	2006	35	18	17
1995	61	11	50	1999	57	12	45	2003	47	5	42	2007	58	18	40
1996	64	12	52	2000	38	8	30	2004	48	13	35	2008	40	8	32
1997	46	9	37	2001	58	21	37	2005	54	16	38	2009	30	6	24

ZIMMER HONORED WITH CHRIS SCHENKEL AWARD

The longtime voice of the Buffaloes, **Larry Zimmer**, was honored during CU's season opener as this year's recipient of the Chris Schenkel Award. The Schenkel Award is named in honor of its first recipient, the long-time play-by-play man for ABC Sports, who's life-long commitment to excellence in broadcasting and longstanding association with The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame reflect the achievements and spirit the award embodies. It seeks to recognize a sports broadcaster who enjoyed a long and distinguished career broadcasting college football at a single institution, and to recognize broadcasters with direct ties to college and universities rather than strictly national broadcasters. Zimmer is the 15th recipient of the award, begun in 1996 when the inaugural one was presented to its namesake. "It is certainly the highlight of my career because it recognizes two of the things that I love the most, and that's broadcasting college football and my association with the University of Colorado through the years and all the people I've met," Zimmer said. The NFF's president and CEO **Steve Hatchell**, CU AD **Mike Bohn**, former Big 8 commissioner **Chuck Neinas** and Colorado governor Bill Ritter presented him with the honor at the first quarter break of the CSU game. The official national presentation will be at the NFF's annual dinner in December.

FOLSOM HAS GONE "GREEN"

The University of Colorado at Boulder established a goal to move toward zero-waste at Folsom Field during the 2008 football season and invest in local carbon-reduction projects. They anticipated recycling or composting at least 90% of the waste generated at Folsom Field and met those goals.

According to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency information and other sources, Folsom Field was the first major sports stadium in the nation, professional or collegiate, to collect all materials in recycling or compost containers, eliminate trash cans and transform its materials collections systems into a zero-waste process.

A major contributor to this initiative is Eco-Products, who supplies compostable food service items to the stadium. Made from plant starch materials, the cups, plates and cutlery turns back into soil in as little as 45-90 days in CU's composting facility. The Eco-Products' educational team is stationed at the trash, recycling and composting bins during CU games to bring awareness to the effort and help attendees properly dispose of their waste. Eco-Products is the nation's largest supplier of compostable items made from renewable resources.

For more information, visit Ralphie's Green Stampede at http://www.cubuffs.com/ViewArticle.dbml?&DB_OEM_ID=600&ATCLID=1549954.

ANOTHER CHANCE OR TWO VERSUS THE TOP FIVE IN '09?

Marking the 40th anniversary of CU's first win ever against a team classified as a top 5 opponent, there are five Big 12 teams in the nation's preseason top 25, three in the top 10, four on CU's regular season schedule as of now. The Buffs are 12-49-1 all-time versus the top five (0-10 vs. No. 1; 2-14 vs. No. 2; 6-11 vs. No. 3; 2-6-1 vs. No. 4; 2-8 vs. No. 5); though are 8-16 since 1989. When assigning those 12 wins (if a player was injured and his replacement led the team to the win, the replacement gets the credit), there's a three-way tie for the lead with two. The nine quarterbacks who have piloted CU to wins over top five programs (*Associated Press* poll):

Quarterback	Date	Rk	Opponent	Score
Jim Bratten	Oct. 25, 1969	#5	MISSOURI	W 31-24
Jim Bratten	Sept. 26, 1970	#4	PENN STATE	W 41-13
Ken Johnson	Oct. 21, 1972	#2	OKLAHOMA	W 20-14
Mark Hatcher	Oct. 25, 1986	#3	NEBRASKA	W 20-10
Darian Hagan	Nov. 4, 1989	#3	NEBRASKA	W 27-21
Darian Hagan	Nov. 3, 1990	#3	at Nebraska	W 27-12

Quarterback	Date	Rk	Opponent	Score
#Charles Johnson	Jan. 1, 1991	#5	*Notre Dame	W 10-9
Kordell Stewart	Sept. 24, 1994	#4	at Michigan	W 27-26
#John Hessler	Sept. 23, 1995	#3	TEXAS A&M	W 29-21
Bobby Pesavento	Nov. 23, 2001	#2	NEBRASKA	W 62-36
Bobby Pesavento	Dec. 1, 2001	#3	^Texas	W 39-37
Cody Hawkins	Sept. 29, 2007	#3	OKLAHOMA	W 27-24

*—Orange Bowl in Miami; ^—Big 12 Championship at Irving, Texas; #—Johnson replaced an injured Hagan; Hessler replaced an injured Koy Detmer.

Stewart, Hessler and Hawkins led their respective teams to wins after trailing at some point in the fourth quarter, with the wins by Stewart (TD) and Hawkins (FG) coming on the game's final play as time ran out.

2009 ANNIVERSARIES

The annual listing of what happened years ago, or anniversaries of 5, 10 and 25-year increments:

- 1904** (Oct. 8) Considered one of the biggest wins in the 15-year history of the program, Colorado beats Nebraska in Boulder, 6-0. The game ball remains on display at CU's Heritage Center on campus (third floor of Old Main).
- 1909** The 100th anniversary of CU's 6-0 team, the first of three in a row while establishing the school's all-time winning streak of 21 games between 1908 and 1912. CU squeezes by the State Prep School and an Alumni squad, both by 3-0 scores, but follow those up with routs over Colorado A&M (57-0) and New Mexico (53-0) before closing with road wins over Colorado College (9-0) and Colorado Mines (16-0).
- 1924** (Oct. 11) The 85th anniversary of the first game at Colorado Stadium (now Folsom Field), a 39-0 win over Regis. Colorado says goodbye to Gamble Field the previous Saturday with a 21-0 romp over Western State.
- 1934** (Nov. 10) The 75th anniversary of CU's 7-6 win over Utah, snapping a nine-game losing streak at the time against its conference archrival. It's the first game that the school is known as the "Buffaloes" following a contest in the school newspaper to come up with a permanent nickname. In the 7-0 win at Denver on Thanksgiving Day, the foundation for future Ralphie's is laid down when students rent a buffalo calf and more or less control it on the sidelines during the win.
- 1949** (Oct. 29) The 60th anniversary of the most wackiest game in CU history when it comes to weather. In a 14-7 homecoming win over Utah, the temperature was 61 degrees at its 2 p.m. kickoff with clear skies. It was overcast by halftime, and by the end of the game, the field was covered in six inches of snow.
- 1954** The 55th anniversary of one of the most prolific rushing offenses in Colorado history, the unit averaging 316 yards per game, ranking third in the nation. **John Bayuk** (824 yards), **Frank Bernardi** (668), **Carroll Hardy** (642), **Homer Jenkins** (446) and **Emerson Wilson** (419) combine to average 6.8 yards per carry and 31 touchdowns in CU's 7-2-1 season.
- 1969** The Buffs cap an 8-3 season with an emotional 47-33 win over Alabama in the Liberty Bowl, where CU had to put up with racial slurs from some Alabama fans because Colorado had African-American players and the Crimson Tide were not integrated at the time. **Bobby Anderson** is moved from quarterback to tailback the third game of the season and goes on to earn All-America honors. On Oct. 25, the Buffs topple No. 5 Missouri, 31-24 in Boulder, the Tigers' lone conference loss of the year.
- 1974** (Oct. 5) The last meeting between Front Range rivals Colorado and Air Force, won by the Buffs, 28-27 at the USAFA. CU leads the all-time series 12-4, but won nine of the last 10 by an average margin of 19 points.
- 1979** (Sept. 8) The 30th anniversary of the Colorado-Oregon game being the first college football game televised on ESPN (tape delay). It was also the first game of the short tenure as Colorado head coach by **Chuck Fairbanks**.
- 1984** (Sept. 15) The 25th anniversary marking the severe brain injury to CU tight end **Ed Reinhardt**, who was in a coma for a month after being hurt in the final two minutes of CU's 27-20 loss at Oregon. Reinhardt had caught 10 passes in the season opener the previous week against Michigan State and was the nation's leading receiver, despite CU's new two-tight offense being revealed by the *Denver Post* in one of those weak "public's right to know" defenses. CU is never the same after the injury and fights its way through a 1-10 season.
- 1989** Following Colorado's first 11-0 regular season in school history and No. 1 national ranking, the Buffaloes play for the national championship in the Orange Bowl against No. 4 Notre Dame, but come up short, 21-6. The Buffs dedicated the season to fallen quarterback **Sal Aunese**, who died on Sept. 23 after a six month battle with stomach cancer. His replacement, **Darian Hagan**, leads the team to the first of three straight undefeated seasons in Big 8 conference play and finishes fifth for the Heisman Trophy. The season is defined with back-to-back wins at Oklahoma (20-3) and then over No. 3 Nebraska (27-21).
- 1994** The 15th anniversary of "The Catch," (CU's 27-26 win at Michigan); of **Rashaan Salaam** winning the first Heisman Trophy by a Buff (Dec. 10); of **Chris Hudson** winning the Thorpe Award (Dec. 8); of Salaam going over 2,000 yards for the season against Iowa State (Nov. 19); of **Kordell Stewart** becoming the Big 8's all-time total offense leader (also Nov. 19); of **Bill McCartney** retiring as CU's head coach (also Nov. 19); and of CU's 11-1 season which saw the Buffs finish as the No. 3 team in the country.
- 1999** The 10th anniversary of **Gary Barnett** returning to head the program where he spent nine seasons as an assistant (1983-91); along the way, CU defeats at least one ranked opponent for a 12th straight season, plays in and wins its first overtime game in its history (46-39 over Missouri) and a monster bowl win (62-36 over Boston College in the Insight.com Bowl) extends CU's bowl winning streak to a nation's best six games.
- 2004** (Oct. 16) Hard to believe it's been five years since **Mason Crosby** kicked CU's school record 60 yard field goal in a 19-14 win over Iowa State. And 10 years after "The Catch," **Joel Klatt** and **Ron Monteilh** hook up for the exact same distance—64 yards—with five seconds left to give CU a 38-31 win over Kansas State. Colorado, 1-4 in league play entering November, rallies to win the Big 12 North Division.

HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes will begin their 120th season of competition having played **1,134** games with an all-time record of **666-432-36**. CU currently stands 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.603; 21st for those schools with at least 50 seasons in Division I-A). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **292-143-10** in their 86th season on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **253-225-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB

Dating back to 1989, the Buffs are **52-25-1** in its last **78** November games (**46-15** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 6-10-1 against NU in turkey month). CU is **49-26** in its last **75** September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **4-2-1** in August games in its history. The Buffs are **50-33-2** in their last **85** October games, when conference play annually comes into full bloom. CU is **5-7** in December games since 1993, including bowls.

OVERTIME

Colorado is **5-4** all-time in overtime games; the Buffs became the 84th team in Division I-A to play an overtime game when it played its first ever extra session affair against Missouri in 1999. Here's a chart summarizing the Buffs in overtime (*—denotes in Denver):

Date	Opponent	Score	Regulation	Coin Toss	Choice	---Total Yards----		Notes
						Offense	Defense	
10-09-99	MISSOURI	W 46-39	39-39	Missouri	Defense	25	13	Ends with Kelly INT
11-26-99	NEBRASKA	L 30-33	27-27	Nebraska	Defense	9	25	CU trailed 27-3 early in 4th
11-09-02	at Missouri	W 42-35	35-35	Missouri	Defense	25	18	Ends with Mossioni FR
12-28-02	Wisconsin	L 28-31	28-28	Wisconsin	Defense	-2	5	Alamo Bowl
10-11-03	KANSAS	W 50-47	44-44	Colorado	Defense	25	7	Calhoun 3-25 rushing in OT
10-23-04	at Texas A & M	L 26-29	26-26	Colorado	Defense	14	33	First CU turnover in OT ends it
10-07-06	BAYLOR	L 31-34 (3 OT)	17-17	Colorado	Defense	42	72	Ends in 3OT on Baylor INT
9-01-07	*Colorado State	W 31-28	28-28	Colorado	Defense	7	16	Eberhart kicks GWFG after Wheatley INT
9-18-08	WEST VIRGINIA	W 17-14 (OT)	14-14	Colorado	Defense	18	19	Goodman kicks GWFG after WVU miss

All-Time Overtime Wins: Missouri 9-3, Northwestern 8-2, N.C. State 8-4, Arkansas 7-1; Tennessee 7-1, UCLA 7-1, Oregon 7-4, Texas A&M 7-4, South Florida 6-0, Hawai'i 6-2, Buffalo 6-3, Cincinnati 6-4, LSU 6-5, Mississippi 6-5, Pittsburgh 6-6; T16. **Colorado 5-4** (with CMU, UL-Monroe, Nebraska, Syracuse & TCU; 2009 wins as of 11/07: Navy 2, Army, Boston College, Clemson, FIU, Georgia Tech, Maryland, Michigan State, Minnesota, Notre Dame, Ohio, Tulane, Utah, Washington State, Western Michigan, Wisconsin)

RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM

Eleven ranked, undefeated teams have lost their "0" in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The last was Kansas this year, as the Jayhawks (5-0) hit town ranked No. 17 and lost 34-30. In 2007, Oklahoma (4-0) rolled in ranked No. 3 and left with a 27-24 setback; in 2002, Kansas State came to Boulder ranked No. 13 at 4-0 and lost, 35-31. Two bit the dust in 2001: Nebraska (11-0, No. 1 in the BCS and No. 2 in the polls) dropped a 62-36 game to the Buffs, as did Texas A & M (5-0, No. 20), 31-21. In 1998, No. 22 Texas Tech (6-0) fell to CU 19-17; in 1995, No. 3 Texas A&M (2-0) lost, 29-21; in 1994, No. 10 Wisconsin (2-0) was crushed, 55-17; and in 1990, No. 12 Washington (3-0) left a 20-14 loser. In 1989, No. 10 Illinois (2-0) lost 38-7 and No. 3 Nebraska (8-0) fell, 27-21.

STREAKING

Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 12 Division I-A schools. The list: **5**—Air Force; **4**—San Jose State; **3**—Minnesota, Utah State, Wyoming; **2**—California, Iowa, Louisiana-Monroe, Notre Dame, Oregon State, Texas Tech and UCLA. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal and Texas (5), followed by LSU and Missouri (4) and Florida State and Michigan State (3 each).

THE BUFFS & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HARDWARE

Colorado is in an elite group when it comes to claiming college football's prestigious trophies dating back to the 1990 season. A proliferation of awards has emerged since the late 1980s, and the Buffs are near the top of the list when it comes to collecting these statues. CU has had seven different players win nine trophies over the last 19 seasons, which is the 11th most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Ohio State (12), Oklahoma (10), Miami, Fla. (9), and Florida State, Nebraska and Texas (8) top the Buffs' seven. The postseason "hardware" includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O'Brien, Unitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Doak Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik, Mackey, Tatupu (defunct), Ray Guy, Rimington, Lott and Hendricks (on-field player awards only—for example, if the Draddy was included, CU would have one more on each list; so players only, no coaches, and no Disney Spirit, Orange Bowl Courage and ARA Sportsmanship awards). The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2008 (players only; LSU and Michigan players split the 2004 Rimington Award and thus were both compensated for in the trophy count):

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Ohio State	12	21	Arizona	5	6	Tennessee	2	4	Texas A&M	2	2	Kentucky	1	1
Oklahoma	10	17	Georgia	3	6	Northwestern	1	4	TCU	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1
Miami, Fla.	9	17	Louisiana State	3	6	Georgia Tech	3	3	Virginia	2	2	Marshall	1	1
Florida State	8	16	Alabama	5	5	Kansas State	3	3	Wake Forest	2	2	Michigan State	1	1
Texas	8	16	Texas Tech	5	5	Purdue	3	3	Baylor	1	2	N.C. State	1	1
Michigan	7	14	Notre Dame	4	5	Pittsburgh	2	3	Maryland	1	2	Oklahoma State	1	1
Penn State	7	13	Brigham Young	2	5	Virginia Tech	2	3	North Carolina	1	2	Rutgers	1	1
Florida	5	12	UCLA	4	4	Washington	2	3	Auburn	1	1	Stanford	1	1
USC	6	11	Louisville	3	4	California	2	2	Boston College	1	1	Tulane	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Minnesota	3	4	Illinois	2	2	Cincinnati	1	1	Washington State	1	1
Colorado	7	9	Mississippi	3	4	Memphis	2	2	Colorado State	1	1	West Virginia	1	1
Wisconsin	4	7	Arizona State	2	4	Missouri	2	2	Fresno State	1	1	Wyoming	1	1
Iowa	6	6	Arkansas	2	4	Oregon State	2	2	Hawai'i	1	1			

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 21 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing three of those occasions, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in both 2003 and 2005). CU had appeared in every AP preseason ballot between 1989 and 1997, ranked in the top 15 each year, before not gaining mention in the '98 poll following a 5-6 season. The Buffs reappeared in the '99 poll at No. 15, and rose to No. 14 prior to the season-opening loss to CSU. Only CU, Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska have been ranked 15th or higher at least 11 times in these 15 years, and CU is one of only 17 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 21 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2009:** Ohio State 21, Florida State 20, Michigan 19, Tennessee 19, Florida 18, Miami, Fla. 17, Nebraska 17, Oklahoma 17, Penn State 17, Texas 17, Notre Dame 15, Alabama 14, Auburn 14, Georgia 13, LSU 13, Virginia Tech 13, **Colorado 12.**

COLORADO'S TOP PRESEASON RANKINGS (AP & Coaches polls, only)**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Season	Rank	Record	Finish
1972	No. 2	8-4-0	No. 16
1990	No. 5	11-1-1	No. 1
1996	No. 5	10-2-0	No. 8
2002	No. 7	9-5-0	No. 20
1994	No. 8	11-1-0	No. 3
1997	No. 8	5-6-0	NR
1967	No. 10	9-2-0	No. 14

COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)

Season	Rank	Record	Finish
1972	No. 2	8-4-0	No. 14
1990	No. 5	11-1-1	No. 2
1996	No. 5	10-2-0	No. 8
2002	No. 6	9-5-0	No. 21
1994	No. 7	11-1-0	No. 3
1997	No. 7	5-6-0	NR
1991	No. 10	8-3-1	No. 20

Associated Press Poll

MOST TOP 5 FINISHES (1989-2008): Florida St. 12, Miami 8, USC 7, Ohio St. 6, Nebraska 5, Oklahoma 5, Texas 5, **COLORADO 4**, Florida 4, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Notre Dame 3

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2008): Florida 12, Florida St. 12, Miami 9, Michigan 9, Nebraska 8, Ohio State 8, Tennessee 8, USC 8, Alabama 7, Oklahoma 7, Texas 7, **COLORADO 6**

LONG STAY

Colorado was one of only two teams to be ranked in every poll (both the *Associated Press* and Coaches, be it UPI or USA Today/CNN-ESPN) from the 1989 preseason through Oct. 4, 1997 (143 AP polls, 138 coaches). Only Nebraska could also make that claim (CU was second only to the Huskers, as Nebraska had been ranked in 265 straight polls when CU hit the 143 mark). The 143 consecutive polls still ranks as the seventh longest all-time in college football history. In this span, NU held the top spot 16 times and CU seven, with NU winning two national titles and Colorado one.

Associated Press Poll / All-Time Appearances (1936-2008)

1. Michigan 754; 2. Ohio State 753; 3. Notre Dame 707; 4. Oklahoma 678; 5. USC 674; 6. Texas 656; 7. Nebraska 644; 8. Alabama 629; 9. Tennessee 564; 10. Penn State 562; 11. Florida 501; 12. Auburn 479; 13. UCLA 478; 14. Georgia 475; 15. LSU 468; 16. Florida State 450; 17. Miami, Fla. 426; 18. Washington 388; 19. Arkansas 375; 20. Texas A&M 366; 21. Clemson 306; 22. Michigan State 303; **23. Colorado 293**; 24. Pittsburgh 282; 25. Iowa 271; 26. Georgia Tech 270; 27. Wisconsin 260; 28. Arizona State 247.

...AND THE RETURN

CU was out of the polls for an 11-week period once departing after 143 weeks ('97-'98), but came back with a vengeance. When Colorado reappeared in both the AP and USAT/ESPN polls at No. 16 on Sept. 6, 1998 it marked the third highest debut in a poll since the AP ballot expanded to 25 teams in 1989. CU went from receiving votes to No. 16, the second highest CU has ever debuted after not being ranked in the preseason; back in 1971, the Buffs went into Baton Rouge and defeated No. 9 LSU, 31-21. CU appeared at No. 8 in the UPI-Coaches poll and at No. 12 on the AP ballot.

18 OUT OF 22

Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, behind only Florida State for the latter half of the span. Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with purpose as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU then defeated two ranked teams in both 2002 and 2003 to make it 15 out of 16 years with at least one win over a ranked opponent, but the smaller run ended as the Buffs went 0-4 in both 2004 and 2005 and 0-5 in 2006. CU snapped that streak with a 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma in 2007, and with the 17-14 overtime win over No. 21 West Virginia in 2008 and the 34-30 verdict over No. 17 Kansas in 2009, it's now **18 out of 22** years defeating at least one ranked program. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). The Buffs have defeated at least two in nine of the last 15 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons).

TV LAND

Colorado has had **167** of its last **242** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (69 percent), including the first eight games this season and 10 games in 2008. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, and not including pay-per-view, **130** of CU's **169** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, which is an impressive 77 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in this time frame). In addition, CU has had **31** of its last **37** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis (tops in the Big 12). **ANNUAL TV APPEARANCES SINCE INCEPTION OF THE BIG 12 (128):** 1996 (10), 1997 (10), 1998 (9), 1999 (9), 2000 (7), 2001 (10), 2002 (12), 2003 (7), 2004 (9), 2005 (10), 2006 (7), 2007 (11), 2008 (10), 2009 (9).

CARRYING THE TV TORCH

Colorado and Texas started carrying the torch in the 1990s when it came to scheduling regular season games against traditionally ranked opponents, games most likely to be selected for TV and making the two hits of league revenue that come with it. It's starting to get a bit better, but CU and UT still blaze the trail. Here are the counts (and records) since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (*not including bowls*): **Colorado 28** (14-13-1), Texas 23 (8-13-2), Oklahoma 16 (7-9), Nebraska 15 (8-7), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 13 (0-13), Baylor 11 (2-9), Missouri 10 (2-8), Iowa State 9 (1-8), Oklahoma State 7 (1-6), Kansas 7 (0-7) and Kansas State 4 (1-3).

BUFF BLEMISHES

Colorado has a history of inflicting blemishes on some of the teams who have traditionally fared well at home. The top five home records last decade (1990-99) belonged to Florida State (55-1-1), Nebraska (62-3), Florida (57-4), Texas A & M (55-4-1) and Kansas State (57-5-1). That's a combined 287-17-3; but of those 20 losses or ties, CU was responsible for five of them. CU won at Nebraska in 1990, at Texas A & M in 1996, and was 2-2-1 at Kansas State in the 90s. The Buffs also snapped the Aggies 22-game home winning streak—started late in 1996, after losses to CU then Texas Tech. In 2001, CU won at Kansas State, snapping a 58-game home winning streak by the Wildcats against unranked teams, and was only the second KSU home loss in a 29-game span. CU almost added Georgia to this list in 2006, but fell 14-13 after leading 13-0 entering the fourth quarter.

18 OF 24

The Buffs have 18 winning (regular) seasons in the last 24 years (1985-2008), matched only by a handful of schools across the nation (6-6 records do not count). The exceptions came in 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2007; in 1986, CU was 6-5 in the regular season but finished 6-6 after losing to Baylor in the Bluebonnet Bowl. CU has been invited to bowls in 18 of these 24 seasons, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006 and 2008.

OFFENSE & DEFENSE

Will **Anthony Wright** be next? Next, as in who will play on both offense and defense in the same game. Last year, **Eugene Goree** was on-call to do so, as the redshirt frosh was both a DT and an OG during the second half of the season; he did appear on both sides of the ball but not in the same game. Through the years, there have been a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball in the same game: **DT John Guydon** was the latest to do so, seeing action on defense (13 snaps at tackle) and offense (3 snaps at guard) at Texas on October 15, 2005; it was the first time it happened for a complete series with no gimmicks or special situations since **WR Michael Westbrook** played a series at safety against Baylor in 1993. **DE James Garee** also trotted in on offense in 2005, catching a pass as an end at Miami. **DT Sam Wilder** had been the last before 2005, as he caught a 9-yard pass against Kansas State in 2002. **DT Justin Bannan**, did the same, catching a 12-yard TD pass on his only play at Missouri in 2000. **CB Ben Kelly** tried tailback in 1999 at Texas Tech; he finished with three yards on one carry (a nice 5-yard run was wiped out by a penalty). Between 1994 and 2005, several Buffs played on both sides of the ball, as offensive linemen often played on the goal line or short yardage defense units—**OG Heath Irwin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole**, **OT Melvin Thomas** and **OG Brad Bedell** all did it at one time or another between 1993 and 1998. In 1990, **OLBs Alfred Williams** and **Kanavis McGhee** played some tight end in a 64-3 win over Kansas State (Williams caught a pass for 17 yards, McGhee didn't catch the one thrown his way). The last offensive skill player to swing over and try some defense was Westbrook (four snaps at strong safety) against Baylor in 1993.

WHY CU AND NOT UC?

A question often asked of many former Big Eight schools: Why is it the University of Colorado, but the moniker is CU and not UC? (The same applies at Kansas—KU, Missouri—MU, Nebraska—NU and Oklahoma—OU). "Midwestern casualness," said CU historian, the late Fred Casotti. It has always been this way at Colorado, for whatever reason, and at the other four—but seemingly nowhere else in the USA (except for Tulsa, but its midwest, too). In the 1950s, there was a concerted effort to eliminate the use of "CU" on the Boulder campus, both as a symbol and in speech, but Casotti said that no one would buy into it. "Nobody would change," he said. "It's easier to say than U of C, UC sounds like slang or something (as in 'you see'), and it was traditional. By trying to eliminate it, they reinforced it."

HISTORY OF THE "COLORADO"

As in the south end zone, that is. In 1967, the stadium was lowered when the track was removed, and that area remained basically a dirt hill. Former long-time senior associate A.D. **Jon Burianek** said that we tried to grow grass and bushes there, but none took. The first artificial field was installed during the summer of 1971, and that area was then covered with asphalt and the large, block COLORADO was painted on it, then in all-white block lettering. Trim was later added, and at one time, when blue was one of the school colors, the end zone as well was painted blue instead of the familiar black.

SPRING GAME ATTENDANCE

Former CU head coach **Bill McCartney** has challenged the 1,500-plus in attendance at CU's last two annual recruiting luncheons in Denver to help fill Folsom Field for the spring game. While filling Folsom didn't happen, the 17,800 in attendance in 2008 did set a spring record, with the third most attending in 2009. CU has now had five occasions where 10,000 or more fans attend its final spring scrimmage/game. The previous mark stood for 19 years, a crowd of 13,642 in 1989 when many came out to honor **Sal Aunese**, the CU quarterback stricken with stomach cancer the previous month. The next two games drew 11,336 and 10,382 respectively. The national average worked to **12,996** in 2008 and 14,407 in 2009. Below are the top CU spring game crowds in the school's history (#—first team Varsity and Alumni were on the same team and wore black jerseys):

Year	Score	Attendance	Notes
2008	Black 28, Gold 17	17,800	A record crowd come out in answer to coaches Hawk and Mac's challenge to fill Folsom
1989	#White 38, Black 35	13,642	A then-record crowd for the spring game showed up to honor Sal Aunese, who fighting stomach cancer
2009	Black 17, Gold 10	11,700	Third largest spring crowd despite going up against a Nuggets playoff game and the NFL Draft
1990	#White 27, Black 25	11,336	Coming of an 11-1 season, CU was in everyone's top five entering 1990
1991	#Black 21, White 17	10,382	Fans braved 49 degree weather with 17 mph winds and saw the late John Zisch ('48) score on a 53 yard run
1992	#Black 44, White 7	9,617	Perfect weather (61 degrees, sunny) come out after CU signs its top recruiting class in history

In Hawk's first two years, the spring game attracted **6,400** (2006, cloudy skies, temperature in the low 50s, very windy) and **5,800** last year (perfect weather, 60 degrees, clear skies, just a bit windy at times).

2009 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Here's a look at the 2009 schedules and results for the teams on CU's regular season schedule:

COLORADO STATE (3-7)

23	at Colorado	17
24	WEBER STATE	23
35	NEVADA	20
23	✚ at Brigham Young	42
29	at Idaho	31
17	✚ UTAH	24
6	✚ at TCU	44
28	✚ SAN DIEGO STATE	42
16	✚ AIR FORCE	34
16	✚ at Nevada-Las Vegas	35
N 21	✚ at New Mexico	
N 27	✚ WYOMING	

TOLEDO (4-5)

31	at Purdue	52
54	COLORADO	38
0	Ohio State (in Cleveland)	38
41	at Florida International	31
37	✚ at Ball State	30
28	✚ WESTERN MICHIGAN	56
20	✚ NORTHERN ILLINOIS	19
24	✚ TEMPLE	40
24	✚ at Miami-Ohio	31
N 11	✚ at Central Michigan	
N 20	✚ EASTERN MICHIGAN	
N 27	✚ at Bowling Green	

WYOMING (4-5)

29	WEBER STATE	22
10	TEXAS	41
0	at Colorado	24
30	✚ NEVADA-LAS VEGAS	27
30	at Florida Atlantic	28
37	✚ NEW MEXICO	13
0	✚ at Air Force	10
10	✚ at Utah	22
0	✚ BRIGHAM YOUNG	52
N 14	✚ at San Diego State	
N 21	✚ TCU	
N 27	✚ at Colorado State	

WEST VIRGINIA (7-2)

33	LIBERTY	20
35	EAST CAROLINA	20
30	at Auburn	41
35	COLORADO	24
34	► at Syracuse	13
24	MARSHALL	7
28	► CONNECTICUT	24
19	► at South Florida	30
17	► LOUISVILLE	9
N 13	► at Cincinnati	
N 27	► PITTSBURGH	
D 5	► at Rutgers	

TEXAS (8-0)

59	LOUISIANA-MONROE	20
41	at Wyoming	10
34	◆ TEXAS TECH	24
64	TEXAS-EL PASO	7
38	◆ COLORADO	14
16	◆ Oklahoma (at Dallas)	13
41	◆ at Missouri	7
41	◆ at Oklahoma State	14
N 7	CENTRAL FLORIDA	
N 14	◆ at Baylor	
N 21	◆ KANSAS	
N 26	◆ at Texas A&M	

KANSAS (5-4)

49	NORTHERN COLORADO	3
34	at Texas-El Paso	7
44	DUKE	16
35	SOUTHERN MISS	28
41	◆ IOWA STATE	36
30	◆ at Colorado	34
13	◆ OKLAHOMA	35
21	◆ at Texas Tech	42
10	◆ at Kansas State	17
N 14	◆ NEBRASKA	
N 21	◆ at Texas	
N 28	◆ Missouri (in Kansas City)	

KANSAS STATE (6-4)

21	MASSACHUSETTS	17
15	at UL-Lafayette	17
9	at UCLA	23
49	TENNESSEE TECH	7
24	◆ Iowa State (at Kansas City)	23
14	◆ at Texas Tech	66
62	◆ TEXAS A & M	14
20	◆ COLORADO	6
30	◆ at Oklahoma	42
17	◆ KANSAS	10
N 14	◆ MISSOURI	
N 21	◆ at Nebraska	

MISSOURI (5-4)

37	Illinois (at St. Louis)	9
27	BOWLING GREEN	20
52	FURMAN	12
31	at Nevada	21
12	◆ NEBRASKA	27
17	◆ at Oklahoma State	33
7	◆ TEXAS	41
36	◆ at Colorado	17
32	◆ BAYLOR	40
N 14	◆ at Kansas State	
N 21	◆ IOWA STATE	
N 28	◆ Kansas (in Kansas City)	

TEXAS A & M (5-4)

41	NEW MEXICO	6
38	UTAH STATE	30
56	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	19
19	Arkansas (at Arlington)	47
31	◆ OKLAHOMA STATE	36
14	◆ at Kansas State	62
52	◆ at Texas Tech	30
35	◆ IOWA STATE	10
34	◆ at Colorado	35
N 14	◆ at Oklahoma	
N 21	◆ BAYLOR	
N 26	◆ TEXAS	

IOWA STATE (5-5)

34	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	17
3	IOWA	35
34	at Kent State	14
31	ARMY	10
23	◆ Kansas State (at Kansas City)	24
36	◆ at Kansas	41
24	◆ BAYLOR	10
9	◆ at Nebraska	7
10	◆ at Texas A & M	35
8	◆ OKLAHOMA STATE	34
N 14	◆ COLORADO	
N 21	◆ at Missouri	

OKLAHOMA STATE (7-2)

24	GEORGIA	10
35	HOUSTON	45
41	RICE	24
56	GRAMBLING STATE	6
36	◆ at Texas A & M	31
33	◆ MISSOURI	17
34	◆ at Baylor	7
14	◆ TEXAS	41
34	◆ at Iowa State	8
N 14	◆ TEXAS TECH	
N 19	◆ COLORADO	
N 28	◆ at Oklahoma	

NEBRASKA (5-3)

49	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	3
38	ARKANSAS STATE	9
15	at Virginia Tech	16
55	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	0
27	◆ at Missouri	12
10	◆ TEXAS TECH	31
7	◆ IOWA STATE	9
20	◆ at Baylor	10
10	◆ OKLAHOMA	3
N 14	◆ at Kansas	
N 21	◆ KANSAS STATE	
N 27	◆ at Colorado	

KEY: ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ►—Big East Conference game; ✚—Mid-American Conference game; ✚—Mountain West Conference game.

OPPONENTS IN 2009

Colorado's 2009 opponents combined for an **82-70** record in 2008 (53.9%), with two teams winning double figure games and three others all going 9-4. Two others were above .500 to give CU seven teams with winning records on its' 2009 slate. All seven of those schools went to bowl games, and they collectively posted a 6-1 record. CU will play four teams with new head coaches (Toledo, Wyoming, Kansas State, Iowa State). The Buffaloes will play two non-league games away from home (Toledo, West Virginia) for the first time since 1994 (Michigan, Texas), and will be playing two regular season games in the eastern time zone for the first time in their history.

OPPONENTS WERE CORRALLED

Colorado allowed just **five** plays from scrimmage of 40 yards or longer in 2006 (three pass, two rush); those were the fewest since the 1987 season, when the Buffs surrendered just four (two rush, two pass). In 2007, CU was doing as well, but with Missouri having three of that length and Iowa State one, CU wound up allowing 11. Over the past 20 years, CU has limited the foe to six three times (1991, 1994, 1995) and to seven seven times (last: 2005). The 12 allowed over the 2005 and 2006 tied the second fewest over a two-year span (11 over the 1987-88 seasons; 12 previously in the '94 and '95 campaigns). The seven allowed in '05 were reduced from 14 in 2003 and 15 in 2004, as opponents had piled up 70 plays of 40 yards or longer from 1999-2004 after allowing just 83 between 1987 and 1998. The three-year total from 2005-07 was thus just 23, the lowest for any three-year span since this stat can be tracked.

➡ **2008:** CU allowed 11 plays over 40 yards, seven rushes but just four passes.

➡ **2009:** CU has allowed 13 plays over 40 yards, nine passes and four rushes (though just two in Big 12 play after 11 in the first four games).

COMPOSITE 2009 BIG 12 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**Week One (Sept. 5)**

(Sept. 3) IOWA STATE 34, North Dakota State 17
 Baylor 24, WAKE FOREST 21
 Brigham Young 14, Oklahoma 13 (at Arlington)
 KANSAS 49, Northern Colorado 3
 KANSAS STATE 21, Massachusetts 17
 Missouri 37, Illinois 9 (at St. Louis)
 NEBRASKA 49, Florida Atlantic 3
 OKLAHOMA STATE 24, Georgia 10
 TEXAS 59, Louisiana-Monroe 20
 TEXAS A&M 41, New Mexico 6
 TEXAS TECH 38, North Dakota 13
 (Sept. 6) Colorado State 23, **COLORADO 17**

Week Two (Sept. 12)

(Sept. 11) TOLEDO 54, **Colorado 38**
 Houston 45, OKLAHOMA STATE 35
 Iowa 35, IOWA STATE 3
 Kansas 34, TEXAS-EL PASO 7
 LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 17, Kansas State 15
 MISSOURI 27, Bowling Green 20
 NEBRASKA 38, Arkansas State 9
 OKLAHOMA 64, Idaho State 0
 Texas 41, WYOMING 10
 TEXAS TECH 55, Rice 10

Week Three (Sept. 19)

COLORADO 24, Wyoming 0
 Connecticut 30, BAYLOR 22
 Iowa State 34, KENT STATE 14
 KANSAS 44, Duke 16
 MISSOURI 52, Furman 12
 OKLAHOMA 45, Tulsa 0
 OKLAHOMA STATE 41, Rice 24
 TEXAS 34, Texas Tech 24
 TEXAS A&M 38, Utah State 30
 UCLA 23, Kansas State 9
 VIRGINIA TECH 16, Nebraska 15

Week Four (Sept. 26)

(Sept. 25) Missouri 31, NEVADA 21
 KANSAS 35, Southern Miss 28
 KANSAS STATE 49, Tennessee Tech 7
 BAYLOR 68, Northwestern State 13
 HOUSTON 29, Texas Tech 28
 IOWA STATE 31, Army 10
 NEBRASKA 55, Louisiana-Lafayette 0
 OKLAHOMA STATE 56, Grambling State 6
 TEXAS 64, Texas-El Paso 7
 TEXAS A&M 56, Alabama-Birmingham 19

Week Five (Oct. 3)

(Oct. 1) WEST VIRGINIA 35, **Colorado 24**
 *Kansas State 24, Iowa State 23 (at Kansas City)
 Arkansas 47, Texas A&M 19 (at Arlington)
 BAYLOR 31, Kent State 15
 MIAMI-FLA. 21, Oklahoma 20
 TEXAS TECH 48, New Mexico 28

Week Six (Oct. 10)

(Oct. 8) *Nebraska 27, MISSOURI 12
 *TEXAS 38, **Colorado 14**
 *KANSAS 41, Iowa State 36
 *Oklahoma State 36, TEXAS A&M 31
 *OKLAHOMA 33, Baylor 7
 *TEXAS TECH 66, Kansas State 14

Week Seven (Oct. 17)

***COLORADO 34**, Kansas 30
 *IOWA STATE 24, Baylor 10
 *KANSAS STATE 62, Texas A&M 14
 *OKLAHOMA STATE 33, Missouri 17
 *Texas 16, Oklahoma 13 (at Dallas)
 *Texas Tech 31, NEBRASKA 10

Week Eight (Oct. 24)

*KANSAS STATE 20, **Colorado 6**
 *Iowa State 9, NEBRASKA 7
 *Oklahoma State 34, BAYLOR 7
 *Oklahoma 35, KANSAS 13
 *Texas A&M 52, TEXAS TECH 30
 *Texas 41, MISSOURI 7

Week Nine (Oct. 31)

*Missouri 36, **COLORADO 17**
 *Nebraska 20, BAYLOR 10
 *OKLAHOMA 42, Kansas State 30
 *Texas 41, OKLAHOMA STATE 14
 *TEXAS A&M 35, Iowa State 10
 *TEXAS TECH 42, Kansas 21

Week Ten (Nov. 7)

***COLORADO 35**, Texas A&M 34
 *Baylor 40, MISSOURI 32
 *KANSAS STATE 17, Kansas 10
 *NEBRASKA 10, Oklahoma 3
 *Oklahoma State 34, IOWA STATE 8
 TEXAS 35, Central Florida 3

Week Eleven (Nov. 14)

***Colorado** at Iowa State, 12:00 p.m.
 *Texas at Baylor (FSN), 10:00 a.m.
 *Missouri at Kansas State (Versus), 10:30 a.m.
 *Nebraska at Kansas (ABC), 1:30 p.m.
 *Texas A&M at Oklahoma (FSN), 5:00 p.m.
 *Texas Tech at Oklahoma State (ABC), 6:00 p.m.

Week Twelve (Nov. 21)

(Nov. 19) *Colorado at Oklahoma State (ESPN), 5:30 p.m.
 *Baylor at Texas A&M, TBA
 *Iowa State at Missouri, TBA
 *Kansas at Texas (ABC), 1:30 or 6:00 p.m.
 *Kansas State at Nebraska (ESPN or ESPN2), 5:45 p.m.
 *Oklahoma at Texas Tech (FSN), 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Week Thirteen (Nov. 28)

(Nov. 26) *Texas at Texas A&M (ESPN), 6:00 p.m.
 (Nov. 27) *Nebraska at **Colorado** (ABC), 1:30 p.m.
 Kansas vs. Missouri at Kansas City (ABC), 1:30 p.m.
 *Oklahoma State at Oklahoma (FSN), 10:30 a.m.
 *Texas Tech vs. Baylor at Arlington (FSN), 4:00 p.m.

Week Fourteen (Dec. 5)

Big 12 Championship Game at Arlington (ABC), 6:00 p.m.

Home team in CAPS. All times listed are MDT/MST. *—denotes Big 12 Conference game. Television selections Oct. 3 and beyond are made on 12 days notice by the Big 12 television partners (ABC/ESPN, Fox Sports Network, *Versus*); ABC also has an option of utilizing a 6-day selection process three times annually. ABC's standard afternoon regional telecast window is at 1:30 p.m. MT in addition to a number of prime-time windows (6 p.m. MT; those games will be selected from the Big 12, ACC, Big East, Big 10 or Pac 10). FSN provides national coverage via its lineup of 11 regional cable systems in both the morning (10 or 10:30 a.m. MT) and prime time (4:30 or 5 p.m. MT) windows, and on occasion may move a game into the afternoon window (1:30 p.m. MT) should ABC opt to pass on a telecast in that time slot. In all, FSN will televise between 22-24 games during the 2009 season with projected afternoon windows on Sept. 12-19-26, Oct. 3-10-24-31 and Nov. 7-14-21-28. FSN is scheduled to carry games in prime time on Oct. 17-31 and Nov. 14-28 (the 28th is tentative). ESPN has sublicensed six games from FSN on Sept. 5, Oct. 8-10-17 and Nov. 19-21 with telecasts generally slated between 4:30 and 7 p.m., MT. VERSUS has sublicensed an additional five games in 2009 from FSN and will telecast on Sept. 19, Oct. 24-31 and Nov. 7-14, primarily at 10:30 a.m., MT. In addition, the Big 12 has entered into an agreement to allow institutions to authorize telecast of games on Fox College Sports (FCS) and pay-per-view in available windows.

CU-CSU NINTH TOP FSN-ROCKY MOUNTAIN BROADCAST; SECOND HIGHEST RATED COLLEGE GAME ON NETWORK

FSN Rocky Mountain delivered the ninth-highest-rated live event in the network's history recording an 11.5 rating during Sunday's Colorado-Colorado State football game. It also is the second-highest-rated college football telecast on FSN Rocky Mountain, behind the 2008 CU-CSU game which registered a 12.3 rating. The high-rating for the annual in-state rivalry game comes less than two weeks after the network recorded its highest-rated Colorado Rockies telecast (9.7 on Aug. 25).

According to FSN's analysis of Nielsen Media Research data, Sunday's telecast generated an **11.5 rating/24 share** in the Denver DMA with an average of nearly 175,000 households tuned in to the Rams 23-17 win over the Buffaloes. It was the highest-rated program through the duration of the game (5:00 p.m. — 8:45 p.m. MT) beating such programs as the 5:00 p.m. local affiliate newscasts on NBC, CBS and ABC, "60 Minutes" (6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.) on CBS and "Spiderman 2" (6:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.) on KDVR (FOX 31). The game peaked at a 13.0 rating/24 share (More than 195,000 households) during the 8:15 p.m. — 8:30 p.m. quarter hour.

The CU-CSU PREGAME REPORT presented by Toyota recorded a 7.4 rating and the postgame report followed the game with a 3.2 rating. The pregame report rating is 54 percent higher than the 2008 CU-CSU PREGAME REPORT. The Colorado versus Colorado State football game now owns five spots on FSN Rocky Mountain's list of Top 10 highest-rated college football telecasts. The Top 10 Highest-Rated College Football Telecasts on FSN Rocky Mountain:

Rating	Game	Result	Rating	Game	Result
12.3	Aug. 31, 2008 — Colorado St. vs. Colorado	CU won 38-17	8.5	Nov. 16, 2002 — Iowa State at Colorado	CU won 41-27
11.5	Sept. 6, 2009 — Colorado St. vs. Colorado	CSU won 23-17	8.4	Sept. 4, 1999 — Colorado St. vs. Colorado	CSU won 41-14
11.3	Sept. 4, 2004 — Colorado St. at Colorado	CU won 27-24	7.9	Sept. 7, 2002 — San Diego St. at Colorado	CU won 34-14
9.6	Sept. 1, 2007 — Colorado St. vs. Colorado	CU won 31-28 (OT)	7.3	Nov. 10, 2001 — Colorado at Iowa State	CU won 40-27
8.9	Sept. 7, 2002 — Colorado St. at UCLA	UCLA won 30-19	6.9	Nov. 9, 2002 — Colorado at Missouri	CU won 42-35 (OT)

ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS

RUSHING

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Net
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	699	3,940	5.63	41	
2	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)	486	3,057	6.29	33	
3	Bobby Purify (2000-04)	595	3,016	5.07	20	
4	Charlie Davis (1971-73)	538	2,958	5.50	24	
5	Chris Brown (2001-02)	465	2,690	5.78	34	
6	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	517	2,659	5.14	15	
7	James Mayberry (1975-78)	546	2,544	4.66	25	
8	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	568	2,487	4.38	21	
9	Bob Anderson (1967-69)	568	2,367	4.17	34	
10	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	581	2,296	3.95	10	
30	Marlon Barnes (1994-98)	276	1,364	4.94	14	
31	Bo Matthews (1971-73)	285	1,339	4.70	9	
32	John Tarver (1970-71)	259	1,300	5.02	14	
33	Erich Kissick (1986-89)	256	1,297	5.07	8	
34	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	302	1,289	4.27	15	
35	Frank Bernardi (1952-54)	195	1,235	6.33	7	
36	Rodney Stewart (2008-09)	282	1,210	4.29	11	
40	James Hill (1990-93)	261	1,142	4.38	13	
50	David Williams (1973-75)	276	959	3.47	12	
55	Charlie Davis (1978-81)	262	805	3.07	5	
60	Loren Schwening (1959-61)	183	739	4.04	4	
65	Jim Bratten (1968-70)	220	724	3.29	4	
66	Ron Johnson (1951-53)	132	710	5.38	9	
67	Demetrius Sumler (2007-09)	195	709	3.64	9	
68	Jon Keyworth (1970-73)	134	704	5.25	9	
69	Malcolm Miller (1947-49)	187	703	3.76	6	
70	Bernard Jackson (2004-06)	164	690	4.21	7	

PASSING

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	TD	Rating
1	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	1095-666-33	60.8	7,375	44	124.63
2	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	785-456-19	58.1	6,481	33	136.47
3	Cody Hawkins (2007-09)	972-536-36	55.1	5,793	45	113.07
4	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	594-350-25	58.9	5,390	40	148.95
5	Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	607-366-19	60.3	4,797	33	138.36
6	John Hessler (1994-97)	627-347-26	55.3	4,788	34	129.09
7	Steve Vogel (1981-84)	688-309-33	44.9	3,912	27	96.03
8	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	424-213-19	50.2	3,801	27	137.59
9	Craig Ochs (2000-02)	453-265-15	58.5	3,325	16	125.19
10	Gale Weidner (1959-61)	480-218-32	45.4	3,033	18	97.76
11	Randy Essington (1980-82)	496-247-26	49.8	2,773	10	92.95
12	David Williams (1973-75)	366-198-19	54.1	2,449	13	111.64
13	Bernie McCall (1964-66)	361-177-28	49.0	2,332	4	91.44
14	Zack Jordan (1950-52)	311-159-22	51.1	2,287	13	113.93
15	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	375-188-21	50.1	2,198	9	96.09
25	Tyler Hansen (2008-09)	192-113-5	58.9	1,213	3	111.86

RECEIVING (Receptions)

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	*—tight end
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	167	2,548	15.3	19	
2	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	152	2,176	14.3	14	
3	Scotty McKnight (2007-09)	143	1,608	11.2	12	
4	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17	
5	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	135	2,540	18.8	20	
6	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	134	2,038	15.2	20	
7	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	127	2,447	19.3	15	
8	Monte Huber (1967-69)	111	1,436	12.9	5	
9	*Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11	
10	Patrick Williams (2005-08)	104	1,070	10.3	3	
11	Dusty Sprague (2004-07)	103	1,261	12.2	4	
12	*Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11	
13	Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98)	97	1,199	12.4	6	
14	D.J. Hackett (2002-03)	93	1,194	12.8	9	
15	*Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2	
16	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	86	699	8.1	4	
17	*Riar Geer (2006-09)	83	942	11.3	10	
18	Marcus Stiggers (1996-99)	80	1,223	15.3	10	
18	*Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5	
18	*Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12	
20	John Minardi (1998-2001)	79	971	12.3	6	
22	Loy Alexander (1983-85)	78	1,107	14.2	8	
23	Evan Judge (2002-05)	69	903	13.1	5	
24	Dave Logan (1972-75)	68	1,078	15.9	4	
25	Lawrence Vickers (2002-05)	68	546	8.0	3	
53	Demetrius Sumler (2007-08)	40	301	7.5	1	

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11	Mike Pritchard (1987-90)	47	1,241	26.4	10	
12	Marcus Stiggers (1996-99)	80	1,223	15.1	10	
13	Ron Brown (1981-85)	57	1,217	21.4	8	
14	Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98)	97	1,199	12.4	6	
15	D.J. Hackett (2002-03)	93	1,194	12.8	9	
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21	*Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2	
22	John Minardi (1998-2001)	79	971	12.3	6	
23	James Kidd (1993-96)	58	944	16.3	9	
24	*Riar Geer (2006-09)	83	942	11.3	10	
25	*Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12	
26	Evan Judge (2002-05)	69	903	13.1	5	
27	*J.V. Cain (1971-73)	61	873	14.3	3	
28	Chris Anderson (1994-97)	61	858	14.1	4	
29	Josh Smith (2007-08)	52	838	16.1	3	
30	Jeff Campbell (1986-89)	28	802	28.6	1	
31	Emery Moorehead (1974-76)	40	751	18.8	4	
32	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	60	725	12.1	5	
33	Steve Gaunt (1975-77)	33	715	21.7	3	
34	Kazell Pugh (1977-79)	42	709	16.9	4	
35	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	86	699	8.1	4	
36	*Jerry Hillebrand (1959-61)	40	696	17.4	6	
37	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)	52	691	13.3	2	
38	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	66	680	10.3	3	

TOTAL OFFENSE

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rush	Pass	Total	TDR
1	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	1,289	6,481	7,770	48
2	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	-130	7,375	7,245	47
3	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	2,007	3,801	5,808	54
4	Cody Hawkins (2007-09)	-119	5,793	5,674	52
4	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	-31	5,390	5,359	43
6	John Hessler (1994-97)	276	4,788	5,064	44
7	Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	70	4,797	4,867	40
8	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	2,367	2,198	4,565	43
9	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	3,940	63	4,003	42
10	Craig Ochs (2000-02)	205	3,325	3,530	20

SCORING

Rk	Player (Seasons)	TD	2Pt	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	PTS
1	Mason Crosby (2003-06)	0	0-0	109-117	66-88	307
2	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	42	1-1	0-0	0-0	254
3	Jeremy Aldrich (1996-99)	0	0-0	87-95	48-64	231
4	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	35	1-2	0-0	0-0	212
5	Chris Brown (2001-02)	34	0-0	0-0	0-0	204
6	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)	33	0-0	0-0	0-0	198
7	Tom Field (1979-83)	0	0-0	82-86	36-55	190
8	Byron White (1935-37)	24	0-0	30-32	1-2	177
9	Merwin Hodel (1949-51)	28	0-0	0-0	0-0	168
10	J.J. Flannigan (1987-89)	27	0-0	0-0	0-0	162
10	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	27	0-4	0-0	0-0	162
43	Aric Goodman (2008-09)	0	0-0	54-56	14-27	96
61	Scotty McKnight (2007-09)	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	78
81	Rodney Stewart (2008-09)	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	66
84	Riar Geer (2006-09)	10	1-0	0-0	0-0	62
86	Demetrius Sumler (2007-09)	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	60

ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS

KICKOFF RETURNS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	64	1,798	28.1	3
2	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	56	1,350	24.1	0
3	Josh Smith (2007-08)	50	1,276	25.5	1
4	M.J. Nelson (1986-89)	51	1,198	23.5	0
5	Walter Stanley (1980-81)	49	1,172	23.9	1
6	Bill Symons (1962-64)	43	1,051	24.4	1
7	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	44	914	20.8	0
8	Stephone Robinson (2004-07)	49	867	17.7	0
9	Carroll Hardy (1951-54)	31	853	27.5	0
10	Billy Waddy (1973-76)	32	849	26.5	2
11	Howard Ballage (1976-78)	30	764	25.5	2
12	Cliff Branch (1970-71)	30	755	25.2	2
13	Mike Pritchard (1987-90)	30	693	23.1	0
14	Jeremy Bloom (2002-03)	25	627	25.1	1
15	Melvin Johnson (1973-77)	27	609	22.6	1
16	Darrell Scott (2008-09)	24	595	24.8	0
17	Mike McCoy (1974-75)	24	562	23.4	1
18	Roderick Sneed (1999-2002)	20	524	26.2	0

TACKLES

Rk	Player (Position, Seasons)	UT	AT	—	TOT
1	Barry Remington (LB, 1982-86)	245	248	—	493
2	Matt Russell (LB, 1993-96)	282	164	—	446
3	Greg Biekert (LB, 1989-92)	280	161	—	441
4	Jordon Dizon (LB, 2004-07)	293	147	—	440
5	Ted Johnson (LB, 1991-94)	253	156	—	409
6	Laval Short (DL, 1976-79)	141	231	—	372
7	Chad Brown (LB, 1989-92)	242	127	—	369
8	Michael Jones (LB, 1986-89)	218	131	—	349
9	Thaddeus Washington (LB, 2003-06)	202	136	—	338
10	Michael Lewis (DB, 1998-2001)	225	111	—	336
11	Mickey Pruitt (DB, 1984-87)	201	131	—	332
12	Jashon Sykes (LB, 1998-2001)	212	118	—	330
13	J.J. Billingsley (DB, 2002-06)	211	96	—	307
14	Steve Rosga (DB, 1992-96)	181	123	—	304
14	Don DeLuzio (LB, 1984-88)	175	129	—	304
16	Brian Cabral (LB, 1974-77)	120	177	—	297
16	Kanavis McGhee (LB, 1987-90)	179	118	—	297
18	Jeff Smart (LB, 2007-09)	183	99	—	282
19	Ryan Black (DB, 1994-97)	145	130	—	275
20	Hannibal Navies (LB, 1995-98)	182	92	—	274
21	Bill Roe (LB, 1977-79)	116	156	—	272
22	Dick Anderson (DB, 1965-67)	123	143	—	266
23	Alfred Williams (LB, 1987-90)	180	83	—	263
24	Jeff Geiser (LB, 1972-74)	102	159	—	261
25	Phil Irwin (LB, 1968-70)	88	170	—	258
42	Steve Doolittle (LB, 1977-80)	90	140	—	230
43	Curt Koch (DL, 1984-87)	121	108	—	229
44	Cha'pelle Brown (DB, 2006-09)	159	68	—	227
45	Troy Archer (DL, 1974-75)	122	103	—	225
46	Mark Cooney (DL, 1971-73)	75	159	—	224
47	Victor Scott (LB, 1980-83)	147	76	—	223
47	Ryan Walters (DB, 2005-08)	147	76	—	223
49	Leonard Renfro (DL, 1989-92)	153	68	—	221
50	Bart Roth (LB, 1974-76)	97	123	—	220

QUARTERBACK SACKS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards
1	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	35	242
2	Ron Woolfork (1990-93)	33	241
3	Greg Jones (1992-96)	25	158
4	Laval Short (1976-79)	24½	192
5	Abraham Wright (2004-06)	21	151
6	Herb Orvis (1969-71)	20	182
6	Dan McMillen (1982-85)	20	135
8	Bill Brundige (1967-69)	19	151
8	Curt Koch (1984-87)	19	119
8	Leonard Renfro (1989-92)	19	97
37	Marquez Herrod (2007-09)	9	62

TACKLES-FOR-LOSS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No-Yds.
1	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	59-303
2	Ron Woolfork (1990-93)	53-303
3	Greg Jones (1992-96)	45-205
4	Matt Russell (1993-96)	44-144
5	Leonard Renfro (1989-92)	43-142
6	Curt Koch (1984-87)	39-212
7	Chad Brown (1989-92)	38-169
7	Kanavis McGhee (1987-90)	38-163
9	Laval Short (1976-79)	37-239
9	Bill Brundige (1967-69)	37-176

INTERCEPTIONS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	John Stearns (1970-72)	16	339	21.2	0
2	Chris Hudson (1991-94)	15	204	13.6	2
3	Dick Anderson (1965-67)	14	151	10.8	0
3	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	14	154	11.0	2
5	Tim James (1987-90)	13	120	9.2	0
6	Deon Figures (1988-92)	12	96	8.0	0
7	Steve Rosga (1992-96)	11	174	15.8	1
7	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	11	97	8.8	0
9	Victor Scott (1980-83)	10	203	20.3	3
9	Roy Shepherd (1950-52)	10	157	15.7	2
9	Cullen Bryant (1970-72)	10	139	13.9	1
9	Boyd Dowler (1956-58)	10	75	7.5	0

PASS DEFLECTIONS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.
1	Marcus Washington (1995-97)	42
2	Damen Wheeler (1996-99)	39
3	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	34
4	Donald Strickland (1999-2002)	33
4	Lorenzo Sims (2003-06)	33
6	Mickey Pruitt (1984-87)	32
7	Phil Jackson (2000-03)	29
7	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	29
9	Dalton Simmons (1992-96)	28
10	Deon Figures (1988-92)	27
11	Alfred Williams (1987-90)	25
11	Cha'pelle Brown (2006-09)	25
15	Ryan Walters (2005-08)	20

USUALLY IN 'EM

Colorado's usually been in those games it's lost over the last 21 seasons, as of the 95 losses, 42 have been by eight points or less. Missouri, Nebraska and Texas (six times), Kansas State and Oklahoma (four) and Kansas, Florida State and Oklahoma State (twice) are the only ones who have handled the Buffs by nine or more points more than twice since 1989. CU has really been dominated from the start only 10 times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU, 2002 vs. USC, 2004 in the Big 12 title game with Oklahoma, twice in 2005, both against Texas, Missouri (2008) and Toledo and Missouri this year. K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03), Oklahoma State ('04), Miami and Nebraska ('05) and Texas ('08) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

CLOSE CALLS USUALLY GOING CU'S WAY

Colorado is 2-1 2009 and is **18-11** dating back to the start of the 2003 season when the final margin has been seven or fewer points. These "close calls" include a **9-9** record in the Dan Hawkins Era. Starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, which helped propel Colorado to the Big 12 title, the Buffaloes area **22-13** in seven-point or less decisions the last nine seasons.

GAME #1—COLORADO STATE 23, COLORADO 17**SEPTEMBER 6 (FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER)**

BOULDER—Colorado State stunned Colorado for 20 first-half points and held on to defeat the Buffaloes 23-17 in just the second-ever Sunday night game at Folsom Field before a near-sellout crowd of 53,168 and a national television audience on FSN.

The Rams got things going from the opening gun, marching 80 yards to take a 7-0 lead on the game's first drive. CSU's Grant Stucker hit John Mosure on a 57-yard pass play to set up Mosure's one-yard run just over three minutes into the contest.

The Buffs had some glimpses of life in the first half but hit a wall when center Mike Itlis limped off the field. Cody Hawkins was then intercepted by Elijah-Blu Smith on a pass that caromed off of Scotty McKnight.

CSU converted the turnover into a 14-0 lead when Stucker found Mosure again, this time with a 14-yard scoring pass. The Rams converted on a pair of key third down plays on the drive, the second of which was the touchdown. CSU's big play mentality hit again when Stucker hooked up with Ryan Gardner for a 43-yard completion to the CU 4-yard line, setting up a Ben DeLine field goal to push the lead to 17-0 early in the second quarter.

The Buffs got on the scoreboard by getting a career-long 54-yard field goal from Aric Goodman to pull within 17-3. Ben Burney set up the score with an interception. CSU answered just before intermission by positioning DeLine for a 45-yard field with five seconds left that restored the Rams' 17-point lead at 20-3 at the break.

Hawkins opened the second half by completing a 44-yard bomb to Andre Simmons – his first CU catch – that set up the Buffs at the nine-yard line. From there, Brian Lockridge took a pitch right and went into the end zone untouched to cut the deficit to 20-10 less than two minutes into the second half.

Hawkins again found his passing touch on the next drive, moving the Buffs to the Rams' 18-yard line where McKnight caught a pass before an apparent helmet-to-helmet hit. Initially called down by contact, the play was overturned and ruled a fumble.

CU's defense kept the Buffs in the game. After a pair of three-and-outs, Jeff Smart came up with a critical interception but the Buffs weren't able to take advantage before CSU got a 45-yard pass from Stucker to Rashaun Greer down to the Buffs 4-yard line. The CU defense held at that point and CSU got its final points of the game, leading 23-10 with 8:58 to play.

The Buffs got the ball back with less than four minutes remaining. McKnight, suffering from a concussion, came back in the game to draw a big pass interference penalty before catching a 3-yard touchdown pass from Hawkins two plays later, pulling CU to within 23-17 with 1:57 left to play.

But the Buffs had burned all three timeouts and when CSU's Dion Morton recovered the on-sides kick at midfield, the Rams were able to run out the clock.

This was the final game on either school's campus for a decade, as the schools announced earlier in the week a 10-year contract to move the game back to Denver's Invesco Field beginning in 2010.

Playing from behind, the Buffs managed just 68 yards from their four-horsed running back stable. Hawkins finished 24-of-40 for 222 yards and one touchdown with his favorite target being Riar Geer, who had six receptions for 65 yards. The Buffs were just 3-of-14 on third down and were out-gained by CSU 376-to-251 in total offense. Stewart led the Buffs ground game, picking up 38 yards on six carries.

Colorado State	14	6	0	3	—	23
COLORADO	0	3	7	7	—	17

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Colorado State — Mosure 1 run (DeLine kick)	0-7	11:47	1Q
Colorado State — Mosure 13 pass from Stucker (DeLine kick)	0-14	1:09	1Q
Colorado State — DeLine 29 FG	0-17	11:43	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 54 FG	3-17	2:50	2Q
Colorado State — DeLine 45 FG	3-20	0:05	2Q
COLORADO — Lockridge 9 run (Goodman kick)	10-20	13:20	3Q
Colorado State — DeLine 18 FG	10-23	8:58	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 2 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	17-23	1:57	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO ST.
First Downs.....	13	14
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	3-14 (2-3)	3-14 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	21-29	45-168
Passing Yards	222	208
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	40-24-1	17-10-2
Total Offense	251	376
Return Yards	20	50
Punts: No-Average	6-43.3	5-44.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	5/60	6/71
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-8	4-38
Time of Possession	27:04	32:56
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C33	13/CS31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-2 (14)	4-4 (20)

Attendance: 53,168 **Time:** 3:23

Weather: 79 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 3 mph winds from the east

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 6-38, Sumler 8-20, Lockridge 1-9, Scott 1-1, C.Hawkins 4-minus 38, Team 1-minus 1. **Colorado State:** Mason 23-107, Mosure 11-44, Morton 2-27, Greer 1-3, Stucker 5-minus 4, Team 3-minus 9.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 40-24-1, 222, 1 td. **Colorado State:** Stucker 17-10-2, 208, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 6-65, McKnight 4-36, Deehan 3-20, Sumler 3-15, Espinoza 2-9, Devenny 2-7, Simmons 1-44, Scott 1-14, Stewart 1-7, Lockridge 1-5. **Colorado State:** Mosure 3-38, Mason 3-20, Greer 2-50, Morton 1-57, Gardner 1-43.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-43.3 (52 long, 2 In20). **Colorado State:** Kontodiakos 5-44.2 (51 long, 1In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 4-10. **Colorado State:** Thomas 4-39. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Scott 5-138, Stengel 1-5. **Colorado State:** Morton 2-42.

Interceptions—Colorado: Smart 1-10, Burney 1-0. **Colorado State:** E.Smith 1-11.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: J.Smith 9,3—12; Smart 6,3—9; Burton 3,5—8; C.Brown 6,1—7; Perkins 5,2—7; Polk 2,4—6; Mohler 4,0—4; Cunningham 2,2—4; Herrod 2,1—3; Stengel 2,1—3. **Colorado State:** Sisson 5,4—9; Wilkinson 7,1—8; Oppenheer 4,3—7; Kubiak 3,3—6; Williams 5,0—5; Thomas 4,0—4; Whittier 3,1—4; Miller 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Smart 1-7, C.Brown 1-1. **Colorado State:** Miller 1-10, Whittier 1-10, Morehead 1-9, Sisson 1-9.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown, West. **Colorado State:** Kawulok, Sisson, Thomas, Wilkinson, Williams.

GAME NOTES

TB Darrell Scott rushed for 1 yard on CU's first play of the year, the 48th time in the last 60 years that the Buffaloes called a rushing play to open the season ... **C Mike Itlis**, seeing his first career action, left the game midway through the first quarter with an ankle injury; his replacement, **Keenan Stevens**, had not played since 2007, when he saw the only snaps of his career (10) vs. Miami-Ohio ... **WR Scotty McKnight** extended his streak to 25 straight regular season games with at least one reception; the record is 27 by Charles E. Johnson (1991-93; does not include bowls). He also had his 10th career TD reception, the 13th player in CU history to catch at least 10 ... **TB Brian Lockridge's** 9-yard TD run in the third quarter was his second career score; it was his first trip to the end zone since a 43-yard run against Miami-Ohio on Sept. 22, 2007 ... CSU outgained CU by 265-63 in the first half, but the Buffs came out and reversed the trend in the third quarter (111-26); CU outscored the Rams 7-0 in the period—last year, opponents jumped the Buffs for a 103-55 edge in the quarter ... CSU was 3-of-4 on third down in the first quarter, then went 0-of-10 the rest of the game (though it snuck in a fourth down conversion along the way) ... Colorado is 0-of-9 on onside kicks after trying one after its last score, last recovering one versus Nebraska on Nov. 26, 1999 ... This was CSU's first win in Boulder since dealing CU a 23-7 setback on the exact same date in the '86 opener ... The 12-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Scotty McKnight on 4th-and-5 in the second quarter was CU's 12th consecutive conversion on fourth down dating back to the last five games of 2008; CU made its final 11 tries last year in finishing 18-of-25 for the season (the streak ended in the third quarter when Demetrius Sumler was stopped for no gain on a 4th-and-1).

GAME #2—TOLEDO 54, COLORADO 38**SEPTEMBER 11 (GLASS BOWL; TOLEDO, OHIO)**

TOLEDO, Ohio—Toledo started fast, which is what Colorado intended to do. But by the time the Buffaloes got untracked, their skirmish with the Rockets nearly was over. CU trailed 23-3 at halftime and 37-24 after three quarters before finally succumbing 54-38, dropping to 0-2 on the season in the process.

The long night — the game required 3:48 to complete — was a defensive coordinator's nightmare. The teams combined for 1,075 yards and 92 points (the most ever scored at Toledo's Glass Bowl) in front of 20,082.

Cody Hawkins was knocked woozy at the goal line while scoring the Buffs' final touchdown, a 12-yard run with 1:53 to play. He threw for 356 yards and four touchdowns, but was forced to throw a school record 64 passes (30 completions) and was intercepted three times.

Toledo quarterback Aaron Opelt accounted for 428 yards in total offense (319 passing, 109 rushing), and threw for four touchdowns and ran for two more. He directed the Rocket offense to 624 yards of total offense, 305 of it on the ground. The Rockets had two 100-yard rushers in Opelt (who topped the century mark on just eight carries) and Dajuane Collins (20-160).

Building a 30-3 lead early in the third quarter, the Rockets scored on five of their first six possessions, burning the Buffs deep in what looked like a little déjà vu of five days earlier against Colorado State at Folsom Field. Toledo drove 62 yards in six plays to take a 27-point lead before the Buffs finally answered a Toledo score. Hawkins engineered a six-play, 66-yard march, capped by a 4-yard toss to Scotty McKnight, making the score 30-10.

Opelt & Co. retaliated with a quick 77-yard march, Opelt hitting tight end Tom Burzine with a 23-yard scoring pass. The Buffs finally got a spurt, scoring twice in 20 seconds to pull within 37-24.

After Hawkins hit Jason Espinoza in the end zone to cap 13-play, 60-yard march, Travis Sandersfeld forced a fumble that Jimmy Smith recovered on the ensuing kickoff and then Hawkins hit tight end Riar Geer two plays later to pull CU with two scores. The quarter ended with Toledo facing a 3rd-and-6 from its own 39, and a CU stop might have completely swung momentum to the Buffalo sideline.

But Opelt found a gap on a quarterback sneak and raced 61 yards up the gut to put the Rockets back up by 20 on the first play of the fourth quarter, deflating CU's comeback attempt, and they still weren't satisfied. Collins' 23-yard run with 8:41 to play shot the Rockets ahead 51-24, and Alex Steigerwald added a 43-yard field for a 30 point (54-24) lead with just over 4 minutes remaining.

The Buffs scored twice in the final 2:56, with Hawkins finding Pat Devenny for an 18-yard score. After CU recovered the onside kick, Hawkins scored but was almost knocked out by an illegal hit. Toledo recovered the next onside attempt and ran the clock out.

CU's lone real bright spot in the opening half was Darrell Scott, who carried 12 times for 85 yards. He didn't have a second-half carry as the Buffs shifted to catch-up mode once again through the air. CU ran 18 times in the first half, just twice in the second, Hawkins' TD run and a run on a fake punt by Matt DiLallo. The other "attempts" included two sacks and a muffed center exchange. Aric Goodman accounted for the only score in the opening half, a 32-yard field goal early in the second quarter, though he would miss a 47-yard attempt wide right two series later.

Several records fell for the Buffs, including Scott's 204 yards on eight kickoff returns, breaking Josh Smith's record of 193 yards set just last November at Nebraska. Hawkins set or tied career highs in attempts, yardage, completions, touchdowns and interceptions. McKnight (11 receptions, 114 yards) and Espinoza (eight receptions, 109 yards) both hit the 100-yard receiving mark, becoming 12th pair to accomplish the feat at CU.

COLORADO	0	3	21	14	—	38
Toledo	13	10	14	17	—	54

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Toledo — Noble 8 pass from Opelt (pass failed)	0-6	7:18	1Q
Toledo — Page 70 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick)	0-13	3:00	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 32 FG	3-13	13:31	2Q
Toledo — Steigerwald 50 FG	3-16	9:59	2Q
Toledo — Opelt 27 run (Steigerwald kick)	3-23	0:36	2Q
Toledo — Stafford 26 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick)	3-30	12:36	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 4 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	10-30	7:26	3Q
Toledo — Burzine 23 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick)	10-37	4:51	3Q
COLORADO — Espinoza 5 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	17-37	1:43	3Q
COLORADO — Geer 4 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	24-37	1:23	3Q
Toledo — Opelt 27 run (Steigerwald kick)	24-44	14:10	4Q
Toledo — Collins 23 run (Steigerwald kick)	24-51	8:41	4Q
Toledo — Steigerwald 43 FG	24-54	4:01	4Q
COLORADO — Devenny 18 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	31-54	2:56	4Q
COLORADO — Hawkins 12 run (Goodman kick)	38-54	1:53	4Q

Attendance: 20,082 Time: 3:48 Weather: 63 degrees, clear skies, calm winds

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Scott 12-85, Sumler 4-20, DiLallo 1-9, Moyd 1-2, C.Hawkins 5-minus 21. **Toledo:** Collins 20-160, Opelt 8-109, Thomas 6-21, Pasquale 6-18, Team 3-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 64-30-3, 356, 4 td. **Toledo:** Opelt 23-15-0, 319, 4 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 11-114, Espinoza 8-109, Geer 3-28, Sumler 3-4, Wright 1-42, Deehan 1-34, Devenny 1-18, Ebner 1-6, Scott 1-1. **Toledo:** Noble 5-56, Stafford 4-88, Page 3-138, Burzine 1-23, Bailey 1-8, Collins 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 3-33.3 (43 long, 2 In20). **Toledo:** Claus 1-40.0 (40 long, 0 In20, 2 blk), Team 2-27.5.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 1-15. **Toledo:** Collins 1-0. **Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Scott 8-204. **Toledo:** Bellinger 4-70, Collins 1-15, Team 1-0.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Toledo:** Church 1-4, Richmond 1-0, Westbrook 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 9, 4—13; C.Brown 7, 3—10; J.Smith 6, 1—7; Mahnke 3, 4—7; Perkins 3, 4—7; Pericak 2, 3—5; J.Brown 2, 2—4; Ahles 1, 3—4; Stengel 1, 3—4; Burton 3, 0—3; Burney 1, 2—3; Cunningham 1, 2—3; Rippey 0, 3—3. **Toledo:** Swanson 7, 1—8; Donald 5, 3—8; Church 2, 6—8; Brudzinski 3, 3—6; Richmond 2, 3—5; Robinson 3, 1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Burton 1-1. **Toledo:** Robinson 1-8, Summers 1-8, Johnson 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Smith 2, Mahnke, Perkins. **Toledo:** Church, Swanson, Veal.

GAME NOTES

The official start time was **9:07 p.m.**; it turned out to be the second latest kick in school history (9:09, 1991 Blockbuster Bowl); the end time of **12:55 a.m.** was the latest ending by a single minute (12:54 a.m., '91 Blockbuster Bowl vs. Alabama) ... At 3:48, it tied for the fifth longest game in CU history (fourth regulation) ... Colorado is now **1-2** in regular season Friday night games played in its history; the other two occurred in 1964 (lost 21-0 at USC) and 1975 (won 23-10 at Miami-Fla.) ... It was just the third game CU ever played in the state of Ohio (1-2) ... CU is also now **7-20** all-time in games played in the Eastern Time Zone, now dropping seven straight; the last win was at Michigan in 1994 (yes, "The Catch") CU is now **5-3** on September 11 and **17-6-1** on the road at non-BCS schools since it joined the Big Seven (nee: Big 8, Big 12) for the 1948 season ... This was the second most points (38) that CU has scored in losing a game (to an 82-42 loss to Oklahoma on Oct. 4, 1980) ... McKnight caught a pass for the 26th straight game, one shy of the school record ... CU had been 0-for-9 on onside kick tries before **Jeff Smart** recovering one in the fourth quarter; the last successful attempt came against Nebraska in Boulder on Nov. 26, 1999 ... This was just CU's third loss (26-3) when its average field position is its own 40 or better since 1989 (CU 41).

GAME #3—COLORADO 24, WYOMING 0**SEPTEMBER 19 (FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER)**

BOULDER—The Colorado Buffaloes, apparently feeling comfortable in their silver and gold throwback uniforms, shutout the Wyoming Cowboys 24-0 and got into the win column for the first time in 2009 before 50,535 at Folsom Field. The shutout was CU's first since a 42-0 win over Miami (Ohio) here two seasons ago.

A week after a disheartening 54-38 loss at Toledo, the defensive staff drastically reduced the number of calls to be used against the Cowboys (1-2). Less was more for the Buffs, who did not come close to yielding the number of "explosion plays" that devastated them in their previous two games. Of its 71 plays, Wyoming had only five that gained 10 or more yards. And when it reached midfield and beyond, they were contained: the Cowboys ran 24 plays in "plus" territory, gaining just 39 yards.

Sophomore tailback Rodney "Speedy" Stewart led a CU ground game that finally found itself. He rushed 32 times for 127 yards and two touchdowns in a running game that netted 151 yards (187 before sack yardage).

CU won for the 12th time in 13 meetings with its neighbor to the north and now lead the series 24-2-1.

For the first time in three games, the Buffs took a lead and managed to hold it to halftime. Newsworthy? Consider CU was outscored 43-6 in the first halves of Games 1-2.

But in Game 3, something clicked: the Buffs led 17-0 at intermission, outgaining the Cowboys 206-61 in total offense and 13-3 in first downs. CU finished with 326 yards of total offense to Wyoming's 230, and of that total, only 76 were on the ground.

To open the game, CU drove 69 yards in six plays, with receiver Scotty McKnight credited for a 2-yard rushing touchdown when he picked up Demetrius Sumler's fumble and stepped into the end zone. Not a pretty way to end a drive, but effective nonetheless.

Aric Goodman's PAT put the Buffs in front 7-0 and they had established early momentum. It temporarily faded on their next series, though, when the center snap from shotgun formation sailed over quarterback Cody Hawkins' head.

Wyoming linebacker Brian Hendricks recovered at the CU 18-yard line, but the Cowboys couldn't capitalize when kicker Austin McCoy was wide right with a 35-yard field goal attempt, enabling the Buffs to maintain a 7-0 advantage that held up through the first quarter.

Four plays into the second quarter, CU increased its lead to 10-0, marching 51 yards in 12 plays after a Wyoming fake punt backfired.

McCoy, who also punts, was stopped for a 5-yard gain on fourth-and-eight, giving CU possession at its 46-yard line. The big play: Cody Hawkins converted a third-and-19 with a 28-yard completion to McKnight, and six plays later - with 13:35 left in the second quarter - Goodman hit a 20-yard field goal to push the Buffs in front 10-0.

CU then struck again - and fast. Two plays after Goodman's kick defensive back Jalil Brown recovered Darius Terry's fumble at the Wyoming 27, setting up a 2-yard plunge by Stewart. Benjamin Burney flew into Terry to force the fumble.

CU's defense seemed intent on protecting its shutout in the second half. While the Buffs were forced to punt the first two possessions of the third quarter, the defense held strong.

On CU's third possession of the third quarter, Cody Hawkins (17-of-31, 175 yards) directed a 13-play, 76-yard drive that consumed 6:45 of the period.

To cap it, Stewart ran for his second touchdown, this one from 11 yards and the Buffs were cruising, 24-0. The quarter ended that way, and the game would, too. Wyoming blew an early fourth-quarter chance to get on the scoreboard when McCoy was wide left on a 35-yard field goal attempt.

Wyoming.....	0	0	0	0	—	0
COLORADO	7	10	7	0	—	24

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — McKnight 2 run/fumble advance (Goodman kick)	7- 0	13:30	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 20 FG	10- 0	13:35	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 2 run (Goodman kick)	17- 0	11:40	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 11 run (Goodman kick)	24- 0	1:17	3Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WYOMING
First Downs.....	21	13
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	7-16 (0-2)	4-18 (0-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	45-151	35-76
Passing Yards	175	154
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	31-17-0	36-15-0
Total Offense	326	230
Return Yards	5	25
Punts: No-Average	6-47.7	9-39.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	3-1
Penalties/Yards	10/86	8/86
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	4-19	1-6
Time of Possession	35:08	24:52
Drives/Average Field Position	15/C31	14/W31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	4-4 (24)	0-2 (0)

Attendance: 50,535 **Time:** 3:02 **Weather:** 72 degrees, mostly sunny skies, winds from the east at 7 mph

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 32-127, Sumler 8-37, Lockridge 2-12, McKnight 0-2, Hawkins 1-minus 6, Team 2-minus 21. **Wyoming:** Carta-Samuels 9-36, Alexander 6-22, Stewart 7-17, Benjamin 6-6, McCoy 1-5, Caraway 1-1, Bolger 1-minus 2, Terry 3-minus 3, Sween 1-minus 6.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 31-17-0, 175, 0 td. **Wyoming:** Carta-Samuels 24-11-0, 125, 0 td; Sween 8-3-0, 27, 0 td; Benjamin 4-1-0, 2.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 5-77, Geer 4-26, Espinoza 3-18, Lockridge 1-17, Sumler 1-16, Jefferson 1-9, J.Behrens 1-7, Stewart 1-5. **Wyoming:** Leonard 6-49, Arnold 2-29, Bolger 2-15, McNeill 2-11, Morgan 1-37, Bolling 1-7, Stewart 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-47.7 (57 long, 1 In20). **Wyoming:** McCoy 9-39.0 (51 long, 3 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 2-5. **Wyoming:** Leonard 3-25. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lockridge 1-26. **Wyoming:** M.Gipson 3-56, Browder 1-3.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Wyoming:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: C.Brown 5,3—8; Herrod 4,3—7; Smart 2,5—7; J.Brown 4,1—5; J.Smith 4,1—5; Burney 3,2—5; Burton 3,2—5; Beatty 4,0—4; Mahnke 2,2—4; Mohler 2,2—4; Shields 3,0—3; Major 2,1—3. **Wyoming:** Hendricks 10,8—18; Gary 11,4—15; T.Gipson 9,1—10; Knapton 7,3—10; Johnson 4,4—8; Proinski 3,4—7; Givens 3,3—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Beatty 2-12, Rippey 1-6, Herrod 1-1. **Wyoming:** Fletcher 1-6.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Smart 2, Beatty, J.Brown, Burney, Burton, J.Smith, West. **Wyoming:** none.

GAME NOTES

WR Markques Simas finally saw his first action today, and started the game as well ... In addition to Simas seeing his first action, **ILB Jon Major** saw his first action on defense (he saw some special teams duty at Toledo), **ILB Guy Sergeant** his first taste of college play on special teams and **OG David Clark** his first on the final play of the game ... **TB Darrell Scott** dressed but did not play due to a bruised knee that was aggravated in pregame ... There were nine possessions in the first quarter ... Wyoming did not get its first first down until 11:14 remained in the second quarter (five consecutive three-and-outs preceded it) ... The last time CU held the opponent scoreless in the first half was on Nov. 10, 2007 when the Buffs led 21-0 at Iowa State (16 games) ... CU's last shutout was almost two years ago to the day, on Sept. 22, 2007 versus Miami-Ohio in Boulder (42-0; it was CU's most decisive win since that same game) ... Colorado allowed just 61 yards in the first half, and Wyoming netted zero yards on seven plays run in plus territory (50 on in) ... Wyoming ran 31 plays before posting its first play in double digits, a 19-yard run by Carta-Samuels in the third quarter (and its first 20-yard plus play came on play No. 42) ... **WR Will Jefferson** made his first career reception (3rd Qtr) ... Colorado is now 12-of-12 in the red zone in 2009 (10 TDs) ... Colorado allowed 624 yards on defense in the previous loss at Toledo; Wyoming gained 230, or 394 yards less, the sixth biggest improvement from one game to the next in CU history.

GAME #4—WEST VIRGINIA 35, COLORADO 24**OCTOBER 1 (MOUNTAINEER FIELD, MORGANTOWN, W.VA.)**

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. —The West Virginia Mountaineers outran, outscored and ultimately outlasted the Colorado Buffaloes, 35-24, in Milan Puskar Stadium here on a Thursday night ESPN contest, dropping the Buffs to 1-3 on the season.

Aric Goodman, the hero of the Buffs' 17-14 overtime win last season in Boulder, missed a 40-yard attempt on the game's opening possession and then the Mountaineers answered with no hesitation.

WVU running back Noel Devine, on his team's second offensive play, transformed a routine off-tackle play into a 77-yard scoring run, putting the Mountaineers up 7-0 early. On the other side of the ball, CU's Rodney Stewart apparently likes running against the Mountaineers' 3-3-5 stack defense. Last season in what amounted to his coming out party, he ran for 166 yards and he followed that this season by carrying 21 times for 105 yards and CU's first touchdown on a 36-yard run, the longest of his career, tying the game at 7-7.

After that score and an exchange of punts, CU forced the game's first turnover. Outside linebacker B.J. Beatty tackled and stripped West Virginia quarterback Jarrett Brown, then recovered the fumble at the West Virginia 34-yard line.

The Buffs advanced six yards further, and on fourth down, Goodman missed his second field goal of the night - this a 45-yard attempt clanking off the left upright.

West Virginia appeared ready to capitalize, with Jarrett Brown marching the Mountaineers as far as the Buffs 15-yard line. But after a first-down completion there, receiver Brad Starks fumbled and CU nickel back Jalil Brown recovered, enabling the Buffs to escape the first quarter with the 7-all tie.

Colorado was unable to take advantage of West Virginia's third turnover of the first half, this one a fumble that linebacker Jeff Smart covered. The last of the Mountaineers' first-

half fumbles nullified an interception by linebacker J.T. Thomas, who picked off a Cody Hawkins' pass but fumbled it away to Scotty McKnight.

That takeaway did lead to CU points as the Buffs completed a 10-play, 32-yard march capped by a Goodman 39-yard field goal to give CU a 10-7 lead.

The Mountaineers answered with a first-down hand off to Devine, who sprinted 56 yards to the CU 24. Four plays later, Jarrett Brown and Jock Sanders teamed for a 6-yard scoring pass and a 14-10 halftime lead.

West Virginia then opened the second half with a score on a 48-yard catch-and-run by Starks to give the Mountaineers a 21-10 cushion. The Buffs quickly responded with Cody Hawkins' 29-yard scoring pass to McKnight on fourth-and-seven as CU crept within 21-17 with 10:02 remaining in the third.

CU's defense held strong but CU botched the ensuing series, being penalized twice before Mountaineer safety Robert Sands intercepted Cody Hawkins on the West Virginia 37. Neither team threatened for the remainder of the third.

The Mountaineers opened the fourth quarter by using Devine. In a 14-play, 69-yard scoring drive, he carried nine times for 50 yards, leaving the final step into the end zone for redshirt freshman Ryan Clarke as the Mountaineers open an 11-point advantage (28-17), and with 9:17 to play.

When CU failed to convert on fourth down at its 15-yard line, Clarke scored his second touchdown two plays later with 2:00 to play to send the Mountaineers safely up 35-17.

The Buffs got their final points on a 20-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Marques Simas, whose grab in the end zone with :03 left was his second career reception. Hawkins finished 27-of-52 for 292 yards and two touchdowns. McKnight led CU's receivers catching nine passes for 98 yards.

COLORADO	7	3	7	7	—	24
West Virginia	7	7	7	14	—	35

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
West Virginia — Devine 77 run (Bitancurt kick)	0- 7	10:27	1Q
COLORADO — Stewart 36 run (Goodman kick)	7- 7	8:36	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 39 FG	10- 7	3:51	2Q
West Virginia — Sanders 6 pass from Brown (Bitancurt kick)	10-14	1:21	2Q
West Virginia — Starks 48 pass from Brown (Bitancurt kick)	10-21	13:05	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 29 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	17-21	10:02	3Q
West Virginia — Clarke 1 run (Bitancurt kick)	17-28	9:17	4Q
West Virginia — Clarke 8 run (Bitancurt kick)	17-35	2:00	4Q
COLORADO — Simas 20 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	24-35	0:03	4Q

Attendance: 60,055 **Time:** 3:17 **Weather:** 56 degrees, clear skies, winds calm

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 21-105, Sumler 1-7, Scott 4-5, Lockridge 2-2, Hawkins 2-minus 19. **West Virginia:** Devine 22-220, Clarke 5-22, Sanders 3-21, Rodgers 1-4, Austin 1-4, Starks 1-minus 5, Brown 8-minus 7, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 52-27-3, 292, 2 td; Team 2-0-0, 0. **West Virginia:** Brown 19-12-0, 148, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 9-98, Geer 7-89, Devenny 4-57, Simas 2-23, Sumler 2-19, Stewart 2-minus 1, J.Behrens 1-7. **West Virginia:** Starks 3-68, Sanders 3-18, Arnett 2-28, Austin 1-9, Clarke 1-9, Urban 1-9, Devine 1-7.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 3-31.0 (36 long, 0 In20). **West Virginia:** Kozlowski 4-48.0 (56 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 4-12. **West Virginia:** Sanders 1-12. **Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Lockridge 6-153. **West Virginia:** Rodgers 3-48, Austin 1-19.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **West Virginia:** Glover 1-20, Thomas 1-10, Hogan 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 9,1—10; Perkins 6,1—7; J.Brown 5,1—6; Cunningham 3,3—6; C.Brown 4,1—5; Beatty 4,0—4; Burney 3,1—4; Burton 2,2—4; Major 2,0—2; Pericak 1,1—2. **West Virginia:** Williams 3,6—9; Lazear 4,4—8; Sands 3,5—8; Hogan 3,4—7; Neild 2,4—6; Tandy 2,4—6; Thomas 2,4—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: C.Brown 2-31, Burton 1-12. **West Virginia:** Miller 1-10, Goulbourne 1-9.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown, J.Smith. **West Virginia:** Williams 3, Hogan 2, Goulbourne, Miller.

GAME NOTES

Colorado remained perfect in the red zone in 2009 (12-of-12), as the Buffs didn't have a chance in the game (all four scores from outside the zone---36, 29 and 20 yard touchdowns and the 39-yard field goal) ... West Virginia improved to 11-3 since losing in Boulder last year, while CU was 3-10 since that game ... Noel Devine (20-220) is the first player to rush for over 200 yards against CU since North Texas' Jamario Thomas rushed for 247 in Boulder on Sept. 18, 2004 ... **WR Markques Simas** made his first career reception and also had his first career TD, the latter the 20-yard catch with :03 remaining ... **QB Cody Hawkins** moved into third place all-time at Colorado in passing yards with 5,630; he vaulted Koy Detmer (5,390, 1992-96) in the game; he also pulled to within one of both the career touchdown (44) and interception (33) records at CU ... Colorado had 10 penalties last time against Wyoming, but cut that in half tonight to five, not committing one until 7:55 remained in the third quarter ... 12 of CU's 21 first downs were earned on third (10) and fourth (2) down ... CU ran 84 plays tonight and 84 last month at Toledo; that makes 18 games this decade (out of 127) that CU has run 80 or more plays; the most in a single season was four in 2001 ... Each team scored in every quarter in the game.

GAME #5—TEXAS 38, COLORADO 14**OCTOBER 10 (MEMORIAL STADIUM, AUSTIN, TEXAS)**

AUSTIN, Texas—Rallying behind a pair of special teams' touchdowns and another on defense, the No. 2 Texas Longhorns closed the game with 35 unanswered points and thwarted Colorado's upset bid in defeating the Buffaloes, 38-14.

The Buffs held a 14-3 lead with under a minute left in the first half, but gave up a late touchdown to Longhorn wide receiver Jordan Shipley to close the gap before the break. The Buffs then gave up three touchdowns without its defense on the field and a late one with it in the second half for the final score.

CU pulled sophomore quarterback Tyler Hansen's redshirt for the second consecutive season. Hansen entered the game with 14:13 remaining after Cody Hawkins threw interceptions on back-to-back possessions in the third quarter.

The Buffs dropped their Big 12 Conference opener and slipped to 1-4 overall. The Longhorns improved to 5-0 and 2-0.

The Buffs appeared to be in position to take a third-quarter lead or at least tie the game at 17 when safety Earl Thomas stepped in front of a Cody Hawkins' pass at the Longhorns 8-yard line and ran 92 yards for the game-turning touchdown. The game's turning point was the Longhorns' second-longest interception return in history and the fifth longest by a CU opponent. Instead, Texas cruised in front 24-14, and what appeared to be a monumental upset in the making instead shifted towards a routine rout, at least on the scoreboard.

The Buffs momentarily silenced the Longhorns by driving 66 yards on the game's opening possession and taking a 7-0 lead. On the drive's eighth play, Cody Hawkins hit tight end Patrick Devenny with a 25-yard touchdown pass, and Aric Goodman's PAT put CU in front by seven early.

Texas pulled to 7-3 on a 32-yard Hunter Lawrence field goal, but the Buffs blocked a 29-yard Lawrence attempt two series later that would have made it a one-point game.

The Buffs defense provided the half's biggest play with linebacker Marcus Burton sacking and forcing McCoy to fumble at his own 6-yard line with cornerback Jimmy Smith recovering.

After a false start penalty on first down (one of a school record 20 by the Buffs), Cody Hawkins flipped an 11-yard scoring pass to Riar Geer, shooting the Buffs ahead 14-3 and silencing 101,152 at Darrell K Royal-Memorial Stadium.

Cody Hawkins' pair of first-half scoring passes gave him the CU career record (45), surpassing Joel Klatt (2002-05), but his two interceptions gave him that career mark as well (34).

McCoy wasn't finished in the first half and he needed only 2:00 of the 2:46 left before intermission to make it a 14-10 game. His 39-yard touchdown pass to Shipley capped a 78-yard drive and pulled Texas to within four points at intermission.

With momentum on its side, the Buffs were up to forcing a three-and-out on the first drive of the second half and proceeded to keep one of the nation's top offensive teams in check the rest of the game.

But Texas special teams stepped up to the plate. The Longhorns overwhelmed the Buffs on a middle rush, with Marquise Goodwin blocking Matt DiLallo's punt and Ben Wells taking the ball three yards for Texas' first advantage of the night, 17-14, with 8:49 left in the third.

Thomas' interception came just under four minutes later and after Shipley returned a punt 74 yards with 12:29 to play, the Longhorns had opened up a 31-14 lead. Fozzy Whitaker ran 12 yards to send the Horns ahead 38-14 with 6:12 to play to cap the only Texas offensive scoring drive of the second half, the final points of the game.

COLORADO	7	7	0	0	—	14
Texas	3	7	14	14	—	38

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Devenny 25 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7- 0	11:26	1Q
Texas — Lawrence 32 FG	7- 3	5:28	1Q
COLORADO — Geer 11 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	14- 3	2:51	2Q
Texas — Shipley 39 pass from McCoy (Lawrence kick)	14-10	0:46	2Q
Texas — Wells 3 blocked punt return (Lawrence kick)	14-17	8:49	3Q
Texas — Thomas 92 interception return (Lawrence kick)	14-24	4:55	3Q
Texas — Shipley 74 punt return (Lawrence kick)	14-31	12:29	4Q
Texas — Whittaker 12 run (Lawrence kick)	14-38	6:12	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs.....	11	21
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	3-15 (1-1)	7-14 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards	34-42	25-46
Passing Yards	85	267
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	23-9-2	40-33-1
Total Offense	127	313
Return Yards	50	205
Punts: No-Average.....	9-34.6	4-28.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	20/140	8/93
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-12	3-29
Time of Possession	31:31	28:29
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C42	11/T23
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	2-3 (14)	2-3 (10)

Attendance: 101,152 **Time:** 3:10 **Weather:** 59 degrees, cloudy skies, winds calm

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 21-40, Sumler 4-20, Scott 3-2, Hawkins 1-minus 5, Hansen 5-minus 15. **Texas:** Johnson 9-20, McGee 7-14, Whittaker 1-12, Chiles 2-3, McCoy 6-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 18-6-2, 68, 2 td; Hansen 5-3-0, 17, 0 td. **Texas:** McCoy 39-32-1, 265, 1 td; Gilbert 1-1-0, 2, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Simas 2-13, Devenny 1-25, J.Behrens 1-14, McKnight 1-12, Geer 1-11, Deehan 1-5, Sumler 1-4, Scott 1-1. **Texas:** Shipley 11-147, Buckner 6-39, Chiles 5-21, McGee 4-23, Kirkendoll 3-25, Whittaker 2-3, Goodwin 1-7, Hales 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 8-38.9 (47 long, 3 In20, 1 blk), Team 1-0. **Texas:** Tucker 4-28.8 (45 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 2-16. **Texas:** Shipley 3-88, Goodwin 1-22, Wells 0-3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Scott 3-93, Lockridge 1-34, Sumler 1-15, Burton 1-14, J.Behrens 1-13. **Texas:** Shipley 2-38.

Interceptions—Colorado: J.Brown 1-minus 2. **Texas:** Thomas 1-92, Gideon 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 6,5—11; Perkins 5,4—9; Burney 5,3—8; C.Brown 1,7—8; J.Brown 4,3—7; J.Smith 6,0—6; Sipili 5,1—6; Mohler 4,2—6; Burton 5,0—5; Herrod 3,1—4; Cunningham 2,2—4; West 3,0—3; Polk 2,1—3. **Texas:** Muckelroy 7,4—11; Kindle 5,1—6; E.Acho 5,0—5; S.Acho 5,0—5; Alexander 3,2—5; Thomas 2,2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Herrod 1-7, Burton 1-5. **Texas:** S.Acho 2-14, Muckelroy 1-15.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Smart, J.Smith. **Texas:** Muckelroy 2, Brown, Houston.

GAME NOTES

This was just CU's second Saturday game in 2009 (1-1) ... The 59 degrees at kickoff was the lowest-ever for a CU-UT game in Austin (previous temps had been 84, 87, 79, 85, 79, 79 and 85); it was 65 degrees in Boulder for last year's game ... The **38-14** final score matched last year's final; the last time CU had two straight games with the same final score against the same opponent was in 1946-47, when it lost back-to-back games to Missouri by 21-0 scores ... CU is now **12-16** all-time in games played in the state of Texas ... In 14 Big 12 Conference openers, the Buffs are now 7-7 ... The second quarter field goal block by **OG Ryan Miller** was the first blocked field goal by the Buffaloes since Sept. 10, 2005, when **DE James Garee** blocked one in Boulder against New Mexico State ... **QB Tyler Hansen** was under consideration for a redshirt year, but he saw his first action this year on CU's first drive of the fourth quarter. Hansen finished the game directing three drives (14 plays, 9 yards); **Cody Hawkins** directed for 43 plays for 118 yards ... Colorado held Texas to a season-low **313** yards on offense (just 98 in the second half), the second lowest output by a Buff opponent this fall ... The Longhorns had a healthy **205-50** yard edge in return yards ... Colorado led 14-10 at halftime, its first intermission lead over Texas since the '01 Big 12 title game (when the Buffs were up 29-17). Since that game, UT has owned halftime leads of 14-7, 35-10, 42-3 and 21-0 (or a combined 112-20 in the four games).

GAME #6—COLORADO 34, KANSAS 30**OCTOBER 17 (FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER)**

BOULDER—Colorado's Cha'pelle Brown batted down a Todd Reesing pass in the end zone on the game's final play, preserving a 34-30 CU victory over previously unbeaten No. 17 Kansas, the 11th ranked, undefeated team since 1989 to visit Folsom Field and leave with its first loss.

The Buffs (2-4, 1-1 Big 12) snapped a two-game losing streak and won their first Big 12 game of the season. CU's defense held KU (5-1, 1-1) to minus-8 yards rushing, but surrendered 431 passing yards with Reesing doing the majority of the work (30-of-51, 401 yards, two touchdowns). KU took a 3-0 lead into the second quarter as both offenses struggled early, going three-and-out on each of their first two possessions.

CU got untracked under quarterback Tyler Hansen, making his first start of the season, near the end of the first quarter. He fashioned a 45-yard drive, and on the first play of the second quarter, CU's Aric Goodman, kicking despite an abdominal strain, hit a 45-yarder to tie the score.

On KU's second play of the next drive, the scrambling Reesing had the football knocked from his grasp when he ran into offensive tackle Jeff Spikes and Will Pericak recovered at the Jayhawks' 3-yard line. One play later, Stewart scored, giving CU a 10-3 lead with two scores just 29 seconds into the second quarter.

Hansen then began to roll, directing an 8-play, 79-yard drive. There were three big plays on that drive: a 20-yard scramble by Hansen, a 36-yard Hansen to Markques Simas completion, and a 12-yard scoring pass from Hansen to tight end Riar Geer.

Hansen then made his first mistake of the night, throwing an interception to safety Darrell Stuckey, but Jalil Brown had his QB's back, picking off Reesing and returning it 35 yards to the KU 1-yard line. Two plays later, Hansen went over right tackle for the touchdown, his first career score and CU led 24-3 with 2:24 before intermission.

That was more than enough time for Reesing to execute a textbook 2-minute drill. In an 11-play, 80-yard march, he hit Kerry Meier on a 4-yard TD pass with 11 seconds left in the half.

CU took the second-half kickoff, positioned Goodman for a 39-yard field goal and increased its lead to 27-10. Kansas then went to work as Reesing directed his offense on another 80-yard drive, capped Toben Oporum's 2-yard dive to pull within 27-17.

After another CU turnover, this time a Rodney Stewart fumble, CU's defense held Kansas to a field goal and CU's lead was down to a touchdown at 27-20. In a bit of déjà-vu, Hansen fumbled the ball away and again CU's defense held Kansas to another field goal, as KU continued to chip away at the lead, now at 27-23 as the third quarter came to a close.

Following a CU punt, Reesing capped a 58-yard drive with a 25-yard TD pass to Briscoe, giving KU a 30-27 lead.

Giving up the lead is perhaps what the Buffs needed to get their offense back into gear, and Hansen directed a 10-play, 76-yard march and the Buffs reclaimed the lead, 34-30, on a 13-yard Stewart run. Stewart was first hit at the 7-yardline and bulled his way to pay dirt. Hansen hit Geer for 29 yards on 3rd-and-15 earlier in the drive.

But 8:36 remained for Reesing, who converted a third-and-29 with a 41-yard pass to Briscoe. On fourth-and-goal from the 6-yard line, Reesing's pass for Briscoe was broken up in the end zone by Jimmy Smith.

CU was unable to run the clock out and KU took over with 59 seconds left. Reesing pushed his team to the Buffs 19-yard line, where after he spiked the ball to stop the clock, Jalil Brown batted away one pass and then Cha'pelle Brown batted the ball away from Dezmon Briscoe in the end zone as time expired.

Kansas	3	7	13	7	—	30
COLORADO	0	24	3	7	—	34

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Kansas — Branstetter 37 FG	0-3	6:01	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 45 FG	3-3	14:55	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 3 run (Goodman kick)	10-3	14:31	2Q
COLORADO — Geer 12 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	17-3	6:57	2Q
COLORADO — Hansen 1 run (Goodman kick)	24-3	2:24	2Q
Kansas — Meier 4 pass from Reesing (Branstetter kick)	24-10	0:11	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 39 FG	27-10	10:36	3Q
Kansas — Oporum 2 run (Branstetter kick)	27-17	7:24	3Q
Kansas — Branstetter 43 FG	27-20	3:55	3Q
Kansas — Branstetter 42 FG	27-23	1:15	3Q
Kansas — Briscoe 25 pass from Reesing (Branstetter kick)	27-30	13:02	4Q
COLORADO — Stewart 13 run (Goodman kick)	34-30	8:36	4Q

Attendance: 51,146 **Time:** 3:36 **Weather:** 68 degrees, clear skies, winds from the southeast at 6 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs.....	21	23
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	8-15 (0-0)	5-17 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	43-147	22-(-8)
Passing Yards	175	431
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	25-14-1	54-32-1
Total Offense.....	322	423
Return Yards	40	0
Punts: No-Average.....	4-35.5	4-44.2
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-2	3-1
Penalties/Yards	8/60	7/55
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	5-50	3-30
Time of Possession	31:41	28:19
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C34	11/K33
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	5-5 (31)	4-6 (20)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 24-108, Hansen 11-34, Sumler 2-3, Scott 3-2, Lockridge 2-1, Team 1-minus 1. **Kansas:** Sharp 13-29, Oporum 2-3, Reesing 7-minus 40.

Passing—Colorado: Hansen 25-14-1, 175, 1 td. **Kansas:** Reesing 51-30-1, 401, 2 td; Rojas 1-1-0, 16; Meier 1-1-0, 14; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 5-33, Geer 4-65, Simas 3-47, Scott 1-19, Jefferson 1-11. **Kansas:** Meier 11-103, Briscoe 8-154, Wilson 6-65, Sharp 3-44, Biere 2-23, McDougald 1-28, Reesing 1-14.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-35.5 (41 long, 0 in20). **Kansas:** Rojas 4-44.2 (51 long, 1 in20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 3-5. **Kansas:** Patterson 2-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Scott 5-129, Lockridge 1-29. **Kansas:** Briscoe 2-41.

Interceptions—Colorado: J.Brown 1-35. **Kansas:** Stuckey 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Smart 6,2—8; C.Brown 7,0—7; J.Smith 5,1—6; J.Brown 4,2—6; Burney 3,2—5; Burton 2,3—5; Perkins 3,1—4; Beatty 2,0—2; Cunningham 2,0—2; Herrod 2,0—2; Polk 2,0—2; West 1,1—2. **Kansas:** Dudley 12,5—17; Stuckey 10,2—12; Smith 8,0—8; Wright 3,3—6; Harris 5,0—5; Beshears 5,0—5; Patterson 4,0—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Herrod 2-14, Cunningham 1-14, Pericak 1-10, Team 1-12. **Kansas:** Wright 1-19, Wheeler 1-6, Laptad 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown 3, C.Brown, Burney, Cunningham, Mohler, J.Smith. **Kansas:** Foster, Harris, Stuckey.

GAME NOTES

With Kansas entering the game ranked No. 17 (Associated Press), since the start of the 1989 season, Colorado has now played the second most ranked teams in the nation (103), trailing only Florida (112) and equaled by Florida State ... CU is 43-58-2 in those games ... **WR Will Jefferson** made his first career start, the first true freshman to start for CU in 2009 ... The teams went "three-and-out" on the first four possessions; the game's initial first down came at the 8:19 mark of the first quarter ... Kansas netted only a first quarter field goal, extending the opponent streak to eight quarters at Folsom Field without a touchdown (CSU scored two first quarter TDs in the opener and KU got the next one late in the first half) ... **PK Aric Goodman's** 45-yard field goal to open the second quarter was his first career make as a Buffalo between 40-49 yards (he was 0-for-8, and 2-of-14 including his time at Wyoming); he did make a 54-yard kick against CSU and had a 52-yard boot when he was a Cowboy ... Colorado's **24-3** lead in the second quarter was its second largest of the year, behind only the 24-0 final score in the win over Wyoming; it also marks the largest margin KU has trailed in 2009 ... **WR Scotty McKnight** extended his regular season streak to 30 games with at least one reception ... CU was in danger of tying its record for losing its largest lead (21 points on two previous occasions, once to Kansas: in 1950, CU led 21-0 but lost 27-21; the other was in 2007 at Iowa State, losing 31-28 after leading 21-0) ... The **24** points scored by Colorado was its most in a single quarter since Aug. 30, 2003, when the Buffs scored 28 points in the second quarter of a 42-35 win over Colorado State in Denver.

GAME #7—KANSAS STATE 20, COLORADO 6**OCTOBER 24 (SNYDER FAMILY STADIUM, MANHATTAN, KAN.)**

MANHATTAN, Kan.—Daniel Thomas rushed for 145 yards and a touchdown, leading the charge for Kansas State as the Wildcats defeated Colorado, 20-6, in an early battle for control of the Big 12 North.

CU looked good on offense early but then sputtered after the first possession, failing to capitalize in logging a successful sequel to the previous week's upset of then-No. 17 Kansas. At the end of this day, K-State stood atop the North with a 3-1 league record and 5-3 overall mark, while CU dropped to 2-5 overall and 1-2 in the Big 12.

All of the game's scoring was done in the first 29 minutes, with half of K-State's total resulting from two of CU's four turnovers. Defense wasn't the downfall; offensive inefficiency and a couple of special teams missteps doomed the Buffs. Poor field position also was a factor: for 12 possessions, the Buffs' averaging starting point was their 19-yard line, while the Wildcats averaged opening on their 47 on 14 drives. CU started nine drives at or inside its own 20 compared to one for KSU.

The Buffs didn't bring nearly enough juice or whatever else might be needed offensively. Although they fell behind 3-0, they answered.

The Wildcats allayed some of those fears by marching to a 3-0 lead on their first possession, with Josh Cherry's 25-yard field goal culminating the nine-play 61-yard drive. CU answered smartly and efficiently with a 13-play, 71-yard drive that would be their only offensive noise until a late fourth quarter drive that ended in an interception. Rodney Stewart's 2-yard dive into the end zone put CU on the board, but Aric Goodman's PAT slammed high into the right upright, and the Buffs' lead was only 6-3, their first and only one of the game.

K-State's last drive of the first quarter spilled into the second, with a pair of option plays directed by Grant Gregory gaining 33 yards and a 14-yard run by the junior quarterback accounting for the bulk of the 58-yard scoring march.

Thomas got the touchdown on a 3-yard run, and Cherry's PAT pushed the Wildcats in front 10-6.

Less than a minute later, Cherry was the beneficiary of a Tyler Hansen fumble on the center snap that was recovered by linebacker Ulla Pomele at the CU 13-yard line. Cherry's 27-yard field goal sent the Wildcats in front 13-6, and the first half appeared on the verge of deteriorating for the Buffs.

After an earlier ill-advised decision to field a punt at his own 4-yard line (he was buried there), returner Jason Espinoza lost his first bobble of the season at the Buffs' 20, where it was recovered by Corey Adams.

The CU defense looked as if it might hold, but on third-and-two and the 12, the Buffs jumped off sides, giving K-State an effortless first down. Two plays later, Gregory scored on his 5-yard run off right tackle. After Cherry's PAT, the Wildcats led 20-6 and any of K-State's lost early momentum had been recaptured. And, given the state of its offense, most of CU's comeback hopes were disappearing.

With 1:06 left in the half, CU changed quarterbacks, subbing in Cody Hawkins to run the 2-minute drill. That strategy netted one first down before ending with Hawkins being intercepted by Emmanuel Lamur eight seconds before halftime.

If CU had designs on a comeback, receiving the second half kickoff was a good place to start. Instead, the Buffs took a delay of game penalty on first down. The series, then the third quarter and then the fourth fizzled from there. Four of six second half possessions ended in "three plays and out" as the saying goes. The K-State defense did an exceptional job on first down, limiting the Buffs to 2.2 yards per try, and after the opening drive, the Buffs didn't run their next play in Wildcat territory until five minutes remained in the game.

COLORADO	6	0	0	0	—	6
Kansas State	3	17	0	0	—	20

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Kansas State — Cherry 25 FG	0- 3	10:49	1Q
COLORADO — Stewart 2 run (kick failed)	6- 3	5:39	1Q
Kansas State — Thomas 4 run (Cherry kick)	6-10	13:19	2Q
Kansas State — Cherry 27 FG	6-13	11:24	2Q
Kansas State — Gregory 5 run (Cherry kick)	6-20	1:11	2Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS ST.
First Downs.....	15	14
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	5-16 (0-2)	2-11 (0-0)
Rushes—Net Yards	31-60	42-204
Passing Yards	184	80
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	37-17-2	18-9-0
Total Offense.....	244	284
Return Yards	- 3	10
Punts: No-Average.....	7-37.4	7-33.4
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-2	1-1
Penalties/Yards	8/69	9/69
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	2-17	4-32
Time of Possession	25:43	34:17
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C19	14/KS47
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	1-2 (6)	4-5 (20)

Attendance: 42,019 **Time:** 3:06 **Weather:** 51 degrees, partly cloudy skies, winds from the southwest at 5 mph

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 16-49, DiLallo 1-8, Sumler 2-7, Hawkins 1-4, Hansen 11-minus 8. **Kansas State:** Thomas 20-145, Gregory 11-27, Valentine 6-21, Banks 2-15, Team 3-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 23-10-2, 95, 0 td; Hansen 14-7-0, 89, 0 td. **Kansas State:** Gregory 18-9-0, 80, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-61, Geer 3-42, Deehan 3-18, Simas 2-24, Stewart 1-17, Lockridge 1-13, Ebner 1-9. **Kansas State:** Banks 3-14, Snipes 2-33, Thomas 2-18, Mastrud 1-11, Wilson 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 7-37.4 (50 long, 0 In20). **Kansas State:** Doerr 4-38.5 (48 long, 2 In20); Fulhage 3-26.7 (39 long, 3 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Espinoza 3-(-3). **Kansas State:** Banks 3-10. **Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Lockridge 4-82. **Kansas State:** Banks 1-41, Valentine 1-30.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas State:** Lamur 2-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Polk 9,6—15; Smart 11,0—11; J.Smith 8,0—8; Burney 4,3—7; Ahles 3,4—7; Burton 4,1—5; Cunningham 3,1—4; Sipili 3,1—4; C.Brown 2,2—4; J.Brown 1,2—3; Bonsu 2,0—2; Herrod 2,0—2. **Kansas State:** Pomele 5,2—7; Houlik 5,1—6; Moore 4,2—6; Hartman 5,0—5; Lamur 4,1—5; Rohleder 4,0—4; Butler 3,0—3; Fitzgerald 2,1—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Cunningham 1-11, Herrod 1-6. **Kansas State:** Fitzgerald 1½-6; Pomele 1-12; Brown ½-6; Moore ½-5, Berard ½-3.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Burney, Cunningham, Pericak. **Kansas State:** Butler 2, Harrison, Hartman, Moore, Thomas.

GAME NOTES

This was CU's 69th game in the state of Kansas, and the Buffs now own a record of **34-30-5**; the games and wins are the most in any state other than Colorado ... CU is now 1-2 for the sixth time in Big 12 play (but has never had an 0-3 start) ... **ILB Brandon Gouin** (kickoff return unit) and **TE Luke Walters** (FG/PAT unit) saw their first action as Buffs ... This was the ninth straight year the Buffs have played both Sunflower State schools back-to-back weeks: CU swept four encounters, the Kansas schools swept twice and there have been three splits ... Colorado ran the last eight plays of its first drive in plus territory and the last 10 of the game in the zone, but did not reach or cross the 50 in the 45 plays in-between ... Colorado is now **59-29-3** on artificial turf dating back to the 1989 season but is 0-4 on the fake stuff in 2009 ... **PK Aric Goodman** had made 26 straight PAT kicks prior to his first quarter miss ... The 6 points by CU was its fewest against Kansas State since a 38-6 loss in Manhattan in 1984 ... The last two games in the series have produced just 53 points (CU won 14-13 last year); that's the fewest over any two-game span in the series since 1965-66, when CU posted back to back shutouts (36-0 and 10-0) for 46 total points ... CU's 60 yards rushing was a low against the Wildcats since 1999, when the Buffs had 25 tries for 10 yards (as was its 244 yards of total offense; CU had 214 that year) ... It was the first time K-State held CU to zero touchdown passes since a 12-0 Buff win in Boulder in 1996 ... Field position was key in the game, with KSU starting 14 drives on average at its 47, while CU's 12 averaged to its 19; nine of the 12 were at or inside-the-20 (eight of the latter).

GAME #8—MISSOURI 36, COLORADO 17**OCTOBER 31 (FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER)**

BOULDER—Missouri endured a three-point second half but let its efficient early work in building a 33-0 first half lead at one point carry it to a 36-17 Big 12 Conference victory over Colorado at Folsom Field. It was the just the fourth "Halloween Homecoming" in CU history, the first ending in a loss for the hometown Buffaloes.

The defending North Division champion Tigers won their first conference game (1-3) and improved to 5-3 overall. With four games remaining, CU slumped to 1-3 in the league and 2-6 overall.

Colorado rallied gamely in the second half, despite how disastrous their opening act was, the Buffs still gave themselves a chance after intermission. But after getting back-to-back touchdowns (the first by the offense, the second by the defense) in the third quarter and cutting the Tigers' lead to 33-17, they failed on a critical fourth-and-one at the MU 13-yard line early in the fourth quarter that proved to be a back-breaker.

CU won the opening coin toss, deferred to the second half and immediately fell behind 7-0 as MU quarterback Blaine Gabbert drove the Tigers 80 yards in 11 plays. Gabbert completed three-of-six passes for 34 yards during the march, but tailback Derrick Washington accounted for 30 yards and walked in from the 1-yard line for the score.

Three plays after forcing the Buffs to punt, Gabbert and receiver Danario Alexander hooked up for a 73-yard score. Alexander appeared to break free of coverage on a pick play, then raced past diving CU safety Ray Polk and finished his sprint to the end zone unchallenged.

The Buffs then temporarily dodged one bullet, stopping the Tigers on downs inside the CU 6-yard line after a lost Tyler Hansen fumble. But any good vibes from that defensive stand disappeared when the Tigers, benefitting from a short field, moved 33 yards in two plays to push ahead 21-0. Tailback DeVon Moore got 31 yards on first down, the Gabbert and Alexander teamed for a 2-yard scoring pass on the next play.

The bright, virtually cloudless afternoon only got darker for CU. After cornerback Jimmy Smith intercepted Gabbert at the Buffs 10-yard line, Hansen promptly lost a fumbled center exchange and Grant Ressel kicked a 29-yard field goal four plays later for a 24-0 Tigers lead with 8:42 left in the half.

Ten seconds later, Missouri's lead swelled to 26-0 when Hansen, scrambling/retreating from his own 7-yard line, was tackled in the zone for a safety.

Not long after that the lead swelled to 33-0 as, after apparently lining up for a 43-yard field goal attempt, Mizzou holder Forrest Shook took the center snap and flipped the ball to blocker Jacques Smith, who ran 24 yards off left tackle for his first career rushing touchdown.

The Buffs finally scored on Aric Goodman's 48-yard field goal just over a minute before halftime and then to open the second half, Hansen drove the Buffs 58 yards for a touchdown — Rodney Stewart scored it on a 3-yard dive — and cut the Tigers' lead to 33-10.

After CU forced a Mizzou punt, Hansen was sacked and lost the ball at the Buffs 35. But four plays later, Burney intercepted Gabbert and returned it 78 yards for a touchdown that brought CU to 33-17 with 7:02 left in the third quarter.

After the Buffs' missed opportunity on 4th-and-1, CU's next possession was halted at the 8 when Hansen was intercepted by Tiger corner Kevin Rutland.

Missouri finished the scoring when, with just under 5 minutes remaining, it took over on downs at the CU 22-yard line, and Ressel kicked his 33-yard field goal.

The Tigers rolled up 400 yards on offense, not a blockbuster number, but did hold CU to just 176, including minus-14 on the ground (although that total included 73 yards lost in sacks).

Missouri.....	21	12	0	3	—	36
COLORADO	0	3	14	0	—	17

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Missouri — Washington 1 run (Ressel kick)	0-7	10:33	1Q
Missouri — Alexander 73 pass from Gabbert (Ressel kick)	0-14	6:47	1Q
Missouri — Alexander 2 pass from Gabbert (Ressel kick)	0-21	2:40	1Q
Missouri — Ressel 29 FG	0-24	8:42	2Q
Missouri — Safety, Harrison sacked Hansen in end zone	0-26	8:32	2Q
Missouri — J.Smith 24 pass from Shock (Ressel kick)	0-33	4:03	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 48 FG	3-33	1:07	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 3 run (Goodman kick)	10-33	11:37	3Q
COLORADO — Burney 78 interception return (Goodman kick)	17-33	7:02	3Q
Missouri — Ressel 29 FG	17-36	3:57	4Q

Attendance: 45,634 **Time:** 3:12 **Weather:** 48 degrees, clear skies, winds from the northwest at 3 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs.....	14	20
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	3-13 (0-3)	5-16 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	24-(-14)	45-184
Passing Yards	190	216
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	36-22-1	30-18-2
Total Offense	176	400
Return Yards	91	27
Punts: No-Average	4-36.5	5-42.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-3	2-0
Penalties/Yards	7/45	8/89
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-6	8-73
Time of Possession	23:36	36:24
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C29	16/M41
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	2-3 (10)	4-8 (20)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Simmons 1-15, Stewart 10-3, Sumler 2-2, Hansen 11-minus 34. **Missouri:** Washington 22-99, Moore 6-58, Gabbert 6-26, Lawrence 7-4, Team 2-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Hansen 36-22-1, 190, 0 td. **Missouri:** Gabbert 29-17-2, 192, 2 td; Shock 1-1-0, 24, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 9-104, Sumler 3-25, Simas 3-15, Geer 2-19, Stewart 2-10, Behrens 1-7, Devenny 1-5, Jefferson 1-5. **Missouri:** Alexander 8-123, Perry 4-38, Washington 2-2, J.Smith 1-24, Moore 1-12, Kemp 1-12, Jackson 1-5.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-36.5 (43 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Harry 5-42.0 (50 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McKnight 2-8, Espinoza 2-5. **Missouri:** Gettis 3-26.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Jaffee 2-68, Lockridge 3-65, Sumler 1-26. **Missouri:** Simmons 3-49, Gissinger 1-2.

Interceptions—Colorado: Burney 1-78, J.Smith 1-0. **Missouri:** Rutland 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Sipili 4,6—10; Smart 7,2—9; Polk 5,4—9; C.Brown 8,0—8; Burton 5,2—7; J.Smith 4,1—5; J. Brown 3,1—4; Herrod 3,1—4; Pericak 3,1—4; Mohler 2,2—4; Burney 3,0—3; Perkins 3,0—3; Beatty 2,1—3. **Missouri:** Weatherspoon 8,4—12; Gachkar 6,3—9; A.Smith 5,0—5; Ebner 4,0—4; Gettis 3,1—4; Gooden 3,0—3; Hamilton 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Perkins 1-6, Smart 1-0. **Missouri:** A.Smith 3-27, Rutland 1-14, Ebner 1-13, Coulter 1-7, Harrison 1-7, Steeples 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Smith 3, Burton, Perkins. **Missouri:** Baston, Ebner, A.Smith.

GAME NOTES

Colorado is now 2-1-1 in all-time Halloween Homecoming games (61-29-5 all-time on HC) ... Missouri's TD on its first possession was the fourth by an opponent this year on the first drive, but the first in four Big 12 games; CU has allowed two field goals with two three-and-outs the other four times ... The last safety suffered by Colorado before this game was at Kansas last year when Cody Hawkins was sacked in the end zone (Tyler Hansen was sacked in the EZ today) ... **PK Aric Goodman's** 48-yard field goal in the second quarter ended a run of 139 straight points in the series by Missouri ... CU had four punt returns for 13 yards, while not spectacular, Mizzou came in allowing 11 yards on 11 returns, or 1.0 per ... CU's struggles on first down continued, as the Buffs averaged just 3.3 yards on the down ... The Tigers had 306 yards in the first half but just 94 in the second ... CU has been especially stingy in the third quarter this year, allowing 564 yards in eight games, or just 70.5 yards ... The 71-yard TD play (Gabbert to Alexander) was the third 70-yard play this year against CU ... **SS Benjamin Burney** scored CU's first non-offensive touchdown of the 2009 season with his 78-yard interception return in the third quarter. It was the 14th longest INT return in school history, and the longest since teammate Marcus Burton rambled 99 yards with one at Oklahoma State in 2005 ... The eight sacks by Missouri were the most against the Buffs since 1984, when Iowa State had eight in a 23-21 CU win at Folsom.

GAME #9—COLORADO 35, TEXAS A&M 34**NOVEMBER 7 (FOLSOM FIELD, BOULDER)**

BOULDER—Down by 10 with 11:01 remaining, the Buffs kept their postseason hopes flickering by rallying in the final minutes for a 35-34 win against Texas A&M.

CU (3-6 overall, 2-3 Big 12 Conference) earned the victory with a 22-yard Tyler Hansen-to-Patrick Devenny touchdown pass - the catch came on a one-handed stab in the end zone with 2:04 left - and a pair of ensuing defensive highlights by safety Anthony Perkins (interception) and linebacker Marcus Burton (fumbled punt recovery) as A&M futilely pursued its own rally.

The Buffs got a breakthrough performance from receiver Markques Simas (seven catches, 135 yards, both career highs) and a 118-yard, two-touchdown rushing performance from tailback Rodney Stewart.

The Aggies (5-4, 2-3) entered the game averaging 490.5 yards in total offense - third in the nation - and the Buffs held them to 374 yards total. A&M quarterback Jerrod Johnson came in No. 1 in total offense at 328.9 yards a game and was limited to 251.

CU trailed by double-digits on two occasions (21-10 at halftime, 31-21 in the fourth quarter) but answered when necessary.

After a goal line stand stopped A&M at the CU 1-yard line on the Aggies' first possession, A&M took advantage of the resulting short field and drove 47 yards on their second possession to take a 7-0 lead.

The Buffs responded with efficient drives on their next two series, positioning Goodman for a 37-yard field goal (7-3). After forcing the Aggies to go three-and-out, Stewart capped a 69-yard march with a 13-yard touchdown run to push CU ahead 10-7.

A&M regained the lead (14-10) when Cyrus Gray returned Aric Goodman's kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown. Johnson then scored on a 3-yard keeper, and 17 seconds before intermission, CU's lead and flirtation with momentum were lost in as A&M led, 21-10.

To open the second half, CU's defense again stepped up, holding A&M to a missed field goal. The Buffs answered with a 50-yard drive ending with a 37-yard field goal by Goodman to cut the Aggies' advantage to 21-13 with 7:54 left in the third quarter.

A series later, after holding A&M to another three-and-out, Hansen marched CU 79 yards in 10 plays, the last of which was an option pitch to Stewart, who ran around right end for an 11-yard touchdown.

The Buffs tied the game at 21 on Hansen's two-point conversion pass to Simas, setting the stage for some fourth quarter fireworks.

Only three plays into the fourth quarter, the tie was broken (28-21) when A&M tailback Christine Michael bounced outside on a play off right tackle and scored on a 6-yard run to complete an 85-yard drive.

Two plays later, the Buffs' plight got worse when Hansen was intercepted by free safety Jordan Pugh. CU's defense held, but Randy Bullock's 47-yard field goal staked A&M to its second double-digit lead (31-21).

The Buffs were left with 10:53 to make up a 10-point deficit, and they immediately went to work. Two plays after Hansen and Simas converted a third-and-13 for a first down at the Aggies' 31, Sumler ran 8 yards for his first TD of the season, bringing the Buffs within three at 31-28 with 7:14 left.

A&M then doubled the Buffs deficit by kicking a 20-yard field goal with 3:59 left, making the score 34-28. But the Buffs didn't blink, answering with a 61-yard drive that included another Hansen-Simas third-down connection for 45 yards - and Devenny's one-handed scoring catch.

The Aggies had 2:04 to respond - but Perkins and Burton provided the telling answers instead.

Texas A&M	7	14	0	13	—	34
COLORADO	0	10	11	14	—	35

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Texas A&M — Fuller 1 pass from Johnson (Bullock kick)	0-7	2:33	1Q
COLORADO — Goodman 37 FG	3-7	12:33	2Q
COLORADO — Stewart 13 run (Goodman kick)	10-7	9:11	2Q
Texas A&M — Gray 99 kickoff return (Bullock kick)	10-14	8:57	2Q
Texas A&M — Johnson 3 run (Bullock kick)	10-21	0:17	2Q
COLORADO — Goodman 37 FG	13-21	7:54	3Q
COLORADO — Stewart 11 run (Simas pass from Hansen)	21-21	1:19	3Q
Texas A&M — Michael 6 run (Bullock kick)	21-28	14:22	4Q
Texas A&M — Bullock 47 FG	21-31	11:01	4Q
COLORADO — Sumler 7 run (Goodman kick)	28-31	7:14	4Q
Texas A&M — Bullock 20 FG	28-34	3:59	4Q
COLORADO — Devenny 22 pass from Hansen (Goodman kick)	35-34	2:04	4Q

Attendance: 47,227 **Time:** 3:10 **Weather:** 60 degrees, clear skies, winds from the east at 5 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS A&M
First Downs.....	24	20
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	8-16 (1-1)	6-14 (1-2)
Rushes—Net Yards	43-166	34-132
Passing Yards	271	242
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	36-20-1	32-21-1
Total Offense	437	374
Return Yards	0	17
Punts: No-Average.....	5-37.8	3-37.7
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	10/94	3/18
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-2	8-60
Time of Possession	35:20	24:40
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C27	11/T34
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	5-5 (28)	4-5 (24)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Stewart 20-118, Hansen 20-45, Sumler 1-7, Team 2-minus 4. **Texas A&M:** Michael 16-74, Gray 11-41, Johnson 5-9, Nwachukwu 1-6, McCoy 1-2.

Passing—Colorado: Hansen 32-21-1, 271, 1 td. **Texas A&M:** Johnson 36-20-1, 242, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Simas 7-135, McKnight 4-66, Sumler 3-10, Geer 2-25, Devenny 1-22, Jefferson 1-7, Simmons 1-3, Stewart 1-3, Ebner 1-0. **Texas A&M:** Tannehill 9-100, Swope 3-39, Fuller 3-37, Nwachukwu 2-37, McNeal 1-19, McCoy 1-8, Gray 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 5-37.8 (46 long, 0 In20). **Texas A&M:** Epperson 3-37.7 (43 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Stewart 1-0. **Texas A&M:** Harris 2-5, Frederick 1-3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Lockridge 6-113. **Texas A&M:** Gray 4-181.

Interceptions—Colorado: Perkins 1-0. **Texas A&M:** Pugh 1-9.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: J.Brown 8,7—15; Burney 6,4—10; C.Brown 7,2—9; Perkins 5,4—9; Sipili 4,4—8; Smart 4,2—6; J.Smith 3,2—5; Cunningham 1,3—4. **Texas A&M:** Hunter 8,5—13; Pugh 6,2—8; Hodges 5,2—7; Harris 5,0—5; Brown 5,0—5; Porter 4,1—5; Miller 4,1—5; Frederick 3,2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Beatty ½-1; Smart ½-1. **Texas A&M:** Miller 2-18, Moss 1-10, Brown 1-7, Featherston 1-6, Harris 1-5, Porter 1-5, Team 1-9.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: J.Brown 3, Cunningham 2, Mohler. **Texas A&M:** Mangan, Pugh, Stewart.

GAME NOTES

This marked the 28th time in CU history that the Buffs had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game ... Associate head coach/linebacker coach **Brian Cabral**, in honor of his 300th game as a Colorado Buffalo (254 coach/46 player) wore his trademark lava lava on the sideline ... **WR Dustin Ebner** made his first career start ... Texas A&M ran 18 plays in the first quarter, 16 in CU territory (but just seven of 16 in the second quarter) ... Cyrus Gray's 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown was the first by a CU opponent since last season (two, the last by Florida State's Michael Garvin for 94 yards on Sept. 27 in FSU's 39-21 win; CSU's Johnny Mosure had the other) ... CU had four plays of 30 yards or longer (two in each half); it had just seven coming in, with three against Toledo the only time previous the Buffs had managed multiple 30-plus plays in the same game ... CU's 437 yards were its second most on offense this year (451 at Toledo), its most in a Big 12 game since amassing 518 yards in the 65-51 win over Nebraska in the '07 season finale ... **PK Aric Goodman** kicked his first game-winning extra point of his career; he had a game-winning field goal against West Virginia last year ... CU averaged five yards or more on first down for just the second time this season (5.1; the Buffs averaged 5.4 against Colorado State). Colorado struggled its last two games (2.2 vs. K-State, 3.3 vs. Missouri).

CHART-MANIA

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the 24 football seasons between 1985 through 2008 (*includes bowls; list includes only those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 24 seasons*):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2008)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Miami, Fla.	230	61	0	.790
2	Florida State	235	62	2	.789
3	Nebraska	232	67	1	.775
4	Florida	224	73	2	.753
5	Ohio State	219	72	5	.748
6	Michigan	217	73	5	.744
7	Tennessee	216	75	6	.737
8	Oklahoma	212	80	3	.724
9	Penn State	207	84	1	.711
10	Auburn	199	85	5	.697
11	Georgia	201	88	3	.693
12	Texas	200	90	2	.688
13	Southern California	201	90	5	.688
14	Alabama	202	94	2	.681
15	Texas A & M	195	96	2	.669
16	Brigham Young	203	100	2	.669
17	Virginia Tech	192	96	3	.665
18	Notre Dame	190	98	2	.659
19	LSU	184	102	3	.642
20	Fresno State	187	104	3	.641
21	Clemson	183	103	3	.638
22	West Virginia	178	104	4	.629
23	Colorado	181	107	4	.627
24	Oregon	176	108	0	.620
25	Air Force	178	114	1	.609
26	Utah	172	111	0	.608
27	Virginia	174	114	1	.604
28	UCLA	169	113	3	.598
29	Southern Miss	166	113	1	.595
30	Iowa	161	114	5	.584
31	Syracuse	165	117	4	.584
32	Washington	162	120	3	.574
33	Arizona State	160	119	3	.573
34	Kansas State	156	128	2	.549
35	North Carolina State	156	128	4	.549

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2008)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	197	53	1	.787
2	Florida	196	56	1	.777
3	Ohio State	190	56	3	.769
4	Nebraska	191	58	1	.766
5	Miami, Fla.	186	57	0	.765
6	Tennessee	185	61	3	.749
7	Michigan	178	64	3	.733
8	Texas	176	68	2	.720
9	Virginia Tech	172	72	2	.704
10	Penn State	171	73	1	.700
11	Southern California	170	73	4	.696
12	Oklahoma	170	74	3	.694
13	Georgia	168	74	1	.693
14	Auburn	162	76	3	.678
15	Alabama	166	81	1	.671
16	Brigham Young	166	83	2	.665
17	Notre Dame	160	82	2	.660
18	Texas A & M	159	84	2	.653
19	Oregon	154	87	0	.639
20	Kansas State	153	88	1	.634
21	Colorado	153	88	4	.633
22	West Virginia	150	87	3	.631
23	Toledo	146	85	3	.630
24	Clemson	149	91	1	.620
25	Virginia	150	93	1	.617
26	LSU	148	92	1	.616
27	Fresno State	151	95	2	.613
28	Wisconsin	148	93	4	.612
29	Air Force	146	97	1	.600
30	Georgia Tech	143	98	1	.593
31	TCU	137	96	1	.588
32	Southern Miss	138	97	1	.587
33	Colorado State	137	104	1	.568
34	Washington	134	103	1	.565
35	UCLA	132	104	1	.559
36	Miami, Ohio	126	99	6	.558

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2008)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	126	31	0	.803
2	Ohio State (Big Ten)	121	36	3	.766
3	Michigan (Big Ten)	121	37	2	.763
4	BYU (WAC/MWC)	116	37	1	.756
5	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	116	40	0	.744
6	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	113	39	1	.742
7	Tennessee (SEC)	115	41	1	.736
8	Southern Cal (Pac-10)	110	49	3	.688
9	Oklahoma (Big 8/12)	103	48	2	.680
10	Toledo (MAC)	105	50	0	.677
11	Colorado (Big 8/12)	97	53	3	.644
12	Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12)	99	55	2	.641
13	Alabama (SEC)	100	57	0	.637
14	Miami, Ohio (MAC)	98	58	4	.625
15	Auburn (SEC)	95	59	3	.615
16	Georgia (SEC)	95	61	1	.608

Note: The above includes records for only those schools that have been members of conferences (or Div. I-A) since **1989** and does not include league championship games.

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (21-17-1)

Year	Opponent	Result	Year	Opponent	Result
1987	Nebraska	L 7-24	2003	Oklahoma	L 20-34
1988	Oklahoma	L 14-17		Nebraska	L 22-31
1990	Iowa State	W 28-12	2004	Colorado State	W 27-24
1991	Missouri	W 55- 7		Texas	L 7-31
1992	Oklahoma	T 24-24		Kansas State	W 38-31
1993	Nebraska	L 17-21	2005	Nebraska	L 3-30
1994	Oklahoma State	W 17- 3	2006	Texas Tech	W 30- 6
1995	Missouri	W 21- 0		Kansas State	L 21-34
	a—Oregon	W 38- 6		Iowa State	W 33-16
1996	Texas	W 28-24	2007	c—Colorado St. (OT)	W 31-28
	Kansas State	W 12- 0		Florida State	L 6-16
1997	Kansas	W 42- 6		Nebraska	W 65-51
	Missouri	L 31-41	2008	c—Colorado State	W 38-17
1998	Kansas State	L 9-16		West Virginia (OT)	W 17-14
1999	Nebraska (OT)	L 30-33		Texas	L 14-38
2000	Iowa State	L 27-35		Oklahoma State	L 17-30
2001	Nebraska	W 62-36	2009	Colorado State	L 17-23
2002	Kansas State	W 35-31			
	Baylor	W 34- 0			
	Texas Tech	W 37-13			
	Iowa State	W 41-27			
	b—Oklahoma	L 7-29			

a—Cotton Bowl; b—Big 12 Championship at Houston; c—in Denver.

THE LAST TIME**INDIVIDUAL**

Kickoff Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Josh Smith vs. Colorado State in Denver, Aug. 31, 2008 (93 yards). Opponent: Cyrus Gray, Texas A&M in Boulder, Nov. 7, 2009 (99 yards).
Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards). Opponent: Jordan Shipley, Texas at Austin, Oct. 10, 2009 (74 yards).
Interception Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Benjamin Burney vs. Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009 (78 yards). Opponent: Earl Thomas, Texas at Austin, Oct. 10, 2009 (92 yards).
Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown	Colorado: Jimmy Smith vs. Nebraska in Lincoln, Nov. 28, 2008 (58 yards). Opponent: Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards). Opponent: Ben Wells, Texas at Austin, Oct. 10, 2009 (3 yards).
Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Has not occurred. Opponent: Has not occurred.
Blocked Punt	Colorado: Doug Rippy vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (<i>two blocks</i>). Opponent: Marquise Goodwin, Texas at Austin, Oct. 10, 2009 (<i>picked up by Ben Wells for a 3-yard touchdown</i>).
Blocked PAT Kick	Colorado: James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>). Opponent: Nate Frere, Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008.
Blocked Field Goal	Colorado: Ryan Miller vs. Texas at Austin, Oct. 10, 2009. Opponent: Ian Campbell, Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 18, 2008.
Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown	Colorado: Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone). Opponent: Has not occurred.
Defensive Two-Point Conversion	Colorado: Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991. Opponent: Has not occurred.
300 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 316, Tyler Hansen vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Nov. 7, 2009 (<i>271 pass, 45 rush</i>). Opponent: 353, Todd Reesing, Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009 (<i>401 pass, -48 rush</i>).
400 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. Opponent: 428, Aaron Opelt, Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (<i>319 pass, 109 rush</i>).
100 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 118, Rodney Stewart vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Nov. 7, 2009 (<i>20 carries</i>). Opponent: 145, Daniel Thomas, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 24, 2009 (<i>20 carries</i>).
200 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002. Opponent: 220, Noel Devine, West Virginia at Morgantown, Oct. 1, 2009 (<i>20 carries</i>).
300 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. Opponent: Has not occurred (record is 268).
Three Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 3, Hugh Charles vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007. Opponent: 3, Jake Sharp, Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 11, 2008.
Four Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. Opponent: 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997.
Two 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002. Opponent: Dajuane Collins (20-160) and Aaron Opelt (8-109), Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
Three 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970. Opponent: David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151) and George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
300 Yards Passing	Colorado: 356, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. Opponent: 401, Todd Reesing, Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009.
400 Yards Passing	Colorado: 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. Opponent: 401, Todd Reesing, Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009.
Three Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 4, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. Opponent: 4, Aaron Opelt, vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
Four Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 4, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. Opponent: 4, Aaron Opelt, vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
Five Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. Opponent: 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008.
Three Interceptions Thrown	Colorado: 3, Cody Hawkins vs. West Virginia at Morgantown, Oct. 1, 2009. Opponent: 3, Joe Ganz, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
Four Interceptions Thrown	Colorado: 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997. Opponent: 4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
10 Receptions	Colorado: 11, Scotty McKnight vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. Opponent: 11, Kerry Meier, Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009.
100 Yards Receiving	Colorado: 135, Marques Simas vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Nov. 7, 2009 (<i>7 receptions</i>). Opponent: 100, Ryan Tannehill, Texas A&M in Boulder, Nov. 7, 2009 (<i>9 receptions</i>).
200 Yards Receiving	Colorado: 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996 (<i>7 receptions</i>). Opponent: 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996 (<i>18 receptions</i>).
Two Touchdowns Receiving	Colorado: 2, Scotty McKnight vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008. Opponent: 2, Danario Alexander, Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009.
Three Touchdowns Receiving	Colorado: 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. Opponent: 3, Maurice Purify, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
Two 100-Yard Receivers	Colorado: Scotty McKnight (11-114) and Jason Espinoza (8-109) vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. Opponent: Dezmon Briscoe (8-154) and Kerry Meier (11-103), Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009.
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver	Colorado: Rodney Stewart (20-118 rushing) & Marques Simas (7-135 receiving) vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Nov. 7, 2009. Opponent: Dajuane Collins (20-160)/Aaron Opelt (8-109) & Eric Page (3-138, receiving), Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver (same player)	Colorado: Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001. Opponent: Has not occurred.

The Last Time, continued...

Four Touchdowns In A Game	Colorado:	4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush).
	Opponent:	4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush).
Four Field Goals In A Game	Colorado:	5, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
	Opponent:	4, Alex Henery, Nebraska in Lincoln, Nov. 28, 2008.
50-Yard Field Goal	Colorado:	54, Aric Goodman vs. Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 6, 2009.
	Opponent:	50, Alex Steigerwalk, Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
Two Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	Opponent:	2, Emmanuel Lamur, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 24, 2009.
Three Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	Opponent:	3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002.
Four Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	Has not occurred.
	Opponent:	4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946.
Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Colorado:	3 (for 26 yards), Abraham Wright vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006.
	Opponent:	3 (for 27 yards), Aldon Smith, Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009.
Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Colorado:	4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992.
	Opponent:	4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984.

TEAM

Shut Out (Defensive)	Colorado:	Game: 24-0, vs. Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009. Through 3rd Qtr: 24-0, vs. Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009. At Half: 17-0, vs. Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009.
	Opponent:	Game: 0-58, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008. Through 3rd Qtr: 0-58, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008. At Half: 0-10, by Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008.
Safety	Colorado:	vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try).
	Opponent:	by Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009 (Tyler Hansen sacked in end zone).
Held To No Offensive Touchdowns	Colorado:	by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	vs. Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009.
30 First Downs In A Game	Colorado:	33, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Held Under 10 First Downs	Colorado:	7, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
	Opponent:	6 vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
500 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	624, by Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
600 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	624, by Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	176, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009 (-14 rush, 190 pass).
	Opponent:	139, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (44 rush, 95 pass).
Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
	Opponent:	74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
300 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	359, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	305, by Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
400 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002.
	Opponent:	419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987.
500 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000.
	Opponent:	516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	-14, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009 (<i>24 attempts</i>).
	Opponent:	-8, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009 (<i>22 attempts</i>).
400 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent:	431, Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 17, 2009.
500 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995.
	Opponent:	523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 (<i>Aloha Bowl</i>).
Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	85, vs. Texas at Austin, Oct. 10, 2009.
	Opponent:	80, by Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 24, 2008.
Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play	Colorado:	8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586).
	Opponent:	9.45, by Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (66-624).
Held Under Three Yards Per Play	Colorado:	2.93, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Oct. 31, 2009 (60-176).
	Opponent:	2.84, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (49-139).
Four Interception Game	Colorado:	4, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	Opponent:	4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999.
Five Interception Game	Colorado:	5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
	Opponent:	5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.
Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles	Colorado:	5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999.
	Opponent:	5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980.
Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles	Colorado:	6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983.
	Opponent:	6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975.
Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game	Colorado:	40:24, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Opponent:	42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997.
Turnover-Free Game	Colorado:	vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
	Opponent:	by Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008.
Did Not Punt	Colorado:	vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1994.
	Opponent:	by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 22, 1983.
Recovered Own Onside Kick	Colorado:	vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (Jeff Smart); 0-of-last 2.
	Opponent:	by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007 (Jermaine Walters); 0-of-last-4.

CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS

Here are the single-game career bests for those current players who have regularly appeared in games:

B.J. BEATTY, OLB

Total Tackles—4, thrice (last: at West Virginia, 10/01/09)
Solo Tackles—4, twice (last: at West Virginia, 10/01/09)
QB Sacks—2, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09
Third Down Stops—1, 9 times (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)

JAKE BEHRENS, FB

Rushing Attempts—3, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Rushing Yards—29, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Long Run—23, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Rushing TDs—N/A
Receptions—4, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08
Receiving Yards—32, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08
Long Reception—14, at Texas, 10/10/09
Receiving TDs—1, three times (last: vs. Texas, 10/04/08)

NATE BONSU, DT

Total Tackles—2, twice (last: at Kansas State, 10/24/09)
Solo Tackles—2, at Kansas State, 10/24/09
QB Sacks—N/A
Third Down Stops—1, at Texas, 10/10/09

CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB

Total Tackles—15, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08
Solo Tackles—11, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Interceptions—1, thrice (last: vs. Texas, 10/04/08)
QB Sacks—2, at West Virginia, 10/01/09
Third Down Stops—3, at West Virginia, 10/01/09
Pass Deflections—4, at Baylor, 10/06/07

JALIL BROWN, FS

Total Tackles—15, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09
Solo Tackles—10, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Interceptions—1, thrice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/17/09)
Pass Deflections—3, twice (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)

BENJAMIN BURNEY, CB

Total Tackles—10, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09
Solo Tackles—6, twice (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)
Interceptions—1, thrice (last: vs. Missouri, 10/31/09)
Pass Deflections—2, vs. Nebraska, 11/23/07

MARCUS BURTON, ILB

Total Tackles—8, twice (last: at Texas, 10/10/09)
Solo Tackles—5, at Texas, 10/10/09; vs. Missouri, 10/31/09
Tackles For Loss—2, at Texas, 10/15/05; vs. Mizzhou, 10/31/09
QB Sacks—1, four times (last: at Texas, 10/10/09)
Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: vs. Missouri 10/31/09)
Interceptions—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)

CURTIS CUNNINGHAM, DT

Total Tackles—6, at West Virginia, 10/01/09
Solo Tackles—3, thrice (last: at Kansas State, 10/24/09)
QB Sacks—1, twice (at Kansas State, 10/24/09)
Interceptions—1, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08
Passes Broken Up—2, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)

RYAN DEEHAN, TE

Receptions—3, twice (last: at Kansas State, 10/24/09)
Receiving Yards—34, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Long Reception—34, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08

PATRICK DEVENNY, TE

Receptions—4, twice (last: at West Virginia, 10/01/09)
Receiving Yards—57, at West Virginia, 10/01/09
Long Reception—25, at Texas, 10/10/09
Receiving TDs—1, six times (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)

MATT DILALLO, P

Punts—11, vs. Missouri, 11/03/07
Average (*min. 5 punts*)—51.8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
Long Punt—73, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
50-Plus—4, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08
Inside-the-20—4, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

JASON ESPINOZA, WR

Receptions—8, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Receiving Yards—109, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Receiving TDs—1, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Long Reception—27, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Punt Return Yards—16, at Texas, 10/10/09

RIAR GEER, TE

Receptions—7, at Georgia, 9/23/06 & at W. Virginia, 10/01/09
Receiving Yards—89, at West Virginia, 10/01/09
Long Reception—68, at Nebraska, 11/28/08 (TD)
Receiving TDs—1, 10 times (last: vs. Kansas, 10/17/09)

ARIC GOODMAN, PK (at Colorado)

Field Goals Attempted—4, at West Virginia, 10/01/09
Field Goals Made—2, twice (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)
Long Field Goal—54, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09
Long Field Goal Attempt—57, at West Virginia, 10/01/09
PAT Attempts—5, twice (last: at Toledo, 9/11/09)
PAT Made—5, twice (last: at Toled21o, 9/11/09)

At Wyoming:

Long Field Goal—52, vs. San Diego State, 11/04/06 (home)

CODY HAWKINS, QB

Pass Attempts—64, at Toledo, 9/11/09 (school record)
Pass Completions—34, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Passing Yards—356, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Long Pass—65, at Baylor, 10/06/07
TD Passes—4, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08; at Toledo, 9/11/09
Interceptions—3, four times (last: at West Virginia, 10/1/09)
Rating—180.0, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08
Rushing Attempts—11, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08
Rushing Yards—26, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08
Long Rush—19, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08

TYLER HANSEN, QB

Pass Attempts—36, vs. Missouri, 10/31/09
Pass Completions—22, vs. Missouri, 10/31/09
Passing Yards—271, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09
TD Passes—1, thrice (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)
Interceptions—2, at Texas A&M, 11/01/08
Rating—140.8, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09
Rushing Attempts—20, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09
Rushing Yards—86, twice (last: at Texas A&M, 11/01/08)
Long Rush—31, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09

MARQUEZ HERROD, DE

Total Tackles—7, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09
Solo Tackles—4, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09
QB Sacks—2, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/17/09)
Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)
QB Hurries—2, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/17/09)

WILL JEFFERSON, WR

Receptions—1, four times (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)
Receiving Yards—11, vs. Kansas, 10/17/09
Receiving TDs—N/A
Long Reception—11, vs. Kansas, 10/17/09

BRIAN LOCKRIDGE, TB

Rushing Attempts—14, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Rushing Yards—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Run—47, at Iowa State, 11/10/07
Rushing TDs—1, twice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09)

PATRICK MAHNKE, S

Total Tackles—9, at Nebraska, 11/28/08
Solo Tackles—4, at Nebraska, 11/28/08
QB Sacks—1, at Nebraska, 11/28/08
Third Down Stops—1, twice (last: at Nebraska, 11/28/08)
Interceptions—N/A
Pass Deflections—2, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08

SCOTTY McKNIGHT, WR

Receptions—11, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Receiving Yards—114, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Long Reception—40, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Receiving TDs—2, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08

SHAUN MOHLER, ILB

Total Tackles—14, at Kansas, 10/11/08
Solo Tackles—11, at Kansas, 10/11/08
Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08)
Interceptions—1, twice (last: vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08)
QB Hurries—1, thrice (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)

KEVIN MOYD, TB

Rushing Attempts—3, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Rushing Yards—25, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Long Run—21, vs. Texas, 10/04/08
Rushing TDs—N/A

WILL PERICAK, DT

Total Tackles—5, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Solo Tackles—3, vs. Missouri, 10/31/09
QB Sacks—1, vs. Kansas, 10/17/09
Third Down Stops—1, four times (last: at Texas, 10/10/09)

ANTHONY PERKINS, S

Total Tackles—11, vs. West Virginia, 10/01/08
Solo Tackles—6, at West Virginia, 10/01/09
Third Down Stops—3, vs. Missouri, 10/31/09
Interceptions—1, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09
Pass Deflections—1, at Toledo, 9/11/09

RAY POLK, FS

Total Tackles—15, at Kansas State, 10/24/09
Solo Tackles—9, at Kansas State, 10/24/09
Pass Deflections—N/A

DOUGLAS RIPPY, OLB

Total Tackles—3, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Solo Tackles—1, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09
QB Sacks—1, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09

MARKQUES SINAS, WR

Receptions—7, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09
Receiving Yards—135, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09
Receiving TDs—1, at West Virginia, 10/01/09
Long Reception—47, vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09

ANDRE SIMMONS, WR

Receptions—1, twice (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)
Receiving Yards—44, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09
Receiving TDs—N/A
Long Reception—44, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09

MICHAEL SIPILLI, ILB

Total Tackles—10, vs. Missouri, 10/31/09
Solo Tackles—6, at Nebraska, 11/24/06
Pass Deflections—1, twice
QB Sacks—N/A
QB Hurries—2, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08

JEFF SMART, ILB

Total Tackles—15, at Nebraska, 11/28/08
Solo Tackles—11, thrice (last: at Kansas State, 10/24/09)
Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08)
QB Sacks—1, at Missouri, 10/25/08
Interceptions—1, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09
Passes Broken Up—2, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09

JIMMY SMITH, CB

Total Tackles—12, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09
Solo Tackles—10, at Nebraska, 11/28/08
Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/17/09)
Interceptions—1, vs. Nebraska, 11/23/07
Pass Deflections—4, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08

RODNEY STEWART, TB

Rushing Attempts—32, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09
Rushing Yards—166, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08
Long Run—36, at West Virginia, 10/01/09 (TD)
Rushing TDs—2, thrice (last: vs. Texas A&M, 11/07/09)
Receptions—3, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08
Receiving Yards—19, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08
Long Reception—17, at Kansas State, 10/24/09
Receiving TDs—N/A

DEMETRIUS SUMLER, TB

Rushing Attempts—22, vs. Oklahoma State 11/15/08
Rushing Yards—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Run—36, at Nebraska, 11/28/08 (TD)
Rushing TDs—2, twice (last: at Nebraska, 11/28/08)
Receptions—5, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08
Receiving Yards—40, twice (last: vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08)
Long Reception—40, at Texas A&M, 11/01/08
Receiving TDs—1, at Baylor, 10/06/07

ANTHONY WRIGHT, WR

Receptions—1, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Receiving Yards—42, at Toledo, 9/11/09
Receiving TDs—N/A
Long Reception—42, at Toledo, 9/11/09

DEPTH CHART

A note about CU's depth: in-season, depth charts reflect change and generally do not announce it unless there are long-term injuries; also, the coaches often use "groupings" at certain positions (i.e. receiver-tight end-tailback-fullback), and often a group enters the game to run a play that does not match the depth.

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

Note: Only 10 positions listed on offense; at the WR position, players switch back-and-forth between the traditional X and Z positions, thus all are grouped together. List the top two in "starting" positions if need be.

WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (*x, z*)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 185, Jr.**
- 6 Markques Simas, 6-2, 215, Soph.
- 80 Will Jefferson, 5-11, 190, Fr.
- 1 Andre Simmons, 6-3, 210, Jr.
- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 180, Soph.*
- 15 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 175, Soph.*
- 25 Kevin Moyd, 5-7, 195, Sr.-5*** (*also TB*)
- (16 Anthony Wright, 6-0, 190, Soph.*—*Inj.*)

LEFT TACKLE

- 78 Nate Solder, 6-9, 305, Jr.**
- 53 Ryan Dannewitz, 6-6, 300, Fr.-RS

LEFT GUARD

- 63 Ethan Adkins, 6-4, 305, Soph.
- 66 Blake Behrens, 6-3, 285, Soph.*
- 60 David Clark, 6-4, 310, Soph.

CENTER

- 56 Keenan Stevens, 6-2, 290, Jr.
- 64 Mike Iltis, 6-3, 280, Soph. (*also OG*)
- 68 Shawn Daniels, 6-3, 285, Soph.*

RIGHT GUARD

- 71 Matthew Bahr, 6-4, 295, Soph.*
- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-8, 320, Soph.**
- 55 Max Tuioti-Mariner, 6-3, 285, Fr.-RS*

RIGHT TACKLE

- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-8, 320, Soph.**
- 77 Bryce Givens, 6-6, 275, Fr.-RS
- 68 Shawn Daniels, 6-3, 285, Soph.*

TIGHT END GROUPING

- 87 Riar Geer, 6-4, 250, Sr.-5***
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Sr.-5*
- 34 Ryan Deehan, 6-5, 245, Soph.*
- 88 Devin Shanahan, 6-5, 250, Sr.-5* **AND**
- 81 Luke Walters, 6-3, 240, Sr.-5

QUARTERBACK

- 9 Tyler Hansen, 6-1, 200, Soph.*
- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Jr.**
- 4 #Clark Evans, 6-4, 225, Fr.
- 10 #Seth Lobato, 6-5, 205, Fr.

TAILBACK GROUPING

- 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Soph.*
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 215, Jr.**
- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 180, Soph.*
- 36 Corey Nabors, 5-9, 190, Jr.**

FULLBACK (*also may line up at TE on occasion*)

- 41 Jake Behrens, 6-0, 240, Sr.-5**
- 34 Ryan Deehan, 6-5, 245, Soph.*
- 44 Trace Adams, 6-0, 220, Sr.-5

DEFENSE

(4-3 Base/Multiple)

LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 90 Marquez Herrod, 6-2, 280, Jr.**
- 55 Josh Hartigan, 6-1, 230, Soph.*

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 50 Curtis Cunningham, 6-1, 275, Soph.*
- 94 Nate Bonsu, 6-1, 295, Fr.
- 93 Conrad Obi, 6-3, 275, Soph.*
- 69 Eric Lawson, 6-3, 270, Jr.*

NOSE TACKLE

- 83 Will Pericak, 6-4, 280, Fr.-RS
- 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-5, 275, Sr.-5**
- 98 Eugene Goree, 6-1, 300, Soph.*

RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

- 92 Forrest West, 6-1, 245, Fr.
- 55 Josh Hartigan, 6-1, 230, Soph.*

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 54 Marcus Burton, 6-0, 265, Sr.-5*** **AND**
- 10 Michael Sipili, 6-1, 240, Jr.*
- 52 Bryan Stengel, 6-2, 220, Sr.-5*

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 45 Jeff Smart, 6-0, 225, Sr.-5***
- 47 Shaun Mohler, 6-3, 225, Sr.*
- 31 Jon Major, 6-1, 220, Fr.-RS

SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 59 B.J. Beatty, 6-2, 220, Jr.*
- 58 Tyler Ahles, 6-2, 240, Soph.*
- 51 Douglas Rippy, 6-1, 240, Fr.-RS
- 43 Brandon Gouin, 6-1, 220, Soph.

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Sr.*** (N)
- 23 Jalil Brown, 6-1, 205, Jr.**
- 22 Arthur Jaffee, 5-11, 205, Soph.

FREE SAFETY

- 26 Ray Polk, 6-1, 210, Fr.-RS
- 46 Anthony Perkins, 5-10, 195, Soph.*
- 12 Patrick Mahnke, 6-1, 205, Soph.*

STRONG SAFETY

- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5***
- 19 Travis Sandersfeld, 6-0, 205, Soph.*

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 3 Jimmy Smith, 6-2, 205, Jr.**
- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5***
- 22 Arthur Jaffee, 5-11, 205, Soph.

SPECIALISTS**PUNTER**

- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 205, Sr.-5*** (I)
- 13 Aric Goodman, 5-10, 190, Jr.*

PLACEKICKER

- 13 Aric Goodman, 5-10, 190, Jr.* (KO #1)
- 39 Ryan Aweida, 5-11, 175, Jr.

KICKOFF RETURN

- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 180, Soph.*
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 215, Jr.**
- 22 Arthur Jaffee, 5-11, 205, Soph.*

PUNT RETURN

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 185, Jr.**
- 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Soph.*
- 22 Arthur Jaffee, 5-11, 205, Soph.*
- (15 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 175, Soph.*—*injured*)

HOLDER (PINNER)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 185, Jr.**
- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Jr.**

SHORT SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 230, Sr.***
- 65 Austin Bisnow, 6-0, 210, Jr.
- 68 Joe Silipo, 6-2, 265, Jr.

LONG SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 230, Sr.***
- 65 Austin Bisnow, 6-0, 210, Jr.

OUT FOR EXTENDED TIME

- 44 *—DE Nick Kasa, 6-7, 270, Fr. (*illness*)
- *—denotes out for the season.

(L)—throws or kicks left-handed/footed.

Seniors (17): Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (14); all others are fourth-year seniors (3).

GROUPING — indicates all listed could play and order of listing is not that significant.

AND—indicates those listed all play/rotate (basically co-first or second team status);

OR—indicates first-team status at that spot up for grabs.

(N)—denotes nickel back)

(#)—plan is to redshirt, but could play if injuries dictate otherwise)

*—denotes number of letters earned through 2008; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for extended time; probables listed as normal).*

CAPTAINS: 54 Marcus Burton, ILB; 87 Riar Geer, TE; 45 Jeff Smart, ILB.

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

The Colorado alphabetical roster, including up-to-date heights and weights through fall camp (as of November 10 a.m.):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
44	ADAMS, Trace	FB	6- 0	220	Sr.	VR	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs)	WO 1/1
63	ADKINS, Ethan	OL	6- 4	305	So.	VR	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 3/3
58	AHLES, Tyler	OLB	6- 2	240	So.	1L	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)	S 3/3
39	AWEIDA, Ryan	PK	5-11	175	Jr.	TR	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield/Denver)	WO 3/2
71	BAHR, Matthew	OL	6- 4	295	So.	1L	Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 3/3
59	BAKHTIARI, David	OL	6- 4	260	Fr.	HS	Burlingame, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 5/4
59	BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	6- 2	220	Jr.	1L	Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)	S 2/2
66	BEHRENS, Blake	OL	6- 3	285	So.	1L	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 3/3
41	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	6- 0	240	Sr.	2L	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	S 1/1
65	BISNOW, Austin	SN	6- 0	210	Jr.	VR	Washington, D.C. (Landon School)	WO 2/2
94	BONSU, Nate	DT	6- 1	295	Fr.	HS	Allen, Texas (Allen)	S 5/4
29	BROWN, Cha'pelle	CB	5- 7	175	Sr.	3L	La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)	S 2/1
23	BROWN, Jalil	CB	6- 1	205	Jr.	2L	Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)	S 2/2
42	BURNEY, Benjamin	CB	5-11	195	Sr.	3L	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	S 1/1
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	265	Sr.	3L	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)	S 1/1
60	CLARK, David	OL	6- 4	310	So.	VR	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen)	WO 3/3
89	CONTE, Mario	WR	5-10	170	Fr.	HS	Lakewood, Colo. (Mullen)	WO 5/4
53	COONEY, Kevin	DE	6- 6	230	So.	VR	Arvada, Colo. (Faith Christian)	WO 3/3
50	CUNNINGHAM, Curtis	DT	6- 1	275	So.	1L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 4/3
68	DANIELS, Shawn	OL	6- 3	285	So.	1L	Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 3/3
53	DANNEWITZ, Ryan	OL	6- 6	300	Fr.	RS	San Jacinto, Calif. (San Jacinto)	S 4/4
82	DARDEN, Jarrod	WR	6- 4	210	Fr.	HS	Keller, Texas (Central)	S 5/4
34	DEEHAN, Ryan	TE	6- 5	245	So.	1L	Poway, Calif. (Poway)	S 4/3
33	DEVENNY, Patrick	TE	6- 3	240	Sr.	1L	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 1/1
14	DiLALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	205	Sr.	3L	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	S 1/1
70	DRESCHER, Justin	SN	6- 1	230	Sr.	3L	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)	S 2/1
83	EBNER, Dustin	WR	6- 1	180	Fr.	RS	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	WO 4/4
15	ESPINOZA, Jason	WR	5- 8	175	So.	1L	Alamosa, Colo. (Alamosa)	WO 3/3
4	EVANS, Clark	QB	6- 4	225	Fr.	HS	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos)	S 5/4
27	EWING, Vince	S	6- 0	205	Fr.	RS	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad)	S 4/4
61	FERNANDEZ, Scott	OL	6- 3	260	Fr.	HS	Broomfield, Colo. (Legacy)	WO 5/4
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 4	250	Sr.	3L	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)	S 1/1
77	GIVENS, Bryce	OL	6- 6	275	Fr.	RS	Castle Rock, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S 4/4
62	GOLDBERG, David	DE	6- 1	250	So.	VR	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen/Penn State)	WO 3/3
13	GOODMAN, Aric	PK	5-10	190	Jr.	1L	Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Wyoming)	S 2/2
98	GOREE, Eugene	DT	6- 1	300	So.	1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale)	S 3/3
43	GOUIN, Brandon	OLB	6- 1	220	So.	TR	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder/Air Force)	WO 3/3
15	GROSSNICKLE, Zach	PK/P	6- 2	180	Fr.	HS	Denver, Colo. (East)	S 5/4
86	HAM, Cameron	WR	6- 1	200	Jr.	1L	Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)	WO 2/2
76	HANDLER, Gus	OL	6- 3	280	Fr.	HS	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)	S 5/4
9	HANSEN, Tyler	QB	6- 1	200	So.	1L	Murrieta, Calif. (Chaparral)	S 4/3
75	HARRIS, Jack	OL	6- 5	280	Fr.	HS	Parker, Colo. (Chaparral)	S 5/4
55	HARTIGAN, Josh	DE	6- 1	230	So.	1L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast)	S 3/3
7	HAWKINS, Cody	QB	5-11	190	Jr.	2L	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)	S 2/2
18	HAWKINS, Jonathan	CB	5-11	190	So.	1L	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)	S 3/3
90	HERROD, Marquez	DE	6- 2	280	Jr.	2L	Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)	S 2/2
17	HICKS, Steven	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	RS	Tyler, Texas (Whitehouse)	S 4/4
28	HILDRETH, Quentin	TB	5- 8	190	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Colo. (Denver East)	WO 5/4
64	ILTIS, Mike	OL	6- 3	280	So.	VR	Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)	S 3/3
22	JAFFEE, Arthur	CB	5-11	205	So.	VR	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	WO 3/3
80	JEFFERSON, Will	WR	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Vista del Lago)	S 5/4
44	KASA, Nick	DE	6- 7	270	Fr.	HS	Thornton, Colo. (Legacy)	S 5/4
97	KAYNOR, Taj	DT	6- 5	275	Sr.	2L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 1/1
38	KIRKWOOD, Marcus	PK	6- 6	210	So.	TR	Arvada, Colo. (Faith Christian/Concordia)	WO 3/3
49	LaBARGE, Trevor	TB	5-11	210	Fr.	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Chaminade Prep)	WO 5/4
69	LAWSON, Eric	DT	6- 3	270	Jr.	1L	Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 2/2
10	LOBATO, Seth	QB	6- 5	205	Fr.	HS	Eaton, Colo. (Eaton)	WO 5/4
20	LOCKRIDGE, Brian	TB	5- 7	180	So.	1L	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S 3/3
12	MAHNKE, Patrick	S	6- 1	205	So.	1L	Parker, Colo. (Mountain Vista)	S 4/3
31	MAJOR, Jon	ILB	6- 1	220	Fr.	RS	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)	S 4/4
12	MAXWELL, Ryan	WR	5- 8	180	So.	TR	Dana Point, Calif. (Santa Margarita/UC-Davis)	WO 3/3
37	McANINCH, Cody	DB	6- 1	200	Fr.	HS	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	WO 5/4
21	McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	2L	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)	S 2/2
20	MEYER, Matt	S	5- 9	190	So.	VR	Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Santa Margarita)	WO 3/3
73	MILLER, Ryan	OL	6- 8	320	So.	2L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 3/3

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
47	MOHLER, Shaun	ILB	6- 3	225	Sr.	1L	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar/Orange Coast College)	S 2/1
25	MOYD, Kevin	TB/WR	5- 7	195	Sr.	3L	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 1/1
36	NABORS, Corey	TB	5- 9	190	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 2/2
48	NOBRIGA, Liloa	LB	6- 2	240	Fr.	HS	Summerlin, Nev. (Palo Verde)	S 5/4
93	OBI, Conrad	DE	6- 3	275	So.	1L	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	S 3/3
25	OLATOYE, Deji	CB	6- 1	185	Fr.	HS	Dublin, Ohio (Dublin Scioto)	S 5/4
30	ORMS, Parker	S	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Wheat Ridge, Colo. (Wheat Ridge)	S 5/4
83	PERICAK, Will	DT	6- 4	280	Fr.	RS	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 4/4
46	PERKINS, Anthony	S	5-10	195	So.	1L	Northglenn, Colo. (Northglenn)	S 3/3
26	POLK, Ray	S	6- 1	210	Fr.	RS	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S 4/4
95	POREMB, Tony	DE	6- 1	240	So.	VR	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	WO 3/3
51	RIPPY, Douglas	OLB	6- 1	270	Fr.	RS	Trotwood, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)	S 4/4
99	SALE, Tyler	DT	6- 3	275	Sr.	VR	Littleton, Colo. (Arapahoe)	WO 1/1
19	SANDERSFELD, Travis	S	6- 0	205	So.	1L	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	S 3/3
57	SERGEANT, Guy	OLB	6- 1	220	Fr.	RS	Fountain, Colo. (Fountain-Ft. Carson)	WO 4/4
88	SHANAHAN, Devin	TE	6- 5	250	Sr.	1L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	S 1/1
68	SILIPO, Joe	DT/SN	6- 2	265	Jr.	TR	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Northern Colorado)	WO 2/2
6	SIMAS, Markques	WR	6- 2	215	So.	VR	San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa)	S 3/3
1	SIMMONS, Andre	WR	6- 3	210	Jr.	JC	Blackville, S.C. (Blackville-Hilda/Independence CC)	S 3/2
10	SIPILI, Michael	ILB	6- 1	240	Jr.	2L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 2/2
35	SISSOM, Geoff	LB	6- 1	220	Fr.	HS	Greenwood, Ind. (Center Grove)	WO 5/4
13	SLOTA, Jerry	QB	6- 2	220	Fr.	HS	Golden, Colo. (Chaparral)	WO 5/4
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	6- 0	225	Sr.	3L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 1/1
28	SMITH, Bret	S	5-11	190	Jr.	1L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis)	WO 2/2
3	SMITH, Jimmy	CB	6- 2	205	Jr.	2L	Colton, Calif. (Colton)	S 2/2
78	SOLDER, Nate	OT	6- 9	305	Jr.	2L	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)	S 2/2
19	STANLEY, Blake	QB	6- 3	190	Fr.	HS	Fresno, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial)	WO 5/4
52	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB	6- 2	220	Sr.	1L	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	S 1/1
56	STEVENS, Keenan	C	6- 2	290	Jr.	VR	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)	WO 2/2
5	STEWART, Rodney	TB	5- 6	175	So.	1L	Westerville, Ohio (Brookhaven)	S 4/3
8	SUMLER, Demetrius	TB	5-10	215	Jr.	2L	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)	S 2/2
85	THORNTON, DaVaughn	TE	6- 4	230	Fr.	HS	Denver, Colo. (East)	S 5/4
55	TUIOTI-MARINER, Maxwell	OG	6- 3	285	Fr.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Corona)	S 4/4
18	USSERY, Terdema	WR	6- 3	205	Fr.	HS	Dallas, Texas (St. Mark's School of Texas)	S 5/4
32	VIGO, Paul	CB	6- 1	190	Fr.	HS	New Brunswick, N.J. (New Brunswick)	S 5/4
81	WALTERS, Luke	TE	6- 3	240	Sr.	TR	Lakewood, Colo. (ThunderRidge/New Mexico)	WO 1/1
56	WEBB, Derrick	LB	6- 0	230	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven)	S 5/4
92	WEST, Forrest	DE	6- 1	245	Fr.	HS	Canton, Conn. (Salisbury School)	S 5/4
84	WOOD, Alex	TE	6- 2	240	Fr.	HS	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs)	WO 5/4
16	WRIGHT, Anthony	WR	6- 0	190	So.	1L	Compton, Calif. (Compton)	S 3/3

Heights and weights recorded as of Aug. 17, 2009. **EXPERIENCE KEY:** #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2008; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2008; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of end of 2008 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
35	CEFALO, Kyle	WR	5-10	165	So.	TR	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly/Oregon St./Wenatchee CC)	Transfer	WO 3/3
...	CELESTINE, Kendrick	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	1L	Mamou, La. (Mamou)	Ineligible	WO 3/2
17	CLEMONS, Toney	WR	6- 2	205	Jr.	TR	New Kensington, Pa. (Valley/Michigan)	Transfer	S 3/2
38	DAVIS, Jameson	PK/P	5-10	195	So.	1L	Eagle, Idaho (Eagle/Boise State)	Injured (Retired)	S 3/3
40	FARLEY, Zackary	OLB	6- 1	215	So.	TR	Thornton, Colo. (Horizon/Mesa State)	Transfer	WO 4/4
79	TAU, Sione	OL	6- 5	325	So.	VR	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	Excused	S 3/3