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### 2009 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL

## GAME NO. 5 — TEXAS LONGHORNS

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### QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The **Colorado Buffaloes** (1-3, 0-0 Big 12) open conference play this Saturday, October 10, traveling to Austin to face the No. 2 **Texas Longhorns** (4-0, 0-0 Big 12) in a 5:15 p.m. MDT kickoff at Memorial Stadium (100,119) ... The game will be televised nationally on ESPN, with **Brad Nessler** (play-by-play), **Todd Blackledge** (analysis) and **Erin Andrews** (sideline reporter) to call the action ... The game will also be available on-line via ESPN360.com ... Secondary coach **Greg Brown** will celebrate his 52nd birthday on game day (Oct. 10) ... After playing on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, CU's next five games are back on the traditional Saturday ... Colorado is **15-18** all-time in the state of Texas, including a 5-8 mark this decade and a 5-5 mark in night games (2-0 versus Texas); among its most prominent wins in the Lone Star State would including the '71 Bluebonnet Bowl (29-17 over Houston), a 29-22 win over Texas in 1990, which many point to as the turning point in CU's national championship season; and the 2001 Big 12 title game where the underdog Buffs toppled UT, 39-37, in Irving ... This is just the second night game in Austin between the two schools (1990 and 2009) ... Colorado will return home for Family Weekend on October 17 against Kansas; 4,500 tickets remain for that one, which was selected for prime time broadcast by Fox Sports Net (5 p.m. MDT); that now makes no less than eight national telecasts for CU in 2009 ... Visit [CUBuffs.com/gameday](http://CUBuffs.com/gameday) as your one stop for everything, including live stats for all games.

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### STAT OF THE WEEK

Colorado is winning the battle of field position so far in 2009. On the average, the Buffs have started 58 drives at their own 35, compared to the opponent beginning its 55 at its own 32. Sixteen of those 55 drives have started either inside (12) or at the 20; Colorado has started just nine of its 58 pegged back in at its 20 or worse. While the opponents starting yardline after all kickoffs has been the 20, CU's solid return game has the Buffs on average at their 36 after kick returns; CU ranks 30th nationally in KO returns (25.0 average) and are third in kickoff return defense (15.8); that's the hidden match-up this weekend, as Texas comes into the game ranked second in the nation in kickoff return average with a gaudy 37.3 average.

### OBSCURE NOTES OF THE WEEK

- ➔ **WR Scotty McKnight** has scored a touchdown in every game this season; that's the most consecutive games (four) since Chris Brown scored in five straight in 2002 (and the most by a receiver since Rae Carruth in 1996).
- ➔ Colorado is tied for the nation's lead in red zone offense, scoring at a 100 percent clip (12-of-12); that's the fifth most penetrations of the opponent 20 with all scores: eight teams are perfect; Texas (23-of-23), Wisconsin (20-of-20), Arkansas (14-of-14) and Mississippi (14-of-14) are the four programs ahead of the Buffs. So with Texas and CU playing this weekend, two of the eight perfectos have a chance to shut down the other.
- ➔ 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 outscored the foe 56-55 and have been outgained by just 21 yards.
- ➔ Big plays have continued to hurt the Buffaloes. A young defense has already given up more than its fair share of long plays in 2009, but therein lays some good news as well. CU has allowed 1,635 yards in its first four games, on 260 plays (6.3 per); that includes 23 plays of 20 yards or more (13 pass/10 rush), 11 of those for 40 or more. Those 23 plays have accounted for a whopping 962 yards; when adding in 18 other plays of 10 yards or more, the count rises to 1,205 yards. It translates to 16 percent of the opponent plays (41 of 260) having accounted for 74 percent of the yards, meaning the other 219 plays have netted just 430 yards (or just 1.97 yards per play).

### 2009 COLORADO RESULTS (1-3, 0-0 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	3-2	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	3-2	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	2-2	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	3-1	1- 1-0	WVU pulls away with two fourth quarter TDs; Stewart: 105 yds/1 TD
Oct. 10	NR	+ at Texas (N)	2	ESPN	5:15 p.m.	4-0	7-10-0	Buffs sluggish on offense, late first half UT TD put 'Horns up 21-0
OCT. 17		+ KANSAS (N; FW)		FSN	5:00 p.m.	4-0	41-24-3	KU breaks open a 16-14 game with two fourth quarter scores
Oct. 24		+ at Kansas State		TBA	tba	3-2	44-19-1	Buffs rush for 247, CU forces KS into 6 3-and-outs, matching season total
OCT. 31		+ MISSOURI (HC)		TBA	tba	4-0	31-39-3	Tigers end CU's 242-game scoring streak, but trot first team D out at end
NOV. 7		+ TEXAS A & M		TBA	tba	3-1	5- 3-0	Buffs ahead 10-3 at half but A&M scores 21 in 3Q; CU season-high 392 TO
Nov. 14		+ at Iowa State		TBA	tba	3-2	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.	3-1	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.	3-1	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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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-Texas game (KOA broadcast) will be on channel 125 (Sirius; UT feeds on 213 and XM 231).
- **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 (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:** Anthony Wright (16, from No. 21; playing WR). **Position Change:** Wright. Quit: DE Lagrone Shields. **DUPE NUMBERS:** There are several duplicate numbers, those who appear below are the 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	Defense/Kicker	Offense/Kicker	Defense/Kicker
<b>12</b> Ryan Maxwell, WR (C)	<b>12</b> Patrick Mahanke, S (C)	<b>20</b> Brian Lockridge, TB (A)	<b>20</b> Matt Meyer, S (C)
<b>15</b> Jason Espinoza, WR (C)	<b>15</b> Zach Grossnickle, PK/P (C)	<b>55</b> Max Tuoti-Mariner, OG (P)	<b>55</b> 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 **GOUIN** (go-in)  
**MARQUEZ HERROD**  
 (mar-qwez her-rod)  
**Nick KASA** (cah-suh; casa)  
**Taj** Kaynor (as in Taj Mahal)  
 Patrick **MAHNKE** (main-key)  
 Justin **MIHALCIN** (muh-hull-sin)  
 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 **TUOTI**-Mariner  
 (two-E-oh-T)  
**TERDEMA USSERY**  
 (ter-dee-muh us-er-E)  
 Paul **VIGO** (vee-go)

**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	<b>Espinoza</b>	Solder	<b>Adkins</b>	<b>Iltis</b>	Miller	<b>Givens</b>	Geer	C.Hawkins	Scott	Deehan (TE)
Toledo	McKnight	Espinoza	Solder	Adkins	Iltis	Miller	Givens	Geer	C.Hawkins	Scott	Deehan (TE)
Wyoming	McKnight	Espinoza	Solder	Adkins	Iltis	B.Behrens	Miller	Geer	C.Hawkins	Sumler	<b>Simas</b> (WR)
West Virginia	McKnight	Deehan (TE)	Solder	Adkins	<b>Stevens</b>	B.Behrens	Miller	Geer	C.Hawkins	Sumler	J.Behrens
DEFENSE	LE	DT	NT	RE / Other	MLB	WLB	SLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Herrod	<b>Cunningham</b>	<b>Pericak</b>	C.Brown (N)	Mohler	Smart	<b>Beatty</b>	Burney	Perkins	<b>Polk</b>	J.Smith
Toledo	Herrod	Cunningham	Pericak	<b>Rippy</b> (OLB)	<b>Stengel</b>	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

(N)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Smart 26, C.Brown 19, Solder 18, J.Smith 7. **CAREER STARTS**—Geer 29, C.Brown 28, C.Hawkins 27, Smart 26.

**PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Colorado State 100/57; Toledo 75/56; Wyoming 104/64; West Virginia 72/53.

**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

**TOP CU COMEBACKS FROM SEASON OPENING LOSSES**

Colorado has had to rebound from a tough opening loss many times, and in several instances, recovered to have outstanding, if not championship seasons. The top six CU rallies from an opening day loss, including 1986, CU's best recovery from a multiple loss start:

**2002 (0-1)****Colorado State 19, Colorado 14 in Denver**

Bufs win nine of next 11, repeat as Big 12 North Division champions and return to the league's championship game.

**2001 (0-1)****Fresno State 24, Colorado 22 in Boulder**

Bufs win 10 of next 11, including a 62-36 thrashing of No. 2 (BCS #1) Nebraska to win the Big 12 North and avenge the only loss in that span by beating Texas in a rematch in the Big 12 Championship game. Despite having *two* losses, CU is .005 shy of the No. 2 BCS ranking and just misses playing Miami in the Rose Bowl. CU rose to No. 2 in both the AP and Coaches final regular season polls.

**1990 (0-0-1)****Tennessee 31, Colorado 31 at Anaheim (Disneyland Pigskin Classic)**

Though a tie, the players will tell you felt like a loss. CU was No. 5 in the preseason polls after coming off an 11-1 season where it played for the national championship. The Bufs led No. 8 Tennessee 31-17 in the fourth quarter, but basically had to hang on for the tie. The team started 1-1-1 on the season, but went on to win its last 10 and claim both the Big 8 and national titles.

**1986 (0-4)****Colorado State 23, Colorado 7 in Boulder**

In this case, one loss became four, as the Bufs lose the next three by a combined eight points; CU thus opened 0-4 after being the national comeback darlings in 1985. However, CU rebounds and goes 6-1 in league play, the 11th best rally in NCAA history for a team that opened 0-4 and played Oklahoma for the conference title in November.

**1976 (0-1)****Texas Tech 24, Colorado 7 at Lubbock**

The offense was stagnant with 208 yards; the defense allowed just 186 but was doomed by two big Tech plays and turnovers (CU threw five interceptions). Bufs win eight of next 10, win the Big 8 title and play Ohio State in the Orange Bowl.

**1956 (0-1)****Oregon 35, Colorado 0 in Boulder**

Unranked Oregon shuts CU out at Folsom, and has 444 yards of offense to just 102 by the Bufs. CU picks itself up, goes 7-1-1 the rest of the way, with the only loss to #1 Oklahoma (27-19) and then posts the first bowl win in program history, 27-21 over Clemson in the Orange Bowl.

**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
<b>2009</b>	<b>Toledo (624)</b>	<b>Wyoming (230)</b>	<b>394</b>
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
<b>2009</b>	<b>Toledo (L, 38-54)</b>	<b>Wyoming (W, 24-0)</b>	<b>54</b>
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 MAKING HISTORY**

Junior **Scotty McKnight** has caught a pass in every game he has played in as a Colorado Buffalo—28 regular season plus the one bowl game for a total of 29. 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 has tied Johnson's 29 straight).

Nationally, McKnight is tied for the ninth longest streak nationally; here's the list going through games of October 3 as compiled by the Central Michigan SID office (these include postseason): Bryan Anderson, Central Michigan 45; Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo 43; Duke Calhoun, Memphis 42; Dennis Pitta, BYU 35; Brandon LaFell, LSU 33; Antonio Brown, Central Michigan 32; Eric Decker, Minnesota 31; Toren Dixon, Rice 31; **Scotty McKnight, Colorado 29**; Jeff Moturi, UTEP 29; Kerry Meier, Kansas, 27; Philip Livas, Louisiana Tech 27; Darrell McNeal, Louisiana-Monroe 27.

**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 17 kickoffs (not counting four onside tries), have seen 11 reach the end zone and the average opponent starting yardline be the 20, despite 15 being returned; 14 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. The 25 field goals of 50-yards or longer in Division I-A/FBS through October 3:

59 Carson Wiggs, Purdue vs. Toledo, 9/05	53 Matt Szymanski, SMU vs. Stephen F. Austin, 9/05	52 Dustin Hopkins, Florida State vs. Miami, 9/07
57 Philip Welch, Wisconsin vs. Fresno State, 9/12	53 Blair Walsh, Georgia at Oklahoma State, 9/05	52 Richard Jackson, Clemson vs. Boston College, 9/19
<b>54 Aric Goodman, CU vs. Colorado St., 9/06</b>	53 Richard Jackson, Clemson vs. Georgia Tech, 9/10	51 on 2 occasions
54 Nate Whitaker, Stanford at Wake Forest, 9/12	52 Aaron Pettreg, Ohio State vs. Navy, 9/05	50 on 13 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 is 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. It was 13 years until the next one (**John Zisch** at BYU). McKnight now has two career 100-yard games and Espinoza one; McKnight registered in his first game (vs. CSU, Sept 1, 2007; 8-106, 1 TD).

**SCOTT RAMBLES INTO RECORD BOOK**

Sophomore **TB Darrell Scott** has been solid returning kickoffs, overcoming a bruised knee to record 290 all-purpose yards against Toledo on Sept. 11 (the same injury kept him out of the Wyoming game). He had eight kickoff returns for 204 yards, the latter a school record (while tying the mark for the most returns), while rushing for 85 yards and picking up another yard on a pass reception. A quick look at what he accomplished:

**ALL-PURPOSE YARDS**

Player	Date	Opponent	Rushing No-Yds	Receiving No-Yds	Punt No-Yds	Kickoff No-Yds	Overall No-Yds
Rashaan Salaam	Oct. 1, 1994	at Texas	35-317	5-45	0-0	0-0	40-362
Charlie Davis	Nov. 13, 1971	Oklahoma State	34-342	2-11	0-0	0-0	36-353
Byron White	Nov. 6, 1937	at Utah	24-192	0-0	3-159	0-0	27-351
Byron White	Nov. 7, 1936	Utah	11-138	0-0	5-121	1-90	17-349
Walter Stanley	Sept. 12, 1981	Texas Tech	4-28	5-222	4-87	0-0	13-337
Hugh Charles	Nov. 23, 2007	Nebraska	33-169	1-33	0-0	5-125	39-327
Chris Brown	Oct. 12, 2002	at Kansas	25-309	0-0	0-0	0-0	25-309
<b>Darrell Scott</b>	<b>Sept. 11, 2009</b>	<b>at Toledo</b>	<b>12-85</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>8-204</b>	<b>21-290</b>
Hugh Charles	Nov. 10, 2007	at Iowa State	21- 83	2-40	0-0	6-161	29-284
Mike Pritchard	Aug. 26, 1990	Tennessee (at Anaheim)	20-217	0-0	1-(-6)	3-67	24-278

**KICKOFF RETURNS**

No.	(yds-td)	Player	Opponent	Date
8	(123-0)	Walter Stanley	at Nebraska	Oct. 10, 1981
8	(151-0)	Shelby Nash	Missouri	Oct. 8, 1983
<b>8</b>	<b>(204-0)</b>	<b>Darrell Scott</b>	<b>at Toledo</b>	<b>Sept. 11, 2003</b>
7	on three occasions			

**KICKOFF RETURN YARDS**

Yds	(no.-td)	Player	Opponent	Date
<b>204</b>	<b>( 8-0)</b>	<b>Darrell Scott</b>	<b>at Toledo</b>	<b>Sept. 11, 2009</b>
193	( 7-0)	Josh Smith	at Nebraska	Nov. 28, 2008
186	( 5-0)	Ben Kelly	at Oklahoma State	Oct. 11, 1997
184	( 5-1)	Howard Ballage	Nebraska	Oct. 21, 1978
162	( 7-0)	Josh Smith	Oklahoma State	Nov. 15, 2008

**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; should it remain so, it'll be 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
<b>1982</b>	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
<b>1993</b>	Tony Berti, Jr.	Heath Irwin, So.	Bryan Stoltenberg, So.	Chad Hammond, So.	Derek West, Jr.	a—group started first seven games
<b>1998</b>	Shane Cook, Jr.	Brad Bedell, Jr.	Ryan Johannngmeier, Jr.	Chris Morgan, Jr.	Victor Rogers, Fr.-RS	started 2 games
	Ryan Johannngmeier, Jr.	Brad Bedell, Jr.	Andre Gurode, Fr.-RS	Chris Morgan, Jr.	Shane Cook, Jr.	started 3 games, incl. Aloha Bowl
<b>2009</b>	Nate Solder, Jr.	Ethan Adkins, Soph.	b—Mike Iltis, Soph.	Ryan Miller, Soph.	Bryce Givens, Fr.-RS	started three '09 games

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



**RECRUIT & ROSTER UPDATE**

Three of CU's 19 recruits from last February did not qualify per NCAA standards and were thus not able to join the program: **QB Josh Moten**, **DT Edward Nuckols** and **OL Shaun Simon**. All could still wind up as Buffaloes, but need to go the junior college route first to do so. CU did add **WR Will Jefferson** as a scholarship recruit just prior to the start of fall camp (literally, he signed two days before). Three freshmen cracked the two-deep in the first depth chart of the season, Jefferson, **DT Nate Bonsu** and **DE Forrest West**. **DE Nick Kasa** recently joined that trio in the two-deep after returning for the West Virginia game from a knee injury he suffered midway through camp.

**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 is seven starts (by three different players) to up that total to 102.

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

**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 the lone BCS head coach and one of just six 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).

**STEWART RETURNS, RUNS WILD**

Sophomore **TB Rodney Stewart** returned to action in the Wyoming game after missing the Toledo contest due to an aggravated hamstring strain. Stewart ran for 132 yards and two touchdowns, with almost half of his yards (64) coming post-contact. He followed that up with his fifth career 100-yard game, rambling for 105 at West Virginia (49 post-contact). So 132 of his 270 yards have come after he was first hit by a defender (49 percent).

**MISCELLANEOUS STAT BOX**

Game	Red Zone (Scores-Att; (TD/FG); Plays-Yards)				2nd Down Efficiency		Plays (+/-)			Plus Territory (Plays-Yards)	
	Colorado		Opponent		Colo	Opp.	Colorado		Opponent	Colorado	Opponent
Colorado State	2-2 (2/0)	4-19	4-4 (2/2)	11-36	4-19	6-21	39	17	5	42	47
Toledo	6-6 (5/1)	15-42	1-1 (1/0)	2-14	8-29	6-22	47	35	5	51	10
Wyoming	4-4 (3/1)	9-43	0-2 (0/0)	3-(-8)	9-25	5-24	49	21	6	38	26
West Virginia	0-0 (0/0)	0- 0	3-3 (3/0)	8-38	5-28	12-22	48	30	6	41	9

**INJURY UPDATE**

The Buffs did not suffer any major or minor injuries in the West Virginia game, and regained the services of **DE Nick Kasa** who played his first football of his collegiate career less than six weeks after partially tearing an MCL. The injury list as of October 6:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status/Texas
C	Mike Iltis	concussion	suffered in practice (9/27)	PROBABLE
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

**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.

**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
<b>Marcus Burton</b>	<b>ILB</b>	<b>2005-09</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>265</b>	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
<b>*Michael Sipili</b>	<b>ILB</b>	<b>2006-09</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>250</b>	Fred Jones	OLB	1996-99	6-3	245
Rodell Guest	OLB	1991	6-5	245	Thaddaeus Washington	ILB	2003-06	5-11	245

**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 (14)**

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

**TEAM (3)**

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

**SERIES HISTORY—COLORADO VS. TEXAS**

Texas leads the all-time series by a **10-7** count, a series that has been a fairly entertaining one. Texas was 4-0 against the Buffs pre-Jimmy Carter and CU was 6-0 against UT basically during the advent of all this electronic/computer stuff that has taken over our lives. The Longhorns took the next pair to start the 21st century and tied the series at 6-6, but CU broke the tie with a 39-37 win in the 2001 Big 12 Championship game. Texas' 31-7 win in 2004 in Boulder knotted things for third time, and the Longhorns moved back ahead in 2005 with 42-17 and 70-3 wins, the latter in the Big 12 title game, the following year. Last year, UT won 38-14 in Boulder to extend its streak to four. It has been a unique series in the fact that Texas defeated CU three times in the 1940s (39-7, 34-6, 76-0), and did not meet again until the 1975 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl (Texas won 38-21). The three "neutral" site meetings in the series have all taken place in the 'Horns home state of Texas (two in Houston, the other in Dallas). The Buffs beat UT for the first time, 27-6, in the 1989 season opener in a game best remembered for Darian Hagan's 75-yard run on the contest's second play. CU's 34-31 win in Austin in 1994, on a field goal with :01 left, was the game that helped propel Rashaan Salaam to the Heisman Trophy—he had 35 carries for 317 yards and 362 all-purpose yards in the typically crummy October Texas weather that featured near 100-degree heat. Texas leads by a 4-3 margin in both Austin and Boulder, while the Longhorns are up 2-0 in Houston and the Buffs lead 1-0 in Irving. CU coach **Dan Hawkins** is 0-1 against Texas, while UT's **Mack Brown** is 6-1 against Colorado:

<b>Sept. 28, 1940</b> Texas 39- 7	<b>Sept. 22, 1990</b> Colorado 29-22	<b>Oct. 14, 2000</b> Texas 28-14 (B)	<b>Dec. 3, 2005</b> Texas 70- 3 (3)
<b>Sept. 27, 1941</b> Texas 34- 6 (B)	<b>Sept. 4, 1993</b> Colorado 36-14 (B)	<b>Oct. 20, 2001</b> Texas 41- 7	<b>Oct. 4, 2008</b> Texas 38-14 (B)
<b>Sept. 28, 1946</b> Texas 76- 0	<b>Oct. 1, 1994</b> Colorado 34-31	<b>Dec. 1, 2001</b> Colorado 39-37 (2)	
<b>Dec. 27, 1975</b> Texas 38-21 (1)	<b>Oct. 26, 1996</b> Colorado 28-24 (B)	<b>Oct. 30, 2004</b> Texas 31- 7 (B)	
<b>Sept. 4, 1989</b> Colorado 27- 6 (B)	<b>Oct. 25, 1997</b> Colorado 47-30	<b>Oct. 15, 2005</b> Texas 42-17	

1—Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston; 2—Big 12 Championship Game at Irving, Texas; 3—Big 12 Championship Game at Houston, Texas.

**SERIES DID YOU KNOW** — In 1990, CU won at UT, 29-22, in what many point to as that turning point in the national championship season. The loser in the series has scored 21 or more points in six of the 14 games, and 30 or more three times (the latter all by Texas).

**SERIES SIGNATURE ANNIVERSARY GAME — 20th.** In 1989 in the season opener for both teams on Labor Day night in Boulder, Colorado opened its undefeated regular season with a 27-6 win over the Longhorns. It was the first start at quarterback for **Darian Hagan**, who replaced the dying Sal Aunese that spring after Aunese was diagnosed with stomach cancer (Aunese passed 19 days later on Sept. 23). On the second play of the game, Hagan sprinted 75 yards to the Texas 1, as he said at the time, releasing all the butterflies that had built up over the months with the pressure of having to take over for Sal. Hagan finished with 116 yards and touchdown, with **TB Eric Bieniemy** adding 66 yards and a score.

**BUFFS & LONGHORNS BY THE NUMBERS**

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

- 5** The number of interceptions by Colorado in the 1997 game;
- 13** The number of games, last in 2008, in which at least one the two schools enters nationally ranked;
- 13** The number of games in the series where the winner scored at least 30 points;
- 19.8** The average number of points by Colorado in the 17 games in the series (336 total);
- 28** The number of points Texas scored in a 12-minute span to take control of the 2004 game (from down 7-0 to up 28-7 in the third quarter);
- 32** The number of points CU (22) and Texas (10) scored in the second quarter of the '01 Big 12 title game;
- 35.4** The average number of points by Texas in the 17 games in the series (601 total);
- 33.5** The average number of points scored by CU in its six game winning streak over the Longhorns (201 total);
- 36-10** The scoring spree the Buffs went on in a 21-minute span to take control of the '01 Big 12 Championship game vs. the Longhorns;
- 41** The number of days between games between the two in 2001 (Texas won 41-7 on Oct. 20 and CU won 39-37 on Dec. 1);
- 56** The number of points Texas scored in a 19-minute span to run away from the Buffs in the 2005 Big 12 Championship game;
- 155** The combined distance of four Jeremy Aldrich field goals for CU in 1997, then tying the school record for most in a game;
- 317** The number of rushing yards by Rashaan Salaam in the 1994 game, keying his run to the Heisman Trophy.

**COLORADO-TEXAS SERIES TRENDS**

Here's a quick look at all 17 games and some team statistical trends in the **Colorado-Texas** series:

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU UT	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i	vds td	Tot Off no yds	UT FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i	vds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
Sept. 28, 1940	Austin	L 7-39		— —		(no statistics available)									
Sept. 27, 1941	Boulder	L 6-34		— —		(no statistics available)									
Sept. 28, 1946	Austin	L 0-76	24,000	— —	5	29 -8 0	20- 7-3	67 0	49 59	12	40 307 7	14-11-1	287 4	54 594	
Dec. 27, 1975	#Houston	L 21-38	52,728	10 9	21	51 117 1	26-17-3	177 2	77 294	15	52 171 3	5- 4-0	66 1	57 237	ABC
Sept. 4, 1989	Boulder (N)	W 27- 6	47,269	14 —	16	55 290 2	13- 7-1	95 1	68 385	14	33 69 0	35-12-0	199 0	68 268	ESPN
Sept. 22, 1990	Austin (N)	W 29-22	77,273	20 22	19	53 239 3	12- 7-0	160 1	65 399	21	44 141 1	28-15-1	153 1	72 294	ESPN
Sept. 4, 1993	Boulder (N)	W 36-14	52,125	11 —	27	47 270 1	34-21-0	260 3	81 530	26	39 142 1	49-24-4	366 1	88 508	ESPN
Oct. 1, 1994	Austin	W 34-31	77,809	5 16	26	60 387 4	25-13-0	119 0	85 506	14	22 50 0	36-19-2	270 3	58 320	ABC (r)
Oct. 26, 1996	Boulder	W 28-24	51,100	8 —	27	50 182 3	34-18-2	295 1	84 477	21	34 139 0	35-16-2	224 3	69 363	ABC (r)
Oct. 25, 1997	Austin	W 47-30	78,005	— —	23	47 208 3	26-14-0	211 1	73 419	21	41 281 4	33-12-5	118 0	74 399	ABC (r)
Oct. 14, 2000	Boulder	L 14-28	46,424	— 25	13	36 55 1	36-12-2	78 0	72 133	22	41 166 1	40-23-1	308 2	81 474	
Oct. 20, 2001	Austin	L 7-41	83,156	14 9	12	32 124 1	28-15-1	165 0	60 289	25	40 161 2	33-21-0	264 0	73 425	ABC
Dec. 1, 2001	◆Dallas (N)	W 39-37	65,675	9 3	18	53 223 3	19- 8-2	111 1	72 334	22	23 92 1	43-24-3	370 2	66 462	ABC
Oct. 30, 2004	Boulder	L 7-31	51,571	— 8	13	18 3 0	37-21-2	218 0	55 221	23	66 326 4	15- 8-2	71 0	81 397	ABC
Oct. 15, 2005	Austin	L 17-42	83,474	— 2	14	19 45 0	44-21-1	237 2	63 237	24	47 145 4	32-26-0	337 2	79 482	ABC
Dec. 3, 2005	◆Houston	L 3-70	71,107	— 2	12	26 82 0	32-15-1	109 0	58 191	26	57 268 6	19-16-1	218 3	76 486	ABC
Oct. 4, 2008	Boulder (N)	L 14-38	53,927	— 5	15	28 49 0	38-17-0	217 2	66 266	25	46 169 3	30-23-2	262 2	76 431	FSN

#—Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl; ◆—Big 12 Championship Game.

**TEXAS NOTES**

**Texas** is 4-0 overall coming off a bye week and is ranked No. 2 in the nation by both the Associated Press and USA Today / Coaches polls. The Longhorns rank in the top 10 in the nation in three key offensive categories – scoring offense (1st – 49.5), total offense (4th – 512.3) and passing offense (9th – 314.0). Texas also ranks No. 2 in rushing defense (47.3) and 11th in total defense (259.5). Texas opened the season with a 59-20 win over Louisiana-Monroe and then defeated Wyoming 41-10 the week before the Buffs shut the Cowboys out, 24-0. Texas faced Texas Tech on Sept. 19, winning 34-24 and then took care of UTEP the next weekend, 64-7. Colt McCoy leads the UT offense, ranking fifth in the Big 12 and 11th nationally averaging 301.5 yards of total offense a game. Last season, Texas came into Boulder and defeated the Buffs 38-14. McCoy, who was intercepted just eight times all season, was picked off twice by CU defenders, once each by Chapelle Brown (setting up a Colorado touchdown) and Jalil Brown, who returned his 57 yards.

➔ Texas head coach Mack Brown is in his 12th season in Austin. He is 119-26 as the coach of the Longhorns, including a 73-16 mark in Big 12 play. Texas has won at least nine games each of his 11 seasons in Austin, including at least 10 games each of the last eight seasons. Prior to Texas, Brown led a turnaround at North Carolina, winning 10 games each of his last two seasons in Chapel Hill.

➔ Texas has a bye week after dismantling UTEP 64-7 on September 26. The Longhorns racked up 639 yards of total offense, 304 rushing and 325 passing, while allowed UTEP to gain just 53 yards, nine rushing and 44 passing. Colt McCoy completed 28-of-35 passes for 286 yards and three touchdowns while Vondrell McGee surpassed the 100 yard rushing mark with just eight carries (104 yards). Jordan Shipley led the UT receivers, hauling in 10 passes for 122 yards and a touchdown, while Dan Buckner caught six passes for 71 yards and a pair of scores.

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**THE SET-UP**

It's the fifth time in a row that CU comes into the game unranked, while the 'Horns are in the top 5 for the fifth time in the last six ... The winner has scored at least four touchdowns in the last 12 games, dating back to 1990, with CU winning the '89 affair with three TDs by a 27-6 score ... CU has dropped its final non-league game and then lost its league opener just eight times in the last 50 years, doing so in 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 2000, 2003 and 2008.

**SERIES FAST FACTS**

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

TEAM	Most Yards Rushing	Most Total Plays	INDIVIDUAL
<b>Most Points</b>	CU: 387, on Oct. 1, 1994	CU: 85, on Oct. 1, 1994	<b>Most Yards Rushing</b>
CU: 47, on Oct. 25, 1987	UT: 326, on Oct. 30, 2004	UT: 88, on Sept. 4, 1993	CU: 317, Rashaan Salaam, Oct. 1, 1994
UT: 76, on Sept. 28, 1946	<b>Fewest Yards Rushing</b>	<b>Fewest Total Plays</b>	UT: 201, Ricky Williams, Oct. 25, 1997
<b>Fewest Points</b>	CU: -8, on Sept. 28, 1946	CU: 49, on Sept. 28, 1946	<b>Most Yards Passing</b>
CU: 0, on Sept. 28, 1946	UT: 50, on Oct. 1, 1994	UT: 54, on Sept. 28, 1946	CU: 246, Kordell Stewart, Sept. 4, 1993
UT: 6, on Sept. 4, 1989	<b>Most Yards Passing</b>	<b>Most Yards Total Offense</b>	UT: 347, Shea Morenz, Sept. 4, 1993
<b>Most First Downs</b>	CU: 295, on Oct. 28, 1996	CU: 530, on Sept. 4, 1993	<b>Most Receptions</b>
CU: 27, on two occasions	UT: 370, on Dec. 1, 2001*	UT: 594, on Sept. 28, 1946	CU: 9, Christian Fauria, Sept. 4, 1993
UT: 26, on two occasions	<b>Fewest Yards Passing</b>	<b>Fewest Yards Total Offense</b>	UT: 9, Quan Cosby, Oct. 4, 2008
<b>Fewest First Downs</b>	CU: 67, on Sept. 28, 1946	CU: 59, on Sept. 28, 1946	<b>Most Yards Receiving</b>
CU: 5, on Sept. 28, 1946	UT: 66, on Dec. 27, 1975	UT: 237, on Dec. 27, 1975	CU: 97, Christian Fauria, Sept. 4, 1993
UT: 12, on Sept. 28, 1946			UT: 139, Lovell Pinkney, Sept. 4, 1993

**COLORADO & CONFERENCE OPENERS**

Colorado is 7-6 in Big 12 Conference openers, as the Buffaloes will start league play on the road for the fifth time in the last seven years (doing so four straight years from 2003-06). The Buffs' inaugural Big 12 league game in 1996 was at Texas A & M, where they emerged with a 24-10 victory; the next six Big 12 lid-lifters were all in Boulder. CU dropped its 2006 opener at Missouri, 28-13, after posting a 34-0 win at Oklahoma State in 2005 which snuffed out a 2-game losing streak. In 61 conference openers in the Big Seven/Eight/12, the Buffs are 36-24-1 overall, including a 23-12-1 mark at home. The Buffs won their last seven Big Eight openers, thus own a 14-6 record over the last 20 seasons in the first league match-up of the year.

**Texas.** This is the second time the Buffs and Longhorns open conference play against each other, following up last season, when Texas won 38-14 in Boulder. CU is 4-3 against South Division teams in the conference opener. UT comes into the game ranked No. 2 in the nation; this is the seventh time CU's first Big 12 opponent of a season enters the game ranked with the Buffs 2-4 in previous match-ups. Included in that is the 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma in 2007.

**COLORADO VERSUS THE NUMBER TWOS**

CU is 3-14 in 17 games against No. 2 teams, dropping five straight. Colorado's last win over a No. 2 was the 62-36 triumph over Nebraska in 2001; six weeks later, the Buffs fell to No. 2 Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl, 38-16. The following November, the Buffs traveled to Norman, where the No. 2 Sooners dealt CU a 27-11 setback in some nasty cold and wet conditions. CU's last three outings against number two teams were in the 2004 Big 12 title game, a 42-3 setback to Oklahoma, and two games to Texas in 2005, a 42-17 regular season loss and the 70-3 defeat in the '05 league title game. Colorado's other two wins over a No. 2 came in 1989, when CU defeated Nebraska 27-21 (NU was No. 2 in the coaches poll but was No. 3 in the AP; CU held the spots in reverse), and in 1972, a 20-14 win over Oklahoma in Boulder. Colorado is 3-3 at home against No. 2 teams, but is 0-8 on the road and 0-3 at neutral sites.

**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 the two games, the enemy is just 7-of-32 on third down at Folsom (21.9%), and on the year, just 18-of-56 (32.1%) overall.



**THE LAST TIME: TEXAS 38, COLORADO 14****OCTOBER 4, 2008 (BOULDER)**

BOULDER — Chris Ogbonnaya wasn't listed on the Texas depth chart prior to the game. But the senior tailback likely made it after amassing 187 all-purpose yards and scoring two touchdowns, along with preventing one by Colorado, to lead the No. 5 Longhorns to a 38-14 win over the Buffaloes in CU's annual homecoming game.

Colorado knew it was important to get off to a good start, and elected to receive when it won the coin toss. But the Buffs went three plays and out on the drive, but their defense responded and seemed to have Texas hemmed in on a third-and-six from its own 35. Colt McCoy was flushed out of the pocket and spotted Ogbonnaya to his left and got the ball off just in time before he crossed the line of scrimmage. With the CU defense caught in over-pursuit, Ogbonnaya turned on the jets and raced 65 yards for the game's first score and a lead Texas would never relinquish.

The Buffs countered with three first downs on the next possession before stalling at the UT 18, where Aric Goodman missed the first of what would be three field goals in the first half. The Longhorns drove 80 yards in 10 plays after the miss, the final three plays gobbling up 55 yards after a first down sack by Brad Jones had UT staring at a second and 17. McCoy hit Ogbonnaya for a 23-yard gain, and then Brandon Shipley for back-to-back 16 yard pickups, the latter for a touchdown.

The breaking point for the Buffs came in the second quarter as the Buffs stiffened on defense, though Goodman missed two more field goal tries that would have cut into the Texas lead. The Longhorns then used a late eight play, 66-yard march in the period capped by a 13-yard run by Ogbonnaya to take a 21-0 halftime lead.

Texas tried to put the game away on the opening possession of the second half, but a 12-play drive ended with a Maurice Lucas sack and a 5-yard loss on a screen play sniffed out by Shaun Mohler. CU took over at its 14, and Rodney Stewart had a solid 6-yard run on CU's first play; but there was a miscommunication on the handoff between Cody Hawkins and Stewart and the ball wound up on the turf with Texas recovering at the Buff 18.

From there, Texas took just four plays to score, polished off by a 1-yard Cody Johnson run.

The Buffs got on the board two series later, capitalizing on a Cha'pelle Brown interception at the Texas 27. Faced with a fourth-and-10, Hawkins hit Josh Smith with a bullet pass for a 17-yard gain to the 10. Two plays later, Hawkins found Jake Behrens for a 7-yard touchdown play. Texas answered immediately with a 71-yard drive in four plays, most of the yards picked up on a first down 51-yard run by Ogbonnaya.

CU's second touchdown came in a second-team versus second-team situation, with Matt Ballenger throwing a 28-yard strike to a streaking Patrick Williams along the right sideline. It was the first game action for CU's backup quarterback.

Texas had decided advantages in first downs (25-15), rushing yards (169-49), total offense (431-266) and time of possession (36:57). Ogbonnaya led Texas in rushing with 71 yards and also caught six passes for 116 more.

It was the fourth straight win by Texas in the series.

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

SCORING	Score	Time	Qtr
Texas — Ogbonnaya 65 pass from McCoy (Lawrence kick)	0-7	13:17	1Q
Texas — Shipley 16 pass from McCoy (Lawrence kick)	0-14	4:44	1Q
Texas — Ogbonnaya 13 run (Lawrence kick)	0-21	1:04	2Q
Texas — Johnson 1 run (Lawrence kick)	0-28	7:12	3Q
COLORADO — J.Behrens 7 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	7-28	3:58	3Q
Texas — Johnson 4 run (Lawrence kick)	7-35	2:15	3Q
Texas — Lawrence 46 FG	7-38	10:35	4Q
COLORADO — Williams 28 pass from Ballenger (Goodman kick)	14-38	1:54	4Q

**Attendance:** 53,927 **Time:** 3:24

**Weather:** 65 degrees, cloudy skies, 40% humidity, 4 mph winds from the south

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs.....	15	25
Third Down Efficiency (Fourth).....	7-17 (1-1)	9-16 (1-1)
Rushes—Net Yards .....	28-49	46-169
Passing Yards .....	217	262
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	38-17-0	30-23-2
Total Offense .....	266	431
Return Yards .....	66	0
Punts: No-Average .....	6-39.3	4-38.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	3-2	1-0
Penalties/Yards .....	3/27	2/20
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	4-35	3-25
Time of Possession .....	23:03	36:57
Drives/Average Field Position .....	13/C33	14/T33
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....	1-3 (7)	4-4 (28)

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Stewart 12-27, Moyd 3-25, Ballenger 2-8, Sumler 5-7, Scott 2-4, Hawkins 4-minus 22. **Texas:** Ogbonnaya 9-71, McCoy 11-39, McGee 6-30, Johnson 11-27, Hills 3-11, Chiles 3-minus 7, Team 1-minus 2.

**Passing—Colorado:** Hawkins 33-13-0, 118, 1 td; Ballenger 4-3-0, 61, 1 td; McKnight 1-1-0, 38. **Texas:** McCoy 30-23-2, 262, 2 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Williams 4-50, Scott 2-45, Deehan 2-31, Sumler 2-29, McKnight 2-8, Jo.Smith 1-17, Crawford 1-14, Geer 1-8, Devenny 1-8, J.Behrens 1-7. **Texas:** Cosby 9-71, Ogbonnaya 6-116, Shipley 4-47, Buckner 1-10, McGee 1-9, Ullman 1-6, Collins 1-3.

**Punting—Colorado:** DiLallo 5-37.8 (47 long, 1 In20), Suazo 1-47.0. **Texas:** Gold 3-39.0 (49 long, 2 In20), Gerland 1-38.0 (1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 2-9. **Texas:** none.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Jo.Smith 4-112. **Texas:** Shipley 1-28.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** J.Brown 1-57, C.Brown 1-0. **Texas:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Smart 6,7—13; Mohler 6,3—9; Jones 3,4—7; Ji.Smith 6,0—6; Walters 6,0—6; Lucas 4,2—6; Perkins 2,4—6; Dykes 4,1—5; McKay 4,1—5; Hypolite 1,4—5; C.Brown 4,0—4; J.Brown 4,0—4. **Texas:** Muckelroy 7,3—10; Miller 3,5—8; Beasley 4,0—4; Gideon 3,1—4; Kindle 3,1—4; Melton 2,2—4; Norton 1,3—4; Williams 3,0—3.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Herrod 1-15, Jones 1-7, Lucas 1-7, Hypolite 1-6. **Texas:** Palmer 1-14, Kindle ½-4, Norton ½-4, Lewis ½-2, Alexander ½-1.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** C.Brown, J. Brown. **Texas:** Miller 2, Brown, Houston, Melton, Muckelroy, Norton, Thomas.

**GAME NOTES**

The sellout crowd of **53,927** was the first at Folsom Field since the 2005 finale against Nebraska and was CU's first sellout for homecoming since 2003 (when No. 1 Oklahoma was the opponent) ... **PK Aric Goodman** tied the school record, held by several, for the most missed field goals in a game with three in the first half; the last time that happened was in CU's 29-7 loss to Oklahoma in the 2002 Big 12 Championship game, when **Pat Brougham** missed on tries from 41, 32 and 33 yards ... Despite being down 21-0, Colorado ran the same number of plays as Texas did in plus territory in the first half (12); the Longhorns gained 82 yards and scored twice, while CU totaled only 13 yards ... **QB Cody Hawkins'** third quarter fumble was the CU's first second half turnover this season; the first eight were all committed in the first half, seven in the second quarter ... Hawkins moved into the school's top 10 all-time in total offense (ninth, 3,573) passing fellow signal callers Craig Ochs and Steve Vogel ... **FB Jake Behrens** caught his third TD pass of his career, a 7-yard effort that was more than twice the distance of his first two (1, 2) ... **OT Matt Bahr** made his first career start, as he moved into the right tackle spot for an injured **Ryan Miller**, who is out for the year with a fractured fibula. **TE Ryan Deehan** made his first career start as CU opened in a two tight end formation ... **QB Matt Ballenger** threw a touchdown pass in his first career appearance, and in doing so, became the first non-starting QB at Colorado to have one in game since 2004, when James Cox had one in a 19-14 win over Iowa State ... The Buffs had two interceptions of Texas **QB Colt McCoy** (in 30 attempts); he had thrown just one in 100 tries coming into the game.

**TALE OF THE TAPE**

Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Texas** in several statistical categories through games of **October 3** (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):



Category	Colorado		Texas	
Overall Record, 2008 .....	1-3		4-0	
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	0-0		0-0	
Opponents 2009 Combined Record (SOS: NCAA, Sagarin) .....	27-13	( 6)	25-15	(17)
Overall Record, 1989-current (last 20 seasons).....	154-91-4	(23)	180-68-2	( 8)
Versus Ranked Teams.....	42-57-2		41-40-2	
In Conference Play.....	97-53-3	(11)	116-40	( 5)
Alumni On NFL Rosters (as of October 5).....	20		42	( 1)
Rushing Offense.....	93.8	(109)	207.3	(21)
Average Per Rush .....	3.2		4.9	
Passing Offense .....	261.3	(27)	314.0	( 9)
Completion Percentage.....	52.4		71.3	
Average Per Attempt.....	5.5		7.9	
Passing Efficiency .....	104.2	(109)	149.6	(28)
Total Offense.....	355.0	(77)	521.3	( 4)
Average Per Play.....	4.6		6.4	
Scoring Offense.....	25.8	(71)	49.5	( 1)
Rushing Defense.....	201.5	(111)	47.3	( 2)
Average Per Rush .....	4.9		1.7	
Passing Defense .....	207.3	(54)	212.3	(65)
Completion Percentage.....	54.7		54.8	
Average Per Attempt.....	8.7		5.1	
Pass Efficiency Defense .....	148.1	(106)	97.7	(18)
Total Defense.....	408.8	(102)	259.5	(11)
Average Per Play.....	6.3		3.7	
Scoring Defense.....	28.0	(86)	15.3	(19)
Third Down Conversion Offense.....	40.3	(60)	47.5	(21)
Third Down Conversion Defense .....	32.1	(24)	21.0	( 2)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed .....	10 / 10	(44/76)	12 / 4	(25/14)
Net Punting .....	35.7	(70)	35.1	(78)
Punt Returns .....	3.8	(106)	13.9	(22)
Punt Return Yardage Defense.....	8.4	(57)	12.8	(89)
Kickoff Returns .....	25.0	(30)	37.3	( 2)
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense.....	15.8	( 3)	21.6	(69)
Turnovers .....	10	(76)	9	(61)
Turnover Margin.....	-0.33	(78)	+0.75	(36)
Red Zone Scoring Percentage.....	100.0	( 1)	100.0	( 1)
Time of Possession.....	31:32	(38)	31:57	(23)

**NIGHT ROAD GAMES**

This is actually the 75th anniversary of CU's first night game, which occurred on Oct. 12, 1934 in Greeley; Northern Colorado (then Colorado State Teacher's College) defeated the Silver & Gold, 13-7 (CU's nickname would be determined one month later in a newspaper contest). The Buffs are **19-22** all-time in road night games, last winning at Baylor on Oct. 6, 2007 (43-23); CU has dropped five straight night games away from Boulder, four true road affairs including at Toledo and West Virginia this season, and the '07 Independence Bowl versus Alabama.

**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.

**IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: OCTOBER 10**

Colorado is 8-5 all-time on **October 10**, with a couple of interesting events occurring on the date in school annals. Some highlighted games:

**1903**—CU tops Colorado A&M, 5-0; the yearbook account?—strange as usual: “The (1903) team was light and won only by hard and consistent playing, a system which always sent a thrill of joy through the University rooters, whenever it was indulged in.” Fast-forward to 2009: “Say what?” **1931**—Jim Haley ran for three touchdowns and George Grosvenor rushed for just shy of 100 yards as CU downed Colorado Mines in Boulder, 27-0. The Coloradan: “The Silver & Gold team resorted to straight football throughout, and use only line smashes and off-tackle plays to score their four touchdowns. **1953**—Kansas takes an early 14-0 lead, but the Buffs rally twice to tie the game at 14 then 21 before succumbing in Boulder, 27-21. CU’s second score came on a 92-yard punt return by Ron Johnson. **1959**—Colorado’s 20-17 win at Kansas State was the first for new CU coach Sonny Grandelius. CU spotted KSU a 10-0 first quarter lead and trailed 17-6 two-and-a-half minutes into the second half. Gale Weidner scored from a yard out and threw a 2-point conversion pass to Jerry Hillebrand to cut the lead to 17-14 with 1:00 left in the third quarter. CU then scored the winning points on its next possession on a 20-yard TD pass from Weidner to Gary Henson. K-State had just 26 rushing yards on 33 tries in the game, which ended with multiple players being ejected for brawling. **1964**—The Buffs dropped a tough one at Oklahoma State, 14-10, as the Cowboys were in CU territory just twice all game, once after recovering a fumble for a TD in the end zone. Hale Irwin’s 1-yard keeper put the Buffs up 10-7 with 3:02 left in the third quarter, but OSU went ahead for good early in the fourth. CU drove to the OSU 32 and the OSU 9 on its last two possessions but couldn’t convert. OSU had just seven first downs against a stout CU defense starting to emerge in Eddie Crowder’s second year as coach. **1970**—Cliff Branch had 200 all-purpose yards and scored two touchdowns on punt returns to lead an all out assault as the Buffs pounded Iowa State in Boulder, 61-10. Eight different Buffs scored in the game, which saw CU take a 21-0 lead less than midway into the first quarter. **1975**—The Buffs defeated Miami at the Orange Bowl, 23-10, in the school’s last in-season Friday *night* game for what would be 34 years. Tony Reed’s 10-yard TD run with 7:23 remaining iced the game for CU after the Hurricanes cut the Buff lead to 17-10 early in the fourth quarter. Reed rushed for 115 yards and Jim Kelleher added 58 yards and a score. **1981**—Turner Gill threw four touchdown passes and Nebraska set an NCAA record with 42 first downs as the Huskers defeated CU in Lincoln, 59-0. NU gained 719 yards, CU 146. Nuff said. **1987**—A little known running back at the time, Barry Sanders, scored two touchdowns and Mike Gundy completed 21-of-28 passes for 257 yards and two scores to lead Oklahoma State to a 42-17 win over the Buffs in Stillwater. CU trailed just 14-10 at halftime, behind the solid running of FB Erich Kissick (122 yards), but OSU pulled away in the second half and sealed it with a 73-yard punt return for a score by Sanders, who won the Heisman Trophy the following season. **1998**—Martin Gramatica kicked three field goals and No. 5 Kansas State held off a furious CU rally in defeating the Buffs in Boulder, 16-9. A fourth down TD pass from Mike Moschetti to Marcus Stiggers cut the K-State lead to 16-6 with 5:42 left, and a Jeremy Aldrich 20-yard field goal knocked it down to seven with 1:46 remaining. CU stopped KSU cold, but had 12 men on the field during the punt, the ensuing penalty and first down allowing the Wildcats to run out the clock.

**OCTOBER 10 COLORADO MVP:** WR/KR Cliff Branch. Against Iowa State in 1970, he returned punts 72 and 62 yards for touchdowns, caught two passes for 34 yards, returned two kickoffs for 17 and rushed twice for six more to give him 200 overall yards in CU’s 61-10 win over Iowa State.

**OUGH ... LITERALLY**

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 continue 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. 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	4	12	300	4.0	12	176	6.8	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).

**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.

**TRUE FRESHMAN TRIFECTA**

In 2008, Colorado was the only school in the nation to have three freshmen (and in CU’s case, all are true freshmen) finish as the top three in any major statistical category. Looking at the school’s top three rushers, you will find **TB Rodney Stewart** (622 yards), **TB Darrell Scott** (343) and **QB Tyler Hansen** (261). The Stewart-Scott combo adds to 965 yards, second only in CU “two-frosh” rushing to the 1991 total of 1,131 yards by the combo of **TB Lamont Warren** (830) and **TB Kent Kahl** (301). The 2008 trio of Stewart, Scott and Hansen have combined for 1,226 rushing yards, and in “three-frosh” rushing, they also finished second, on the heels of the 1991 group of Warren, Kahl and **QB Kordell Stewart** (177 yards), which totaled 1,275 yards between them.

**HAWKINS RISING UP THE CHARTS**

**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 can set in. While some numbers are down, that can be traced to a youthful CU offensive line; he's cut his interceptions by over 50 percent and has just three fewer TD passes than last season.

- He is in the top 10 in every major passing category (and in the top 3 in the top four: yards (5,630), TD passes (43), attempts (931) and completions (520).
- **Red Zone.** He has a **32-to-3** career ratio of touchdowns to interceptions in the red zone (**5-to-0** in 2009 after **11-to-2** in 2008; one pick really could have also been scored a catch and a fumble, as a Kansas defender ripped the ball away from Cody Crawford after an apparent catch).
- **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 34-of-68 for 351 yards (7 TD/2 INT; 121.4).
- 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 **115.0**; however, he has been hurried/pressured **157** times, **12** 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? **141.4**.

**HANSEN JUST THE ELEVENTH**

When he appeared late in the first quarter against Kansas State last season (October 18), **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. At this point, Hansen is ticketed to redshirt in 2009, meaning another true freshman could very well join this list at some point this season (CU's other three quarterbacks other than starter Cody Hawkins 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 No.	FIRST GAME Opponent	Passing-----			Rushing-----			SEASON Passing-----				Rushing-----			
				Att	Com	Int	Yds	TD	Att	Yds	TD	G-GS	Att	Com	Int	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
Charlie Davis .....	1978	1	OREGON (W)	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5-0	15-	6-	0	87	0
Randy Essington.....	1980	1	at UCLA (L)	7	6	0	62	0	0	0	0	6-2	80-	43-	4	453	2
Marc Walters.....	1986	6	IOWA STATE (W)	2	0	0	0	0	7	47	0	5-1	13-	7-	0	167	1
Darian Hagan.....	1988	1	FRESNO STATE (W)	1	0	0	0	0	4	85	1	5-0	6-	2-	1	33	0
Vance Joseph.....	1990	7	IOWA STATE (W)	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	4-0	7-	5-	0	80	1
Kordell Stewart .....	1991	3	MINNESOTA (W)	1	1	0	2	0	8	73	1	2-0	2-	1-	0	2	0
Koy Detmer.....	1992	3	at Minnesota (W)	18	11	0	184	2	2	8	0	7-2	117-	67-	10	962	8
Craig Ochs.....	2000	4	KANSAS STATE (L)	24	15	1	208	1	9	38	1	8-7	245-	145-	7	1778	7
Joel Klatt.....	2002	7	at Baylor (W)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-0	3-	0-	0	0	0
<b>Tyler Hansen .....</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>KANSAS STATE (W)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5-3</b>	<b>65-</b>	<b>34-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>1</b>

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	<b>Tyler Hansen</b>	<b>at Missouri</b>	<b>L 0-58</b>	<b><i>Rushing: 16-30, 0 td    Passing: 16-12-0, 72, 0 td (112.8 rating)</i></b>

**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 **329** polls (*AP*; 57%), 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 282). Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (101, tied with Michigan), trailing Florida (111), Florida State (103) and Ohio State (102).

**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																

**42 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS EIGHTH BEST SINCE '89**

CU's 42 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season is the eighth most in the nation in this time frame (20-plus seasons). Florida State has the most with 69, followed by Florida (65), Michigan (60), Ohio State (57), Miami, Fla. (54), Southern Cal (52), Tennessee (51), **Colorado (42)**, Penn State (42), Texas (42), Alabama (41), Notre Dame (40), Oklahoma (39) and Nebraska (36); 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 (22). All-time, Colorado's 65 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 win over a ranked team was over No. 21 West Virginia in 2008 (17-14 in OT); its last over a top 10/top 5 team was the 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma in 2007. CU has lost nine straight road games against ranked opponents, with the last win at UCLA 31-17 in 2002.

**COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2009**

- 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.
- 6** The minimum number of night games CU will play in 2009, including WVU and OSU on ESPN Thursday Night Football.
- 8** The minimum number of national TV games CU will play in 2009, including the Texas game which was selected for ESPN.
- 8-3** Dan Hawkins' record following a bye week, which CU has enjoyed following the 24-0 win over Wyoming on September 19.
- 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.
- 12-12** Colorado is also 12-of-12 in the red zone overall in 2009.
- 14 (of 17)** The number of kickoffs by **PK Aric Goodman** that has had the opponent beginning drives inside their own 25-yard line.
- 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 **7-of-32** (21.9%) in 2009.
- 21** The number of yards CU has been outgained by in the first and third quarters combined, compared to **728** in 2008.
- 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.
- 42-21** The points CU has scored and allowed in the third quarter, after being outscored **103-55** in 2008.
- 43** The number of passing yards by West Virginia in the 2008 CU-WVU, the fewest against Colorado since 1999 (Baylor, 40).
- 100.0** The career conversion percentage on 3rd-&-1 runs by **TB Rodney Stewart** (6-of-6; 1-of-1 in 2009).
- 104** 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).
- 290** The number of all-purpose yards **TB Darrell Scott** had against Toledo, including a CU record **204** on eight kickoff returns.
- 430** The number of yards the opponent has gained on the **219** plays they have collectively run that have not gained double digits (**1.97** per).
- 1,205** The number of yards the opponent has gained on the **41** plays they have collectively run that have gained 10 or more yards (**29.4** per).
- 1,129** 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 October 3:

TEAM											
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
12th	109th	RUSHING OFFENSE .....	93.8	12th	111th	RUSHING DEFENSE .....	201.5	12th	106th	PUNT RETURNS .....	3.8
6th	27th	PASSING OFFENSE .....	251.0	6th	54th	PASSING DEFENSE .....	207.3	5th	30th	KICKOFF RETURNS .....	25.1
12th	77th	TOTAL OFFENSE .....	355.0	12th	102nd	TOTAL DEFENSE .....	408.8	9th	70th	NET PUNTING .....	35.7
10th	71st	SCORING OFFENSE .....	25.8	12th	86th	SCORING DEFENSE .....	28.0	9th	78th	TURNOVER MARGIN .....	-0.25
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)											
Rushing								Kick Scoring			
Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm						Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	
Rodney Stewart .....	4th	34th	90.0	Riar Geer .....	12th	63rd	5.0	Aric Goodman .....	9th	.....	6.2
Darrell Scott .....	26th	.....	30.3	Jason Espinoza .....	29th	.....	3.3	<b>Field Goals</b>	Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm
Passing				Receiving Yards				Aric Goodman .....	7th	63rd	1.00
Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Cody Hawkins .....	6th	18th	261.3	Scotty McKnight .....	9th	40th	81.3	Benjamin Burney .....	9th	.....	0.25
Pass Efficiency				Riar Geer .....	21st	.....	52.0	Jeff Smart .....	9th	.....	0.25
Big 12	NCAA	Rating		Punting				Fumble Recoveries			
Cody Hawkins .....	12th	101st	104.2	Matt DiLallo .....	5th	53rd	41.0	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm	
Total Offense				Punt Returns				QB Sacks			
Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Big 12	NCAA	Avg.		Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm	
Cody Hawkins .....	7th	42nd	240.3	Jason Espinoza .....	12th	72nd	3.8	Jalil Brown .....	2nd	7th	0.50
Rodney Stewart .....	16th	.....	90.0	Kickoff Returns				C. Brown .....			
All-Purpose				Darrell Scott .....				5th	38th	0.75	
Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Scoring				Tackles / Tackles For Loss			
Darrell Scott .....	6th	28th	149.3	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm		CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match			
Rodney Stewart .....	19th	.....	93.7	Aric Goodman .....	17th	.....	6.3				
Receptions				Scotty McKnight .....	19th	.....	6.0				
Big 12	NCAA	No./Gm									
Scotty McKnight .....	2nd	15th	7.3								

**CAREER CHART WATCH**

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

- ⇒ **CB CHA'PELLE BROWN** is 67th in total tackles (**191**) and is 12th in pass deflections (**24**);
- ⇒ **WR RIAR GEER** is 22nd in receptions (**71**) and is 30th in receiving yards (**780**);
- ⇒ **QB CODY HAWKINS** is third in passing yards (**5,630**), is second in completions (**520**), is second in attempts (**931**), is second in touchdown passes (**43**), is tied for third in interceptions (**32**) and is fourth in total offense (**5,512**);
- ⇒ **WR SCOTTY MCKNIGHT** is seventh in receptions (**118**), is ninth in receiving yards (**1,332**), is tied for seventh in receiving touchdowns (**12**) and is tied for 60th in scoring (**82**);
- ⇒ **ILB JEFF SMART** is 38th in total tackles (**237**);
- ⇒ **TB DARRELL SCOTT** is 96th in rushing yards (**434**);
- ⇒ **TB RODNEY STEWART** is 53rd in rushing yards (**892**);
- ⇒ **TB DEMETRIUS SUMLER** is 70th in rushing yards (**670**).

**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 2006, the opponent had the upper hand at **390-277**, but for 2007, CU had **677** and owned a **269-yard** edge on the enemy); CU had a hefty **518-323** edge in 2008. And the Buffs have **44** return and/or non-offensive touchdowns over the last 10 seasons (40 regular season, four bowl game), the 15th most in the nation for this span. The overall list through games of October 3:

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	3	75	Nebraska	7	7	6	7	4	2	4	0	3	4	1	45
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	9	7	8	2	69	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>
Texas	6	7	6	7	9	2	7	8	5	5	3	65	Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	2	0	3	1	44
Miami, Fla.	3	13	12	5	9	10	3	1	1	3	0	60	Alabama	4	4	2	4	7	3	2	6	1	9	1	43
Oklahoma	4	7	6	9	9	3	3	5	7	3	1	57	Michigan State	9	0	5	3	7	3	4	4	5	2	0	42
Florida State	7	4	5	6	6	3	5	6	5	6	3	56	East Carolina	7	5	6	5	4	3	0	4	2	6	0	42
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	0	41
California	8	3	1	8	3	2	4	8	5	7	0	49	Hawaii	0	1	7	5	3	8	0	5	9	3	0	41
Louisville	6	4	5	7	3	6	4	4	3	6	0	48	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	0	46	Texas Tech	3	7	8	6	3	2	3	2	1	4	0	39
Boise State	3	4	3	4	4	7	8	4	3	5	1	46	Wake Forest	1	2	2	3	6	5	3	3	10	3	0	38
Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	4	3	4	0	45	LSU	4	1	1	4	9	4	5	4	2	2	2	38
Ohio State	1	8	3	3	5	6	6	5	4	4	0	45	TCU	6	3	4	6	3	1	3	3	5	2	1	37

**2009 LEADERS:** Air Force 5, Clemson 4, Ohio 4, Florida St. 3, Ga. Tech 3, Mississippi St. 3, Oregon 3, Rutgers 3, Stanford 3, Texas 3, Va. Tech 3, Washington St. 3.

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 **59-45-1** overall road record (a 56.7 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 **48-30-1** mark in their last 79 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—seven losses at Nebraska, four at Kansas State and Missouri, three at Kansas, two at Iowa State and Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor and Oklahoma State; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **23-29** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (**0-4** in 2008). The chart to the right does not include neutral site games and includes games of October 3:

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Ohio State	100	71	27	2	.720
Miami, Fla.	111	79	32	0	.712
Florida State	102	72	30	0	.706
Tennessee	99	67	30	2	.687
Michigan	102	68	31	3	.681
Florida	86	58	27	1	.680
Nebraska	102	66	33	3	.662
Southern Cal	118	75	41	2	.644
Texas	101	65	36	0	.644
Alabama	97	61	36	0	.629
Notre Dame	102	63	37	2	.627
Penn State	103	60	42	1	.587
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.567</b>

Colorado has the nation's 23rd best record over the last 20 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **154-91-4** 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 September 26 (#—denotes 2009 Colorado opponent):

Rk	School						vs. AP Ranked Teams		2009
		G	W	L	T	Pct.	G	W- L-T	
1	Florida	258	201	56	1	.781	111	65-45-1	5-0
2	Florida State	256	199	56	1	.779	103	69-33-1	2-3
3	Ohio State	254	194	57	3	.770	102	57-42-3	4-1
4	#Nebraska	254	194	59	1	.766	75	36-38-1	3-1
5	Miami, Fla.	247	189	58	0	.765	93	54-39-0	3-1
6	Tennessee	254	187	64	3	.742	97	51-43-3	2-3
7	Michigan	250	182	65	3	.734	101	60-39-2	4-1
8	#Texas	250	180	68	2	.724	83	41-40-2	4-0
9	Virginia Tech	251	176	73	2	.705	71	35-35-1	4-1
10	Penn State	250	175	74	1	.702	88	42-46-0	4-1
11	Southern Cal	252	174	74	4	.698	92	52-39-1	4-1
12	Georgia	248	171	76	1	.692	92	39-52-1	3-2
13	Oklahoma	251	172	76	3	.691	84	39-44-1	2-2
14	Auburn	246	167	76	3	.685	80	33-46-1	5-0
15	Alabama	253	171	81	1	.678	89	41-47-1	5-0
16	Brigham Young	256	170	84	2	.668	41	12-28-1	4-1
17	Notre Dame	249	164	83	2	.663	90	40-48-2	4-1
18	#Texas A & M	250	162	86	2	.652	78	29-48-1	3-2
19	Oregon	246	158	88	0	.642	73	31-42-0	4-1
20	#Kansas State	247	156	90	1	.634	60	19-40-1	3-2
21	#West Virginia	244	153	88	3	.633	57	19-36-2	3-1
22	#Toledo	239	149	87	3	.630	12	5- 7-0	3-2
23	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.627</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>42-57-2</b>	<b>1-3</b>

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 Championship Game Records:** Oklahoma 6-1, Nebraska 2-2, Texas 2-2, Texas A & M 1-1, Kansas State 1-2, **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 **24-16**; other records: Nebraska is 25-15 (passing CU with its '08 win over CU), Kansas State 21-20, Missouri 20-20, Kansas 18-22 and Iowa State 13-28. Colorado is **15-5** at home in this stretch versus the North, the only losses to NU (2003, 2005), KSU (2006) and KU and MU (2007).

North Division (E)						conference					overall						
School (AP/Coaches/Harris)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up						
Kansas State .....	1	0	1.000	24	23	3	2	.600	118	87	O 10	at Texas Tech					
Kansas (#16/#15/#16).....	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0	1.000	162	54	O 10	IOWA STATE					
Missouri (#24/#18/#23) .....	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0	1.000	147	62	O 8	NEBRASKA					
Nebraska (#21/#22/#21) .....	0	0	.000	0	0	3	1	.750	157	28	O 8	at Missouri					
<b>COLORADO .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.250</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>O10</b>	<b>at Texas</b>					
Iowa State .....	0	1	.000	23	24	3	2	.600	125	100	O 10	at Kansas					
South Division (E)						conference					overall						
School (AP/Coaches/Harris)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up						
Texas (#2/#2/#2).....	1	0	1.000	34	24	4	0	1.000	198	61	O 10	COLORADO					
Baylor .....	0	0	.000	0	0	3	1	.750	145	79	O 10	at Oklahoma					
Oklahoma State (#15/#13/#14) .....	0	0	.000	0	0	3	1	.750	156	85	O 10	at Texas A&M					
Texas A & M.....	0	0	.000	0	0	3	1	.750	154	102	O 10	OKLAHOMA STATE					
Oklahoma (#19/#21/#20).....	0	0	.000	0	0	2	2	.500	142	35	O 10	BAYLOR					
Texas Tech (—/—/RV) .....	0	1	.000	24	34	2	2	.500	145	86	O 10	NEW MEXICO					

## HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

**Dan Hawkins** is now 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 **14-27** record at Colorado, along with a **67-38** record in the Division I-A ranks (53-11 at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **106-50-1** 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. 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 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	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
<b>Hawkins at Colorado .....</b>	<b>14-27</b>	<b>10-10</b>	<b>2-15</b>	<b>2- 2</b>	<b>2-11</b>	<b>12-16</b>	<b>6-11</b>	<b>8-16</b>	<b>0- 1</b>
<b>Career (NCAA I-A) .....</b>	<b>67-38</b>	<b>41-12</b>	<b>23-23</b>	<b>3- 3</b>	<b>4-16</b>	<b>63-22</b>	<b>22-19</b>	<b>9-16</b>	<b>2- 3</b>

- ♦ **COLORADO STREAKS:** 2-game plus wins, 2-game plus losses: **2, 8**. 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 **157** games (106-50-1), with that record and 67.8 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** was one of the 60 Division I-A coaches voting in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches poll in 2008 (the eighth straight year he was a voter and the 22nd straight year CU's head coach has participated).

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.....	1	3	-	.250	103	112	0	0	-	.000	0	0
<b>Colorado Totals .....</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.341</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>732</b>
<b>Division I-A Totals .....</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.638</b>	<b>3558</b>	<b>2497</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.703</b>	<b>2364</b>	<b>1544</b>
<b>Career Totals .....</b>		<b>106</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.678</b>	<b>5227</b>	<b>3596</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.747</b>	<b>3207</b>	<b>2045</b>

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	1	14	38
Arizona State.....	0	2	17	54	Hawai'i.....	5	0	244	124	Nevada.....	5	0	256	52	Texas A & M.....	0	1	17	24
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.....	0	3	43	69	Oregon State.....	1	2	104	90	Utah State.....	2	0	108	59
Brigham Young.....	2	0	78	39	Kansas State.....	1	2	55	94	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	3	23	141	South Carolina.....	0	1	13	32	<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3558</b>	<b>2497</b>
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.....	67	38	Scoring 50+ Points.....	20	0	Non-Conference.....	22	19
At Colorado.....	14	27	Scoring 20+ Points.....	65	15	At Colorado.....	6	11
At Boise State.....	53	11	Scoring <20 Points.....	2	23	7-Point Games Or Closer...	17	14
Home.....	41	12	Ranked Teams.....	4	16	Overtime.....	3	1
Boulder.....	10	10	No. 1.....	0	0	1 OT.....	2	0
Boise.....	31	2	Top 5.....	1	1	2 OT.....	1	0
Road.....	23	23	Top 10.....	1	5	3 OT.....	0	1
At Colorado.....	2	15	Unranked Teams.....	63	22	August.....	2	0
Neutral.....	3	3	As A Ranked Team.....	16	2	September.....	18	16
Bowl Games.....	2	3	Conference Games.....	45	19	October.....	25	10
Day Games.....	40	23	Home.....	26	6	November.....	19	9
Night Games.....	27	15	Big 12 Games.....	8	16	December.....	3	3
Shutouts.....	3	1	Home.....	6	6	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) and is listed among some of the top names in the profession. A closer look through games of October 3:

Coach, School	W	L	T	Pct.
Pete Carroll, USC.....	92	16	0	.852
Urban Meyer, Florida.....	88	17	0	.838
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma.....	111	27	0	.804
Mark Richt, Georgia.....	85	24	0	.780
Bobby Bowden, Florida State.....	384	126	4	.751
Joe Paterno, Penn State.....	387	128	3	.750
Jim Tressel, Ohio State.....	222	77	2	.743
Gary Patterson, TCU.....	78	27	0	.743
Brian Kelly, Cincinnati.....	164	57	2	.740
Steve Spurrier, South Carolina.....	175	62	2	.736
Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech.....	120	44	0	.732
Les Miles, LSU.....	75	32	0	.701
Nick Saban, Alabama.....	115	50	1	.696
Dennis Erickson, Arizona State.....	165	77	1	.681
Chris Ault, Nevada.....	199	94	1	.679
<b>Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.678</b>

**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 October 3 (\*—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Chris Peterson, Boise State.....	40	4	.909
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin.....	33	11	.750
*Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern.....	22	20	.524
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee.....	20	21	.488
*Turner Gill, Buffalo.....	15	27	.357
<b>Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>.341</b>
*Al Golden, Temple.....	11	28	.282
<b>No longer with same program:</b>			
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. Entering his 20th full-time season, 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 Stavelly 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 **1,184** games (with a record of **652-519-13, .557**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 469 years, thus making the average age **46.9**; 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 October 10, 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	35
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	<b>Eric Kiesau</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Offensive</b>	<b>Nov. 24, 1972</b>	<b>36</b>
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	<b>Team (17)</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>6-1¼</b>	<b>228</b>
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
<b>#Colorado</b>	<b>Dan Hawkins</b>	<b>*Cody (QB)</b>	<b>2006-09</b>
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):

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

**QUARTERBACK BATTLES OVER THE LAST THE QB BATTLE**

The competition for the starting quarterback job this year is 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 now to redshirt Hansen if possible; 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 Knappe** on occasion after Knappe 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 **182-110-4**, the 23rd best record nationally in this span). In these 296 games spanning 25 seasons, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

◆ with 400-plus yards total offense	105-19-2	◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	87-17-1
◆ with 500-plus yards total offense	52- 5-0	◆ when leading at halftime	147-19-2
◆ when leading in time of possession	120-30-3	◆ when leading after three quarters (145-13-3 in last 161)	150-15-3
◆ when making 20-plus first downs	110-34-1	◆ when scoring 24 or more points	148-23-2
◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	69- 8-1	◆ when scoring 14 or more points	178-67-4
◆ when punting three or fewer times	67-16-1	◆ when held to 13 points or less	3-41-0
◆ when scoring first	118-33-1	◆ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	14- 0-0
◆ with zero turnovers (132-52-2 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	77-75-2
◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	92-12-1	◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	99-21-2

**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 **154-91-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (249 games over 21 seasons, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	86-35-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	79- 5-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (47-5 with 500-plus)	91-19-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	53- 2-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	101- 8-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	31- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time (54-64-1 when not)	99-28-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	34- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	97-31-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	83-44-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	55- 7-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (10-0-1 400-plus)	25-14-1
➤ when scoring first (86-23-1 the last 110 times)	97-26-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	77-75-2
➤ with zero turnovers (115-48-2 with two or fewer)	27-10-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	81-20-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	83-11-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	122-25-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	76-12-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	13- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	65-12-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	124-14-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (26-3 40+)	112-41-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	115-35-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	127-29-2		

**TRENDS III****HAWKINS**

Some trends of Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **105** games including bowls (**67-38**; 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 (2-23 when not)	12- 9	65-15	➤ when leading after three (10-30 trailing, 3-2 tied)	9- 3	54- 4
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	9- 3	56- 5	➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	7- 5	39- 7
➤ when scoring 40 or more points	3- 0	38- 2	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense	4- 5	28- 5
➤ 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	7- 9	17-14	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	7- 6	25- 7
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (10-2 with zero)	12-18	50-26	➤ with a 100-yard rusher	8- 5	35- 5
➤ when turnover margin was plus or even	10-16	49-23	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	3- 0	28- 0
➤ when scoring first (21-23 when not)	10-12	46-15	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (45-2 last 47)	5- 3	49- 5
➤ when leading at halftime	10- 5	53- 8	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (6-0 with 600-plus)	2- 0	25- 1
➤ when trailing at halftime (4-1 when tied)	4-20	10-28			

**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	+/-
154 WINS	257	385	+128	1,278	521	+757
HAWKINS ERA (14 WINS)	22	28	+ 6	80	65	+ 15
91 LOSSES (& 4 TIES)	232	156	- 76	370	737	-367
HAWKINS ERA (27 LOSSES)	55	45	-10	108	155	- 47
21-SEASON TOTALS (249 Games)	489	541	+52	1,648	1,258	+390
HAWKINS ERA (41 Games)	77	73	- 4	188	220	- 32

**TWO-MINUTE WARNING**

Colorado has scored **130** times in **202** tries, including **22** 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 4-of-5 in the drill in 2009, with a late score against CSU, two late TDs at Toledo, and a late six at West Virginia. 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, Colorado is **19-of-32** in the drill (**59.4** percent). One of the most prolific years in the drill came in 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	4-5	130-202	64.4
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	0-1	79-112	70.5
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	0/0	50/29	
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	4-4	51-90	56.7
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	4/0	42/ 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	0	22	

**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 **212** of **231** times, losing 16 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
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
11/11/00	Iowa State	11 (20- 9; 2nd Quarter)	L, 27-35	10/10/79	OKLAHOMA STATE	20 (20- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 20-21
09/02/00	Colorado State (Den)	10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 24-28				

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 **96** of its last **106** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—and **23** of the last **29**. 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 33 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 Iowa State (won 28-24 after trailing 24-13 with 9:14 left) and versus 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 **33** 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 **95-32-2** in their last 128 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **126-34-2** in the last 162. The Buffs are **164-90-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-9 in bowls); **112-63-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **52-26-1** 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 **27** occasions (and are **21-6** in games when this occurs). It’s happened seven times this decade, most recently at Baylor in 2007 (**TB High Charles** 109 yards, and **WR Josh Smith** 103). It hadn’t happened since 2004, when it occurred thrice: at Texas A&M (**TB Bobby Purify**/**WR Dusty Sprague**), versus Kansas State (Purify/**WR Ron Monteilh**) and at Nebraska (Purify/**WR Blake Mackey**). In happened three games in a row late 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	DEEHAN	16	9	HERROD	28	7	NABORS	23	0	SMITH, B.	11	0
ADKINS	7	4	DEVENNY	22	1	HICKS	0	0	NOBRIGA	0	0	SMITH, J.	27	7
AHLES	12	0	DILALLO	37	—	HILDRETH	0	0	OBI	9	0	SOLDER	29	20
AWEIDA	0	—	DRESCHER	41	0	ILTIS	3	3	OLATOYE	0	0	STENGEL	12	1
BAHR	12	8	EBNER	3	0	JAFFEE	5	0	ORMS	0	0	STEVENS	4	1
BAKHTIARI	0	0	ESPINOZA	6	3	JEFFERSON	4	0	PERICAK	4	4	STEWART	12	6
BEATTY	16	4	EVANS	0	0	KASA	1	0	PERKINS	16	7	SUMLER	28	11
BEHRENS, B.	13	13	EWING	3	0	KAYNOR	28	0	POLK	4	1	TAU	0	0
BEHRENS, J.	26	5	FERNANDEZ	0	0	LaBARGE	0	0	POREMBIA	2	0	THORNTON	0	0
BISNOW	0	0	GEER	39	29	LAWSON	10	0	RIPPY	4	1	TUIOTI-MARINER	3	2
BONSU	4	0	GIVENS	3	3	LOBATO	0	0	SALE	0	0	USSERY	0	0
BROWN, C.	41	28	GOLDBERG	2	0	LOCKRIDGE	13	1	SANDERSFELD	16	0	VIGO	1	0
BROWN, J.	29	8	GOODMAN	15	—	MAHNKE	15	3	SCOTT	14	3	WALTERS	0	0
BURNEY	40	18	GOREE	13	0	MAJOR	3	0	SERGEANT	1	0	WEBB	0	0
BURTON	38	3	GOUIN	0	0	MANARINO	0	0	SHANAHAN	15	0	WEST	4	0
CELESTINE	14	2	GROSSNICKLE	0	—	MAXWELL	2	0	SHIELDS	5	0	WOOD	0	0
CLARK	1	0	HAM	7	0	McANINCH	0	0	SILIPO	0	0	WRIGHT	16	0
CONTE	0	0	HANDLER	0	0	McKNIGHT	29	18	SIMAS	2	1	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>324</b>
COONEY	0	0	HANSEN	5	2	MEYER	0	0	SIMMONS	4	0	<b>2008 Final</b>	<b>1469</b>	<b>541</b>
CUNNINGHAM	16	4	HARRIS	0	0	MIHALCIN	0	—	SIPILI	22	4			
DANIELS	3	0	HARTIGAN	16	0	MILLER	18	15	SISSOM	0	0			
DANNEWITZ	2	0	HAWKINS, C.	29	27	MOHLER	15	11	SLOTA	0	0			
DARDEN	0	0	HAWKINS, J.	9	0	MOYD	33	0	SMART	40	26			

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START:** 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:** OT Bryce Givens, OT Will Pericak, SS Ray Polk, OLB Douglas Rippy (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 **26** games, followed by **CB Cha'pelle Brown** (19) and **OT Nate Solder** (17). 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.

**TWELVE 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 Itlis** 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 Rippy** were in on the defense's first play, and **WR Markques Simas** got his first nod versus Wyoming and **C Keenan Stevens** at West Virginia. 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 (12)**.

**TWENTY SEE FIRST CU ACTION IN 2008**

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 Rippy, OLB \*Guy Sergeant

**SOPHOMORES (5):** OL David Clark, DE David Goldberg, C Mike Itlis, WR Ryan Maxwell, WR Markques Simas.

**JUNIORS (1):** WR Andre Simmons.

**SENIORS (0).**

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	—								
ADKINS	S	S	S	S								
AHLES	✓	✓	✓	✓								
AWEIDA	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP								
BAHR	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP								
BAKHTIARI	DNP	—	DNP	—								
BEATTY	S	S	S	S								
BEHRENS, B.	DNP	DNP	S	DNP								
BEHRENS, J.	✓	✓	✓	✓	S							
BISNOW	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP								
**BONSU	✓	✓	✓	✓								
BROWN, C.	S	S	S	S								
BROWN, J.	✓	✓	S	S								
BURNEY	S	✓	S	S								
BURTON	✓	✓	S	S								
CLARK	DNP	DNP	✓	—								
CONTE	DNP	—	DNP	—								
COONEY	DNP	—	DNP	—								
CUNNINGHAM	S	S	S	S								
DANIELS	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP								
DANNEWITZ	DNP	DNP	✓	✓								
DARDEN	DNP	—	DNP	—								
DEEHAN	S	S	✓	S								
DEVENNY	✓	✓	✓	✓								
DiLALLO	✓	✓	✓	✓								
DRESCHER	✓	✓	✓	✓								
**EBNER	✓	✓	✓	DNP								
ESPINOZA	S	S	S	✓								
EVANS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP								
**EWING	✓	✓	✓	SSP								
FERNANDEZ	DNP	—	DNP	—								
GEER	S	S	S	S								
**GIVENS	S	S	—	S								
**GOLDBERG	DNP	✓	✓	—								
GOODMAN	✓	✓	✓	✓								
GOREE	✓	✓	DNP	—								
GOUIN	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP								
GROSSNICKLE	DNP	—	DNP	—								
HAM	✓	DNP	✓	DNP								
HANDLER	DNP	DNP	DNP	—								
HANSEN	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP								
HARRIS	DNP	DNP	DNP	—								
HARTIGAN	✓	✓	✓	✓								
HAWKINS, C.	S	S	S	S								
HAWKINS, J.	DNP	DNP	DNP	—								
HERROD	S	S	S	S								
HICKS	DNP	—	DNP	—								
HILDRETH	DNP	—	DNP	—								
**ILTIS	S	S	S	INJ								
JAFFEE	✓	✓	✓	✓								
**JEFFERSON	✓	✓	✓	✓								
KASA	INJ	INJ	INJ	✓								
KAYNOR	✓	✓	✓	DNP								
KIRKWOOD	—	—	—	—								
LaBARGE	—	—	DNP	—								
LAWSON	✓	✓	✓	DNP								
LOBATO	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP								

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

**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	4	19	29	31	9 (9-0)	54.5	10.2



**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
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1994</b>	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 **132** 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 **271** games (all the way back to 1963).

► CU has been shutout just eight times in its last **482** 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 October 3):** Nebraska 168, Kansas State 157, Texas Tech 147, Oklahoma 138, Missouri 81, Kansas 80, Iowa State 68, Texas A&M 67, Texas 63, Oklahoma State 50, Baylor 27, **Colorado 8**. 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 October 3: (\*—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	305	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	208	11/23/1991 - present	.....
Oregon	267	10/05/1985 - 11/15/2007	UCLA	Air Force	198	12/31/1992 - present	.....
Florida	261	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
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>11/19/1988 - 10/25/2008</b>	<b>Missouri</b>				

**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.

**FLASHBACK: 2001 BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

Colorado won its only Big 12 title back in 2001, having to defeat Texas in Irving which was anything but a neutral site for the Buffaloes, but the No. 9 Buffaloes claimed the crown with a 39-37 win over the No. 3 Texas Longhorns. Chris Brown was the individual star with 182 yards and three touchdowns to lead Colorado, as the Buffs became the fifth school in six years to win the Big 12 crown at the time, joining Nebraska (twice), Oklahoma, Texas and Texas A&M.

<b>Texas.....</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>COLORADO.....</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>39</b>

Texas—Benson 5 run (Mangum kick)	0- 7	9:56	1Q
COLORADO—Brown 10 run (Flores kick)	7- 7	2:21	1Q
COLORADO—Flores 39 FG	10- 7	14:24	2Q
COLORADO—Brown 1 run (kick failed)	16- 7	11:36	2Q
Texas—Mangum 50 FG	16-10	5:49	2Q
COLORADO—Graham 22 pass from Pesavento (pass failed)	22-10	3:48	2Q
COLORADO—Moorer 64 interception return (Flores kick)	29-10	2:32	2Q
Texas—Johnson 79 pass from Applewhite (Mangum kick)	29-17	1:47	2Q
COLORADO—Brown 11 run (Flores kick)	36-17	11:32	3Q
Texas—Mangum 26 FG	36-20	7:32	3Q
Texas—Mangum 38 FG	36-23	13:42	4Q
Texas—Babers 54 interception return (Mangum kick)	36-30	9:10	4Q
COLORADO—Flores 43 FG	39-30	1:58	4Q
Texas—Johnson 1 pass from Applewhite (Mangum kick)	39-37	0:31	4Q

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Brown 33-182, Purify 7-62, C.Johnson 7-13, Pesavento 5-minus 32, Team 1-minus 2. **Texas:** Benson 13-79, Williams 1-27, Ike 3-14, Robin 1-0, Jeffery 1-minus 2, Thomas 1-minus 3, Applewhite 2-minus 7, Simms 1-minus 16.

**Passing—Colorado:** Pesavento 18-8-1, 111, 1 td; Hodge 1-0-1, 0.

**Texas:** Applewhite 25-15-0, 240, 2 td; Simms 17-9-3, 130, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** McCoy 2-44, Drumm 2-11, Graham 1-22, C.Johnson 1-14, Brown 1-10, M.Brunson 1-10. **Texas:** Williams 5-83, Johnson 4-107, Thomas 4-64, Ike 4-52, Scaife 2-29, Benson 2-23, Robin 2-10, Trissel 1-2.

**Punting—Colorado:** Mariscal 5-234, 46.8 (50 long, 1 In20). **Texas:** Bradford 3-101, 33.7 (37 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 2-15. **Texas:** Vasher 4-54.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 6-111, Surrell 1-11. **Texas:** Ike 4-117.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Killion 1-73, Moorer 1-64, Johnson 1-8. **Texas:** Babers 1-54, Vasher 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Lewis 11,1—12; Robinson 5,3—8; Strickland 5,2—7; Wahlroos 4,2—6; Sneed 5,0—5; J.Johnson 2,3—5; Tufts 4,0—4; McChesney 3,1—4. **Texas:** Brooks 14,8—22; Vasher 10,2—12; Gordon 6,4—10; Lewis 4,4—8; D.Johnson 5,2—7; Rawls 3,4—7.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Fluellen 1-16, Robinson 1-9. **Texas:** Tubbs 2-16, Lewis 1-15, Anderson 1-3.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Strickland 3, Sneed. **Texas:** Jammer.

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>
First Downs .....	18	22
Rushes—Net Yards .....	53-223	23-92
Passing Yards .....	111	370
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	19-8-1	43-24-3
Total Offense .....	334	462
Punts: No-Average .....	5-46.8	3-33.7
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	0-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards .....	10/60	5/35
Time of Possession .....	35:09	24:51

## STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **294-13-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **209-4** 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 **1,129** 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 **98-53-3** in its last **154** league games, and has the 11th 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 **110** of its last **249** games, posting a **101-8-1** 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 **169** of these **249** games dating to the start of 1989, going **132-35-2** (CU is **22-55-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed **430** touchdowns in the **814** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 dating back to 1988; the other **382** times has yielded **202** field goals as well as **182** 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 **139** times, with **86** touchdowns, **34** field goals and **19** 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 **105** touchdowns out of **258** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **153** scores overall, meaning **105** non-scores). Over the last six seasons, CU's allowed just **112** scores (80 TD/32 FG) in **180** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory (4 scores out of 8 times in 2009, and just 2 TDs).
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **53** of its last **146** contests (once in 2009; eight times in the Hawkins Era), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **200** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **89** times (45 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **43** of the **200** games since the '93 season opener (22%)... and note that CU has played **80** 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 four games in '09, the Buffs are averaging **4.53** yards on first down, 4.6 rushing and 4.7 passing.
- ➔ Dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **44** scores by return in the last **126** games (three last year with season highs of seven in 2001 and 2002). Since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **65** scores by return in **175** games (58 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 **125** games (and **34** times in the last **198**, 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 **66-56-1** in its last **123** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**62-50** in the last **112**, including a **37-24** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **92-37-3** in its last **132** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **59-27-3** mark in conference games. CU is 0-2 on the fake stuff in 2009; the Buffs are **2-10** on it under Hawkins.
- ➔ CU quarterbacks have traditionally taken care of the football, as Buff slingers have thrown just **198** interceptions in **6,234** attempts since the start of the 1993 season, an interception rate of just **3.18** percent (or one every **31.5** 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 4 games in '09, opponents have **335** yards on its' 18 makes (**18.6** per), and just minus-4 on the 38 misses (**-0.2**).
- ➔ **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 **40-of-51** on 3rd-&-1 (78.4%), including **2-of-3** 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 **3-of-89** on 3rd-and-20 or more (**0-of last-28**). The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 in 2003 (WSU converted on a 3rd-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 in 2004). The CU offense is **6-of-83** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in **103** of **164** quarters (63 percent) and **4** of **5** overtime periods. All told, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **572** of **816** 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, **26** scouts from **15** teams have so far witnessed the Buffs in person, visiting from Arizona, Baltimore, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Green Bay, Houston, Jacksonville, New England, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Tampa Bay. Dating back to 2000, all 32 teams have seen multiple CU games in person (**388** 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 **84-46** in its last **130** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **73-23** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **66-28-1** in its last **95** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **76-24-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**80-63-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **523-243-25** 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**

Four games into 2009, the longtime radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 448 CU games in his career, including 185 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 350, including the last 308 (dating to the '83 finale), while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 301 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 249 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 295 CU games. 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	33	12	.733
Oklahoma	31	15	.674
Nebraska	27	24	.529
Kansas State	26	26	.500
Texas A&M	25	27	.481
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>.442</b>
Texas Tech	22	30	.423
Missouri	18	33	.353
Oklahoma State	17	34	.333
Kansas	11	40	.216
Iowa State	11	41	.212
Baylor	2	50	.038

*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.
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>.538</b>
Kansas State	21	18	.538
Missouri	21	18	.538
Nebraska	21	18	.538
Iowa State	8	31	.205
Kansas	8	31	.205

**Inter-Division (South vs. South)**

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	32	7	.821
Oklahoma	29	10	.744
Texas A&M	23	16	.590
Texas Tech	22	17	.564
Oklahoma State	19	20	.487
Baylor	9	30	.231

*(does not include title games)*

**2009 Network TV Appearances**

School	Tot	ABC	FSN	ESPN	Oth
Kansas	4	0	1	0	3
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Texas	3	1	1	0	1
Oklahoma	3	1	1	1	0
Texas Tech	3	1	1	1	0
Oklahoma State	2	1	1	0	0
Baylor	2	1	0	0	1
Iowa State	2	0	1	0	1
Kansas State	2	0	1	0	1
Missouri	2	0	0	2	0
Nebraska	1	1	0	0	0
Texas A&M	1	0	0	1	0

*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.
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.518</b>
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 **20** former Colorado Buffaloes on National Football League rosters as October 5. 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
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 Syniewski	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)**— Green Bay 3, Baltimore 2, Cleveland 2, Denver 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):

Full Years			
Player	Pos	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)

Full Years			
Player	Pos	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)
<b>One-Year Starters:</b>			
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	4
Average Number of Offensive Plays/Game (Colorado)	69.7	73.9	65.6	69.0	59.6	74.4	70.3	77.0
Average Number of Offensive Plays/Game (CU & Opp)	141.7	146.1	142.5	142.1	126.3	143.6	139.9	142.0
Total Plays (Scrimmage + Kicks; CU & Opponent)	2,242	2,134	2,073	2,084	1,815	2,113	2,035	690
Average Per Game	172.5	177.8	172.8	173.7	151.3	176.1	169.6	172.5
Average Game Time	3:12	3:23	3:18	3:30	3:05	3:30	3:14	3:23

**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 Mahnke, 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):

<b>Games</b>	<b>All-Time Record</b>	<b>1989-09 Record</b>	<b>Dan Hawkins Record</b>	<b>Coach With The Most Wins</b>
versus Top 5.....	12-49-2	8-17-1	1-1	5 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	25-85-3	14-30-2	1-3	8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	37-106-3	20-39-2	1-7	10 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	68-137-3	42-56-2	2-11	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 45-10, 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, and have just 17 in four 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):

<b>Season</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Pass</b>
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	<b>2009</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>

**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](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
<b>Cody Hawkins</b>	<b>Sept. 29, 2007</b>	<b>#3</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<b>W 27-24</b>

\*—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 **1,129** games with an all-time record of **664-429-36**. CU currently stands 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.604; 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 **290-142-10** in their 86th season on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **251-222-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

**MONTHLY TAB**

Dating back to 1989, the Buffs are **49-30-2** in their last **81** October games, when conference play annually comes into full bloom. 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 **51-25-1** in its last **77** November games (**45-15** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 6-10-1 against NU in turkey month). 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, Buffalo 6-2, Hawai'i 6-2, Cincinnati 6-4, LSU 6-5, Mississippi 6-5, Pittsburgh 6-6; T16. **Colorado 5-4.** (2009 wins as of 10/03: Boston College, Maryland, Michigan State, Minnesota, Navy, Notre Dame, Ohio, Washington State, Wisconsin)

**RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM**

Ten ranked, undefeated teams have lost their "0" in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The last was Oklahoma in 2007, as the Sooners rolled in ranked No. 3 and left with a 27-24 setback to the Buffs. That was the first time since 2002, when 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 (5), followed by LSU, Oklahoma and Texas (all 4) and Florida State, Kansas, Michigan State and Missouri (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
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	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.

**17 OUT OF 21**

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, it's now 17 out of 21 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 **162** of its last **237** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (68 percent), including the first four games this season and 10 games in 2008. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, and not including pay-per-view, **125** of CU's **164** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, which is an impressive 76 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 (125):** 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 (4).

**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 (3-2)**

23	at Colorado	17
24	WEBER STATE	23
35	NEVADA	20
23	✚ at Brigham Young	42
29	at Idaho	31
O 10	✚ UTAH	
O 17	✚ at TCU	
O 24	✚ SAN DIEGO STATE	
O 31	✚ AIR FORCE	
N 7	✚ at Nevada-Las Vegas	
N 21	✚ at New Mexico	
N 27	✚ WYOMING	

**TOLEDO (3-2)**

31	at Purdue	52
54	COLORADO	38
0	Ohio State (in Cleveland)	38
41	at Florida International	31
37	✚ at Ball State	30
O 10	✚ WESTERN MICHIGAN	
O 17	✚ NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
O 24	✚ TEMPLE	
O 31	✚ at Miami-Ohio	
N 11	✚ at Central Michigan	
N 20	✚ EASTERN MICHIGAN	
N 27	✚ at Bowling Green	

**WYOMING (3-2)**

29	WEBER STATE	22
10	TEXAS	41
0	at Colorado	24
30	✚ NEVADA-LAS VEGAS	27
30	at Florida Atlantic	28
O 10	✚ NEW MEXICO	
O 17	✚ at Air Force	
O 31	✚ at Utah	
N 7	✚ BRIGHAM YOUNG	
N 14	✚ at San Diego State	
N 21	✚ TCU	
N 27	✚ at Colorado State	

**WEST VIRGINIA (3-1)**

33	LIBERTY	20
35	EAST CAROLINA	20
30	at Auburn	41
35	COLORADO	24
O 10	► at Syracuse	
O 17	MARSHALL	
O 24	► CONNECTICUT	
O 30	► at South Florida	
N 7	► LOUISVILLE	
N 13	► at Cincinnati	
N 27	► PITTSBURGH	
D 5	► at Rutgers	

**TEXAS (4-0)**

59	LOUISIANA-MONROE	20
41	at Wyoming	10
34	◆ TEXAS TECH	24
64	TEXAS-EL PASO	7
O 10	◆ COLORADO	
O 17	◆ Oklahoma (at Dallas)	
O 24	◆ at Missouri	
O 31	◆ at Oklahoma State	
N 7	CENTRAL FLORIDA	
N 14	◆ at Baylor	
N 21	◆ KANSAS	
N 26	◆ at Texas A&M	

**KANSAS (4-0)**

49	NORTHERN COLORADO	3
34	at Texas-El Paso	7
44	DUKE	16
35	SOUTHERN MISS	28
O 10	◆ IOWA STATE	
O 17	◆ at Colorado	
O 24	◆ OKLAHOMA	
O 31	◆ at Texas Tech	
N 7	◆ at Kansas State	
N 14	◆ NEBRASKA	
N 21	◆ at Texas	
N 28	◆ Missouri (in Kansas City)	

**KANSAS STATE (3-2)**

21	MASSACHUSETTS	17
15	at UL-Lafayette	17
9	at UCLA	23
49	TENNESSEE TECH	7
24	◆ Iowa State (at Kansas City)	23
O 10	◆ at Texas Tech	
O 17	◆ TEXAS A & M	
O 24	◆ COLORADO	
O 31	◆ at Oklahoma	
N 7	◆ KANSAS	
N 14	◆ MISSOURI	
N 21	◆ at Nebraska	

**MISSOURI (4-0)**

37	Illinois (at St. Louis)	9
27	BOWLING GREEN	20
52	FURMAN	12
31	at Nevada	21
O 8	◆ NEBRASKA	
O 17	◆ at Oklahoma State	
O 24	◆ TEXAS	
O 31	◆ at Colorado	
N 7	◆ BAYLOR	
N 14	◆ at Kansas State	
N 21	◆ IOWA STATE	
N 28	◆ Kansas (in Kansas City)	

**TEXAS A & M (3-1)**

41	NEW MEXICO	6
38	UTAH STATE	30
56	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	19
19	Arkansas (at Arlington)	47
O 10	◆ OKLAHOMA STATE	
O 17	◆ at Kansas State	
O 24	◆ at Texas Tech	
O 31	◆ IOWA STATE	
N 7	◆ at Colorado	
N 14	◆ at Oklahoma	
N 21	◆ BAYLOR	
N 26	◆ TEXAS	

**IOWA STATE (3-2)**

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

**OKLAHOMA STATE (3-1)**

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

**NEBRASKA (3-1)**

49	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	3
38	ARKANSAS STATE	9
15	at Virginia Tech	16
55	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	0
O 8	◆ at Missouri	
O 17	◆ TEXAS TECH	
O 24	◆ IOWA STATE	
O 31	◆ at Baylor	
N 7	◆ OKLAHOMA	
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 11 plays over 40 yards, seven passes and four rushes (though none in the Wyoming game).



**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 at Missouri (ESPN), 7:00 p.m.  
 \***Colorado** at Texas (ESPN or ESPN2), 5:15 p.m.  
 \*Iowa State at Kansas (Versus), 10:30 a.m.  
 \*Oklahoma State at Texas A&M (FSN), 10:30 a.m.  
 \*Baylor at Oklahoma (ABC), 1:30 p.m.  
 \*Kansas State at Texas Tech (FSN Midwest), 5:00 p.m.

**Week Seven (Oct. 17)**

\*Kansas at **Colorado (FSN)**, 5:00 p.m.  
 \*Oklahoma vs. Texas at Dallas (ABC), 10:00 a.m.  
 \*Texas Tech at Nebraska (ABC), 1:30 p.m.  
 \*Baylor at Iowa State, 5:00 p.m.  
 \*Missouri at Oklahoma State, ESPN2, 7:15 p.m.  
 \*Texas A&M at Kansas State, TBA

**Week Eight (Oct. 24)**

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

**Week Nine (Oct. 31)**

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

**Week Ten (Nov. 7)**

\*Texas A&M at **Colorado**, TBA  
 \*Baylor at Missouri, TBA  
 \*Kansas at Kansas State, TBA  
 \*Oklahoma at Nebraska, TBA  
 \*Oklahoma State at Iowa State, TBA  
 Central Florida at Texas, TBA

**Week Eleven (Nov. 14)**

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

**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, TBA  
 \*Kansas State at Nebraska, TBA  
 \*Oklahoma at Texas Tech, TBA

**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, TBA  
 \*Oklahoma State at Oklahoma, TBA  
 \*Texas Tech at Baylor, TBA

**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	
48	Wilmer Cooks (1965-67) .....	288	1,004	3.49	16	
49	Willie Beebe (1978-81) .....	229	967	4.22	9	
50	David Williams (1973-75) .....	276	959	3.47	12	
51	Homer Jenkins (1953-55) .....	194	922	4.75	10	
52	Harry Narcisian (1947-49) .....	227	894	3.94	8	
53	<b>Rodney Stewart (2008-09) .....</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>4.67</b>	<b>5</b>	
55	Charlie Davis (1978-81) .....	262	805	3.07	5	
60	Loren Schweninger (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	Jon Keyworth (1970-73) .....	134	704	5.25	9	
68	Malcolm Miller (1947-49) .....	187	703	3.76	6	
69	Bernard Jackson (2004-06) .....	164	690	4.21	7	
70	<b>Demetrius Sumler (2007-09) .....</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>3.64</b>	<b>8</b>	
96	<b>Darrell Scott (2008-09) .....</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>4.17</b>	<b>1</b>	

## 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	<b>Cody Hawkins (2007-09) .....</b>	<b>931-520-32</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>5,630</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>115.02</b>
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

## 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	Javon Green (1997-2000) .....	136	2,031	14.9	17	
4	Rae Carruth (1992-96) .....	135	2,540	18.8	20	
5	Derek McCoy (2000-03) .....	134	2,038	15.2	20	
6	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93) .....	127	2,447	19.3	15	
7	<b>Scotty McKnight (2007-09) .....</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>12</b>	
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	Marcus Stiggers (1996-99) .....	80	1,223	15.3	10	
17	*Jon Embree (1983-86) .....	80	1,166	14.6	5	
17	*Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05) .....	80	937	11.7	12	
20	John Minardi (1998-2001) .....	79	971	12.3	6	
21	Loy Alexander (1983-85) .....	78	1,107	14.2	8	
22	<b>*Riar Geer (2006-09) .....</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>8</b>	
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	

## RECEIVING (Receptions), continued

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
26	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001) .....	66	680	10.3	3
27	*J.V. Cain (1971-73) .....	61	873	14.3	3
27	Chris Anderson (1994-97) .....	61	858	14.1	4

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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	Monte Huber (1967-69) .....	111	1,436	12.9	5	
9	<b>Scotty McKnight (2007-09) .....</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>12</b>	
10	Dusty Sprague (2004-07) .....	103	1,261	12.2	4	
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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20	*Christian Fauria (1991-94) .....	98	1,058	10.8	11	
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	*Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05) .....	80	937	11.7	12	
25	Evan Judge (2002-05) .....	69	903	13.1	5	
26	*J.V. Cain (1971-73) .....	61	873	14.3	3	
27	Chris Anderson (1994-97) .....	61	858	14.1	4	
28	Josh Smith (2007-08) .....	52	838	16.1	3	
29	Jeff Campbell (1986-89) .....	28	802	28.6	1	
30	<b>*Riar Geer (2006-09) .....</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>8</b>	
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	<b>Cody Hawkins (2007-09) .....</b>	<b>-118</b>	<b>5,630</b>	<b>5,512</b>	<b>50</b>
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	Mervin 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
60	<b>Scotty McKnight (2007-09) .....</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>78</b>
70	<b>Aric Goodman (2008-09) .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>43-44</b>	<b>9-22</b>	<b>70</b>
...	<b>Demetrius Sumler (2007-09) .....</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>54</b>

## 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
25	Harry Narcisian (1947-49) .....	15	402	26.8	0
28	Darrell Scott (2008-09) .....	16	373	23.3	0

## PUNT RETURNS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Charlie Greer (1966-68) .....	65	975	15.0	1
2	Byron White (1935-37) .....	82	973	11.9	3
3	Jeff Campbell (1986-89) .....	84	904	10.8	0
4	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001) .....	49	752	15.3	3
4	Jo Jo Collins (1984-88) .....	83	752	9.1	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
16	Brian Cabral (LB, 1974-77) .....	120	177	—	297
25	Medford Moorer (DB 2000-03) .....	179	77	—	256
25	Mark Haynes (DB, 1976-79) .....	142	114	—	256
30	Don Fairbanks (LB/DL, 1983-85) .....	120	128	—	248
35	Brad Jones (LB, 2005-08) .....	150	92	—	242
38	Jeff Smart (LB, 2007-09) .....	149	88	—	237
40	Whitney Paul (LB, 1973-75) .....	80	151	—	231
41	Steve Doolittle (LB, 1977-80) .....	90	140	—	230
42	Curt Koch (DL, 1984-87) .....	121	108	—	229
44	Troy Archer (DL, 1974-75) .....	122	103	—	225
45	Mark Cooney (DL, 1971-73) .....	75	159	—	224
46	Victor Scott (DB, 1980-83) .....	147	76	—	223
65	Mark Shoop (DL, 1980-82) .....	105	88	—	193
67	Cha'pelle Brown (DB, 2006-09) .....	134	57	—	191
70	Herb Orvis (DL, 1969-71) .....	79	110	—	189
75	Ryan Sutter (DB, 1994-97) .....	109	74	—	183

## 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

## 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
12	Cha'pelle Brown (2006-09) .....	24
15	Ryan Walters (2005-08) .....	20

## USUALLY IN 'EM

Colorado's usually been in those games it's lost over the last 20 seasons, as of the 91 losses, 42 have been by eight points or less. Nebraska and Texas (six times), Missouri (five), 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 eight 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 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 was 3-2 in 2008 and is 17-11 dating back to the start of the 2003 season when the final margin has been seven or fewer points. These "close calls" include a 6-9 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 21-13 in seven-point or less decisions.

## 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.

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Toledo</b> .....	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>54</b>

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 Marques 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.

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>West Virginia</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>35</b>

<b>SCORING</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Qtr</b>
West Virginia — Devine 77 run (Bitancourt 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 (Bitancourt kick)	10-14	1:21	2Q
West Virginia — Starks 48 pass from Brown (Bitancourt kick)	10-21	13:05	3Q
COLORADO — McKnight 29 pass from Hawkins (Goodman kick)	17-21	10:02	3Q
West Virginia — Clarke 1 run (Bitancourt kick)	17-28	9:17	4Q
West Virginia — Clarke 8 run (Bitancourt 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.

**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
<b>23</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.627</b>
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
<b>21</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.633</b>
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
<b>11</b>	<b>Colorado (Big 8/12)</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.644</b>
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
<b>1987</b>	Nebraska	L 7-24	<b>2003</b>	Oklahoma	L 20-34
<b>1988</b>	Oklahoma	L 14-17		Nebraska	L 22-31
<b>1990</b>	Iowa State	W 28-12	<b>2004</b>	Colorado State	W 27-24
<b>1991</b>	Missouri	W 55- 7		Texas	L 7-31
<b>1992</b>	Oklahoma	T 24-24		Kansas State	W 38-31
<b>1993</b>	Nebraska	L 17-21	<b>2005</b>	Nebraska	L 3-30
<b>1994</b>	Oklahoma State	W 17- 3	<b>2006</b>	Texas Tech	W 30- 6
<b>1995</b>	Missouri	W 21- 0		Kansas State	L 21-34
	a—Oregon	W 38- 6		Iowa State	W 33-16
<b>1996</b>	Texas	W 28-24	<b>2007</b>	c—Colorado St. (OT)	W 31-28
	Kansas State	W 12- 0		Florida State	L 6-16
<b>1997</b>	Kansas	W 42- 6		Nebraska	W 65-51
	Missouri	L 31-41	<b>2008</b>	c—Colorado State	W 38-17
<b>1998</b>	Kansas State	L 9-16		West Virginia (OT)	W 17-14
<b>1999</b>	Nebraska (OT)	L 30-33		Texas	L 14-38
<b>2000</b>	Iowa State	L 27-35		Oklahoma State	L 17-30
<b>2001</b>	Nebraska	W 62-36	<b>2009</b>	Colorado State	L 17-23
<b>2002</b>	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	<b>Colorado:</b> Josh Smith vs. Colorado State in Denver, Aug. 31, 2008 (93 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Michael Garvin, Florida State at Jacksonville, Sept. 27, 2008 (94 yards; opponents 2 in 2008).
Punt Return For A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards).
Interception Return For A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Cha'pelle Brown vs. Eastern Washington in Boulder, Sept. 6, 2008 (27 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska in Lincoln, Nov. 28, 2008 (30 yards).
Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Jimmy Smith vs. Nebraska in Lincoln, Nov. 28, 2008 (58 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards). <b>Opponent:</b> Courtney Herndon, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007 (6 yards).
Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Has not occurred. <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.
Blocked Punt	<b>Colorado:</b> Doug Rippy vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 ( <i>two blocks</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> Dekoda Watson, Florida State at Jacksonville, Sept. 27, 2008 ( <i>blocked for a safety</i> ).
Blocked PAT Kick	<b>Colorado:</b> James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 ( <i>Champs Sports Bowl</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> Nate Frere, Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008.
Blocked Field Goal	<b>Colorado:</b> James Garee vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005. <b>Opponent:</b> Ian Campbell, Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 18, 2008.
Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone). <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.
Defensive Two-Point Conversion	<b>Colorado:</b> Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991. <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.
300 Yards Total Offense	<b>Colorado:</b> 335, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 ( <i>356 pass, -21 rush</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> 428, Aaron Opelt, Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 ( <i>319 pass, 109 rush</i> ).
400 Yards Total Offense	<b>Colorado:</b> 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. <b>Opponent:</b> 428, Aaron Opelt, Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 ( <i>319 pass, 109 rush</i> ).
100 Yards Rushing	<b>Colorado:</b> 105, Rodney Stewart vs. West Virginia at Morgantown, Oct. 1, 2009 ( <i>21 carries</i> ). <b>Opponent:</b> 220, Noel Devine, West Virginia at Morgantown, Oct. 1, 2009 ( <i>20 carries</i> ).
200 Yards Rushing	<b>Colorado:</b> 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002. <b>Opponent:</b> 220, Noel Devine, West Virginia at Morgantown, Oct. 1, 2009 ( <i>20 carries</i> ).
300 Yards Rushing	<b>Colorado:</b> 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred (record is 268).
Three Touchdowns Rushing	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Hugh Charles vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> 3, Jake Sharp, Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 11, 2008.
Four Touchdowns Rushing	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997.
Two 100-Yard Rushers	<b>Colorado:</b> Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002. <b>Opponent:</b> Dajuane Collins (20-160) and Aaron Opelt (8-109), Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
Three 100-Yard Rushers	<b>Colorado:</b> Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970. <b>Opponent:</b> David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151) and George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
300 Yards Passing	<b>Colorado:</b> 356, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 319, Aaron Opelt, Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
400 Yards Passing	<b>Colorado:</b> 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. <b>Opponent:</b> 484, Joe Ganz, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
Three Touchdowns Passing	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Aaron Opelt, vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
Four Touchdowns Passing	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Cody Hawkins vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Aaron Opelt, vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
Five Touchdowns Passing	<b>Colorado:</b> 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. <b>Opponent:</b> 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008.
Three Interceptions Thrown	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Cody Hawkins vs. West Virginia at Morgantown, Oct. 1, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 3, Joe Ganz, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
Four Interceptions Thrown	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997. <b>Opponent:</b> 4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
10 Receptions	<b>Colorado:</b> 11, Scotty McKnight vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 11, Jeremy Maclin, Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008.
100 Yards Receiving	<b>Colorado:</b> 114, Scotty McKnight and 109, Jason Espinoza vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> 138, Eric Page, Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
200 Yards Receiving	<b>Colorado:</b> 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996. <b>Opponent:</b> 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996.
Two Touchdowns Receiving	<b>Colorado:</b> 2, Scotty McKnight vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008. <b>Opponent:</b> 2, Jeff Fuller, Texas A&M at College Station, Nov. 1, 2008.
Three Touchdowns Receiving	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. <b>Opponent:</b> 3, Maurice Purify, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
Two 100-Yard Receivers	<b>Colorado:</b> Scotty McKnight (11-114) and Jason Espinoza (8-109) vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009. <b>Opponent:</b> Maurice Purify (11-136) and Marlon Lucky (8-115), Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver	<b>Colorado:</b> Hugh Charles (19-109 rushing) & Josh Smith (2-103 receiving) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. <b>Opponent:</b> Dajuane Collins (20-160)/Aaron Opelt (8-109) & Eric Page (3-138, receiving), Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver ( <i>same player</i> )	<b>Colorado:</b> Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001. <b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.

**The Last Time, continued...**

<b>Four Touchdowns In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush).
<b>Four Field Goals In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	5, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	4, Alex Henery, Nebraska in Lincoln, Nov. 28, 2008.
<b>50-Yard Field Goal</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	54, Aric Goodman vs. Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 6, 2009.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	50, Alex Steigerwalk, Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
<b>Two Interceptions In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	2, Trent Hunter, Texas A&M at College Station, Nov. 1, 2008.
<b>Three Interceptions In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002.
<b>Four Interceptions In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	Has not occurred.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946.
<b>Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	3 (for 26), Abraham Wright vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	3 (for 20), Adell Duckett, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
<b>Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984.

**TEAM**

<b>Shut Out (Defensive)</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	<b>Game:</b> 24-0, vs. Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009. <b>Through 3rd Qtr:</b> 24-0, vs. Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009. <b>At Half:</b> 17-0, vs. Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	<b>Game:</b> 0-58, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008. <b>Through 3rd Qtr:</b> 0-58, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008. <b>At Half:</b> 0-10, by Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008.
<b>Safety</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	by Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 11, 2008 (Cody Hawkins sacked in end zone).
<b>Held To No Offensive Touchdowns</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	vs. Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009.
<b>30 First Downs In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	33, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
<b>Held Under 10 First Downs</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	7, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	6 vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
<b>500 Yards Total Offense In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	624, by Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
<b>600 Yards Total Offense In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	624, by Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
<b>Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	199, vs. Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008 (41 rush, 158 pass).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	139, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (44 rush, 95 pass).
<b>Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
<b>300 Yards Rushing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	359, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	305, by Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
<b>400 Yards Rushing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987.
<b>500 Yards Rushing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
<b>Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	95, vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	76, by Wyoming in Boulder, Sept. 19, 2009.
<b>400 Yards Passing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	484, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
<b>500 Yards Passing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 ( <i>Aloha Bowl</i> ).
<b>Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	39, vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	43, by West Virginia in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2008.
<b>Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	9.45, by Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (66-624).
<b>Held Under Three Yards Per Play</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	2.88, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 25, 2008 (69-199).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	2.84, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (49-139).
<b>Four Interception Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	4, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999.
<b>Five Interception Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.
<b>Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980.
<b>Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975.
<b>Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	40:24, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997.
<b>Turnover-Free Game</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2007.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	by Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 8, 2008.
<b>Did Not Punt</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1994.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 22, 1983.
<b>Recovered Own Onside Kick</b>	<b>Colorado:</b>	vs. Toledo at Toledo, Sept. 11, 2009 (Jeff Smart); 0-of-last 2.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	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, six times (last: vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09)

**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**—13, vs. Oklahoma State, 11/15/08  
**Receiving TDs**—1, three times (last: vs. Texas, 10/04/08)

**NATE BONSU, DT**

**Total Tackles**—1, thrice (last: vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09)  
**Solo Tackles**—1, twice (at Toledo, 9/11/09)  
**QB Sacks**—N/A  
**Third Down Stops**—N/A

**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**—10, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08  
**Solo Tackles**—10, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08  
**Interceptions**—1, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Pass Deflections**—2, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08

**BENJAMIN BURNAY, CB**

**Total Tackles**—8, at Arizona State, 9/08/07  
**Solo Tackles**—6, at Kansas State, 10/13/07  
**Interceptions**—1, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09  
**Pass Deflections**—2, vs. Nebraska, 11/23/07

**MARCUS BURTON, ILB**

**Total Tackles**—8, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09  
**Solo Tackles**—4, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05  
**Tackles For Loss**—2, at Texas, 10/15/05  
**QB Sacks**—1, thrice (last: at West Virginia, 10/01/09)  
**Third Down Stops**—2, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09  
**Interceptions**—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)

**CURTIS CUNNINGHAM, DT**

**Total Tackles**—6, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Solo Tackles**—3, twice (last: at West Virginia, 10/01/09)  
**Interceptions**—1, vs. Florida State, 9/27/08  
**Passes Broken Up**—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/11/08)

**RYAN DEEHAN, TE**

**Receptions**—3, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09  
**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**—24, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Receiving TDs**—1, four times (last: at Toledo, 9/11/09)

**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**—15, at Toledo, 9/11/09

**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, eight times (last: at Toledo, 9/11/09)

**ARIC GOODMAN, PK (at Colorado)**

**Field Goals Attempted**—4, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Field Goals Made**—1, nine times (last: at W. Virginia, 10/1/09)  
**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 Toledo, 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**—23, at Texas A&M, 11/01/08  
**Pass Completions**—12, at Missouri, 10/25/08  
**Passing Yards**—89, at Texas A&M, 11/01/08  
**TD Passes**—1, vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08  
**Interceptions**—2, at Texas A&M, 11/01/08  
**Rating**—101.9, vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08  
**Rushing Attempts**—19, vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08  
**Rushing Yards**—86, twice (last: at Texas A&M, 11/01/08)  
**Long Rush**—24, vs. Kansas State, 10/18/08

**MARQUEZ HERROD, DE**

**Total Tackles**—7, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09  
**Solo Tackles**—4, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09  
**QB Sacks**—2, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08  
**Third Down Stops**—1, twice (last: vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09)  
**QB Hurries**—2, at West Virginia, 10/01/09

**WILL JEFFERSON, WR**

**Receptions**—1, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09  
**Receiving Yards**—9, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09  
**Receiving TDs**—N/A  
**Long Reception**—9, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09

**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, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08

**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**—2, twice (last: at Toledo, 9/11/09)  
**QB Sacks**—N/A  
**Third Down Stops**—1, thrice (last: at West Virginia, 10/01/09)

**CONRAD OBI, DE**

**Total Tackles**—1, at Kansas, 10/11/08  
**Solo Tackles**—1, at Kansas, 10/11/08  
**QB Sacks**—N/A

**ANTHONY PERKINS, S**

**Total Tackles**—11, vs. West Virginia, 10/01/08  
**Solo Tackles**—6, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Interceptions**—N/A  
**Pass Deflections**—1, at Toledo, 9/11/09

**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  
**Third Down Stops**—N/A

**DARRELL SCOTT, TB**

**Rushing Attempts**—19, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**Rushing Yards**—87, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**Long Run**—42, at Texas A&M, 11/01/08  
**Rushing TDs**—1, vs. Colorado State, 8/31/08  
**Receptions**—3, twice (last: at Missouri, 10/25/08)  
**Receiving Yards**—45, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Long Reception**—38, vs. Texas, 10/04/08  
**Receiving TDs**—N/A

**MARKQUES SINAS, WR**

**Receptions**—2, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Receiving Yards**—23, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Receiving TDs**—1, at West Virginia, 10/01/09  
**Long Reception**—20, at West Virginia, 10/01/09 (TD)

**ANDRE SIMMONS, WR**

**Receptions**—1, vs. Colorado State, 9/06/09  
**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**—7, at Nebraska, 11/24/06  
**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, twice (last: at Nebraska, 11/28/08)  
**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, vs. Iowa State, 11/08/08  
**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, vs. Wyoming, 9/19/09  
**Receptions**—3, vs. West Virginia, 9/18/08  
**Receiving Yards**—19, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08  
**Long Reception**—10, vs. Eastern Washington, 9/06/08  
**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.\*\*
- 15 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 175, Soph.\*
- 6 Markques Simas, 6-2, 215, Soph.
- 1 Andre Simmons, 6-3, 210, Jr.
- 80 Will Jefferson, 5-11, 190, Fr.
- 16 Anthony Wright, 6-0, 190, Soph.\*
- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 180, Soph.\*
- 25 Kevin Moyd, 5-7, 195, Sr.-5\*\*\* (also TB)

**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.
- 71 Matthew Bahr, 6-4, 295, Soph.\*
- 60 David Clark, 6-4, 310, Soph.

**CENTER**

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

**RIGHT GUARD**

- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-8, 320, Soph.\*\*
- 66 Blake Behrens, 6-3, 285, Soph.\*
- 55 Max Tuioti-Mariner, 6-3, 285, Fr.-RS\*

**RIGHT TACKLE**

- 77 Bryce Givens, 6-6, 275, Fr.-RS
- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-8, 320, Soph.\*\*
- 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**

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

**TAILBACK GROUPING**

- 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Soph.\* **AND**
- 2 Darrell Scott, 6-1, 225, Soph.\* **AND**
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 215, Jr. \*\* **AND**
- 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**

- 92 Forrest West, 6-1, 245, Fr.
- 93 Conrad Obi, 6-3, 275, Soph.\*

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

- 50 Curtis Cunningham, 6-1, 275, Soph.\*
- 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-5, 275, Sr.-5\*\*
- 69 Eric Lawson, 6-3, 270, Jr.\*

**NOSE TACKLE**

- 83 Will Pericak, 6-4, 280, Fr.-RS
- 94 Nate Bonsu, 6-1, 295, Fr.
- 98 Eugene Goree, 6-1, 300, Soph.\*

**RIGHT DEFENSIVE END**

- 90 Marquez Herrod, 6-2, 280, Jr.\*\*
- 44 Nick Kasa, 6-7, 270, Fr.

**MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 54 Marcus Burton, 6-0, 265, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 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.\*
- 51 Douglas Rippey, 6-1, 240, Fr.-RS
- 58 Tyler Ahles, 6-2, 240, Soph.\*
- 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**

- 46 Anthony Perkins, 5-10, 195, Soph.\*
- 12 Patrick Mahnke, 6-1, 205, Soph.\*
- 19 Travis Sandersfeld, 6-0, 205, Soph.\*

**STRONG SAFETY**

- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 26 Ray Polk, 6-1, 210, Fr.-RS

**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)
- 2 Darrell Scott, 6-1, 225, Soph.\* (I)
- 13 Aric Goodman, 5-10, 190, Jr.\*

**PLACEKICKER**

- 13 Aric Goodman, 5-10, 190, Jr.\* (KO #1)
- 22 Ryan Aweida, 5-11, 175, Jr.

**KICKOFF RETURN**

- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 180, Soph.\*
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 215, Jr. \*\*
- 2 Darrell Scott, 6-1, 225, Soph.\*
- 15 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 175, Soph.\*

**PUNT RETURN**

- 15 Jason Espinoza, 5-8, 175, Soph.\*
- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 185, Jr.\*\*
- 5 Rodney Stewart, 5-6, 175, Soph.\*

**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**

None.

\*—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 October 5 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
22	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	ILB	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	HEROD, 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
39	MANARINO, Erik	S	5- 9	185	So.	TR	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Santa Margarita/Saddleback College)	WO 3/3
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

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
73	MILLER, Ryan	OL	6- 8	320	So.	2L	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S 3/3
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	POREMBBA, 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
2	SCOTT, Darrell	TB	6- 1	215	So.	1L	Ventura, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)	S 4/3
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	SILPO, 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	STEVENSON, 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

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### 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