

BUFFS IN THE PROS

Chauncey Billups

**Boston Celtics, 1997-98 • Toronto Raptors, 1997-98 • Denver Nuggets, 1998-2000
• Minnesota Timberwolves, 2000-02 • Detroit Pistons, 2002-08 • Denver Nuggets, 2008-11
• New York Knicks, 2010-11 • Los Angeles Clippers, 2011-present**

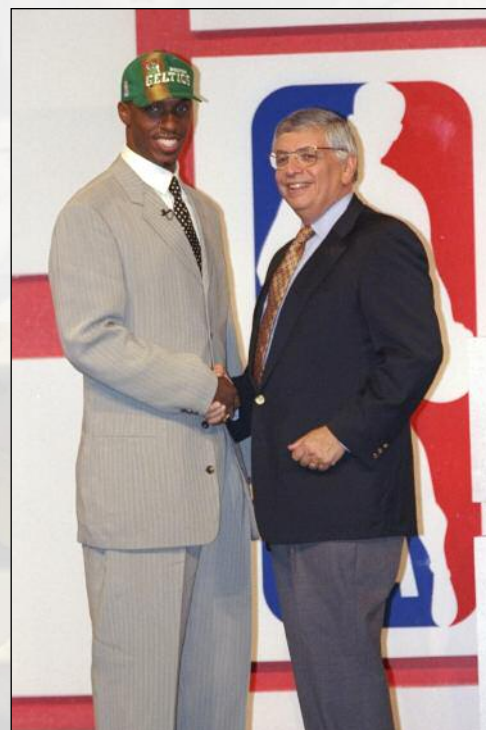
One of the most talented players in Colorado basketball history, Chauncey Billups helped transform the Buffaloes into an NCAA tournament contender in the two years he played in Boulder. His hard work, dedication and exceptional basketball skills not only drew the attention of college basketball aficionados, but of professional teams as well. Billups was the No. 3 overall selection of the first round of the NBA Draft in 1997 by the Boston Celtics. As a captain of the Detroit Pistons, he led the team to the NBA championship in 2004 earning the NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award honors by averaging 21 points and 5.2 assists in the five games.

NBA

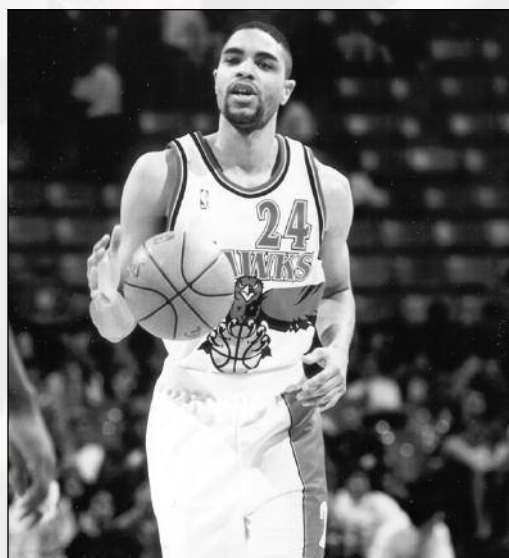
- Five-time NBA All-Star (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010).
- helped lead the Nuggets to a franchise-best 54 wins in 2008-09, the most since moving to the NBA.
- ranks fourth all-time in NBA 3-point attempts (4,462).
- ranks fifth all-time in NBA free throw percentage (.894).
- ranks fifth in 3-pointers made (1,735).
- NBA Champion (2004) • NBA Finals MVP (2004).
- Five-time NBA All-Star (2006–2010)
- All-NBA Second Team (2006)
- Two-time All-NBA Third Team (2007, 2009).
- Two-time NBA All-Defensive Second Team (2005–2006) • J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award (2008)
- NBA Sportsmanship Award (2009).

Colorado

- led the Buffs to their first NCAA Tournament win in over two decades, where CU topped perennial power Indiana in the opening round of the 1997 tournament.
- as a sophomore was named a first-team All-American by *The Basketball News*, becoming the eighth All-American in Colorado history; named 1996-97 All-Big 12 first team by the league coaches and *Associated Press*.
- In two seasons in Boulder, averaged 18.5 points, 5.6 rebounds, 5.1 assists in 55 games; also connected on 120 3-pointers and shot .857 (306-for-357) from the free throw line.
- set a then-CU freshman record (465 points) and currently holds freshman record with 143 assists.



Chauncey Billups became CU's first-ever lottery pick in the 1997 NBA Draft.



Donnie Boyce finished his four-year career as CU's all-time leading scorer, however his promising NBA career was cut short by a broken leg.

Donnie Boyce

Atlanta Hawks, 1995 • San Antonio Spurs, 1996-97

Ranking third all-time on Colorado's all-time leading scorer, Donnie Boyce completed his collegiate career in 1994-95 with 1,995 career points. However, Boyce's career ended prematurely when he broke his leg during the first half of CU's 1995 Big Eight Tournament game against Oklahoma. During his career in Boulder, Boyce was named All-Conference three times, twice on the league's first team. Boyce also held school records for games started (107), field goals attempted (1,648), free throws made (480) and free throws attempted (721). In four consecutive seasons (1991-95), Boyce led the Buffaloes in scoring, and led the Big Eight in scoring (league games only) as a junior (26.8 ppg). A gifted player on all levels, Boyce will be remembered as one of the greatest players in CU and Big Eight history.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
8	9-23	.391	2-4	.500	10	3	3	24	3.0



Matt Bullard

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Houston Rockets, 1990-1994, 1996-98 • Atlanta Hawks, 1995-96

As a freshman, Matt Bullard was named to All-Freshman team and was honorable mention All-Big Eight. The next year he led the team in both scoring (16.6 ppg) and rebounding (9.3). He finished the 1986 season ranked 18th in the country in field goal percentage. Bullard joined the Rockets as a free agent in 1990, and was a member of Houston's 1994 NBA Championship team. He is the third-leading three-point shooter in franchise history.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
426	865-2033	.425	188-248	.758	866	396	142	2312	5.4

Alec Burks

Utah Jazz, 2011-2012

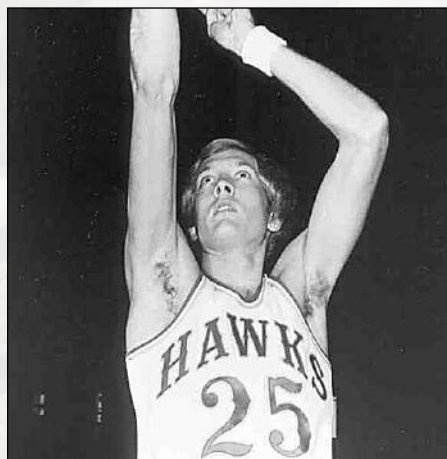
An electrifying guard for two years, Burks showcased on a nightly basis he was something special in a Buffs uniform. The holder of numerous school records in just two years, Burks owns the freshman (512) and sophomore (779) scoring records for those seasons. His 19.0 career points per game average ranks third all-time behind CU greats, Cliff Meely (24.3) and Shaun Vandiver (20.6). Named to the Big 12 Conference and NIT All-Tournament teams, Burks was also a conference unanimous first team selection, in addition being named a finalist (top 20) on the John R. Wooden Award list in 2010-11. Burks scored a career-best 36 points (w/ a personal-high 12 field goals) in an upset win over No. 9/8 Missouri (Jan. 8, 2011). He's the 18th player in school history to score that many in a single game and the 36-point performance was the third highest ever at the Coors Events Center.

Total Career Stats

G-GS	FGM-FGA	Pct.	3PM-A	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
59-0	153-357	.429	15-45	.333	104-143	.727	132	55	27	5	425	7.2



Alec Burks became CU's second lottery pick in the 2011 NBA Draft.



Jim Creighton made the jump from Boulder to Atlanta and the NBA's Hawks.

Jim Creighton

Atlanta Hawks, 1975-76

After playing in the shadows of Cliff Meely for two years, Jim Creighton came into his own during his junior and senior seasons. He quickly became a stalwart performer for the Buffs. Not big for a center (6-7, 190), Creighton played much bigger with his great jumping ability. Following an excellent senior season, he was named to the NCAA's District V All-Star squad. Creighton enjoyed a one-year stint with the Atlanta Hawks. Used primarily for his defensive ability, he played in 32 games, averaging one point and 1.4 boards per game.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
32	12-43	.279	7-16	.438	45	4	2	31	1.0

Jim Davis

St. Louis/Atlanta Hawks, 1967-72 • Houston Rockets, 1972 • Detroit Pistons, 1972-75

Jim Davis guided Colorado to two Big Eight championships during a brilliant three-year career. During that time, Davis emerged as one of the school's all-time top rebounders (863 boards) and scorers (1,110 points). In addition to being a fine rebounder and scorer, Davis was also known for his defensive skills. As a professional ball player, Davis played for three different clubs, St. Louis/Atlanta, Houston and Detroit. His most successful seasons were spent with St. Louis/Atlanta as he averaged 7.9 points per game and totaled 1,484 career boards.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
545	1353-2914	.457	766-1137	.674	2563	631	59*	3408	6.3

*Total includes only 73-74 and 74-75 seasons.



Jim Davis played in over 500 games in the NBA and hauled in almost 1,500 career rebounds.

Robert Doll

St. Louis Bombers, 1946-48 • Boston Celtics, 1948-50

One of the key players for Coach Forrest "Frosty" Cox's 1941-42 Big Seven championship squad, Robert "Ichabod" Doll was known for his aggressive defense as he was named a unanimous first-team All-Conference player following his senior season. That same year, he also garnered All-America honors in *Look*, *Pic* and *Time* magazines. In 1940, Doll led the Buffaloes to bids in both the NCAA Tournament and NIT. He was named the NIT Most Valuable Player after averaging 15.5 points per game. Two years later, Doll was named a consensus second team All-American and led Colorado to its first Final Four. Doll played professionally for two years with the St. Louis Bombers 1946, then joined the Boston Celtics as a free agent. During his two-year stint with the Celtics, Doll averaged 8.4 points and 1.4 assists per game during his pro career.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
94	265-7850	.337	155-231	.671	NA	225	NA	685	7.3

Pat Frink

Cincinnati Royals, 1968-69

Known as an excellent shooter, Pat Frink finished his career at Colorado as the second leading scorer in Buff basketball history at that time (1,288 points). He accomplished that feat even though he missed the 1966 season due to a knee injury. Frink was also chosen as a member of the second-team academic All-America squad in 1968. After graduation, Frink went on to play professionally with the Cincinnati Royals for one season. While a member of the ABA team, he played in 48 games and averaged 2.6 points per game.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
48	50-147	.340	23-29	.793	41	55	NA	123	2.6



Pat Frink currently ranks No. 16 on CU's all-time scoring list.

Chuck Gardner

Denver Rockets, 1967-68

Chuck Gardner led the Buffs his senior year in scoring (20.2 ppg), rebounding (9.8 rpg), field goal percentage (.524) and free throw percentage (.650). A two-time All-Big Eight selection, Gardner was also chosen as a scholastic All-American his senior season. His excellent touch around the basket and dangerous hook shot enabled him to be an outstanding inside scorer. Although he only played one year professionally, he did record some notable marks with the ABA's Denver Rockets. In 42 games, he averaged 4.7 points and 3.2 boards per game.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
42	71-175	.408	55-79	.696	136	13	NA	197	4.7

David Harrison

Indiana Pacers, 2004-08

David Harrison had his best season with the Buffs during his junior year leading the Buffaloes in scoring (17.1 ppg.) and shooting an impressive 63.1 percentage from the field. The seven-foot, 250-pound presence led the Big 12 Conference in field goal percentage and more impressively was third nationally. What turned out to be his third and final season in Boulder (opted for the NBA draft), Harrison was drafted No. 29 of the first round by Indiana. In four seasons with the Pacers he averaged 5.0 points, 2.9 rebound a game, and shooting 53 percent from the field. Although his NBA career would not produce the numbers he performed in college, Harrison is currently the CU blocked shot record holder (225) and eclipsed the 1,000-point barrier (1,317 pts.). Harrison holds or shares every blocked shot record in school history and helped the Buffs to the 2002-03 NCAA Tournament and a 2003-04 NIT appearance.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Blks.	Pts.	Avg.
189	374-706	.530	201-383	.525	549	47	64	185	949	5.0



In three years at CU, David Harrison holds all of the school's blocked shot records. He's the only player in school history to have a pair of triple-doubles.



Cory Higgins

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Charlotte Bobcats, 2011-12

A solid four-year letterwinner who played a then-school record 132 games, Higgins is the only player in CU history with at least 2,000 points (2,001); 500 rebounds (547); 300 assists (320); and 150 steals (192) during his career. He shares the all-time scoring record with 2,001 points and at the time of his graduation was the holder of 17 school records. He's also the CU and Big 12 record holder with 45 consecutive free throws made (Dec. 10, 2008-Jan. 14, 2009) covering eight games as a sophomore. Higgins was a three-time All-Big 12 third team selection and a Wooden Award Preseason Top 50 Watch List nominee entering his senior year. His 2,001 career points ranked sixth all-time among Big 12 Conference scorers (in all games played) and during his junior and sophomore seasons, led the Big 12 (conference games-only) in steals with a 2.1 steals per game average.

Total Career Stats

G-GS	FGM-FGA	Pct.	3PM-A	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Blk.	Pts.	Avg.
38-0	52-160	.325	4-20	.200	42-60	.700	35	36	5	6	150	3.9

Jay Humphries

Phoenix Suns, 1984-88 • Milwaukee Bucks, 1988-92 • Utah Jazz, 1992-1995

Jay Humphries had an outstanding career at CU, as he was elected twice for both All-America and All-Conference honors. Humphries is the current all-time leader in both steals (309) and assists (586), evidence of both his great quickness and ball handling abilities. Humphries finished his career with the Utah Jazz, after spending four seasons with Phoenix and four with Milwaukee. He reached two milestones in 1992-93, tallying his 4,000th assist and 8,000th point. He averaged a career-high 15.3 points per game in 1989-90, and never averaged under 7.5 points per game. Humphries joined the Jazz on draft day '92, when he was traded from Milwaukee to Utah.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
794	3564-7484	.476	1586-2021	.785	2033	4424	1161	8938	11.3



Jay Humphries, CU's all-time steals leader and two-time All-American, scored almost 9,000 points in his 11-year NBA career.



Cliff Meely scored over 2,500 points in his NBA career with the Houston Rockets and L.A. Lakers.

Cliff Meely

Houston Rockets, 1971-76 • Los Angeles Lakers, 1976

One of two players in Colorado basketball history to have his jersey number retired (20), Cliff Meely was named an All-American following the 1970-71 season. Meely was truly a graceful performer who could shoot from anywhere on the court. He finished his career at CU possessing eight Big Eight Conference marks and 16 school records, including at the time CU's all-time scoring record (1,940 points). He still owns the school mark averaging 24.3 points per game. Meely transferred to CU as a junior college All-American from Northeastern JC. While there, he scored 40 or more points on five separate occasions. Meely played in more than 300 professional games over six seasons with the NBA's Houston Rockets and Los Angeles Lakers. He averaged 8.7 points and 5.6 boards per game throughout his career with the Rockets, only playing in 20 games with the Lakers at the end of the 1975-76 season.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
318	1121-2687	.417	416-616	.675	1703	398	58	2658	8.4

*Total includes only 73-74, 74-75 and 75-76 seasons.

Alex Stivrins

Seattle SuperSonics, 1985-86 • Phoenix Suns, 1992-93 • Atlanta Hawks, 1992-93 • Los Angeles Clippers, 1992-93 • Milwaukee Bucks, 1992-93

Alex Stivrins led Colorado in rebounding both years he was a Buff, and finished sixth in the country in 1985. He finished his collegiate career at CU with averages of 13.9 points and 10.4 rebounds per game. His first year in the NBA was spent with the Seattle SuperSonics, in 1985-86. Following that he played in both the CBA and the Italian League before returning to the NBA ranks in 1992-93. That season, he had stints with four different teams.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
22	20-43	.465	4-8	.500	22	4	2	44	2.0



Alex Stivrins ranked 18th in career rebounding (583) and 46th in scoring (777 pts.) at CU.



Scott Wedman

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**Kansas City Kings, 1975-81 • Cleveland Cavaliers, 1981-82
• Boston Celtics, 1982-87**

Scott Wedman provided the backbone for CU basketball in the early '70s. Head Coach Sox Walseth called Wedman "one of the best we've ever had here." With his great touch, he was smooth as silk with the ball, and was also a big factor on the boards. Wedman's outstanding play earned him All-Big Eight honors in both his junior and senior seasons. Wedman began his professional career with the NBA's Kansas City franchise, where he played for six seasons. While there, he averaged 17.4 points per game and 6.0 rebounds in 466 games. He was traded to Cleveland for the '81-82 season and then was sent to Boston where he averaged 5.6 points per game in 301 contests.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
856	4778-9907	.482	1387-1753	.791	3865	1642	765	11027	12.9



Chuck Williams

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**Denver Nuggets, 1971-72, 1975-76 (ABA); 1976-77 (NBA)
• Kentucky Colonels, 1972-75 • Buffalo Braves, 1977-78**

A floor leader, Chuck Williams was known for his precision passing, slashing drives to the basket and his tenacious defense. He possessed exceptional quickness and speed. Following a serious knee injury his junior year, he rebounded his final campaign to have an excellent season. Williams began his professional basketball career with Denver. He played in 163 games with the Nuggets franchise during two different stints in both the ABA and NBA, and had a scoring average of 9.8 points per game. He also played for three years with the ABA's Kentucky Colonels and finished his career with the Buffalo Braves.

Total Career Stats

G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
236	810-1679	.482	507-644	.787	504	852	163	2127	9.0

Former CU Players Playing Professionally

As of Oct. 2012, the following former CU players are pursuing their professional basketball career either in the United States or abroad.

Chauncey Billups (Los Angeles Clippers)

Carlton Brown (Golden State)

Alec Burks (Utah Jazz)

Dominique Coleman (D-League, Sioux Falls)

Chris Copeland (New York Knicks)

Austin Dufault (Czech Republic)

Marcus Hall (Turkey)

David Harrison (D-League, Reno)

Cory Higgins (Charlotte Bobcats)

Levi Knutson (Poland)

Marcus Relphorde (Lithuania)

Richard Roby (Argentina)

Dwight Thorne II (Greece)

Nate Tomlinson (Australia)

COLORADO PLAYERS DRAFTED PROFESSIONALLY

***Scott Wedman**, No. 2 overall Memphis/ABA, 1974
Chauncey Billups, No. 3 overall Boston/NBA, 1997
 ***Scott Wedman**, No. 6 overall KC-Omaha/NBA, 1974
 ***Cliff Meely**, No. 7 overall San Diego Clippers/NBA, 1971
Alec Burks, No. 12 overall Utah Jazz/NBA, 2011
Jay Humphries, No. 13 overall Phoenix/NBA, 1984
Shaun Vandiver, No. 25 overall Golden State/NBA, 1991
Pat Frink, No. 27 overall Cincinnati/NBA, 1968
David Harrison, No. 29 overall Indiana/NBA, 2004
Jim Davis, No. 29 overall Detroit/NBA, 1964
Ken Charlton, No. 32 overall Cincinnati/NBA, 1963
 ***Jim Creighton**, No. 39 overall Seattle/NBA, 1972
Donnie Boyce, No. 42 overall Atlanta/NBA, 1995
Jaquay Walls, No. 56, Indiana/NBA, 2000
Alex Stivrins, No. 75, Seattle/NBA, 1985
Chuck Williams, No. 77, Philadelphia/NBA, 1968
Chuck Gardner, No. 81, Baltimore/NBA, 1966
Joe Cooper, No. 96, New Jersey/NBA, 1981
Wilky Gilmore, No. 98, St. Louis/NBA, 1962
Dave Logan, No. 139, Kansas City/NBA, 1976
JoJo Hunter, No. 146, Milwaukee/NBA, 1981
Lee Haven, No. 146, Portland/NBA, 1974
Rob Gonzalez, No. 147, Detroit/NBA, 1983
Larry Vaculik, No. 168, Denver/NBA, 1978

Jacques Tuz, No. 173, San Diego/NBA, 1982
Emmett Lewis, No. 181, Denver/NBA, 1979
Brian Johnson, No. 212, Phoenix/NBA, 1981

Other Selections

Tom Harrold, fourth pick, Fort Wayne/NBA, 1955
Burdette Halderson, fifth pick, Milwaukee/NBA, 1955
Tom Mock, ninth pick, Fort Wayne/NBA, 1955
Wayne Tucker, ninth pick, Tri-Cities/NBA, 1951
Robert Doll, St. Louis/NBA, 1946

ABA

***Cliff Meely**, first round pick, Denver Nuggets, 1971
 ***Jim Creighton**, additional round choice of Dallas, 1972

*-drafted by both the NBA and ABA in the same year

Round Breakdown (34)

1st Round: 7	8th: 2
2nd Round: 2	9th: 5
3rd: 2	14th: 1
4th: 2	23rd: 1
5th: 2	Other NBA draft picks: 4
6th: 2	ABA: 3
7th: 1	

NBA Team Breakdown (31)

Detroit (2)/Fort Wayne (2): 4
 Sacramento/Cincinnati (2)/
 Kansas City (1)/KC-Omaha (1): 4
 Atlanta (1)/Tri-Cities (1): 2
 Denver: 2
 L.A. Clippers/San Diego (2): 2
 Indiana: 2
 Milwaukee: 2
 Phoenix: 2
 St. Louis: 2
 Seattle: 2
 Boston: 1
 Golden State: 1
 New Jersey: 1
 Philadelphia: 1
 Portland: 1
 Utah: 1
 Washington/Baltimore (1): 1

ABA (3)

Memphis: 1
 Dallas: 1
 Denver: 1