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## Colorado's all-decade team

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Colorado started the decade as one of the North Division's dominant teams, earning bowl berths in five of the first six seasons of the decade.

The Buffaloes have fallen on hard times recently, but they still have provided many outstanding players during the decade.

Here are my choices for Colorado's all-decade team.

### OFFENSE

QB: Joel Klatt

RB: Chris Brown

RB: Bobby Purify

WR: Scotty McKnight

WR: Derek McCoy

TE: Daniel Graham

OL: Brian Daniels

OL: Andre Gurode

OL: Victor Rogers

OL: Justin Bates

C: Wayne Lucier

### DEFENSE

DL: Abraham Wright

DL: Tyler Brayton

DL: George Hypolite

DL: Justin Bannan

LB: Jordon Dizon

LB: Sean Tufts

LB: Jeff Smart

DB: Michael Lewis

DB: Terrence Wheatley

DB: Jimmy Smith

DB: Donald Strickland

P: Mark Mariscal

K: Mason Crosby

KR: Jeremy Bloom

**Offensive player of the decade:** Chris Brown. He was the key player on Colorado's Big 12 championship team in 2001 and was even better the following season before injuries derailed his Heisman hopes.

**Defensive player of the decade:** Jordon Dizon. Colorado's only consensus All-American defensive player of the decade also was the Big 12's defensive player of the year in 2007 after a four-year career as a starter for the Buffaloes.

**Coach of the decade:** Gary Barnett. Even with his unseemly departure, Barnett still coached Colorado to its only Big 12 championship and took the Buffaloes to four Big 12 title games in a five-season period. They haven't been back since.

**Moment of the decade:** Colorado stuns Texas for 2001 Big 12 title. The Buffaloes' 39-37 victory was sparked by 182 yards rushing and three touchdowns by Brown, pushing them to their only Big 12 football championship and lone BCS bowl appearance of this decade.

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