



Dave McCloughan set up CU's go-ahead touchdown against Texas with a 43-yard punt return.  
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## Brooks: For '90 Buffs, 'T' Is For Together In Texas

*When Buffs fans take a stroll down memory lane, one of the first stops is 1990.*

*To commemorate CU's national championship, secured that season in the Orange Bowl against Notre Dame, CUBuffs.com will take a look back at each game of the '90 season. Game stories that appeared in the Rocky Mountain News and were written by B.G. Brooks, now Contributing Editor for CUBuffs.com, will be reprinted each Wednesday on the website.*

At 1-1-1 and in danger of seeing their national championship aspirations unravel, the Buffs wouldn't allow it. They overcame the Texas heat and a hostile Austin crowd to secure their second victory.

As CU rallied for 15 fourth-quarter points, a flame was ignited. Coach Bill McCartney credits Eric Bieniemy for providing the spark, recalling a galvanizing incident on the Buffs sidelines he said was inspired by the fiery senior tailback.

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Bieniemy, said McCartney, had called out CU's offense and defense and was railing against the real possibility of losing to the Longhorns and living with the thought of a potential championship season dying in the season's first month.

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Instead, the Buffs came to life on that evening in Austin.

When the offense trotted off the field after the first of Bieniemy's two fourth-quarter touchdowns, the defense awaited at the sideline and celebrated with Bieniemy & Co. After a defensive stand, the offense congregated on the sideline and reveled with Alfred Williams & Co.

A stirring comeback, capped by a Williams sack that produced a safety, earned a 29-22 victory. Nothing else in the next nine games would come easy for them, but the Buffs wouldn't lose again. The March to Miami was underway.

### **Buffs find their old touch**

*Big fourth quarter lifts CU over Texas*

**By B.G. Brooks**

### **Rocky Mountain News**

**AUSTIN, Texas** - The big-play magic of 1989 might never be recaptured in full, but Colorado's gasping Buffaloes reclaimed enough of it last night in muggy Memorial Stadium.

CU outlasted Texas 29-22, avoiding a loss that some of the Buffs said might have buried them before the season was even a month old.

Overcoming a third quarter in which No. 22-ranked UT dominated by limiting them to only five plays, the No. 20 Buffs scored 15 fourth-quarter points to improve to 2-1-1.

Defensively, CU was just as impressive, with Garry Howe's fourth-down sack of Longhorns quarterback Peter Gardere killing a UT drive at the CU 40-yard line with 3:14 to play.

But on this night, the Buffs' list of heroes was lengthy:

- Tailback Eric Bieniemy, dismissing a late-game ankle sprain, rushed for 99 yards on 26 carries and scored three touchdowns-including CU's last two;
- Fullback George Hemingway, utilized more than in any of the first three games, gained 76 yards on seven rushes and caught three passes for 54 yards-including a 38-yard touchdown;
- Quarterback Darian Hagan, maligned for his passing in the first three games, completed seven of 11 attempts for 160 yards and the TD to Hemingway;
- Punt returner Dave McCloughan ran back an Alex Waits kick 43 yards to set up CU's go-ahead TD with 5:47 left;
- Defensive Alfred Williams sacked Gardere in the end zone in the last minute, finally putting away the Horns (1-1).

If the Buffs appeared to be on a mission, that look was genuine.

"We've been accused of being a talented team without motivation," said CU Bill McCartney. "All that did was hurt; it drove this team even harder. For us to come in here and win-I couldn't be prouder."

CU, which returns to Folsom Field Saturday to meet resurgent Washington, was forced to rally from a 22-14 deficit in the game's final quarter to beat a UT team that had won 17-13 two weeks ago at Penn State.

In that game, Horns placekicker Michael Pollak made three of four field goal attempts.

Last night he was 3-for-3 on kicks of 47, 25 and 22 yards.

And very early, it looked like the kind of game a kicker might win.

The Buffs overcame a pair of lost Hagan fumbles-their ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> turnovers of the season-to take a 14-13 halftime lead.

Hagan's first fumble, recovered by UT linebacker Brian Jones, resulted in a 6-yard Gardere-to-Kerry Cash TD pass.

The 6-foot-4 Cash went above McCloughan to make the catch in the back corner of the end zone.

But Hagan and Hemingway answered with their 38-yard scoring hookup to tie the score at 7-7.

Hagan's second lost fumble resulted in Pollak's first field goal and a 10-7 UT advantage. But CU's 75-yard, 11-play drive, capped by Bieniemy's 2-yard run, put the Buffs ahead 14-13 at the half.

The third quarter was colored burnt orange. UT kept possession for 12:17, allowing CU only five offensive plays, and took a 19-14 lead on a 2-yard run by freshman Phil Brown.

Then came an unplanned onside kick, which UT recovered.

"We wanted to squib-kick it to keep it out of the wind," said UT coach David McWilliams. "He just hit the top of the ball enough for a crazy bounce."

The Horns recovered, the Buffs reeled and fell behind 22-14 on Pollak's final field goal.

But Hagan answered by marching CU 60 yards in nine plays, and Bieniemy-who had limped off the field on the drive's fourth play-returned to burst through the middle for a 4-yard scoring run.

Hagan's two-point conversion pass for Mike Pritchard was incomplete, and UT still led 22-20.

The CU defense forced UT to punt, and McCloughan's 43-yard return gave the Buffs the momentum they sought.

"You always want to make the big plays," McCloughan said. "They kicked it to the right side of the field, and I got behind the wall. It turned into a big play."

Seven plays later, Bieniemy scored his third TD-on a 2-yard run-and Jim Harper's conversion gave CU a 27-22 lead with 5:47 remaining.

CU's defense was then burdened with halting Gardere and his offense.

The Buffs were up to it, allowing the Horns as far as the CU 40 before Howe collared Gardere on fourth down and returned possession to Hagan and the offense with 3:14 to play.

Following a Tom Rouen punt that rolled dead on the UT 3-yard line, Williams recorded the second of his two sacks-this one for the safety that ended the scoring and the Horns' hopes of a second straight victory.

"Obviously, I'm real proud of our players," McCartney said. "They reached real deep."

*Next: Game 5 - Washington*

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# CU Buffs face tough WR test in Georgia's Green

## CU going up against NFL prospect Green

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Big, speedy, athletic wide receivers are nothing new to Colorado cornerbacks Jimmy Smith and Jalil Brown. They've faced some of the best to play the college game in recent years during their time in Boulder.

They've learned a lot from skirmishes with the likes of Jeremy Maclin and Danario Alexander at Missouri, Dez Bryant at Oklahoma State, Dezmon Briscoe and Kerry Meier at Kansas, Michael Crabtree at Texas Tech and the list goes on.

Their next challenge might rank right up near the top.

When the Buffs play host to Georgia a week from Saturday in Folsom Field, Smith and Brown will both get their crack at defending Bulldogs wide receiver A.J. Green, who is widely considered a probable top-10 NFL draft pick if he decides to leave school early next spring.

"Assignment-wise, I'm excited. I'm always excited. It's what you come to college for," Smith said. "As far as the team and opponent, I think our defense is going to step up to the challenge, and if we win this game, I think it's going to be a big confidence booster going into league. And it works both ways I feel like."

Green, a 6-foot-4 playmaker, will complete a four-game suspension this week when Georgia plays at Mississippi State. The suspension was handed down in the offseason by the NCAA as punishment for Green selling a bowl jersey for \$1,000.

Even though Green isn't likely to be in midseason form in his first action of the year, he remains quite a test for the CU secondary.

Smith and Brown are both considered NFL prospects, as well, and when scouts and general managers are organizing their draft boards early next year, film for the Georgia-Colorado game figures to be consulted often in evaluating each of the three players.

"They will probably look at every game, but just because he is a big-time receiver, yeah, I guess so," Smith said. "I'm going to go out and do what I do every week."

Green missed all or part of five games in 2009 but still managed to make 53 catches for 808 yards. He adds another dimension to the Georgia offense that has been lacking so far this season.

But Green isn't the only concern as the Buffs study film and prepare for the Bulldogs this week and next. Wide receivers Kris Durham and Tavarres King have combined for 20 catches for 279 yards and two scores going into this week's game.

"I wouldn't say I'm focusing so much on him," Smith said of facing Green. "I mean, there is other receivers I've got to face. I'm not like really worried. I've got to go out there and play my game no matter what."

"I mean, he's a great dude and I know every time he comes over, I've got to strap it up and be ready, but I'm not just focusing on this guy cause I know I've got to face another receiver that they have who is pretty good. He's tall. He's big and he can run routes and is really smart. So I've got my hands full with both sides, whatever comes my way, the X or the Z."

## Ticket sales change

Colorado originally offered tickets to the Georgia game only to season-ticket holders and those who were willing to buy a three-pack of tickets that included the Hawaii and Kansas State games, too.

Now that the Hawaii game is over, CU is selling some tickets on an individual game basis.

CU is also selling a two-pack, which allows fans to get tickets to the Georgia game and the Kansas State game, which will be the final Big 12 game ever played in Folsom Field.

CU originally decided to only sell tickets to the Georgia game as part of a three-pack plan in order to avoid Georgia fans taking over the stadium. The Georgia athletic department originally requested 9,000 tickets as its allotment for the game. CU provided 5,000.

#### **Notable**

A crew began erecting the practice bubble over on the west end of the practice fields Wednesday. The bubble should be ready in early October. It generally remains up from October through the conclusion of spring football in April. CU has to take it down in late spring and summer because it is located in a flood plain. ... Dan Hawkins said redshirt freshman tackle David Bakhtiari, who has started the first three games of the season, continues to improve and hold off sophomore Bryce Givens. ... Smith on the rash of injuries at nickel back so far: "It's cursed."

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## Expanded Pac-12 must deal with scheduling, title game, revenue sharing

**By John Henderson**  
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Colorado's negotiated departure from the Big 12 puts the Buffaloes in the Pac-10 next year. That's the good news for Pac-10 commissioner Larry Scott. The bad news is, it's a year earlier than he had planned.

"We've got a very full agenda right now," he said. "It just got more full."

In other words, he must speed up everything: decisions on the inaugural championship game, divisional alignment and revenue sharing. Here's a look at where the Pac-10 stands as it looks toward 2011, when it becomes the Pac-12 with the addition of Colorado and Utah:

### Divisions:

Colorado's hope of landing in a South Division with the Arizona and Los Angeles schools may not happen. Scott said he's considering a half-dozen models, and sources say the California schools are putting pressure on him to lump Colorado and fellow newcomer Utah with the Northwest schools — Oregon, Oregon State, Washington and Washington State.

Oregon State athletic director Bob De Carolis told the Eugene Register-Guard that the league is favoring that model.

A number of factors are involved. Besides every school in the league wanting regular trips to Southern California for its rich recruiting grounds, the Bay Area and L.A. schools, minus UCLA, have played each other since before World War I.

And the Northwest schools are upset with the prospect of Colorado and Utah gravy training in with the L.A. schools in their first year in the league.

The man most upset in this process could end up being Colorado athletic director Mike Bohn, whose acceptance of a Pac-10 invitation was contingent on the Buffs playing games much closer to Colorado's Southern California alumni base.

"Zipper" plans for alignment are also in the discussion. The zipper would split the Pac-10's geographical arch-rivalries down the middle, but those rivals would play each other at season's end. That way, every conference school would



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play at least one game vs. an L.A. school and keep its traditional rivalry game.

The zipper has many models, but one in particular is intriguing. Called the "Pac-10 Cooler" proposal, it would group Washington, Oregon, UCLA, California, Colorado and Arizona in one division. The other would have Washington State, Oregon State, Stanford, USC, Arizona State and Utah.

Besides playing every team in their own division, each team would play its most traditional rivals in the other division every year. For example, Washington and Oregon would play Washington State and Oregon State and UCLA and USC would play Stanford and Cal every year.

Then they'd play two other teams from the other division on a rotating basis.

Two problems, however: Scott favors geographical splits. Regardless of where you place the zipper, he says, schools will be upset.

Also, it runs the risk of traditional rivals playing in the regular-season finale — such as USC and UCLA — and then playing the next week in the league championship game. The Pac-10 will discuss divisional alignments at the presidents meeting in San Francisco on Oct. 21.

## Championship game:

The Pac-12 will almost certainly have a championship football game. Scott isn't sure where to play it, though. At one time, he favored

the game being played in the stadium of the higher-ranked division champion.

However, the logistics of setting up a title game on only six days' notice may not work.

Also, Oregon State, Washington State and Stanford all have stadiums with no more than 50,000 seats. That would cost the league a lot in revenue to have a title game at a smaller stadium. A designated site becomes more likely, such as Glendale, Ariz., or the Rose Bowl.

Scott said the title game will be discussed in the league athletic directors meetings Oct. 6-7.

## Revenue sharing:

If the league goes with a North-South split, it might propose an equal TV distribution among all members, regardless of the number of TV appearances. Two years ago, USC made \$11 million off television, while Washington State made \$6.5 million.

To change the current distribution plan, there must be at least a 9-3 vote. UCLA and USC will surely vote against a change, because they make more TV appearances than other schools most years.

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## CU's athletes fired up about move to Pac-10

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BOULDER — Wednesday was just another day at the Colorado football practice fields, with talk of the school's finalized move to what will be the Pac-12 Conference next season drawing only subdued conversation.

"Games in October are a long ways away, you know," said CU coach Dan Hawkins, making the point that next season was too far removed to think about. "We're just trying to get ready for Georgia (next week). I didn't really get into it too much."

CU chancellor Phil DiStefano and athletic director Mike Bohn worked the past couple of months to get CU into the Pac-12 for 2011, a deal that was completed Tuesday night. Both believe it'll help energize the athletic department, and alums as well.

Football players from California such as running back Brian Lockridge and quarterback Tyler

Hansen are thrilled the Buffs will be playing on the West Coast next year.

Both received a slew of messages on Facebook, via texts and on voice mail, after the official announcement. Lockridge and Hansen are from Southern California, southeast of the Los Angeles area.

"I'm real excited," said Hansen, a junior. "I got a lot of phone calls from family members that said they could come and watch games now. They are all excited about that."

Lockridge also will get to play his senior season in the Pac-12, but only because he needed a redshirt season when he was hurt as a sophomore.

"At the time, I was upset," Lockridge said. "But now, I'm so happy. Especially coming from California, I was hoping anyway it was changed to next year. It will be great to see the Buffs back there in California."

On the men's basketball team, redshirt freshman guard Shannon Sharpe missed all of last season with a knee injury. Now the Riverside, Calif., native will be able to play the majority of his career in the Pac-12.

"It's going to be very cool," Sharpe said. "I'll get a lot of fans at my games, I'll get to go back home and play in front of home crowds."

The move to the Pac-12 should make recruiting a little easier on CU's new basketball staff, as

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well.

"Now we have an answer to, 'When are you guys making the move?' " men's coach Tad Boyle said Wednesday. "Obviously it helps with (recruiting) California."

Still up in the air is conference scheduling. Boyle said he expects the Pac-12 to have an 18-game league basketball schedule. The Big 12 uses a 16-game conference model. It's unclear if the Pac-10's current Thursday-Saturday conference scheduling format will continue. Under that arrangement, Colorado would play at Cal on a Thursday, for instance, spend all day Friday preparing for Stanford and play the Cardinal on Saturday.

The Big 12 plays conference basketball games on Tuesday or Wednesday, with time to return home before hosting or traveling to the next league game on Saturday.

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## CU true frosh makes impact

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BOULDER — During the first quarter against Hawaii last Saturday, the University of Colorado called on Paul Richardson several times to make catches.

He caught all three passes thrown in his direction. Although he totaled just 9 yards on those catches, it didn't matter. He was happy to be involved.

"It was great," he said. "I was not expecting to get the ball three or four times in the first quarter. That was great. That just kept me hyped and kept me focused."

Richardson is a true freshman wide receiver from Gardena, Calif. He originally signed with UCLA — located less than 20 miles from his home town.

An off-the-field incident this summer led to his dismissal from the UCLA team, and Richardson found a home in Boulder.

He admits that being so far from home has not been easy.

"I was a little homesick," he said. "I'm young. I just graduated from high school a couple months ago, so I'm still young."

Despite his youth, the 18-year-old Richardson made an immediate impact on the Buffs. He didn't arrive until late in the summer, but proved instantly that he was a player the Buffs would need this fall.

"He's a great football player and he's going to be a big part of what we do this year," quarterback Tyler Hansen.

Through the first two games, Richardson's production didn't match the hype. He had one catch for 11 yards against Colorado State, and then didn't catch a pass against California.

Hansen said he felt part of the reason was that Richardson was "just getting used to playing college football."

Of course, part of it could be that CU has several experienced receivers, including seniors Scotty McKnight and Travon Patterson and junior Toney Clemons, that are ahead of Richardson in some areas.

Being in the right place at the right time is a factor, too.

"Part of it is the flow of the game," CU receivers coach Robert Prince said. "We try to have things for each of our guys. For whatever reason, his number didn't get called."

Prince said the Buffs' hopes for Richardson remain high.

"His number got called (against Hawaii) and he did produce, and that was good," Prince said. "There are still some

details he needs to iron out. We don't want to put the whole playbook on his plate. We're expecting him to get better and better.

"Once he gets out of the thinking mode and the reaction mode, he'll definitely get better."

Richardson is already showing improvement, and he hopes the Hawaii game was just a start. In addition to his three first-quarter catches, he caught a pass on a two-point conversion.

"I just couldn't wait for my opportunity," he said. "I showed once I get the ball, I'm going to make the most of it.

"I've been here since the second day of camp and I kind of surprised myself, as well as some of my teammates, about how well I picked up the offense. After that, it was just gaining trust from the coaches and quarterbacks that I'm going to make the play. I've showed I can catch the ball, so hopefully things start going a little bit more my way."

EXTRA POINTS: Head coach Dan Hawkins said right tackle David Bakhtiari has played well. "He's kind of fended off a fierce battle with Bryce (Givens) there and we'd still like to have some opportunities to get Bryce back in the mix as well, but David has done a really good job," Hawkins said. ... Richardson is one of only five true freshman to have played this season. Jered Bell, Ryan Iverson, Justin Torres and Chidera Uzo-Diribe are the others to play.

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## CU football- just run with it

Bufs re-establish run game against UH

*By Michael Krumholtz on September 23, 2010*

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Their noses may have been bloodied, but the Bufs responded with a heavy dose of the run in the second half of Saturday's win versus Hawaii. The 31 points in the second half were in large part due to a run game that tallied more yards on the ground than any CU team since 2007.

Even CU coach Dan Hawkins got into the action prior to the game when he head-butted someone on his helmet, football players said.

"We got a little hyped up before the game," said Coach Hawkins, following his team's win. "But I'm an old fullback so I'm used to playing with a broken nose."

In the days leading up to the Hawaii game, the old UC-Davis player, Coach Hawkins said his offensive line needed to "work on" getting some techniques down.

Against CSU and Cal combined, the team ran it 77 times for only 190 yards, ranking near last in the FBS. After earning 252 yards on Saturday, the backs more than doubled their total season output and bolstered themselves into the middle of the pack (they are now 68th in the nation).

"Our O-line was moving the line of scrimmage," Hawkins said. "I thought our offensive coordinator Eric Kiesau did a good job of being patient with it and staying in there. And our O-line did a good job of answering."

The top two running backs on the depth chart, junior Rodney Stewart and junior Brian Lockridge, both clinched the century mark in rushing. Like a fine wine, tackle senior Nate Solder said he believes the rushing game will get better with time.

"I was extremely proud of that," Solder said. "We can do that every week, we have the guys that can do that, because we have great players."



Junior tailback Brian Lockridge breaks through into the Hawaii secondary during the third quarter of CU's 31-13 win over the Warriors on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Folsom Field. Lockridge rushed for 109 yards on 14 carries against the Warriors' defense. (CU Independent/Patrick Ghidossi)

The 109 yards for Lockridge was a team best against Hawaii and a career best. He said after the game that his much-criticized offensive line did a good job in giving him space to operate.

"I came in with high hopes of what we can do as a team, which you saw in the second half," Lockridge said. "They gave me the opportunity to run the ball and that's what I did."

He and Stewart can potentially be a two-headed monster behind the improving offensive line, as they proved against Hawaii. This weekend they get to rest their legs before Southeastern Conference power Georgia comes to Boulder.

The Bulldogs are 1-2 this year after close losses to No. 10 Arkansas and No. 12 South Carolina. But they do own the nation's 20th ranked run defense, allowing 85 yards per game. If the Buffs don't manage to run the ball effectively against Georgia, it could be Berkeley all over again – where the running game averaged 1.8 yards per carry.

Colorado has not seen a pair of one hundred yard rushers in a game since Chris Brown and Bobby Purify ran for a combined 301 yards against Iowa State eight years ago.

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