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## Hawk expects Georgia's best shot Saturday

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Colorado football coach Dan Hawkins cautioned Monday that Georgia is still a team to be reckoned with, despite its 1-3 record.

Speaking during the Big 12 coaches teleconference, Hawkins said he is well aware of the foundation set at Georgia.

"I respect (Georgia coach) Mark Richt as much as anybody in the (coaching) profession," Hawkins said. "He's a great coach, and they're a great program."

"I don't take a lot of stock in the fact that they have dropped a couple of games. They'll be ready when they get in here."

Georgia plays at Colorado (2-1) Saturday.

The Bulldogs are 0-3 to start their Southeastern Conference schedule for the first time in Richt's 10 seasons as coach. The last time the program failed to win any of its first three SEC games was 1993.

### Long trips rare.

Saturday's game will mark just the fourth time in more than 75 years that Georgia will play a regular-season game west of the Mississippi.

Before Georgia's 27-10 victory at Arizona State in 2008, the Bulldogs had not played this far west during the regular season since losing 10-3 at Southern Cal in 1960. Georgia also lost to USC in Los Angeles in 1931 and 1933.

Historically, Georgia has scheduled nonconference road games only against schools within its section of the country. Colorado has long held a different philosophy.

"It's a great educational opportunity for guys to get around to different parts of the country," Hawkins said. "It's one of the things we try to do here."

### Anniversary time.

The 20th-year anniversary of Colorado's 1990 national championship season will be recognized and honored Saturday during the Georgia game. The following week, CU begins Big 12 play at Missouri — site of the 1990 "Fifth Down Game."

During Monday's Big 12 coaches teleconference, current MU coach Gary Pinkel recalled watching that game on television. He was an assistant at Washington at the time and is a longtime friend of then-Missouri coach Bob Stull's.

"I was really disappointed that the (outcome) had



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not been reversed," Pinkel said. "I was a little naive at the time in not understanding that in college football when a play is over and they have gone to the next play, you can't go back.

"But I really felt bad for Bob because who knows (what would have happened)? You have to get big wins in order to advance your program. It's unfortunate it happened."

*Tom Kensler, The Denver Post*

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# Buffs aim to make 1990 team proud

By **TOM KENSLE** |  No Comments

BOULDER – Colorado players said Tuesday after practice that Saturday’s celebration of the 20-year reunion of CU’s 1990 national championship will add some pressure to play well against Georgia, but in a good way.

As of Monday, 73 members of the 1990 team had informed CU that they will be in attendance. Also, five of the 14 seniors from the 1989 team will join in.

“I think the whole team feels the way I do – we just want to represent those guys,” said senior wide receiver Scotty McKnight, a team captain. “They’re the ones that put Colorado football on the map.

“They’re the tradition. They’re the reason people love Colorado football. That’s what it’s all about. So when they here in attendance, we want to show them we’re on the way back and we’re going to fight and we’re going to be a great team.”

Junior tailback Brian Lockridge said the “1990 team and guys before them laid the foundation.”

“To be in their presence – we have to prove to them that we’re upholding the tradition,” Lockridge said. “It’s a family, the Colorado Buffaloes. And you always want to uphold your family name.”

Also, this has been designated a “Blackout” game, with spectators encouraged to wear all black.

“I love it. I love it when we do this,” McKnight said. “The stadium is going to be packed. The blackout thing shows that everyone is going to come out in support. We’ve generally done well in those situations. I’m loving it.”

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## Georgia downgrading schedule

By **JOHN HENDERSON** |  2 Comments

Looks like another SEC school is adding more cupcakes to its schedule. This time it's Georgia whose new athletic director, Greg McGarity, said he will no longer schedule teams the caliber of Colorado. It's not that Colorado is so bad.

It's that it's so good.

He told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that he wants seven home games every season, including three home non-league games. On Monday McGarity announced he had cancelled a home-and-home series with Oregon, currently ranked fourth.

"Granted, it may not be the big matchups that everybody loves to play, but I can assure you this: You have to do what is the best scenario for you to get to Atlanta (for the SEC Championship)," McGarity said.

Colorado is 2-1 and 18-34 in Dan Hawkins' five years.

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