

BIG 12 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

In 2003, when Jen Thais said in a preseason press conference that her season goal was, "to make the NCAA Tournament and to be nationally recognized. What I'm hoping... what I'm expecting, is to surprise people," little did she know what kind of impact that prediction would have on the eighth team in Colorado soccer history... and the nation for that matter.

A record breaking season was approached in four phases. Phase I were the preseason exhibition games where the Buffs shutout Northern Colorado 4-0 and Air Force 3-0.

Phase II consisted of CU's non-conference schedule where the Buffs came out virtually unscathed at 7-1. In the season opener, they held defending national champion and then-No. 2 Portland scoreless for 87 minutes before suffering a 1-0 defeat. The Buffs would regroup and close out the remainder of the non-conference season 7-0, beating teams by a 17-2 scoring margin. It was during Phase II that CU picked up its first-ever win against a top-10 ranked opponent when it handed then-No. 9 Denver a 3-0 blanking, just days after the Pioneers had upended Portland.

Enter Phase III... the Big 12 Conference season. The Buffs came away from the '03 season 8-1-1, the crescendo of the season being a 3-1 win over nemesis Nebraska in the season finale for both teams in below freezing temperatures on a pitch covered in ice. Colorado's 25 season points was the fourth highest in league standings history. At the conclusion of the regular season, the Buffs came away with the coach, player and rookie of the year, a first-team All-Big 12 pick, three second-teamers and five of their nine newcomers named to the All-Newcomer team.

With 25 school single-season, class and career records shattered, Colorado entered the final phase of the season, Phase IV... the postseason. They went into the eighth Big 12 Conference Tournament as the No. 1 seed for the first time in program history, and a week later the Buffs entered their first NCAA Tournament as just one of 16 seeded teams.

2003 BIG 12 PLAYER OF THE YEAR FRAN MUNNELLY



RECORDS BROKEN IN 2003

Record	2003	Previous
Single Season Wins	15	11 (1999)
Single Season Road Wins	5	3 (2001)
Win Streak	11	5 (1999)
Unbeaten Streak	14	6 (2002)
Big 12 Wins	8	6 (1997)
Points (single game)	18 (vs. Minnesota)	13 (vs. Eastern Illinois, 2002)
Most Goals	6 (vs. Minnesota)	5 (at Texas Tech, 2003)
Shutouts	10	5 (2002)
Individual Goals (game)	2 (six times)	2 (eight times since 1996)
Individual Goals (season)	10 (Katie Griffin)	8 (twice)
Individual Assists (season)	9 (Kathryn Grandinetti)	6 (Fran Munnelly, 2002)
Points (season)	23 (Katie Griffin)	20 (Fran Munnelly, 2002)
Season GAA	0.69	1.37 (2002)
Goals Allowed	14	31 (2002)

2003 BIG 12 COACH OF THE YEAR BILL HEMPEN



2003 BIG 12 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR KATIE GRIFFIN



BIG 12 TOURNAMENT HISTORY

1996 Anheuser-Busch Sports Centre (St. Louis, Mo.)

Quarterfinals	(3) Baylor def. (6) Texas -----	3-2
	(5) Missouri def. (4) Texas Tech -----	3-2
Semifinals	(1) Nebraska def. (5) Missouri -----	2-1
	(2) Texas A&M def. (3) Baylor -----	5-4 ot
Championship	(1) Nebraska def. (2) Texas A&M -----	1-0 ot

1997 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(3) Baylor def. (6) Iowa State -----	4-2
	(4) Texas def. (5) Colorado -----	1-0
Semifinals	(2) Nebraska def. (3) Baylor -----	4-1
	(1) Texas A&M def. (4) Texas -----	3-1
Championship	(1) Texas A&M def. (2) Nebraska -----	3-1

1998 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(3) Texas A&M def. (6) Iowa State -----	6-0
	(5) Missouri def. (4) Texas -----	3-1
Semifinals	(5) Missouri def. (1) Baylor -----	3-2
	(2) Nebraska def. (3) Texas A&M -----	3-2
Championship	(2) Nebraska def. (5) Missouri -----	4-0

1999 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(1) Nebraska def. (8) Texas Tech -----	10-1
	(4) Baylor def. (5) Texas -----	2-0
	(7) Iowa State tied (2) Texas A&M -----	0-0
	(3) Missouri def. (6) Colorado -----	5-3
Semifinals	(3) Missouri def. (7) Iowa State -----	2-1
	(1) Nebraska def. (4) Baylor -----	7-1
Championship	(1) Nebraska def. (3) Missouri -----	2-1

2000 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(1) Nebraska def. (8) Kansas -----	4-0
	(4) Baylor def. (5) Missouri -----	4-3 ot
	(2) Texas A&M def. (7) Colorado -----	3-1
	(6) Oklahoma def. (3) Texas -----	2-0
Semifinals	(2) Texas A&M def. (6) Oklahoma -----	1-0
	(1) Nebraska def. (4) Baylor -----	4-0
Championship	(1) Nebraska def. (2) Texas A&M -----	4-1

2001 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(1) Texas def. (8) Iowa State -----	6-1
	(5) Missouri def. (4) Kansas -----	1-0 ot
	(2) Nebraska def. (7) Baylor -----	5-1
	(3) Texas A&M def. (6) Oklahoma -----	1-0 ot
Semifinals	(3) Texas A&M def. (2) Nebraska -----	3-2
	(1) Texas def. (5) Missouri -----	1-0 4ot
Championship	(3) Texas A&M def. (1) Texas -----	1-0

2002 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(1) Texas A&M def. (8) Ok-State -----	5-0
	(5) Colorado def. (4) Missouri -----	1-0
	(2) Texas def. (7) Iowa State -----	4-1
	(3) Nebraska def. (6) Kansas -----	2-1
Semifinals	(3) Nebraska def. (2) Texas -----	2-1 (ot)
	(1) Texas A&M def. (5) Colorado -----	3-1
Championship	(3) Nebraska def. (1) Texas A&M -----	1-0

2003 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(8) Missouri def. (1) Colorado -----	2-0
	(4) Nebraska def. (5) Texas A&M -----	2-1 (ot)
	(7) Oklahoma State def. (2) Texas -----	1-0
	(3) Kansas def. (6) Oklahoma -----	1-0
Semifinals	(8) Missouri def. (4) Nebraska -----	3-2
	(7) Oklahoma State def. (3) Kansas -----	1-0
Championship	(7) Oklahoma State def. (8) Missouri -----	3-2 (2ot)

2004 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(1) Kansas def. (8) Iowa State -----	4-1
	(4) Texas def. (5) Nebraska -----	2-0
	(2) Texas A&M def. (7) Oklahoma -----	3-0
	(3) Colorado def. (6) Missouri -----	2-1 (ot)
Semifinals	(4) Texas def. (1) Kansas -----	3-2 (2ot)
	(2) Texas A&M def. (3) Colorado -----	3-1
Championship	(2) Texas A&M def. (4) Texas -----	3-0

2005 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(1) Texas A&M def. (8) Missouri -----	3-1
	(4) Nebraska def. (5) Kansas -----	3-1
	(2) Colorado def. (7) Oklahoma -----	2-0
	(6) Texas def. (3) Iowa State -----	1-0
Semifinals	(1) Texas A&M def. (4) Nebraska -----	4-2
	(2) Colorado def. (6) Texas -----	3-2 (ot)
Championship	(1) Texas A&M def. (2) Colorado -----	2-1 (ot)

2006 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(1) Texas A&M def. (8) Baylor -----	3-0
	(5) Colorado tied (4) Kansas -----	1-1 (ot)
	(2) Oklahoma State def. (7) Oklahoma -----	(2-1)
	(3) Texas def. (6) Nebraska -----	1-0 (ot)
Semifinals	(5) Colorado def. (1) Texas A&M -----	3-2 (2ot)
	(3) Texas def. (2) Oklahoma State -----	2-0
Championship	(3) Texas tied (5) Colorado -----	1-1 (2ot)

2007 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(1) Texas A&M tied (8) Iowa State -----	1-1 (2ot)
	(4) Missouri tied (5) Texas Tech -----	4-3 (2ot)
	(2) Texas tied (7) Colorado -----	0-0 (2ot)
	(6) Oklahoma State def. (3) Kansas -----	3-0
Semifinals	(1) Texas A&M def. (4) Missouri -----	4-1
	(2) Texas tied (6) Oklahoma State -----	1-1 (2ot)
Championship	(2) Texas def. (1) Texas A&M -----	2-1

2008 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(1) Oklahoma State def. (8) Texas Tech -----	3-0
	(4) Colorado def. (5) Nebraska -----	1-0
	(7) Kansas def. (2) Texas A&M -----	4-2
	(3) Missouri def. (6) Texas -----	3-1
Semifinals	(4) Colorado tied (1) Oklahoma State -----	1-1 (2ot)
	(3) Missouri tied (7) Kansas -----	1-1 (2ot)
Championship	(3) Missouri def. (4) Colorado -----	1-0

2009 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(5) Oklahoma State def. (4) Nebraska -----	3-0
	(6) Texas def. (3) Colorado -----	1-0 (2 ot)
	(1) Missouri def. (8) Kansas -----	3-2 (ot)
	(2) Texas A&M def. (7) Baylor -----	2-0
Semifinals	(5) Oklahoma State def. (1) Missouri -----	3-2
	(2) Texas A&M def. (6) Texas -----	5-1
Championship	(5) Oklahoma State def. (2) Texas A&M -----	1-0

2010 Blossom Soccer Stadium (San Antonio, Texas)

Quarterfinals	(4) Oklahoma def. (5) Texas -----	1-0
	(3) Nebraska def. (6) Missouri -----	4-1
	(1) Texas A&M def. (8) Colorado -----	0-0 (2ot)
	TAMU advances on Penalty kicks 5-4	
	(2) Oklahoma State def. (7) Texas A&M -----	3-1
Semifinals	(4) Oklahoma def. (1) Texas A&M -----	1-0 (ot)
	(2) Oklahoma State def. (3) Nebraska -----	3-2 (ot)
Championship	(2) Oklahoma State def. (4) Oklahoma -----	1-1 (2ot)
	OSU advances on penalty kicks 5-4	

