



# BUFF BITS

## University of Colorado Information

**Location** .....Boulder, Colo. (97,385)  
**Founded** .....1876  
**Enrollment** .....29,952  
**Colors** .....Silver, Gold and Black  
**Nickname** .....Buffaloes (Buffys)  
**Mascot** .....Ralphie IV, The Buffalo (live), Chip (costumed)  
**Home Arena (Capacity)** .....Coors Events/Conference Center (11,064)  
**Elevation** .....5,435 feet above sea level  
**NCAA Affiliation** .....Division I  
**Conference** .....Pac-12, (Joined 2011-12)  
**President** .....Bruce Benson  
**Chancellor** .....Phil DiStefano  
**Athletic Director** .....Mike Bohn  
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## VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION

**Head Coach** .....Liz Kritza (Tulane, 2000)  
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**2010 Record** .....6-20 (H, 3-9; A, 1-11; N, 2-0)  
**2010 Big 12 Record** .....3-17/10th  
**Postseason** .....NA  
**Final Ranking** .....NA  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost** .....10/6  
**Starters Returning/Lost** .....4/2

## VOLLEYBALL HISTORY

**First Season** .....1986  
**All-Time Record** .....423-327 (.564)  
**All-Time Big 12 Record** .....146-154/.487  
**All-Time Big 8/Big 12 Record** .....223-183/.549  
**Best Big 12 Finish** .....2nd/1997  
**Best Big 8 Finish** .....1st/1993  
**NCAA Appearances** .....16 (1989, 1991-2001, 2003-06)  
**NCAA Record** .....9-16/.360  
**All-Time Post Season Record** .....19-24 (18 seasons)  
**Last NCAA Appearance/Result** .....2006/defeated New Mexico State,  
 3-0/lost to Washington, 1-3  
**Best NCAA Finishes** .....Sweet 16 (1993, 1994 & 1997)  
**All-Time Weeks Ranked (AVCA)** .....106  
**All-Time Record While Ranked (AVCA)** .....154-78  
**All-Time Record Against Ranked Teams (AVCA)** .....45-177

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## RETURNING STARTERS (4)

**Nikki Lindow, 6-2, MB, So., Erie, Colo.**  
 26-26 mp-s, 97 sets, 1.93 kps, .191, 0.20 dps, 0.74 bps  
 Led the team in blocks and was third in kills

**Anicia Santos, MB, 6-1, Sr., Frisco, Colo.**  
 26-26 mp-s, 95 sets, 2.08 kps, .272, 0.39 dps, 0.67 bps  
 Led the team in hitting percentage and was second in kills and blocks

**Kerra Schroeder, 6-0, Jr., OH, San Diego, Calif.**  
 26-26 mp-s, 97 sets, 3.84 kps, .183, 2.14 dps, 0.38 bps  
 Led the team in kills and ranked sixth in the Big 12

**Alyssa Valentine, S, 5-10, Sr., Tustin, Calif.**  
 26-26 mp-s, 96 sets, 8.62 aps, 1.71 dps, 0.32 bps  
 Ranked ninth in the Big 12 in assists

## KEY RETURNERS (8)

**Emily Alexis, 5-11, Fr., OH, Brighton, Colo.**  
 Redshirt. Did not compete.

**Jessica Aschenbrenner, 5-11, So., OH, Denver, Colo.**  
 5-2 mp-s, 10 sets, 1.00 dps, 0.10 bps

**Megan Beckwith, 5-10, So., Leesburg, Va.**  
 26-0 mp-s, 96 sets, 4.18 dps  
 Led the team in digs and ranked seventh in the Big 12

**Lydia Blaha, 6-0, MB, R.Jr., Colorado Springs, Colo.**  
 Redshirt. Did not compete.

**Michelle Miller, S, 5-7, Jr., Round Rock, Texas**  
 21-0 mp-s, 61 sets, 1.56 aps, 0.95 dps

**Ana Pantovic, RS, 6-5, Fr., Vrnjacka Banja, Serbia**  
 Redshirt. Did not compete.

**Elysse Richardson, DS/L, 5-3, So., Vienna, Va.**  
 24-9 mp-s, 86 sets, 2.01 dps  
 Ranked third on the team in digs

**Hannah Walker, DS/L, 5-5, So., Colorado Springs, Colo.**  
 19-3 mp-s, 57 sets, 1.39 dps

## STARTERS LOST (2)

**Rosie Steinhaus, 6-0, RS -**  
 26-20 mp-s, 97 sets, .131, 1.56 kpg, 0.65 dpg, 0.52 bpg  
 Ranked fourth on the team in kills and was third in blocks

**Richi Bigelow, 5-11, OH -**  
 21-16 mp-s, 77 sets, .107, 1.87 kpg, 1.69 dpg, 0.13 bpg  
 Ranked fifth on the team in kills

## OTHER LOSSES (3)

**Kat Constantine, DS/L, 5-6, Saratoga, Calif.**  
 6-1 mp-s, 8 sets, 2.12 dpg

**Ali Flynn, OH/RS, 6-2, Aptos, Calif.**  
 5-1 mp-s, 18 sets, 0.33 kpg, 0.33 dpg, 0.39 bpg

**Morgan Tholen, OH, 5-10, Lake Quivira, Kan.**  
 3-0 mp-s, 5 sets

## NEWCOMERS (6)

Nicki Brown, 5-11, Fr., OH, Santa Barbara, Calif.  
 Kelsey English, 6-2, Fr., MB, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
 Caitlyn Hubbard, 5-10, OH/DS, Fr., Limon, Colo.  
 Neira Ortiz Ruiz, 6-5, RS/OH, Fr., San Juan, Puerto Rico  
 Kelsey Spencer, 5-10, OH/MB, Fr., Boulder, Colo.  
 Erin Stock, 5-10, S, So., Pueblo West, Colo.

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# THE 2011 SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time (MST)	Record	Rank	NCAA
<b>Hampton Inn &amp; Suites Northern Colorado Classic</b>							
Friday	Aug. 26	vs. UNLV	Greeley, Colo.	11 a.m.	10-20	NR	DNP
Friday	Aug. 26	vs. UC-Davis	Greeley, Colo.	4 p.m.	16-13	NR	DNP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>UNC</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>	<b>24-4</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>DNP</b>
<b>OMNI HOTELS COLORADO VOLLEYBALL CLASSIC</b>							
Friday	Sept. 2	<b>BIP SLO NAT'L TEAM</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 4</b>	<b>ALBANY</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>22-9</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>First Round</b>
<b>11th Annual Rose Hill Classic</b>							
Friday	Sept. 9	vs. Siena	Bronx, N.Y.	3 p.m.	10-21	NR	DNP
Saturday	Sept. 10	vs. Albany	Bronx, N.Y.	10 a.m.	22-9	NR	First Round
Saturday	Sept. 10	at Fordham	Bronx, N.Y.	5 p.m.	17-18	NR	DNP
Sunday	Sept. 11	vs. St. John's	Bronx, N.Y.	10 a.m.	18-13	NR	DNP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>*UTAH</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>17-14</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>First Round</b>
Friday	Sept. 16	*at California	Berkley, Calif.	8 p.m.	30-4	2nd	Finals
Saturday	Sept. 17	*at Stanford	Palo Alto, Calif.	8 p.m.	27-4	5th	Quarterfinals
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>*OREGON</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>19-11</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>DNP</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>*OREGON STATE</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>9-23</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>DNP</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>*USC</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>29-5</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Semifinals</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct. 2</b>	<b>*UCLA</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>22-9</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>Second Round</b>
Friday	Oct. 7	*at Washington	Seattle, Wash.	8 p.m.	23-9	6th	Quarterfinals
Saturday	Oct. 8	*at Washington State	Pullman, Wash.	8 p.m.	6-22	NR	DNP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Oct. 14</b>	<b>*ARIZONA</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>20-12</b>	<b>RV</b>	<b>First Round</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct. 15</b>	<b>*ARIZONA STATE</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>13-16</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>DNP</b>
Friday	Oct. 21	*at UCLA	Los Angeles, Calif.	8 p.m.	22-9	12th	Second Round
Saturday	Oct. 22	*at USC	Los Angeles, Calif.	8 p.m.	29-5	3rd	Semifinals
Friday	Oct. 28	*at Oregon State	Corvallis, Ore.	8 p.m.	9-23	NR	DNP
Sunday	Oct. 30	*at Oregon	Eugene, Ore.	2 p.m.	19-11	NR	DNP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>*STANFORD</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>27-4</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>Quarterfinals</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 5</b>	<b>*CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>30-4</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Finals</b>
Friday	Nov. 11	*at Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.	8 p.m.	13-16	NR	DNP
Saturday	Nov. 12	*at Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	8 p.m.	20-12	RV	First Round
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>*WASHINGTON STATE</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>6-22</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>DNP</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 19</b>	<b>*WASHINGTON</b>	<b>BOULDER</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>23-9</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>Quarterfinals</b>
Wednesday	Nov. 23	*at Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	7 p.m.	17-14	NR	First Round

\*— Pac-12 Conference Match



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