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2003 CU Football: Game 2 — UCLA

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Quickly The No. 24/22 **Colorado Buffaloes** (1-0, 0-0 Big 12 North) have their home opener this Saturday, Sept. 6, as they host the **UCLA Bruins** (0-0; 8-5 in 2002) in a 1:37 p.m. kickoff at Folsom Field... The contest will be the first with Folsom's new \$41 million stadium edition, as the construction of some 1,900 club seats and 40 suites is complete, upping the stadium's capacity to 53,750; there were 4,000 seats remaining (all at \$50) entering the week; with a good week of sales a distinct possibility, the all-time Folsom Field crowd of 54,063 against Nebraska in 1995 is in danger of being toppled... ABC will televise the game to 53 percent of the nation (the other 47%, the northeast and southeast, get Auburn at Georgia Tech). Tim Brant (play-by-play), Ed Cunningham (analysis) and Samantha Ryan (sidelines) will be in Boulder to call the action... This is UCLA's first visit to Boulder since 1984, as the Buffs wore a darker blue uni that season with a borderless, light yellow number... CU's official website, www.CUBuffs.com, features game day updates and live stats for all games, home and road... There are around 6,000 tickets left for the Sept. 13 Washington State game in Boulder (no live television), with that contest slated to start at 1:30. The Buffs won't play again at Folsom until Oct. 11, with the 28-day break between home games the longest since 1996, when CU played Michigan on Sept. 14 and Oklahoma State on Oct. 12.

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In-The-Polls CU was ranked No. 24 in the *Associated Press* (media) and No. 22 in the *USA Today*/ESPN (coaches) polls of Monday, Sept. 1. CU had opened the year unranked in both, receiving votes in each, technically coming in at No. 28 in the coaches and No. 32 in the AP. CU has been ranked in **181** of the last **232** polls (*AP*; 78%), including a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). Since 1989, CU has played the third most ranked teams in the nation (75), trailing only Florida State (81) and Florida (78).

Stat of the Week Colorado passed for 402 yards, its first "four large" effort since throwing for 474 against San Jose State on Sept. 11, 1999, and it was the first 300-plus game since the '01 season opener against Fresno State (346 yards). It marked only the ninth time in school history that CU has thrown for 400 or more yards, and was only 17 yards shy of potentially the fourth best yardage day ever. Pretty amazing considering CU has been the nation's top rushing team out of the tailback position the last two seasons and started a walk-on sophomore quarterback.

Obscure Note of the Week Once again, an unranked Buffalo team meant bad news for Colorado State. The Buffs have opened a season out of the polls just three times since 1988—in 1998, 2001 and this year. All three times CU defeated CSU, and twice in the opener. In '98, the Buffs won the opener over a No. 15 ranked Colorado State, 42-14; CU dropped its '01 opener to Fresno State, but got into the win column the following week—topping Colorado State, in Denver, and by a 41-14 score. This time around, it was a 42-35 win over the No. 23 Rams.

Back to .500? CU head coach Gary Barnett is now **65-66-1** in his 11-plus seasons in the Division I ranks; he was 35-45-1 at Northwestern, but was 3-8 his first year when the Wildcats opened 0-3. He never pulled even while in Evanston, but he did get it back to .500 last year when his record reached 64-64-1 after CU's win at Nebraska. That marked the first time he reached the .500 mark, as he continues his assault to climb above .500 for the first time. Fifty-two of his 132 games as a head coach have come against ranked teams (39 percent), and his teams have gone 19-32-1 in those games, including a 10-12 mark at Colorado.

2003 Colorado Schedule (1-0, 0-0 Big 12)

Date	CU* Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That
Aug. 30	NR Colorado State (<i>in Denver</i>)	23	ESPN	W 42-35	0-1	55-18-2	Klatt throws for 402, 4 TDs in prolific starting debut
SEPT. 6	24 UCLA	NR	ABC	1:37 p.m.	0-0	1- 4-0	Buffs on board in series with 31-17 win last fall
SEPT. 13	WASHINGTON STATE		TBA	1:30 p.m.	1-0	3- 1-0	Originally scheduled week of Sept. 11 in 2001
Sept. 20	at Florida State		TBA		1-0	0- 0-0	First CU visit to Fla. since '91 Blockbuster Bowl
Oct. 4	†at Baylor		TBA	5:00 p.m.	0-1	8- 4-0	CU has won 5 straight, with two straight shutouts
OCT. 11	†KANSAS (FW)		TBA		0-1	38-21-3	Buffs up 15-3 since '85; 16-3 in Boulder since '65
Oct. 18	†at Kansas State		TBA		2-0	41-16-1	Teams had five scoring plays of 71 yards-plus in '02
OCT. 25	†OKLAHOMA (H)		TBA		1-0	16-36-2	OU sweep in '02 stopped 8-0-1 Colorado run
Nov. 1	†at Texas Tech		TBA		1-0	3- 3-0	Home team has won all six games in series
NOV. 8	†MISSOURI		TBA		1-0	29-35-3	CU has 16-2 edge since '85 (8-1 in Boulder)
Nov. 15	†at Iowa State		TBA		1-0	44-12-1	Buffs lead series 18-1 since '84 (9-0 in Ames)
NOV. 28	†NEBRASKA		ABC	10:00 a.m.	1-0	16-43-2	CU seeking three straight for first time since '56-58
Dec. 6	Big 12 Championship Game		ABC	5:00 p.m.			(Kansas City, Mo.) No team has participated three straight times

(All times mountain. **KEY:** *—AP rank at game time; †—Big 12 Conference game; H—Homecoming; FW—Family Weekend)

Media Services

- Coach Gary Barnett holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Barnett beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 2-9-16-30, Oct. 7-14-21-28, Nov. 4-11-24 (Monday), Dec. 2-TBA (bowl). NOTE that there is no organized press conference on Sept. 22 and Nov. 18 (Tuesdays of bye weeks).
- Barnett can be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. mountain time. All coaches participate weekly; please call 913/981-5507 for access (this number is intended for media only). The teleconference is replayed later in the day, and is available by calling 402/222-9912 after 3 p.m. mountain time.
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available Tuesdays on the Big 12 Conference's satellite highlights package, which can be found at Galaxy 4R (C-band), Transponder 20 (orbital slot 99W; 4100 MHz vertical, standard audio 6.2-6.8 MHz between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. MT from Aug. 26 through Dec. 9 (trouble number: 817/265-4465). Special requests can be made through CU's BuffVision (303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed to all members of the media after games; following the customary 10-minute cooling off period, players will be made available (a list of players will be solicited immediately following the game).
- Colorado's **football practices** are closed to the public and media in 2003. The first 20 minutes of practice are open for photography (video) needs from the end zones and sidelines; after the 20-minute cutoff, all must leave practice at that time.
- This year's tentative **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time): Sunday (off); Monday (2:00-3:30; 3:30-6:00); Tuesday (2:15-3:30/3:30-6:00); Wednesday (2:15-3:30/3:30-6:00); Thursday (2:15-3:30/3:30-5:30); Friday (5:30-6:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed both pre- and post-practice on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (the cutoff moves up to post-Tuesday practice for Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all three days in both time slots. Interviews on Sundays are at the discretion of the player, as it being the standard player day off (no meetings or practice), CU can't arrange due to NCAA rules.

CU on the Internet

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Log on to the official site for CU athletics at www.CUBuffs.com for the latest information, releases, game notes and broadcasts of press conferences.

On-the-Air

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 16-station CU Football Network, with sports director emeritus **Larry Zimmer** in his 30th year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs (1971-81, 1985-current). **Jay Leeuwenburg**, CU's All-American center in 1991, is in his second year handling color analysis, with former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** in his 26th season on the broadcasts, doing pre- and postgame shows and providing coverage from the sidelines. Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the *Gary Barnett Show* originates from Dolan's Restaurant in Boulder, with Zimmer and Leeuwenburg hosting the program. Note: CU's games return to the Internet this fall; check out CUBuffs.com.
- **FOX Sports Rocky Mountain** is the new television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. New FSN college reporter **Chuck Garfien** is the host of the program; the first show aired August 23 and it will run weekly through the week following the end of basketball season for the men and/or women.

IMPORTANT ROSTER INFORMATION (# Changes, etc., from media guide)

Additions: 56 John Martin, ILB; 78 Terrance Barreau, OG.

Number Changes: A.J. Anderson (#21, from 17); Dominique Brooks (#18, from 38); Isaiah Crawford (#31, from 36);

Mike Duren (#81, from 84); Brendan Schaub (#43, from 81); Sam Wilder (#74, from 90)

Position Changes: Akarika Dawn (SS to ILB); Sam Richmond (CB to RB); Brendan Schaub (TE to FB); Sam Wilder (DT to OT).

Pronunciation Change: Fredrick Staugh (stow, as in now; wants to have people try true pronunciation).

Transferred: CB Allen Mackey (to Sacramento State). **Suspended:** S Tyrone Henderson (for fall semester).

DUPE NUMBERS: Colorado has several duplicate numbers; those who appear below are the ones most likely to see action (CU jerseys

DO have names across the shoulders; A—African-American, C—Caucasian, H—Hispanic):

Offense/Kicker

- 4 Ron Monteilh (A)
- 6 Stephone Robinson (A)
- 7 Bernard Jackson (A)

Defense/Kicker

- 4 Chris Russell (A)
- 6 Phil Jackson (A)
- 7 Vance Washington (A)

Offense/Kicker

- 12 Brian White (C)
- 35 J.T. Eberly (C)
- 82 Evan Judge (C; Sp. Teams)

Defense/Kicker

- 12 Akarika Dawn (A)
- 35 Omar Stewart (A)
- 82 James Garee (C; Sp. Teams)

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Coaches/Staff

Dave BORBELY (boar-bull-E)
Brian CABRAL (cuh-browl)
Vince OKRUCH (oh-crew)
Travis REUST (roost)
John WRISTEN (wrist-N)

Players

Terrance BARREAU (buh-row)
Walter BOYE-DOE (boy-doe)
Nick CLEMENT (cluh-ment)
Brandon DABDOUB (dab-dooB)

Akarika DAWN (ock-ah-reek-ah)

J.P. DiZEREGA (D-zair-ig-uh)
John DONAHOE (donna-hoe)
DeAndre FLUELLEN (flu-ellen)
James GAREE (gary)
Dan GOETTSCHE (getch)
John GUYDON (guy-dunn)
Marwan HAGE (like gauge with an H)
Brian IWUH (E-woo)
Joe KLOPFENSTEIN (Klof-N-stein)
Alex LIGON (lee-gone)
VAKA MANUPUNA (vah-kuh man-ah-poon-ah)

KHARYLAKE Martin (carry-lake)

Matt McCHESNEY (muh-chez-knee)
Ron MONTEILH (mon-tay)
Gabe NYENHUIS (nine-heiss)
Tyler POLUMBUS (as in Columbus)
Bobby PURIFY (pure-if-eye)
STEPHONE Robinson (steff-on)
Fredrick STAUGH (stow, as in "now")
Quinn SYPNIEWSKI (sip-new-ski)
Sam WILDER (wild-er)
Justin ZAITZ (zites)

Game-By-Game Starters

Here are CU's starters for the 2003 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	ST	SG	C	TG	TT	TE	QB	TB	FB
Colorado State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Allis	Stemrich	Hage	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
DEFENSE	DE	DT	DT	DE	MLB	WLB	SS	FS	WS	LCB	RCB
Colorado State	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	Hollis	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson

(D)—Dime Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Hage 27, Harris 27, Jackson 15, Moorer 15. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Hage 30, Harris 30, Jackson 29, McCoy 26, Tufts 21.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Colorado State 93/49.

Players-of-the-Game

A look at Colorado's weekly players-of-the-game as selected by the coaching staff:

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	Scout Team Offense	Scout Team Defense
Colorado State	QB Joel Klatt WR D.J. Hackett	none	P John Torp	WR Mike Duren	ILB Thaddeaus Washington

BIG 12 PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK: QB Joel Klatt (Offensive: Aug. 30 vs. Colorado State)

NATIONAL PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK: QB Joel Klatt (Aug. 30 vs. Colorado State: *The Sporting News*, SI.com, collegefootballnews.com)

Nine Get First Taste Nine players saw their first taste of action in a CU football uniform in the season opener against Colorado State, including three scholarship freshmen. The Buffs are likely the first team in the nation in a very long time that had two freshmen scholarship kickers play in the first game of the year. The complete list (*—special teams duty only to date):

TRUE FRESHMEN (3): PK *Mason Crosby, PK *Kevin Eberhart, CB *Terrence Wheatley.

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (4): ILB *Jason Ackermann, TB *Brandon Caesar, CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon.

SOPHOMORES (2): DT Nick Clement, FS *Tom Hubbard

Warm Reception Quarterback Joel Klatt was quick to point out his success was due to CU's receivers having a great game against the Rams. CU's senior starters, **Derek McCoy** and **D.J. Hackett**, combined for 14 receptions, 295 yards and three touchdowns, one of the most productive two-man games in school history. A roll call of what they did, individually and together:

- ❑ McCoy had four catches for 192 yards, while Hackett had 10 for 103; it marked just the 10th time in Colorado history that two players had 100-plus receiving yards in a game, and the first time it happened since 1996.
- ❑ The duo's combined 295 receiving yards were the third most in CU history for a tandem in a single game; Rae Carruth (222) and Phil Savoy (117) combined for 339 at Missouri on Nov. 9, 1996, the last time a pair of Buffs eclipsed 100 yards in receiving in a game; and Charles Johnson (168) and Michael Westbrook (128) combined for 296 at Missouri in 1992.
- ❑ Hackett's 10 receptions marked just the sixth time in Buff annals a player grabbed 10 or more receptions in a single game; Daniel Graham was the last player to snare double digits in catches when he had 10 against Oregon in the 2002 Fiesta Bowl.
- ❑ McCoy's touchdown receptions of 82 and 78 yards gave him four career catches of 75 yards or longer; he previously had a pair of 75 yard catches from former Buff Craig Ochs, against Kansas in 2001 and against San Diego State last year. That's the most in school history, as he passed Rae Carruth (3) and broke a tie with Ron Brown (2). Carruth has the most in a career for 70 yards or longer with five.

Offensive Snapshot Colorado runs a multiple offense based on the West Coast Offense scheme that has become quite popular in the National Football League, including right down the road with the Denver Broncos. The offense can range from zero to two backs, from one to four wide receivers and with one or two tight ends. The fullback in this offense is required to be adept at all three phases of the game: running the ball, catching the ball and blocking. Barnett says it is vital that the fullback not be one-dimensional, citing Brandon Drumm's versatility the last couple of years. Offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson** scripts the first 12 plays of the game, and his aim is to be very aggressive in the play selection. Watson lists the rushing game goal as for the backs to average 4.0 yards per carry. "Our philosophy is to be very aggressive with the formations, the personnel plans and all concepts that we run." Barnett adds that they like having motion on almost every play, which helps frustrate the defense, forcing them to adjust on every snap.

Defensive Snapshot Colorado is in the second year of a 4-2-5 scheme, a formation the Buffs have been recruiting to for three years. CU played basically a 4-3 defensively for Barnett's first three years in Boulder, but the move was made to the 4-2-5 with an accentuation on speed. Many of the "cogs" of this machine are thus freshmen and sophomores, but a nice sprinkling of veterans has made Colorado very strong up front. In the scheme, an outside linebacker is essentially replaced by a weak safety; safeties at Colorado have long been asked to play a key role in support against the run and that is no different in this defense. Defensive coordinator **Vince Okruch** says the challenge always is to bring a tougher mentality and more consistency to the group.

Special Teams Snapshot How important does this coaching staff view special teams? Barnett started this tradition while at Northwestern, and has continued it at Colorado: the coaches of the four major special team units (punt, punt return, kickoff and kickoff return) personally hand out invitations to the players to attend the inaugural meetings of those units during camp. Several starters appear on all units, but all also feature traditional role players who have found a home with dedication to special teams work.

CU vs. UCLA This is the back end of the third home-and-home series between the two schools; the two paired up immediately after the NCAA approved 12th games in 2002 and 2003. UCLA leads the series by a 4-1 count, winning the first game between the two, 56-14, in 1980, and followed that up with wins in 1981, 1982 and 1984. Last year, the Buffs got into the win column in the series with a 31-17 verdict at the Rose Bowl, significant in the fact that it was on the front end of an 8-1 run by Colorado, leading to its second straight Big 12 Conference title, and it came on the heels of a 40-3 loss to Southern California at home the previous week. The two schools have had preliminary talks about a future home-and-home series as well, but unless the NCAA comes back and okays permanent 12-game schedules, it won't be until the 2010's.

Series Did You Know?—CU's 31-17 win last year was the first regular season victory and only the second overall by the Buffaloes in the state of California? CU is 2-10-1 all-time in the Golden State, with a 33-21 win over Washington in the 1996 Holiday Bowl the only other time the Buffs have won in the confines of California's borders.

CU & UCLA By The Numbers

Here's some numbers related trivia in the CU-UCLA series:

- 1st** Time that Colorado will be ranked when it plays UCLA;
- 1** Time that one team has rushed and passed for 200 or more yards in a game (Colorado, 1980);
- 3** The number of common opponents between CU and UCLA in 2002 (Colorado State, San Diego State, USC);
- 31** The number of points Colorado scored in 2002—or just 12 fewer than CU had in the first four games of the series combined;
- 33.4** The number of points UCLA has averaged against the Buffs in five meetings;
- 56** The number of points UCLA scored in the 1980 game—all in the first half;
- 58** The number of passing yards on 4-of-8 passing former CU head coach Rick Neuheisel, a UCLA grad, had against the Buffs in the '82 game;
- 145** The number of receiving yards former CU and current UCLA assistant coach Jon Embree had against the Bruins in the '84 game (on eight receptions, playing tight end);
- 325** The number of rushing yards CU had in 2002, the most by either team in the series.

Tale Of The Tape Here's a comparative look at Colorado and UCLA in several statistical categories (for 2002, includes bowl games, since the NCAA initiated counting them last fall; NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

Category	Colorado		UCLA	
Overall Record, 2003	1-0		0-0	
<i>Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....</i>	<i>1-0</i>		<i>0-0</i>	
Overall Record, 1989-current	121-46-4	(10)	93-68-1	(33)
<i>Versus Ranked Teams</i>	<i>39-34-2</i>		<i>30-34-1</i>	
<i>In Conference Play.....</i>	<i>77-25-3</i>	<i>(7)</i>	<i>60-51-1</i>	
Players On NFL Rosters (as of Sept. 1)	28		?	
----- for 2002 below -----				
Rushing Offense.....	232.8	(9)	205.7	(24)
<i>Average Per Rush</i>	<i>5.00</i>	<i>(12)</i>	<i>4.63</i>	
Passing Offense	141.7	(106)	182.9	(83)
<i>Completion Percentage.....</i>	<i>51.6</i>		<i>52.4</i>	
<i>Average Per Attempt.....</i>	<i>6.28</i>		<i>7.29</i>	
Passing Efficiency	113.5	(79)	121.0	(62)
Total Offense.....	374.5	(58)	388.6	(43)
<i>Average Per Play</i>	<i>5.42</i>		<i>5.59</i>	
Scoring Offense.....	28.4	(51)	29.9	(37)
Rushing Defense	170.1	(81)	167.6	(77)
<i>Average Per Rush</i>	<i>4.32</i>		<i>4.32</i>	
Passing Defense.....	195.6	(34)	205.8	(47)
<i>Average Per Attempt.....</i>	<i>6.05</i>	<i>(24)</i>	<i>6.49</i>	
Pass Efficiency Defense	111.9	(31)	118.4	(53)
Total Defense.....	365.7	(60)	373.4	(64)
<i>Average Per Play</i>	<i>5.06</i>		<i>5.30</i>	
Scoring Defense.....	23.2	(39)	23.7	(44)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed	34 / 19		18 / 15	
Net Punting	41.6	(2)	34.7	(53)
Punt Returns	12.4	(30)	15.9	(6)
Kickoff Returns	22.9	(18)	19.9	(62)
Turnovers.....	23	(35)	27	(71)
Turnover Margin	+0.50	(35)	+0.21	(48)

Series Trends

Here's a quick look at some team statistical trends in the CU-UCLA series:

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU UCLA	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	UCLA FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
Sept. 13, 1980	Los Angeles	L 14-56	37,205	— —	20	52 225 1	30-19-1 205 1	82 430	18	56 267 7	10- 7-0 85 1	66 352	
Oct. 3, 1981	Los Angeles	L 7-27	40,347	— 16	10	36 107 0	25-10-1 54 1	61 161	22	55 179 0	25-13-1 258 2	80 437	
Oct. 2, 1982	Boulder	L 6-34	38,702	— 9	12	31 57 0	30-19-2 125 0	61 182	27	41 102 3	32-20-1 338 1	73 440	KTLA (I)
Sept. 29, 1984	Boulder	L 16-33	38,925	— 17	25	33 31 0	46-22-1 311 1	79 342	16	49 202 2	23-13-0 193 1	72 395	
Sept. 21, 2002	Los Angeles	W 31-17	63,880	— 20	27	51 325 3	23-12-0 146 0	74 471	20	28 62 0	36-22-1 222 2	64 284	ABC

The Set-Up Colorado has snapped its streak of four straight season openers with a loss, and is sitting with a 1-0 record for the first time since 1998. The Buffs have pushed their record to 2-0 in nine of the previous 11 seasons they captured their season opener dating back to 1985, failing to do so only in 1991 (losing to Baylor) and 1997 (falling at Michigan).

The Last Time

COLORADO 31, UCLA 17

(September 21, 2002)

PASADENA, Calif.—Chris Brown rushed for 188 yards and three touchdowns and Patrick Brougham made a career-high three field goals to lead Colorado to a convincing 31-17 win over No. 20 UCLA at the Rose Bowl.

The Bruins scored the game's first and last touchdowns, but in-between, Colorado went on a 31-3 spree in points and held a 393-130 in total yards.

After a scoreless first quarter, UCLA broke the ice and got on the board on the first play of the second. A little razzle-dazzle had wide receiver Jon Dubravac throwing a 33-yard touchdown pass to Craig Bragg to put the Bruins up 7-0. It came after two CU drives ended on third down sacks and the Buffs seemingly back on their heels.

But the Buffs came right back with an impressive 80 yards scoring march in just four plays. Brown ran over the left tackle and burst through for a 32-yard gain, followed by quarterback Robert Hodge's gain of 11 on a bootleg that set CU up at the UCLA 37. The Buffs then ran a reverse, with Derek McCoy taking the ball in for a score, but an illegal use of the hands call at the 9 penalized CU back to the 19. From there, Brown tried the left side, bounced off a sea of humanity, spun around and then raced untouched into the end zone. CU's answering quickly to the UCLA was quite a statement and set the tone for the rest of the game.

Brougham converted a 29-yard field goal to cap a 17-play, 67-yard drive just before the half that gave CU the lead for good, and then made a 39-yard nick on CU's first drive of the third quarter to make the score 13-7. On the very next series, Kory Mossoni picked off a Corey Paus pass at the UCLA 41, the Buffs needed just three plays to make the Bruins pay. CU tried some trickery of its own, as Robert Hodge threw the ball to Barry Kunkel, who in turn passed back to Hodge for a nifty 29-yard gain. Brown then gained five and scored from seven yards out, and Hodge and McCoy hooked up on a two-point pass play to make the score 21-7.

UCLA came back with a field goal, but used almost six minutes in doing so. CU and Brougham countered quickly, as he booted through a 35-yarder with 14:12 remaining to pad the Buff lead back to 14. Colorado then locked things up with a nine-play, 82-yard drive that was capped by Brown's third touchdown of the day, this time from eight yards out. The Bruins added a cosmetic touchdown with 4:12 left to play, but it took 13 plays and over five minutes to accomplish it.

Bobby Purify had 128 all-purpose yards to aid the CU cause, as he rushed for 87 on just 14 carries and added two receptions for 41 yards. Hodge completed 11 of 22 passes for 117 yards, as he was a bit more comfortable running the offense in his second career start.

The Buffs had a balanced attack on defense, with 11 players registering between four and six tackles. The Bruins had just 62 rushing yards at the end of the day.

COLORADO	0	10	11	10	—	31
UCLA	0	7	3	7	—	17

UCLA—Bragg 33 pass from Dubravac (Griffith kick)	0- 7	14:50	1Q
COLORADO—Brown 19 run (Brougham kick)	7- 7	13:34	2Q
COLORADO—Brougham 29 FG	10- 7	0:23	2Q
COLORADO—Brougham 39 FG	13- 7	11:31	3Q
COLORADO—Brown 7 run (McCoy pass from Hodge)	21- 7	9:04	3Q
UCLA—Griffith 30 FG	21-10	3:16	3Q
COLORADO—Brougham 35 FG	24-10	14:12	4Q
COLORADO—Brown 8 run (Brougham kick)	31-10	9:16	4Q
UCLA—Bragg 5 pass from Paus (Griffith kick)	31-17	4:12	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	UCLA
First Downs	27	20
Rushes—Net Yards	51-325	28-62
Passing Yards	146	222
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	23-12-0	36-22-1
Total Offense	471	284
Punts: No-Average	3-49.3	6-46.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	7/59	4/40
Time of Possession	30:36	29:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Brown 26-188, Purify 14-87, McCoy 1-28, Hodge 8-12, Drumm 2-10. **UCLA:** White 6-36, Harris 15-31, Taylor 1-10, Harrison 1-5, Ebell 2-minus 5, Paul 3-minus 15.

Passing—Colorado: Hodge 22-11-0, 117; Kunkel 1-1-0, 29. **UCLA:** Paus 35-21-1, 189, 1 td; Dubravac 1-1-0, 33, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 3-35, Purify 2-41, Drumm 2-13, Hodge 1-29, Williams 1-15, Brown 1-6, Hackett 1-5, Sypniewski 1-2. **UCLA:** Bragg 7-70, Seidman 3-26, Perry 3-23, Taylor 2-29, Lepisto 2-21, Harrison 1-17, Smith 1-11, White 1-11, Lewis 1-8, Groves 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 3-148, 49.3 (54 long, 1 In20). **UCLA:** Fikse 6-277, 46.2 (63 long).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-8. **UCLA:** Ebell 2-21..

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: none. **UCLA:** Perry 3-89, Clark 1-19, Harrison 1-17.

Interceptions—Colorado: Mossoni 1-0. **UCLA:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Strickland 5,1—6; Moorer 4,2—6; Tufts 4,2—6; Harris 5,0—5; Brayton 4,1—5; Wahlroos 4,1—5; Killion 3,2—5; Mossoni 3,2—5. **UCLA:** Reese 7,6—13; Ware 4,6—10; Emanuel 6,2—8; Havner 4,3—7; D.Ball 3,1—4; Manning 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Harris 1-9, Bird 1-5, Brayton 1-1. **UCLA:** D.Ball 1-9, M.Ball 1-6.

In Buff History: September 6 This will be only the fourth time in Colorado history that the Buffaloes will play a game on September 6, but one of them was fairly memorable. In 1990, the Buffs beat Stanford, 21-17, in Boulder in the first (and only) Thursday night home game in school history. **TB Eric Bieniemy** scored on a 4th-and-goal from the 1-yard line to rally the Buffs to the win; Bieniemy, who coached the CU tailbacks the last two seasons, returns to Boulder this Saturday as UCLA's running backs coach. That win in '90 improved CU to 1-0-1 on the year; the Buffs would lose nine days later at Illinois, and then run the table to win the school's first national championship in football. The other two Sept. 6 games involved Colorado State: the Rams won in 1986 (23-7) and the Buffs won in 1997 (31-21).

Injuries CU suffered no significant injuries in the Colorado State game, just the normal bumps and bruises. Injuries are reported a bit differently in 2003; with the new HIPAA laws in effect, combined with existing FERPA laws, CU releases only the name, body part, and playing status when it comes to reporting injuries. Status will come under the following categories: OUT, DOUBTFUL, QUESTIONABLE and PROBABLE. Injuries will be updated during and after games, the day after the game, and for the next contest's game notes at the end of the week. Coach Gary Barnett will discuss injuries one time (Mondays after practice), as will the players. The injury report for the UCLA game:

Pos	Player	Injury	When (opponent)	Status: UCLA	Pos	Player	Injury	When (opponent)	Status: UCLA
TB	Daniel Jolly	knee	August camp	DOUBTFUL	WR	Blake Mackey	lower leg	August camp	OUT
OL	Taylor Landry	back	August camp	OUT	OUT FOR SEASON: TE Joe Sanders (shoulder surgery).				

Chart Watch Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts after one game into the 2003 season (note Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history):

- ⇒ **WR JEREMY BLOOM** is 19th in punt return yards (364) and is tied for fifth in punt return touchdowns (2).
- ⇒ **WR DEREK MCCOY** is eighth in receiving yards (1,347), is 16th in receptions (75); is tied for sixth in TD receptions (11), first in two-point conversions made (4) and is tied for 60th in scoring (74 points);
- ⇒ **FS MEDFORD MOORER** is 84th in tackles (159), and is tied for 50th in solo tackles (110).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is 20th in rushing yards (1,863), is tied for 52nd in receptions (33), and is 30th in all-purpose yards (2,202).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is seventh in games coached (51), eighth in wins (30) and tied for sixth in league wins (22).

Big 12 Run The Buffaloes were only the third team to return to the Big 12 Championship game, but seven years in, the league is still looking for its first repeat champion. Regardless, CU's 14-2 record is the fourth best over any 2-year span in in conference play since the conference was formed in 1996 (*see chart*). No team has won two straight league titles since the formation of the group, and in seven seasons, the same schools have met only twice for the title (Nebraska and Texas played for the crown in '96 and '99). The 2002 game was the sixth original match-up.

Best 2-Year Big 12 League Game Records

School	W	L	Pct.	Years
Nebraska	16	0	1.000	1996-97
Kansas State	15	1	.938	1997-98
Kansas State	15	1	.938	1998-99
Colorado	14	2	.875	2001-02
Texas	14	2	.875	2000-01

Road-Sweet-Road The Buffs have enjoyed more than their fair share of success on the road over the last 15 seasons. CU has been victorious 52 of the last 74 times in enemy stadiums and is **60-27-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 68.8 winning clip). During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games (between 1994 and 1996), before the streak ended in the '96 regular season finale at Nebraska, 17-12 (it bested the old mark of eight straight set between 1922 and 1924). Over the last 15 seasons, Colorado is **51-21-1** away from home (a 70.5 winning percentage), which stands seventh nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **41-15-1** mark in their last 57 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State and Oklahoma, and one each at Oklahoma State, Missouri, Texas and Texas Tech; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **16-12** on the Big 12 road since 1996. The Buffs are 4-1 on the road in 2002, and are now 7-2 away from home over the last two years. This does not include neutral site games, some of which were anything but neutral (i.e., Texas at Irving for the Big 12 title).

ON THE ROAD (1988-current)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	62	17	0	.785
Florida State	55	16	0	.775
Tennessee	50	17	2	.739
Nebraska	50	19	1	.732
Michigan	51	19	3	.719
Alabama	49	20	0	.710
Colorado	51	21	1	.705
Ohio State	49	20	2	.704
Florida	40	19	1	.675
Notre Dame	45	22	2	.667
Penn State	47	25	1	.651

(road only; neutral sites not included)

Tenth Best Since 1989 Colorado has the nation's 10th best record over the last 14 seasons, or since the start of 1989, as CU is **121-46-4** in this span. CU posted the 10th best record for the 1990s decade (87-29-4, .742) for teams that were Division I-A the entire 10 years. Colorado's seven bowl wins in the '90s were second only to Florida State's eight (the Seminoles went 8-2, CU 7-2). Over the last 17 seasons, Colorado's **148-64-4** mark is 12th nationally, from the time then-coach Bill McCartney reversed CU's fortunes by switching to the wishbone on offense. The best Division I-A record from the start of the 1989 season to the present (through games of Sept. 1):

						vs. AP Ranked Teams		2003
Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	G W- L-T	
1	Florida State	175	148	26	1	.849	81 59-21-1	1-0
2	Nebraska	177	147	29	1	.833	55 32-22-1	1-0
3	Miami, Fla.	169	139	30	0	.822	60 37-23-0	1-0
4	Tennessee	174	137	34	3	.796	68 39-26-3	1-0
5	Florida	176	138	37	1	.787	78 46-31-1	1-0
6	Michigan	171	130	38	3	.769	75 45-28-2	1-0
7	Ohio State	174	129	42	3	.750	69 35-31-3	1-0
8	Penn State	172	125	46	1	.730	61 32-29-0	1-0
9	Texas A & M	173	124	47	2	.723	51 25-25-1	1-0
10	COLORADO	171	121	46	4	.719	75 39-34-2	1-0
(11)	Notre Dame	170	120	48	2	.712	68 35-31-2	0-0

What A Debut Sophomore QB Joel Klatt had quite the debut in CU's 42-35 season opening win over Colorado State. He completed 21-of-34 passes for 402 yards and four touchdowns, and with no interceptions, posted a single-game quarterback rating of 199.9. Klatt, who joined the Buffs as a walk-on in May 2002, played all of eight snaps at quarterback last fall (all in mop-up duty against Baylor). He remains a walk-on, as since CU utilized all 25 scholarships for when he would have been a freshman, he must be establish "residency" at CU for two years before a scholarship he can be awarded would only count to the team total of 85 and not against a particular year. A roll call of what he accomplished in the game:

- ❑ His 402 yards passing tied for the sixth most in a single game in school history, and were the third most in a starting debut (topped only by Koy Detmer's 418 against Oklahoma and Kordell Stewart's 409 against Colorado State—both coming in 1992);
- ❑ His 199.9 rating for the game was the second best in CU history for a game with 30 or more attempts;
- ❑ His four touchdown passes marked just the ninth time in school annals that many had been thrown in a single game (three 5 TD efforts and now six 4 TD games);
- ❑ It was CU's first 300-yard passing game since Craig Ochs had 346 against Fresno State in the 2001 season opener and the first 400-yard effort since Mike Moschetti set the school record with 465 against San Jose State in 1999.
- ❑ He led the Buffs to a pair of touchdowns in the two-minute drill: he tossed a 45-yard scoring strike to John Donahoe with 29 seconds left in the first half, and then engineered a 6-play, 75-yard drive that led to the winning score with 0:40 left in the game.

Accolade City Klatt garnered all kinds of honors for his effort against the rival Rams. Three organizations cited him as the National Player of the Week: *The Sporting News* (for its weekly magazine and radio network), SI.com and collegefootballnews.com. The last Buff quarter back to be afforded such an honor was John Hessler, for his five TD pass effort in CU's 38-17 win at Oklahoma in 1995. Klatt was also named the Big Eight Conference's Offensive Player of the Week, and was the inaugural winner of the Pioneer Press State of Colorado Player of the Week Award, selected by the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame.

How was he going to celebrate? Aside from being his usual low-key self about those kinds of things, he had to pay his semester tuition bill Tuesday.

Where Does It Rank? Passing for 402 yards is a rare enough accomplishment in college football, unless your program is BYU, Houston or another famed program with a history of taking it to the air. But for a walk-on to throw for 402, in a first career game which was also a nationally televised season opener? Likely even rarer. But where does the yardage stand in relation to what some other walk-ons have posted? We're in the midst of conducting a national survey; right now it ranks as the fourth most passing yards ever by a walk-on in a game. Here's what's known so far:

Player, Team	Opponent	Yards	Date	Score
Jonathan Smith, Oregon State	at Washington	469	October 24, 1998	L 34-35
Jeff Krohn, Arizona State	Oregon	432	October 28, 2000	L 55-56 (2OT)
Jon Beutjer, Illinois	San Jose State	426	September 21, 2002	L 35-38
Joel Klatt, Colorado	Colorado State (Denver)	402	August 30, 2003	W 42-35
Griffin Goodman, Arizona State	California	394	October 7, 2000	W 30-10
John Barnes, UCLA	Southern California	385	November 21, 1992	W 38-37
Previous CU High				
*Scott Kingdom	at Oklahoma State	213	November 8, 1980	L 7-42

(*—originally a 1978 walk-on, he earned a scholarship the following spring.)

Flashback Former Buff quarterback Mike Moschetti phoned Klatt on the Tuesday night prior to the CSU game, and the two had a long conversation. Moschetti pointed out to Klatt that there were several similarities between his start and Klatt's, both of which came against CSU in Denver. Klatt said postgame that in the half hour conversation, Moschetti cited how, *"The game will have its ebbs and flows, and not to get too high or too low. I remembered his advice after the first quarter when things weren't going that well."* The comparison between Klatt's and Moschetti's inaugural games:

	Klatt	Moschetti
Age when making first CU start	21	23
Previous to CU.....	Pro baseball (A-ball)	Pro baseball (A), JUCO
Baseball position, time in minors	3B (2 years)	SS (3 years)
Months between last HS start and CU start.....	45	56
CU Rank / CSU Rank (AP).....	NR / 23	NR / 15
Returning Offensive Line Starters.....	1	2
Game Statistics (A-C-I, Yds, TD)	34-21-0, 402, 4	32-21-0, 257, 3
Final Score	42-35	41-14

A Little And A Lot The numbers were all over the place when it came to returning game experience for the Buffs as they entered the 2003 season.

Of the seven quarterbacks on the roster, only two had seen game action, and for a total of 10 snaps: **Joel Klatt** played in three games, one at QB, taking eight snaps against Baylor last year (the other two games were on the punt team), and **Erik Greenberg**, who took two snaps, kneeling down, to close out a win at Missouri in 2000, prior to his two-year Mormon Mission (Greenberg didn't touch a football for two years). The irony is that they are among the oldest players on the team, as Greenberg is 22 and Klatt 21; Klatt spent two years in the San Diego Padres organization as an infielder, while Greenberg spent two years in Bolivia.

The two returning offensive tackles from a year ago, **Gary Moore** and **Clint O'Neal**, had 51 snaps and zero starts between them; the placekickers on the roster have but one PAT kick to their credit (**J.T. Eberly** made it against Texas Tech).

On the other side of the spectrum, at running back, **Bobby Purify** had all but three starts, as his 1,832 career rushing yards were the most in the nation by a returning back with that few starts. The wide receivers back from '02 accounted for 83 receptions, 1,181 yards and 10 touchdowns, led by **Derek McCoy** (41-643-7). All but one defensive end came back, including their 14 quarterback sacks, and the secondary returns players who picked off nine passes, including leader Medford Moorer (4).

More On Openers Colorado has won 19 straight openers when it has scored first (dating back to 1967 when it defeated Baylor 27-7). The last time the Buffs scored first and lost an opener was in 1966, scoring their only points of the game on a field goal before succumbing to Miami, Fla., 24-3. The other 18 openers? CU is 3-14-1 when the opponent has scored first, with the lone wins coming in 1969 (a 35-14 win over Tulsa after falling behind 7-0), in 1995 (a 48-13 win over NE Louisiana after spotting NLU a 3-0 lead) and this year (CSU led 7-0 and 14-7 before watching the Buffs rally to win, 42-35).

Captains The 2003 team captains (selected August 22) are all seniors: **OG Marwan Hage**, **FS Medford Moorer**, **TB Bobby Purify** and **ILB Sean Tufts**. Two have already graduated (Hage and Moorer), two hail from Colorado (Purify and Tufts), two own two of the top five career start counts on the team (Hage and Tufts), and three are on watch lists for awards (Moorer, Purify and Tufts). It's only the third time in 24 years that CU has four captains (there were four in 1989 and 2001, both league title seasons).

O-Line Chemistry It doesn't get more consistent than this: perhaps CU's outstanding rushing numbers (the Buffs have more yards out of the tailback position than any other team over the last two years) are due to the fact that in CU's 27 games over the 2001 and 2002 seasons, there has been only one starting lineup change among offensive linemen (and for just two games due to injury). **ST Justin Bates**, **SG Marwan Hage** and **Wayne Lucier** (C in 2001, TG in 2002) started all 27 times; **Ryan Gray** came back from injuries to provide a solid job at center, enabling Lucier to shift to guard to replace **Andre Gurode**; and at the tight tackle spot, **Victor Rogers** needed to be replaced, with **Josh Foster** and **Rawle King** more than adequately filling the bill. Foster missed two games due to an ankle sprain, but King, who had spelled Foster for about a fourth of the time, made those starts. In short, CU's starting five started 68 of 70 games last year, and had 104 O-line starts over the two-year period.

Protecting The QB The offensive line, which has had to be rebuilt from a year ago as five of the six regulars graduated, has a solid reputation to keep up. Last year, Colorado allowed only 19 sacks (one for every 16.8 pass plays called), and only 10 over the course of the last 10 games (241 pass plays). The offensive line was responsible for only 10 of those, while the balance (nine) were charged as coverage sacks or to either the backs, receivers or the QB himself. The Buffs allowed three in the CSU game (a sack had been credited when Klatt slipped pulling away from center), and CU had allowed only 17 in 2001, so that's just 39 over the last 28 games (668 pass plays called).

Statistically Speaking Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of August 30:

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
10th	65th	Rushing Offense.....	102.0	10th	91st	Rushing Defense.....	246.0	7th	65th	Punt Returns.....	6.6
1st	4th	Passing Offense.....	402.0	12th	93rd	Passing Defense.....	339.0	8th	45th	Kickoff Returns.....	22.5
1st	15th	Total Offense.....	504.0	12th	96th	Total Defense.....	585.0	9th	40th	Net Punting.....	36.7
3rd	13th	Scoring Offense.....	42.0	12th	81st	Scoring Defense.....	35.0	3rd	9th	Turnover Margin.....	+2.00

- ♦ **TB Brian Calhoun**: 69.0 rushing yards per game (10th/Big 12, 68th/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR D.J. Hackett**: 103.0 receiving yards per game (5th/Big 12; 30th NCAA); 10.0 receptions per game (1st Big 12/t-2nd NCAA).
- ♦ **QB Joel Klatt**: 199.9 rating (1st/Big 12, 7th/NCAA); 402.0 passing yards per game (1st/Big 12, 2nd/NCAA); 392.0 total offense per game (1st/Big 12, 5th/NCAA); 4.0 TD passes per game (1st/Big 12, 1st/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR Derek McCoy**: 192.0 receiving yards per game (1st/Big 12; 1st NCAA); 4.0 receptions per game (t-7th Big 12/t-99th NCAA); 192.0 all-purpose yards (1st/Big12, t-10th/NCAA); 12.0 points per game (t-5th/Big 12, t-15th/NCAA).
- ♦ **TB Bobby Purify**: 12.0 points per game (t-5th/Big 12, t-15th/NCAA).
- ♦ **P John Torp**: 40.8 punting average (9th/Big 12; 37th/NCAA).

4th Quarter Emphasis A secret to CU's success in both 2001 and 2002? Well, it's not that big of a secret—fourth quarter dominance. A quick glance at the raw stats shows that while CU outscored its opponents in the quarter in the regular season, 102-78 in '01 and 87-67 last year, the Buffs have actually been outgained, though minimally. Ah, but let's look inside the numbers. CU set itself up well for the fourth quarter, as evidenced by owning 96 more rushing attempts in the period than the enemy last year (174-78) while out gaining opponents on the ground, 742-204. The efforts were key in five games CU won by dominating the quarter: Kansas (16 rushes for 124 yards), Texas A&M (20-71), Oklahoma State (15-75), Iowa State (17-86) and Nebraska (19-109). And while the foe had the edge in passing yards, over a third came in two games (164 by A&M and 152 by Iowa State). A closer analysis:

Team	Season-----			By Quarter-----				4th Quarter Breakdown					
	Att.	Yards	Avg.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	Passing	Pct.	Yards
COLORADO.....	886	5213	5.88	1601	1328	1203	1081	174	742	4.3	48-27-5	56.3	339
Opponents.....	838	4288	5.12	860	1428	903	1097	78	204	2.6	146-83-6	56.8	893

A similar story can be told for **2002**, for the most part. CU had 45 more rushes in the fourth quarter than the opponent and held a hefty edge in yards by 761-434. Top efforts included at UCLA, when CU rushed 15 times for 99 yards in the quarter, at Kansas (21-109), at Oklahoma (11-86) and versus Iowa State (14-104). Included in that number against the Cyclones was a 6-play, 80-yard touchdown march where Bobby Purify gained all 80 yards. And in the overtime at Missouri, the Buffs turned to their bread-and-butter and gained all 25 on the ground, 22 by Chris Brown including the winning TD. Oklahoma did to CU what the Buffs were used to, however; the Sooners outgained the Buffs 121-0 on the ground in the fourth quarter in the Big 12 title game. The 2002 numbers:

Team	Season-----			By Quarter-----				4th Quarter (& OT) Breakdown					
	Att.	Yards	Avg.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th/OT	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	Passing	Pct.	Yards
COLORADO.....	906	5043	5.57	1404	1328	1235	1076	168	761	4.5	71-39-1	54.9	315
Opponents.....	936	4764	5.09	1318	1304	964	1178	123	434	3.5	125-74-2	59.2	744

And in 2003? Well, it's early, and with only 8.3 percent of the precincts reporting, the numbers are:

Team	Season-----			By Quarter-----				4th Quarter (& OT) Breakdown					
	Att.	Yards	Avg.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th/OT	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	Passing	Pct.	Yards
COLORADO.....	77	504	6.55	24	265	70	145	13	29	2.2	10-7-0	70.0	116
Opponents.....	79	585	7.41	106	192	119	168	12	100	8.3	10-4-1	40.0	68

Capital Returns CU has owned a hefty margin in return yards over the opponent the last two seasons, another important variable in CU's success. The Buffs had an **854-417** edge in 2001 and an **803-607** lead in 2002 in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs. Return yards are a staple of the Barnett Era at Colorado, as CU now has **3,011** in the 51 games he has coached, **926** more than the opponent. That difference of almost 19 yards per game might not seem like much, but it weighs heavily into the battle for field position. And the Buffs have **27** return touchdowns over the last four seasons (23 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the fourth most in the nation for this span. A closer look:

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Bowls	Total	School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Bowls	Total
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	3	1	36	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	2	1	26
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	1	0	29	Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	0	0	23
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	1	0	29	Fresno State	5	5	3	5	1	2	21
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	0	4	27	N.C. State	3	2	4	9	1	1	20
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	1	3	27	TCU	5	3	4	6	0	1	19
East Carolina	7	5	4	5	0	3	24								

2003 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (+1)						conference-----					overall-----						
School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up	
Nebraska (#23/#24)	1	0	1.000	17	7	1	0	1.000	17	7	1	0	1.000	17	7	S 6	UTAH STATE
Kansas State (#7/#6)	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	1.000	83	33	2	0	1.000	83	33	S 6	McNEESE STATE
COLORADO (#24/#22)	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	42	35	1	0	1.000	42	35	S 6	UCLA
Iowa State	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	17	10	1	0	1.000	17	10	S 6	OHIO
Missouri	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	22	15	1	0	1.000	22	15	S 6	at Ball State
Kansas.....	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	20	28	0	1	.000	20	28	S 6	UNLV
South Division (-1)						conference-----					overall-----						
School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up	
Oklahoma (#1/#1)	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	37	3	1	0	1.000	37	3	S 6	at Alabama
Texas (#6/#4)	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	66	7	1	0	1.000	66	7	S13	ARKANSAS
Texas A & M	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	26	11	1	0	1.000	26	11	S 6	UTAH
Texas Tech	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	58	10	1	0	1.000	58	10	S 6	NEW MEXICO
Baylor.....	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	19	24	0	1	.000	19	24	S 6	at North Texas
Oklahoma State	0	1	.000	7	17	0	1	.000	7	17	0	1	.000	7	17	S 6	WYOMING

Coach Gary Barnett

Gary Barnett is in his fifth season as head coach of the Colorado program, and his 14th year as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **30-21** record at Colorado, along with a **65-66-1** record in 11-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **73-77-2**. This is his second stint at Colorado, as he was an assistant in Boulder under Bill McCartney for eight years between 1984 and 1991. During that span, CU was 59-34-2 in 95 games, including a 30-5-2 mark the last three years, when CU won three Big Eight titles and the 1990 national championship. Northwestern hired Barnett as head coach on Dec. 18, 1991 to replace Francis Peay, and he would take just four years to turn a dismal program into one of the nation's top teams. Barnett led Northwestern to back-to-back Big Ten championships in 1995 and 1996, earning berths in the Rose and Citrus bowls; he was the national coach of the year for '95 as selected by 18 different organizations. He was the third McCartney assistant to land a head coaching position, following Gerry DiNardo (Vanderbilt) and Lou Tepper (Illinois), both of whom started their careers in 1991. In 2001, he was selected as the *Associated Press* Big 12 Coach-of-the-Year when he became just the fourth man to ever coach two different teams to the NCAA Most Improved Team title.

	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Ranked</i>	<i>Unranked</i>	<i>Non-league</i>	<i>Big 12</i>	<i>Bowls</i>
Barnett at Colorado...	30-21	15- 7	11- 8	4- 6	10-12	20- 9	7-10	23-11	1- 2
Career (NCAA I-A)....	65-66-1	34-26-1	27-30	4-10	19-32-1	46-34	19-22-1	23-11	1- 4

♦ **Barnett** is no stranger to lining up across the sideline from ranked teams. In his 81 games at Northwestern, the Wildcats faced 30 ranked opponents (posting a 9-20-1 record). In his eight years as an assistant at Colorado, the Buffaloes played 34 ranked teams in 95 contests. As CU head coach, he's seen **22** in **51** games (going 10-12); so in his 19 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **86** ranked opponents in **227** games, better than one in every three (38%).

♦ In an October 2000 Bloomberg Information Service poll of Division I-A head coaches, **Gary Barnett** ranked sixth in a listing of the best coaches in college football. Eighty-eight (or roughly 72%) of the 114 head coaches responded in the poll, which ranked Penn State's Joe Paterno first (20½ votes) and Florida State's Bobby Bowden second (19). The rest of the top 10 at the time: 3. Bill Snyder, Kansas State (12); 4. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech (10½); 5. Steve Spurrier, Florida (5½); 6 (tie). **Gary Barnett, Colorado**, and Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin (3); 8. LaVell Edwards, BYU (2½); 9 (tie). Dennis Erickson, Oregon State, and Lloyd Carr, Michigan (2).

♦ **Barnett** first got to Colorado in a very matter-of-fact manner. He "road-tripped" from Missouri in the winter of 1971 with a friend, as both were hunting for teaching jobs. He didn't hear anything back from the interviews, and started his coaching career by helping out on Dan Devine's staff at Missouri, his alma mater. He had been selling insurance in Columbia while his wife, Mary, was finishing up her degree. He was soon offered a teaching and assistant coaching position at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs (at \$8,500 a year). He accepted, and he and Mary headed west to begin their love affair with the state of Colorado.

♦ **Barnett** grew up in the small town of Mexico, Missouri (where his mother returned to live after the family moved to St. Louis when he as in the ninth grade. He used to chase down softballs at the adults' fast-pitch softball games, as every ball turned in was worth a nickel, and three would net him a Coke (at 15 cents), the going rate in the mid-1950s.

♦ **Barnett** did something extremely rare after he accepted the CU job on Jan. 20, 1999. He made it a goal to meet the parents and families of all players on the CU roster. He pretty much pulled it off, visiting with all but three families of the returning players (all in obscure, hard to reach locations) by the end of the '99 season. He did it to find out more about the players on his team and to talk with the parents about promises that were kept or not met by the previous coaching staff. He says if you get a beat on what kind of environment each player grew up in, which gives a good indication on how you have to deal with each individually.

♦ **Barnett** figured he would never get a crack at the Colorado job. After Rick Neuheisel emerged as the internal hire following Bill McCartney's surprising retirement in November 1994, Barnett thought that with Rick being so young, the CU job would never even be an option. He was linked to many a job opening, but the only one he ever interviewed for was the Notre Dame position; not the Detroit Lions, Texas Longhorns, Oklahoma Sooners or UCLA Bruins as rumors had led many to believe.

♦ **Barnett** enjoyed many happy as well as sad moments in his first stop in Boulder between 1984 and 1991. Emotions ran the gamut from winning the national championship (1990) and three Big Eight Conference titles (1989-90-91), along with coaching a Heisman Trophy candidate (Darian Hagan) and a Rhodes Scholarship finalist (Eric McCarty) to dealing with the life-threatening injury to tight end Ed Reinhardt (1984), the death of quarterback Sal Aunese (1989, from stomach cancer) to his own son Clay being seriously injured when he was on the CU sidelines during a game. Another high included Charles S. Johnson being named the MVP of the 1991 Orange Bowl, supplanting the low that he had to replace an injured Hagan in that game. And in his final year at Colorado in 1991, he tutored a young true freshman by the name of Kordell Stewart, who went on to become the Big Eight's all-time total offense leader.

♦ **Barnett's** top six goals for the CU program each year are listed as: 6) Winning the Big 12 Conference championship; 5) Winning the Big 12 Conference North Division; 4) Winning a bowl game; 3) Have a winning season; 2) To be a relentless team; and 1) Attitude and Chemistry. They are displayed prominently on the wall in the team's main meeting room (which was renamed for Tom McMahon in 2003).

♦ **Barnett's** first game at Northwestern was against Notre Dame at Chicago's Soldier Field—deemed a neutral site. His first game at CU was against Colorado State at Denver's Mile High Stadium, also a neutral site. How many coaches had their first games with two different schools classified in this manner? Barnett was probably the first—the research would be most time consuming!

♦ **Barnett** replaced Francis Peay at Northwestern, and other finalists included Earle Bruce (at Colorado State at the time), Paul Schudel and Gary Darnell. The president who hired Barnett at Northwestern, Arnold Weber, was the president of CU when it hired Bill McCartney in 1982. The parallels between McCartney and Barnett number many, right down to the record in their first three years as head coaches: Mac was 7-25-1 at Colorado (1982-84), Barnett 8-24-1 at Northwestern (1992-94), with exactly 10 years separating each, both their first career head coaching jobs.

♦ **Barnett** is again one of the 61 Division I-A coaches voting in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll in 2003 (the fourth straight year he is a voter and the 17th straight year CU's head coach has participated).

The Class of '99 In 1999, 19 programs hired new coaches, including Colorado. Here's a look at the entire class and their records through games of Sept. 1 (including bowls; *—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Bob Stoops, Oklahoma.....	44	9	.830	Lou Holtz, South Carolina.....	23	25	.479	*Rick Neuheisel, Washington.....	33	16	.674
June Jones, Hawai'i.....	32	20	.615	*Kirk Ferentz, Iowa.....	23	26	.469	*Dennis Erickson, Oregon State.....	31	17	.646
*David Cutcliffe, Mississippi.....	30	19	.612	*Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech.....	22	25	.468	*Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe.....	8	28	.222
Tommy Bowden, Clemson.....	30	20	.600	John Robinson, UNLV.....	20	27	.426	*Kevin Steele, Baylor.....	9	36	.200
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn.....	30	20	.600	Chris Scelfo, Tulane.....	20	28	.417	*Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette.....	6	27	.182
Gary Barnett, Colorado.....	30	21	.588	Randy Walker, Northwestern.....	19	28	.404				
*Terry Hoeppner, Miami-Ohio.....	27	20	.574	*Carl Franks, Duke.....	5	41	.109				

(+—has since resigned or was fired.)

Forty Somethings The average age of the CU coaching staff is 42.0, as the 10 full-time coaches (as of Sept. 1) are collectively 420 years old. While that figure is more than likely in the younger half in the nation, the group has 122 years of coaching experience in the Division I-A ranks. Head coach **Gary Barnett** is the elder statesman at 57, followed by **Vince Okruch** (48), **Brian Cabral** (47), **Dave Borbely** (44), **Shawn Watson** (43), **John Wristen** (41), **Shawn Simms** (40), **Ted Gilmore** (36), **Chris Wilson** (34) and **Vance Joseph** (30).

Game Day The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. For 2003, in the box will be offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson**, tight ends coach **John Wristen**, cornerbacks coach **Vance Joseph**, defensive line coach **Chris Wilson**, and graduate assistants **Jason Eck** and **Lee Goldstein**. Head coach **Gary Barnett** wears a headset on the sideline (he's on with the coordinators), along with defensive coordinator **Vince Okruch**, inside linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, offensive line coach **Dave Borbely**, receivers coach **Ted Gilmore** and running back coach **Shawn Simms**. The receivers or running backs shuttle in plays, as sideline signals are an option Barnett won't utilize often.

Watson concentrates on the offensive play calling, while **Okruch** makes the defensive call from the sidelines. **Barnett** does what he calls, "managing the game," determining if what's called is the best for the long run. He might make the play call in a critical situation (third-and-long, red zone strategizing, etc.).

⇒ In **Watson's first game as offensive coordinator** (in 2000), CU gained 532 yards against Colorado State, the most ever by a Buff team in its first game with a new offensive pilot. The old record was 530 in 1993 (vs. Texas, Elliot Uzelac's first game).

Old-Timer Assistant head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. He is now fourth all-time in years coached as a full-time member of the staff, as he trails two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both who assisted for 18 years each, and one his mentors in life, the late Dan Stavelly, who coached 16 seasons in two stints. A closer look:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 3. Dan Stavelly 15 (1958, 1963-76); 4. **Brian Cabral 14 (1990-current)**; 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 8. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), Mike Hankwitz 10 (1985-94) and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

O Brother Where Art Thou? For the second time at Colorado, brother is coaching brother on the football team. **Vance Joseph**, defensive backs coach, is tutoring his younger brother, **Sammy**, a redshirt frosh in 2003. In 1993, **Jon Embree** coached his younger brother **Sean** at tight end; it was Jon's first year as a full-time coach and Sean was a senior.

2003 New Faces Two new assistants joined the CU coaching staff this year, **Ted Gilmore** (receivers) and **Shawn Simms** (running backs); both were hired last winter and were with the team for spring practice. Other new personnel on board who work closely with football on a daily basis are **Greg Finnegan** (speed-strength and conditioning, joining CU from the Jacksonville Jaguars in May); **Sarah Ramey** (an assistant for Finnegan; she came to CU from Kansas State in July); **Dr. Eric McCarty** and **Dr. Reed Bartz** are new team physicians (McCarty played for CU between 1983-87, and returns to the school from a similar position at Vanderbilt, while Bartz joins CU from the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colo.); and **Troy Kema** (assistant director of academics, joining the Buffs in July from Utah State).

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**Bufs On Grass** Colorado is 40-23-1 in its last 64 games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (37-17 in the last 54, including a 7-4 mark in 2002). The Buffs are 43-29-1 on grass dating back to the 1977 season; that's only 73 games on the real stuff in the last 26-plus seasons, but that number is on the rise since Folsom converted back to grass in 1999. Colorado is 15-7 at home since the switch.

**On The Plastic** Colorado is 85-24-3 in its last 112 games on artificial turf dating back to 1989, and 5-1 over the 2001 and 2002 seasons (the loss was in the Alamo Bowl). The only teams to defeat Colorado more than once on artificial surface in this span are Nebraska (8 times), Kansas (3) and Kansas State (3). CU is 53-17-3 in its last 73 conference games on the fake greenery. The Buffs won't see an artificial field in 2003 until the seventh game of the year at Kansas State (and then only one other time, at Texas Tech).

**Coach's Corner/with Gary Barnett** Comments from Colorado head coach Gary Barnett following the 42-35 win over Colorado State:

**General:** *"I think that from a fan's standpoint this was a great game. Both teams wanted to win. There was great heart. You can see why CSU was ranked and Bradlee Van Pelt is a player of the year. We kind of let it get away from us in the fourth quarter. We just didn't play well on both sides of the ball, and we were fortunate to win. It was a great win for us and we played with great heart. We wanted to go out there and play until the whistle blew. We played hard, not always well, but hard."*

**On The Offense:** *"It's hard to beat that start (by Klatt). We wanted to come in and use our weapons on offense. I think when we look at the film we'll probably be disappointed with the running game, but Joel was sensational. Our game plan was to use all of our weapons as much as we could."*

**On QB Joel Klatt:** *"I really did see him doing something like this. I could see him going both ways. At the luncheon we had the other day I had him stand up and said, 'This guy can play and lead.' He played like a 21-year-old... he didn't get rattled."*

**On CB Sammy Joseph's Late Interception:** *"It seems like every play becomes huge in a game like this. You can look at Sammy or (John) Donahoe's reception. I think Sammy's play was later and you tend to remember that... it was big for him playing in his first game. He got burned a couple of times and had the pass interference call at a key time in the game, so that was big for him."*

**On The Offense's Slow Start:** *"I knew going into the game that in a big game like that we could start slow. I'm just thankful that the older guys who have played in big games were able to step up. Joel was fine. He's got a great confidence and great security out there. We knew it would take a while for us to get going and we vowed to be patient."*

**On Offensive Line Play:** *"I don't know that we ever got in sync but we did have big play-makers in there in key situations...I think it was Joel who really made the team go tonight."*

**On The Winning Drive:** *"We have a placekicker who can kick the ball 62 yards and we were just trying to get into field goal range. We didn't want to make a mistake."*

**On Big Plays:** *"I was surprised at the number of big plays that we had. We've had trouble attacking CSU in the past and I was surprised to put that many on them and to have them put that many on us."*

**On CU's Wide Receiver Play:** *"It was not unexpected, but the receivers played great. This was a game of receivers. Ours played great and theirs played great, too."*

**Player Quotes** Some comments from select players following the victory over CSU:

#### ILB SEAN TUFTS

**GENERAL:** *"I like starting out with a good rivalry, I think it is fun. You don't really know what kind of team you have until you step out onto the field. They (CSU) are a really high-powered offense. We had some problems stopping them, but we got the job done, so it's all worth it. We just went out and played. We put out hats on and buckled up."*

#### QB JOEL KLATT

**GENERAL:** *"Big plays came up and we were able to capitalize on them. The receivers made great plays and deserve a lot of credit. After the first series I felt comfortable. We were just trying to feel-out what they were going to do tonight. Everything came together and the bottom line is I just used the offense. Whatever the coaches draw us up to do, that's what I try to do."*

**ON HIS FIRST TD PASS TO WR DEREK MCCOY:** *"Derek read the 'D' perfectly and I was able to get it back to him. The protection tonight was great and that's where it starts."*

**ON THE LAST DRIVE:** *"I told the guys that all we needed was three. We knew we had a lot of time and we just needed to stay calm."*

**ON ADVICE FROM FORMER CU QB MIKE MOSCHETTI:** *"*

**ON THE RAIN:** *"When it started coming down really hard, I had a hard time gripping the ball. I think the rain delay hurt us more than it helped."*

#### WR D.J. HACKETT

**GENERAL:** *"It was a great feeling to play and to play well. We knew what Klatt was capable of because we see it in practice every day."*

**ON HIS TD:** *"I got hit on the hip and I just dove in. The play was big and it turned the game around for us."*

#### DE MARQUES HARRIS

**GENERAL:** *"We knew what we had to do was to come in here and take care of business. Now have bragging rights and can talk for the next year. It feels great to get the win, now we can move on to the next game. To me, you're only as good as you're last game. As with all first games, there are things you know you have to work on afterwards. I personally have some things I need to prove, but it feels good to get a win though."*

**ON THE FINAL CSU DRIVE:** *"We knew that if they didn't score, we'd win the game. We had to step up our performance on 'D' and that's what we did."*

**ON THE PERFORMANCE OF QB JOEL KLATT:** *"I'm going to take him out to dinner tonight. Hats off to Joel, he came in here and did a great job."*

**ON (CSU QB) BRADLEE VAN PELT:** *"Besides all (of his) talking, you've got to respect him. He's a true competitor."*

#### OG MARWAN HAGE

**GENERAL:** *"This win is for all the CU fans and CU alumni. I don't need to talk about the players on the other team and what they said about us."*



**CB PHIL JACKSON**

ON PERFORMANCE OF THE DEFENSE: *"They put up 35 points so it shows that we have a lot of work to do as a unit. It was nice to see our offense produce like they did."*

ON JOEL KLATT: *"Joel is a great player. He doesn't get down on himself and he is able to stay composed in all situations. Tonight he showed everyone how good a player and leader he actually is."*

**WR JEREMY BLOOM**

ON BIG CATCH: *"All that I could do was think of the Rams' last drive last year. My number was called, Joel (Klatt) put it up perfectly and I came down with it. It was a big win, they have a great team and a great program, but they provided the motivation for us today."*

## Season Note Progression

A running list of major notes and/or accomplishments the Buffaloes have had in 2003:

- ◆ **COLORADO STATE.** The attendance of **76,219** was the largest crowd to ever witness a college sporting event in the state of Colorado; it was the second largest crowd ever in the three-year history of INVESCO Field at Mile High (the biggest crowd was 76,643 for the Denver-Oakland Monday night game last Nov. 11).
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE. First Play of the Year:** Bobby Purify rushed for a modest 2 yards on CU's first offensive play of the year, marking the sixth straight year CU has run the ball on its first play of the season.
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE. Klatt to McCoy:** The 82-yard touchdown pass from Joel Klatt to Derek McCoy was the 10th longest pass play in schools history. It was the fourth career play 75 yards or longer for McCoy, while the 82 yards was the longest distance covered for a player's first career touchdown pass.
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE. 28.** Colorado scored 28 points in the second quarter, its most since it scored 28 in the first quarter in the 62-36 win over Nebraska on Nov. 23, 2001. CU outscored CSU in the quarter, 28-7, but only outgained the Rams by 265-192 as the teams combined for 457 yards in the period (including 122 in the final 84 seconds).
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE. QB Joel Klatt.** He completed 21-of-34 passes for 402 yards and 4 TDs; the yards rank as the third most in a CU quarterback's starting debut; Kordell Stewart passed for 409 against CSU in the '92 opener, and later that year, Koy Detmer threw for 418 against Oklahoma. John Hessler's 5 TD passes at Oklahoma in '95 are the most scoring passes in a CU debut, with Klatt tying Stewart's four against CSU for the second most.
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE. WR Derek McCoy** had his third career 100-yard receiving game tonight, as he caught four passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns (82 and 77 yards). His previous career best was 118 yards last year at Missouri. He moved into the top 10 on CU's all-time receiving yards list with 1,347 yards, as he moved up from 13th to eighth, passing Jon Embree (1,166), Darrin Chiaverini (1,199), Ron Brown (1,217), Marcus Stiggers (1,223) and Mike Pritchard (1,241). The 192 yards are the third most in a single game in CU history, topped only by 222 by Walter Stanley vs. Texas Tech (1981) and Rae Carruth at Missouri (1996).
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE. WR D.J. Hackett** caught 10 passes for 103 yards tonight, career highs in both; his previous CU bests came against Iowa State last year, when he had four catches for 69 yards. Four of his catches earned first downs on third down throws from Klatt (21, 19, 10—for a touchdown, and 18 yards).
- ◆ **COLORADO STATE.** CU is now 71-38-5 in 114 season openers, snapping a four-game losing streak; it was just CU's third win in the last 18 openers that the opponent had scored first, joining wins over Tulsa in 1969 (35-14 after trailing 7-0) and NE Louisiana in 1995 (a 48-13 win after spotting NLU a 3-0 edge).

## Chart City

A look at how Big 12 Conference teams stack up in some categories since the league's birth in 1996:

**On The Big 12 Road**

| School          | W         | L         | Pct.        |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Kansas State    | 20        | 8         | .714        |
| Nebraska        | 18        | 9         | .667        |
| Texas           | 15        | 9         | .625        |
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>.571</b> |
| Texas A&M       | 16        | 12        | .571        |
| Oklahoma        | 13        | 12        | .520        |
| Texas Tech      | 13        | 15        | .464        |
| Missouri        | 9         | 19        | .321        |
| Oklahoma State  | 8         | 20        | .286        |
| Iowa State      | 6         | 22        | .214        |
| Kansas          | 4         | 24        | .143        |
| Baylor          | 0         | 28        | .000        |

Does not include neutral site games  
OU-UT, '96 OSU-TTU or '98 NU-OSU.

**Inter-Division (North vs. South)**

| School          | W         | L        | Pct.        |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Nebraska        | 16        | 6        | .727        |
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>.714</b> |
| Kansas State    | 15        | 6        | .714        |
| Missouri        | 12        | 9        | .571        |
| Iowa State      | 6         | 15       | .286        |
| Kansas          | 4         | 17       | .190        |

**Inter-Division (South vs. North)**

| School         | W  | L  | Pct. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| Texas          | 16 | 5  | .762 |
| Texas A&M      | 13 | 8  | .619 |
| Oklahoma       | 11 | 10 | .524 |
| Texas Tech     | 8  | 13 | .381 |
| Oklahoma State | 8  | 14 | .364 |
| Baylor         | 3  | 18 | .143 |

(does not include title games)

**Network TV Appearances (2003)**

| School          | Tot      | ABC      | Fox      | Oth      |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> |
| Kansas State    | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| Nebraska        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        |
| Missouri        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        |
| Oklahoma        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| Oklahoma State  | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        |
| Texas           | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| Baylor          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Iowa State      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Kansas          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Texas Tech      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Texas A&M       | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |

Does not include pay-per-view; includes other packages (TBS, ESPN, etc.).

**vs. Ranked Non-League Teams**

| (Since 1990; by games played) |           |           |          |          |             |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| School                        | G         | W         | L        | T        | Pct.        |
| <b>Colorado</b>               | <b>23</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>.587</b> |
| Texas                         | 20        | 6         | 12       | 2        | .350        |
| Nebraska                      | 12        | 8         | 4        | 0        | .667        |
| Oklahoma                      | 12        | 6         | 6        | 0        | .500        |
| Texas Tech                    | 11        | 0         | 11       | 0        | .000        |
| Texas A&M                     | 9         | 4         | 5        | 0        | .444        |
| Baylor                        | 9         | 2         | 7        | 0        | .222        |
| Missouri                      | 9         | 1         | 8        | 0        | .111        |
| Kansas                        | 6         | 0         | 6        | 0        | .000        |
| Oklahoma State                | 5         | 0         | 5        | 0        | .000        |
| Iowa State                    | 4         | 0         | 4        | 0        | .000        |
| Kansas State                  | 2         | 1         | 1        | 0        | .500        |

(does not include bowls)

**#1—COLORADO 42, COLORADO STATE 35** (Aug. 30)

DENVER—The 75th meeting between in-state rivals Colorado and Colorado State was televised nationally on ESPN, and the network dubbed it an “instant classic” after the pass-happy Buffaloes defeated the No. 23 Rams, 42-35.

In a game that had everything from more than the usual bulletin board material pregame to heavy rains and a 28-minute lightning delay in-game, CU sophomore quarterback Joel Klatt and the Buff receivers stole the show. Colorado amassed 402 yards passing, its most in almost four years, and Klatt’s mastery of the two-minute offense enabled the Buffaloes to snap a four-game losing streak in season openers.

CSU took an early 7-0 lead, but the Buffs stormed back with 28 second quarter points, on the strength of a Bobby Purify 6-yard run and three Klatt touchdown passes that covered 137 yards: 82 yards to Derek McCoy on a 3rd-and-12 play call following the series CSU went back up, 14-7; 10 yards to D.J. Hackett, who made an acrobatic grab at the 2-yard line and somehow landed and then plowed into the end zone dragging a couple of defenders; and 45-yards to John Donahoe, coming with just 29 seconds left in the half. Hackett and McCoy would combine for 14 catches, 295 yards and three scores.

Stifled to three plays and out the first four drives of the second half, and with CSU having closed the gap to 28-21, Klatt and McCoy hooked up on a 78-yard touchdown pass to put the Buffs back ahead by two scores at 35-21. But the Rams fought back, tying the game with just 1:50 left when quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt, who had spent the better part of the three weeks leading up to the game providing material for CU’s bulletin board, scored on a 30-yard run around the right side. Van Pelt accounted for 416 yards of total offense, the second player to ever top the 400-yard mark against CU and the first during the regular season, appeared to more than back up his talking.

But the modest Klatt marched the Buffaloes 75 yards in six plays, similar to a Van Pelt engineered drive in 2002 that rallied the Rams to a 19-14 win (that possession covered 84 yards in seven plays). Klatt completed all four of his passes on the drive, the first covering 25 yards to McCoy and the last 33 yards to Jeremy Bloom, which set CU up at the Ram 4-yard line. After an illegal shift call on the Buffs, Purify scampered in with the game-winning touchdown with 40 seconds left in the game. CSU’s last-ditch effort stalled at midfield as time ran out.

The teams combined for 741 passing yards, as the Rams gained 585 overall and CU 504. Heavy rains drenched fans and spectators alike in the third quarter; an impressive flash of lightning struck right when Klatt threw the ball to McCoy for CU’s third quarter score, as the storm had settled over the stadium and led to a 28-minute suspension, sending the teams to the lockerroom.

**QUOTE**—“Any time anybody questions our heart and character, they’re way out of bounds,” CU head coach Gary Barnett, postgame in response to some remarks earlier in the week by CSU quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt.

**NOTES**—The 76,219 in attendance marked the largest crowd to ever witness a college sporting event in the state of Colorado; it was the second largest crowd ever in the three-year history of INVESCO Field at Mile High... The 82-yard touchdown pass from Klatt to McCoy was the 10th longest pass play in school history... Colorado’s 28 points in the second quarter were its most since it scored 28 in the first quarter in the 62-36 win over Nebraska on Nov. 23, 2001; CU outscored CSU in the quarter, 28-7, but only outgained the Rams by 265-192 as the teams combined for 457 yards in the period (including 122 in the final 84 seconds of the half).

|                                                              |          |           |          |           |          |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>COLORADO</b> .....                                        | <b>0</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>—</b> | <b>42</b> |
| <b>Colorado State</b> .....                                  | <b>7</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>7</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>35</b> |
| Colorado State—Van Pelt 10 run (Babcock kick)                | 0- 7     | 8:22      | 1Q       |           |          |           |
| COLORADO—Purify 6 run (Crosby kick)                          | 7- 7     | 13:53     | 2Q       |           |          |           |
| Colorado State—Pittman 32 pass from Van Pelt (Babcock kick)  | 7-14     | 12:15     | 2Q       |           |          |           |
| COLORADO—McCoy 82 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)              | 14-14    | 11:19     | 2Q       |           |          |           |
| COLORADO—Hackett 10 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)            | 21-14    | 4:46      | 2Q       |           |          |           |
| COLORADO—Donahoe 45 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)            | 28-14    | 0:29      | 2Q       |           |          |           |
| Colorado State—Pittman 38 pass from Van Pelt (Babcock kick)  | 28-21    | 12:28     | 3Q       |           |          |           |
| COLORADO—McCoy 78 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)              | 35-21    | 3:11      | 3Q       |           |          |           |
| Colorado State—Anderson 33 pass from Van Pelt (Babcock kick) | 35-28    | 14:51     | 4Q       |           |          |           |
| Colorado State—Van Pelt 30 run (Babcock kick)                | 35-35    | 1:50      | 4Q       |           |          |           |
| COLORADO—Purify 9 run (Crosby kick)                          | 42-35    | 0:40      | 4Q       |           |          |           |

|                            |                 |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>     | <b>COLORADO</b> | <b>COLORADO STATE</b> |
| First Downs .....          | 17              | 24                    |
| Rushes—Net Yards .....     | 43-102          | 39-246                |
| Passing Yards .....        | 402             | 339                   |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 34-21-0         | 38-18-0               |
| Total Offense .....        | 504             | 585                   |
| Punts: No-Average .....    | 10-40.8         | 7-45.3                |
| Fumbles: No-Lost .....     | 2-1             | 3-2                   |
| Penalties/Yards .....      | 6/55            | 6/40                  |
| Time of Possession .....   | 30:09           | 29:51                 |

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Calhoun 13-69, Purify 13-31, Bloom 2-12, Vickers 1-0, Klatt 14-minus 10.  
**CSU:** Houston 15-104, Van Pelt 13-77, Sanders 7-44, Walker 2-15, Pittman 1-7, Wynn 1-minus 1.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 34-21-0, 402, 4 td. **CSU:** Van Pelt 38-18-1, 339, 3 td; Team 2-0-0, 0.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Hackett 10-103, McCoy 4-192, Vickers 2-3, Donahoe 1-45, Bloom 1-33, Calhoun 1-20, Klopfenstein 1-3, Purify 1-3. **CSU:** Pittman 7-144, Dreessen 5-42, Anderson 4-142, Hill 1-6, Bartz 1-5.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 10-40.8 (50 long, 2 In20). **CSU:** Babcock 7-45.3 (62 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 4-28, Donahoe 1-5. **CSU:** Wynn 5-65, Hill 1-24.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Billingsley 1-24, Bloom 1-21. **CSU:** Wynn 3-64, Anderson 1-7.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Joseph 1-0. **CSU:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Mooror 8,6—14; Billingsley 5,4—9; Iwuh 5,2—7; Tufts 5,2—7; Jackson 5,1—6; McChesney 5,1—6; Joseph 4,1—5; Hollis 4,0—4; Dawn 2,2—4. **CSU:** Pauly 7,6—13; Stratton 5,4—9; Wynn 4,3—7; Mastropaolo 5,1—6; Wood 2,4—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Harris 1-6. **CSU:** Adkins 1-9, Mann 1-8, Pauly 1-8.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Jackson 3, Billingsley 2, Joseph. **CSU:** Wynn 2, Pauly, Stratton.

**True Freshmen Participation Chart** The below chart shows the participation of true freshmen at Colorado since 1986, when almost half the incoming recruits saw action. The speculation was that several members of this year’s class would play; and through four games, 11 have, the most true frosh to play in the last 17 seasons (and in at least the last half century). It’s only the second time in the 17 seasons that over 40 percent of the rookies have seen action, along with 2000 (10 of 19 played). The list is solely scholarship frosh, and does not include Prop 48 sophomores (3 in 1987, 1 1991), or one partial qualifier in 1997 and 1998:

| Season | Total | Played | Redshirted | Those Who Played (Walk-ons listed but not included in count)                                                                 |
|--------|-------|--------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1986   | 20    | 8      | 12         | *J.CAMPBELL, P.HARSTON, T.JAMES, D.MUILENBURG, M.J.NELSON, O.C.OLIVER, J.PERAK, A.WALKER, M.WALTERS                          |
| 1987   | 19    | 6      | 13         | E.BIENIEMY, E.HANNAH, G.HEMINGWAY, K.MCGHEE, M.PRITCHARD, A.WILLIAMS                                                         |
| 1988   | 20    | 5      | 15         | D.ARTERBERRY, P.BLOTTIAUX, D.FIGURES, D.HAGAN, M.RELIFORD                                                                    |
| 1989   | 18    | 7      | 11         | R.BRADFORD, D.CAMPBELL, D.COLLIER, D.DAVIS, M.ELDER, L.RENFRO, R.WOOLFORK                                                    |
| 1990   | 11    | 2      | 9          | C.JOHNSON, V.JOSEPH                                                                                                          |
| 1991   | 21    | 8      | 13         | D.HOLLAND, D.JACKSON, T.JOHNSON, J.KNUTSON, C.MOORE, D.PRICE, K.STEWART, L.WARREN                                            |
| 1992   | 25    | 9      | 16         | R.CARRUTH, S.CLAVELLE, K.DETMER, G.JONES, H.IRWIN, D.LEOMITI, S.ROSGA, R.SALAAM, D.SIMMONS                                   |
| 1993   | 19    | 2      | 17         | D.DENNIS, A.WILBON                                                                                                           |
| 1994   | 16    | 6      | 10         | C.ANDERSON, M.BARNES, T.E.DAVIS, L.HENRY, L.MERRITT, H.TROUTMAN                                                              |
| 1995   | 23    | 4      | 19         | J.ALDRICH, D.CHIAVERINI, H.NAVIES, B.SOUTHWARD                                                                               |
| 1996   | 19    | 6      | 13         | R.BARNES, S.JARNE, R.NUNEZ, M.STIGGERS, J.WARREN, D.WHEELER                                                                  |
| 1997   | 19    | 1      | 18         | T.GREGORAK                                                                                                                   |
| 1998   | 18    | 4      | 14         | M.LEWIS, #M.MARISCAL, J.MINARDI, A.PEEKE, J.SYKES                                                                            |
| 1999   | 15    | 3      | 12         | J.JOHNSON, &KILLION, MOSSONI                                                                                                 |
| 2000   | 19    | 10     | 9          | GARDNER, M.HAGE, HARRIS, HOUSTON, McCHESNEY, OCHS, PURIFY, SURRELL, SYPNIEWSKI, TUFTS                                        |
| 2001   | 6     | 1      | 5          | SHADER                                                                                                                       |
| 2002   | 23    | 11     | 12         | BILLINGSLEY, BLOOM, BURL, CALHOUN, DAWN, +K.GRIFFITH, HOLLIS, IWUH, +KLATT, KLOPFENSTEIN, +PACE, VICKERS, WARD, V.WASHINGTON |
| 2003   | 21    | 3      | ?          | CROSBY, EBERHART, WHEATLEY                                                                                                   |

(\*—originally a walk-on, earned a scholarship after his arrival on campus; not included in any counts); +—Invited walk-on, not included in count.

#—granted a medical hardship for a back injury and did not lose a year of eligibility; &—Killion enrolled in January, 1999, but was a member of the 1998 class.)

**NOTE:** ONLY FOUR FRESHMAN WALK-ONS HAVE PLAYED IN THE LAST 17 SEASONS: WR Jeff Campbell (1986), DE/LS Greg Pace (2002), SS Kyle Griffith (2002), QB Joel Klatt (2002).

**Trends I** Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 149-65-4, the 12th best record nationally in this span). In these 218 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

|                                                           |          |                                                                    |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| ♦ with 400-plus yards total offense                       | 94-11-2  | ♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing                    | 72- 4-1  |
| ♦ with 500-plus yards total offense                       | 47- 4-0  | ♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense              | 76-11-1  |
| ♦ when leading in time of possession                      | 98-14-3  | ♦ when leading after three quarters ( <i>123-8-3 in last 134</i> ) | 127-10-3 |
| ♦ when making 20-plus first downs                         | 95-22-1  | ♦ when leading at halftime ( <i>108-9-2 in last 119</i> )          | 124-11-2 |
| ♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down        | 60- 5-1  | ♦ when scoring 24 or more points                                   | 122-14-2 |
| ♦ when punting three or fewer times                       | 54- 9-1  | ♦ when scoring 14 or more points                                   | 146-40-4 |
| ♦ when scoring first                                      | 93-15-1  | ♦ when held to 13 points or less                                   | 3-25-0   |
| ♦ when coming from behind (from the outset)               | 56-50-3  | ♦ when passing for more yards than rushing                         | 54-38-2  |
| ♦ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>25-6-2 with zero</i> ) | 108-28-2 | ♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time                 | 83-10-2  |
| ♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less              | 91-14-1  |                                                                    |          |

**Trends II** Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 10th best overall record at 121-46-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (171 games, including bowls):

|                                                                   |         |                                                             |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| ➤ when running more plays than the opponent                       | 70-18-3 | ➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls           | 104-16-2 |
| ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense ( <i>41-4 with 500-plus</i> ) | 80-11-2 | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards                           | 69- 4-1  |
| ➤ when scoring 30 or more points ( <i>85 in last 166 games</i> )  | 80- 4-1 | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards                           | 49- 1-1  |
| ➤ when leading in possession time ( <i>43-29-1 when not</i> )     | 77-12-3 | ➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards                           | 30- 0-1  |
| ➤ when making 20-plus first downs                                 | 82-19-1 | ➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards           | 29- 2-0  |
| ➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down                | 46- 4-1 | ➤ when passing for 200-plus yards                           | 62-24-2  |
| ➤ when scoring first ( <i>60-6-1 the last 67 times</i> )          | 71- 9-1 | ➤ when passing for 300-plus yards ( <i>8-0-1 400-plus</i> ) | 21- 7-1  |
| ➤ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>19-6-2 with zero</i> )         | 90-22-2 | ➤ when passing for more yards than rushing                  | 54-38-2  |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less                      | 67- 7-1 | ➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time          | 65- 9-2  |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing                   | 56- 4-1 | ➤ when holding edge in field position                       | 94-13-1  |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense             | 55- 6-1 | ➤ when out-rushing the opponent ( <i>60-3 the last 63</i> ) | 98- 5-3  |
| ➤ when average field position is CU 30+ ( <i>22-2 40+</i> )       | 86-19-2 | ➤ when owning the edge in return yards                      | 95-16-2  |

**Trends III** Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 30-21 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (51 games, including bowls):

|                                                             |       |                                                       |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------|------|
| ➤ when scoring 30 or more points                            | 23-2  | ➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense | 8-2  |
| ➤ when taking a lead after trailing ( <i>13-2 last 15</i> ) | 18-8  | ➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls     | 26-8 |
| ➤ when leading in possession time ( <i>10-14 when not</i> ) | 20-7  | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards                     | 17-2 |
| ➤ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>2-3 with zero</i> )      | 9-3   | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards                     | 15-0 |
| ➤ when turnover margin for CU is plus or even               | 26-11 | ➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards                     | 8-0  |
| <i>last 19 games when plus or even</i>                      | 17-2  | ➤ with a 100-yard rusher ( <i>16-2 last 18</i> )      | 19-7 |
| ➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down          | 9-2   | ➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards     | 7-1  |
| ➤ when holding edge in possession time                      | 19-7  | ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense                   | 21-6 |
| ➤ when scoring first ( <i>9-19 when not</i> )               | 22-2  | ➤ with 500-plus yards total offense                   | 13-2 |
| ➤ when leading at halftime                                  | 24-3  | ➤ when out-rushing the opponent                       | 25-3 |
| ➤ when trailing at halftime ( <i>1-2 when tied</i> )        | 5-16  | ➤ when owning the edge in return yards                | 23-8 |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less                | 12-2  | ➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game              | 11-5 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing             | 14-3  | ➤ when following a loss                               | 11-6 |

**Experience Analysis** Going into 2002, 47 players on the roster had seen previous game experience in their careers, with 28 making at least one start (with 22 of those players making at least three starts). That's a difference of 16 fewer players with game experience than the 2001 squad had at the start, with seven fewer players owning starting experience. The '01 team had 19 more players with game experience over the 2000 starting numbers, including six more that made starts. So it's cyclical, and that shows up when looking at the breakdown of the starters over the course of the season. CU started all upperclassmen in almost every game in 2002, and for the season, juniors and seniors started 93% of the time; after one game in '03, that percent is down to 63:

- **2003 starters (1 game):** Seniors (10), Juniors (4), Sophomores (7), Freshmen (1: redshirts 1, true 0).
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9: redshirts 0, true 9).
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7: redshirts 7, true 0).
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (39), Freshmen (32: redshirts 15, true 17).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (84), Freshmen (23: redshirts 23, true 0)

**Usually In 'Em** Colorado's usually been in those few games it has lost over the last 14 seasons. Of the 49 losses, 30 have been by eight points or less (including the '01 and '02 openers, six in 2000 and three of the five losses in 1999, or 12 of the 21 losses in the Barnett Era). The teams that have defeated CU by more than eight are Nebraska (52-7 in 1992, 24-7 in 1994 and 44-21 in 1995), Missouri (41-31 in '97 and 38-14 in '98), Notre Dame (21-6 in 1990), Kansas (40-24 in 1995 and 33-17 in 1998), Michigan (27-3 in 1997), Kansas State (37-20 in '97 and 44-21 in 2000), Colorado State (41-14 in 1999), Texas Tech (31-10 in '99), Texas (28-14 in '00 and 41-7 this year), Oregon (38-16 in the '02 Fiesta Bowl), USC (40-3 in 2002) and Oklahoma (27-11 and 29-7 in '02). CU has really been dominated from the start only four times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game) and 2002 vs. USC, while K-State ('00) and Texas ('01) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

## Career Games Played/Started Chart

**Career Games Played/Started Chart** Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2003 Colorado Buffaloes. Though the players gone from last year's team accounted 803 games and 333 starts, this year's team is the third most experienced team heading into the season in head coach Gary Barnett's five years in Boulder. The 107 players on the opening day active roster collectively had played in 845 games, with 239 starts. The 2001 team was the most experienced, as it entered the year with 924 games played with 326 starts; similar numbers were 883 and 278 (2002), 694 and 223 (2000) and 790 and 229 (1999). The list:

| Player      | G  | GS | Player       | G  | GS | Player       | G  | GS | Player     | G  | GS | Player         | G   | GS  |
|-------------|----|----|--------------|----|----|--------------|----|----|------------|----|----|----------------|-----|-----|
| ACKERMANN   | 0  | 0  | DONAHOE      | 22 | 11 | HARRISON     | 0  | 0  | MARTIN, J. | 0  | 0  | STAUGH         | 0   | 0   |
| ALLIS       | 34 | 8  | DUREN        | 4  | 0  | HEATON       | 0  | 0  | MARTIN, K. | 0  | 0  | STEMRICH       | 11  | 1   |
| ANDERSON    | 0  | 0  | EBERLY       | 3  | —  | HENDERSON    | 0  | 0  | MCCHESNEY  | 20 | 3  | STEWART        | 10  | 0   |
| BARREAU     | 0  | 0  | EBERHART     | 1  | —  | HOLLIS       | 6  | 1  | McCOY      | 39 | 26 | SURRELL        | 33  | 9   |
| BILLINGSLEY | 15 | 7  | EGAN         | 0  | 0  | HOLZ         | 0  | 0  | MONTEILH   | 15 | 1  | SUTTON         | 0   | 0   |
| BLOOM       | 14 | 0  | ENRIGHT      | 0  | 0  | HUBBARD      | 1  | 0  | MOORE, G.  | 7  | 0  | SYPNIEWSKI     | 37  | 11  |
| BOYE-DOE    | 0  | 0  | EVANS        | 0  | 0  | IWUH         | 14 | 3  | MOORE, M.  | 25 | 0  | TILMON         | 0   | 0   |
| BRENNAN     | 0  | 0  | FENTON       | 0  | 0  | JACKSON, B.  | 0  | 0  | MOORER     | 34 | 17 | TIPTON         | 0   | 0   |
| BROOKS      | 0  | 0  | FLUELLEN     | 28 | 6  | JACKSON, P.  | 37 | 29 | NYENHUIS   | 14 | 13 | TOLBERT        | 0   | 0   |
| CAESAR      | 1  | 0  | GARDNER      | 24 | 0  | JOLLY        | 0  | 0  | O'NEAL     | 7  | 1  | TORP           | 3   | —   |
| CALHOUN     | 15 | 1  | GAREE        | 8  | 0  | JONES, J.    | 28 | 0  | PACE       | 13 | 0  | TUFTS          | 30  | 21  |
| CARPENTER   | 0  | 0  | GOETTSCH     | 0  | 0  | JONES, M.    | 0  | 0  | POLUMBUS   | 0  | 0  | VICKERS        | 12  | 1   |
| CLEMENT     | 1  | 0  | GONZALES, D. | 0  | 0  | JOSEPH       | 1  | 1  | PURIFY     | 33 | 4  | WALLACE        | 16  | 1   |
| COX         | 0  | 0  | GONZALES, M. | 0  | 0  | JUDGE        | 15 | 0  | RICHMOND   | 0  | 0  | WASHINGTON, T. | 0   | 0   |
| CRAWFORD    | 0  | 0  | GREENBERG    | 1  | 0  | KLATT        | 4  | 1  | RILEY      | 0  | 0  | WASHINGTON, V. | 13  | 0   |
| CREIGHTON   | 0  | 0  | GRIFFITH, K. | 10 | 0  | KLOPFENSTEIN | 8  | 1  | ROBINSON   | 0  | 0  | WEBB           | 0   | 0   |
| CROSBY      | 1  | —  | GUYDON       | 0  | 0  | KUNKEL       | 32 | 0  | RUSSELL    | 0  | 0  | WHEATLEY       | 1   | 0   |
| CUSWORTH    | 0  | 0  | HACKETT      | 14 | 1  | LANDRY       | 0  | 0  | SANDERS    | 0  | 0  | WHITE          | 0   | 0   |
| DABDOUB     | 25 | 9  | HAGE         | 36 | 30 | LIGON        | 1  | 0  | SCALES     | 0  | 0  | WHITTAKER      | 0   | 0   |
| DANIELS     | 0  | 0  | HAMMOND      | 0  | 0  | LITTLEHALES  | 0  | 0  | SHADER     | 3  | 0  | WILDER         | 23  | 12  |
| DAWN        | 15 | 0  | HARRIS, L.   | 0  | 0  | MACKEY       | 0  | 0  | SIMS       | 0  | 0  | TEAM           | 894 | 261 |
| diZEREGA    | 27 | 1  | HARRIS, M.   | 39 | 30 | MANUPUNA     | 12 | 0  | SPRAGUE    | 0  | 0  |                |     |     |

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START:** PK Mason Crosby, PK Kevin Eberhart, CB Terrence Wheatley (2003); DB J.J. Billingsley, TB Brian Calhoun, DB Brian Iwuh (2002); G Marwan Hage, DE Marques Harris, TB Marcus Houston, QB Craig Ochs, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Synpiewski, ILB Sean Tufts (2000).  
**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT QUARTERBACK:** Craig Ochs (2000), Koy Detmer (1992). *IN A SEASON OPENER:* Has not occurred.  
**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK:** Marcus Houston (2000), Lamont Warren (1991). *IN A SEASON OPENER:* Kent Kahl (1991).  
**LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START:** CB Sammy Joseph (2003); DT Brandon Dabdoub (2001), OG Karl Allis (2000), CB Phil Jackson (2000); four in 1999.  
**LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR:** DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster, QB Robert Hodge, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002). WR Matt Brunson (2001), DE Anwan Jones (2000).

## Out There For That First Play

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The longest starting streaks on the team are owned by **OG Marwan Hage** and **DE Marques Harris** at 28 games; the next longest are by **CB Phil Jackson** and **FS Medford Moorer** (15) and **OT Sam Wilder** (12, but the first 11 of those were at DT). Hage and Harris also lead in career starts with 30, followed by Jackson with 29, **WR Derek McCoy** (26) and **ILB Sean Tufts** (21).

## Eight “First” Starts

**Eight “First” Starts** In the CSU game, eight players made their first career starts in a CU uniform: **WR D.J. Hackett**, **ILB Chris Hollis**, **CB Sammy Joseph**, **QB Joel Klatt**, **TE Joe Klopfenstein**, **OT Clint O’Neal**, **C Derek Stemrich** and **FB Lawrence Vickers**. In 2002, 16 players made their first career starts, and the most first starts in recent memory came in 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. It was the most since 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1984:

ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS: 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16) and 2003 (9).

## Starting Shuffle

**Starting Shuffle** In 1998, Colorado had a plethora of injuries, and it meant different starting lineups on a weekly basis; it was the start of an incredibly unique streak. In 1998, CU started 12 different lineups on offense and 11 on defense, or 23 different starting lineups when combining offense and defense for the 12 games, the most in CU history until 1999 and 2000, when CU did not start the same lineup two weeks in succession the entire year. The previous high since 1971 (the start of 11-game seasons) was in 1991, when CU used 13 (seven on offense and six on defense).

- ⇒ In 1999, CU started 20 different lineups (12 offense, 8 defense), due to personnel and formations in about half of the instances and to injuries for the rest. The 20 were the second most in team history to the 1998 count. In 2000 and now 2001, the numbers continued to grow.
- ⇒ CU had started different lineups on offense for 41 consecutive games, starting in mid-1997 until the start of 2001. On defense, the Buffs started a different 11 for 30 straight contests until having the same starting lineup in there for games two and three in 2001 (CSU, San Jose State).
- ⇒ With 21 different lineups (11 offense, 10 defense) in 2002, and the usual brand new one to open 2003, CU has now utilized 103 different starting lineups in its last 64 games, or just 25 under the maximum.



## Liner Notes

Here's the place to look for that one or two sentence quick note on a CU two-deep regular:

- 1 **Sammy Joseph** ..... Has 4.54 speed in the 40, he is set to debut after redshirting as a true frosh in 2002. Owns a 37½ vertical.
- 2 **Brian Calhoun**..... The fastest offensive player on the team, as he has been clocked as fast as 4.28 in the 40-yard dash. And how many players can say their first pair of 100-yard games came against Nebraska and Oklahoma.
- 3 **Marcus Moore** ..... He has found a home at cornerback after shuffling positions his first four years here. He was moved there during spring drills and has improved with each and every practice and will see playing time.
- 4 **Ron Monteilh**..... Reserved and focused on the field, off of it he is very involved in community service as he is a former volunteer bereavement counselor, and is currently a big brother volunteer for the Boulder County Partners organization, a nonprofit that pairs adults with at-risk teens
- 5 **J.J. Billingsley** ..... Recorded a CU freshman record 15 tackles in his first career start against San Diego State and ranked among the top 10 in tackles by a true freshman in the nation in 2002 (finishing with 67).
- 6 **Phil Jackson** ..... He is fully recovered from shoulder surgery and is the most experienced of all the cornerbacks on the team. Considered one of the top cover corners in the Big 12, he has five career interceptions, three of which ended scoring drives in 2002 (two in the end zone, one other inside-the-15). He can sniff out the big play.
- 7 **Vance Washington** ... Another DB with blazing speed, he closes quickly to the ball and could also return kickoffs.
- 10 **James Cox** ..... Though listed third at QB, he pushed for the starting role versus Klatt and Greenberg, and the youngest of the returning QBs, he's still very much in the hunt for playing time. He's the pure passer of the lot.
- 12 **Akarika Dawn**..... He had no problem with a position move from strong safety to inside linebacker, which happened just days into CU's 2003 August practices. It was easy for him to accept, as he knew with his body style and projected weight that he would someday make the move to linebacker.
- 13 **Erik Greenberg** ..... Returned to CU this past spring after serving his two-year Mormon mission in Bolivia. He had a solid spring, shaking off the rust and pushed Joel Klatt a bit for the starting spot this past August camp.
- 14 **Joel Klatt**..... He played two seasons in the San Diego Padres organization (A-ball), but football was his first love and he walked on in the fall of '02. He threw of all of three passes and played eight snaps total on offense as a frosh, but the 21-year old sophomore nailed down the starting job for '03. He has the best foot-speed of the QBs.
- 15 **Jeremy Bloom** ..... Scored a 75-yard TD on his first collegiate touch, a punt return against CSU in 2002 (in his first collegiate game). He managed to top that, as his first reception went for a school record 94 yards (and a TD) against K-State. Likely the first person to compete in the Olympics before he played a down of college football.
- 16 **Mason Crosby**..... He was hitting field goals from day one that would have been good from well over 60 yards, as his strong leg is the reason he will be CU's first frosh kicker to start a season since 1979 (Tom Field).
- 17 **Medford Moorer** .... The most ferocious hitter on defense for the Buffaloes, he also is one of the most vocal players and calls out CU's defensive signals when in the game. Seems to make that big play, owns INT and FR returns for TDs; Set the stage for his senior year with 15 tackles in the Alamo Bowl and is on the Thorpe Award watch list.
- 20 **Clyde Surrell** ..... He sat out the opener against Colorado State as he served a suspension for violating team rules, but will now see plenty of time in CU's dime package. But he will also miss the UCLA game for the funeral of his younger brother, who was murdered in Los Angeles the last week in August.
- 21 **Brandon Caesar** .... The unknown player in CU's backfield, Caesar has looked solid all fall and will offer a different dimension when he gets his hands on the ball. Wore No. 36 as a redshirt but grabbed No. 21 when it opened.
- 26 **Terrence Wheatley**... He hasn't run the 40 yet for his CU coaches, but he is likely the fastest player on the team, as Wheatley has posted a 40 time before in the 4.32 range (he's run a 4.24 before as well).
- 27 **Brian Iwuh**..... He cracked the starting lineup for the final two games of 2002... not many can say their first start came in the Big 12 Championship game. He responded well and could be in the starting lineup the remainder of his
- 29 **John Torp** ..... Has to replace Ray Guy Award winner Mark Mariscal, but had three kicks in '02 with a 49.7 average.
- 30 **Marques Harris**..... One of the toughest players to defend against in the Big 12, his combination of strength and speed is truly unique. On the watch list for the Hendricks Award, the old adage applied in practice: if CU wanted to run the ball, he needed to be on the sidelines. Founded "Harris' Kids," a true to his heart organization for the underprivileged.
- 31 **Isaiah Crawford**.... Recruited as a defensive back (safety), he was moved to tailback early in August drills and responded well, leading all players in rushing in the first major scrimmage.
- 32 **J.P. diZerega**..... He learned the FB position from one of the best in Brandon Drumm, and saw some spot play there in '02.

**Liner Notes** continued:

- 34 Lawrence Vickers..** He could very well be one of those players who is an all-around weapon; good-to-great speed, solid hands, good blocking; he has the tough task of replacing Brandon Drumm at FB but is fired up for the challenge.
- 42 Bobby Purify .....** He is quite skilled in sign language, learning it in high school... Uncles James and Bobby Purify were a big Motown recording duo in the 1960s (including the top 10 hit, "I'm Your Puppet"). Likely gained the most rushing yards (1,832) with the fewest career starts (3) in the NCAA heading into 2003.
- 45 Quinn Sypniewski ...** He has been hampered by a toe injury dating back to last fall (he has openly discussed it, so no HIPAA issue). A timeline for his return is to be determined, but has a redshirt year available to him if need be.
- 50 Chris Hollis .....** A co-starter at the weakside LB spot, he rebounded all the way from a virus that struck him hard prior to the Alamo Bowl last year, causing him to miss out on those extra practices.
- 51 Alex Ligon .....** A monster on the scout team a year ago (three time defensive scout award winner), he gets to do it for real. He has great quickness and always seems to be in the backfield in scrimmages.
- 52 Derek Stemrich .....** He is back from knee surgery (he missed spring), and vaulted to the top of the depth at center.
- 54 Sean Tufts .....** His position coach (Brian Cabral) raves about him, saying he might be the best ILB he's had here (might big plaudit considering Cabral has coached Greg Biekert, Chad Brown, Ted Johnson, Matt Russell and Jashon Sykes). His hobbies include making things out of—duct tape.
- 58 Mark Fenton .....** He got the attention of the coaching staff during CU's Alamo Bowl practices, as he practiced at center and emerged as a viable contender for playing time at the position.
- 59 Greg Pace .....** He planned his snapper role in high school, when he attended several camps just to become a long snapper.
- 60 Matt McChesney ....** Returned to the team in good academic standing, he has had a monster spring and fall and opponents might not know what is in store for them; his play enabled the coaches to move Sam Wilder to offense.
- 62 Marwan Hage .....** Speaks four languages: English, French, Arabic and Spanish. Born in Beirut and moved with his family to Montreal when he was 12, he graduated in just three years with a degree in business management.
- 69 Karl Allis .....** He's battled injuries through his career, but he's healthy and brings a lot of experience to a youthful line as he nailed down the split guard position for good early in August drills.
- 73 Clint O'Neal .....** Battling Gary Moore for the starting job at tight tackle, the only position battle that lasted into game week.
- 74 Sam Wilder .....** He had an outstanding year at defensive tackle in 2002, but a week into fall drills, he was shifted to offensive tackle to shore up the depth. He took to his new position quickly and won a starting job just 10 days after making the transition.
- 79 Gary Moore .....** Battling Clint O'Neal for the starting job at tight tackle, the only position battle that lasted into game week.
- 80 Derek McCoy .....** Basically the go-to receiver, but not in the possession sense; has great hands and runs good routes, and has also proved to be the deep threat as well. But his best attribute might very well be his downfield blocking.
- 82 James Garee .....** He's proven disruptive in practice, living in the backfield harassing quarterbacks.
- 85 John Donahoe .....** CU quarterbacks have said that he is, "One of the best and most detailed route runners they have ever seen." Also a threat as a punt return man, he is one of the fastest players on the team (4.4 speed).
- 86 Jesse Wallace .....** Bloomed a bit as a sophomore, he's looked good in practice and will get his chance this fall.
- 88 D.J. Hackett .....** Had a really good second half of his junior season, becoming more of a regular target, as he grabbed two TD passes in the Alamo Bowl. Transferred to CU in the spring of 2002 after CSU-Northridge dropped football.
- 89 Joe Klopfenstein .....** At 6-5, 240, he could "lumber" downfield; not so, he's quick, has good hands and is ready to breakout.
- 93 Vaka Manupuna ....** He has looked very good in fall camp, as he had a rocky spring after his mother passed away following a massive heart attack. He had been moved to OT before her death, but went back to DT upon his return.
- 94 DeAndre Fluellen ..** Originally signed with Oklahoma State out of high school, but found his way to CU where he has helped clog the middle against the run.
- 97 Gabe Nyenhuis .....** All the World Cup attention has gone Jeremy Bloom's way, but Gabe was a World Cup champ in his own right: BMX bikes (1998). He's kind of under the radar, but he's a quality DE who has the foe's attention.
- 98 Brandon Dabdoub .** Boasts team's best bench press at 442 pounds and the best squat at 547; he was a second-team freshman All-American (*Sporting News*) in 2001. Has enjoyed a fine camp and is back in the starting rotation.

**Late Bios** Two players joined the team as invited walk-ons for August camp that did not have biographies in the 2003 Colorado media guide:

## 78 TERRANCE BARREAU, OG

6-3, 300, Jr., TR, Aurora, Colo. (Gateway/Air Force Prep/Air Force)

**AT COLORADO:** This Season (Jr.)—Projected as an offensive guard in his first season as a Buffalo. He joined the team in the early summer after being cleared academically once he was discharged from the Air Force.

2001-2002: The bulk of his stretch of his two-year obligation to serve the Air Force, he was deployed to Kyrgyzstan (Russia, wedged between and Kazakhstan and China) from January to April, working in security police detail. Upon his return, he was stationed at Seymour Johnson AFB in North Carolina. His two years started in May 2001 and ran through May 2003.

**AT AIR FORCE:** 2000 (Soph.)—He started six games before deciding the Air Force just wasn't for him, but was emerging as one of the Mountain West Conference's top linemen. He had 95 knockdown blocks for an 11.9 average in those six games, including a career-high 27 against Brigham Young. He moved from tackle to guard in spring drills.

1999 (Fr.-RS)—He recorded 24 knockdown blocks as a backup offensive tackle, with a high of five in back-to-back games against Utah and Brigham Young. Prior to football practice in August, he completed Combat Survival Training, when he also completed Operations Air Force and was a member of the cadet squadron 10.

1998 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any game action, but practiced the entire fall on the offensive line.

**AIR FORCE PREP SCHOOL:** 1997—He was the team's most valuable player on offense, as he played guard on a 3-6 team.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned first-team all-state honors, when he was named first-team All-Continental League for the third straight season. He was a second-team all-state performer as a junior. Also a three-year starter at defensive tackle, he had 10 career sacks. His head coach in football at Gateway was Steve Eaton; he also lettered four times in both track and wrestling, placing fifth in the heavyweight division in the state meet in the latter as a senior.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in finance at Colorado. He is interested in the banking industry as a possible career after football.

**PERSONAL**—He was born Feb. 13, 1980 in Denver. Hobbies include playing most sports, hunting and fishing.

## 56 JOHN MARTIN, ILB

6-4, 220, Fr., HS, Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)

**AT COLORADO:** This Season (Fr.)—He is projected as an inside linebacker in his true freshman year in college.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned second-team All-Colorado and first-team all-Centennial League honors. A SuperPrep preseason All-Midlands team member, he was also nominated for East-West All-America honors. As a junior, he earned third-team all-league accolades. A three-year starter at linebacker, he had 115 tackles, eight quarterback sacks, four fumble recoveries and two passes broken up his senior year. He had 99 tackles with six sacks and an interception as a junior. Creek, coached by his father, Rocky, was 6-4 his senior year, 9-3 his junior season and 5-5 his sophomore campaign. He also lettered four times in track (throws; had a career best of 49-6 in the discus).

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born July 22, 1984 in Denver. His hobbies include weightlifting, and he has an interest in coaching. Father (Rocky) played linebacker for the Buffaloes, lettering in 1967-68; older brother (Rocky Jr.) played inside linebacker at Colorado State.

**The Buffs Against The Best** Here's a look at how CU has fared all-time against nationally ranked teams (*Associated Press* poll):

| <i>Games</i>       | <i>All-Time Record</i> | <i>1989-03 Record</i> | <i>Coach With The Most Wins</i>        |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| versus Top 5.....  | 11-44-2                | 7-12-1                | 5 wins by Bill McCartney               |
| versus Top 10..... | 24-76-3                | 13-21-2               | 8 wins by Eddie Crowder/Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 15..... | 36-92-3                | 19-25-2               | 10 wins by Bill McCartney              |
| versus Top 25..... | 65-115-3               | 39-34-2               | 20 wins by Bill McCartney              |

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the eight-year old league owns a **21-45** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own seven of those wins. CU is 8-6 against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 7-4, Texas 2-5, Kansas State 2-3, Baylor 1-3, Oklahoma 1-0, Kansas 0-2, Iowa State 0-3, Oklahoma State 0-3, Texas A&M 0-5, Missouri 0-5 and Texas Tech 0-6.

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Kansas State 26-3, Nebraska 26-4, Texas A&M 21-7, Oklahoma State 17-6, Texas 20-8, Iowa State 17-7, Oklahoma 19-8, Texas Tech 19-10, Missouri 16-9, Kansas 14-9, **Colorado 16-11** and Baylor 13-10. Traditionally, CU has played one of the nation's more challenging schedules and has avoided "cupcakes, creampuffs, Twinkies and other dessert cart food" for non-league games.

**Two-Minute Warning** Colorado has scored 99 times in 150 tries that the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 66.0 percent of the time). CU opened strong in this area in 2002, as the Buffs scored twice in as many tries in the season opener against Colorado State, registering a TD at the end of the first half and the game-winning score at the end of the game—CU's first in the two-minute drill since 1999. The Buffs were just 1-of-4 last year, scoring a TD in the first half against Texas Tech, and were 5-of-9 in 2001 and 6-for-10 in the drill in 2000, when it posted a 3-8 record. One of the most prolific years in the drill came in 1994, when CU was 7-of-8; that included two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade. Between 1988 and 1994, Colorado was an amazing 61-of-81 in the two-minute offense, with 44 touchdowns. The chart showing CU's scores:

| 2-Min. Offense/Scores | 1988  | 1989  | 1990  | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | Totals  | Pct. |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------|------|
| Total.....            | 10-13 | 11-11 | 11-14 | 8-12 | 6-12 | 8-11 | 7- 8 | 5- 8 | 4- 6 | 6-11 | 3- 5 | 6-13 | 6-10 | 5- 9 | 1- 4 | 2- 2 | 99-150  | 66.0 |
| First Half.....       | 6- 7  | 10-10 | 6- 7  | 4- 5 | 4- 9 | 6- 7 | 4- 4 | 4- 6 | 4- 6 | 1- 3 | 2- 3 | 5- 8 | 4- 5 | 4- 7 | 1- 2 | 1- 1 | 66- 90  | 73.3 |
| TDs/FGs.....          | 4/2   | 7/3   | 2/4   | 3/1  | 2/2  | 5/1  | 3/1  | 3/1  | 3/1  | 0/1  | 0/2  | 2/3  | 2/2  | 4/0  | 1/0  | 1/0  | (42/24) |      |
| Second Half.....      | 4- 6  | 1- 1  | 5- 7  | 4- 7 | 2- 3 | 2- 4 | 3- 4 | 1- 2 | 0- 0 | 5- 8 | 1- 2 | 1- 5 | 2- 5 | 1- 2 | 0- 2 | 1- 1 | 33- 59  | 55.9 |
| TDs/FGs.....          | 4/0   | 1/0   | 4/1   | 4/0  | 1/1  | 2/0  | 2/1  | 1/0  | 0/0  | 5/0  | 0/1  | 1/0  | 1/1  | 1/0  | 0/0  | 1/0  | (28/ 5) |      |
| Winning/Tying Scores  | 2     | 0     | 2     | 2    | 2    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | ( 14)   |      |

**Time Spent In The Lead** The below chart indicates the amount of time Colorado has spent in the lead (or behind, for that matter), since joining the Big 12 Conference (\*—denotes bowl game):

| 1996                           | In Lead (Behind) | 1997                           | In Lead (Behind) | 1998                           | In Lead (Behind) | 1999                           | In Lead (Behind) |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| WASHINGTON ST.                 | 51:20            | COLORADO ST.                   | 35:31 ( 5:11)    | COLORADO ST.                   | 50:02 ( 3:15)    | COLORADO ST.                   | 0:00 (54:10)     |
| COLORADO ST.                   | 43:18 ( 8:17)    | MICHIGAN                       | 0:00 (54:28)     | FRESNO STATE                   | 17:56 (35:47)    | SAN JOSE ST.                   | 58:57            |
| MICHIGAN                       | 17:08 (32:21)    | WYOMING                        | 15:44 (34:53)    | UTAH STATE                     | 48:28 ( 4:33)    | KANSAS                         | 54:03            |
| TEXAS A & M                    | 59:47            | TEXAS A & M                    | 18:41 (30:51)    | BAYLOR                         | 48:29 ( 4:31)    | WASHINGTON                     | 7:33 (12:36)     |
| OKLAHOMA ST.                   | 51:02            | OKLAHOMA ST.                   | 35:22 (18:01)    | OKLAHOMA                       | 41:11 (12:56)    | MISSOURI                       | 36:56 (20:19)    |
| KANSAS                         | 54:44            | KANSAS                         | 43:08 ( 2:29)    | KANSAS STATE                   | 0:00 (49:25)     | TEXAS TECH                     | 0:00 (39:53)     |
| TEXAS                          | 8:50 (45:25)     | TEXAS                          | 49:42 ( 4:15)    | TEXAS TECH                     | 48:12            | IOWA STATE                     | 35:35 (17:59)    |
| MISSOURI                       | 36:42 ( 4:32)    | MISSOURI                       | 10:11 (45:34)    | KANSAS                         | 9:22 (30:01)     | OKLAHOMA                       | 46:14 (10:15)    |
| IOWA STATE                     | 43:50 ( 8:53)    | IOWA STATE                     | 6:19 (48:33)     | MISSOURI                       | 0:00 (56:00)     | KANSAS STATE                   | 0:00 (46:53)     |
| KANSAS STATE                   | 53:54            | KANSAS STATE                   | 4:06 (44:21)     | IOWA STATE                     | 57:41            | BAYLOR                         | 54:08            |
| NEBRASKA                       | 5:36 (51:20)     | NEBRASKA                       | 0:00 (49:16)     | NEBRASKA                       | 8:23 (26:29)     | NEBRASKA                       | 0:00# (56:46)    |
| *WASHINGTON                    | 31:50 (18:27)    | (no bowl game)                 |                  | *OREGON                        | 59:43            | *BOSTON COLL.                  | 56:05            |
| Time Spent In The Lead: 458:01 |                  | Time Spent In The Lead: 218:44 |                  | Time Spent In The Lead: 389:07 |                  | Time Spent In The Lead: 349:31 |                  |
| Time Opp. In The Lead: 169:15  |                  | Time Opp. In The Lead: 337:52  |                  | Time Opp. In The Lead: 222:57  |                  | Time Opp. In The Lead: 258:51  |                  |
| Games Held Lead In: 12         |                  | Games Held Lead In: 9          |                  | Games Held Lead In: 10         |                  | Games Held Lead In: 9          |                  |
| Games Trained In: 7            |                  | Games Trained In: 11           |                  | Games Trained In: 9            |                  | Games Trained In: 8            |                  |
| 2000                           | In Lead (Behind) | 2001                           | In Lead (Behind) | 2002                           | In Lead (Behind) | 2003                           | In Lead (Behind) |
| COLORADO ST.                   | 19:29 (31:37)    | FRESNO STATE                   | 0:00 (51:23)     | COLORADO ST.                   | 3:19 (47:33)     | COLORADO ST.                   | 33:36 (10:25)    |
| USC                            | 0:00 (12:59)     | COLORADO ST.                   | 59:04            | SAN DIEGO STATE                | 49:03            | UCLA                           |                  |
| WASHINGTON                     | 16:43 (29:13)    | SAN JOSE ST.                   | 53:21            | USC                            | 0:00 (54:56)     | WASHINGTON ST.                 |                  |
| KANSAS STATE                   | 0:00 (57:03)     | KANSAS                         | 24:55 (11:41)    | UCLA                           | 30:23 ( 1:16)    | FLORIDA STATE                  |                  |
| TEXAS A & M                    | 36:03 (11:17)    | KANSAS STATE                   | 50:11            | KANSAS STATE                   | 50:35            | BAYLOR                         |                  |
| TEXAS                          | 0:00 (44:20)     | TEXAS A&M                      | 35:04 (8:32)     | KANSAS                         | 55:34 ( 0:45)    | KANSAS                         |                  |
| KANSAS                         | 2:32 (47:09)     | TEXAS                          | 0:00 (54:09)     | BAYLOR                         | 58:57            | KANSAS STATE                   |                  |
| OKLAHOMA ST.                   | 56:47            | OKLAHOMA ST.                   | 21:33 (29:31)    | TEXAS TECH                     | 37:11 ( 7:35)    | OKLAHOMA                       |                  |
| MISSOURI                       | 57:58            | MISSOURI                       | 30:02 ( 5:28)    | OKLAHOMA                       | 0:00 (55:32)     | TEXAS TECH                     |                  |
| IOWA STATE                     | 30:37 (26:01)    | IOWA STATE                     | 40:41 (16:16)    | MISSOURI                       | 46:27 ( 8:33)    | MISSOURI                       |                  |
| NEBRASKA                       | 9:46 (41:17)     | NEBRASKA                       | 57:17            | IOWA STATE                     | 27:22 (17:26)    | IOWA STATE                     |                  |
| (no bowl game)                 |                  | TEXAS                          | 44:24 ( 7:35)    | NEBRASKA                       | 30:29 ( 9:25)    | NEBRASKA                       |                  |
|                                |                  | *OREGON                        | 2:38 (43:13)     | OKLAHOMA                       | 0:00 (50:29)     |                                |                  |
| Time Spent In The Lead: 229:55 |                  | Time Spent In The Lead: 419:10 |                  | *WISCONSIN                     | 36:01 ( 7:55)    | Time Spent In The Lead: 33:36  |                  |
| Time Opp. In The Lead: 300:56  |                  | Time Opp. In The Lead: 227:48  |                  | Time Spent In The Lead: 425:21 |                  | Time Opp. In The Lead: 10:25   |                  |
| Games Held Lead In: 8          |                  | Games Held Lead In: 11         |                  | Time Opp. In The Lead: 261:28  |                  | Games Held Lead In: 1          |                  |
| Games Trained In: 9            |                  | Games Trained In: 9            |                  | Games Held Lead In: 11         |                  | Games Trained In: 1            |                  |
|                                |                  |                                |                  | Games Trained In: 11           |                  |                                |                  |

#—led in overtime. In 85 games over the last eight seasons, CU has led in 70 of them; the Buffs have also had a lead in 48 of 58 Big 12 games.

**Thefts & Scores** CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, nine Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. Two did it in 2001: sophomore **Medford Moorer** picked off his first career pass and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, while junior **Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the Colorado State game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a touchdown against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first career interception in CU's win over Colorado State in 1997, and he returned it 26 yards for a touchdown, which rallied the Buffs into a 14-14 tie a little over a minute into the second half. Barnes became the fourth Buffalo in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a touchdown—**Marcus Washington** had a 95-yard theft for a score in the '96 Cotton Bowl against Oregon; **Vili Maumau** had a 33-yard interception for six (and a Hula dance) at Colorado State in 1996; and **Nick Ziegler** stole one for a 31-yard score against Washington in the '96 Holiday Bowl. The only Buff in that time frame whose first career interception didn't go for a score was **Damen Wheeler**—and it appeared did score against K-State in 1996, but he was called for stepping out of bounds. **Ben Kelly** didn't do with an interception, but he did take his first career punt return back for a TD (against Utah State). In 1992, **Dwayne Davis** returned one 31 yards for a TD in a 21-20 win at Minnesota to start this amazing run.



## Stat Shots

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- In its history, Colorado is **273-9-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **197-3** with 35-plus points and **182-2** with 36-plus, **158-1** with 38-plus and **103-0** with 43 or more tallies. The three losses with 35 more points came to Air Force (58-35 in 1968), Oklahoma (82-42 in 1980) and Stanford (41-37 in 1993). Colorado has played **1,051** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- Colorado is **7-11-1** in its last **19** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-22-2** against top 10 schools and **39-34-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **85** of its last **171** games, posting an **80-4-1** record. The losses were at Stanford, 41-37 in 1993, to Missouri in Boulder in 1997, 41-31, and twice to Nebraska (in Boulder in 1999, 33-30, in overtime; and 34-32 at Lincoln in 2000). The tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **125** of these **171** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **105-18-2** (CU is **16-28-2** when held to 20 points or less).
- CU has allowed only **269** touchdowns in the last **535** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **266** times have yielded **136** field goals as well as **130** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 25% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 50% of the time, which are astonishing numbers.
- Opponents had just 18 scores (14 TD, 4 FG) on 33 drives started inside CU territory in 2002; the Buff "D" has rose to the occasion in this situation since mid-1998. Opponents had 10 TDs in 31 drives started in CU territory in 1999, an awesome figure that was added to in 2000, as opponents had just nine TDs (and 12 scores) in 21 drives started on the Buff side of the 50. In 2001, the foe scored 11 TDs in 24 starts in plus territory, so when all these numbers are combined with the last half of 1998, the three-plus year total is just **46** touchdowns in **115** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **63** scores overall, meaning **52** non-scores). CSU scored twice, both TDs, out of four drives started in plus territory in the '03 opener.
- CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **34** of its last **69** contests (five times in 2002, eight times in '01), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **122** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **70** times (57 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **37** of the **122** games since the '93 season opener (30%)... and remember CU has played **56** ranked teams in this **122**-game span.
- Colorado had seven touchdowns by returns in 2001 (4 interception, 2 punt, 1 fumble), a school record; but guess what? The 2002 team matched it (3 fumble, 2 interception, 2 punt). Dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, and including the eight total in 2002 (one came in the bowl), the Buffs have **27** scores by return in their last **47** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **47** scores by return in its last **98** games (40 regular season, seven bowl), or one almost every two games.
- Against CSU, the Buff defense practically was in an all or nothing mode. The Rams ran 79 plays, 37 for five yards or more, with 33 for zero or minus yardage. That left only nine plays that generated 1, 2, 3 or 4 yards, a fairly low number. By contract, CU ran 77 plays, 30 for five-plus yards, 28 for zero or minus yards, and 19 between one and four yards.
- Colorado rushed and passed for over 200 yards once in 2002 (Missouri), but did it four times in 2001 (San Jose State, Missouri, Iowa State, Nebraska; the last three in a row) and has accomplished the 200 "double-double" **eight** times in the last **50** games. The Buffs have recorded the feat **29** times in their last **122** games (dating to 1993); CU did it five times in both 1994 and 1995, four times in 1993 and once in 1996. CU averaged over 200 in each for the season in both 1993 and 1994 (the first times ever at CU), as well as in 2001 (228.5/205.9), and also came close in 1995. The Buffs are **29-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to 1993, CU had accomplished the feat only eight times in its previous 140 games.*
- Colorado has allowed **265** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for only **157** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **265** sacks allowed for **3,885** pass plays called, or one for every **14.7** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **113** interceptions in **3,618** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.12** percent (one every **32.0** passes).
- Colorado scored quickly in 2002, as the Buffs had **23** scoring drives of under 2:00 (out of 54), including **18** touchdown marches. But **11** of those drives were 56 yards or *longer*, and **16** of CU's scoring drives were four plays *or less*. **It was no different in the '03 opener, as CU had three TD drives under one minute:** in fact, the three were a combined 237 yards in length (80, 77 and 80). And throw in a fourth drive—the game-winner—that took 1:10 and covered 75 yards.
- Colorado is **78-25-3** in its last **106** league games, and has the ninth fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- CU has scored in **3** of 4 quarters in 2003, after scoring in 39 of 56 quarters in '02 (and in one of two overtime periods); the Buffs scored in 41 of 52 quarters in 2001 (12 in a row at one time), its best since '95 and vastly improved over 2000 (28 of 44). Colorado had scored in 29 of 44 quarters in 1999 (as well as in the two OT sessions). In the postseason, CU scored in all four quarters in the 1993 Aloha Bowl, the 1995 Fiesta Bowl, the 1996 Holiday Bowl, the 1998 Aloha Bowl and the 1999 Insight.com Bowl, and scored in three of the four at the 1996 Cotton Bowl (**CU had scored in 16 consecutive quarters in bowls until Oregon shut out the Buffs in the second quarter in the '02 Fiesta Bowl**). All tolled, CU has scored in **370** of its last **480** quarters (77 percent).

**Safely Ahead** The Buffaloes have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 26 years. Going back to start of the 1976 season (316 games), Colorado has blown a two-or-more score lead only 10 times, losing seven and tying three. A closer look (\*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

| Date     | Opponent             | CU Lead (when)          | Result   | Date     | Opponent          | CU Lead (when)          | Result   |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 11/11/00 | Iowa State           | 11 (20- 9; 2nd Quarter) | L, 27-35 | 8/26/90  | *Tennessee        | 14 (31-17; 4th Quarter) | T, 31-31 |
| 9/02/00  | Colorado State (Den) | 10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter) | L, 24-28 | 9/27/86  | ARIZONA           | 9 (21-12; 4th Quarter)  | L, 21-24 |
| 10/23/93 | at Kansas State      | 9 ( 9- 0; 2nd Quarter)  | T, 16-16 | 11/03/84 | KANSAS            | 11 (27-16; 4th Quarter) | L, 27-28 |
| 9/18/93  | at Stanford          | 10 (37-27; 4th Quarter) | L, 37-41 | 10/16/82 | at Oklahoma State | 13 (13- 0; 1st Quarter) | T, 25-25 |
| 9/15/90  | at Illinois          | 14 (17- 3; 2nd Quarter) | L, 22-23 | 9/19/81  | WASHINGTON ST.    | 10 (10- 0; 4th Quarter) | L, 10-14 |

Colorado has lost only 15 games (and was tied twice) dating back to 1980 when leading by *any* margin at any point in the fourth quarter or overtime. The most recent losses have been to Wisconsin in the Alamo Bowl (losing 31-28 in overtime after leading 28-21 late in the game), to Colorado State in the '02 opener (19-14 after briefly leading 14-13 with 9:39 left), and two games in 2000: to Colorado State in the opener (losing 28-24 after leading 24-14) and at Nebraska (lost 34-32 on a field goal at the final gun after leading 24-21 early in the fourth and 32-31 with 47 seconds left). In conference play, only Kansas (1984), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001) and Oklahoma State (1997) have rallied in the fourth to topple CU in this span. The ties came against Tennessee in 1990 (31-31, after leading 31-17) and Kansas State in 1993 (16-16 after taking a late 16-13 lead).

- In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 25 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The most recent wins of that variety came in 2001, against Oklahoma State (won 22-19 after trailing 19-7) and Missouri (won 38-24 after trailing 14-0).
- Colorado has won **70** of its last **72** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead, including **26** straight on the road. A streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also rallied from two scores down to win in '00).

**Little Known Rarity** In CU history, the Buffaloes have had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game on 23 occasions. It's happened six times over the last four seasons, and amazingly, three games in a row late in 2001, including the first time the same player had 100 yards in both in the same game (**TB Cortlen Johnson** at Iowa State: 172 rushing and 105 receiving); Johnson and **TE Daniel Graham** did it against Missouri, Graham and **TBs Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. Colorado is 18-5 in games when this occurs. *A game-by-game look at this unique accomplishment can be found on page 187 of the 2003 Colorado football media guide.*

**In-Season Birthdays** Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2003 season, including camp (\*—denotes on a game day):

|                            |                              |                               |                                |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Aug. 9 Dusty Sprague (19)  | Sept 20 *Marques Harris (22) | Oct. 10 T. Washington (20)    | Nov. 16 J.J. Billingsley (20)  |
| Aug. 9 Justin Zaitz (19)   | Sept 20 *Drew Shader (21)    | Oct. 13 DeAndre Fluellen (23) | Nov. 18 Edwin Harrison (19)    |
| Aug. 14 Chris Russell (19) | Sept 20 *Vance Joseph (31)   | Oct. 17 J.T. Eberly (22)      | Nov. 19 Chad Cusworth (20)     |
| Aug. 16 Colt Brennan (20)  | Sept 20 *Brian White (19)    | Oct. 20 Ty Littlehales (20)   | Nov. 20 Barry Kunkel (23)      |
| Aug. 18 Jon Guydon (20)    | Sept 21 Shawn Watson (44)    | Oct. 28 Dan Gonzales (23)     | Nov. 28 *Kevin Eberhart (19)   |
| Aug. 19 John Torp (21)     | Sept 22 V.Washington (20)    | Oct. 29 Phil Jackson (24)     | Nov. 28 *Medford Moorner (23)  |
| Aug. 20 Jesse Wallace (21) | Sept 24 Blake Mackey (20)    | Oct. 30 Allen Mackey (22)     | Dec. 12 Derek Stemrich (22)    |
| Aug. 25 Alex Ligon (19)    | Sept 28 Emery Mueller (20)   | Oct. 31 Brian Daniels (19)    | Dec. 16 Brandon Caesar (22)    |
| Aug. 28 Lee Goldstein (28) | Oct. 1 David Hansburg (35)   | Nov. 5 Jeff Tolbert (21)      | Dec. 19 Bobby Purify (22)      |
| Aug. 30 *Lorenzo Sims (18) | Oct. 2 Erik Greenberg (23)   | Nov. 6 Matt McChesney (22)    | Dec. 27 Travis Berry (20)      |
| Aug. 31 Sam Richmond (20)  | Oct. 2 Evan Judge (21)       | Nov. 9 Joe Klopfenstein (20)  | Dec. 28 Ben Carpenter (20)     |
| Sept 3 Mason Crosby (19)   | Oct. 3 Walter Boye-Doe (19)  | Nov. 11 Mike Sutton (21)      | Dec. 29 James Cox (20)         |
| Sept 3 Daniel Jolly (19)   | Oct. 5 Fred Staugh (19)      | Nov. 13 Derek McCoy (23)      | Dec. 31 Stephone Robinson (19) |
| Sept 14 Marwan Hage (22)   | Oct. 6 Brandon Dabdoub (22)  | Nov. 14 Mark Fenton (20)      |                                |
| Sept 16 Mike Duren (22)    | Oct. 8 John Donahoe (23)     | Nov. 14 Gary Moore (21)       |                                |

**Dinosaurs** Through one game in 2003, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** had attended and worked 395 CU football games, including a current run of 378 in a row (he's seen 415 all told). Yours truly (**SID Dave Plati**) has worked 272, including the last 230 in a row. **Brian Cabral** is the football staff member with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 171 in a row as a member of the staff; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 217 CU games. Head coach **Gary Barnett** has now coached in 146 Buffalo games (95 as an assistant). The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 Colorado football games in person prior to his passing on Oct. 12 of last year; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw *every* CU home game (394 of 'em) between 1921 and 1999; he passed away in 1999 at the age of 94.

**Playing On Sunday** There are 28 Colorado Buffaloes on 2003 National Football League preliminary opening day rosters (as of Sept. 1). The Buffs had 42 report to camps, tied for the most in the Big 12 with Nebraska (K-State and Texas A&M were next with 37). In 2002, CU tied for 10th nationally with the most players in the NFL with 29; Florida and Florida State shared first (39). CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was third in 2000 and 2001 and second in 2002. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2003 list (2R—denotes second-year rookie):

| <u>Player</u>          | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>Team</u>          | <u>Exp.</u> | <u>Player</u>                                                   | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>Team</u>          | <u>Exp.</u>            |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Tom Ashworth           | OT          | New England Patriots | 2           | <b>In Camps or On Rosters But Waived:</b>                       |             |                      |                        |
| Justin Bannan          | DT          | Buffalo Bills        | 2           | Rashidi Barnes                                                  | S           | Washington Redskins  | 2                      |
| Mitch Berger           | P           | New Orleans Saints   | 10          | Justin Bates                                                    | OT          | Dallas Cowboys       | R                      |
| Greg Biekert           | LB          | Minnesota Vikings    | 10          | Brad Bedell                                                     | OG          | Washington Redskins  | 2                      |
| Tyler Brayton          | DT          | Oakland Raiders      | R           | Brandon Drumm                                                   | RB          | Detroit Lions        | R                      |
| Chad Brown             | OLB         | Seattle Seahawks     | 10          | Josh Foster                                                     | OT          | Jacksonville Jaguars | R                      |
| Chris Brown            | RB          | Tennessee Titans     | R           | Charles Johnson                                                 | WR          | Buffalo Bills        | 10                     |
| Koy Detmer             | QB          | Philadelphia Eagles  | 6           | Heath Irwin                                                     | OG          | Denver Broncos       | 7                      |
| Christian Fauria       | TE          | New England Patriots | 8           | Ben Kelly                                                       | CB          | Denver Broncos       | 3                      |
| Daniel Graham          | TE          | New England Patriots | 1           | Mark Mariscal                                                   | P           | New Orleans Saints   | R                      |
| Andre Gurode           | OG          | Dallas Cowboys       | 1           | Brady McDonnell                                                 | TE          | Buffalo Bills        | 2                      |
| Brody Heffner Liddiard | TE          | Minnesota Vikings    | 3           | John Minardi                                                    | WR          | Houston Texans       | 2R                     |
| Darius Holland         | DT          | Denver Broncos       | 8           | Robbie Robinson                                                 | FS          | St. Louis Rams       | 2R                     |
| Ted Johnson            | LB          | New England Patriots | 8           | Rashaan Salaam                                                  | RB          | San Francisco 49ers  | 4                      |
| Fred Jones             | OLB         | Kansas City Chiefs   | 3           | Drew Wahlroos                                                   | LB          | Philadelphia Eagles  | R                      |
| Greg Jones             | OLB         | Arizona Cardinals    | 6           | (*-practice squad; #-placed on injured reserve for the season.) |             |                      |                        |
| Matt Lepsis            | OT          | Denver Broncos       | 6           | <b>COACHES</b>                                                  |             |                      |                        |
| Michael Lewis          | SS          | Philadelphia Eagles  | 1           | <b>Name</b>                                                     | <b>Pos.</b> | <b>Team</b>          | <b>Tie To Colorado</b> |
| Wayne Lucier           | C           | New York Giants      | R           | Tom Batta                                                       | TE          | San Francisco        | Asst. Coach, 1974-78   |
| Kory Mossoni           | LB          | New Orleans Saints   | R           | Ronnie Bradford                                                 | ST          | Denver               | Player, 1989-92        |
| Chris Naeole           | OG          | Jacksonville Jaguars | 6           | Greg Brown                                                      | Def         | New Orleans          | Asst. Coach, 1991-93   |
| Hannibal Navies        | LB          | Green Bay Packers    | 4           | Jim Caldwell                                                    | QB          | Indianapolis         | Asst. Coach, 1982-84   |
| Sam Rogers             | OLB         | Atlanta Falcons      | 9           | David Gibbs                                                     | DB          | Denver               | Player, 1987-90        |
| Victor Rogers          | OT          | Detroit Lions        | 1           | Steve Marshall                                                  | OL          | Houston              | Asst. Coach, 2000-01   |
| Tom Rouen              | P           | Seattle Seahawks     | 11          | Rod Perry                                                       | DB          | Carolina             | Player, 1973-74        |
| Kordell Stewart        | QB          | Chicago Bears        | 8           |                                                                 |             |                      |                        |
| Donald Strickland      | CB          | Indianapolis Colts   | R           |                                                                 |             |                      |                        |
| Jashon Sykes           | LB          | Denver Broncos       | 1           |                                                                 |             |                      |                        |

**BY TEAM (20 of 32)**—Denver 5, New England 4, Minnesota 2, New Orleans 2, Philadelphia 2, Seattle 2, Arizona 1, Atlanta 1, Buffalo 1, Chicago 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Green Bay 1, Indianapolis 1, Jacksonville 1, Kansas City 1, N.Y. Giants 1, Oakland 1, San Francisco 1, Tennessee 1. **AND IN CANADA?** For the first time in a long time, were Buffaloes are in the Canadian Football League this summer.

**DECADE NUMBERS:** Colorado had 46 players drafted between 1993 and 2002, the seventh most in the nation and second most in the Big 12. Tennessee led the way with 60, followed by Florida State (58), Nebraska (53), Ohio State (52), Florida (48), Miami, Fla. (47) and then Colorado.

**NOTE:** How good was CU's 1994 offense? Ten of the 11 starters were drafted into the NFL (Tony Berti, Rae Carruth, Fauria, Irwin, Naeole, Rashaan Salaam, Stewart, Bryan Stoltzberg, Derek West and Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played. Five remain on NFL rosters some nine years later.

**OL Pipeline?** In recent times, CU has been a solid conduit to the National Football League when it has come to linebackers, encroaching a bit on the title justifiably thrown Penn State's direction. However, some research has indicated CU may very well be the place to go if an offensive lineman wants to take it to the next level. Dating back to the 1991 NFL draft, or the '87 recruiting class, 16 of 21 players who started at least two years on the Buff offensive line were either drafted or signed as free agents. The list is impressive (with three others who started just one season):

| <b>Full Years</b>   |            |                     |                          | <b>Full Years</b>         |            |                     |                          |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Player</u>       | <u>Pos</u> | <u>As A Starter</u> | <u>NFL (Round or FA)</u> | <u>Player</u>             | <u>Pos</u> | <u>As A Starter</u> | <u>NFL (Round or FA)</u> |
| Wayne Lucier        | G/C        | (2) 2001-02         | N.Y. Giants (7)          | Jay Leeuwenburg           | C          | (3) 1989-90-91      | Kansas City (9)          |
| Andre Gurode        | G/C        | (3) 1999-00-01      | Dallas (2)               | Mark VanderPoel           | T          | (3) 1988-89-90      | Indianapolis (4)         |
| Victor Rogers       | T          | (3) 1999-00-01      | Detroit (7)              | Joe Garten                | G          | (4) 1987-88-89-90   | Green Bay (6)            |
| Shane Cook          | T          | (2) 1998-99         | New Orleans (FA)         | <b>One-Year Starters:</b> |            |                     |                          |
| Ryan Johanningmeier | G/T        | (3) 1997-98-99      | Atlanta (FA)             | Tom Ashworth              | T          | (1) 2000            | New England (FA)         |
| Melvin Thomas       | G/T        | (3) 1995-96-97      | Philadelphia (7)         | Justin Bates              | T/G        | (3) 2000-01-02      | Dallas (7)               |
| Chris Naeole        | G          | (3) 1994-95-96      | New Orleans (1)          | Brad Bedell               | G          | (2) 1998-99         | Cleveland (6)            |
| Bryan Stoltzberg    | C          | (4) 1992-93-94-95   | San Diego (6)            | Heath Irwin               | G          | (3) 1993-94-95      | New England (4)          |
| Derek West          | T          | (3) 1992-93-94      | Indianapolis (5)         | Ben Nichols               | G          | (1) 1998            | Atlanta (FA)             |
| Tony Berti          | T          | (2) 1993-94         | San Diego (6)            | Ariel Solomon             | T          | (1) 1990            | Pittsburgh (10)          |

**Scout Watch** In 2002, 63 scouts representing 25 NFL teams attended CU game days to watch another hefty CU senior class (22 in all, 19 of which were two-deep regulars). CU's senior class numbers 21 this fall, and seven teams have already scouted CU: Baltimore, Cleveland, Denver, Green Bay, N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Jets and Tennessee.



**The Average Buff** The 105 players on the 2003 opening roster (Aug. 24) were 7,585 inches in height and weighed 23,750 pounds, or an average of 6-2¼, 226 pounds per player (very similar to last three averages: 6-2¼, 227 in 2002 and 6-2, 227 in both 2000 and 2001). The 7,585 inches translate roughly into 632 feet or 211 yards (Chris Brown's rushing total last year at Missouri), while the weight of 23,750 pounds is the equivalent of the amount of airline fuel needed to fly just over five times between Des Moines and Chicago (at 20,000 feet). Here's a look at position-by-position averages; the biggest changes over a year ago came in the defensive front, as the ends are 14 pounds heavier and the tackles 21 pounds more on the average (LW—denotes lettermen):

| Position           | Players | LW | Height | Weight | Position               | Players    | LW        | Height      | Weight     |
|--------------------|---------|----|--------|--------|------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Cornerbacks        | 10      | 3  | 6-0    | 182    | Safeties               | 9          | 4         | 6-1         | 200        |
| Defensive Ends     | 6       | 4  | 6-4    | 244    | Quarterbacks           | 7          | 1         | 6-3         | 202        |
| Defensive Tackles  | 7       | 3  | 6-2    | 290    | Special Teams Snappers | 2          | 2         | 6-2½        | 250        |
| Fullbacks          | 5       | 4  | 6-1    | 230    | Tailbacks              | 6          | 2         | 6-0         | 199        |
| Inside Linebackers | 7       | 3  | 6-2    | 231    | Tight Ends             | 6          | 3         | 6-5         | 236        |
| Kickers/Punters    | 6       | 0  | 6-0½   | 193    | Wide Receivers         | 16         | 7         | 6-1         | 190        |
| Offensive Linemen  | 18      | 6  | 6-5    | 295    | <b>Team</b>            | <b>105</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>6-2¼</b> | <b>226</b> |

The most popular letter to begin surnames are the letters M & S (11 each), followed by H (10) and then C (9); eight players share last names, including two sets of brothers: Dan & Marcus GONZALES and Allen & Blake MACKKEY. The most popular first names are JOHN (Donahoe, Guydon, Martin, Torp) and two variations of MARCUS/MARQUES, also shared by four players (Gonzales, Harris, Jones, Moore). The more unique ones include Akarika, Colt, Dusty, Marwan, McKenzie, Medford, Omar, Thaddaeus and Vaka.

**Around The Nation** Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (80 percent of the entire roster—88 of 110 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado 43, California 23, Texas 22, Illinois 3, Louisiana 3, Iowa 2, Tennessee 2, Arizona 1, Arkansas 1, Hawai'i 1, Massachusetts 1, Minnesota 1, Missouri 1, Nebraska 1, Oklahoma 1, Oregon 1 and Wisconsin 1. That's 17 states plus Canada (two players) that produced the make-up of this year's team.

**2003 Team Makeup** The 105 players listed on the active roster breaks down into 21 seniors, 12 juniors, 26 sophomores and 46 freshmen (including 19 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

**Lettermen Returning:** 42 (23 offense, 18 defense, 1 specialist)  
**Scholarship Players:** 81

**Lettermen Lost:** 25 (12 offense, 11 defense, 2 specialists)  
**Walk-On Players:** 24

**Starters Returning (11)—Offense 3** (WR John Donahoe, SG Marwan Hage, WR Derek McCoy); **Defense 8** (DB J.J. Billingsley, DE Marques Harris, CB Phil Jackson, FS Medford Moorero, DE Gabe Nyenhuis, DB Clyde Surrell, ILB Sean Tufts, DT Sam Wilder).  
*(Calculated by those who had six or more starts in 2002.)*

**Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (5; three or more career starts)—** OL Karl Allis, DT Brandon Dabdoub, DT DeAndre Fluellen, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Sypniewski).

**Starters Lost (13)—Offense 8** (OT Justin Bates, TB Chris Brown, FB Brandon Drumm, TT Josh Foster, C Ryan Gray, QB Robert Hodge, TG Wayne Lucier, TE Beau Williams); **Defense 5** (DT Tyler Brayton, SS Kory Mossoni, DB Roderick Sneed, CB Donald Strickland, ILB Drew Wahlroos).

**Others Lost With Significant Starting Experience (3)—**QB Zac Colvin, ILB Joey Johnson, ILB Aaron Killion.

**Specialists Returning (0)—**SN Greg Pace.

**Specialists Lost (2)—**PK Pat Brougham, P Mark Mariscal.

**Senior Analysis** Colorado has 21 seniors on its roster, with several (13) in the two-deep on the depth chart. Penciled in as starters are: **OG Karl Allis**, **WR John Donahoe**, **OG Marwan Hage**, **DE Marques Harris**, **CB Phil Jackson**, **WR Derek McCoy**, **FS Medford Moorero**, **DE Gabe Nyenhuis**, **TB Bobby Purify** and **ILB Sean Tufts**. Others who will see regular action in rotations at their position include **DT DeAndre Fluellen**, **WR D.J. Hackett**, **CB Marcus Moore** and **WS Clyde Surrell**. A few should be regulars on special teams, like **FB Chad Gardner**, **TE Jake Jones** and **WR Barry Kunkel** and **S Omar Stewart**. Two others figure to be reserves at present (**WR Daniel Gonzales** and **PK Nick Riley**), with **TE Quinn Sypniewski** recovering from an injury with his return to be determined.

**Graduation Status** Five of Colorado's 21 seniors have already earned their degrees: **OG Marwan Hage** (business management, in three years), **CB Phil Jackson** (ethnic studies), **WR Derek McCoy** (marketing), **CB Marcus Moore** (journalism/broadcast news) and **FS Medford Moorero** (sociology). Two others are set to graduate in December: **WR John Donahoe** and **TE Jake Jones**, with a dozen on schedule for next May: **OG Karl Allis**, **DT DeAndre Fluellen**, **WR Daniel Gonzales**, **WR D.J. Hackett**, **DE Marques Harris**, **WR Barry Kunkel**, **DE Gabe Nyenhuis**, **TB Bobby Purify**, **PK Nick Riley**, **DB Omar Stewart**, **TE Quinn Sypniewski** and **LB Sean Tufts**. The remaining pair, **FB Chad Gardner** and **DB Clyde Surrell**, are in position to graduate in three semesters (December '04).

**NOTE:** Colorado had 24 of its 26 seniors on the 2002 roster (including medicals) graduate, a 92.3 percent rate; ILB Kory Mossoni needs a couple of classes and will do it either this fall or next spring, depending on if he sticks in the NFL, and FB Brandon Drumm plans to do the same as he needs a little more than a semester. Now, the 2002 rate won't be calculated by the NCAA for a couple of years yet, but don't look for the same number. It doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate (i.e., Wayne Lucier), but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. Go figure that one, but it's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially at tougher academic schools like Colorado.



**Streaking** Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 19 major schools. The list: 5—Air Force; 4—Baylor, Missouri, San Jose State; 3—Minnesota, Utah State, Washington State; 2—California, Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Nebraska, Northeast Louisiana, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, Texas A&M and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by Louisiana State (4) and Michigan State (3).

**Scoring Streaks** The Buffs have scored in a school record **173** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the second longest streak in the Big 12 behind Texas), last being shutout on Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **94** straight games at home (last shutout: a 28-0 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 15, 1986 in a game where the Sooners did not *attempt* a single pass). The Buffs have scored in **68** consecutive road games (**89** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **108** straight league games (all **58** in Big 12 play, including the 2001 and 2002 title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **105** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to Louisiana State on Sept. 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at home over the course of the last **233** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **405** games (dating to Oct. 5, 1968), but only four schools have done it: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through games of Aug. 31):** Texas 266, **Colorado 173**, Iowa State 132, Nebraska 90, Kansas State 80, Texas Tech 66, Oklahoma 54, Oklahoma State 28, Texas A&M 17, Baylor 3, Kansas 3 and Missouri 1. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

**Scoring Streaks II** The school record **173** consecutive games Colorado has scored in currently is the **ninth** longest active streak in the nation. The list of all those Division I-A programs that have scored in every game over at least the last 12 seasons, through games of Sept. 1:

| School           | Streak | Last Shutout                           | School           | Streak     | Last Shutout                           |
|------------------|--------|----------------------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|
| Brigham Young    | 352    | Sept. 27, 1975 at Arizona State (0-20) | <b>Colorado</b>  | <b>173</b> | <b>Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)</b> |
| Texas            | 266    | Nov. 22, 1980 at Baylor (0-16)         | Arizona          | 135        | Oct. 5, 1991 at Washington (0-54)      |
| Washington       | 253    | Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31)            | Iowa State       | 132        | Oct. 19, 1991 at Kansas (0-41)         |
| Michigan         | 216    | Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)           | Nevada           | 128        | All games: joined Div I-A in 1993      |
| Washington State | 216    | Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)    | Texas Christian  | 127        | Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)          |
| Oregon           | 209    | Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)      | Air Force        | 123        | *Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)  |
| Florida State    | 185    | Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)          | (*—Liberty Bowl) |            |                                        |
| Florida          | 184    | Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)        |                  |            |                                        |

**Outside The Nine Dots** Some out of the ordinary records by the Buffs in some unique situations:

- ❑ Colorado is **59-16** in its last **75** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **61-9** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **52-12-1** in its last **65** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **16-7** since 1986 against teams ranked between Nos. 20 and 25 in the AP poll (**7-1** in the last 8; four straight wins);
- ❑ Colorado is **57-7-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (with **11** straight wins; **64-39-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **57-17-2** in games where the starting quarterback had the letter "K" in his first or last name (dating to 1992: **Kordell Stewart**, **Duke Tobin**, **Koy Detmer**, **Mike Moschetti**, **Joel Klatt**).

**Schedule History** CU's 2002 schedule included nine bowl teams, meaning the Buffs have played 32 bowl teams over the last three seasons. The formula to calculate schedule strength by the NCAA calls for combined record of all opponents, minus wins against non-Division I teams and the results (wins & losses) against the school the research is figured for. CU's 12 opponents in 2002 under the formula posted a 100-68 log, a .595 winning percentage, the eighth toughest schedule in school history; in fact, CU's last three schedules all rank in the top eight in CU annals, with the 2003 slate likely to join them. The 1997 schedule holds down the No. 1 slot (.669), with the 1971 slate second at a .641 percentage. That schedule included national champion Nebraska (13-0), No. 2 Oklahoma (11-1), No. 11 Louisiana State (9-3) and Iowa State (8-4). The 1990 Buffs are one of just two teams (with Penn State in '82) to have won national championships while playing the nation's toughest schedule; opponents that season were 72-43-3 (.623), Colorado's fifth toughest all-time. The 1997 team played eight games against teams with winning records, with all eight having won at least seven games (five with nine-plus wins and four won 10 or more), and seven went to bowls, including the eventual co-national champions, Nebraska (13-0) and Michigan (12-0). CU also faced seven bowl teams in both 2000 and 2001, when it played the NCAA's fourth and second toughest schedules.

#### CU'S TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

| Year (Wins)     | W         | L         | T        | Pct.        |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1997 (5)        | 81        | 40        | -        | .669        |
| 1971 (10)       | 79        | 44        | 1        | .641        |
| 1962 (2)        | 59        | 34        | 2        | .632        |
| 2001 (10)       | 83        | 49        | -        | .629        |
| 1990 (11)       | 72        | 43        | 3        | .623        |
| 2000 (3)        | 74        | 46        | -        | .617        |
| 1996 (10)       | 77        | 52        | -        | .597        |
| 2002 (9)        | 100       | 68        | -        | .595        |
| 1989 (11)       | 73        | 51        | 1        | .588        |
| 1986 (6)        | 74        | 52        | 0        | .587        |
| 1951 (7)        | 49        | 34        | 6        | .584        |
| <u>1982 (2)</u> | <u>50</u> | <u>35</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>.582</u> |
| 2003 (1)        | 9         | 3         | -        | .750        |

**Opponents In 2003** Colorado played nine bowl teams on its '02 schedule, and bounces right back with nine on its 2003 slate. This year's 12 foes combined for a **92-66** record in 2002, a winning percentage of 58.2; four teams won 10 or more games (Colorado State, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Washington State), while only three did not have a winning record in the regular season (Baylor, Kansas and Missouri). CU's been a mainstay near the top of the toughest schedule standings this century, as the Buffs played the nation's 12th toughest schedule last year, after playing the fourth toughest in 2001 and second toughest in 2000. The roll call of 2003 opponents and their 2002 records: Colorado State (10-4), UCLA (8-5), Washington State (10-3), Florida State (9-5), Kansas (3-9), Baylor (2-10), Kansas State (11-2), Oklahoma (11-2), Texas Tech (9-5), Missouri (5-7), Iowa State (7-7) and Nebraska (7-7).

**No Creampuffs Here** As previously mentioned, Colorado has the **10th** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**121-46-4**). Of these 171 games, Colorado has played **75** ranked teams (44%), the third most in the nation during this time frame, with another 21 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **39-34-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-14** record *on the road*); CU is also **82-12-2** against unranked teams. CU has played the third most games against ranked teams the last nine years (**56** of its last **122** contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000, 5-2 in 2001, 2-3 in 2002 and 1-0 so far in '03. **NOTE: In 1990, CU became only the second team in NCAA history to win the national championship after playing the nation's toughest schedule (opponents won 63% of their games; Penn State was the first to accomplish the feat, in 1982). CU also played the nation's toughest (it's toughest-ever) in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games.**

**Ranked "Undefeateds" Fall At Folsom** Nine ranked, undefeated teams have lost their "0" in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The latest is Kansas State, which came to Boulder ranked No. 13 at 4-0 and lost, 35-31. Two bit the dust in 2001: Nebraska (11-0, No. 1 in the BCS and No. 2 in the polls) dropped a 62-36 game to the Buffs, as did Texas A&M (5-0, No. 20), 31-21. In 1998, No. 22 Texas Tech (6-0) fell to CU 19-17; in 1995, No.3 Texas A&M (2-0) lost, 29-21; in 1994, No. 10 Wisconsin (2-0) was crushed, 55-17; and in 1990, No. 12 Washington (3-0) left a 20-14 loser. In 1989, No. 10 Illinois (2-0) lost 38-7 and No. 3 Nebraska (8-0) fell, 27-21.

**2003 Opponent Schedules & Results** Here's a look at the schedules and results for the 12 teams on Colorado's regular season schedule:

#### COLORADO ST. (0-1)

|      |                  |    |
|------|------------------|----|
| 35   | Colorado         | 42 |
| S 6  | at California    |    |
| S 13 | WEBER STATE      |    |
| S 20 | MIAMI, OHIO      |    |
| S 27 | UTAH             |    |
| O 4  | FRESNO STATE     |    |
| O 9  | at Brigham Young |    |
| O 16 | AIR FORCE        |    |
| N 1  | at Wyoming       |    |
| N 7  | at New Mexico    |    |
| N 15 | SAN DIEGO STATE  |    |
| N 22 | at UNLV          |    |

#### FLORIDA STATE (1-0)

|      |                   |   |
|------|-------------------|---|
| 37   | at North Carolina | 0 |
| S 6  | MARYLAND          |   |
| S 13 | GEORGIA TECH      |   |
| S 20 | COLORADO          |   |
| S 27 | at Duke           |   |
| O 11 | MIAMI, FLA.       |   |
| O 18 | at Virginia       |   |
| O 25 | WAKE FOREST       |   |
| N 1  | at Notre Dame     |   |
| N 8  | at Clemson        |   |
| N 15 | N.C. STATE        |   |
| N 29 | at Florida        |   |

#### KANSAS STATE (2-0)

|      |                   |    |
|------|-------------------|----|
| 42   | California        | 28 |
| 41   | TROY STATE        | 5  |
| S 6  | McNEESE STATE     |    |
| S 13 | MASSACHUSETTS     |    |
| S 20 | MARSHALL          |    |
| O 4  | at Texas          |    |
| O 11 | at Oklahoma State |    |
| O 18 | COLORADO          |    |
| O 25 | KANSAS            |    |
| N 1  | BAYLOR            |    |
| N 8  | at Iowa State     |    |
| N 15 | at Nebraska       |    |
| N 22 | MISSOURI          |    |

#### MISSOURI (1-0)

|      |                         |    |
|------|-------------------------|----|
| 22   | Illinois (at St. Louis) | 15 |
| S 6  | at Ball State           |    |
| S 13 | EASTERN ILLINOIS        |    |
| S 20 | M. TENNESSEE ST.        |    |
| S 27 | at Kansas               |    |
| O 11 | NEBRASKA                |    |
| O 18 | at Oklahoma             |    |
| O 25 | TEXAS TECH              |    |
| N 1  | IOWA STATE              |    |
| N 8  | at Colorado             |    |
| N 15 | TEXAS A&M               |    |
| N 22 | at Kansas State         |    |

#### UCLA (0-0)

|      |                     |  |
|------|---------------------|--|
| S 6  | at Colorado         |  |
| S 13 | ILLINOIS            |  |
| S 20 | at Oklahoma         |  |
| S 27 | SAN DIEGO STATE     |  |
| O 4  | WASHINGTON          |  |
| O 11 | at Arizona          |  |
| O 18 | CALIFORNIA          |  |
| O 25 | ARIZONA STATE       |  |
| N 1  | at Stanford         |  |
| N 8  | at Washington State |  |
| N 15 | OREGON              |  |
| N 22 | at Southern Cal     |  |

#### BAYLOR (0-1)

|      |                   |    |
|------|-------------------|----|
| 19   | ALA-BIRMINGHAM    | 24 |
| S 6  | at North Texas    |    |
| S 13 | SMU               |    |
| S 20 | SAM HOUSTON STATE |    |
| O 4  | COLORADO          |    |
| O 11 | at Texas A&M      |    |
| O 18 | at Kansas         |    |
| O 25 | TEXAS             |    |
| N 1  | at Kansas State   |    |
| N 8  | TEXAS TECH        |    |
| N 15 | at Oklahoma       |    |
| N 22 | OKLAHOMA STATE    |    |

#### OKLAHOMA (1-0)

|      |                      |   |
|------|----------------------|---|
| 37   | NORTH TEXAS          | 3 |
| S 6  | at Alabama           |   |
| S 13 | FRESNO STATE         |   |
| S 20 | UCLA                 |   |
| O 4  | at Iowa State        |   |
| O 11 | at Texas (at Dallas) |   |
| O 18 | MISSOURI             |   |
| O 25 | at Colorado          |   |
| N 1  | OKLAHOMA STATE       |   |
| N 8  | TEXAS A&M            |   |
| N 15 | BAYLOR               |   |
| N 22 | at Texas Tech        |   |

#### IOWA STATE (1-0)

|      |                      |    |
|------|----------------------|----|
| 17   | NORTHERN IOWA        | 10 |
| S 6  | OHIO                 |    |
| S 13 | IOWA                 |    |
| S 27 | at Northern Illinois |    |
| O 4  | OKLAHOMA             |    |
| O 11 | at Texas Tech        |    |
| O 18 | TEXAS                |    |
| O 25 | at Nebraska          |    |
| N 1  | at Missouri          |    |
| N 8  | KANSAS STATE         |    |
| N 15 | COLORADO             |    |
| N 22 | at Kansas            |    |

#### WASHINGTON ST. (1-0)

|      |                    |   |
|------|--------------------|---|
| 25   | Idaho (at Seattle) | 0 |
| S 6  | at Notre Dame      |   |
| S 13 | at Colorado        |   |
| S 20 | NEW MEXICO         |   |
| S 27 | at Oregon          |   |
| O 4  | ARIZONA            |   |
| O 18 | at Stanford        |   |
| O 25 | OREGON STATE       |   |
| N 1  | at Southern Cal    |   |
| N 8  | UCLA               |   |
| N 15 | ARIZONA STATE      |   |
| N 22 | at Washington      |   |

#### KANSAS (0-1)

|      |                   |    |
|------|-------------------|----|
| 20   | NORTHWESTERN      | 28 |
| S 6  | UNLV              |    |
| S 13 | at Wyoming        |    |
| S 20 | JACKSONVILLE ST.  |    |
| S 27 | MISSOURI          |    |
| O 11 | at Colorado       |    |
| O 18 | BAYLOR            |    |
| O 25 | at Kansas State   |    |
| N 1  | at Texas A&M      |    |
| N 8  | NEBRASKA          |    |
| N 15 | at Oklahoma State |    |
| N 22 | IOWA STATE        |    |

#### TEXAS TECH (1-0)

|      |                         |    |
|------|-------------------------|----|
| 58   | SMU                     | 10 |
| S 6  | NEW MEXICO              |    |
| S 20 | at North Carolina State |    |
| S 27 | at Mississippi          |    |
| O 4  | TEXAS A&M               |    |
| O 11 | IOWA STATE              |    |
| O 18 | at Oklahoma State       |    |
| O 25 | at Missouri             |    |
| N 1  | COLORADO                |    |
| N 8  | at Baylor               |    |
| N 15 | at Texas                |    |
| N 22 | OKLAHOMA                |    |

#### NEBRASKA (1-0)

|      |                         |   |
|------|-------------------------|---|
| 17   | OKLAHOMA STATE          | 7 |
| S 6  | UTAH STATE              |   |
| S 13 | PENN STATE              |   |
| S 25 | at Southern Mississippi |   |
| O 4  | TROY STATE              |   |
| O 11 | at Missouri             |   |
| O 18 | TEXAS A&M               |   |
| O 25 | IOWA STATE              |   |
| N 1  | at Texas                |   |
| N 8  | at Kansas               |   |
| N 15 | KANSAS STATE            |   |
| N 28 | at Colorado             |   |

**KEY:** ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ▼—Black Coaches Association Classic in Kansas City; †—Mountain West Conference game; +—Pacific 10 Conference game; ■—Eddie Atlantic Coast Conference game.

**Folsom Named Best Field** The Sports Turf Management Association named Folsom Field as its 2002 "Football Field of the Year," the first time CU has ever earned this prestigious award. Jason DePaepe, CU's athletic turf manager, officially accepted the award January 17 in San Antonio. Those who judge the competition were impressed with DePaepe and his staff's aggressive maintenance program, as the field is easily one of the best in college football, if not all sports.

**Ticket Update** Through Sept. 1, Colorado's season tickets sales stood at 26,600, which include faculty/staff, Flatirons Club, the new club seats (820) and suite seating (estimated at 580). Thirty-one of 40 suites have been sold (one suite is a double). Student season tickets also sold out, as over 11,500 were purchased (\$55 each). Folsom's new capacity, pending a final seat audit, will be an all-time high of 53,750; the Buffs will be looking to average over 50,000 fans for the first time since 1997 (51,658). CU has averaged 50,000-plus 11 times in its history, with the all-time best of 52,160 occurring in 1995. With CU's attractive home schedule, that record should be challenged. *(The season ticket record of 31,331 was set in 1976, but that's when only 7,000 seats were allotted for students.)*

**Monteilh Recognized For Community Service** A former volunteer bereavement counselor, junior wide receiver Ron Monteilh serves as a big brother volunteer for the Boulder County Partners organization, a nonprofit which pairs adults with at-risk teens. He was recently selected as a 2004 model for the national calendar, *Alaye*, whose mission is to increase breast cancer awareness in the African-American community.

**Mary Barnett Involved With Sister Cities** Mary Barnett, wife of CU head coach Gary Barnett, is actively involved with the Boulder Dushanbe Sister Cities Organization (BDSC). Mary is on their board and was recently named membership chairperson. The organizations main project is to fund the reciprocal gift of a Cyber Cafe to the people of Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The Dushanbe people gave Boulder the teahouse on 13th street in Boulder (between Arapahoe and Canyon). Founded in 1982, the BDSC is an apolitical organization dedicated to developing friendship and understanding between the citizens of the two cities. The BDSC is currently in a fundraising campaign to raise the \$660,000 necessary to build the Cyber Café in the fragile democracy. More information: Barbara Perin (303-530-6927) or Colleen Hackley (303-573-7500).

**BuffVision Wins Golden Matrix Award** CU's BuffVision won the third annual Golden Matrix Award for "Best Overall Video Display" in the university division at July's Information Display and Entertainment Association (IDEA) conference in Atlanta. Over 40 universities are members, with most professional teams also belonging. With Nebraska winning in 2001 and Kansas last year, the Big 12 has captured all three college awards. BuffVision director Deric Swanson and assistant Jim Fairchild were present to receive the award.

**More On The Award:** IDEA annually recognizes superior achievement throughout the large screen video and matrix display industry by awarding its Golden Matrix Awards (GMAs) at its annual conference. The purpose of the GMAs is to recognize artistic and technical excellence in the programming of large screen video and matrix displays located at stadiums, arenas, racetracks, convention centers and other public assembly facilities. The GMAs are also intended to provide an opportunity for the large screen video and matrix display industries to share ideas and to view the wide variety of productions that have been created over the past year. The GMAs, created by Mitsubishi Diamond Vision and SONY JumboTRON, gives members the chance to show off their best work to their colleagues; voting for awards is done by the membership.

**Chip, Too** "Chip", the University of Colorado's costumed mascot, was named last month to the 2003 Capital One All-America Mascot Team. One of 12 mascots named to the second annual team, Chip is now a finalist for National Mascot of the Year honors, which will be announced in January. Joining Chip on the All-America team was Albert (Florida), Aubie (Auburn), Big Red (Western Kentucky), Brutus Buckeye (Ohio State), Cocky (South Carolina), Hairy Dawg (Georgia), Harry the Husky (Washington), Monte (Montana), Scratch (Kentucky), Smokey (Tennessee) and YoUDEe (Delaware), with each member awarded \$5,000 for the school's mascot program. A panel of judges, including original Phillie Phanatic David Raymond; mascot guru and historian, Dr. Roy Yarbrough; and representatives from ESPN and Capital One, selected the 12 finalists. Judging criteria included interaction with fans, sportsmanship and community service. The selection of the team sets the stage for a fierce battle for the coveted Capital One National Mascot of the Year title beginning in early September. Fans across the country will be able to vote for their favorite mascot of the 12 through real-time, online polling at [www.capitalonebowl.com](http://www.capitalonebowl.com). The winner will be selected based on the judges' ranking and the on-line voting results (50 percent each). The Capital One National Mascot of the Year will be announced during the Capital One Bowl on New Year's Day, and will receive an additional \$5,000 (for a total of \$10,000) for its school's mascot program.

**Trifecta** So with BuffVision and Chip being honored, it completes a Folsom Trifecta of sorts, as the turf at Folsom was recognized as the Football Field of the Year in 2002 for the college and university division by the Sports Turf Managers Association.

**CUBuffs.com Undergoing Overhaul** The official CU athletic website, **CUBuffs.com**, is undergoing major changes and recently relaunched on August 11. The Buffs have changed host companies, going from OCSN to New Media, which currently has Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Kansas State as clients. There will be a new look to the site, and an inexpensive subscription service (*Buffs Backstage Pass*) to watch live events and press conferences via the Internet will make its debut. Audio of radio broadcasts is also set to return this year as well. Stay tuned (or, stay connected!).

**5,878** Over the past two seasons, Colorado has rushed for 5,878 yards (regular season), including 3,136 in 2002, the 10th time the Buffs topped 3,000 in a regular season. That's the sixth-most rushing yards over a two-season span in school history. With 1,183 attempts, it works out to 5.0 yards per carry, also the sixth best two-year mark in CU annals. The most yardage over three seasons? That would be the **10,555** the Buffaloes racked up between 1987 and 1989.

**Historically** Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 113th season of competition with an all-time record of **631-384-36** in **1,051** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 21st in all-time winning percentage (.618). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **268-126-10** in 79 seasons on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **231-193-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

**Monthly Tab** Colorado is **37-13** in its last 50 games played in September and the Buffs are **40-13-2** in their last 55 October games. CU is **42-14-1** in its last 57 November games, including 15 straight wins between 1991 and 1996; CU is **36-7** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, and is 4-7-1 against NU in turkey month). CU is **5-3** in December games since 1993, and with this year’s win over CSU, is **2-2-1** in the only August games in its history.

**Overtime** Colorado became the 84th team in Division I-A to play an overtime game when it played its first ever extra session affair against Missouri in 1999. Here’s a chart summarizing the Buffs in overtime:

| Date     | Opponent    | Score   | Regulation | Coin Toss | Choice  | ----Total Yards---- |         | Notes                |
|----------|-------------|---------|------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|
|          |             |         |            |           |         | Offense             | Defense |                      |
| 10-09-99 | MISSOURI    | W 46-39 | 39-39      | Missouri  | Defense | 25                  | 13      | Ends with Kelly INT  |
| 11-26-99 | NEBRASKA    | L 30-33 | 27-27      | Nebraska  | Defense | 9                   | 25      |                      |
| 11-09-02 | at Missouri | W 42-35 | 35-35      | Missouri  | Defense | 25                  | 18      | Ends with Mossoni FR |
| 12-28-02 | Wisconsin   | L 28-31 | 28-28      | Wisconsin | Defense | - 2                 | 5       | Alamo Bowl           |

**Buffs & College Football Hardware** Colorado is in an elite group when it comes to claiming college football’s prestigious trophies dating back to the 1990 season. A proliferation of awards have emerged since the late 1980s, and the Buffs are near the top of the list when it comes to collecting these statues. With Mark Mariscal garnering the 2002 Ray Guy Award as the nation’s best punter, CU now has had seven different players win nine trophies over the last the 13 seasons. That’s tied for the fifth most nationally, when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Miami and Nebraska top the Buffs’ seven, and barely at that as each has had eight. The postseason “hardware” includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O’Brien, Unitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Doak Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik, Mackey, Tatupu, Ray Guy, Rimington and Hendricks awards. The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2002:

| School          | Players  | Trophies | School       | Players | Trophies | School          | Players | Trophies | School           | Players | Trophies |
|-----------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|
| Florida State   | 7        | 15       | Iowa         | 4       | 4        | TCU             | 2       | 2        | Louisiana Tech   | 1       | 1        |
| Miami, Fla.     | 8        | 14       | Tennessee    | 2       | 4        | Texas Tech      | 2       | 2        | Louisville       | 1       | 1        |
| Ohio State      | 6        | 11       | Northwestern | 1       | 4        | Arizona State   | 1       | 2        | Marshall         | 1       | 1        |
| Nebraska        | 8        | 10       | Alabama      | 3       | 3        | Maryland        | 1       | 2        | Memphis          | 1       | 1        |
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>9</b> | Kansas State | 3       | 3        | North Carolina  | 1       | 2        | Michigan State   | 1       | 1        |
| Michigan        | 3        | 9        | Notre Dame   | 3       | 3        | Virginia Tech   | 1       | 2        | Minnesota        | 1       | 1        |
| Penn State      | 4        | 8        | Purdue       | 3       | 3        | California      | 1       | 1        | Missouri         | 1       | 1        |
| Florida         | 3        | 8        | UCLA         | 3       | 3        | Cincinnati      | 1       | 1        | N.C. State       | 1       | 1        |
| Wisconsin       | 3        | 6        | USC          | 2       | 3        | Colorado State  | 1       | 1        | Pittsburgh       | 1       | 1        |
| Arizona         | 4        | 5        | Washington   | 2       | 3        | Fresno State    | 1       | 1        | Stanford         | 1       | 1        |
| Oklahoma        | 4        | 5        | Georgia      | 2       | 2        | Georgia Tech    | 1       | 1        | Tulane           | 1       | 1        |
| Brigham Young   | 2        | 5        | Illinois     | 2       | 2        | Kentucky        | 1       | 1        | Washington State | 1       | 1        |
| Texas           | 1        | 5        | Texas A&M    | 2       | 2        | Louisiana State | 1       | 1        | Wyoming          | 1       | 1        |

**Domination** Colorado has only 13 losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl), Stanford (1991), Missouri (1997), Kansas (1998), CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999), CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000), Fresno State (2001) and CSU and Wisconsin (2002). BYU reappeared in the ’88 final rankings; Stanford went 7-1 after CU to crack the top 20; in ’97, MU almost beat Nebraska the following week and made its way into polls for the first time in 14 seasons; CSU appeared at No. 24 after defeating CU in ’99; in ’01, Fresno toppled No. 10 Oregon State the next week and zoomed into the rankings; and in ’02, CSU climbed as high as No. 13. The Buffs are **64-10-2** in their last 76 games against unranked teams (AP), with records of **81-11-2** in the last 94 and **95-12-2** in the last 109, including 25 straight wins between 1993 and 1997. The Buffs are **132-47-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (7-7 in bowls); **92-33-3** in Big 8/12 games (including two league championship games) and **40-14-1** in non-conference regular season action.

**Cradle of Coaches** There are five current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado. The most obvious is **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 and was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98. Others include: **Gerry DiNardo**, Vanderbilt/LSU and now of Indiana (at Colorado from 1982-89); **Tom Cable**, Idaho (1998-99), **Les Miles**, Oklahoma State (1982-86) and the most recent, **Gregg Brandon**, Bowling Green (1999-2000). **Lou Tepper** (1983-87) was head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State. All but Cable were assistants under Bill McCartney, CU’s all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94); Cable coached under both Neuheisel and Barnett. And former Buff **OG Peter Shinnick**, is a fourth-year head coach at a small college in Minnesota. Five others who assisted under McCartney have also worked as head coaches: **Jim Caldwell**, Wake Forest (at CU from 1982-84), **Steve Logan**, East Carolina (1985-86), **Rick Neuheisel**, at CU and Washington (1994), **Bob Simmons**, Oklahoma State (1988-94) and **Ron Vanderlinden**, Maryland (1983-91).



**Inside-the-Poll Numbers** Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 15 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing in 2001, coming in No. 27; and in '03, at No. 32). CU had appeared in every AP preseason ballot between 1989 and 1997, ranked in the top 15 each year, before not gaining mention in the '98 poll following a 5-6 season. The Buffs reappeared in the '99 poll at No. 15, and rose to No. 14 prior to the season-opening loss to CSU. Only CU, Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska have been ranked 15th or higher at least 11 times in these 15 years, and CU is one of only 10 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 15 polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2003:** Florida State 15, Michigan 15, Ohio State 15, Miami, Fla. 14, Nebraska 14, Tennessee 14, Notre Dame 13, Penn State 13, **Colorado 12**, Alabama 12.

#### COLORADO'S TOP PRESEASON RANKINGS (*AP & Coaches polls, only*)

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| Season | Rank   | Record | Finish |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1972   | No. 2  | 8-4-0  | No. 16 |
| 1990   | No. 5  | 11-1-1 | No. 1  |
| 1996   | No. 5  | 10-2-0 | No. 8  |
| 2002   | No. 7  | 9-5-0  | No. 20 |
| 1994   | No. 8  | 11-1-0 | No. 3  |
| 1997   | No. 8  | 5-6-0  | NR     |
| 1967   | No. 10 | 9-2-0  | No. 14 |

##### COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)

| Season | Rank   | Record | Finish |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1972   | No. 2  | 8-4-0  | No. 14 |
| 1990   | No. 5  | 11-1-1 | No. 2  |
| 1996   | No. 5  | 10-2-0 | No. 8  |
| 2002   | No. 6  | 9-5-0  | No. 21 |
| 1994   | No. 7  | 11-1-0 | No. 3  |
| 1997   | No. 7  | 5-6-0  | NR     |
| 1991   | No. 10 | 8-3-1  | No. 20 |

**Cumulative Rankings** In the 1990s, the Buffaloes were the *Associated Press*' consensus No. 10 team, with only Nebraska ranked higher (No. 3) from the Big 12 Conference.

**Long Stay** Colorado was one of only two teams to be ranked in every poll (both the Associated Press and Coaches, be it UPI or USA Today/CNN-ESPN) from the 1989 preseason through Oct. 4, 1997 (143 AP polls, 138 coaches). Only Nebraska could also make that claim (CU was second only to the Huskers, as Nebraska had been ranked in 265 straight polls when CU hit the 143 mark). In this span, NU held the top spot 16 times and CU seven, with NU winning two national titles and Colorado one.

##### Associated Press Poll

MOST TOP 5 FINISHES (1989-2002): Florida State 12, Miami 7, Nebraska 5, COLORADO 4, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Florida 3, Notre Dame 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2002): Florida State 12, Florida 10, Nebraska 8, Miami 8, Tennessee 8, Michigan 7, COLORADO 6, Kansas State 6, Alabama 5, Ohio State 5.

**And The Return** CU was out of the polls for an 11-week period ('97-98), but came back with a vengeance. When Colorado reappeared in both the AP and USAT/ESPN polls at No. 16 on Sept. 6, 1998 it marked the third highest debut in a poll since the AP ballot expanded to 25 teams in 1989. CU went from receiving votes to No. 16, the second highest CU has ever debuted after not being ranked in the preseason; back in 1971, the Buffs went into Baton Rouge and defeated No. 9 LSU, 31-21. CU appeared at No. 8 in the UPI-Coaches poll and at No. 12 on the AP ballot.

**Third Highest** CU finished 9-5 in 2002 and was ranked No. 20 in the final AP poll... the third highest final ranking ever for a 5-loss team, and the second-highest since AP went to a post-bowl ballot in 1968. In 1959, a 5-5 Notre Dame team was ranked No. 17 in the final poll (Dec. 7); in 1984, an 8-5 Miami, Fla., team closed the year at No. 18. Only 11 teams with five losses have made the final AP rankings, three doing so in 2002 (Florida State and Virginia joined CU); Georgia Tech and Texas are the only ones to do it twice.

**Unique Streak Ended At 12, But It's Now 15 of 16** Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State for the latter half of the span. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). CU has defeated at least two in seven of the last 10 years (and three ranked foes in five of those seasons). Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with a vengeance as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU defeated two ranked teams in 2002 and opened with a win over No. 23 Colorado State in '03 to make it **15** out of **16** years with at least one win over a ranked opponent.

**TV Time** Colorado has now had **105** of its last **159** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Including 1996, when the Big 12 began, **68** of CU's **86** games in this span have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 79 percent. Nationally, CU is likely in the top 10 in national/regional appearances in this time frame, but official records are not kept.

**Carrying The TV Torch** Colorado and Texas started carrying the torch in the 1990s when it came to scheduling regular season games against traditionally ranked opponents, games most likely to be selected for TV and making the conference some revenue. Here are the counts (and records) of Big 12 schools since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (not including bowls): **Colorado 23** (13-9-1), Texas 20 (6-12-2), Nebraska 12 (8-4), Oklahoma 12 (6-6), Texas Tech 11 (0-11), Baylor 9 (2-7), Texas A&M 9 (4-5), Missouri 9 (1-8), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5), Iowa State 4 (0-4) and Kansas State 2 (1-1).

**Buff Blemishes** Colorado has inflicted a few blemishes on some of the teams who had the best home records in the 1990s. The top five home records last decade (1990-99) belonged to Florida State (55-1-1), Nebraska (62-3), Florida (57-4), Texas A & M (55-4-1) and Kansas State (57-5-1). That's a combined 287-17-3; but of those 20 losses or ties, CU was responsible for five of them. CU won at Nebraska in 1990, at Texas A & M in 1996, and was 2-2-1 at Kansas State in the 90s (wins in 1991 and 1995 and a tie in 1993). The Buffs added to their mystique by returning to A & M in 2000 and snapping the Aggies 22-game home winning streak—started later in the 1996 season (after losses to CU then Texas Tech). And in 2001, CU won at Kansas State, snapping a 58-game home winning streak by the Wildcats against unranked teams, and was only the second KSU home loss in a 29 game span.

**16/18** The Buffs have 16 winning (regular) seasons in the last 18 years, likely matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The only exceptions came in 1997 and 2000; in 1986, CU was 6-5 in the regular season but finished 6-6 after losing to Baylor in the Bluebonnet Bowl. CU has been invited to bowls in 15 of the previous 18 years, staying home in only 1987, 1997 and 2000.

**Offense/Defense** Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball. The last to try this was **DT Justin Bannan**, who caught a 12-yard TD pass on his only play (at Missouri on Nov. 4, 2000). **CB Ben Kelly** tried tailback in 1999 at Texas Tech; he finished with three yards on one carry (though a nice five-yard run for a first down was wiped out by a penalty). In the last 10 years, several Buffs have played on both sides of the ball; in 1998 **OG Brad Bedell** played some goal-line defense. That's been a trend at CU, having one of the "big uglies," as Keith Jackson would say, come over to defense for goal line or short yardage defense—**OG Heath Irwin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole** and **OT Melvin Thomas** had all done the same in the mid-90s. The last defenders to try it at a skill position? You have to back to the 1990 season, when **OLBs Alfred Williams** and **Kanavis McGhee** played some tight end in a 64-3 win over Kansas State (Williams caught a pass for 17 yards, McGhee didn't catch the one thrown his way). The last offensive skill player to swing over and try some defense was **WR Michael Westbrook**, who played four snaps at strong safety against Baylor in 1993.

**Why CU, Not UC** A question often asked of many former Big Eight schools: Why is it the University of Colorado, but the moniker is CU and not UC? (The same applies at Kansas—KU, Missouri—MU, Nebraska—NU and Oklahoma—OU). "Midwestern casualness," says CU historian Fred Casotti. It has always been this way at Colorado, for whatever reason, and at the other four listed above—but seemingly nowhere else in the USA. In the 1950s, there was a concerted effort to eliminate the use of "CU" on the Boulder campus, both as a symbol and in speech, but Casotti said that no one would buy into it. "Nobody would change," he said. "It's easier to say than U of C, UC sounds like slang or something (as in 'you see'), and it was traditional. By trying to eliminate it, they reinforced it."

**Walk Ons & Scholarships** A lot of factors go into a walk-on earning a scholarship, but one of the lesser-known components is that often a player has to establish residency for two years for his scholarship not to be counted against those awarded for the year he entered school. If he's been in the program for two years, his scholarship only counts toward the 85 total; if he's been in for less than two years, then it also counts against the class of the year he enrolled. If the school is already at the maximum of 25, he can't be placed on scholarship until establishing two years of residency.

**A Little QB History** The competition for the starting quarterback job in 2003 was only the fourth real battle in just over a decade at Colorado. The last was in 2000, when the competition between **Zac Colvin** and **Bobby Pesavento** raged from the start of spring ball to the final week of August camp. Colvin was named the opening game starter on Aug. 27; four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and never relinquished the role. There was no battle for starting quarterback in 1999, as senior **Mike Moschetti** was entrenched as the starter. However, the battle for the starting job in 1998 was the first in some six years; Moschetti, junior **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won on Aug. 24, when then-head coach Rick Neuheisel named him as the starter (Weisinger subsequently asked for and received a release from his scholarship and transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety). Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91.

**A LITTLE HISTORY**—In looking back at CU history, the Buffs have usually had a capable backup quarterback that has become a household name. As far back as 1971, when 5-foot-7 **Joe Duenas** subbed for an injured **Ken Johnson** to lead CU to a 56-13 win over Wyoming in the second game of the season, Colorado second-team signal callers have made names for themselves. Two years later, **David Williams** and **Clyde Crutchmer** duelled for starting honors; in 1976, Austin replaced **Jeff Knapple** on occasion after Knapple wrestled the starting job away from him; in 1979, **Charlie Davis** and **Bill Solomon** battled back and forth; in the early 1980s, **Steve Vogel** and **Randy Essington** alternated as starters for three years, with Vogel emerging as CU's all-time passing leader at the time. In the last 1980s, there was the run of **Sal Aunese** replacing **Mark Hatcher**, Hagan replacing Aunese, **Charles Johnson** and Joseph both subbing for an injured Hagan on occasion; Stewart replacing Hagan, and he himself being replaced by Detmer and Tobin due to injuries; and of course, Hessler subbing for Detmer after Detmer replaced Stewart. Perhaps the best example of this came just last year in 2001, when **Bobby Pesavento** took over for an injured **Craig Ochs** for the second half of the season, and he helped lead the Buffs to their first Big 12 Conference title. That run included Pesavento steering the Buffs to wins over No. 2 Nebraska and No. 3 Texas. And in 2002, **Robert Hodge** has had to replace Ochs, after Ochs suffered the third concussion of his CU career and eventually left the team.

**ALL-AMERICAN**

OG MARWAN HAGE (first-team: Sporting News; honorable mention: Nationalchampions.net, Street & Smith's)  
 DE MARQUES HARRIS (honorable mention: Street & Smith's)  
 WR DEREK McCOY (honorable mention: Street & Smith's)  
 WR MEDFORD MOORER (honorable mention: Street & Smith's)  
 TB BOBBY PURIFY (honorable mention: Street & Smith's)  
 LB SEAN TUFTS (fourth-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

**ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE**

PR JEREMY BLOOM (third-team: Phil Steele's College Football)  
 TB BRIAN CALHOUN (third-team: Phil Steele's College Football)  
 OG MARWAN HAGE (first-team: Athlon, ATS Consultants, Big 12 Media, Lindy's Big 12 Football, Sporting News; third-team: Phil Steele's College Football)  
 OG MARQUES HARRIS (first-team: Athlon; Big 12 Media, Street & Smith's; second-team: Sporting News)  
 CB PHIL JACKSON (second-team: Sporting News)  
 CB SAMMY JOSEPH (first-team: ATS Consultants)  
 FS MEDFORD MOORER (first-team: Big 12 Media, Lindy's Big 12 Football, Sporting News; Street & Smith's; second-team: Athlon, Phil Steele's College Football)  
 DE GABE NYENHUIS (second-team: Lindy's Big 12 Football)  
 TB BOBBY PURIFY (second-team: Lindy's Big 12 Football; Sporting News)  
 LB SEAN TUFTS (second-team: Phil Steele's College Football)

**ALL-REDSHIRT FRESHMAN**

CB SAMMY JOSEPH (collegefootballnews.com)

**ALL-SPRING**

OG MARWAN HAGE (Sporting News)

**NATIONAL PLAYER RATINGS**

Offensive Guard: Marwan Hage (No. 2, Sporting News; No. 6, Lindy's Big 12 Football)  
 Cornerback: Phil Jackson (No. 15, Sporting News)  
 Free Safety: Medford Moorer (No. 6, Sporting News; No. 15, Lindy's Big 12 Football)  
 Inside Linebacker: Sean Tufts (No. 8, Phil Steele's College Football; No. 15, Lindy's Big 12 Football; No. 19 Sporting News)  
 Punt Returner: Jeremy Bloom (No. 15, Sporting News)  
 Running Back: Bobby Purify (No. 27, Phil Steele's College Football)

**PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS**

Butkus Award (top linebacker): Sean Tufts (one of 90 candidates on official watch list)  
 Ted Hendricks Award (top defensive end): Marques Harris (one of 29 candidates on official watch list)  
 Jim Thorpe Award (top defensive back): Medford Moorer (one of 37 candidates on official watch list)  
 Doak Walker Award (top running back): Bobby Purify (one of 39 candidates on official watch list)

**PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS**

| <u>Publication/Organization</u> | <u>Big 12</u>   |              | <u>Publication/Organization</u> | <u>Big 12</u>   |              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                                 | <u>National</u> | <u>North</u> |                                 | <u>National</u> | <u>North</u> |
| ATC Sports Consultants          | No. 22          | t-1st        | Associated Press (Media)        | No. 32          | .....        |
| Lindy's Big 12 Football         | No. 22          | 2nd          | Sports Illustrated              | No. 37          | .....        |
| FoxSports.com                   | No. 24          | .....        | Big 12 Media Summer Poll        | .....           | 2nd          |
| Preview Sports                  | No. 24          | .....        | Collegefootballnews.com         | .....           | 2nd          |
| Football Digest                 | No. 26          | .....        | Jim Feist's College Football    | .....           | 3rd          |
| Nationalchamps.net              | No. 27          | .....        | Football Action 2003            | .....           | 3rd          |
| Athlon Sports                   | No. 28          | 3rd          | Phil Steele's College Football  | .....           | 3rd          |
| USA Today/ESPN (Coaches)        | No. 28          | .....        | Street & Smith's                | .....           | 3rd          |
| The Sporting News               | No. 29          | 3rd          | Game Plan Magazine              | .....           | 4th          |

**2003 RECRUITING CLASS RANKINGS**

No. 18 PrepStar  
 No. 19 Rivals.com  
 No. 19 Sports Illustrated/Student Sports  
 No. 21 Athlon Sports  
 No. 26 SuperPrep

**Associated Press**

- 1 Oklahoma (32)
- 2 Ohio State (27)
- 3 Miami, Fla. (2)
- 4 Michigan (2)
- 5 Texas
- 6 Auburn (1)
- 7 Kansas State (1)
- 8 USC
- 9 Virginia Tech
- 10 Pittsburgh
- 11 Georgia
- 12 Tennessee
- 13 Florida State
- 14 LSU
- 15 Maryland
- 16 N.C. State
- 17 Washington
- 18 Virginia
- 19 Purdue
- 20 Notre Dame
- 21 Wisconsin
- 22 Arizona State
- 23 Colorado State
- 24 Oklahoma State
- 25 TCU
- (32 COLORADO)

**USA Today/ESPN**

- 1 Oklahoma (29)
- 2 Ohio State (28)
- 3 Miami, Fla. (5)
- 4 Texas
- 5 Kansas State
- 6 Auburn (1)
- 7 Michigan
- 8 USC
- 9 Georgia
- 10 Virginia Tech
- 11 Pittsburgh
- 12 Florida State
- 13 Maryland
- 14 N.C. State
- 15 LSU
- 16 Tennessee
- 17 Virginia
- 18 Notre Dame
- 19 Washington
- 20 Wisconsin
- 21 Florida
- 22 Purdue
- 23 Arizona State
- 24 Oklahoma State
- T25 CSU/Penn State
- (28 COLORADO)

**Athlon Sports**

- 1 Oklahoma
- 2 Miami, Fla.
- 3 Ohio State
- 4 Kansas State
- 5 Auburn
- 6 USC
- 7 Texas
- 8 Georgia
- 9 Pittsburgh
- 10 Michigan
- 11 N.C. State
- 12 Washington
- 13 Wisconsin
- 14 Virginia Tech
- 15 Florida State
- 16 Oregon State
- 17 Maryland
- 18 LSU
- 19 Purdue
- 20 Florida
- 21 Alabama
- 22 Notre Dame
- 23 Virginia
- 24 Tennessee
- 25 Maryland

**CBS SportsLine**

- 1 Oklahoma
- 2 Auburn
- 3 Ohio State
- 4 Kansas State
- 5 Miami, Fla.
- 6 Virginia Tech
- 7 Georgia
- 8 Pittsburgh
- 9 Texas A&M
- 10 N.C. State
- 11 Texas
- 12 Virginia
- 13 Washington
- 14 Arizona State
- 15 Michigan
- 16 Notre Dame
- 17 USC
- 18 Alabama
- 19 LSU
- 20 Penn State
- 21 Maryland
- 22 Florida State
- 23 Oklahoma State
- 24 Tennessee
- 25 Arkansas

**CNN-SI**

- 1 Ohio State
- 2 Oklahoma
- 3 Texas
- 4 Miami, Fla.
- 5 Virginia Tech
- 6 N.C. State
- 7 Auburn
- 8 Kansas State
- 9 Michigan
- 10 Washington
- 11 Georgia
- 12 Pittsburgh
- 13 USC
- 14 Florida State
- 15 Maryland
- 16 Virginia
- 17 Tennessee
- 18 Purdue
- 19 Arizona State
- 20 Oklahoma State
- 21 LSU
- 22 Texas A&M
- 23 Wisconsin
- 24 Notre Dame
- 25 Missouri

**CollegeFBNews.com**

- 1 Ohio State
- 2 Miami, Fla.
- 3 Texas
- 4 Oklahoma
- 5 Auburn
- 6 Virginia Tech
- 7 USC
- 8 Pittsburgh
- 9 Kansas State
- 10 Maryland
- 11 Georgia
- 12 Tennessee
- 13 Wisconsin
- 14 LSU
- 15 N.C. State
- 16 Michigan
- 17 Virginia
- 18 Oregon State
- 19 UCLA
- 20 Florida
- 21 Notre Dame
- 22 Alabama
- 23 Purdue
- 24 Missouri
- 25 Florida State

**ESPN (Maisei)**

- 1 Oklahoma
- 2 Miami, Fla.
- 3 Ohio State
- 4 Auburn
- 5 Michigan
- 6 USC
- 7 Texas
- 8 Virginia
- 9 Virginia Tech
- 10 Kansas State
- 11 Georgia
- 12 Maryland
- 13 Arizona State
- 14 Pittsburgh
- 15 Florida State
- 16 N.C. State
- 17 Purdue
- 18 Washington
- 19 Tennessee
- 20 Notre Dame
- 21 TCU
- 22 Texas A&M
- 23 Iowa
- 24 Wisconsin
- 25 Oklahoma State

**ESPN The Magazine**

- 1 Oklahoma
- 2 Miami, Fla.
- 3 Ohio State
- 4 Texas
- 5 Michigan
- 6 Auburn
- 7 Kansas State
- 8 Virginia Tech
- 9 USC
- 10 N.C. State
- 11 Virginia
- 12 Maryland
- 13 Georgia
- 14 Pittsburgh
- 15 Florida State
- 16 Purdue

**Football Digest**

- 1 Oklahoma
- 2 Ohio State
- 3 Texas
- 4 Miami, Fla.
- 5 Michigan
- 6 Auburn
- 7 Virginia Tech
- 8 Pittsburgh
- 9 Kansas State
- 10 USC
- 11 Maryland
- 12 Washington State
- 13 Virginia
- 14 Georgia
- 15 N.C. State
- 16 TCU
- 17 Colorado State
- 18 Tennessee
- 19 Florida State
- 20 Notre Dame
- 21 Alabama
- 22 Arizona State
- 23 Penn State
- 24 Toledo
- 25 Boise State

**Football Writers**

- 1 Oklahoma (10)
- 2 Ohio State (4)
- 3 Miami, Fla.
- 4 Auburn
- 5 Kansas State (2)
- 6 Texas
- 7 Michigan
- 8 Virginia Tech
- 9 USC
- 10 Georgia
- 11 Pittsburgh
- 12 N.C. State
- 13 Florida State
- 14 LSU
- 15 Tennessee
- 16 Maryland
- (only ranks top 16)

**FoxSports.com**

- 1 Ohio State
- 2 Oklahoma
- 3 USC
- 4 Texas
- 5 Auburn
- 6 Virginia Tech
- 7 Miami, Fla.
- 8 Kansas State
- 9 Michigan
- 10 N.C. State
- 11 LSU
- 12 Georgia
- 13 Tennessee
- 14 Maryland
- 15 Pittsburgh
- 16 Florida State
- 17 Wisconsin
- 18 Florida
- 19 Purdue
- 20 Washington
- 21 Alabama
- 22 Arkansas
- 23 Virginia
- 24 COLORADO
- 25 Notre Dame

**Game Plan Mag.**

- 1 Oklahoma
- 2 Texas
- 3 Kansas State
- 4 Ohio State
- 5 Auburn
- 6 Miami, Fla.
- 7 Michigan
- 8 Georgia
- 9 Virginia Tech
- 10 Florida State
- 11 Washington
- 12 Purdue
- 13 USC
- 14 Nebraska
- 15 Alabama
- 16 Pittsburgh
- 17 LSU
- 18 Oklahoma State
- 19 Notre Dame
- 20 Maryland
- 21 Arizona State
- 22 Tennessee
- 23 Texas A&M
- 24 TCU
- 25 Southern Miss

**Lindy's Football**

- 1 Oklahoma
- 2 Miami, Fla.
- 3 Ohio State
- 4 Michigan
- 5 Kansas State
- 6 Auburn
- 7 Texas
- 8 USC
- 9 Tennessee
- 10 Maryland
- 11 LSU
- 12 Pittsburgh
- 13 Georgia
- 14 Virginia Tech
- 15 Notre Dame
- 16 Purdue
- 17 Washington
- 18 Florida State
- 19 N.C. State
- 20 Colorado State
- 21 Virginia
- 22 COLORADO
- 23 Arizona State
- 24 TCU
- 25 Alabama

**Preview Sports**

- 1 Miami, Fla.
- 2 Ohio State
- 3 Texas
- 4 Oklahoma
- 5 Florida State
- 6 USC
- 7 Michigan
- 8 Auburn
- 9 Kansas State
- 10 Pittsburgh
- 11 Virginia Tech
- 12 Virginia
- 13 Iowa
- 14 Florida
- 15 Georgia
- 16 N.C. State
- 17 Notre Dame
- 18 TCU
- 19 Maryland
- 20 Washington State
- 21 Penn State
- 22 West Virginia
- 23 Marshall
- 24 COLORADO
- 25 Boise State

**ATS Consultants**

- 1 Texas
- 2 Michigan
- 3 Miami, Fla.
- 4 Oklahoma
- 5 Ohio State
- 6 Tennessee
- 7 Virginia Tech
- 8 Auburn
- 9 Pittsburgh
- 10 Purdue
- 11 Washington
- 12 Notre Dame
- 13 Kansas State
- 14 Virginia
- 15 Wisconsin
- 16 Florida
- 17 Arkansas
- 18 Maryland
- 19 Oklahoma State
- 20 Penn State
- 21 West Virginia
- 22 COLORADO
- 23 LSU
- 24 N.C. State
- 25 Georgia

**Sporting News**

- 1 Auburn
- 2 Ohio State
- 3 Oklahoma
- 4 Michigan
- 5 Miami, Fla.
- 6 USC
- 7 Kansas State
- 8 Texas
- 9 Washington
- 10 Virginia
- 11 Georgia
- 12 Purdue
- 13 LSU
- 14 Florida State
- 15 Virginia Tech
- 16 Tennessee
- 17 Maryland
- 18 Colorado State
- 19 Pittsburgh
- 20 Notre Dame
- 21 Fresno State
- 22 Oklahoma State
- 23 N.C. State
- 24 TCU
- 25 Wisconsin

**Sports Illustrated**

- 1 Ohio State
- 2 Oklahoma
- 3 Miami, Fla.
- 4 Texas
- 5 Georgia
- 6 Virginia Tech
- 7 Kansas State
- 8 N.C. State
- 9 Auburn
- 10 USC
- 11 Florida State
- 12 Pittsburgh
- 13 Michigan
- 14 Washington
- 15 Virginia
- 16 Tennessee
- 17 Notre Dame
- 18 Maryland
- 19 Wisconsin
- 20 LSU
- 21 Texas A&M
- 22 Arizona State
- 23 Oregon
- 24 Penn State
- 25 Oklahoma State
- (37 COLORADO)

**Phil Steele's**

- 1 Ohio State
- 2 Oklahoma
- 3 Texas
- 4 Michigan
- 5 Pittsburgh
- 6 Virginia Tech
- 7 Miami, Fla.
- 8 Tennessee
- 9 Washington
- 10 USC
- 11 LSU
- 12 Nebraska
- 13 Florida State
- 14 Kansas State
- 15 Auburn
- 16 N.C. State
- 17 Georgia
- 18 Maryland
- 19 Notre Dame
- 20 Purdue
- 21 Wisconsin
- 22 Mississippi
- 23 Arkansas
- 24 Penn State
- 25 TCU

**Street & Smith's**

- 1 Oklahoma
- 2 Miami, Fla.
- 3 Texas
- 4 Michigan
- 5 Ohio State
- 6 Kansas State
- 7 Auburn
- 8 Washington
- 9 Pittsburgh
- 10 Virginia Tech
- 11 Maryland
- 12 Tennessee
- 13 Georgia
- 14 Arizona State
- 15 USC
- 16 Florida State
- 17 N.C. State
- 18 Virginia
- 19 Wisconsin
- 20 LSU
- 21 Oklahoma State
- 22 Notre Dame
- 23 Colorado State
- 24 Minnesota
- 25 Alabama

**Jim Feist's CFB**

- 1 Oklahoma
- 2 Ohio State
- 3 Virginia Tech
- 4 Kansas State
- 5 Auburn
- 6 Miami, Fla.
- 7 N.C. State
- 8 Texas
- 9 USC
- 10 Georgia
- (only ranked top 10)

**Football Action 2003**

- 1 Ohio State
- 2 Oklahoma
- 3 Miami, Fla.
- 4 Texas
- 5 Virginia Tech
- 6 Auburn
- 7 Kansas State
- 8 Michigan
- 9 N.C. State
- 10 Washington
- 11 Pittsburgh
- 12 Georgia
- 13 Virginia
- 14 Florida State
- 15 Oregon State
- 16 Notre Dame
- 17 LSU
- 18 Purdue
- 19 TCU
- 20 Wisconsin
- (only ranked top 20)

**(DC) Texas Football**

- 1 Oklahoma
- 2 Michigan
- 3 Auburn
- 4 Ohio State
- 5 Miami, Fla.
- 6 Texas
- 7 Virginia Tech
- 8 Arizona State
- 9 Kansas State
- 10 Virginia
- 11 Georgia
- 12 USC
- 13 LSU
- 14 Maryland
- 15 Texas A&M
- 16 Tennessee
- 17 Florida State
- 18 Washington
- 19 N.C. State
- 20 Penn State
- 21 Notre Dame
- 22 Missouri
- 23 Purdue
- 24 Pittsburgh
- 25 Oklahoma State

**Scrapps Howard**

- 1 Miami, Fla.
- 2 Oklahoma
- 3 USC
- 4 Ohio State
- 5 Miami, Fla.
- 6 Texas
- 7 Kansas State
- 8 Washington State
- 9 Iowa
- 10 Maryland
- 11 Michigan
- 12 Florida
- 13 Washington
- 14 Oregon State
- 15 Florida State
- 16 Virginia Tech
- 17 Auburn
- 18 Notre Dame
- 19 UCLA
- 20 N.C. State
- 21 LSU
- 22 Boise State
- 23 Oregon
- 24 COLORADO
- 25 Nebraska



**Chart-Mania** The below three charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the last 18 football seasons, through all games of 2002 (includes bowl games and only those schools who have been members of Division I-A the entire time):

#### TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2002)

| Rk | School               | W          | L         | T        | PCT.        |
|----|----------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1  | Miami, Fla.          | 183        | 33        | 0        | .847        |
| 2  | Florida State        | 185        | 35        | 2        | .838        |
| 3  | Nebraska             | 186        | 38        | 1        | .829        |
| 4  | Michigan             | 168        | 47        | 5        | .775        |
| 5  | Tennessee            | 167        | 48        | 6        | .769        |
| 6  | Florida              | 165        | 54        | 2        | .751        |
| 7  | Penn State           | 160        | 57        | 1        | .736        |
| 8  | Texas A & M          | 159        | 59        | 2        | .727        |
| 9  | Ohio State           | 157        | 58        | 5        | .725        |
| 10 | Alabama              | 157        | 62        | 2        | .715        |
| 11 | Notre Dame           | 150        | 64        | 2        | .699        |
| 12 | <b>Colorado</b>      | <b>148</b> | <b>65</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>.691</b> |
| 13 | Oklahoma             | 146        | 65        | 3        | .689        |
| 14 | Auburn               | 144        | 64        | 5        | .688        |
| 15 | Washington           | 144        | 67        | 3        | .680        |
| 16 | Brigham Young        | 156        | 73        | 2        | .680        |
| 17 | Syracuse             | 143        | 68        | 4        | .674        |
| 18 | Georgia              | 140        | 71        | 3        | .661        |
| 19 | Fresno State         | 141        | 73        | 3        | .657        |
| 20 | Clemson              | 136        | 75        | 3        | .643        |
| 21 | Air Force            | 141        | 79        | 1        | .640        |
| 22 | Virginia Tech        | 132        | 76        | 3        | .633        |
| 23 | Texas                | 134        | 79        | 2        | .628        |
| 24 | UCLA                 | 130        | 77        | 3        | .626        |
| 25 | Virginia             | 132        | 82        | 1        | .616        |
| 26 | Southern California  | 130        | 83        | 5        | .608        |
| 27 | Oregon               | 127        | 82        | 0        | .608        |
| 28 | Southern Miss        | 121        | 84        | 1        | .590        |
| 29 | Arizona              | 121        | 84        | 5        | .588        |
| 30 | West Virginia        | 120        | 86        | 4        | .581        |
| 31 | North Carolina State | 122        | 89        | 4        | .577        |
| 32 | Arizona State        | 117        | 88        | 3        | .570        |
| 33 | Kansas State         | 119        | 91        | 2        | .566        |
| 34 | Mississippi          | 115        | 91        | 2        | .558        |
| 35 | Michigan State       | 114        | 91        | 4        | .555        |

#### TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2002)

| Rk | School              | W          | L         | T        | PCT.        |
|----|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1  | Florida State       | 147        | 26        | 1        | .847        |
| 2  | Nebraska            | 146        | 29        | 1        | .832        |
| 3  | Miami, Fla.         | 139        | 29        | 0        | .827        |
| 4  | Tennessee           | 136        | 34        | 3        | .795        |
| 5  | Florida             | 137        | 37        | 1        | .786        |
| 6  | Michigan            | 129        | 38        | 3        | .768        |
| 7  | Ohio State          | 128        | 42        | 3        | .749        |
| 8  | Penn State          | 124        | 46        | 1        | .728        |
| 9  | Texas A & M         | 123        | 47        | 2        | .721        |
| 10 | <b>Colorado</b>     | <b>120</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>.718</b> |
| 11 | Notre Dame          | 120        | 48        | 2        | .712        |
| 12 | Alabama             | 121        | 49        | 1        | .711        |
| 13 | Washington          | 116        | 50        | 1        | .698        |
| 14 | Kansas State        | 116        | 51        | 1        | .693        |
| 15 | Virginia Tech       | 112        | 52        | 2        | .681        |
| 16 | Brigham Young       | 119        | 56        | 2        | .678        |
| 17 | Toledo              | 107        | 51        | 3        | .674        |
| 18 | Syracuse            | 110        | 55        | 3        | .664        |
| 19 | Auburn              | 107        | 55        | 3        | .658        |
| 20 | Texas               | 110        | 57        | 2        | .657        |
| 21 | Georgia             | 107        | 58        | 1        | .648        |
| 22 | Virginia            | 108        | 61        | 1        | .638        |
| 23 | Air Force           | 109        | 62        | 1        | .637        |
| 24 | Oklahoma            | 104        | 59        | 3        | .636        |
| 25 | Oregon              | 105        | 61        | 0        | .633        |
| 26 | Colorado State      | 106        | 62        | 1        | .630        |
| 27 | Fresno State        | 105        | 64        | 2        | .620        |
| 28 | Clemson             | 102        | 63        | 1        | .617        |
| 29 | Southern California | 99         | 66        | 4        | .598        |
| 30 | Georgia Tech        | 97         | 67        | 1        | .591        |
| 31 | North Carolina      | 96         | 68        | 1        | .585        |
| 32 | Mississippi         | 95         | 68        | 0        | .583        |
| 33 | UCLA                | 93         | 68        | 1        | .577        |
| 34 | Southern Miss       | 92         | 68        | 1        | .575        |
| 35 | Wisconsin           | 94         | 70        | 4        | .571        |
| 36 | Arizona             | 93         | 70        | 1        | .570        |

#### TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2002)

| Rk | School                     | W         | L         | T        | PCT.        |
|----|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1  | Nebraska (Big 8/12)        | 88        | 16        | 1        | .843        |
| 2  | Florida (SEC)              | 92        | 17        | 0        | .844        |
| 3  | Michigan (Big Ten)         | 88        | 23        | 2        | .788        |
| 4  | Tennessee (SEC)            | 84        | 23        | 2        | .780        |
| 5  | BYU (WAC/MWC)              | 82        | 25        | 1        | .764        |
| 6  | <b>Colorado (Big 8/12)</b> | <b>77</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>.748</b> |
| 7  | Ohio State (Big Ten)       | 81        | 28        | 3        | .737        |
| 8  | Texas A & M (SWC/B-12)     | 78        | 28        | 2        | .731        |
| 9  | Washington (Pac-10)        | 80        | 31        | 1        | .719        |
| 10 | Texas (SWC/Big 12)         | 76        | 32        | 0        | .704        |

Note: All of the above includes records for only those schools that have been members of conferences (or Div. I-A) since 1989.

#### COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (13-7-1)

| Season | Score                               |
|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 1987   | Nebraska 24, COLORADO 7             |
| 1988   | Oklahoma 17, COLORADO 14            |
| 1990   | COLORADO 28, Iowa State 12          |
| 1991   | COLORADO 55, Missouri 7             |
| 1992   | COLORADO 24, Oklahoma 24 (tie)      |
| 1993   | Nebraska 21, COLORADO 17            |
| 1994   | COLORADO 17, Oklahoma State 3       |
| 1995   | COLORADO 21, Missouri 0             |
|        | COLORADO 38, Oregon 6 (Cotton Bowl) |
| 1996   | COLORADO 28, Texas 24               |
|        | COLORADO 12, Kansas State 0         |
| 1997   | COLORADO 42, Kansas 6               |
|        | Missouri 41, COLORADO 31            |
| 1998   | Kansas State 16, COLORADO 9         |
| 1999   | Nebraska 33, COLORADO 30 (overtime) |
| 2000   | Iowa State 35, COLORADO 27          |
| 2001   | COLORADO 62, Nebraska 36            |
| 2002   | COLORADO 35, Kansas State 31        |
|        | COLORADO 34, Baylor 0               |
|        | COLORADO 37, Texas Tech 13          |
|        | COLORADO 41, Iowa State 27          |
|        | Oklahoma 29, COLORADO 7             |

**OFFENSE**

(Multiple)

WR.... 80 Derek McCoy, 6-3, 205, Sr.\*\*\*  
 (z) 4 Ron Monteilh, 6-1, 195, Jr.\*  
 15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 175, Soph.\*  
 38 Barry Kunkel, 6-2, 195, Sr.\*

WR.... 88 D.J. Hackett, 6-3, 200, Sr.\*  
 (x) 85 John Donahoe, 6-0, 185, Sr.\*  
 82 Evan Judge, 6-2, 200, Soph.\*  
 81 Mike Duren, 5-9, 190, Jr.

ST.... 74 Sam Wilder, 6-5, 275, Jr.\*\*  
 (split) 65 Del Scales, 6-6, 295, Fr.-RS

SG.... 69 Karl Allis, 6-5, 310, Sr.\*\*\*  
 (split) 66 Brian Daniels, 6-5, 300, Fr.  
 63 Jack Tipton, 6-4, 285, Fr.-RS

C..... 52 Derek Stemrich, 6-6, 285, Jr.\*  
 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 295, Fr.-RS

TG.... 62 Marwan Hage, 6-3, 290, Sr.\*\*\*  
 (tight) 79 Gary Moore, 6-7, 330, Soph.\*  
 55 Mike Sutton, 6-6, 325, Fr.  
 78 Terrance Barreau, 6-3, 300, Jr.

TT..... 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 280, Soph.\*  
 (tight) 79 Gary Moore, 6-7, 330, Soph.\*  
 75 Fredrick Staugh, 6-5, 290, Fr.-RS

TE..... 89 Joe Klopfenstein, 6-5, 240, Soph.\* AND  
 86 Jesse Wallace, 6-3, 240, Jr.\*  
 45 Quinn Sypniewski, 6-7, 255, Sr.\*\*\*  
 87 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 235, Fr.-RS

QB..... 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 195, Soph.\*  
 13 Erik Greenberg, 6-2, 200, Soph.  
 10 James Cox, 6-3, 210, Fr.-RS

TB..... 42 Bobby Purify, 6-0, 200, Sr.\*\*\* AND  
 2 Brian Calhoun, 5-10, 190, Soph.\*  
 21 Brandon Caesar, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS

FB..... 34 Lawrence Vickers, 6-2, 225, Soph.\*  
 32 J.P. diZerega, 6-2, 240, Jr.\*\*  
 44 Chad Gardner, 6-2, 235, Sr.\*\*\*  
 28 Kyle Griffith, 6-2, 205, Soph.\*



\*—denotes number of letters earned;

**CAPTAINS:** 17 Moorer, 42 Purify, 54 Tufts, 62 Hage**DEFENSE**

(4-2-5)

DE..... 97 Gabe Nyenhuis, 6-4, 275, Sr.\*  
 82 James Garee, 6-5, 255, Soph.\*

DT..... 60 Matt McChesney, 6-4, 290, Jr.\*\*  
 93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 290, Soph.\*  
 96 Marcus Jones, 6-5, 270, Fr.-RS

DT..... 98 Brandon Dabdoub, 6-1, 290, Jr.\*\*  
 94 DeAndre Fluellen, 6-1, 300, Sr.\*\*

DE..... 30 Marques Harris, 6-2, 235, Sr.\*\*\*  
 51 Alex Ligon, 6-4, 240, Fr.-RS

MLB... 54 Sean Tufts, 6-4, 245, Sr.\*\*\*  
 49 Thaddaeus Washington, 6-0, 240, Fr.-RS  
 55 Jason Ackermann, 6-2, 215, Fr.-RS

WLB... 50 Chris Hollis, 6-1, 235, Soph.\* AND  
 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-2, 225, Soph.\*

SS..... 27 Brian Iwuh, 6-1, 215, Soph.\*  
 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-2, 205, Fr.  
 35 Omar Stewart, 5-11, 200, Sr.

WS.... 5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 190, Soph.\*  
 22 Lorenzo Sims, 5-11, 185, Fr.  
 20 Clyde Surrell, 5-10, 190, Sr.\*\*\*

FS..... 17 Medford Moorer, 6-2, 200, Sr.\*\*\*  
 16 Tom Hubbard, 6-5, 210, Soph.

CB..... 1 Sammy Joseph, 6-1, 180, Fr.-RS  
 7 Vance Washington, 5-9, 180, Soph.\*

CB..... 6 Phil Jackson, 6-1, 190, Sr.\*\*\*  
 3 Marcus Moore, 5-11, 175, Sr.\*  
 26 Terrence Wheatley, 6-0, 170, Fr.

**SPECIALISTS**

P..... 29 John Torp, 6-2, 200, Soph.  
 37 J.P. Heaton, 6-2, 200, Fr.

PK.... 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 200, Fr. (KO—#2)  
 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-10, 175, Fr. (KO—#1)  
 35 J.T. Eberly, 6-1, 195, Jr.

KOR... 15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 175, Soph.\*  
 5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 190, Soph.\*  
 42 Bobby Purify, 6-0, 200, Sr.\*\*\*

PR..... 15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 175, Soph.\*  
 85 John Donahoe, 6-0, 185, Sr.\*

HLD... 85 John Donahoe, 6-0, 185, Sr.\*  
 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 195, Soph.\*

SN..... 84 Jake Jones, 6-5, 260, Sr.\*\* (Long—1, Short—2)  
 59 Greg Pace, 6-0, 240, Soph.\* (Short—1, Long—2)