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2003 CU Football: Game 4 — Florida State

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Quickly The **Colorado Buffaloes** (2-1, 0-0 Big 12 North) leave the state's borders for the first time in 2003, as they will travel to face the defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion and No. 10 (AP)/9 (USA Today/ESPN) **Florida State Seminoles** (3-0, 3-0 ACC) in a 1:36 p.m. mountain kickoff at FSU's Doak Campbell Stadium... This will be only the second time CU will play an ACC team, as you have to go back to the 1957 Orange Bowl to find the only other occasion (CU defeated Clemson, 27-21, that day). A total of 520 games span ACC opponents for the Buffaloes, not to mention nine U.S. presidents and well over three billion world-wide births... ABC will televise the game regionally to about 25% of the nation, with Brad Nessler (play-by-play), Bob Griesse (analyst) and Lynn Swann (sidelines) to call the action... Westwood One Sports will broadcast the game nationally on radio, with Bob Papa and Rick Walker behind the mikes... Four Buffs share a birthday this Saturday on game day: cornerback coach **Vance Joseph** turns 31; DE **Marques Harris** will be 22; OG **Drew Shader** turns 21; and QB **Brian White** clicks over to 19 (Harris and Shader are injured)... CU's official website, www.CUBuffs.com, features game day updates and live stats for all games, home and road... Colorado is out of its allotment of Florida State tickets (CU sold just over 2,200 for the game). **DEPTH CHART ON PAGE 35**

In-The-Polls CU was unranked but received votes in both the *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today/ESPN* (coaches) polls of Sunday, Sept. 14, as the Buffs were No. 17 in both prior to the 47-26 loss to Washington State. CU opened the year unranked and received votes in each, but entered the rankings after the season opening win over CSU. CU has been ranked in **182** of the last **234** 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 fourth most ranked teams in the nation (75), trailing Florida State (81), Florida (79) and Michigan (76).

Stat of the Week While Washington State scored the eighth most points ever by an opponent at Folsom Field and amassed 463 yards, the Cougars had an all-or-nothing kind of day... but the "all" portion obviously was enough to deal CU its first loss of the season. WSU had just 23 plays (out of 66) gain five or more yards, a fairly low number. But when two plays gain 151 yards (the 74 and 77 ones that scored touchdowns), it overshadows the fact that 28 of the Cougar's plays went for zero or minus yardage. UCLA had only 19 plays the previous week of five or more yards, meaning CU's allowed 39 the last two games, or just two more than Colorado State had in the opener.

Obscure Note of the Week While Washington State scored the eighth most points ever by an opponent at Folsom Field and amassed 463 yards, the Cougars had an all-or-nothing kind of day... but the "all" portion obviously was enough to deal CU its first loss of the year. WSU ran 66 plays, but only 23 for five or more yards (28 actually went for zero or minus yardage), and gained just 87 yards on only 21 plays on CU's side of the 50. In addition, the Cougars averaged 11.5 yards to go on their 14 third down tries, converting only three time (by comparison, CU averaged 7.5 yards to make a first on its 17 attempts); but two early third down touchdowns of 74 and 77 yards on third down set the tone for the game.

The Schedule Much has been made of CU's tough schedule in 2003, and according to the NCAA, as of now it is the toughest through three weeks of play. CU's opponents are 28-7 combined (27-5 when games against CU are deducted); that edges two other Big 12 teams for top honors (Iowa State, 26-5; Texas A&M 25-7). In fact, Texas (No. 6), Kansas (No. 7) and Missouri (No. 9) means that Big 12 schools currently have six of the nation's nine toughest schedules as of date for 2003.

2003 Colorado Schedule (2-1, 0-0 Big 12)

Date	CU* Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That
Aug. 30	NR Colorado State (in Denver)	23	ESPN	W 42-35	2-1	55-18-2	Klatt throws for 402, 4 TDs in prolific starting debut
SEPT. 6	24 UCLA	NR	ABC	W 16-14	1-1	2- 4-0	JK-to-JK (Klatt to Klopfenstein) wins it with 2:15 left
SEPT. 13	17 WASHINGTON STATE	NR	PPV	L 26-47	2-1	3- 2-0	Five TO's, kickoff & INT returns for TDs do Buffs in
Sept. 20	NR at Florida State	10	ABC	1:36 p.m.	3-0	0- 0-0	First CU visit to Fla. since '91 Blockbuster Bowl
Oct. 4	†at Baylor		TBA	5:00 p.m.	1-2	8- 4-0	CU has won 5 straight, with two straight shutouts
OCT. 11	†KANSAS (FW)		TBA		2-1	38-21-3	Buffs up 15-3 since '85; 16-3 in Boulder since '65
Oct. 18	†at Kansas State		TBA		4-0	41-16-1	Teams had five scoring plays of 71 yards-plus in '02
OCT. 25	†OKLAHOMA (H)		TBA		3-0	16-36-2	OU sweep in '02 stopped 8-0-1 Colorado run
Nov. 1	†at Texas Tech		TBA		2-0	3- 3-0	Home team has won all six games in series
NOV. 8	†MISSOURI		TBA		3-0	29-35-3	CU has 16-2 edge since '85 (8-1 in Boulder)
Nov. 15	†at Iowa State		TBA		2-1	44-12-1	Buffs lead series 18-1 since '84 (9-0 in Ames)
NOV. 28	†NEBRASKA		ABC	10:00 a.m.	3-0	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)
STEPHON 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
UCLA	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Allis	Stemrich	Hage	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Wallace (TE)
Washington State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Allis	Stemrich	Hage	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)
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
UCLA	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	Hollis	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Washington State	Nyenhuis	Fluellen	Dabdoub	McChesney	Tufts	Sims (D)	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson

(D)—Dime Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Hage 28, Harris 28, Jackson 16, Moorer 16. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Hage 31, Harris 31, Jackson 30, McCoy 27, Tufts 22.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Colorado State 93/49; UCLA 94/54; Washington State 97/57.

Injuries The Buffs are a little banged up after three weeks, as four starters went down against Washington State, one game after CU lost DE Marques Harris for the year. The latest round of injuries won't cut short anyone's season, and with a bye week after Florida State, there is time just ahead in the horizon for all to heal. The injury report for the Florida State game as of Monday morning:

Pos	Player	Injury	When (opponent)	Status: FSU	Pos	Player	Injury	When (opponent)	Status: FSU
OG	Karl Allis	concussion	Sept. 13 (WSU)	QUESTIONABLE	WR	Blake Mackey	lower leg	August camp	OUT
OG	Terrance Barreau	knee (scope)	chronic	OUT	TB	Bobby Purify	ankle	Sept. 13 (WSU)	DOUBTFUL
SS	Brian Iwuh	ankle	Sept. 13 (WSU)	QUESTIONABLE	OUT FOR SEASON:				
QB	Joel Klatt	shoulder	Sept. 6 (UCLA)	DOUBTFUL	DE Marques Harris (broken tibia & fibula, vs. UCLA)				
OL	Taylor Landry	back	August camp	OUT	TE Joe Sanders (shoulder surgery, chronic).				

NOTE: Injuries are being 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 be listed as either OUT, DOUBTFUL, QUESTIONABLE or 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.

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 Thaddeus Washington		
UCLA	QB Joel Klatt	DT Matt McChesney ILB Sean Tufts	PK Kevin Eberhart	TB Isaiah Crawford	DE Chadd Evans		
Washington State	WR Derek McCoy	none	none	OL Fredrick Staugh	ILB Walter Boye-Doe		

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)

Seventeen Get First Taste A total of 17 players have seen their first taste of action in a CU football uniform in 2003. Nine played for the first time in the season opener against Colorado State, with four more seeing action in game two against UCLA and then four others in the Washington State tilt. Three scholarship freshmen played in the opener versus CSU, including two scholarship kickers; 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 (7): ILB *Walter Boye-Doe, S Dominique Brooks, PK *Mason Crosby, OT Brian Daniels, PK *Kevin Eberhart, S Lorenzo Sims, CB Terrence Wheatley.

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (7): ILB *Jason Ackermann, TB *Brandon Caesar, *Paul Creighton, C Mark Fenton, CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, ILB Thaddeus Washington.

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

JUNIORS (1): DT McKenzie Tilmon

Players For National Awards Several Colorado players made the preseason official watch lists for some of college football's top honors. The list:

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*)

Lombardi Award (top lineman): Marques Harris (*one of 64 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*)

Underclassmen Role In 2002, when CU finished 9-5 in the school's only 14-game season, players with sophomore eligibility started a total of 14 games. Fast forward to this season, and after just three games, sophomores have started a total of 19 games. Underclassmen have 23 starts this year (19 sophomore/4 freshmen), matching the entire total for 2002 (14 sophomore/9 frosh). But in CU's Big 12 championship year in 2001, 90 underclassmen made starts, with the 71 starting in 2000 and 107 in 1999 during the Barnett era.

CU vs. Florida State It's the first meeting ever between two of the nation's most successful programs over the last 14 seasons. Since the start of the 1989 season, Florida State has the nation's best record at 150-26-1, while Colorado has the 10th best at 122-47-4. The two also have something else in common; in that same span, FSU has played the most ranked teams (81) while CU has played the fourth most (75), with only Florida (79) and Michigan (76) in-between. CU coach Gary Barnett is 0-0 against Florida State, while FSU coach Bobby Bowden is 0-0 against Colorado.

Series Did You Know? — The schools have hooked up just three times in games or matches in their history, though they have seen other a bit more frequently in golf and cross country/track meets. CU owns a 2-1 edge in these meetings, winning in women's volleyball in 1990 (3-1) and in men's tennis in 1993 (4-2), while FSU won the first encounter, a 66-60 win in women's basketball in 1984.

Conference Comparison — The Buffs are all of 1-0 against members of the Atlantic Coast Conference, and that game was the '57 Orange Bowl when the Buffs defeated Clemson in Miami, 27-21. So, it's 46 seasons and 520 games between games against ACC teams for the Buffs. Florida State, on the other hand, opened against a Big 12 team in 2002, escaping with a 38-31 win over Iowa State in Kansas City; the Seminoles have played nine of the league's 12 schools, posting a 28-13 record all-time against member schools. Only Oklahoma (4-1) and Baylor (2-1) own series edges over FSU, while the Seminoles have had their most success against Texas A&M (4-0), Nebraska (6-2), Kansas (5-2), Texas Tech (4-1), Kansas State (3-0) and Oklahoma State (3-1). The only Big 12 teams FSU has never faced are CU, Missouri and Texas.

CU-Florida State By The Numbers Here's a look at some numbers-related trivia in the Colorado-FSU series:

- 0 The number of previous meetings between Colorado and Florida State in football;
- 3 The number of previous meetings between Colorado and Florida State in any sport involving games or matches;
- 3 The number of meetings scheduled between Colorado and Florida State between 2003 and 2008;
- 12 The number of years since CU's last trip to Florida ('91 Blockbuster Bowl, losing 30-25 to Alabama);
- 26 The number of years since CU's last regular season game on the East Coast (31-0 win at Army in 1977);
- 520 The number of games in-between ACC opponents for the Buffs (Clemson 1/1/57, Florida State 9/20/03).

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**Tale Of The Tape** Here's a comparative look at Colorado and Florida State in several statistical categories through games of September 13 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

| Category                                                    | Colorado            | Florida State      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Overall Record, 2003 .....                                  | 2-1                 | 3-0                |
| <i>Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....</i>        | <i>1-0</i>          | <i>0-0</i>         |
| Overall Record, 1989-current.....                           | 122-47-4 (10)       | 150-26-1 ( 1)      |
| <i>Versus Ranked Teams .....</i>                            | <i>39-34-2</i>      | <i>59-21-1</i>     |
| <i>In Conference Play (**—FSU joined ACC in 1992) .....</i> | <i>77-25-3 ( 7)</i> | <i>86-5-0 (**)</i> |
| Players On NFL Rosters (as of Sept. 16) .....               | 27                  | ?                  |
| Rushing Offense.....                                        | 95.7 (97)           | 174.3 (47)         |
| <i>Average Per Rush .....</i>                               | <i>2.31</i>         | <i>4.36</i>        |
| Passing Offense .....                                       | 302.3 (17)          | 236.0 (51)         |
| <i>Completion Percentage.....</i>                           | <i>61.7</i>         | <i>57.7</i>        |
| <i>Average Per Attempt.....</i>                             | <i>7.56</i>         | <i>7.30</i>        |
| Passing Efficiency .....                                    | 146.6 (29)          | 126.4 (62)         |
| Total Offense.....                                          | 398.0 (50)          | 410.3 (43)         |
| <i>Average Per Play .....</i>                               | <i>4.89</i>         | <i>5.67</i>        |
| Scoring Offense.....                                        | 28.0 (53)           | 28.7 (50)          |
| Rushing Defense .....                                       | 145.7 (65)          | 85.7 (23)          |
| <i>Average Per Rush .....</i>                               | <i>4.46</i>         | <i>2.65</i>        |
| Passing Defense.....                                        | 284.7 (105)         | 158.3 (19)         |
| <i>Average Per Attempt.....</i>                             | <i>8.29</i>         | <i>4.61</i>        |
| Pass Efficiency Defense .....                               | 141.9 (95)          | 82.5 ( 9)          |
| Total Defense .....                                         | 430.3 (99)          | 244.0 (10)         |
| <i>Average Per Play .....</i>                               | <i>6.42</i>         | <i>3.66</i>        |
| Scoring Defense.....                                        | 32.0 (93)           | 7.7 ( 5)           |
| Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed .....                        | 3 / 11              | 12 / 4             |
| Net Punting .....                                           | 36.3 (52)           | 38.8 (25)          |
| Punt Returns .....                                          | 10.2 (47)           | 9.7 (53)           |
| Kickoff Returns .....                                       | 22.3 (50)           | 25.3 (26)          |
| Turnovers.....                                              | 7 (85)              | 6 (61)             |
| Turnover Margin .....                                       | -0.67 (84)          | +1.00 (22)         |



**FSU Last Saturday** Florida State spotted Georgia Tech a 13-0 lead... over 47 minutes into the game before the offense came alive for two fourth quarter touchdown drives as the Seminoles rallied for a 14-13 victory. It was a defensive battle, as FSU edged the Yellow Jackets, 251-240 (160-128 passing), as Tech played keep-away in the first half, running 42 to plays to FSU's 15 in controlling the ball for 23:06. Quarterback Chris Rix shook off two interceptions to lead the 'Noles in rushing (8-41) while completing 15-of-30 passes for 160 yards and a touchdown. Each team committed three turnovers and punted five times in the game, which was played in Tallahassee.

**The Set-Up** As promised, a repeat performance of thus note: the odds are against this game ending with one team recording a shutout over the other, as Florida State and Colorado own the seventh and ninth longest active scoring streaks in the nation entering the game at 187 and 175 games, respectively. Both were last shutout in 1988: FSU lost to Miami, 31-0, on September 3, while CU was last blanked on November 12 that year, falling 7-0 at Nebraska.

**The Set-Up II** The Buffs don't make a habit out of dropping back-to-back non-conference games very often. In fact, it's happened only eight times over the last 38 seasons, and only once since 1986. The Buffs dropped three straight in 2000, four straight in both 1986 and 1984, two straight in 1982, three in a row in 1981, four straight in 1980, three straight in 1979 and two in succession in 1974. Thus, five of the eight times it happened fell between 1979 and 1984, when CU posted a 14-51-1 overall record.

**In Buff History: September 20** The good news is that Colorado is 4-2 on **September 20** in its history; the bad news is that the Buffs have dropped the last two 9/20 games, both by a late field goal, on the road. CU last played a September 20 game in 1986, losing 13-10 at Ohio State on a field goal called good at the gun (film review showed otherwise); CU also lost at Louisiana State, 23-20, in 1980 on a field goal with 35 seconds remaining. CU defeated Wyoming in 1975 (27-10), Tulsa in 1969 (35-14), San Jose State in 1952 (20-14) and State Prep in 1899 (6-0).

**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.

## 2003 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

| North Division (+1)        |  | conference----- |          |             |          |          | overall----- |          |             |           |           | Next Up                     |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank) |  | W               | L        | Pct.        | Pts      | Opp      | W            | L        | Pct.        | Pts       | Opp       |                             |
| Nebraska (#15/#15)         |  | 1               | 0        | 1.000       | 17       | 7        | 3            | 0        | 1.000       | 66        | 24        | S25 at Southern Mississippi |
| Kansas State (#6/#6)       |  | 0               | 0        | .000        | 0        | 0        | 4            | 0        | 1.000       | 176       | 54        | S20 MARSHALL                |
| Missouri (#23/NR)          |  | 0               | 0        | .000        | 0        | 0        | 3            | 0        | 1.000       | 94        | 22        | S20 MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE  |
| <b>COLORADO</b>            |  | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b> | <b>.000</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b>     | <b>1</b> | <b>.667</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>96</b> | <b>S20 at Florida State</b> |
| Iowa State                 |  | 0               | 0        | .000        | 0        | 0        | 2            | 1        | .667        | 86        | 70        | S27 at Northern Illinois    |
| Kansas                     |  | 0               | 0        | .000        | 0        | 0        | 2            | 1        | .667        | 108       | 87        | S20 JACKSONVILLE STATE      |
| South Division (-1)        |  | conference----- |          |             |          |          | overall----- |          |             |           |           | Next Up                     |
| School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank) |  | W               | L        | Pct.        | Pts      | Opp      | W            | L        | Pct.        | Pts       | Opp       |                             |
| Oklahoma (#1/#1)           |  | 0               | 0        | .000        | 0        | 0        | 3            | 0        | 1.000       | 109       | 44        | S20 UCLA                    |
| Texas A & M (NR/#20)       |  | 0               | 0        | .000        | 0        | 0        | 2            | 0        | 1.000       | 54        | 37        | S18 at Virginia Tech        |
| Texas Tech                 |  | 0               | 0        | .000        | 0        | 0        | 2            | 0        | 1.000       | 100       | 38        | S13 MISSISSIPPI             |
| Oklahoma State             |  | 0               | 1        | .000        | 7        | 17       | 2            | 1        | .667        | 97        | 44        | S20 at Southern Methodist   |
| Texas (#13/#13)            |  | 0               | 0        | .000        | 0        | 0        | 1            | 1        | .500        | 94        | 45        | S20 at Rice                 |
| Baylor                     |  | 0               | 0        | .000        | 0        | 0        | 1            | 2        | .333        | 43        | 83        | S20 SAM HOUSTON STATE       |

**Go To Guy** It's no secret that senior **D.J. Hackett** has emerged as the go-to guy through two games, as he's CU's leading receiver with 23 receptions for 231 yards. But let's look inside his numbers: Eleven of his receptions have earned first downs, including eight on third down catches. As a junior in 2002, Hackett surfaced at Colorado after his previous school, Cal-State Northridge, dropped its football program. His 23 receptions are already more than he had all of the '02 season, including the Alamo Bowl (18 for 211 yards).

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

- ⇒ **WR JEREMY BLOOM** is 15th in punt return yards (413) and is tied for fifth in punt return touchdowns (2).
- ⇒ **WR D.J. HACKETT** is tied for 66th in receiving yards (412), and is tied for 44th in receptions (38).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is for 31st in passing yards (708), and is tied for 23rd in touchdown passes (6).
- ⇒ **WR DEREK MCCOY** is seventh in receiving yards (1,504), is 11th in receptions (89); is tied for fourth in TD receptions (13); is first in two-point conversions made (4) and is tied for 45th in scoring (86 points).
- ⇒ **FS MEDFORD MOORE** is tied for 75th in tackles (173), and is tied for 40th in solo tackles (121).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is tied for 15th in rushing yards (1,999), is tied for 48th in receptions (36), and is 26th in all-purpose yards (2,362).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is seventh in games coached (53), eighth in wins (31) 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        |
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>.875</b> | <b>2001-02</b> |
| 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        |
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>51</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>.705</b> |
| Ohio State      | 49        | 20        | 2        | .704        |
| Florida         | 40        | 20        | 1        | .664        |
| Notre Dame      | 45        | 23        | 2        | .657        |
| Penn State      | 47        | 26        | 1        | .642        |

(road only; neutral sites not included)

**Tenth Best Since 1989** Colorado has the nation's 10th best record over the last 14-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, as CU is **122-47-4** 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 18-plus years, Colorado's **149-65-4** 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. 13):

| Rk  | School        | G   | W   | L  | T | Pct. | vs. AP Ranked Teams |         |  | 2003 |
|-----|---------------|-----|-----|----|---|------|---------------------|---------|--|------|
|     |               |     |     |    |   |      | G                   | W- L-T  |  |      |
| 1   | Florida State | 177 | 150 | 26 | 1 | .850 | 81                  | 59-21-1 |  | 3-0  |
| 2   | Nebraska      | 179 | 149 | 29 | 1 | .835 | 55                  | 32-22-1 |  | 3-0  |
| 3   | Miami, Fla.   | 171 | 141 | 30 | 0 | .825 | 61                  | 38-23-0 |  | 3-0  |
| 4   | Tennessee     | 175 | 138 | 34 | 3 | .797 | 68                  | 39-26-3 |  | 2-0  |
| 5   | Florida       | 178 | 139 | 38 | 1 | .784 | 79                  | 46-32-1 |  | 2-1  |
| 6   | Michigan      | 173 | 132 | 38 | 3 | .772 | 76                  | 46-28-2 |  | 3-0  |
| 7   | Ohio State    | 176 | 131 | 42 | 3 | .753 | 70                  | 36-31-3 |  | 3-0  |
| 8   | Texas A & M   | 174 | 125 | 47 | 2 | .724 | 51                  | 25-25-1 |  | 2-0  |
| 9   | Penn State    | 174 | 125 | 48 | 1 | .721 | 62                  | 32-30-0 |  | 1-2  |
| 10  | COLORADO      | 173 | 122 | 47 | 4 | .717 | 75                  | 39-34-2 |  | 2-1  |
| (11 | Notre Dame    | 172 | 121 | 49 | 2 | .709 | 69                  | 35-32-2 |  | 1-1) |

**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 quarterback 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 12 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 did he celebrate? Aside from being his usual low-key self about those kinds of things, he had to pay his semester tuition bill the Tuesday after the win.

**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 more rare. But where does the yardage stand in relation to what some other walk-ons have posted? It ranked as the fourth most passing yards ever by a walk-on in a game. The list:

| 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        |
| <b>Joel Klatt, Colorado</b>    | <b>Colorado State (Denver)</b> | <b>402</b> | <b>August 30, 2003</b> | <b>W 42-35</b> |
| Griffin Goodman, Arizona State | California                     | 394        | October 7, 2000        | W 30-10        |
| John Barnes, UCLA              | Southern California            | 385        | November 21, 1992      | W 38-37        |

**Other CU Walk-On/Former Walk-On Highs**

|                          |                   |     |                    |         |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----|--------------------|---------|
| <b>a</b> —Scott Kingdom  | at Oklahoma State | 213 | November 8, 1980   | L 7-42  |
| <b>b</b> —Erik Greenberg | Washington State  | 199 | September 13, 2003 | L 26-47 |

(a—originally a 1978 walk-on, he earned a scholarship the following spring; b—a 1999 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                  |

**2-0** Klatt was only the 10th quarterback (out of 38) to win his first two starts for the Buffaloes dating back to the 1959 season. The best start ever was another sophomore, **Darian Hagan**, who led CU to 11 straight wins in 1989, followed by another soph, **Kordell Stewart**, who won his first eight starts in 1992. Junior Mike **Moschetti** won his first five in 1998 and is the last player to open 2-0. The complete list since 1959:

**11**—Darian Hagan, Soph. (1989); **8**—Kordell Stewart, Soph. (1992); **5**—Bobby Anderson, Soph. (1967), Bill Solomon, Jr. (1978), Mike Moschetti, Jr. (1998); **4**—Ken Johnson, Soph. (1971); **2**—Paul Arendt, Soph. (1969), Mark Hatcher, Soph. (1985), Charles Johnson, Jr. (1990), **Joel Klatt, Soph. (2003).**

**Statistically Speaking** Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of September 13:

| B12  | NCAA | Category             | Stat  | B12  | NCAA  | Category             | Stat  | B12 | NCAA | Category             | Stat  |
|------|------|----------------------|-------|------|-------|----------------------|-------|-----|------|----------------------|-------|
| 11th | 97th | Rushing Offense..... | 95.7  | 5th  | 65th  | Rushing Defense..... | 145.7 | 8th | 47th | Punt Returns.....    | 10.2  |
| 3rd  | 17th | Passing Offense..... | 302.3 | 12th | 105th | Passing Defense..... | 284.7 | 8th | 50th | Kickoff Returns..... | 22.3  |
| 7th  | 50th | Total Offense.....   | 398.0 | 10th | 99th  | Total Defense.....   | 430.3 | 5th | 52nd | Net Punting.....     | 36.3  |
| 9th  | 53rd | Scoring Offense..... | 28.0  | 10th | 93rd  | Scoring Defense..... | 32.0  | 9th | 84th | Turnover Margin..... | -0.67 |

- ♦ **WR Jeremy Bloom:** 11.0 yards per punt return (5th/Big 12, 41st/NCAA); 21.5 yards per kickoff return (5th/Big 12, 54th NCAA).
- ♦ **TB Brian Calhoun:** 42.3 rushing yards per game (19th/Big 12).
- ♦ **WR D.J. Hackett:** 77.0 receiving yards per game (11th/Big 12; 54th NCAA); 7.7 receptions per game (2nd Big 12/10th NCAA).
- ♦ **CB Phil Jackson:** 2.33 pass deflections per game (2nd/Big 12).
- ♦ **QB Joel Klatt:** 150.9 rating (5th/Big 12, 26th/NCAA); 236.0 passing yards per game (4th/Big 12); 18.3 completions per game (3rd/Big 12, 30th/NCAA); 225.0 total offense per game (6th/Big 12, 45th/NCAA).
- ♦ **TE Joe Klopfenstein:** 6.0 points per game (15th/Big 12, 98th/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR Derek McCoy:** 116.7 receiving yards per game (1st/Big 12, 7th NCAA); 6.0 receptions per game (5th Big 12, 35th/NCAA); 116.3 all-purpose yards (8th/Big12, 68rd/NCAA); 8.0 points per game (10th/Big 12; 55th/NCAA).
- ♦ **FS Medford Moorero:** 9.3 tackles per game (10th/Big 12).
- ♦ **TB Bobby Purify:** 55.7 rushing yards per game (15th/Big 12); 6.0 points per game (15th/Big 12, 98th/NCAA).
- ♦ **P John Torp:** 41.5 punting average (7th/Big 12; 60th/NCAA).

**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 Moorero (4).

**Captains** The 2003 team captains (selected August 22) are all seniors: **OG Marwan Hage**, **FS Medford Moorero**, **TB Bobby Purify** and **ILB Sean Tufts**. Two have already graduated (Hage and Moorero), 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 (Moorero, 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 had more yards out of the tailback position than any other team over the 2001 and 2002 seasons) were due to the fact that in CU's 27 games over those years, there was 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.

**But in '03** 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 and has had its struggles as a young group attempts to meld together. 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, six in the final 10 games. However, with the new line still developing chemistry, the Buffs have allowed 11 in two games, six by the line. It's actually shown up more in pressures—CU has allowed 34 in 2003 (28 by the line), compared to 54 all of last season.

**Solid Rating** The season opener against Colorado State, televised nationally on ESPN, to date is the most watched cable telecast in the metropolitan Denver area. The game registered a 15.9 audience rating in metro cable homes.

**1** That's the number of yards needed by TB Bobby Purify to become just the 15th player in Colorado history to rack up 2,000 career rushing yards. (Never take that "1" for granted; Carroll Hardy finished with 1,999 career rushing yards between 1951-54).



## Monteilh In Search Of A Happy Ending

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He grew up in a Beverly Hills neighborhood not unlike something straight out of the once popular television show with a cultish following, *Beverly Hills 90210*. But as we all know, the silver screen has a quirky tendency to present to its viewers a rather distorted image of reality. With that in mind, life has certainly been anything but a page from a script for **Ron Monteilh**, a 6-foot-1 junior wide receiver for the 2003 Buffaloes.

At the ripe old age of nine, Monteilh's story turned from good to bad in the blink of an eye. His father and grandmother both passed away before his 10th birthday, his dad from leukemia and grandmother from breast cancer. The losses left him, the eldest of three children, to take over as the man of the house. Forced into this dubious situation at such a young age, he could have just packed it in and called it quits. Or he could have taken to the streets of L.A., like so many other kids in similar situations would do. His story would have been easy to write off as just another neglected product of a one-parent household. And I think we all know how that story ends.

While Monteilh's tale certainly has been a hair-raising roller coaster ride of sorts, the junior wide receiver took what he learned from his unfortunate experiences and put those lessons to good use. During his senior year of high school, while he was earning All-American honors on the football field as his team's leading receiver, he was eagerly volunteering his precious free time working as a volunteer bereavement counselor at Beverly Hills High School.

When students had problems or issues, and they didn't feel comfortable talking to the powers that be, Monteilh became a peer that they could speak to. With his special insight into the death of a family member and how to deal with that loss, Monteilh jumped at the chance to be able to help others deal easier with the same kinds of situations. While he immersed himself in playing sports, he realizes that not everyone is blessed with the kind of athletic talent that he was born with.

"I really liked volunteering my time because there were a lot of young kids that looked up to me and really needed my help," said Monteilh as he remembered back to his high school days. "That was probably the one time in my life that I could really tell someone what I think about what they should do, and they would really do it because they looked up to me. That's probably one of the best experiences that I've had."

His tragic tale doesn't stop there, however. To make matters worse, while he was helping his peers deal with their ominous situations, Monteilh was forced to traverse over another personal tragedy himself. Three of his good friends died in separate car accidents all within three months time and all three tragedies were alcohol related; something Monteilh feels he has learned from.

"I really discovered the effect that alcohol can have on your driving," he said. "And I will never, ever do that in my life."

Throughout all of this misfortune and heartbreak, Monteilh didn't let his circumstances affect his performance on the

field, as he was named Beverly Hills' male athlete of the year all four years that he attended the school. The three-sport star (basketball and track) tallied a personal high 58 receptions for 950 yards (16.4 per grab) his senior year, pretty much writing his ticket towards a Division I football scholarship. It seemed that things were finally starting to turn themselves around. Or were they?

The SuperPrep All-American was recruited nationally and picked Oregon State over Colorado because he was told that he would play immediately. When he was redshirted as a freshman at OSU, ending any hope of playing that season, Monteilh transferred to CU in time for the 2001 campaign in hopes of bettering his situation. Again, however, he was forced to sit out another year per NCAA transfer rules. Two seasons down and not a snap played, something the junior economics major was not used to dealing with.

"It was a tough situation," Monteilh relayed about not playing for two seasons. "I became real rusty after a while. Redshirting at Oregon State was no big deal because I really didn't like it there, but sitting out a year at CU hurt because this was the team I really wanted to play for. I trained everyday on the practice squad, but in terms of live game action I was way behind. I was psyched to finally get the chance to crack the starting lineup."

But before Monteilh could actually take to the playing field, his personal saga continued in April 2002 when he was arrested on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor at an off campus party attended by Colorado football players. While the district attorney's office eventually cleared him of any wrongdoing – stating that a recruit he never met had misidentified him – Monteilh had to suffer through five-long months of public humility and media attention for something that he was never a part of in the first place. And this all before he ever played a snap for the Black and Gold. But Monteilh insists that it has all just made him stronger.

"I transferred and had to sit out a year. I've been arrested for something I didn't do and had to bounce back from that. I've had close friends and family die on me my whole life," listed Monteilh. "I think I have become accustomed to bouncing back from things like that."

Finally at age 20, and in his sophomore year of eligibility, a tried and tested Monteilh appeared in his Buffs debut in the season opener against Colorado State. In true resilient fashion, he caught three passes from quarterback Craig Ochs to put his name in the CU football annals and hopefully turn the page on the saga that he appropriately calls life.

Now the number two man at the "X" receiver position in 2003, the 21-year old junior has flown under the radar on the field, but is making his mark in the Boulder community off the field. His 16 career receptions for 123 yards in 16 games may not merit him a plaque in the College Hall of Fame, but his participation in groups like the Boulder County Partners organization has earned him the respect of his peers and community leaders alike.

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The Boulder County Partners is a non-profit mentoring organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of at-risk young people by helping them develop a positive self-image, a sense of belonging and an acceptance of responsibility through one-to-one mentoring. As a big brother volunteer, Monteilh is paired with compatible at-risk teens in the Boulder community and offers six to eight hours of his time towards mentoring youths on a weekly basis.

“At-risk teens are kids that are more prone to getting in trouble and being on the wrong side of the law,” stated Monteilh. “I didn’t have any issues like that when I was a kid, but I think I can be a good role model for a kid to help get his life back on the right track. I feel like I’ve been through a lot myself in my life. Maybe I can’t relate to kids that are getting in trouble everyday, but I think I can show them that if they work hard and walk the right path, they can possibly end up at a good school like I did.”

Monteilh seems to have finally found the right avenue after his rocky start. Through all the obstacles that life has thrown at him, Monteilh insists that it has been the game of football that has helped him through the hard times. He even goes so far as equating football and life as interchangeable.

“I think football has helped me with my life experiences because I have learned to be disciplined,” Monteilh said. “Football, just like life, takes a lot of determination to bounce back. If you have a bad game you have to learn and move on. In life, it may not be as easy to do, but the same principles apply.”

Ron Monteilh may have taken the long way from Beverly Hills to Boulder, but he is in the process of rewriting his own script ... hopefully one that has the happy ending that he deserves.

**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  | <b>5.88</b> | 1601            | 1328 | 1203 | 1081 | 174                   | 742   | 4.3  | 48-27-5  | 56.3 | 339   |
| Opponents..... | 838         | 4288  | <b>5.12</b> | 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  | <b>5.57</b> | 1404            | 1328 | 1235 | 1076   | 168                          | 761   | 4.5  | 71-39-1  | 54.9 | 315   |
| Opponents..... | 936         | 4764  | <b>5.09</b> | 1318            | 1304 | 964  | 1178   | 123                          | 434   | 3.5  | 125-74-2 | 59.2 | 744   |

And in 2003? Well, it’s early, and with only “25 percent of the precincts reporting” (three out of 12 games), the numbers are:

| Team           | Season----- |       |             | By Quarter----- |     |     |     | 4th Quarter (& OT) Breakdown |       |      |         |      |       |
|----------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------|-------|------|---------|------|-------|
|                | Att.        | Yards | Avg.        | 1st             | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Rushes                       | Yards | Avg. | Passing | Pct. | Yards |
| COLORADO.....  | 244         | 1194  | <b>4.89</b> | 233             | 456 | 205 | 300 | 32                           | 39    | 1.2  | 39-27-0 | 69.2 | 261   |
| Opponents..... | 201         | 1291  | <b>6.42</b> | 387             | 362 | 318 | 224 | 31                           | 127   | 4.1  | 22-8-2  | 36.4 | 97    |

**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 **3,083** in the 53 games he has coached, **904** more than the opponent. That difference of 17 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        | 5        | 1        | 38        | East Carolina | 7    | 5    | 4    | 5    | 0    | 3     | 24    |
| Kansas State    | 9        | 5        | 2        | 12       | 3        | 0        | 31        | 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    |
| <b>COLORADO</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>27</b> | 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    |
| Texas Tech      | 3        | 7        | 8        | 5        | 2        | 1        | 26        |               |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |

- Colorado had **0** return yards in the win over UCLA... the first time the Buffs did not tally any return yards since a 44-21 loss to Kansas State in the 2000 season. The last time the Buffs won a game with zero (or fewer) return yards was at the tail end of the ’94 regular season, when they defeated Iowa State 41-20 with minus-9, a week after they had zero in a 51-26 win over Kansas.

**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 **31-22** record at Colorado, along with a **66-67-1** record in 11-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **74-78-2**. 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...       | 31-22          | 16- 8          | 11- 8        | 4- 6           | 10-12          | 21-10           | 8-11              | 23-11         | 1- 2         |
| <b>Career (NCAA I-A)....</b> | <b>66-67-1</b> | <b>35-27-1</b> | <b>27-30</b> | <b>4-10</b>    | <b>19-32-1</b> | <b>47-35</b>    | <b>20-23-1</b>    | <b>23-11</b>  | <b>1- 4</b>  |

♦ **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 **53** 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 **229** 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. 13 (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.....         | 46        | 9         | .836        | *Kirk Ferentz, Iowa.....            | 25 | 26 | .490 | ✚Rick Neuheisel, Washington.....        | 33 | 16 | .674 |
| Tommy Bowden, Clemson.....         | 32        | 20        | .615        | *Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech..... | 24 | 25 | .490 | ✚Dennis Erickson, Oregon State.....     | 31 | 17 | .646 |
| *David Cutcliffe, Mississippi..... | 31        | 20        | .608        | Lou Holtz, South Carolina.....      | 24 | 26 | .480 | ✚Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe.....   | 8  | 28 | .222 |
| June Jones, Hawai'i.....           | 32        | 21        | .604        | Chris Scelfo, Tulane.....           | 22 | 28 | .440 | ✚*Kevin Steele, Baylor.....             | 9  | 36 | .200 |
| Tommy Tuberville, Auburn.....      | 31        | 21        | .596        | John Robinson, UNLV.....            | 21 | 28 | .429 | ✚Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette.... | 6  | 27 | .182 |
| <b>Gary Barnett, Colorado.....</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>.585</b> | Randy Walker, Northwestern.....     | 19 | 30 | .388 |                                         |    |    |      |
| *Terry Hoepfner, Miami-Ohio.....   | 28        | 20        | .583        | *Carl Franks, Duke.....             | 7  | 41 | .146 | (✚—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. 15) 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 41-24-1 in its last 66 games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (38-18 in the last 56, including a 2-1 mark so far in 2003). The Buffs are 44-30-1 on grass dating back to the 1977 season; that's only 75 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 16-8 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 47-26 loss to Washington State:

General: "Well we gave up a lot of big plays, a lot of stupid plays and you can't do that against a team like this... we just had a breakdown, whether or not it was two emotional games, I'm not sure. We coaches felt during the week that the guys were emotionally drained. Games like this are always possible. We fought all day and knew it was going to be a fight. We lost Joel (Klatt), Bobby (Purify) and a couple of other players for a while. We came in with a lot of resolve and when we gave them those plays it didn't give us a chance to win. This is hard. Fifty of the 70 players who travel are freshmen or sophomores and winning those first two games gives you a false sense of who you are. It's hard this next week, but you've got to look at the big picture and realize that we've only played three of 12 games. We've got a lot of goals out there that we're still striving for."

On the Quarterback Position: "It will probably be Erik (Greenberg) next week. We had wanted to get (James) Cox in there in the fourth quarter today, but since Erik will probably play against Florida State, we figured he needed to get all the reps he could get."

On the Offensive Line: "I had the worst view in the house to say whether we were good or bad. I think we made a lot of target mistakes and that means that we were blocking the wrong men. We may have had some technique errors too. It's hard to make improvements, especially against a team that blitzes."

On the Absence of Clyde Surrell: "Certainly, it would have been nice to have an experienced player in there. But I can't say if it would have been enough."

On the WSU Kickoff Return for a Score: "I felt like it did take the air out of us. We miss-hit the ball and it ended up being a good opportunity for us after the first guy muffed it, but then we just busted our coverage. It for sure flatted us. We were ready to go on defense. There were some big plays that should have been made but when that happened it put us at 17 down right away."

On QB Joel Klatt: "Joel is a warrior. He wanted to be in there, but you could tell on one throw that he couldn't get the ball out so we had to take him in and X-ray him."

On Necessary Defensive Improvements: "Most of the defensive mistakes were experience mistakes. On that first one, if Sammy (Joseph) holds on until everybody shows up and then Brian (Iwuh) bit on a play that he sees everyday in practice. Four of the six players we had in there on dime were freshmen or redshirt freshmen. After losing (Marques) Harris, we're going to struggle a little at that position. You can't lose a key guy and not struggle a little. It was more just big mistakes. We had four big mistakes that put us in such a hole, and that team was too good to come back against."

Player Quotes

Some comments from select players following the home loss to Washington State:

ILB SEAN TUFTS

GENERAL: "We went out there today and really got embarrassed. They just went out and played football and did everything right. The mistakes that we made were being inconsistent. It is a big problem and we need to play every down like it is our last. I guarantee if we are inconsistent they (Florida State) are going to beat the heck out of us. We are giving up the big play in basic situations and we can't do that. We just have to bounce back and finish the season strong."

DT BRANDON DABDOUB

GENERAL: "We were too inconsistent. We got too high and when you get too high in football, you need to come down. We made plenty of mistakes. It felt like we went out there fairly flat. It might have been overconfidence, I just don't know. Things really snowballed there at the start of the second half and it was too big a hole to climb out of."

ON THE ABSENCE OF DE MARQUES HARRIS: "It took a little while to get used to it. Communication-wise, it took a series or two."

ON NEXT WEEK'S FLORIDA STATE GAME: "If we play this way next week, Florida State is going to humiliate and dominate us. We are playing men who are physical and have a lot of speed."

QB JOEL KLATT

ON HIS INJURY: "I made a throw to D.J. (Hackett), and I knew something was wrong. I was feeling like I could muster enough to get the ball out there with velocity. After the second one (hit) I couldn't get my shoulder up to throw the ball."

ON PLAYING NEXT WEEK: "I have no idea, I've never injured a shoulder and have no idea what kind of time frame to expect."

QB ERIK GREENBERG

GENERAL: "It was a tough first time. I learned a lot. Coach Watson said 'There is a lot of good things that happen, but also some things I'm not going to be too happy about.' I know there were some mistakes and I understand that. Overall, I did better than I would have expected. Joel (Klatt) told me to keep working the offense and keep rolling them."

ON NEXT WEEK'S FLORIDA STATE GAME: "I'm just going to prepare with Joel and if it (starting) happens I'll be ready. I'm excited for it, but it's also humbling. I have to prepare and this week is important."

ON FOURTH DOWN PLAY TO McCOY: "It took a little while for me to get calmed down, and I was really surprised that we decided to go for it on fourth down. But, I was really excited that we went for it and I'm glad it worked."

ON TWO-YARD TOUCHDOWN TO McCOY: "It was a sprint around to the right and I tried to get it to him fast. That was a good drive for us and it really helped me feel more comfortable in the game."

S DOMINIQUE BROOKS

ON HIS SACK: *"We had a blitz called; the line opened up and nobody touched. I was able to shoot in and get the sack."*
 GENERAL: *"He told us that we couldn't make those kinds of mistakes that we made out there. We missed a lot of assignments, and you can't do that against a great team like Washington State. We have to learn from our mistakes and improve for next week."*

TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN

ON HIS FIRST TOUCHDOWN: *"I had a corner route, they sent the linebacker in motion and I was wide open."*

ON WHAT BARNETT SAID TO TEAM AFTERWARDS: *"He said that we made way too many mistakes, and you can't beat this caliber team with that many mistakes. Hopefully we'll fix them this week in practice."*

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. WR Derek McCoy** had his third career 100-yard receiving game, 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. 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.** 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.
- ◆ **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 improved to 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).
- ◆ **UCLA.** Colorado's first touchdown drive of the game consumed 98 yards... that ties for the seventh longest in school history; the Buffs have had six 99-yard marches for TDs, the last coming at Oklahoma State in 2001 (complete list on page 221 of CU media guide).
- ◆ **UCLA. PK Mason Crosby** made good on his first career field goal attempt near the end of the first half. The 40-yard kick tied for the fifth longest in CU history by a true freshman; the four ahead of him were all by Tom Field in 1979, including the record long one of 51 yards (against Oregon on Sept. 8). The longest first career field goal by any Buffalo regardless of class is 53 yards, jointly accomplished by Jim Harper (vs. Tennessee in 1990) and Mitch Berger (vs. Oklahoma in 1992); the irony of those two kicks is the fact that both those games ended in ties (Berger's line drive kick tied the game at 24-24 as time ran out).
- ◆ **UCLA. QB Erik Greenberg** saw his first game action in almost three years—when he appeared in the third quarter, it was the first time since he took two late snaps at Missouri in 2000; he spent the '01 and '02 seasons serving his Mormon Mission in Bolivia.
- ◆ **UCLA.** Colorado improved to 2-0 for the first time since 1998; the last time Colorado was 2-0 with the two wins coming by a combined 10 or fewer points was in 1953, after opening with a 21-20 win at Washington and then defeating Arizona in Boulder, 20-14.
- ◆ **UCLA. JK-to-JK.** The game-winning touchdown from **Joel Klatt to TE Joe Klopfenstein** was the latter's first career touchdown pass, coming on his sixth career reception.
- ◆ **UCLA.** While offense prevailed last week (CSU outgained CU, 585-504), defense won out in week two, as CU edged out the Bruins, 245-243. UCLA had just 38 yards rushing, the fewest allowed by CU since Oklahoma was held to minus-11 in 1999 (of course, both figures include sack yardage). But minus the sacks, UCLA still had just 53 on 24 attempts.
- ◆ **UCLA.** CU has 190 rushing yards after two games (compared to 559 passing); that's the fewest rushing yards by the Buffs two games into a season since 1997 (when CU had 171 after beating CSU and losing at Michigan). It's the most passing yards after two games since '99 (765).
- ◆ **UCLA.** The **Colorado defense** stiffened when it had to; in addition to allowing its fewest yards since holding Kansas State to 196 in 2001 (23 games ago), UCLA was in plus territory (50 on in) six times today and scored only 14 points. In fact, take away the 42-yard touchdown pass and the 38-yard pass on third-and-30; and the Bruins ran 29 plays on CU's side of the 50 for just 51 yards.
- ◆ **UCLA.** The Bruins converted on a 3rd-and-30 in the game, marking the first time since 1993 that CU allowed an opponent to earn a first down out of a situation where it was 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent 51 straight times on 3rd-and-20 or longer, as the last conversion had come on Sept. 25, 1993, when Miami converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win.
- ◆ **WASHINGTON STATE.** The 445 yards gained by the Buffaloes were their fourth most ever in a losing game.
- ◆ **WASHINGTON STATE.** It took just 6:10 for two of the nation's nine longest scoring streaks to be extended. Washington State upped its streak to 217 games, fifth longest in Division I-A, while CU bumped its streak to 175 games, the ninth longest nationally. Both are school records.

Season Note Progression continued...

- ◆ **WASHINGTON STATE. QB Joel Klatt.** He completed 13-of-25 passes for 149 yards and a touchdown, with no interceptions. He has now thrown 92 consecutive passes without an interception, which is tied for the sixth longest streak in CU history and the third longest to open a career; Bobby Pesavento owns both the overall and the start of a career record with 106, set in 2001; Craig Ochs is next with 104, and John Hessler third with 100 (the second most without a pick to begin a Buff career back in 1995).
- ◆ **WASHINGTON STATE. QB Erik Greenberg.** He threw his first collegiate pass against WSU, with his second being intercepted and returned for a touchdown and his fourth caught by Derek McCoy on fourth down for a 46-yard touchdown.
- ◆ **WASHINGTON STATE.** Sammy Moore's 97-yard kickoff return to open the second half was the first allowed by Colorado since the 1996 season; the last one was by Washington's Jerome Pathon in the Holiday Bowl (86 yards) on Dec. 30, 1996; the last regular season one was also that year, by CSU's Calvin Branch who returned one 96 yards for a score on Sept. 7, 1996.
- ◆ **WASHINGTON STATE. FS Medford Moorer** had his sixth career interception, becoming the 39th player in CU history to have that many in a career (he's tied with 14 others for 26th place on the all-time list). The all-time leader? John Stearns had 16 between 1970-72.
- ◆ **WASHINGTON STATE.** The 47 points allowed by Colorado were the most by a visiting team at Folsom Field since Missouri defeated the Buffs, 59-20, on October 8, 1983. It was the most by any opponent anywhere since a 52-7 loss to Nebraska in Lincoln on Oct. 31, 1992.
- ◆ **WASHINGTON STATE.** Colorado outgained Washington State in the last three quarters; after the Cougars held a 220-127 edge after the first quarter, CU won the second (131-123), third (110-94) and fourth (77-26).
- ◆ **WASHINGTON STATE. WR Derek McCoy** tied the school record for receptions in a game with 11, joining pretty good company: the other two to do it were Michael Westbrook at Baylor and Charles Johnson at Missouri, both in 1992.
- ◆ **WASHINGTON STATE. TE Joe Klopfenstein.** His two touchdowns receiving marked the first time a CU tight end caught two in a game since Nov. 9, 1996, when Brody Heffner Liddiard had a pair in a 49-42 win over Iowa State.
- ◆ **WASHINGTON STATE. POST-CATCH YARDAGE:** Washington State receivers had 190 yards after the catch, including 56 by Sammy Moore and 55 by Scott Lunde on their big third down touchdown catches. Colorado had 159, with Derek McCoy netting 63 on his 11 receptions.
- ◆ **WASHINGTON STATE. TB Bobby Purify.** He had 62 yards on his rushing gains, and those didn't come easy, as 59 came after he was first hit. (CU had 98 of its 115 yards gained rushing after contact—not including losses—while WSU had 121 of its 169.)

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 **21-46** 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, Oklahoma State 0-3, Iowa State 0-4, 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 28-3, Nebraska 28-4, Texas A&M 22-7, Oklahoma State 19-6, Oklahoma 21-8, Iowa State 18-8, Texas 20-9, Texas Tech 20-10, Missouri 18-9, Kansas 16-9, **Colorado 17-12** and Baylor 14-11. 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.

Record Watch The annual running list of records that have fallen or have been tied during the course of the 2003 season. The first entry of the year came by Derek McCoy against Washington State, when he tied the school record for the most receptions in a single game. NOTE: Colorado has not adopted the NCAA policy of counting bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.

INDIVIDUAL (1)

Most Receptions, Game—11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003

TIED RECORD

Record: 11, Michael Westbrook vs. Baylor at Waco, Sept. 12, 1992, and Charles Johnson vs. Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 8, 1992

TEAM (1)

Most Passing Attempts, Game—55, vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003

RECORD

Old Record: 52, vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Nov. 20, 1982

Trends I Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 150-66-4, the 12th best record nationally in this span). In these 220 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	94-12-2	♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	73-4-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	47-4-0	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	77-11-1
♦ when leading in time of possession	99-15-3	♦ when leading after three quarters (<i>123-8-3 in last 134</i>)	127-10-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	96-23-1	♦ when leading at halftime (<i>109-9-2 in last 119</i>)	125-11-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	60-5-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	122-15-2
♦ when punting three or fewer times	54-9-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	147-41-4
♦ when scoring first	94-15-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-25-0
♦ when coming from behind (from the outset)	56-51-3	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	55-39-2
♦ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>25-6-2 with zero</i>)	109-28-2	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	84-11-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	92-14-1		

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 122-47-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (173 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	71-19-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	105-16-2
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>41-4 with 500-plus</i>)	80-12-2	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	69-4-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points (<i>85 in last 168 games</i>)	80-4-1	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	49-1-1
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>44-34-1 when not</i>)	78-13-3	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30-0-1
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	83-20-1	➤ 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	62-25-2
➤ when scoring first (<i>61-6-1 the last 68 times</i>)	72-9-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>8-0-1 400-plus</i>)	21-8-1
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>19-6-2 with zero</i>)	91-22-2	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	55-39-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	68-7-1	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	66-10-2
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	57-4-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	94-13-1
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	56-6-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent (<i>61-3 the last 64</i>)	99-5-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>22-2 40+</i>)	86-19-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	95-18-2

Trends III Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 31-22 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (53 games, including bowls):

➤ when scoring 30 or more points	23-2	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	27-8
➤ when taking a lead after trailing (<i>14-2 last 16</i>)	19-8	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	17-2
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>10-14 when not</i>)	21-8	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	15-0
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>2-3 with zero</i>)	10-3	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	8-0
➤ when turnover margin for CU is plus or even	27-11	➤ with a 100-yard rusher (<i>16-2 last 18</i>)	19-7
<i>last 20 games when plus or even</i>	18-2	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	7-1
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	9-2	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	21-7
➤ when scoring first (<i>8-19 when not</i>)	23-2	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	13-2
➤ when leading at halftime	25-3	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	26-3
➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>1-2 when tied</i>)	5-16	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	23-9
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	13-2	➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game	11-5
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	15-3	➤ when following a loss	11-6
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	9-2		

Experience Analysis CU started all upperclassmen in almost every game in 2002, and for the season, juniors and seniors started 93% of the time; after three games in '03, that percent is down to 65%. Going into the 2002 season, 47 players on the roster had seen previous game experience in their careers, with 28 making at least one start (22 had made 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.

- **2003 starters (4 games):** Seniors (29), Juniors (14), Sophomores (19), Freshmen (4: redshirts 3, true 1).
- **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-plus seasons. Of the 50 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), Oklahoma (27-11 and 29-7 in '02) and Washington State (47-26 this year). 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.

#1—COLORADO 42, COLORADO STATE 35 *(August 30; Denver, Colo.)*

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," Barnett, postgame in response to remarks earlier in the week by CSU QB Bradlee Van Pelt.

COLORADO	0	28	7	7	—	42
Colorado State	7	7	7	14	—	35

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

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO STATE
First Downs	17	24
Rushes—Net Yards	43-102	39-246
Passing Yards	402	339
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	34-21-0	40-18-1
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, VanPelt 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: Moorer 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.

#2—COLORADO 16, UCLA 14 *(September 6; Boulder, Colo.)*

BOULDER—Colorado went through the 2000, 2001 and 2002 seasons without a late victory thanks to its historical success in the two-minute drill. But in 2003, the Buffaloes did it for the second straight week as No. 24 CU rallied for a 16-14 win over UCLA.

In the lowest scoring game at Folsom Field in six seasons, Colorado saw leads of 7-0 and 10-7 disappear, but a sophomore "JK" combination would save the day and propel the Buffs to their first 2-0 start in five years.

Drew Olson's 13-yard touchdown pass to Mercedes Lewis, moments after the two hooked up for 38 yards on a 3rd-and-30 situation, enabled the Bruins to take a 14-10 lead into the fourth quarter. The Buffs used the first five minutes of the period to run 11 plays but could drive no closer than the UCLA 47. The Bruins took over after a John Torp punt pinned them at their own 11, and were able to run over four minutes off the clock in working the ball out to the 36. But a 27-yard shanked punt would put CU in business at its own 37.

UCLA, playing in its first game of the season, on the road, in altitude for a new head coach, was ripe to be taken advantage of with exactly five minutes showing on the clock. The Buffs worked diligently downfield in their two-minute offense, picking up consistent short gains in the 4-to-8 yard range while a tired UCLA tried to catch its breath. Following a 3rd-and-3 play that saw Klatt hit D.J. Hackett for 10 yards and a first down at the CU 7, the Buffs scored two plays later when Klatt drilled a pass to Joe Klopfenstein, who scored the winning points. The PAT kick was blocked, and with 2:15 remaining, a field goal could still win it for the Bruins.

But freshman Kevin Eberhart thwarted UCLA's comeback attempt at the roots... his high, arching kick was fumbled by Maurice Drew at the goal line, with Drew picking the ball up but only carrying it to the Colorado 10. After four straight incomplete passes, the Buffs took over and knelt down to end the game.

In the defensive struggle, CU just edged UCLA in yardage (245-243), with the 488 combined yards less than CU had recorded or allowed in the season-opening win over CSU.

QUOTE—"Well, he's got a better view of Mars than anyone else does right now. But seriously, Joel goes out and then comes back and I think that was a huge lift for our receivers and for our offense." — CU head coach Gary Barnett, on starting quarterback Joel Klatt getting his bell rung in the third quarter.

UCLA	0	7	7	0	—	14
COLORADO	7	3	0	6	—	16

COLORADO—Purify 1 run (Crosby kick)	7- 0	2:21	1Q
UCLA—Bragg 42 pass from Olson (Medlock kick)	7- 7	13:04	2Q
COLORADO—Crosby 40 FG	10- 7	0:34	2Q
UCLA—Lewis 13 pass from Olson (Medlock kick)	10-14	0:08	3Q
COLORADO—Klopfenstein 6 pass from Klatt (kick blocked)	16-14	2:15	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	UCLA
First Downs	21	13
Rushes—Net Yards	47-88	26-38
Passing Yards	157	205
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	31-21-0	30-17-0
Total Offense	245	243
Punts: No-Average	5-40.6	5-41.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties/Yards	9/60	12/107
Time of Possession	35:14	24:46

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 22-80, Calhoun 11-22, Bloom 1-19, Hackett 1-minus 9, Klatt 9-minus 19, Team 3-minus 5. **UCLA:** Ebell 18-47, Olson 6-2, Drew 1-minus 2, Moore 1-minus 9.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 30-21-0, 157, 1 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **UCLA:** Olson 23-13-0, 164, 2 td; Moore 7-4-0, 41, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 6-65, Klopfenstein 5-25, McCoy 3-26, Monteilh 2-16, Donahoe 1-11, Purify 1-4, Sypniewski 1-4, Bloom 1-3, Wallace 1-3. **UCLA:** Lewis 6-96, Bragg 4-63, Smith 3-24, Taylor 2-8, Kezirian 1-8, Ebell 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 4-43.3 (47 long, 1 In20); Team 1-30.0. **UCLA:** Kluwe 5-41.0 (47 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **UCLA:** Bragg 3-42.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-20. **UCLA:** Drew 1-10.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **UCLA:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Jackson 5,3—8; Tufts 1,6—7; Billingsley 4,2—6; Moorer 4,2—6; Hollis 4,1—5; Nyenhuus 4,1—5; Iwuh 4,0—4; McChesney 4,0—4; M.Harris 3,1—4; Dawn 2,2—4. **UCLA:** Chillar 6,7—13; Emanuel 6,6—12; Leisle 7,2—9; Clark 7,1—8; Boschetti 6,1—7.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: McChesney 1-9, Garee 1-6. **UCLA:** D.Ball 2-11, Leisel 2-9, Chillar 1-9, Ohaeri 1-6.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Jackson, Joseph, Iwuh, Wheatley. **UCLA:** Chillar, Ware.

#3—WASHINGTON STATE 47, COLORADO 26 (September 13; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER—It was one of those plays that could have stood out as the most important of the game, a gutsy 4th-and-1 pass that produced a 46-yard touchdown from Erik Greenberg to Derek McCoy. At the time, it got No. 17 Colorado seemingly back into the battle against Washington State, as the score cut the WSU lead to 20-13 early in the second quarter.

Except that the Cougars had different ideas, and would score 27 unanswered points in an 8:16 span over the second and third quarters, riding that spree to a 47-26 win over the Buffaloes.

In one of the more bizarre games at Folsom Field in some time, Washington State, smarting from an overtime loss the previous week at Notre Dame, used the long play to take over the game. Three plays over 74 yards were just how long. WSU used third down conversion passes of 74 and 77 yard from Matt Kegel to Sammy Moore and Scott Lunde, respectively, for its first two scores, and then a Jason David 41-yard interception return for a score off a Greenberg errant throw had the Cougars ahead, 20-6, entering the second quarter.

Greenberg had come in for Joel Klatt, who reaggravated a shoulder injury he initially hurt the previous week against UCLA. He would soon atone for his interception, as the Buffs needed a score to get back into the game and he threw a perfect pass to a streaking McCoy on a fourth down call that surprised everyone and got the Buffs back within a touchdown.

WSU's scoring flurry started with a Drew Dunning 43-yard field goal late in the first half, and concluded with a 39-yarder from Dunning that upped the score to 47-13 with 8:21 left in the third quarter. But what probably broke CU's collective back was a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Moore to open the second half, and typical of a kick that a return man fumbles, he picked it up and then slid around the pursuing coverage to race the length of the field for the score.

The Buffs did eat into the margin a bit; Greenberg threw short touchdown passes to Derek McCoy and Joe Klopfenstein that cut the deficit to three touchdowns. WSU only outgained CU by 18 yards, but the non-offensive scores and five CU turnovers helped the Cougars to their second win ever over a Colorado team, the last of which had come in 1981.

QUOTE—"Well we gave up a lot of big plays which you can't do that against a team like this. We just had a breakdown, whether or not it was two emotional games, I'm not sure. We coaches felt during the week that the guys were emotionally drained, so games like this are always possible. We fought all day and knew it was going to be a fight. Fifty of the 70 players who travel are freshmen or sophomores and winning those first two games gives you a false sense of who you are."

Washington State	20	3	24	0	—	47
COLORADO.....	6	7	6	7	—	26

Washington State—Moore 74 pass from Kegel (Dunning kick)	0- 7	10:11	1Q
COLORADO—Klopfenstein 3 pass from Klatt (kick blocked)	6- 7	8:50	1Q
Washington State—Lunde 77 pass from Kegel (kick failed)	6-13	2:09	1Q
Washington State—David 41 interception return (Dunning kick)	6-20	0:45	1Q
COLORADO—McCoy 46 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick)	13-20	13:23	2Q

Washington State—Dunning 43 FG	13-23	1:37	2Q
Washington State—Moore 97 kickoff return (Dunning kick)	13-30	14:45	3Q
Washington State—Smith 26 run (Dunning kick)	13-37	10:53	3Q
Washington State—Darling 12 pass from Kegel (Dunning kick)	13-44	10:33	3Q
Washington State—Dunning 39 FG	13-47	8:21	3Q
COLORADO—McCoy 1 pass from Greenberg (kick failed)	19-47	2:40	3Q
COLORADO—Klopfenstein 2 pass from Greenberg (Eberhart kick)	26-47	5:56	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WASHINGTON STATE
First Downs	21	16
Rushes—Net Yards	34-97	33-153
Passing Yards	348	310
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	55-32-2	33-17-1
Total Offense	445	463
Punts: No-Average	8-38.0	7-53.9
Fumbles: No-Lost	5-3	3-0
Penalties/Yards	7/39	13/125
Time of Possession	31:07	28:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 17-56, Calhoun 11-36, Griffith 1-6, Greenberg 4-3, Klatt 1-minus 4.

Washington State: Smith 11-73, Green 9-41, Bruhn 6-26, Kegel 4-16, Swogger 1-minus 1, Team 2-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 25-13-0, 149, 1 td; Greenberg 30-19-2, 199, 3 td. **Washington State:** Kegel 33-17-1, 310, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 11-131, Hackett 7-63, Donahoe 3-53, Klopfenstein 3-12, Purify 2-20, Monteilh 2-12, Vickers 2-12, Bloom 1-33, Calhoun 1-12. **Washington State:** Darling 4-74, Green 3-11, Moore 2-96, Smith 2-25, Bienemann 2-11, Jordan 2-10, Lunde 1-77, Boyd 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 8-38.0 (53 long, 4 In20). **Washington State:** Basler 7-53.9 (62 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 3-49. **Washington State:** Moore 2-minus 3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 4-88, Billingsley 2-52, M.Moore 1-18. **Washington State:** Moore 3-132, Smith 1-10.

Interceptions—Colorado: Moorer 1-23. **Washington State:** David 1-41, Coleman 1-14.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Billingsley 5,4—9; Moorer 7,1—8; T.Washington 3,4—7; Jackson 6,0—6; Nyenhuis 5,1—6; Brooks 3,1—4; McChesney 3,1—4; Sims 3,1—4; Tufts 1,3—4. **Washington State:** Paymah 8,2—10; Coleman 5,5—10; Davis 6,2—8; Jackson 4,4—8; J.Williams 3,5—8.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Washington State:** Jackson 1-4, Acholonu 1-3.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Jackson 3, Brooks 2, Billingsley, Ligon. **Washington State:** V.Williams 2, Jackson, Shavies.

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.COLIER, 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.ALDRIKH, D.CHAVERINI, 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, IWUJH, +KLATT, KLOPFENSTEIN, +PACE, VICKERS, WARD, V.WASHINGTON
2003	21	7	?	BOYE-DOE, BROOKS, CROSBY, DANIELS, EBERHART, SIMS, 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).

Crosby Makes Some History

PK Mason Crosby, who was named as the starter for both field goals and PAT kicks at the midway point of August camp, made some history against Colorado State. Only one other true freshman has handled the placekicking chores in the season opener in the last 50 years: **Tom Field** got the nod in the '79 opener against Oregon. He hit both his field goal tries (30 & 51 yards) and went 1-2 in extra points in a 33-19 loss to the Ducks in a game better known for two reasons: it was Chuck Fairbanks first game as CU head coach, and it was the first sporting event ever televised by ESPN (which went on the air the previous day). Field would lead the team in scoring that year, hitting 18-of-19 PAT kicks and 10-of-14 field goals for 48 points, the only frosh kicker to ever do so with the 48 points tied for the most ever by a rookie at Colorado (Herchell Troutman also had 48 in 1994). Only one other true freshman kicker has ever seen any action, as in 1987, **Eric Hannah** went 16-17 in PAT's and 4-5 in field goals for 28 points.

➤ Crosby made his first field goal attempt against UCLA in week two, as a 40-yarder he nailed in the second quarter tied for the fifth longest in CU history by a true freshman (Tom Field has the four longest, all in 1979, including the true frosh long of 51).

Special Teams Invite

How important does the coaching staff view special teams? Barnett started this tradition while at Northwestern, and has continued it at CU: 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. While some starters appear on all units, all feature traditional role players who have found a home with dedication to special teams work.

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
Colorado	16	12	.571
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
Colorado	15	6	.714
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
Nebraska	3	2	1	0
Colorado	2	1	0	1
Oklahoma	2	0	1	1
Texas	2	1	1	0
Iowa State	1	0	1	0
Kansas State	1	0	0	1
Missouri	1	1	0	0
Oklahoma State	1	1	0	0
Baylor	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.
Colorado	23	13	9	1	.587
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)

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	3	0	DONAHOE	24	11	HARRISON	0	0	MARTIN, J.	0	0	STEMRICH	13	2
ALLIS	36	10	DUREN	4	0	HEATON	0	0	MARTIN, K.	0	0	STEWART	11	0
ANDERSON	0	0	EBERLY	3	—	HENDERSON	0	0	McCHESNEY	22	5	SURRELL	33	9
BARREAU	0	0	EBERHART	3	—	HOLLIS	8	2	McCOY	41	28	SUTTON	0	0
BILLINGSLEY	17	9	EGAN	0	0	HOLZ	0	0	MONTEILH	17	1	SYPNIEWSKI	38	11
BLOOM	16	0	ENRIGHT	0	0	HUBBARD	3	0	MOORE, G.	9	0	TIEMON	1	0
BOYE-DOE	2	0	EVANS	0	0	IWUH	16	5	MOORE, M.	27	0	TIPTON	0	0
BRENNAN	0	0	FENTON	1	0	JACKSON, B.	0	0	MOORER	36	19	TORP	5	—
BROOKS	1	0	FLUELLEN	30	7	JACKSON, P.	39	31	NYENHUIS	16	15	TUFTS	32	23
CAESAR	2	0	GARDNER	26	0	JOLLY	0	0	O'NEAL	9	3	VICKERS	14	1
CALHOUN	17	2	GAREE	10	0	JONES, J.	30	0	PACE	15	0	WALLACE	18	3
CARPENTER	0	0	GOETTSCH	0	0	JONES, M.	0	0	POLUMBUS	0	0	WASHINGTON, T.	2	0
CLEMENT	1	0	GONZALES, D.	0	0	JOSEPH	3	3	PURIFY	35	5	WASHINGTON, V.	15	0
COX	0	0	GONZALES, M.	0	0	JUDGE	17	0	RICHMOND	0	0	WEBB	0	0
CRAWFORD	0	0	GREENBERG	3	0	KLATT	6	3	ROBINSON	0	0	WHEATLEY	3	0
CREIGHTON	2	0	GRIFFITH, K.	12	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	10	3	RUSSELL	0	0	WHITE	0	0
CROSBY	3	—	GUYDON	0	0	KUNKEL	34	0	SANDERS	0	0	<u>WILDER</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>14</u>
CUSWORTH	0	0	HACKETT	16	3	LANDRY	0	0	SCALES	0	0	TEAM	1005	305
DABDOUB	27	11	HAGE	38	32	LIGON	3	0	SHADER	3	0			
DANIELS	2	0	HAMMOND	0	0	LITTLEHALES	0	0	SIMS	1	1			
DAWN	17	0	HARRIS, L.	0	0	MACKEY	0	0	SPRAGUE	0	0			
diZEREGA	29	1	HARRIS, M.	40	31	MANUPUNA	14	0	STAUGH	0	0			

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: DB Lorenzo Sims (2003); 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 Sypniewski, 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 Anawn Jones (2000).

Out There For That First Play

Out There For That First Play The longest starting streak on the team is owned by **OG Marwan Hage** at 30 games; **DE Marques Harris** had started 29 before his season-ending injury against UCLA. The next longest are by **CB Phil Jackson** and **FS Medford Moorer** (17) and **OT Sam Wilder** (14, but the first 11 of those were at DT). Hage also leads in career starts with 32, followed by Harris and Jackson with 31, **WR Derek McCoy** (28) and **ILB Sean Tufts** (23). Harris will return in '04 with a chance to play in more games than any Buff before him.

Nine “First” Starts

Nine “First” Starts Nine players have made their first career starts in a CU uniform so far in 2003, including eight in the CSU game: **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.** **DB Lorenzo Sims** followed suit, starting against Washington State, also his first collegiate action. 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).
- ⇒ CU used 21 different lineups (11 offense, 10 defense) in **2002**.
- ⇒ In **2003**, CU has used five different lineups in three games, and thus has now utilized **106 different starting lineups in its last 66 games**, or just 26 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 starting at CB 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 improved with each practice and will see playing time as a top reserve.
- 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 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. He managed to top that, as his first reception went for a school record 94 yards (and a TD) against K-State. He and Bob Mathias (Stanford) might be the only ones to compete in the Olympics before playing 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 is CU's first frosh kicker to start a season since 1979 (Tom Field).
- 17 **Medford Moor**er ... 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 CSU, serving a suspension for violating team rules, missed the UCLA game for the funeral of his younger brother (who was murdered in Los Angeles the last week in August), and missed the WSU game to finish off a community service order. There is a decent chance he'll be back in the fold for the FSU game. *(He is a starter in CU's dime package.)*
- 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 he has posted a 40 time before in the 4.24 range. A natural CB, his playing time is increasing weekly.
- 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 a starter the remainder of his career.
- 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. Founded "Harris' Kids," a true to his heart organization for the underprivileged. However, his season was cut short when he suffered a broken tibia and fibula late in the UCLA game; the surgery was successful and he'll take a redshirt year available to him and return as a senior in 2004.
- 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 was hampered by a toe injury dating back to last fall to late August; he was finally healthy enough to play against UCLA, but will miss the WSU game as he will be in Iowa due to an illness in the family.
- 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, and he'll have to pick up some of slack with Marques Harris out for the year. Like Harris, he too has great quickness.
- 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—including his wallet.
- 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** Battled Gary Moore for the starting job at tight tackle, the only position battle that lasted into game week. He won the job and is getting about three-fourths of the reps during games.
- 74 Sam Wilder** He had an outstanding year at DT in 2002, but a week into fall drills, he was shifted to OT to shore up the depth. He took to the position quickly and won a starting job just 10 days after making the transition.
- 79 Gary Moore** Battled for the starting position at tight tackle, and is getting about a quarter of the reps in games to date.
- 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 is in the regular rotation 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.

Two-Minute Warning Colorado has scored 100 times in 152 tries that the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 66 percent of the time). CU opened strong in this area in 2003, 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. Lo and behold, the Buffs did it again in the offense the following week, putting the game winning score on the board with 2:15 left against UCLA. 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	3- 4	100-152	65.8
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- 2	66- 91	72.5
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	2- 2	34- 60	56.7
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	2/0	29/ 5	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	15	

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)
WASHINGTON ST.	51:20
COLORADO ST.	43:18 (8:17)
MICHIGAN	17:08 (32:21)
TEXAS A & M	59:47
OKLAHOMA ST.	51:02
KANSAS	54:44
TEXAS	8:50 (45:25)
MISSOURI	36:42 (4:32)
IOWA STATE	43:50 (8:53)
KANSAS STATE	53:54
NEBRASKA	5:36 (51:20)
*WASHINGTON	31:50 (18:27)

Time Spent In The Lead: 458:01

Time Opp. In The Lead: 169:15

Games Held Lead In: 12

Games Trailed In: 7

2000	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	19:29 (31:37)
USC	0:00 (12:59)
WASHINGTON	16:43 (29:13)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (57:03)
TEXAS A & M	36:03 (11:17)
TEXAS	0:00 (44:20)
KANSAS	2:32 (47:09)
OKLAHOMA ST.	56:47
MISSOURI	57:58
IOWA STATE	30:37 (26:01)
NEBRASKA	9:46 (41:17)
(no bowl game)	

Time Spent In The Lead: 229:55

Time Opp. In The Lead: 300:56

Games Held Lead In: 8

Games Trailed In: 9

1997	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	35:31 (5:11)
MICHIGAN	0:00 (54:28)
WYOMING	15:44 (34:53)
TEXAS A & M	18:41 (30:51)
OKLAHOMA ST.	35:22 (18:01)
KANSAS	43:08 (2:29)
TEXAS	49:42 (4:15)
MISSOURI	10:11 (45:34)
IOWA STATE	6:19 (48:33)
KANSAS STATE	4:06 (44:21)
NEBRASKA	0:00 (49:16)
(no bowl game)	

Time Spent In The Lead: 218:44

Time Opp. In The Lead: 337:52

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 11

2001	In Lead (Behind)
FRESNO STATE	0:00 (51:23)
COLORADO ST.	59:04
SAN JOSE ST.	53:21
KANSAS	24:55 (11:41)
KANSAS STATE	50:11
TEXAS A&M	35:04 (8:32)
TEXAS	0:00 (54:09)
OKLAHOMA ST.	21:33 (29:31)
MISSOURI	30:02 (5:28)
IOWA STATE	40:41 (16:16)
NEBRASKA	57:17
TEXAS	44:24 (7:35)
*OREGON	2:38 (43:13)

Time Spent In The Lead: 419:10

Time Opp. In The Lead: 227:48

Games Held Lead In: 11

Games Trailed In: 9

1998	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	50:02 (3:15)
FRESNO STATE	17:56 (35:47)
UTAH STATE	48:28 (4:33)
BAYLOR	48:29 (4:31)
OKLAHOMA	41:11 (12:56)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (49:25)
TEXAS TECH	48:12
KANSAS	9:22 (30:01)
MISSOURI	0:00 (56:00)
IOWA STATE	57:41
NEBRASKA	8:23 (26:29)
*OREGON	59:43

Time Spent In The Lead: 389:07

Time Opp. In The Lead: 222:57

Games Held Lead In: 10

Games Trailed In: 9

2002	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	3:19 (47:33)
SAN DIEGO STATE	49:03
USC	0:00 (54:56)
UCLA	30:23 (1:16)
KANSAS STATE	50:35
KANSAS	55:34 (0:45)
BAYLOR	58:57
TEXAS TECH	37:11 (7:35)
OKLAHOMA	0:00 (55:32)
MISSOURI	46:27 (8:33)
IOWA STATE	27:22 (17:26)
NEBRASKA	30:29 (9:25)
OKLAHOMA	0:00 (50:29)
*WISCONSIN	36:01 (7:55)

Time Spent In The Lead: 425:21

Time Opp. In The Lead: 261:28

Games Held Lead In: 11

Games Trailed In: 11

1999	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	0:00 (54:10)
SAN JOSE ST.	58:57
KANSAS	54:03
WASHINGTON	7:33 (12:36)
MISSOURI	36:56 (20:19)
TEXAS TECH	0:00 (39:53)
IOWA STATE	35:35 (17:59)
OKLAHOMA	46:14 (10:15)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (46:53)
BAYLOR	54:08
NEBRASKA	0:00# (56:46)
*BOSTON COLL.	56:05

Time Spent In The Lead: 349:31

Time Opp. In The Lead: 258:51

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 8

2003	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	33:36 (10:25)
UCLA	21:58 (12:53)
WASHINGTON ST.	0:00 (55:11)
FLORIDA STATE	
BAYLOR	
KANSAS	
KANSAS STATE	
OKLAHOMA	
TEXAS TECH	
MISSOURI	
IOWA STATE	
NEBRASKA	

Time Spent In The Lead: 55:34

Time Opp. In The Lead: 78:29

Games Held Lead In: 2

Games Trailed In: 3

#—led in overtime. In 87 games over the last eight seasons, CU has led in 71 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 Moor**er 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 **1,053** 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 **173** 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 **126** of these **173** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **105-19-2** (CU is **17-28-2** when held to 20 points or less).
- CU has allowed only **271** touchdowns in the last **538** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **267** times have yielded **136** field goals as well as **131** 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 **49** touchdowns in **122** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **67** scores overall, meaning **55** non-scores). So far in 2003, the opponent has six scores (5 TDs, 1 FG) out of 11 drives started in plus territory.
- CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **35** of its last **71** contests (twice to date in 2003, five times in 2002), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **124** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **71** times (57 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **37** of the **124** games since the '93 season opener (30%)... and remember CU has played **56** ranked teams in this **124**-game span.
- So far in 2003, the Buff defense practically is in an all or nothing mode. The opponent has run **201** plays, with **79** going for five yards or more and **86** for zero or minus yardage. That means only 36 plays have generated the more common gains of 1, 2, 3 or 4 yards per play. By contrast, CU has run 244 plays, 88 for five-plus yards, 92 for zero or minus yards, and 64 between one and four yards.
- 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 **49** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **47** scores by return in its last **100** games (40 regular season, seven bowl), or one almost every two games.
- 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 **52** games. The Buffs have recorded the feat **29** times in their last **124** 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 **273** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for only **161** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **273** sacks allowed for **3,979** pass plays called, or one for every **14.6** pass attempts. *The young line in 2003 is struggling a bit though, as CU has allowed 11 sacks for 122 pass calls, or one every 11.1 tries.* And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **115** interceptions in **3,704** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.10** percent (one every **32.2** 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 **10** of **12** 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 **377** of its last **488** 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 (318 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 26 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 win of that variety came last week, when CU rallied to top UCLA, 16-14, scoring the winning touchdown with just 2:15 left.
- Colorado has won **71** of its last **73** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead, including **19** in a row and **26** straight on the road. A streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).

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

Dinosaurs Through three games in 2003, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** had worked 397 CU football games, including a current run of 380 in a row (he's seen 417 all told). Yours truly (**SID Dave Plati**) has worked 274, including the last 232 in a row. **Brian Cabral** is the football staff member with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 173 in a row as a member of the staff; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 219 CU games. Head coach **Gary Barnett** has now coached in 148 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 27 Colorado Buffaloes on 2003 National Football League opening rosters (as of Sept. 7). 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>In Camps or On Rosters But Waived:</u>			
Tom Ashworth	OT	New England Patriots	2	Rashidi Barnes	S	Washington Redskins	2
Justin Bannan	DT	Buffalo Bills	2	Justin Bates	OT	Dallas Cowboys	R
#Mitch Berger	P	New Orleans Saints	10	Brad Bedell	OG	Washington Redskins	2
#Greg Biekert	LB	Minnesota Vikings	10	Brandon Drumm	RB	Detroit Lions	R
#Tyler Brayton	DT	Oakland Raiders	R	Josh Foster	OT	Jacksonville Jaguars	R
#Chad Brown	OLB	Seattle Seahawks	10	Charles Johnson	WR	Buffalo Bills	10
Chris Brown	RB	Tennessee Titans	R	Heath Irwin	OG	Denver Broncos	7
Koy Detmer	QB	Philadelphia Eagles	6	Ben Kelly	CB	Denver Broncos	3
#Christian Fauria	TE	New England Patriots	8	Mark Mariscal	P	New Orleans Saints	R
Daniel Graham	TE	New England Patriots	1	Brady McDonnell	TE	Buffalo Bills	2
#Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	1	John Minardi	WR	Houston Texans	2R
Brody Heffner Liddiard	TE	Minnesota Vikings	3	Kory Mossoni	LB	New Orleans Saints	R
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; #—starter/first-team; %—injured reserve.)			
#Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	6	COACHES			
#Michael Lewis	SS	Philadelphia Eagles	1	Name	Pos.	Team	Tie To Colorado
Wayne Lucier	C	New York Giants	R	Tom Batta	TE	San Francisco	Asst. Coach, 1974-78
#Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	6	Ronnie Bradford	ST	Denver	Player, 1989-92
#Hannibal Navies	LB	Green Bay Packers	4	Greg Brown	Def	New Orleans	Asst. Coach, 1991-93
#Sam Rogers	OLB	Atlanta Falcons	9	Jim Caldwell	QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
Victor Rogers	OT	Detroit Lions	1	David Gibbs	DB	Denver	Player, 1987-90
#Tom Rouen	P	Seattle Seahawks	11	Steve Marshall	OL	Houston	Asst. Coach, 2000-01
#Kordell Stewart	QB	Chicago Bears	8	Rod Perry	DB	Carolina	Player, 1973-74
%Donald Strickland	CB	Indianapolis Colts	R				
Jashon Sykes	LB	Denver Broncos	1				

BY TEAM (19 of 32)—New England 4, Denver 3, Minnesota 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, New Orleans 1, N.Y. Giants 1, Oakland 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 Stoltenberg, 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):

Full Years				Full Years			
<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)	One-Year Starters:			
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 Stoltenberg	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 14 teams have already scouted CU: Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Green Bay, Indianapolis, Miami, New England, N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Jets, Tennessee and Washington. The Colorado Crush of Arena Football has also scouted the Buffs.

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	Team	105	42	6-2¼	226

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 Moorer, 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**, **CB Phil Jackson**, **WR Derek McCoy**, **FS Medford Moorer**, **DE Gabe Nyenhuis**, **TB Bobby Purify**, **TE Quinn Sypniewski** 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**); **DE Marques Harris**, a starter at DE for three years, suffered a broken leg in the UCLA game and is out for the season. He does have a redshirt year available to him, however.

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 Moorer** (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 is enrolled this fall, while FB Brandon Drumm plans to finish off the little more than a semester he needs. 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 a tougher academic schools like Colorado. *Take for example the most recent figure released, for the '96 freshmen class:* CU's figure was 53 percent (10 of 19; four transferred, while four others pursued professional football starting their last semesters. Six of the nine left in good academic standing, meaning they were on course to graduate; and six transfers into the program, five of which graduated, do not count at all. Simply allowing for transfers to count both ways, CU's rate rises to 76 percent).

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; 2—California, Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Nebraska, Northeast Louisiana, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, UCLA, 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 **175** 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 **96** 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 **107** 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 **235** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **407** 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 Sept. 13):** Texas 267, **Colorado 175**, Iowa State 134, Nebraska 92, Kansas State 82, Texas Tech 67, Oklahoma 57, Oklahoma State 30, Texas A&M 18, Baylor 5, Kansas 5 and Missouri 3. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

Scoring Streaks II The school record **175** 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. 13:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Brigham Young	354	Sept. 27, 1975 at Arizona State (0-20)	Colorado	175	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Texas	267	Nov. 22, 1980 at Baylor (0-16)	Arizona	137	Oct. 5, 1991 at Washington (0-54)
Washington	254	Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31)	Iowa State	134	Oct. 19, 1991 at Kansas (0-41)
Michigan	218	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Nevada	129	All games: joined Div I-A in 1993
Washington State	217	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	Texas Christian	128	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	211	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Air Force	125	*Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida State	187	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	(*—Liberty Bowl)		
Florida	186	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 **59-17** in its last **76** 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 **52-13-1** in its last **66** 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 **58-8-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**12-1** last 13; **64-39-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **58-18-2** 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
1982 (2)	50	35	6	.582
2003 (2)	26	5	-	.839

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 .582; 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 (**122-47-4**). Of these 173 games, Colorado has played **75** ranked teams (44%), the third most in the nation during this time frame, with another 23 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 **83-13-2** against unranked teams. CU has played the third most games against ranked teams the last nine-plus years (**56** of its last **124** 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. (2-1)

35	Colorado	42
23	at California	21
31	WEBER STATE	7
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 (3-0)

37	at North Carolina	0
35	MARYLAND	10
14	GEORGIA TECH	13
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 (4-0)

42	California	28
41	TROY STATE	5
55	McNEESE STATE	14
38	MASSACHUSETTS	7
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 (3-0)

22	Illinois (at St. Louis)	15
35	at Ball State	7
37	EASTERN ILLINOIS	0
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 (1-1)

14	at Colorado	16
6	ILLINOIS	3
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 (0-3)

19	ALA-BIRMINGHAM	24
14	at North Texas	52
10	SMU	7
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 (3-0)

37	NORTH TEXAS	3
20	at Alabama	13
52	FRESNO STATE	28
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 (2-1)

17	NORTHERN IOWA	10
48	OHIO	20
21	IOWA	40
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. (2-1)

25	Idaho (at Seattle)	0
26	at Notre Dame (OT)	29
47	at Colorado	26
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 (2-1)

20	NORTHWESTERN	28
46	UNLV	24
42	at Wyoming	35
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 (2-0)

58	SMU	10
42	NEW MEXICO	28
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 (3-0)

17	OKLAHOMA STATE	7
31	UTAH STATE	7
18	PENN STATE	10
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. 10, 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 is at 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. 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.

The New CUBuffs.com The official CU athletic website, **CUBuffs.com**, underwent some major changes and recently re-launched on August 11. The Buffs changed host companies, going from OCSN to New Media, which currently has Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Kansas State as clients. There is a new look to the site, and an inexpensive subscription service at \$9.95/month or \$99.95 for the year (*Buffs Backstage Pass*) enables fans to watch live events and press conferences via the Internet. Audio of radio broadcasts also returned this year, as some complicated legal problems were ironed out. Stay connected!

5,878 Over the 2001 and 2002 seasons, Colorado rushed for 5,878 regular season yards, 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 worked 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 **632-385-36** in **1,053** 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 **269-127-10** 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 **38-14** in its last 52 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 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, Uinitas, 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
Colorado	7	9	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 14 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), CSU and Wisconsin (2002) and Washington State this year. 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; in '02, CSU climbed as high as No. 13; and WSU cracked the polls after its win in Boulder in 2003. The Buffs are **65-11-2** in their last 78 games against unranked teams (AP), with records of **82-12-2** in the last 96 and **96-13-2** in the last 111, including 25 straight wins between 1993 and 1997. The Buffs are **133-48-4** 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 **41-15-1** 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*)

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 **106** of its last **161** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes two games this year, 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, **69** of CU's **88** games in this span have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 78 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 5 (0-5) 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** dueled 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.

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	Colorado	148	65	4	.691
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	Colorado	120	46	4	.718
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	Colorado (Big 8/12)	77	25	3	.748
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.*
 23 Tyler Littlehales, 6-4, 200, Fr.-RS

WR.... 88 D.J. Hackett, 6-3, 200, Sr.*
 (x) 85 John Donahoe, 6-0, 185, Sr.*
 82 Evan Judge, 6-2, 200, Soph.*

ST.... 74 Sam Wilder, 6-5, 275, Jr.**
 (split) 63 Jack Tipton, 6-4, 285, Fr.-RS

SG.... 69 Karl Allis, 6-5, 310, Sr.***
 (split) 66 Brian Daniels, 6-5, 300, Fr.
 65 Del Scales, 6-6, 295, 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.*
 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.*
 86 Jesse Wallace, 6-3, 240, Jr.*
 45 Quinn Sypniewski, 6-7, 255, Sr.***
 87 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 235, Fr.-RS

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

TB..... 2 Brian Calhoun, 5-10, 190, Soph.*
 21 Brandon Caesar, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS
 8 Daniel Jolly, 6-0, 230, Fr.
 (42 *Bobby Purify, 6-0, 200, Sr.***—injured*)

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; *Italics—indicate injury status as doubtful; questionable on up listed as normal.*

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..... 94 DeAndre Fluellen, 6-1, 300, Sr.**
 99 McKenzie Tilmon, 6-4, 305, Jr.
 96 Marcus Jones, 6-5, 270, Fr.-RS

DT..... 98 Brandon Dabdoub, 6-1, 290, Jr.**
 93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 290, Soph.*
 92 John Guydon, 6-2, 300, Jr.

DE..... 60 Matt McChesney, 6-4, 290, Jr.**
 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.*
 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-2, 225, Soph.*
 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 230, Fr.

SS..... 27 Brian Iwuh, 6-1, 215, Soph.*
 20 Clyde Surrell, 5-10, 190, Sr.***
 35 Omar Stewart, 5-11, 200, Sr.

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

FS..... 17 Medford Moorer, 6-2, 200, Sr.***
 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-2, 205, Fr.
 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. **OR (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.*
 3 Marcus Moore, 5-11, 175, 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)**