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2003 CU Football: Game 7—Kansas State

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Quickly The **Colorado Buffaloes** (3-3, 1-1 Big 12) have a crucial game in the league's North Division, as they are one of four teams tied for the lead as they head to Manhattan to play the Kansas State Wildcats (4-3, 0-2 Big 12) in a 12:10 p.m. mountain kickoff at Manhattan... There will be no television broadcast of the game, either live or via any other medium (pay per view/tape delay)... This will be CU's first game of the 2003 season on artificial turf after the opening six pack were all played on the real stuff... A little Colorado history last weekend: with CU beating Kansas in overtime, 50-47, on the last play of the game, and Denver topping Pittsburgh, 17-14, on a field goal at the gun, it marked the first time ever both the Buffs and Broncos won on the game's final play on the same weekend... CU is now 15-3 in its last 18 regular season league games, a streak that includes two four-game winning streaks and two three-game streaks... CU's official website, www.CUBuffs.com, features game day updates and live stats for all games, home and road... The Oklahoma (Oct. 25) and Nebraska (Nov. 28) games are sold out, while about 2,500 tickets remain for the Missouri contest on Nov. 8.

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Looking Ahead ABC has notified the Big 12 Conference office that it is utilizing its second of three 6-day options in selecting games for broadcast for October 25. TBS and FOX Sports Net have also made their selections, so what is known at this time is which three games will be on the tube: Oklahoma at Colorado, Texas Tech at Missouri and Oklahoma State at Texas A&M. ABC will televise one of the three at 1:30 p.m. (mountain); TBS has the 5 p.m. slot and FOX the syndicated window at 10:30 a.m. (however, if CU-OU is not selected by ABC or TBS, an exemption will be made for the game to kickoff at 11:30 a.m. MDT on FSN).

In-The-Polls CU was unranked in both the *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today*/ESPN (coaches) polls of Sunday, Oct. 12, but the Buffs had climbed to 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 **238** polls (*AP*; 77%), 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 (76), trailing Florida State (82), Florida (81) and Michigan (79).

Stat of the Week CU's young offensive line might just be coming together, if stats from the last two games are any indication. The Buffs have allowed just two sacks the last two games, especially low considering CU has called 93 pass plays, and the running game showed signs of returning to form, as the Buffs has 39 rushes for 179 yards against Kansas, with 23 for 126 in the second half (and 25 yards on three tries in the overtime, paving the way for the win). Truth is, of the 19 sacks CU has allowed this fall, only nine are credited to O-linemen; the rest are either coverage sacks or charged to the tight ends, quarterbacks tail/fullbacks.

Obscure Note of the Week Ever wonder how many times the Buffs have played the Sunflower state schools back-to-back? This will be the 16th time that Colorado will play Kansas and Kansas State in consecutive weeks—the 11th time in this year's KU then KSU order (and the eighth occasion playing KU in Boulder and KSU at Manhattan). CU's won the first game 12 times and went on to win both on eight occasions, doing exactly that in both 2001 and 2002, which were the first times CU played the two back-to-back since 1982. There have been five splits and two occasions where CU dropped both Sunflower encounters.

2003 Colorado Schedule (3-3, 1-1 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	4-3	55-18-2	Klatt throws for 402, 4 TDs in prolific starting debut
SEPT. 6	24 UCLA	NR	ABC	W 16-14	4-2	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	5-1	3- 2-0	Five TO's, kickoff & INT returns for TDs do Buffs in
Sept. 20	NR at Florida State	10	ABC	L 7-47	5-1	0- 1-0	FSU pulls away late in third, fourth quarters for win
Oct. 4	NR *at Baylor	NR	FOX-S	L 30-42	3-3	8- 5-0	Five TO's undo WRs McCoy (171 yds) & Hackett (143)
OCT. 11	NR *KANSAS (<i>FW</i>)	NR	none	W 50-47 OT	4-2	39-21-3	Buffs rally from 11 down and win on Calhoun 12 run
OCT. 18	NR *at Kansas State	NR	none	12:10 p.m.	4-3	41-16-1	Teams had five scoring plays of 71 yards-plus in '02
OCT. 25	*OKLAHOMA (<i>H</i>)		TBA	TBA	6-0	16-36-2	OU sweep in '02 stopped 8-0-1 Colorado run
Nov. 1	*at Texas Tech		TBA	TBA	5-1	3- 3-0	Home team has won all six games in series
NOV. 8	*MISSOURI		TBA	TBA	5-1	29-35-3	CU has 16-2 edge since '85 (8-1 in Boulder)
Nov. 15	*at Iowa State		TBA	TBA	2-4	44-12-1	Buffs lead series 18-1 since '84 (9-0 in Ames)
NOV. 28	*NEBRASKA		ABC	10:00 a.m.	5-1	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 are no organized press luncheons on Sept. 22 and Nov. 18 (Tuesdays of bye weeks).
- The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on CUBuffs.com (in the Buffs Backstage Pass area); media can watch and listen by contacting David Plati in advance for free access codes (david.plati@colorado.edu).
- 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	Defense/Kicker	Offense/Kicker	Defense/Kicker
4 Ron Monteilh (A)	4 Chris Russell (A)	12 Brian White (C)	12 Akarika Dawn (A)
6 Stephone Robinson (A)	6 Phil Jackson (A)	35 J.T. Eberly (C)	35 Omar Stewart (A)
7 Bernard Jackson (A)	7 Vance Washington (A)	82 Evan Judge (C; Sp. Teams)	82 James Garee (C; Sp. Teams)

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Coaches/Staff

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

Players

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

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

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

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)
Florida State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Greenberg	Calhoun	Vickers
Baylor	Wallace (TE)	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Greenberg	Calhoun	Vickers
Kansas	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	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
Florida State	Nyenhuis	Fluellen	Dabdoub	McChesney	Tufts	T.Washington	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Baylor	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Dawn	Brooks (D)	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Wheatley
Kansas	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Tufts	Brooks (D)	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson

(D)—Dime Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Hage 33, Moorer 20, Wilder 17. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Hage 35, Jackson 33, Harris 31, McCoy 30, Tufts 25. **PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Colorado State 93/49; UCLA 94/54; Washington State 97/57; Florida State 70/62; Baylor 70/57; Kansas 92/54.

Starters & Depth

One reason the defense often has different starters isn't so much due to drastic changes in the depth at a particular position, it's because the Buffs may open in its dime package against a passing team. In fact, that's happened three times already this season. Still, six players have started every game on defense, compared to five on offense.

Injuries

With this week's opponent, Kansas State, close-mouthed when discussing injuries at all, CU takes our usual annual break from providing any injury information to keep things fair. So instead, in its place, we usually provide some humor... now it was going to be hard to top last year's famous movie injuries, so I won't even try... this time around, a crack at some notable historic injuries:

Person	Injury	When	Notes
King Tut	undisclosed	1343 B.C.	Don't know what was wrong with him, but what a tape job!
Tycho Brame	nose	circa 1550	The well-known astronomer basically lost his nose in a fight against a Danish nobleman in childhood and wore a prosthesis made of silver and copper the rest of his life
Vincent Van Gogh	ear amputation	1889	Didn't stop there, as psychic disorder eventually led to committing suicide
Martin Routh	leg	circa 1850	The famed Brit academic injured his leg when a book he was reaching for fell and hit him
Simon Le Bon	"testicular"	circa 1980	The Duran Duran front man crashed his motor cycle and split... well, never mind
Robert Pratt	hamstring	Nov. 22, 1981	Colt OG pulled a hamstring while running out for the pregame coin toss vs. St. Louis
Paul Castellano	bullet wounds	Dec. 16, 1985	Gunned down by assassins <i>before</i> he ate his last meal at Sparks on E. 46th Street
Calvin Klein	concussion	July 1990	Also sustained broken ribs and a bruised lung when thrown from a horse
Whitney Houston	facial abrasions	circa 1992	Crashed into a rock while swimming, producing a two-inch gash on her face
Cameron Diaz	broken nose	September 2003	While surfing in Hawai'i, a wave crashed into her face and broke her nose
Roy Horn	Tiger Bite/neck	Oct. 3, 2003	Critical but recovering after being bit in first act of Siegfried & Roy Vegas show

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
Florida State	none	none	none	DT John Guydon	ILB Walter Boye-Doe
Baylor	none	none	WR Jeremy Bloom	TB Isaiah Crawford	DT John Guydon
Kansas	QB Joel Klatt OG Marwan Hage	DE Gabe Nyenhuis	PK Mason Crosby	QB Bernard Jackson	DT John Guydon

BIG 12 PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK: QB Joel Klatt (Offensive: Aug. 30 vs. Colorado State); **PK Mason Crosby** (Special Teams: Oct. 11 vs. Kansas)
NATIONAL PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK: QB Joel Klatt (Aug. 30 vs. Colorado State: *The Sporting News*, SI.com, collegefootballnews.com)

Underclassmen Role

In 2002, when CU finished 9-5 in the school's only ever 14-game season, underclassmen started a total of 23 games (14 sophomore/9 freshmen). Fast-forward to this season, and that total was surpassed after just four games (25), with the underclassmen start count through six games now at **51 (37 sophomore/14 freshmen)**. 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. Prorated for this season, CU is on schedule to start 103 of the youngsters. Including the two kicking spots (P, PK), last year's numbers remain 23 out of a possible 336 starts (6.5%) by underclassmen; the 2003 numbers jump to **63 (38 soph/25 frosh)** out of 144, or **43.8%**.

CU vs. Kansas State Colorado leads the all-time series by a 41-16-1 count, which includes a 16-12-1 edge in games played in Manhattan. The Buffs own an 13-4-1 lead in the series since 1985, including wins in two straight games, 35-31 last year in Boulder and 16-6 two years ago in Manhattan. Four of the last seven games in the series has produced a winner that scored 20 points or less (16 or less three times), while the other three games in this span have seen the teams average just under 63 points combined. Over the last 18 games, CU has outscored Kansas State 568-246 (including four shutouts), and the Buffs own a 7,647-to-4,785 edge in total offense (KSU has outgained the Buffs just twice in the last 16 games—in 1998 and 2002—see trends on next page). Gary Barnett is 2-2 versus Kansas State; KSU's Bill Snyder is 4-9-1 against Colorado.

Series Did You Know? — CU used wins over Kansas State in 1976, 1989 and 1990 to polish off regular season Big Eight titles, and used a conference play opening wins in 2001 and 2002 to start its run to consecutive Big 12 North Division titles (and the '01 overall league crown).

CU & Kansas State By The Numbers Here's a look at some numbers related trivia in the CU-KSU series:

- 6 The number of times two Colorado players have rushed for 100 or more yards in a game against Kansas State;
- 9 The consecutive streak of regionally or nationally televised games in the series that comes to an end in 2003;
- 16 Kansas State's total offense in the Oct. 24, 1992 game (won by CU, 54-7), the fewest allowed in school history;
- 18 Points scored by Mitch Berger in the '92 game, doing so with four field goals and six PAT kicks;
- 40:25 Colorado's time of possession in the 1987 game, the last time the Buffs held on to the ball over 40 minutes;
- 52 The number of passing attempts Colorado had in the 1982 game, setting a record at the time for the most in a game in CU history;
- 80 The distance of the game-winning drive engineering by John Hessler in the '95 game, rallying CU to a 27-17 victory in Manhattan;
- 94 The yards covered on a touchdown pass from Robert Hodge to Jeremy Bloom in 2002, the longest pass play in CU history;
- 95 The number of yards Emerson Wilson ran for a touchdown in 1954 against K-State, the longest play from scrimmage in CU history;
- 100 The number of yards Colorado's Billy Waddy took the opening kickoff in the Nov. 22, 1975 game;
- 105 The number of plays CU had in 1992, producing 514 total yards in the 54-7 win. It's the most plays in a game in CU history;
- 156 The number of rushing yards Darian Hagan had in the 1989 game, helping him to 1,000-yard rushing and passing totals that year;
- 167 Punt return yards that Deon Figures gained versus Kansas State in the 1992 game (on 10 returns), still a school record;
- 235.9 The passing rating for Robert Hodge in the 2002 game (13-of-20, 289 yards, 3 TDs), the sixth best single-game rating in CU history.

Tale Of The Tape Here's a comparative look at Colorado and Florida State in several statistical categories through games of October 11 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

Category	Colorado	Kansas State
Overall Record, 2003	3-3	4-3
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	1-1	0-1
Overall Record, 1989-current	123-49-4 (10)	120-54-1 (15)
Versus Ranked Teams	39-35-2	15-26-1
In Conference Play.....	78-26-3 (7)	65-41-1
Players On NFL Rosters (as of Oct. 13).....	26	22
Rushing Offense.....	101.0 (106)	207.0 (16)
Average Per Rush	2.66	4.70
Passing Offense	319.5 (10)	216.1 (58)
Completion Percentage.....	60.3	49.7
Average Per Attempt.....	7.92	8.95
Passing Efficiency	141.8 (22)	130.2 (52)
Total Offense.....	420.5 (26)	423.1 (25)
Average Per Play	5.37	6.21
Scoring Offense.....	28.5 (50)	35.7 (15)
Rushing Defense	149.5 (63)	111.4 (28)
Average Per Rush	4.17	2.78
Passing Defense.....	323.5 (115)	177.0 (16)
Average Per Attempt.....	9.29	6.29
Pass Efficiency Defense	161.2 (115)	116.1 (47)
Total Defense.....	473.0 (111)	288.4 (12)
Average Per Play	6.69	4.22
Scoring Defense.....	38.7 (116)	20.4 (40)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed	7 / 19	29 / 11
Net Punting	36.2 (58)	35.6 (66)
Punt Returns	13.3 (21)	11.0 (38)
Kickoff Returns	22.9 (38)	21.8 (53)
Turnovers.....	17 (94)	18 (103)
Turnover Margin	-1.83 (112)	-0.86 (98)

Series Trends

Here's a quick look at some team statistical trends over the last 12 games in the CU-Kansas State series:

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU KSU	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	KSU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
Oct. 26, 1991	Manhattan	W 10-0	31,987	16 —	20	52 207 1	26-13-0 132 0	78 339	18	40 118 0	27-13-2 165 0	67 283	KCNC (I)
Oct. 24, 1992	Boulder	W 54-7	52,235	9 —	30	55 176 4	50-27-3 338 2	105 514	3	24 -24 0	23- 7-2 40 0	47 16	KCNC (I)
Oct. 23, 1993	Manhattan	T 16-16	33,728	16 —	14	36 106 1	34-17-0 229 0	70 335	13	34 29 0	31-17-2 273 2	65 302	KCNC (I)
Oct. 22, 1994	Boulder (N)	W 35-21	52,955	2 19	21	52 339 5	18-10-1 136 0	70 475	21	31 72 3	41-24-2 363 0	72 435	ESPN
Nov. 18, 1995	Manhattan	W 27-17	42,454	9 7	27	41 212 0	42-24-2 314 2	83 526	17	38 81 1	30-16-1 222 0	68 303	ABC (r)
Nov. 16, 1996	Boulder (N)	W 12-0	53,550	6 9	15	38 163 2	22-15-1 138 0	60 301	16	27 65 0	40-20-2 163 0	67 228	FOX
Nov. 15, 1997	Manhattan	L 20-37	43,981	— 10	21	34 198 0	38-17-1 208 2	72 406	20	58 203 3	15- 7-0 156 1	73 359	ABC (r)
Oct. 10, 1998	Boulder (N)	L 9-16	51,581	14 5	13	31 37 0	34-15-0 225 1	65 262	19	49 184 1	25- 9-1 148 0	74 332	FOX
Nov. 6, 1999	Manhattan	L 14-20	52,077	— 6	7	25 10 0	28-13-3 204 2	53 214	10	44 96 1	18- 6-2 101 1	62 197	FOX (r)
Sept. 30, 2000	Boulder	L 21-44	51,896	— 5	16	35 137 1	34-20-2 267 1	69 404	18	36 153 2	26-15-0 293 3	62 446	ABC (r)
Oct. 6, 2001	Manhattan	W 16-6	51,101	— 12	16	45 196 0	16- 8-2 87 1	61 283	15	40 122 1	30-11-2 122 0	70 196	FOX (r)
Oct. 5, 2002	Boulder	W 35-31	52,584	— 13	15	44 194 2	20-13-0 289 3	64 483	15	44 320 4	14- 5-1 83 0	58 403	ABC (r)

KSU's Last Time Out The Wildcats are coming off a tough 38-34 loss at Oklahoma State, which came on the heels of a 24-20 loss at Texas, a game which K-State had rallied to take a 20-17 lead after falling behind 17-3 at the half. KSU never led against Oklahoma State, but pulled even three different times before OSU scored 17 straight to take a 38-21 lead four-plus minutes into the fourth quarter. The Wildcats fought back, trimming the lead to 38-34 thanks to a pair of Eli Roberson touchdown passes, but fell short in the end. KSU outgained OSU, 478-377 (332-190 in the air), and had 25 first downs to 19; one of the differences came in the turnover column, as K-State had three to the Cowboys' one.

The Last Time

COLORADO 35, KANSAS STATE 31

(Boulder, Colo. ; October 5, 2002)

BOULDER—Robert Hodge threw three touchdown passes and wound up with the sixth best day by a quarterback in school history to lead Colorado to a 35-31 win over No. 13 Kansas State.

In knocking off the ninth undefeated, ranked team at Folsom Field since 1989, Chris Brown rushed for 167 yards and two scores against the vaunted Wildcat defense. But the Buffs had to hold off a comeback by KSU in defeating a ranked team for the second straight game.

CU had offensive scores of 70-, 80- and 90-plus yards, the first time in school history those occurred in the same game. KSU countered with scoring runs of 80 and 71 yards, signifying a crazy afternoon in a game that on paper looked like it would be in the teens on the scoreboard.

The Buffs set the tone early, scoring deliberately and then quickly. Brown scored from a yard out to cap an 8-play, 81-yard march on CU's first possession for a 7-0 lead; the score was set up by a daring 41-yard pass play from Hodge to Derek McCoy to the KSU 1. The next time CU had the ball, it held it for one play, a Hodge-to-Brian Calhoun 71-yard pass for six to make it 14-0.

K-State tied the score early in the second quarter in the same fashion CU took the lead; Darren Sproles scored on a 1-yard run to polish off a 9-play drive, and Eli Roberson ran the option to perfection in rolling 71 yards for the tying score. CU answered with two of the longest scoring plays in its history, an 85-yard run by Brown, tying for the fourth longest run ever by a Buff, and a 94-yard pass from Hodge to Jeremy Bloom, the second longest play from scrimmage and the longest pass play in CU annals. It all added up to a 28-14 halftime lead for Colorado.

The Buffs seemingly put the nail in the coffin on the opening possession of the second half. Hodge hit Jesse Wallace with a 1-yard pass to complete a 13-play drive that ate up 6½ minutes on the clock and gave CU a 35-14 edge. But the resilient Wildcats came right back, with Sproles bursting through the middle to score on an 80-yard jaunt. He added a 3-yard run late in the third quarter to pull KSU to within 35-28.

K-State received a new life after Bloom fumbled a punt return try, recovering the ball at the Buff 29. But on a fourth-and-two from the CU 2, Sproles was crushed for no gain by Donald Strickland to end the threat. KSU added a field goal on its last drive of the game, cutting the margin to four with 2:16 to play, but kicked off deep to the Buffs in an attempt to stop CU on offense instead of trying an onside kick. After two running plays, the Buffs went up top with McCoy drawing an interference penalty, earning a first down and enabling the CU to run out the clock.

Roberson rushed for 178 yards and Sproles 121, but Hodge's passing was the difference, as CU had 289 yards through the air to just 83 for K-State.

Kansas State.....	0	14	14	3	—	31
COLORADO.....	14	14	7	0	—	35

COLORADO—Brown 1 run (Brougham kick)	7- 0	9:34	1Q
COLORADO—Calhoun 71 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	14- 0	6:02	1Q
Kansas State—Sproles 1 run (Brite kick)	14- 7	12:01	2Q
Kansas State—Roberson 71 run (Brite kick)	14-14	9:53	2Q
COLORADO—Brown 85 run (Brougham kick)	21-14	5:54	2Q
COLORADO—Bloom 94 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	28-14	1:45	2Q
COLORADO—Wallace 1 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	35-14	8:27	3Q
Kansas State—Sproles 80 run (Brite kick)	35-21	7:32	3Q
Kansas State—Sproles 3 run (Brite kick)	35-28	1:14	3Q
Kansas State—Brite 35 FG	35-31	2:16	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS STATE
First Downs.....	15	15
Rushes—Net Yards.....	44-194	44-320
Passing Yards.....	289	83
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	20-13-0	14-5-1
Total Offense.....	483	403
Punts: No-Average.....	7-49.9	6-41.7
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-1	4-0
Penalties/Yards.....	11/97	9/72
Time of Possession.....	30:16	29:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Brown 26-167, Purify 10-32, Hodge 3-7, McCoy 1-minus 9, Team 3-minus 3. **KSU:** Roberson 21-178, Sproles 16-121, Wilson 3-14, Mann 3-4, Davis 1-3.

Passing—Colorado: Hodge 20-13-0, 289, 3 td. **KSU:** Roberson 13-5-1, 83; Sproles 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 3-74, Drumm 3-22, Hackett 2-12, Bloom 1-94, Calhoun 1-71, Wilder 1-9, Sypniewski 1-6, Wallace 1-1. **KSU:** Wallace 3-44, Hill 1-32, Sproles 1-7.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 7-349, 49.9 (61 long, 1 In20). **KSU:** Brown 6-250, 41.7 (53 long, 4 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 3-4. **KSU:** Sproles 4-38, Newman 2-16.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Sneed 1-20, Calhoun 2-11. **KSU:** Newman 1-53, Klocke 2-7.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wahlroos 1-0. **KSU:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Moorer 6,4—10; Wahlroos 4,4—8; Harris 6,1—7; Nyenhuis 5,0—5; Wilder 4,1—5; Strickland 4,0—4; Mossoni 2,2—4; Surrell 1,3—4. **KSU:** Buhl 10,7—17; Pierce 6,2—8; Reese 4,4—8; White 4,3—7; Washington 2,5—7.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wilder 1-9. **KSU:** none.

The Set-Up Both teams have had to overcome injuries to their starting quarterbacks, as Colorado lost **Joel Klatt** for two starts and Kansas State lost **Eli Roberson** for a pair as well. The Buffs are 3-0 in games Klatt started and finished, while K-State is 2-2 in those games Roberson both started and finished.

In Buff History: October 18 The Buffaloes are fairly impressive 10-2 on **October 18** in their history, including two straight wins on the date (42-6 over Kansas in 1997, 31-3 over Iowa State in 1986, both in Boulder). However, none of the games really stand out for any particular reason, though a 20-0 win at Iowa State in **1958** propelled CU to a No. 12 national ranking (AP) with a 4-0 start on the season, the second highest at the time in school history.

Statistically Speaking Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of October 11:

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
12th	106th	Rushing Offense.....	101.0	7th	63rd	Rushing Defense.....	149.5	5th	21st	Punt Returns.....	13.3
3rd	10th	Passing Offense.....	319.5	12th	115th	Passing Defense.....	323.5	7th	38th	Kickoff Returns.....	22.9
6th	26th	Total Offense.....	420.5	12th	111th	Total Defense.....	473.0	7th	58th	Net Punting.....	36.2
9th	50th	Scoring Offense.....	28.5	12th	116th	Scoring Defense.....	38.7	12th	112th	Turnover Margin.....	-1.83

- ♦ **WR Jeremy Bloom:** 13.8 yards per punt return (5th/Big 12, 20th/NCAA); 23.5 yards per kickoff return (5th/Big 12, 50th NCAA); 144.5 all-purpose yards (2nd/Big12, 16th/NCAA); 41.7 receiving yards per game (25th/Big 12).
- ♦ **TB Brian Calhoun:** 72.7 rushing yards per game (10th/Big 12; 63rd/NCAA); 72.7 total offense per game (19th/Big 12).
- ♦ PK Mason Crosby: 0.83 field goals per game (6th/Big 12, 66th/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR D.J. Hackett:** 85.5 receiving yards per game (8th/Big 12; 35th NCAA); 6.8 receptions per game (1st Big 12/11th NCAA).
- ♦ **CB Phil Jackson:** 1.40 passes defended per game (5th/Big 12).
- ♦ **QB Joel Klatt:** 144.1 rating (6th/Big 12, 22nd/NCAA); 236.0 passing yards per game (4th/Big 12); 19.2 completions per game (5th/Big 12, 3rd/NCAA); 230.4 total offense per game (5th/Big 12, 39th/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR Derek McCoy:** 104.3 receiving yards per game (3rd/Big 12, 8th NCAA); 6.2 receptions per game (4th Big 12, 23rd/NCAA); 106.5 all-purpose yards (15th/Big12; 82nd/NCAA); 6.0 points per game (18th/Big 12; 89th/NCAA).
- ♦ **FS Medford Moorers:** 9.5 tackles per game (19th/Big 12).
- ♦ **P John Torp:** 41.5 punting average (5th/Big 12; 50th/NCAA).

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

- ⇒ **WR JEREMY BLOOM** is ninth in punt return yards (543), is tied for fifth in punt return touchdowns (2); is 20th in kickoff return yards (414); and is 63rd in all-purpose yards (1,373);
- ⇒ **TB BRIAN CALHOUN** is tied for 58th in rushing yards (734).
- ⇒ **QB ERIK GREENBERG** is 31st in passing yards (737), and is tied for 24th in touchdown passes (6).
- ⇒ **WR D.J. HACKETT** is tied for 29th in receiving yards (694), and is 24th in receptions (56).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is 22nd in passing yards (1180), and is tied for 19th in touchdown passes (8).
- ⇒ **WR DEREK MCCOY** is sixth in receiving yards (1,781), is seventh in receptions (108), is tied for fourth in TD receptions (15), is first in two-point conversions made (4) and is tied for 38th in scoring (98 points).
- ⇒ **FS MEDFORD MOORER** is 50th in tackles (202; the 12th DB), and is tied for 20th in solo tackles (144).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is tied for 15th in rushing yards (1,999), is 48th in receptions (36), and is 26th in all-purpose yards (2,362).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is seventh in games coached (56), eighth in wins (32) and sixth in league wins (23).

McCoy Assault on Record Book Senior **WR Derek McCoy** is having an outstanding senior season, as he is among the nation's leading receivers with 37 catches for 626 yards and six touchdowns. His 104.3 yards per game is third in the Big 12 Conference and is eight in the NCAA, while his 16.9 average per catch is 14th among all players nationally with over 70 yards receiving per game. McCoy is now sixth all-time at Colorado in receiving yards with 1,781, and is seventh in receptions with 108. He is also tied for fourth in TD receptions (15), is first in two-point conversions made (4) and is tied for 38th in scoring (98 points). He is bidding to become only the fifth wide receiver in CU history to score 100 career points.

Sypniewski To Redshirt Senior **TE Quinn Sypniewski** will take a medical redshirt for the 2003 season, as he has continued to be hampered by a toe injury that dates back to the 2002 season. With a redshirt year available to him and the fact that he has played in just two games, he qualifies to return as a senior in 2004. NCAA rules allow for a medical redshirt if a player has played in 20% or less of his team's games; however, the number rounds down, so in an 11- or 12-game season, the game where 20% is reached is the maximum number that can be played in, meaning no more than three.

Calhoun's Big Day Sophomore **TB Brian Calhoun** had a career best 135 yards in CU's overtime win over Kansas. But it's how he got the bulk of those yards that was most impressive, as he seemed to get stronger, in concert with the offensive line, as the game wore on. He had nine carries for 31 yards in the first half, 12 for 79 in the second half and had all three of CU's plays in the overtime, netting 25 yards and the winning 12-yard score; 11 of his final 13 carries gained five or more yards, and 103 of the 135 were post-contact yards, gained after an initial hit by the defense. The receivers shined as well, picking up 212 yards after contact.

The Schedule Much has been made of CU's tough schedule in 2003, and according to the NCAA, and through games of October 11, it remains the second toughest in the nation. CU's opponents are 51-19 combined (.729); Texas A&M holds the top spot, as opponents are 54-18 (.750), while Iowa State is third at .728 (48-18). Following are Texas (No. 21), Baylor and Kansas State (tied for No. 23) and Oklahoma (No. 30). With KU at No. 32 and Tech at No. 34, that's eight Big 12 teams in the top 35.

Captains The 2003 team captains (selected August 22) are all seniors: **OG Marwan Hage**, **FS Medford Moorers**, **TB Bobby Purify** and **ILB Sean Tufts**. Two have already graduated (Hage and Moorers), 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 (Moorers, 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).

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 76 times in enemy stadiums and is **60-29-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 67.2 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 **51-23-1** away from home (a 68.7 winning percentage), which stands eighth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **41-16-1** mark in their last 58 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State and Oklahoma, and one each at Baylor, Oklahoma State, Missouri, Texas and Texas Tech; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **16-13** on the Big 12 road since 1996. (The Buffs were 4-1 on the road in 2002.) 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.	64	17	0	.790
Florida State	56	16	0	.778
Tennessee	51	18	2	.732
Nebraska	51	20	1	.715
Ohio State	49	21	2	.694
Alabama	49	21	0	.700
Michigan	52	21	3	.704
Colorado	51	23	1	.687
Florida	42	20	1	.675
Notre Dame	46	24	2	.653
Penn State	47	27	1	.633

(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 **123-49-4** 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. Over the last 18-plus years, Colorado's **140-67-4** 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 Oct. 11):

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams			2003
							G	W- L-T		
1	Florida State	180	152	27	1	.847	82	59-22-1		5-1
2	Nebraska	182	151	30	1	.832	55	32-22-1		5-1
3	Miami, Fla.	174	144	30	0	.828	62	39-23-0		6-0
4	Tennessee	179	140	36	3	.791	69	40-26-3		4-2
5	Florida	182	141	40	1	.777	81	47-33-1		4-3
6	Michigan	177	134	40	3	.766	79	47-30-2		5-2
7	Ohio State	179	133	43	3	.751	71	36-32-3		5-1
8	Texas A & M	178	126	50	2	.713	53	25-27-1		3-3
9	Penn State	178	126	51	1	.711	64	32-32-0		2-5
10	COLORADO	176	123	49	4	.710	76	39-35-2		3-3
(11)	Notre Dame	175	122	51	2	.703	71	36-33-2		2-3)

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

Best 2-Year Big 12 League Game Records

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

2003 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-4)

School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)

	conference-----				
	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp
COLORADO	1	1	.500	80	89
Missouri (#24/NR).....	1	1	.500	55	59
Nebraska (#18/#14).....	1	1	.500	41	48
Kansas.....	1	1	.500	82	64
Kansas State.....	0	2	.000	54	62
Iowa State.....	0	2	.000	28	105

overall-----

	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp
3	3	.500	161	232	
5	1	.833	190	121	
5	1	.833	158	79	
4	2	.667	231	157	
4	3	.571	250	143	
2	4	.333	130	199	

Next Up

018	at Kansas State
018	at Oklahoma
018	TEXAS A&M
018	BAYLOR
018	COLORADO
018	TEXAS

South Division (+4)

School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)

	conference-----				
	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp
Oklahoma (#1/#1).....	2	0	1.000	118	20
Texas Tech (NR/#23).....	2	0	1.000	111	49
Oklahoma State (#23/#24).....	1	1	.500	45	51
Texas (#20/#20).....	1	1	.500	37	85
Baylor.....	1	1	.500	52	103
Texas A & M.....	1	1	.500	101	69

overall-----

	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp
6	0	1.000	286	88	
5	1	.833	281	181	
5	1	.833	243	87	
4	2	.667	242	155	
3	3	.500	122	192	
3	3	.500	200	178	

Next Up

018	MISSOURI
018	at Oklahoma State
018	TEXAS TECH
018	at Iowa State
018	at Kansas
018	at Nebraska

Blooming The coaches wanted to get playmaker **WR Jeremy Bloom** the ball more in 2003, and they've done just that through six games. As a true freshman in 2003, Bloom had 28 touches on the season, for a whopping 506 yards, or 18.1 yards per touch. In 2003, he's already up to 47 touches, for a net 867 yards and 18.4 yards per touch. That means his career numbers stand at 75 total touches (rushes, receptions, returns, passes) for 1,373 yards, a pretty impressive 18.3 yards per play. The CU record for the highest average per touch, for a minimum of 1,500, 2,000 and 2,500 yards is 18.9, by Mike Pritchard (133 touches for 2,513 yards). Against Kansas, he caught a career-high five passes for 97 yards, the first time he had caught more than one pass in a game in his career.

Bloom might add something else to his repertoire, as in practice during CU's bye week, he tried playing a little cornerback. The book's still out on the move, which would be in addition to his time at wide receiver and kick returner, but with the injury situation in the secondary he could definitely wind up being an option.

Bloom's Day Lost in the 42-30 loss at Baylor was the fact that sophomore **WR Jeremy Bloom** had 250 yards on kick returns, the most ever in a game by a Buff and only the second 200-plus yard kick return effort in school history (the late Byron "Whizzer" White's had 211 against Utah in 1936... in the snow, no less, with three kicks returned for scores: a 90-yard kickoff return and punt return scores for 38 and 43). And Bloom would have had 26 more punt return yards had Baylor not been called for an illegal substitution just prior to the end of the first half; the Bears, though penalized, received an untimed down with 0:00 on the clock and took a knee to end the half. The list of the top 10 combined kick return yards by a Buffalo in a single game:

Player	Date	Opponent	Punt				Kickoff				Overall				
			No.	Yds.	TD	Long	No.	Yds.	TD	Long	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Jeremy Bloom	Oct. 4, 2003	at Baylor	6	107	0	37	5	143	0	47	11	250	22.7	0	47
Byron White	Nov. 7, 1936	UTAH	5	121	2	43t	1	90	1	90t	6	211	35.2	3	90t
Ben Kelly	Oct. 11, 1997	at Oklahoma State	0	0	0	0	5	186	1	93t	5	186	37.2	1	93t
Howard Ballage	Oct. 21, 1978	NEBRASKA	0	0	0	0	5	184	1	100t	5	184	36.8	1	100t
Ben Kelly	Sept. 19, 1998	UTAH STATE	2	106	1	68t	3	63	0	24	5	169	33.8	1	68t
Cliff Branch	Nov. 20, 1971	AIR FORCE	5	146	1	65t	1	22	0	22	6	168	28.0	1	65t
Deon Figures	Oct. 24, 1992	KANSAS STATE	10	167	0	37	0	0	0	0	10	167	16.7	0	34
Walter Stanley	Sept. 26, 1981	BRIGHAM YOUNG	2	8	0	4	5	158	0	58	7	166	23.7	0	58
Cliff Branch	Oct. 10, 1970	IOWA STATE	3	143	2	72t	2	17	0	13	5	160	32.0	2	72t
Walter Stanley	Oct. 4, 1980	OKLAHOMA	0	0	0	0	3	160	1	100t	3	160	53.3	1	100t

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, until they combined for 314 against Baylor (McCoy 171, Hackett 143), which was the second most. 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 before the CSU tilt. Charles Johnson (168) and Michael Westbrook (128) combined for 296 at Missouri in 1992, now the third most combined yards.
- ❑ 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). Carruth has the most in a career for 70 yards or longer with five.

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 **3,227** in the 56 games he has coached, **945** more than the opponent. That difference of 16.9 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-plus 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	8	1	41	N.C. State	3	2	4	9	6	1	25
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	7	0	35	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
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	0	4	27	Fresno State	5	5	3	5	2	2	22
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	1	3	27	TCU	5	3	4	6	1	1	20
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. Surprisingly, two games later, the Buffs were held to zero in the loss at Florida State (but came back with 107, all Jeremy Bloom punt return yards, at Baylor).

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: CU has not adopted the NCAA policy of counting bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.

INDIVIDUAL (5)

Most Pass Attempts, Game —54, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 51, Randy Essington vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 9, 1982 and Steve Vogel vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Nov. 20, 1982</i>	
Most Pass Completions, Game —38, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 33, Koy Detmer vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.</i>	
Most Receptions, Game —11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003	TIED RECORD
<i>Record: 11, Michael Westbrook vs. Baylor at Waco, Sept. 12, 1992, and Charles Johnson vs. Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 8, 1992</i>	
Most Consecutive Games With Six Or More Receptions —4, D.J. Hackett, Aug. 30-to-Sept. 20, 2003	RECORD
<i>Record: 3, on seven previous occasions</i>	
Most Kick Return Yards, Game —250, Jeremy Bloom vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003 (143 kickoff, 107 punt)	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 211, Byron White vs. Utah in Boulder, Nov. 7, 1936.</i>	

TEAM (2)

Most Passing Attempts, Game —55, vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 52, vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Nov. 20, 1982</i>	
Most Passing Yards Allowed, Game (Regular Season) —458, vs. Florida State at Tallahassee, Sept. 20, 2003	RECORD
<i>Old Record: 439, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Nov. 22, 1969</i>	

One-Two Punch The McCoy-Hackett combo is rapidly emerging as one of the most prolific in CU history; through six games, they have combined for 78 receptions for 1,139 yards and eight touchdowns. The last time two wide receivers combined for as many or more came in 2000, when Javon Green and John Minardi had 96 catches for 1,291 yards and six TDs; Derek and D.J. have a ways to go to catch CU's all-time wide receiver duo, however: in 1992, Michael Westbrook and Charles Johnson posted these numbers as a pair: 133 receptions, 2,209 yards and 13 touchdowns.

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.....	24-77-3	13-22-2	8 wins by Eddie Crowder/Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	36-93-3	19-26-2	10 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	65-116-3	39-35-2	20 wins by Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the eight-year old league owns a **21-50** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own seven of those wins. CU is 8-7 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 0-5, Missouri 0-5, Texas Tech 0-6 and Texas A&M 0-7.

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 30-4, Kansas State 28-4, Oklahoma State 21-6, Oklahoma 22-8, Texas 22-9, Texas A&M 22-9, Missouri 19-9, Iowa State 18-9, Texas Tech 21-11, Kansas 17-9, Baylor 15-11 and **Colorado 17-13**. Traditionally, CU has played one of the Big 12's (and the nation's) more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins (i.e., "cupcakes" and "creampuffs") for non-league games.

Ticket Count Colorado sold 26,590 public season tickets for 2003, including 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 11,291 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.*)

Walk-On QB's Colorado has started two different quarterbacks in 2003, both with walk-on roots. Joel Klatt started the first three games before being sidelined with a shoulder sprain, and Erik Greenberg replaced him in the role for Florida State. Both joined the programs as walk-ons; Greenberg earned a scholarship prior to leaving for his Mormon Mission, while Klatt is still a walk-on but will receive a scholarship in January when he is first able to (see note later in release regarding his situation). The previous total in school history, at least since 1973, prior to his this season had been just one—Scott Kingdom, who made his first start at Iowa State in 1980. *Through six games, Klatt and Greenberg had teamed for some impressive numbers: 145-of-240 for 1,917 and 14 touchdowns (with just five interceptions).*

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, as *The Sporting News*, SI.com and collegefootballnews.com cited him as the National Player of the Week. 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.

The Comeback Klatt missed two starts with a sprained shoulder, but returned with a vengeance in throwing for 419 yards to lead CU over Kansas. ad quite the debut in CU's 42-35 season opening win over Colorado State. In setting CU single-game records for attempts (54) and completions (38), he led the Buffs to a third game winning or tying drive in the fourth quarter, as he completed four of six passes for 56 yards and ran for six more on CU's 11-play, 89-yard drive that led to Mason Crosby's 23-yard field goal.

Where Does He Rank? Passing for over 400 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 against the in-state rival in a nationally televised season opener? And then to comeback from injury and top that with 419 yards in a do-or-die type game? Here's where Klatt's efforts stand in relation to what some other walk-ons have posted; and *with two 400-plus yard performances, he's second all-time in that category at CU*, trailing the five by Koy Deter. 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
a—Joel Klatt, Colorado	Kansas	419	October 11, 2003	W 50-47 (OT)
Joel Klatt, Colorado	Colorado State (Denver)	402	August 30, 2003	W 42-35
Griffin Goodman, Arizona State	California	394	October 7, 2000	W 30-10
John Barnes, UCLA	Southern California	385	November 21, 1992	W 38-37
Other CU Walk-On/Former Walk-On Highs				
b—Erik Greenberg	at Baylor	346	October 4, 2003	L 30-42
c—Scott Kingdom	at Oklahoma State	213	November 8, 1980	L 7-42
b—Erik Greenberg	Washington State	199	September 13, 2003	L 26-47

(a—had no passing yards in overtime; b—a 1999 walk-on, he earned a scholarship the following spring; c—Originally a 1978 walk-on, he earned a scholarship the following spring.)

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

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

Moorer Living Proof Of Mind Over Matter

By Barry Rubenstein, Graduate Assistant SID

In a neighborhood that is more widely known for its gang-related violence and tumultuous riots than for its sprawling palm trees and California sunshine, South Central Los Angeles is not the place for just anybody. But senior strong safety **Medford Moorer** is not just your average guy.

Growing up just miles from Watts – the area of L.A. twice known for historical riots, first in the 1960s and then in 1992 after verdicts came down in the Rodney King case – life was certainly no bed of roses for the young Medford Moorer. Everywhere he looked, abundant opportunities to stray from the straight and narrow path of life were staring him straight in the eye. Gangs ran the neighborhood, and the peer pressure to “fit in” with the surroundings usually corralled those of weaker minds and hearts. But to anyone who knows Moorer, he is certainly not either of those things.

“I’ve seen a lot of kids who have grown up in rough neighborhoods that were never able to make it out,” said Moorer. “They face certain situations that keep them back and keep them from taking the chance and holding on to it. I was presented with some of those things, but it’s all about believing in your heart that you can do it. You can get out of the hood; get out and make something of yourself.”

And that’s exactly what the 6-foot-2, 205-pound Moorer did, landing him at the University of Colorado.

While the obstacles in his way have been numerous, the 22-year old never wavered from his pursuit of making something out of his life. From the start, his critics doubted that his academic endeavors in high school would be good enough to warrant a one-way ticket to CU. After he signed the letter of intent to play football in 1998, it seemed doubtful that he would ever make it to Boulder. CU’s academic advisors had their misgivings, stating that he had overachieved so much in high school that he would never catch up, let alone graduate.

The “overachieving” Moorer almost proved his nay-sayers correct after failing the standardized admission test twice, but finally passed on his third attempt. “Third time’s a charm,” he said with a smile.

Not only did Moorer prove the advisors wrong by graduating in 3½ years with a degree in sociology, but he also earned CU’s Clancy A. Herbst Student-Athlete Achievement Award, presented to the player who overcomes personal, academic and/or emotional difficulties to succeed academically. So much for what the critics had to say.

“People have their own thoughts and speculations on how a person can do in certain things, and many people get in that position and they prove a lot of people wrong,” he said. “That’s just what I did. I made sure that I took care of my business and I didn’t want them to be right. I wanted to be the one to prove them wrong, and I did.”

Once Moorer enrolled at CU in 1999 the next wave of critics – the football critics – emerged to take their shot at the beleaguered defensive back. Listed at 6-foot-2 and only 180 pounds as a freshman, they said that he might be too skinny and too small to play football in a major conference like the Big 12. But once again he proved his opponents wrong, earning a nod as the Scout Team Defense award winner for the Kansas State game as a freshman. He saw action in the first six games of the 2000 season and was gaining a reputation for making the big play. But just when he thought he might finally be free of all the criticism and opposition, he had his season cut short when he suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament against Texas. It was just another hurdle for Medford to overcome ... something that by this point in his life he had gotten well accustomed to.

“My knee injury was just another piece of adversity in my life and I had to make sure that I worked hard to overcome it,” he said. “I took the setback to make sure that I worked harder and harder each and every day so that I could make a comeback. And I did come back and play the best I could for my team as well as for myself. I try not to think of the bad things, but instead I see everything as a positive influence on my life.”

Two knee surgeries and one year later, Moorer’s physical confidence may have been understandably shaken, but his mental wherewithal

wasn’t even phased ... not until a phone call on the morning of June 12 sent horror running through his spine. The voice on the other end of the phone line relayed something that one could only think of in their worst nightmares ... his father was dead. Shot to death as he walked to his car in front of his South Central Los Angeles home, Medford Moorer Sr. was pronounced dead at the scene. It was likely in retaliation for the elder Moorer complaining to the police about gang activity in the neighborhood.

As if the loss of any family member isn’t enough, this one was especially devastating because Medford Jr. and his father had an exceptionally close relationship – something that would and still makes it hard for him to deal with. But in true resilient fashion, the besieged Moorer would find a way to take the horrible and turn it into a beneficial.

“In some aspects I will never overcome the death of my Pops,” said Moorer. “I will never get over him, but he will always be there in my heart and mind. I use his memory as an inspiration in football and in life to make sure that I do the right things and stay positive.”

Though the youngest of five children, Medford took it upon himself to assume the role of family caretaker after his father’s death. While two older brothers chose to remain in California, Moorer insisted that his mother move the rest of the family to Colorado so that he didn’t have to worry about them anymore. In return, his mother was a valuable crutch that he did not have living 1,000 miles from home.

“It helped to have somebody that was going through the same thing as me, but in her case it was even worse,” he said. “We just really helped each other. There was that love, understanding and comfort in knowing that we could make it through this tragedy together.”

So to recap: According to critics, Medford Moorer is an overachiever in the classroom and on the field. He was pushed to the limit on the standardized admission test, finally passing it on the third and final try. He was projected to be too small to play college football. He has had to overcome two knee surgeries and the untimely death of his father while trying to hold his family together. But through it all Medford hasn’t skipped a beat in what he has set out to accomplish.

“I you have the faith in your heart that you can overcome many things that you are presented with, then you can do whatever you want in life,” said Moorer. “If you just believe that you have the tools, the attitude and the great love to help yourself and others, then you can overcome all the obstacles that come your way.”

Medford has become an expert at turning tragedy into happiness. If you didn’t know him personally, you would never be able to tell he’s been through so many things in his life judging from his personality. “I am just a fun person,” he says. “I like to make the people around me warm and happy. I tend to dwell on the painful aspects of life, but I make sure that I turn that pain into something happy ... something that can help me out in the future.”

It’s that kind of attitude and resiliency that has led Moorer to be an on-the-field leader for the 2003 Buffs. He sees his role as keeping the team relaxed so that they can have fun, while at the same time giving it their all in true “Moorer fashion.” While the senior leader doesn’t necessarily see himself as just that, he admits that it is his personality to help those in need.

“That’s just who I am,” he said. “If you’re struggling, I shall help. I will try to get out there and make sure that you can get over all of your obstacles just like I have myself.”

What does the future hold for Medford? “I’m interested in a whole lot of things,” he said. “If the NFL doesn’t work out, I’m interested in teaching, being a firefighter or even a coach. I’m just looking forward to the future and working hard to make sure that I get some of my goals accomplished.”

With the kind of person that Medford Moorer has become in his short 22 years, there is no doubt that he will accomplish what he sets his mind to. Watch out world.

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 **32-24** record at Colorado, along with a **67-69-1** record in 11-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **75-80-2**. 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...	32-24	17- 8	11-10	4- 6	10-13	22-11	8-12	24-12	1- 2
Career (NCAA I-A)....	67-69-1	36-27-1	27-32	4-10	19-33-1	48-36	20-24-1	24-12	1- 4

♦ **Barnett** is no stranger to lining up across the sideline from ranked teams. In his 81 games at Northwestern, the Wildcats faced 30 ranked opponents (posting a 9-20-1 record). In his eight years as an assistant at Colorado, the Buffaloes played 34 ranked teams in 95 contests. As CU head coach, he's seen **23** in **56** games (going 10-13); so in his 19 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **87** ranked opponents in **232** 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 Oct. 11 (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.....	49	9	.845	*Kirk Ferentz, Iowa.....	27	27	.500	*Rick Neuheisel, Washington.....	33	16	.674
Tommy Bowden, Clemson.....	34	21	.618	Lou Holtz, South Carolina.....	26	27	.491	*Dennis Erickson, Oregon State.....	31	17	.646
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn.....	34	21	.618	*Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech.....	25	27	.481	*Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe.....	8	28	.222
*Terry Hoeppner, Miami-Ohio.....	32	20	.615	Chris Scelfo, Tulane.....	23	30	.434	*Kevin Steele, Baylor.....	9	36	.200
*David Cutcliffe, Mississippi.....	33	21	.611	John Robinson, UNLV.....	23	29	.442	*Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette.....	6	27	.182
June Jones, Hawai'i.....	34	23	.596	Randy Walker, Northwestern.....	21	32	.396				
Gary Barnett, Colorado.....	32	24	.571	*Carl Franks, Duke.....	7	44	.137				

(+—has since resigned or was fired.)

Forty Somethings The average age of the CU coaching staff is 42.2, as the 10 full-time coaches (as of Oct. 15) are collectively 422 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** (44), **John Wristen** (41), **Shawn Simms** (40), **Ted Gilmore** (36), **Chris Wilson** (34) and **Vance Joseph** (31).

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 42-26-1 in its last 69 games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (39-20 in the last 59, including a 3-3 mark so far in 2003). The Buffs are 45-32-1 on grass dating back to the 1977 season; that's only 78 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 17-8 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 thrilling 50-47 overtime win over Kansas:

**General:** "Well, that's who we are. That was just a great resiliency by our guys. It wasn't a gem, but it was a tremendous effort. We had a theme earlier in the game that we had to win the second half. We tied it with 11 points and got it into overtime. Now we just need to go back to work on defense this was a great win for us at home. This is the third game that we've won at the end and everybody was still in their seats."

**On The Overtime:** "We had a couple of good plays that we ran. First we had that belly pitch and then the draw opened up for us."

**On Joel Klatt:** He's a spark for us. He's a heck of a player and a heck of a person. I'm not sure what the final stats were, but that was a heck of a performance from where I stood."

**On The Defense:** "We just told them to hang on, and they made enough plays to give us a chance."

"We really want to play better defense and not go to the last play and have to out-score a 44-point team, but that might not be who we are this year. Maybe we're a team that just have to outscore our opponent."

**On The Celebration:** "We just needed this win to feel good for a week. It's been tough for the kids and it's been tough for the coaches. There was doubt cast be everybody and for them to overcome that and not get sucked into it and finally get rid of the monkey on their back was great for this young team."

**On The Running Backs:** "(Daniel) Jolly's come in here and learned the offense and we've played him a little bit on goal line and short yardage, but I thought he had a great game today. I also thought that Lawrence Vickers played a heck of a game. He's playing good football right now. "This has been the best offensive performance that we've had this season. Things were consistent and it wasn't just a lot of big plays."

**On The Mood At Halftime:** "Nobody walks in there very happy after a play like that. When the defense walked into the room where the offense was meeting, the whole offense just stood up and gave them a hand. We knew we needed to give them a lift because we still had a whole half to play. We knew we just had to play better (on defense) in the second half and the offense would score enough points to win. I was right, I was barely right."

**On The Play Of Jeremy Bloom:** "We wanted to get Jeremy in the game a little bit more and he responded with some great catches, but we just have great receivers out there."

**On Mason Crosby's Game-Tying Kick:** "You know, he's a freshman, but we don't have anybody else to kick so he had to get in there and do it. He had great focus the whole time and there wasn't any doubt in my mind that he would make it. That's the kind of thing that kickers dream about. I was excited for Mason and I was happy for him. I felt like the way that the kids had fought back he was going to make it."

## Player Quotes

Some comments from select players following the overtime win over Kansas:

### TB BRIAN CALHOUN

**GENERAL:** "(The win) is a big confidence booster. I think our offense is playing off a lot of confidence, and we'll try to carry that into Kansas State. We executed on offense better than we ever have before, so that really helped us today."

**ON HIS OVERTIME TD:** "It was executed really well. We wanted to establish the run in overtime and they were winded. So we ran three straight plays until I finally broke it up the middle for the touchdown."

**ON THE PITCH PLAY:** "It's easier when it's just you and the corner in the open field, so it was a really successful play call for us today. We were happy to get the win and move on from here."

### CB VANCE WASHINGTON

**ON BLOCKED PAT:** "Coaches said, 'Keep going, you're eventually going to get it.' It was actually the push that the front line was getting. The more they pushed, the further I got. It was like magic. It had to come sometime. If it didn't come on that play, I don't know, give me a pink slip or something. It hurt my hand. It hurt my hand like hell. It was like somebody held my arm up and kicked it as hard as they could. But it's a good feeling, it's a good noise."

### PK MASON CROSBY

**ON GAME TYING FIELD GOAL:** "It was definitely the most pressure I've ever had before. It helped me out that Kansas called timeouts. It lowered my nerves and definitely calmed me down. I was pretty much in my own little place just trying to stay focused at the time."

**ON KICKING OFF:** "I think it helped keep my leg warm throughout game. I was able to keep moving and doing the kickoffs really kept me focused on booting the ball. I don't think I've changed anything about my kicking approach, I've just practiced a lot harder and not let anything distract me lately."

### QB JOEL KLATT

**ON THE WIN:** "That was an exciting and fun game to play. This team battled back like we did in the first two games. I loved it and the team played really well. This was a huge boost for us; we're now right back in the thick of things. We're going to be able to make a run at the Big 12 North title."

**ON THE O-LINE:** "Our o-line played really well. Big guys up front set the tone offensively for us. My hat goes off to the O-line, they did a great job today. The confidence for our o-line is huge; I can't really give them enough credit. Because of the job they did with the ground game, it really helped open up the play action pass."

**ON PASS TO HACKETT ON TYING DRIVE:** "I don't normally see the rush, I just feel it. I felt the backside rush a little, so I stepped up to give me a clear lane to get it to D.J. We ran that play for a touchdown in the first half and it was successful... I tried to leave it where just he could get it, and D.J. made an amazing catch."

### WR RON MONTEILH

**ON HIS PLAY:** "I started off the game and fumbled, and that really knocked me down, so I tried to stay focused and when balls came to me later, I wanted them even more."

**ON HIS 18-YARD CATCH ON TYING DRIVE:** "Joel said he really didn't see me, but I saw it coming in high and I just reacted. I put my hands up and it stuck. It feels especially good. After I started off the game, I was down on myself, and to bounce back and do well made it even better."

## 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 was 76,643 for the 2002 NFL Denver-Oakland).
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Klatt to McCoy:** The 82-yard touchdown pass from Joel Klatt to Derek McCoy was the 10th longest pass play in school 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.
- ◆ **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).
- ◆ **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 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.
- ◆ **WR D.J. Hackett** caught 10 passes for 103 yards, career highs in both; his previous CU bests came against Iowa State last year, (4-69). Four of his catches earned first downs on third down throws from Klatt (21, 19, 10—for a touchdown, and 18 yards).
- ◆ 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).
- ◆ **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).
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ JK-to-JK. The game-winning touchdown from **Joel Klatt** to **TE Joe Klopfenstein** was the latter's first career touchdown catch, coming on his sixth career reception.
- ◆ While offense prevailed in game one (1,089 combined yards), defense won out in week two, as CU edged the Bruins, 245-243. UCLA had 38 yards rushing, the fewest allowed by CU since holding Oklahoma to minus-11 in 1999 (minus sacks, UCLA had just 53 on 24 attempts).
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ It took just 6:10 for two of the nation's nine longest scoring streaks to be extended. WSU 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.
- ◆ **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).
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ 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).



## Season Note Progression continued...

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.)

### Florida State

- ◆ The 81-yard reception for a touchdown by **Jeremy Bloom** was the fourth play in his career that covered 75 or more yards (it tied for the 11th longest pass play in school history as well). He owns the long reception in school history of 94 yards, and punt returns of 80 and 75 yards; all four plays went for touchdowns (and all have been on regional or national television).
- ◆ **Marwan Hage** made his first career start at center; he swapped positions with **Derek Stemrich**, who moved over from center to tight guard.
- ◆ **TB Brian Calhoun** had the third 100-yard game of his career, carrying 21 times for 118 yards, including the long burst of 49, CU's longest rush this season (he had the previous long of 31). The first three 100-yard games of his career have come against Nebraska, Oklahoma and Florida State.
- ◆ **WR Derek McCoy** caught five passes for 34 yards—the five receptions gives him 94 for his career, as he passed Dave Hestera (91) into 10th place on CU's all-time list.
- ◆ Florida State QB Chris Rix became only the third player to ever amass over 400 yards total offense against Colorado (411: 394 pass, 17 rush), the second player to do so this year. Fresno State QB Trent Dilfer had 474 yards in the 1993 Aloha Bowl (523 pass, -49 rush), and CSU's Bradlee Van Pelt had 416 (339 pass, 77 rush) earlier this season against the Buffs in Denver. However, it was the first time CU lost when allowing a player over 400 yards total offense.

### Baylor

- ◆ The Buffs started at cornerback both **Sammy Joseph** and **Terrence Wheatley**, marking the first time in CU history that it started a pair of freshmen at the position in the same game, not to mention starting two at any point in the same season.
- ◆ When Baylor scored 21 points in the third quarter against the Buffs, it marked the fourth time this year a foe has scored 20 or more points in a quarter against CU (Washington State had 20 in the first and 24 in the third, and Florida State had 24 in the fourth).
- ◆ **QB Erik Greenberg.** He completed 16-of-29 passes for 346 yards (2 TD/1 INT), the second most passing yards by a walk-on or former walk-on in CU history (trailing Joel Klatt's 402 against CSU earlier this year).
- ◆ **TB Brian Calhoun** finally scored his first touchdown rushing in his career—coming on his 72nd carry of the season and 139th of his career (148th including the Alamo Bowl).
- ◆ **WR Jeremy Bloom.** The sophomore had 250 yards on kick returns in the game, a CU record (143 kickoff, 107 punt).
- ◆ Colorado dropped to 5-3 in Big 12 Conference openers, including a 1-1 mark on the road; CU had last opened away from Boulder in 1996.
- ◆ Colorado has now lost three straight in Texas since winning the '01 Big 12 title game in Dallas in 2001, falling to Oklahoma in Houston in the '02 championship game, to Wisconsin in the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio and today to Baylor.
- ◆ This marked the 11th time in CU history that the Buffs had two 100-yard receivers in the same game; McCoy (171) and **D.J. Hackett** (4-143) did it for the second time this season, as the pair also accomplished it in the opener against Colorado State.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** His streak of consecutive passes thrown without an interception ended at 92 today when a pass was tipped and picked off in the fourth quarter. It tied for the sixth longest streak all-time, the third at the start of a career. Bobby Pesavento holds the mark at 106, CU's all-time streak without one (regardless of the point of career), followed by Craig Ochs (104), John Hessler (100, the second most to open a career), Darian Hagan (99), Kordell Stewart (98), Klatt and Sal Aunese (92). *The list with dates is on page 209 of CU's 2003 media guide.*
- ◆ When Colorado led 23-14, it owned a two-score lead; thus it was just the third time in the last 74 such situations where the Buffs didn't manage to hold on and win the game (dating back to 1993). CU had also won in 26 straight circumstances on the road.

### Kansas

- ◆ **Hoops or Football?** The combined point total of 97 almost exceeded the two lowest basketball scoring games between CU & KU since 1957. Kansas won, 53-48 in Lawrence on Jan. 14, 1984 (101 points), and Colorado won 53-50 in Boulder on Feb. 21, 1981 (103 points). It was the fourth time CU scored 50 or more on the Jayhawks in stretching its series lead to 39-21-3; the 97 points easily topped the most between the two, which occurred just last year (82 points in CU's 53-29 win).
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** He handled kickoff duties for the first time as a collegian, kicking off nine times with Kansas' average field position its own 19.8; eight went for touchbacks, seven through the end zone, with the lone return for 5-yards which was at the end of regulation that KU returned to its 18.
- ◆ Colorado made seven consecutive third down conversions between the second and third quarters, the second longest streak in school history; the record was set against Kansas, when the Buffs made 10 straight in Lawrence on Nov. 12, 1966.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** He completed 38-of-54 passes for 419 yards and two touchdowns, the second 400-yard game of his career (he had 402 in his first career start against CSU earlier this season). In addition to throwing for the fourth most yards in CU history (*list on page 197 of media guide*), he set **individual school records** for the most passing attempts in a game (54; old record—51 by Randy Essington vs. Nebraska in 1982 and Steve Vogel at Kansas State in 1982) and completions (38; topping the 33 by Koy Detmer against Oklahoma in 1992). He had 424 yards of total offense, the seventh 400-plus yard performance in school history (it ranks No. 7—*list on page 199 of media guide*). His 58 plays tied for the fourth most.
- ◆ CU's had its best rushing day for the first half of the season, gaining 179 yards in 39 carries (previous best was 102 against Colorado State). Led by **TB Brian Calhoun's** fourth 100-yard game of his career, his 135 yards was the second highest total of his career.
- ◆ CU had a season high 598 yards of offense, with the 419 passing yards the fourth most ever in CU annals; the 35 first downs CU earned tie for the third most, and the most since CU had 35 against San Jose State in 1999. It was the second time CU eclipsed the 500-yard mark this season (504 against CSU), and was the most since CU set the school record of 767 against San Jose State in 1999.



## #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.

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

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|----|
| 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.

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|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| UCLA .....    | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | — | 14 |
| COLORADO..... | 7 | 3 | 0 | 6 | — | 16 |

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|----|
| 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; Nyenhuis 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 yards 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.

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

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|----|
| 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 |

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| 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.

## #4—FLORIDA STATE 47, COLORADO 7

(September 20; Tallahassee, Colo.)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Chris Rix completed 30-of-39 passes helping Florida State to a regular season single-game record for passing yards allowed by a Colorado team as the No. 10 Seminoles slowly but surely pulled away from CU in posting a 47-7 verdict in the intersectional match-up.

The Buffs opened strong but couldn't maintain much momentum as the game wore on against a talented Florida State defense. CU took the opening kickoff and marched to the Seminole 5-yard line, but couldn't score a TD on a first-and-goal from the 5 and missed a chip-shot field goal. FSU came right back and scored on an 80-yard drive, with Rix hooking up with Craphonso Thorpe on a 37-yard TD pass on a 4th-and-3 play.

The Buffs would hang in, and after the first of four Florida State field goals, Erik Greenberg threw a perfect pass to a streaking Jeremy Bloom for an 81-yard touchdown catch and run, narrowing the FSU lead to 10-7. Trailing 13-7, CU was trying to get into field goal range, but a Brian Calhoun fumble after he picked up five yards and a first down on a third-and-1 run gave the ball back to the Seminoles. Six plays later, FSU closed with a field goal to take a 16-7 intermission lead.

Down but not out, the Buffs held FSU to a field goal the opening drive of the second half, stalling the Seminoles at the CU 12. Colorado went three-and-out on its next two drives, and the backbreaker for the Buffs came on FSU's next series. Taking over at the 34, Rix again found Thorpe for a long strike, this one covering 64 yards to up the lead to 26-7 with 6:05 left in the quarter.

FSU added a couple of touchdowns on a botched punt, taking over at the CU 12, and then returned a blocked punt for a score to go up 40-7 early in the fourth quarter. Curiously still passing well into the final minutes of the game, the Seminoles added a late score to add a little insult to injury in accounting for the 47-7 final.

Colorado had 236 yards of offense in the first half, but could only muster 39 in the second half against a deep and talented FSU defense. Rix threw for 394 yards, with his sub, Frank Walker, adding 64 to give the Seminoles 458 in the game, topping the previous regular season best against the Buffaloes (Kansas State had 439 in 1969).

Calhoun led all runners in the game with 118 yards rushing, while Erik Greenberg passed for 192 yards and a touchdown in his first collegiate start; he was 10-of-12 in the first half before going 4-of-18 in the second.

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| COLORADO.....      | 0 | 7 | 0  | 0  | — | 7  |
| Florida State..... | 7 | 9 | 10 | 21 | — | 47 |

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|-----------------------------------------------------|------|------|----|
| Florida State—Thorpe 37 pass from Rix (Beitia kick) | 0- 7 | 9:27 | 1Q |
| Florida State—Beitia 20 FG                          | 0-10 | 8:19 | 2Q |
| COLORADO—Bloom 81 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick) | 7-10 | 7:59 | 2Q |
| Florida State—Beitia 26 FG                          | 7-13 | 2:13 | 2Q |

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|----------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|----|
| Florida State—Beitia 27 FG                               | 7-16 | 0:00  | 2Q |
| Florida State—Beitia 29 FG                               | 7-19 | 12:33 | 3Q |
| Florida State—Thorpe 66 pass from Rix (Beitia kick)      | 7-26 | 6:05  | 3Q |
| Florida State—Jones 1 run (Beitia kick)                  | 7-33 | 14:57 | 4Q |
| Florida State—Davis 14 blocked punt return (Beitia kick) | 7-40 | 13:41 | 4Q |
| Florida State—Reynolds 3 run (Beitia kick)               | 7-47 | 3:10  | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS             | COLORADO | FLORIDA ST. |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| First Downs .....           | 13       | 26          |
| Rushes—Net Yards .....      | 38-83    | 24-93       |
| Passing Yards .....         | 192      | 458         |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int) ..... | 31-15-0  | 47-35-0     |
| Total Offense .....         | 275      | 551         |
| Punts: No-Average .....     | 9-38.4   | 4-46.3      |
| Fumbles: No-Lost .....      | 4-2      | 0-0         |
| Penalties/Yards .....       | 9/70     | 7/75        |
| Time of Possession .....    | 33:05    | 26:55       |

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Calhoun 21-118, Vickers 4-18, Caesar 3-5, Cox 1-minus 5, Bloom 1-minus 8, Torp 1-minus 14, Greenberg 6-minus 23, Team 1-minus 8. **FSU:** Reid 4-45, Jones 9-26, Rix 5-17, Napier 3-11, Reynolds 2-4, Thorpe 1-minus 10.

**Passing—Colorado:** Greenberg 30-14-0, 192, 1 td; Cox 1-1-0, 0. **FSU:** Rix 39-30-0, 394, 2 td; Walker 7-5-0, 64, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Hackett 6-46, McCoy 5-34, Bloom 1-81, Donahoe 1-14, Calhoun 1-12, Sypniewski 1-5. **FSU:** P. Sam 10-119, Thorpe 8-205, Reid 5-39, Davis 3-22, Jones 3-8, Robinson 2-27, L.Sam 1-27, Dean 1-6, Napier 1-4, Coleman 1-1.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 8-43.3 (57 long, 1 In20), Team 1-0.0. **FSU:** Hall 1-50.0 (50 long); Stein 3-45.0 (51 long, 2 In20).

**Punt Returns—CU:** none. **FSU:** Cha. Davis 1-14, Robinson 2-12, Chr.Davis 3-14, Team 1-17.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Wheatley 2-57, Bloom 2-34, Billingsley 1-11. **FSU:** Thorpe 1-19.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **FSU:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Surrell 10,3—13; Joseph 10,0—10; Moorer 6,3—9; Billingsley 6,1—7; Jackson 5,1—6; Tufts 3,2—5; T.Washington 3,2—5. **FSU:** Wimbley 6,2—8; Ward 4,1—5; Nicholson 2,3—5; McFadden 3,1—4; Augustin 2,2—4.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** none. **FSU:** Wimbley 2-13, Emanuel 1-9, Augustin 1-6, Howard 1-5, Team 1-1.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Moorer, Wheatley. **FSU:** Eight players with 1.

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## #5—BAYLOR 42, COLORADO 30

(October 4; Waco, Texas)

WACO, Texas — Rashad Armstrong rushed for 166 yards and two touchdowns, with his second score putting the game out of the reach just over five minutes into the fourth quarter to lead Baylor to only its second Big 12 Conference league win in 39 tries as the Bears defeated Colorado, 42-30.

Armstrong's 55-yard explosive run capped a 97-yard drive in the fourth quarter that flustered the Buffaloes, as it came on the heels of Baylor stopping CU on a 4th-and-goal from the 1. Trailing 35-30 and seemingly ready to grab momentum back to its side, Colorado had taken over on the Baylor 9 after recovering a fumble, BU's only turnover on the day. The Bear defense pinned a pair of three-yard rushing losses on CU, but on third and goal from the 15, Erik Greenberg completed a pass for 14.9 yards to Joe Klopfenstein, leaving the Buffs fourth and literally inches to go.

But Baylor's Justin Crooks and Maurice Lane threw Brian Calhoun for a 2-yard loss on fourth down, after he was forced to the outside on the short side of the field. Baylor took over and ran eight straight running plays and scored to extend its lead to 12. The Buffs would get no closer, though CU penetrated BU territory three more times and reached midfield a fourth in the final 9:36.

After a scoreless first quarter, Colorado scored first with a 28-yard yard Mason Crosby field goal in what would be a seesaw second stanza, as the changed hands four times in just over 12 minutes. Daniel Jolly scored a touchdown on his second career carry that put the Buffs up 10-7, and Greenberg found Derek McCoy, who had a big day, in the endzone on a perfectly executed fade pattern that gave CU a 17-14 halftime lead. Sandwiched in-between were Alex Karas TD passes to Robert Quiroga and Trent Shelton for the Bears.

The Buffs came out in the third quarter meaning business, marching 75 yards in seven plays with Calhoun scoring on a 3-yard run, his first career rushing touchdown. A 40-yard pass from Greenberg to D.J. Hackett had set the Buffs up at the Bear 3; but Crosby's PAT attempt hit the upright and left CU with a 23-14 edge.

Baylor answered CU's two-score lead with three straight TDs, scoring 35 points in 17 minutes overall. It started with a 74-yard drive, with Karas hitting Shane Williams on an 8-yard TD toss to cut the lead to 23-21. Just 82 seconds after that score, Jamaal Harper recovered a Greenberg fumble and ran it in from seven yards out to put Baylor ahead 28-23, and on the next drive, Greenberg fumbled once again, with the Bears driving just 21 yards in four plays to take a 35-23 edge. On the first play following a Baylor punt miscue, Greenberg hit a streaking McCoy over the middle for a 29-yard touchdown, the last of the scoring in a 34-point binge in the quarter.

Colorado had 399 yards passing in the game, its 10th most ever in a game, but Baylor countered by topping 200 yards in both rushing and passing.

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| COLORADO..... | 0 | 17 | 13 | 0 | — | 30 |
| Baylor.....   | 0 | 14 | 21 | 7 | — | 42 |

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|-----------------------------------------------|------|-------|----|
| COLORADO—Crosby 28 FG                         | 3- 0 | 13:12 | 2Q |
| Baylor—Quiroga 25 pass from Karas (Webb kick) | 3- 7 | 7:49  | 2Q |

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|----|
| COLORADO—Jolly 1 run (Crosby kick)                  | 10- 7 | 5:22  | 2Q |
| Baylor—Shelton 26 pass from Karas (Webb kick)       | 10-14 | 2:19  | 2Q |
| COLORADO—McCoy 4 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick)  | 17-14 | 0:59  | 2Q |
| COLORADO—Calhoun 3 run (kick failed)                | 23-14 | 12:02 | 3Q |
| Baylor—Williams 8 pass from Karas (Webb kick)       | 23-21 | 8:49  | 3Q |
| Baylor—Harper 7 fumble return (Webb kick)           | 23-28 | 7:27  | 3Q |
| Baylor—Armstrong 3 run (Webb kick)                  | 23-35 | 5:34  | 3Q |
| COLORADO—McCoy 29 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick) | 30-35 | 1:11  | 3Q |
| Baylor—Armstrong 55 run (Webb kick)                 | 30-42 | 9:36  | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS            | COLORADO | BAYLOR  |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|
| First Downs .....          | 15       | 22      |
| Rushes—Net Yards .....     | 27-57    | 56-203  |
| Passing Yards .....        | 399      | 207     |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 37-19-2  | 28-18-0 |
| Total Offense .....        | 456      | 410     |
| Punts: No-Average .....    | 3-45.3   | 7-45.6  |
| Fumbles: No-Lost .....     | 3-3      | 2-1     |
| Penalties/Yards .....      | 6/65     | 13/95   |
| Time of Possession .....   | 22:44    | 37:16   |

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—CU:** Calhoun 19-56, Vickers 2-7, Jolly 2-1, Klatt 1-0, Greenberg 3-minus 7. **BU:** Armstrong 37-166, Kreig 7-29, Evans 4-13, Selpuveda 1-6, Roberts 1-2, Karas 5-minus 13, Team 1-0.

**Passing—CU:** Greenberg 29-16-1, 346, 2 td; Klatt 8-3-1, 53. **BU:** Karas 28-18-0, 207, 3 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** McCoy 6-17-1, Hackett 4-14-3, Donahoe 3-4-4, Vickers 2-15, Klopfenstein 1-14, Calhoun 1-9, Wallace 1-3, Bloom 1-0. **Baylor:** Quiroga 8-11-3, Shelton 2-32, Evans 2-31, Roberts 2-13, Williams 2-12, Thompson 2-6.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 3-45.3 (48 long, 2 In20). **Baylor:** Selpuveda 7-45.6 (54 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 6-107. **Baylor:** Andrews 1-3.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 5-143, Moore 2-34. **Baylor:** Andrews 4-109, Thompson 1-16.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Baylor:** Lingquist 1-8, Todd 1-minus 3.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Moorer 12,1—13; Tufts 7,6—13; Wheatley 6,2—8; Iwuh 3,4—7; Surrrell 6,0—6; Dawn 4,2—6; Nyenhuis 5,0—5. **Baylor:** Cash 9,0—9; Lane 2,5—7; Andrews 4,2—6; Crooks 4,1—5; Cravens 4,1-5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Dawn 1-12, Brooks 1-7. **Baylor:** Cash 1-8.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Brooks. **Baylor:** Andrews 2, Cash 2, Hampton, McLean, Todd.

## #6—COLORADO 50, KANSAS 47 (OT)

(October 11; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Brian Calhoun dashed 12 yards up the middle for a touchdown on Colorado's third play in overtime, closing the book on a wild day of scoring as the Buffaloes rallied for a 50-47 win over the Kansas Jayhawks.

In snapping a three-game losing streak, the Buffs came back five different times to either tie the score or take the lead in the see-saw game, which saw both teams relinquish double digit leads, CU a 10-point first quarter edge and KU an 11-point halftime margin.

Colorado raced to a 17-7 lead, but left some points out there as the lead easily could have been 28-7. Unfazed, the Jayhawks came back to go on a 28-7 second quarter spree to take a 35-24 halftime lead, the last seven points coming on a 'Hail Mary' pass from Bill Whittemore to Charles Gordon as time expired in the first half. The Jayhawks had 372 yards by intermission, though the Buffs' total of 280 wasn't exactly shabby.

The Buffs would dominate the second half statistically, but KU hung on the best it could. CU forged a tie at 38 by the end of the third quarter, as quarterback Joel Klatt engineered a pair of smooth touchdown drives of 80 and 76 yards, both ending in Daniel Jolly touchdown runs.

Kansas again went ahead after a short Whittemore TD pass to Mark Simmons, but Vance Washington's block of Johnny Beck's PAT kick eventually paved the way for CU to pull even. Mason Crosby pulled CU to within three with a career long 41-yard field goal, and then sent the game into overtime when he nailed a 23-yard kick with 14 seconds left in regulation, which came after KU tried to freeze him by calling three straight timeouts.

Kansas was on offense first in the extra session, but the CU 'D' rose to the occasion and held KU to just the one series and a field goal. When CU's turn came, despite throwing for 419 yards, the Buffs decided to go old school and run the ball. Calhoun carried nine yards to the 16, then four yards to the 12 to set up his winning 12-yard scamper up the middle. He finished with a career-high 135 yards on 24 carries.

Klatt finished with school records for attempts (54) and completions (38) in a game, throwing for 419 yards, the fourth best passing day by a Buffalo. Kansas had 214 yards in the second half, but only seven first downs as the Buff defense allowed their second fewest second half points (12) all season. Colorado had 598 total yards, 318 after halftime, and rang up 35 first downs in the game, tied for the third most in school history.

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| Kansas.....   | 7  | 28 | 3  | 6 | 3 | — | 47 |
| COLORADO..... | 17 | 7  | 14 | 6 | 6 | — | 50 |

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| Kansas—Rideau 64 pass from Whittemore (Beck kick)      | 0- 7  | 13:13 | 1Q |
| COLORADO—Klopfenstein 48 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) | 7- 7  | 10:04 | 1Q |
| COLORADO—Klatt 1 run (Crosby kick)                     | 14- 7 | 3:24  | 1Q |
| COLORADO—Crosby 23 FG                                  | 17- 7 | 1:33  | 1Q |
| Kansas—Whittemore 7 run (Beck kick)                    | 17-14 | 14:24 | 2Q |
| Kansas—Whittemore 1 run (Beck kick)                    | 17-21 | 8:47  | 2Q |
| COLORADO—Hackett 25 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)      | 24-21 | 5:27  | 2Q |

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| Kansas—Green 9 run (Beck kick)                       | 24-28 | 2:31  | 2Q |
| Kansas—Gordon 41 pass from Whittemore (Beck kick)    | 24-35 | 0:00  | 2Q |
| COLORADO—Jolly 2 run (pass failed)                   | 30-35 | 10:03 | 3Q |
| Kansas—Beck 21 FG                                    | 30-38 | 4:26  | 3Q |
| COLORADO—Jolly 1 run (Hackett pass from Klatt)       | 38-38 | 0:40  | 3Q |
| Kansas—Simmons 5 pass from Whittemore (kick blocked) | 38-44 | 8:55  | 4Q |
| COLORADO—Crosby 41 FG                                | 41-44 | 5:24  | 4Q |
| COLORADO—Crosby 23 FG                                | 44-44 | 0:14  | 4Q |
| Kansas—Beck 35 FG                                    | 44-47 | ..... | OT |
| COLORADO—Calhoun 12 run (no PAT attempt)             | 50-47 | ..... | OT |

| TEAM STATISTICS            | COLORADO | KANSAS  |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|
| First Downs .....          | 35       | 20      |
| Rushes—Net Yards .....     | 39-179   | 37-164  |
| Passing Yards .....        | 419      | 422     |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 54-38-1  | 31-20-0 |
| Total Offense .....        | 598      | 586     |
| Punts: No-Average .....    | 2-42.5   | 4-33.0  |
| Fumbles: No-Lost .....     | 2-2      | 1-0     |
| Penalties/Yards .....      | 6/33     | 6/57    |
| Time of Possession .....   | 31:20    | 28:40   |

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—CU:** Calhoun 24-135, Jolly 6-17, Vickers 3-16, Bloom 1-14, Klatt 4-5, Monteilh 1-minus 8. **KU:** Green 17-103, Whittemore 15-45, Randle 2-12, Gordon 1-4, Nwabuisi 1-2, Team 1-minus 2.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 54-38-1, 419. **Kansas:** Whittemore 29-19-0, 422; Reid 1-1-0, 0; Gordon 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Hackett 8-93, McCoy 8-72, Bloom 5-97, Monteilh 5-45, Vickers 4-23, Calhoun 4-14, Klopfenstein 3-63, Wallace 1-12. **Kansas:** Simmons 6-152, Rideau 5-107, Green 4-72, Gordon 2-41, Latimore 2-41, M.Johnson 1-9.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 2-42.5 (53 long, 0 In20). **Kansas:** Ansel 3-44.0 (64 long, 1 In20), Team 1-0. **Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 2-23, McCoy 1-13, Jackson 0-1. **KU:** Gordon 1-4.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 3-70. **Kansas:** G.Heaggans 1-5.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Kansas:** Reid 1-25.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Tufts 5,3—8; Nyenhuis 6,1—7; Moorer 5,2—7; Garee 6,0—6; Billingsley 4,1—5; Fluellen 4,1—5; Brooks 3,1—4; Surrrell 3,1—4; Wheatley 3,1—4. **Kansas:** Reid 10,4—14; Lamb 8,5—13; R.Johnson 9,1—10; Stubbs 5,5—10; Floodman 5,4—9.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Nyenhuis 2-12. **Kansas:** Weekley 1-2.

**Passes Broken Up—CU:** Joseph 2, Moorer 2, Wheatley. **KU:** Amadi, R.Johnson, Weekley.



**Trends I** Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 151-68-4, the 12th best record nationally in this span). In these 223 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

|                                                           |          |                                                                    |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| ♦ with 400-plus yards total offense                       | 95-13-2  | ♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing                    | 73- 5-1  |
| ♦ with 500-plus yards total offense                       | 48- 4-0  | ♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense              | 77-11-1  |
| ♦ when leading in time of possession                      | 100-16-3 | ♦ when leading after three quarters ( <i>123-8-3 in last 134</i> ) | 127-10-3 |
| ♦ when making 20-plus first downs                         | 97-23-1  | ♦ when leading at halftime ( <i>109-10-2 in last 121</i> )         | 125-12-2 |
| ♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down        | 61- 5-1  | ♦ when scoring 24 or more points                                   | 123-16-2 |
| ♦ when punting three or fewer times                       | 55-10-1  | ♦ when scoring 14 or more points                                   | 148-42-4 |
| ♦ when scoring first                                      | 94-16-1  | ♦ when held to 13 points or less                                   | 3-26-0   |
| ♦ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>25-6-2 with zero</i> ) | 109-29-2 | ♦ when passing for more yards than rushing                         | 56-41-2  |
| ♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less              | 92-14-1  | ♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time                 | 85-11-2  |

**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 123-49-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (176 games, including bowls):

|                                                                   |         |                                                             |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| ➤ when running more plays than the opponent                       | 72-19-3 | ➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls           | 105-17-2 |
| ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense ( <i>42-4 with 500-plus</i> ) | 81-13-2 | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards                           | 69- 4-1  |
| ➤ when scoring 30 or more points                                  | 81- 5-1 | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards                           | 49- 1-1  |
| ➤ when leading in possession time ( <i>44-35-1 when not</i> )     | 79-14-3 | ➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards                           | 30- 0-1  |
| ➤ when making 20-plus first downs                                 | 84-20-1 | ➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards           | 29- 2-0  |
| ➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down                | 47- 4-1 | ➤ when passing for 200-plus yards                           | 63-26-2  |
| ➤ when scoring first ( <i>61-7-1 the last 69 times</i> )          | 72-10-1 | ➤ when passing for 300-plus yards ( <i>9-0-1 400-plus</i> ) | 22- 9-1  |
| ➤ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>19-6-2 with zero</i> )         | 91-23-2 | ➤ when passing for more yards than rushing                  | 56-41-2  |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less                      | 68- 7-1 | ➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time          | 67-10-2  |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing                   | 57- 5-1 | ➤ when holding edge in field position                       | 95-14-1  |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense             | 56- 6-1 | ➤ when out-rushing the opponent ( <i>61-3 the last 64</i> ) | 100- 5-3 |
| ➤ when average field position is CU 30+ ( <i>22-2 40+</i> )       | 87-20-2 | ➤ when owning the edge in return yards                      | 96-19-2  |

**Trends III** Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 32-24 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (56 games, including bowls):

|                                                             |       |                                                       |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| ➤ when scoring 30 or more points                            | 24-3  | ➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense | 9-2   |
| ➤ when taking a lead after trailing ( <i>15-3 last 18</i> ) | 20-9  | ➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls     | 27-9  |
| ➤ when leading in possession time ( <i>10-15 when not</i> ) | 22-9  | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards                     | 17-2  |
| ➤ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>2-3 with zero</i> )      | 10-4  | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards                     | 15-0  |
| ➤ when turnover margin for CU is plus or even               | 27-11 | ➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards                     | 8-0   |
| <i>last 20 games when plus or even</i>                      | 18-2  | ➤ with a 100-yard rusher ( <i>17-3 last 20</i> )      | 20-8  |
| ➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down          | 10-2  | ➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards     | 7-1   |
| ➤ when scoring first ( <i>9-21 when not</i> )               | 23-3  | ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense                   | 22-8  |
| ➤ when leading at halftime                                  | 25-4  | ➤ with 500-plus yards total offense                   | 14-2  |
| ➤ when trailing at halftime ( <i>1-2 when tied</i> )        | 6-18  | ➤ when out-rushing the opponent                       | 27-3  |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less                | 13-2  | ➤ when owning the edge in return yards                | 24-10 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing             | 15-4  | ➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game              | 11-6  |

**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 six games in '03, that percentage is down to 61%**. Going into 2002, 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 (6 games):** Seniors (53), Juniors (28), Sophomores (37), Freshmen (14: redshirts 7, true 7).
- **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 52 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 23 losses in the Barnett Era). Teams that have defeated CU by more than eight are Nebraska (three times), Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas (twice), Baylor, Colorado State, Florida State, Michigan, Notre Dame, Oregon, Texas Tech, USC and Washington State. 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), Texas ('01), WSU ('03) and Florida State ('03) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.



## 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 six games, eight have. The 11 who played in 2002 were the most true frosh to play in the last 18 seasons (and in at least the last half century). The only times over the last 18 seasons that over 40 percent of the rookies have seen action came most recently, as 11 of 23 played in 2002, along with 2000 (10 of 19 played). The list is solely scholarship frosh, and does not include Prop 48 sophomores (3 in 1987, 1 in 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.EMINGWAY, K.MCGHEE, M.PRITCHARD, A.WILLIAMS                                                          |
| 1988   | 20    | 5      | 15         | D.ARTERBERRY, P.BLOTTIAUX, D.FIGURES, D.HAGAN, M.RELIFORD                                                                    |
| 1989   | 18    | 7      | 11         | R.BRADFORD, D.CAMPBELL, D.COLLIER, D.DAVIS, M.ELDER, L.RENFRO, R.WOOLFORK                                                    |
| 1990   | 11    | 2      | 9          | C.JOHNSON, V.JOSEPH                                                                                                          |
| 1991   | 21    | 8      | 13         | D.HOLLAND, D.JACKSON, T.JOHNSON, J.KNUTSON, C.MOORE, D.PRICE, K.STEWART, L.WARREN                                            |
| 1992   | 25    | 9      | 16         | R.CARRUTH, S.CLAVELLE, K.DETMER, G.JONES, H.IRWIN, D.LEOMITI, S.ROSGA, R.SALAAM, D.SIMMONS                                   |
| 1993   | 19    | 2      | 17         | D.DENNIS, A.WILBON                                                                                                           |
| 1994   | 16    | 6      | 10         | C.ANDERSON, M.BARNES, T.E.DAVIS, L.HENRY, L.MERRITT, H.TROUTMAN                                                              |
| 1995   | 23    | 4      | 19         | J.ALDRICH, D.CHIAVERINI, H.NAVIES, B.SOUTHWARD                                                                               |
| 1996   | 19    | 6      | 13         | R.BARNES, S.JARNE, R.NUNEZ, M.STIGGERS, J.WARREN, D.WHEELER                                                                  |
| 1997   | 19    | 1      | 18         | T.GREGORAK                                                                                                                   |
| 1998   | 18    | 4      | 14         | M.LEWIS, #M.MARISCAL, J.MINARDI, A.PEEKE, J.SYKES                                                                            |
| 1999   | 15    | 3      | 12         | J.JOHNSON, &KILLION, MOSSONI                                                                                                 |
| 2000   | 19    | 10     | 9          | GARDNER, M.HAGE, HARRIS, HOUSTON, McCHESNEY, OCHS, PURIFY, SURRELL, SYPNIOWSKI, TUFTS                                        |
| 2001   | 6     | 1      | 5          | SHADER                                                                                                                       |
| 2002   | 23    | 11     | 12         | BILLINGSLEY, BLOOM, BURL, CALHOUN, DAWN, +K.GRIFFITH, HOLLIS, IWUH, +KLATT, KLOPFENSTEIN, +PACE, VICKERS, WARD, V.WASHINGTON |
| 2003   | 21    | 8      | ?          | BOYE-DOE, BROOKS, CROSBY, DANIELS, EBERHART, JOLLY, 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).
- He has made his first **five** career field goals, one shy of the CU record for the most made at the start of a career; Jeremy Aldrich, CU's all-time kick scorer and field goal leader, made his first six over the 1996 and 1997 season.

## Bufs Playing Second Most Frosh In Big 12

As of October 13, Colorado had seven true freshmen seeing regular action (two-deep and specialists), the second highest total in the Big 12 Conference. Baylor leads the way with nine, followed by CU (7), Oklahoma State (6), Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech (all 5), Iowa State and Nebraska (both with 4), Kansas and Missouri (2 apiece) and Kansas State and Oklahoma (1 each). CU, Baylor, ISU, OSU and Tech are starting the most true frosh—two players. (*NOTE: Baylor surveyed league schools to provide information for this note.*)

## 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        | 10        | .667        |
| Nebraska        | 18        | 10        | .643        |
| Texas           | 15        | 9         | .625        |
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>.552</b> |
| Texas A&M       | 16        | 13        | .552        |
| Oklahoma        | 14        | 12        | .538        |
| Texas Tech      | 13        | 15        | .464        |
| Missouri        | 9         | 20        | .310        |
| Oklahoma State  | 8         | 20        | .286        |
| Iowa State      | 6         | 23        | .207        |
| Kansas          | 4         | 25        | .138        |
| Baylor          | 0         | 29        | .000        |

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

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

| School          | W         | L        | Pct.        |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Nebraska        | 16        | 6        | .727        |
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>.682</b> |
| Kansas State    | 15        | 8        | .652        |
| Missouri        | 12        | 9        | .571        |
| Iowa State      | 6         | 17       | .261        |
| Kansas          | 4         | 17       | .190        |

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

| School         | W  | L  | Pct. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| Texas          | 17 | 5  | .773 |
| Texas A&M      | 13 | 8  | .619 |
| Oklahoma       | 12 | 10 | .545 |
| Texas Tech     | 9  | 13 | .409 |
| Oklahoma State | 9  | 14 | .391 |
| Baylor         | 4  | 18 | .182 |

(does not include title games)

### Network TV Appearances (2003)

| School          | Tot      | ABC      | Fox      | Oth      |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Nebraska        | 5        | 2        | 1        | 2        |
| Oklahoma        | 5        | 2        | 1        | 2        |
| Texas           | 5        | 3        | 1        | 1        |
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> |
| Kansas State    | 4        | 1        | 2        | 1        |
| Missouri        | 3        | 1        | 1        | 1        |
| Texas A&M       | 3        | 1        | 1        | 1        |
| Iowa State      | 2        | 0        | 1        | 1        |
| Oklahoma State  | 2        | 1        | 1        | 0        |
| Texas Tech      | 2        | 0        | 1        | 1        |
| Kansas          | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| Baylor          | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        |

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

### vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(Since 1990; by games played)

| School          | G         | W         | L         | T        | Pct.        |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>.563</b> |
| Texas           | 20        | 6         | 12        | 2        | .350        |
| Nebraska        | 12        | 8         | 4         | 0        | .667        |
| Oklahoma        | 12        | 6         | 6         | 0        | .500        |
| Texas A&M       | 11        | 4         | 7         | 0        | .364        |
| Texas Tech      | 11        | 0         | 11        | 0        | .000        |
| Baylor          | 9         | 2         | 7         | 0        | .222        |
| Missouri        | 9         | 1         | 8         | 0        | .111        |
| Iowa State      | 6         | 0         | 6         | 0        | .000        |
| Kansas          | 6         | 0         | 6         | 0        | .000        |
| Oklahoma State  | 5         | 0         | 5         | 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   | 6  | 0  | diZEREGA     | 32 | 1  | HARRIS, L.   | 0  | 0  | LITTLEHALES | 1  | 0  | SIMS           | 3    | 1   |
| ALLIS       | 39 | 12 | DONAHOE      | 27 | 11 | HARRIS, M.   | 40 | 31 | MACKEY      | 0  | 0  | SPRAGUE        | 0    | 0   |
| ANDERSON    | 0  | 0  | DUREN        | 6  | 0  | HARRISON     | 0  | 0  | MANUPUNA    | 17 | 0  | STAUGH         | 0    | 0   |
| BARREAU     | 0  | 0  | EBERLY       | 3  | —  | HEATON       | 0  | 0  | MARTIN, J.  | 0  | 0  | STEMRICH       | 16   | 6   |
| BILLINGSLEY | 20 | 12 | EBERHART     | 5  | —  | HENDERSON    | 0  | 0  | MARTIN, K.  | 0  | 0  | STEWART        | 13   | 0   |
| BLOOM       | 19 | 0  | EGAN         | 0  | 0  | HOLLIS       | 9  | 2  | McCHESNEY   | 25 | 8  | SURRELL        | 36   | 12  |
| BOYE-DOE    | 5  | 0  | ENRIGHT      | 0  | 0  | HOLZ         | 0  | 0  | McCOY       | 44 | 30 | SUTTON         | 0    | 0   |
| BRENNAN     | 0  | 0  | EVANS        | 0  | 0  | HUBBARD      | 5  | 0  | MONTEILH    | 20 | 1  | SYPNIEWSKI     | 39   | 11  |
| BROOKS      | 4  | 2  | FENTON       | 4  | 0  | IWUH         | 18 | 5  | MOORE, G.   | 12 | 0  | TILMON         | 3    | 0   |
| CAESAR      | 4  | 0  | FLUELLEN     | 33 | 9  | JACKSON, B.  | 0  | 0  | MOORE, M.   | 30 | 0  | TIPTON         | 1    | 0   |
| CALHOUN     | 20 | 5  | GARDNER      | 29 | 0  | JACKSON, P.  | 42 | 33 | MOORER      | 39 | 22 | TORP           | 8    | —   |
| CARPENTER   | 0  | 0  | GAREE        | 13 | 2  | JOLLY        | 2  | 0  | NYENHUIS    | 19 | 18 | TUFTS          | 35   | 25  |
| CLEMENT     | 1  | 0  | GOETTSCH     | 0  | 0  | JONES, J.    | 33 | 0  | O'NEAL      | 12 | 4  | VICKERS        | 17   | 3   |
| COX         | 1  | 0  | GONZALES, D. | 0  | 0  | JONES, M.    | 1  | 0  | PACE        | 18 | 0  | WALLACE        | 21   | 5   |
| CRAWFORD    | 0  | 0  | GONZALES, M. | 0  | 0  | JOSEPH       | 6  | 6  | POLUMBUS    | 0  | 0  | WASHINGTON, T. | 5    | 1   |
| CREIGHTON   | 5  | 0  | GREENBERG    | 5  | 2  | JUDGE        | 20 | 0  | PURIFY      | 35 | 5  | WASHINGTON, V. | 18   | 0   |
| CROSBY      | 6  | —  | GRIFFITH, K. | 15 | 0  | KLATT        | 8  | 4  | ROBINSON    | 0  | 0  | WEBB           | 0    | 0   |
| CUSWORTH    | 0  | 0  | GUYDON       | 0  | 0  | KLOPFENSTEIN | 13 | 6  | RUSSELL     | 0  | 0  | WHEATLEY       | 6    | 1   |
| DABDOUB     | 30 | 14 | HACKETT      | 19 | 6  | KUNKEL       | 37 | 0  | SANDERS     | 0  | 0  | WHITE          | 0    | 0   |
| DANIELS     | 5  | 3  | HAGE         | 41 | 35 | LANDRY       | 0  | 0  | SCALES      | 1  | 0  | WILDER         | 28   | 17  |
| DAWN        | 20 | 1  | HAMMOND      | 0  | 0  | LIGON        | 5  | 0  | SHADER      | 3  | 0  | TEAM           | 1178 | 371 |

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START:** DB Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, 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:** Brian Calhoun (2002); 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:** WR D.J. Hackett (2003); DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster, QB Robert Hodge, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002), WR Matt Brunson (2001), DE Anwawn 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/C Marwan Hage** at 33 games; **DE Marques Harris** had started 29 before his season-ending injury against UCLA. The next longest is by **FS Medford Moorer** (20) and **OT Sam Wilder** (17, but the first 11 of those were at DT). Hage also leads in career starts with 35, followed by **CB Phil Jackson** with 33 and Harris with 31, **WR Derek McCoy** (30) and **ILB Sean Tufts** (25). Harris will return in '04 with a chance to play in more games than any Buff before him.

## Twenty-Three Get First Taste

**Twenty-Three Get First Taste** A total of 21 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 getting their first play in each of the next three games (UCLA, Washington State and Florida State). 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 (8):** ILB \*Walter Boye-Doe, S Dominique Brooks, PK \*Mason Crosby, OT Brian Daniels, PK \*Kevin Eberhart, TB Daniel Jolly, S Lorenzo Sims, CB Terrence Wheatley.

**REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (12):** ILB Jason Ackermann, TB Brandon Caesar, QB James Cox, TE \*Paul Creighton, C Mark Fenton, DT Marcus Jones, CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, WR Tyler Littlehales, OG Del Scales, OT Jack Tipton, ILB Thaddaeus Washington.

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

**JUNIORS (1):** DT McKenzie Tilmon

## Fifteen “First” Starts

**Fifteen “First” Starts** Fifteen 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. Three players made their first start at Florida State, **OG Brian Daniels, QB Erik Greenberg and ILB Thaddaeus Washington,** while three more did at Baylor: **S Dominique Brooks, ILB Akarika Dawn and DE James Garee.** 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 (15).

**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*)

**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 11 different lineups in six games, and thus has now utilized 112 different starting lineups in its last 69 games, or just 26 under the maximum.

**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).

**Hanging On** CU ball carriers for the most part have taken great care of the football. **TB Bobby Purify** has 422 touches (386 rushes, 36 receptions) and has six fumbles, or one for every 70.3 touches, while **TB Brian Calhoun** has 184 touches (166 rushes, 12 receptions, 6 returns) with three fumbles, or one for every 61.3 touches.

**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).

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

## 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** ..... One of the fastest players 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 three 100-yard games came against Nebraska, Oklahoma and Florida State?
- 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 has seen 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. 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**..... Blocked the PAT kick on Kansas' fourth quarter TD that enabled CU to tie game with two FGs in final 5:24.
- 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 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. He speaks fluent Spanish (his fiancé is Colombian).
- 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 for the starting spot this past August camp. He saw his first real extensive action against WSU after Klatt was hurt, and made his first career start at Florida State.
- 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, and then his first catch went for a school record 94 yards (and a TD) against K-State. He, Bob Mathias (Stanford) and Johnny "Lam" Jones (Texas) are among the few 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 Moorer** ..... The most ferocious hitter on defense for the Buffaloes, he also is one of the most vocal players and calls out CU's defensive signals when in the game. Seems to make that big play, owns INT and FR returns for TDs; Set the stage for his senior year with 15 tackles in the Alamo Bowl and is on the Thorpe Award watch list.
- 20 **Clyde Surrell** ..... He missed the first three games for a variety of reasons, the most serious of which was the UCLA game for the funeral of his younger brother (who was murdered in Los Angeles the last week in August). His first action came against Florida State, and he responded with 13 tackles (10 solo).
- 21 **Brandon Caesar** ..... The unknown player in CU's backfield, Caesar looks solid in practice and offers 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. First true frosh to start at corner since Damen Wheeler in 1996r.
- 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. Lost his stepfather (Oct. 4) and older brother (Oct. 8), both to cancer.
- 29 **John Torp**..... Has to replace Ray Guy Award winner Mark Mariscal, but had three kicks in '02 with a 49.7 average. He's punted well to date in some tough situations (the rain against CSU, and 1/3 of his punts inside the CU25).
- 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.
- 34 **Lawrence Vickers** ..... He is one of those players who is an all-around weapon: good-to-great speed, good blocking, solid hands, can run like a TB. He has the tough task of replacing Brandon Drumm at FB but has responded to the challenge.



**Liner Notes** continued:

- 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, missed the WSU game due to an illness in the family and played sparingly at FSU.
- 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 in '02 (three time defensive scout award winner), he gets to do it for real, and he's had to pick up some of slack with Marques Harris out for the year. Like Harris, he has great quickness.
- 52 Derek Stemrich** ..... He missed the spring due to knee surgery, returned sharp for the fall, and opened as CU's starting center before shifting to guard for the fourth game of the season.
- 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. Switches back and forth between end and tackle, and he can play both very well.
- 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. After starting 30 games at guard, he shifted to center with his first start at Florida State.
- 69 Karl Allis** ..... He's battled injuries throughout his career, and he's already overcome two as a senior—a concussion suffered in the WSU game, and a fractured thumb in practice (Sept. 25), the latter of which has him in a cast indefinitely. He opened the year as the starting split guard before switching to tight tackle during the bye.
- 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 received about three-fourths of the reps during games before the line was reshuffled.
- 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 was getting about a quarter of the reps in games.
- 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 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 102 times in 155 tries that the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 66 percent of the time). CU has 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. CU also had a first half TD in the drill against Baylor, and came back with a game-tying field goal to send the Kansas game into overtime. 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 | 5- 8 | 102-155 | 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 | 2- 4 | 67- 93  | 72.0 |
| 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  | 2/0  | 43/24   |      |
| 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 | 3- 4 | 35- 62  | 56.5 |
| 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  | 2/1  | 29/ 6   |      |
| Winning/Tying Scores  | 2     | 0     | 2     | 2    | 2    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 3    | 16      |      |

**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  | 0:00 (54:27)     |
| BAYLOR         | 16:56 (26:20)    |
| KANSAS         | 12:33 (32:01)    |
| KANSAS STATE   |                  |
| OKLAHOMA       |                  |
| TEXAS TECH     |                  |
| MISSOURI       |                  |
| IOWA STATE     |                  |
| NEBRASKA       |                  |

*Time Spent In The Lead: 85:03*  
*Time Opp. In The Lead: 191:17*  
*Games Held Lead In: 4*  
*Games Trailed In: 6*

#—led in overtime. In 89 games over the last eight seasons, CU has led in 72 of them; the Buffs have also had a lead in 49 of 59 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 **274-10-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **198-3** with 35-plus points and **183-2** with 36-plus, **159-1** with 38-plus and **104-0** 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 **1,056** 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 **13-23-2** against top 10 schools and **39-35-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **87** of its last **176** games, posting an **81-5-1** 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) and at Baylor in 2003 (42-30). The tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **128** of these **176** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **106-20-2** (CU is **17-29-2** when held to 20 points or less).
- CU has allowed only **279** touchdowns in the last **552** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **273** times have yielded **142** 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.
- Since the middle of the 1998 season, the Buffalo "D" has rose to the occasion when the opponent has started a drive inside CU territory. Going back to the last six games in 1998 to the present, CU has allowed just **53** touchdowns in **129** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **73** scores overall, meaning **56** non-scores). So far in 2003, the opponent has 12 scores (9 TDs, 3 FG) out of 18 drives started in plus territory. Last year, opponents had just 18 scores (14 TD, 4 FG) on 33 drives started inside CU territory, and had 11 TDs in 24 instances in 2001.
- CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **37** of its last **74** contests (thrice to date in 2003, five times in 2002), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **127** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **73** times (57 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **38** of the **127** games since the '93 season opener (30%)... and remember CU has played **57** ranked teams in this **127**-game span.
- So far in 2003, the Buff defense practically is in an all or nothing mode. The opponent has run **424** plays, with **178** going for five yards or more and **153** for zero or minus yardage. It's almost the same for the Buffs: CU has run **470** plays, **181** for five-plus yards and **182** for zero or minus 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 **52** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **47** scores by return in its last **103** 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 **55** games. The Buffs have recorded the feat **29** times in their last **127** 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 **281** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for only **164** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **281** sacks allowed for **4,113** pass plays called, or one for every **14.6** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **118** interceptions in **3,830** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.08** percent (one every **32.5** passes).
- The Buffs have been an enigma on third down defensively in 2003. While opponents are converting at a meager **28.4** percent clip (**23-of-81**), it's what they've accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents have gained **491** yards on those **23** makes, or an average of **21.3** per play; otherwise, CU has allowed just **41** yards on the other **58** plays, or just **0.7** per.
- **Quick Strike.** Colorado has made a habit of scoring quickly the past two seasons. This season, CU has **10** scoring drives, nine for touchdowns, under 2:00 in length (out of **28** total). In fact, six of those took under 1:00 and three plays or less, though four covered 77 yards or more. In the season opener against CSU, three were a combined 237 yards in length (80, 77, 80) and took 56, 51 and 52 seconds, respectively (and throw in a fourth drive—the game-winner—that took 1:10 and covered 75 yards). In 2002, the Buffs had 23 out of 54 scoring drives take less than two minutes, including 18 TD marches, with 11 of those drives 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.
- Colorado is **79-26-3** in its last **108** 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 **17** of **24** quarters in 2003 (and the one OT period), after scoring in 39 of 56 quarters in '02 (and in one of two overtime sessions). In the Barnett Era, the Buffs have scored in **158** of **224** quarters (71 percent), as well as in four of five overtime periods. All tolled, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **384** of its last **500** quarters (77%).

**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 (321 games), Colorado has blown a two-or-more score lead only 11 times, losing eight and tying three. A closer look (\*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

| Date     | Opponent             | CU Lead (when)          | Result   | Date     | Opponent          | CU Lead (when)          | Result   |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 10/04/03 | at Baylor            | 9 (23-14; 3rd Quarter)  | L, 30-42 | 8/26/90  | *Tennessee        | 14 (31-17; 4th Quarter) | T, 31-31 |
| 11/11/00 | Iowa State           | 11 (20- 9; 2nd Quarter) | L, 27-35 | 9/27/86  | ARIZONA           | 9 (21-12; 4th Quarter)  | L, 21-24 |
| 9/02/00  | Colorado State (Den) | 10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter) | L, 24-28 | 11/03/84 | KANSAS            | 11 (27-16; 4th Quarter) | L, 27-28 |
| 10/23/93 | at Kansas State      | 9 ( 9- 0; 2nd Quarter)  | T, 16-16 | 10/16/82 | at Oklahoma State | 13 (13- 0; 1st Quarter) | T, 25-25 |
| 9/18/93  | at Stanford          | 10 (37-27; 4th Quarter) | L, 37-41 | 9/19/81  | WASHINGTON ST.    | 10 (10- 0; 4th Quarter) | L, 10-14 |
| 9/15/90  | at Illinois          | 14 (17- 3; 2nd Quarter) | L, 22-23 |          |                   |                         |          |

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 27 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The most recent wins of this variety have come this year, against UCLA and Kansas.

➤ Colorado has won **72** of its last **75** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead (**1** in a row); the loss to Baylor snapped a 19-game winning streak in such situations (and one of 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.*

**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.

**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 *Drew Shader (21)   | Oct. 8 John Donahoe (23)      | Nov. 14 Gary Moore (21)        |
| Aug. 14 Chris Russell (19)   | Sept 20 *Vance Joseph (31)  | Oct. 10 T. Washington (20)    | Nov. 16 J.J. Billingsley (20)  |
| Aug. 16 Colt Brennan (20)    | Sept 20 *Brian White (19)   | Oct. 13 DeAndre Fluellen (23) | Nov. 18 Edwin Harrison (19)    |
| Aug. 18 John Guydon (20)     | Sept 21 Shawn Watson (44)   | Oct. 17 J.T. Eberly (22)      | Nov. 19 Chad Cusworth (20)     |
| Aug. 19 John Torp (21)       | Sept 22 V.Washington (20)   | Oct. 20 Ty Littlehales (20)   | Nov. 20 Barry Kunke (23)       |
| Aug. 20 Jesse Wallace (21)   | Sept 24 Blake Mackey (20)   | Oct. 28 Dan Gonzales (23)     | Nov. 28 *Kevin Eberhart (19)   |
| Aug. 25 Alex Ligon (19)      | Oct. 1 David Hansburg (35)  | Oct. 29 Phil Jackson (24)     | Nov. 28 *Medford Mooror (23)   |
| Aug. 30 *Lorenzo Sims (18)   | Oct. 2 Erik Greenberg (23)  | Oct. 31 Brian Daniels (19)    | Dec. 12 Derek Stemrich (22)    |
| Sept 3 Mason Crosby (19)     | Oct. 2 Evan Judge (21)      | Nov. 6 Matt McChesney (22)    | Dec. 16 Brandon Caesar (22)    |
| Sept 3 Daniel Jolly (19)     | Oct. 3 Walter Boye-Doe (19) | Nov. 9 Joe Klopfenstein (20)  | Dec. 19 Bobby Purify (22)      |
| Sept 14 Marwan Hage (22)     | Oct. 5 Fred Staugh (19)     | Nov. 11 Mike Sutton (21)      | Dec. 28 Ben Carpenter (20)     |
| Sept 16 Mike Duren (22)      | Oct. 6 Brandon Dabdoub (22) | Nov. 13 Derek McCoy (23)      | Dec. 29 James Cox (20)         |
| Sept 20 *Marques Harris (22) | Oct. 7 Brendan Egan (18)    | Nov. 14 Mark Fenton (20)      | Dec. 31 Stephone Robinson (19) |

**Dinosaurs** Through six games in 2003, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** had worked 400 CU football games, including a current run of 383 in a row (he's seen 420 all told). The radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 375 games in his career, including 115 in a row (he's only missed three bowl games, two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts, and three regular season games due to travel conflicts). Yours truly (**SID Dave Plati**) has worked 277, including the last 235 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 235 in all (85 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staff member with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 176 in a row as a member of the staff; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 222 CU games. Head coach **Gary Barnett** has now coached in 151 Buffalo games (95 as an assistant). And equipment man **Mike Smith** has now worked 103 straight, 152 overall including his time as a student manager, grounds crew member and Ralphie runner. 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 26 Colorado Buffaloes on 2003 National Football League rosters (as of Oct. 13), third most in the Big 12 behind Texas A&M (33) and Nebraska (29). CU is 13th nationally for the most produced, as Florida and Notre Dame lead with 40. The Buffs had 42 report to camps, which tied for the most in the league with the Huskers. In 2002, CU tied for 10th nationally with the most players in the NFL with 29. 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           | Greg Jones                                                   | OLB         | Arizona Cardinals    | 6                      |
| Koy Detmer             | QB          | Philadelphia Eagles  | 6           | Heath Irwin                                                  | OG          | Denver Broncos       | 7                      |
| #Christian Fauria      | TE          | New England Patriots | 8           | Ben Kelly                                                    | CB          | Denver Broncos       | 3                      |
| Daniel Graham          | TE          | New England Patriots | 1           | Mark Mariscal                                                | P           | New Orleans Saints   | R                      |
| #Andre Gurode          | OG          | Dallas Cowboys       | 1           | Brady McDonnell                                              | TE          | Buffalo Bills        | 2                      |
| Brody Heffner Liddiard | TE          | Minnesota Vikings    | 3           | John Minardi                                                 | WR          | Houston Texans       | 2R                     |
| Darius Holland         | DT          | Denver Broncos       | 8           | Kory Mossoni                                                 | LB          | New Orleans Saints   | R                      |
| Ted Johnson            | LB          | New England Patriots | 8           | Robbie Robinson                                              | FS          | St. Louis Rams       | 2R                     |
| Fred Jones             | OLB         | Kansas City Chiefs   | 3           | Rashaan Salaam                                               | RB          | San Francisco 49ers  | 4                      |
| #Matt Lepsis           | OT          | Denver Broncos       | 6           | Drew Wahlroos                                                | LB          | Philadelphia Eagles  | R                      |
| #Michael Lewis         | SS          | Philadelphia Eagles  | 1           | (*—practice squad; #—starter/first-team; %—injured reserve.) |             |                      |                        |
| Wayne Lucier           | C           | New York Giants      | R           | <b>COACHES</b>                                               |             |                      |                        |
| #Chris Naeole          | OG          | Jacksonville Jaguars | 6           | <b>Name</b>                                                  | <b>Pos.</b> | <b>Team</b>          | <b>Tie To Colorado</b> |
| #Hannibal Navies       | LB          | Green Bay Packers    | 4           | Tom Batta                                                    | TE          | San Francisco        | Asst. Coach, 1974-78   |
| #Sam Rogers            | OLB         | Atlanta Falcons      | 9           | Ronnie Bradford                                              | ST          | Denver               | Player, 1989-92        |
| Victor Rogers          | OT          | Detroit Lions        | 1           | Greg Brown                                                   | Def         | New Orleans          | Asst. Coach, 1991-93   |
| #Tom Rouen             | P           | Seattle Seahawks     | 11          | Jim Caldwell                                                 | QB          | Indianapolis         | Asst. Coach, 1982-84   |
| #Kordell Stewart       | QB          | Chicago Bears        | 8           | David Gibbs                                                  | DB          | Denver               | Player, 1987-90        |
| %Donald Strickland     | CB          | Indianapolis Colts   | R           | Steve Marshall                                               | OL          | Houston              | Asst. Coach, 2000-01   |
| Jashon Sykes           | LB          | Denver Broncos       | 1           | Rod Perry                                                    | DB          | Carolina             | Player, 1973-74        |

**BY TEAM (18 of 32)**—New England 4, Denver 3, Minnesota 2, Philadelphia 2, Seattle 2, 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 Stoltzberg, Derek West and Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played. Five remain on NFL rosters some nine years later.

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

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

**Scout Watch** CU's senior class numbers 20 this fall, and 27 scouts representing 20 NFL teams have already scouted CU: Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Green Bay, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Miami, New England, N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Jets, Pittsburgh, Tennessee and Washington. The Colorado Crush of Arena Football has also scouted the Buffs. In 2002, 25 NFL teams attended CU game days to watch 22 CU seniors (19 who were two-deep regulars).

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

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

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

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

**2003 Team Makeup** The 104 players listed on the active roster breaks down into 20 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:** 23

**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 20 seniors on its roster, with several (13) in the two-deep on the depth chart. Starters include or have included: **OG Karl Allis**, **DT DeAndre Fluellen**, **WR D.J. Hackett**, **OG Marwan Hage**, **CB Phil Jackson**, **WR Derek McCoy**, **FS Medford Moorer**, **DE Gabe Nyenhuis**, **TB Bobby Purify**, **S Clyde Surrell**, **TE Quinn Sypniewski** and **ILB Sean Tufts**. A couple of others have seen regular action in rotations at their position are **WR John Donahoe** and **CB Marcus Moore**, while a few are regulars on special teams: **FB Chad Gardner**, **TE Jake Jones**, **WR Barry Kunkel** and **S Omar Stewart**. The 19th is reserve **WR Daniel Gonzales**; and the 20th, **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 20 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**, **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 18 major schools. The list: 5—Air Force; 4—Missouri, San Jose State; 3—Kansas, Minnesota, Utah State; 2—California, Iowa, Iowa State, 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 **178** 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 **97** 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 **70** consecutive road games (**91** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **110** straight league games (all **60** 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 **108** 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 **236** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **410** 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 Oct. 11):** Texas 271, **Colorado 178**, Iowa State 137, Nebraska 95, Kansas State 85, Texas Tech 71, Oklahoma 60, Oklahoma State 33, Texas A&M 22, Baylor 8, Kansas 8 and Missouri 6. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

**Scoring Streaks II** The school record **178** 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-plus seasons, through games of Oct. 11:

| School           | Streak | Last Shutout                           | School           | Streak     | Last Shutout                           |
|------------------|--------|----------------------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|
| Brigham Young    | 358    | Sept. 27, 1975 at Arizona State (0-20) | <b>Colorado</b>  | <b>178</b> | <b>Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)</b> |
| Texas            | 271    | Nov. 22, 1980 at Baylor (0-16)         | Arizona          | 141        | Oct. 5, 1991 at Washington (0-54)      |
| Washington       | 258    | Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31)            | Iowa State       | 137        | Oct. 19, 1991 at Kansas (0-41)         |
| Michigan         | 222    | Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)           | Nevada           | 133        | All games: joined Div I-A in 1993      |
| Washington State | 220    | Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)    | Texas Christian  | 132        | Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)          |
| Oregon           | 215    | Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)      | Air Force        | 129        | *Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)  |
| Florida State    | 190    | Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)          | (*—Liberty Bowl) |            |                                        |
| Florida          | 190    | 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 **60-18** in its last **78** 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 **52-14-1** in its last **67** 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 **58-9-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**12-2** last 14; **65-40-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **59-20-2** 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**, **Erik Greenberg**).

**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        |
| <b>2003 (2)</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>.708</b> |

**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 (**123-49-4**). Of these 175 games, Colorado has played **76** ranked teams (43%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 23 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **39-35-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-15** record *on the road*); CU is also **84-14-2** against unranked teams. CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last nine-plus years (**57** of its last **127** 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 1-1 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. (4-3)

|      |                  |    |
|------|------------------|----|
| 35   | Colorado         | 42 |
| 23   | at California    | 21 |
| 31   | WEBER STATE      | 7  |
| 21   | MIAMI, OHIO      | 41 |
| 21   | UTAH             | 28 |
| 34   | FRESNO STATE     | 10 |
| 58   | at Brigham Young | 13 |
| O 16 | AIR FORCE        |    |
| N 1  | at Wyoming       |    |
| N 7  | at New Mexico    |    |
| N 15 | SAN DIEGO STATE  |    |
| N 22 | at UNLV          |    |

#### FLORIDA STATE (5-1)

|      |                   |    |
|------|-------------------|----|
| 37   | at North Carolina | 0  |
| 35   | MARYLAND          | 10 |
| 14   | GEORGIA TECH      | 13 |
| 47   | COLORADO          | 7  |
| 56   | at Duke           | 7  |
| 14   | MIAMI, FLA.       | 22 |
| 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 (4-3)

|      |                 |    |
|------|-----------------|----|
| 42   | California      | 28 |
| 41   | TROY STATE      | 5  |
| 55   | McNEESE STATE   | 14 |
| 38   | MASSACHUSETTS   | 7  |
| 20   | MARSHALL        | 27 |
| 20   | at Texas        | 24 |
| 34   | at Oklahoma St. | 38 |
| O 18 | COLORADO        |    |
| O 25 | KANSAS          |    |
| N 1  | BAYLOR          |    |
| N 8  | at Iowa State   |    |
| N 15 | at Nebraska     |    |
| N 22 | MISSOURI        |    |

#### MISSOURI (5-1)

|      |                         |    |
|------|-------------------------|----|
| 22   | Illinois (at St. Louis) | 15 |
| 35   | at Ball State           | 7  |
| 37   | EASTERN ILLINOIS        | 0  |
| 41   | M. TENN. ST. (OT)       | 40 |
| 14   | at Kansas               | 35 |
| 41   | NEBRASKA                | 24 |
| 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 (4-2)

|      |                     |    |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 14   | at Colorado         | 16 |
| 6    | ILLINOIS            | 3  |
| 24   | at Oklahoma         | 59 |
| 20   | SAN DIEGO STATE     | 10 |
| 46   | WASHINGTON          | 16 |
| 24   | at Arizona          | 21 |
| 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 (3-3)

|      |                 |    |
|------|-----------------|----|
| 19   | ALA-BIRMINGHAM  | 24 |
| 14   | at North Texas  | 52 |
| 10   | SMU             | 7  |
| 27   | SAM HOUSTON ST  | 6  |
| 42   | COLORADO        | 30 |
| 10   | at Texas A&M    | 73 |
| 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 (6-0)

|      |                      |    |
|------|----------------------|----|
| 37   | NORTH TEXAS          | 3  |
| 20   | at Alabama           | 13 |
| 52   | FRESNO STATE         | 28 |
| 59   | UCLA                 | 24 |
| 53   | at Iowa State        | 7  |
| 65   | at Texas (at Dallas) | 13 |
| 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 (2-4)

|      |                      |    |
|------|----------------------|----|
| 17   | NORTHERN IOWA        | 10 |
| 48   | OHIO                 | 20 |
| 21   | IOWA                 | 40 |
| 16   | at Northern Illinois | 24 |
| 7    | OKLAHOMA             | 53 |
| 21   | at Texas Tech        | 52 |
| O 18 | TEXAS                |    |
| O 25 | at Nebraska          |    |
| N 1  | at Missouri          |    |
| N 8  | KANSAS STATE         |    |
| N 15 | COLORADO             |    |
| N 22 | at Kansas            |    |

#### WASHINGTON ST. (5-1)

|      |                    |    |
|------|--------------------|----|
| 25   | Idaho (at Seattle) | 0  |
| 26   | at Notre Dame (OT) | 29 |
| 47   | at Colorado        | 26 |
| 23   | NEW MEXICO         | 13 |
| 55   | at Oregon          | 16 |
| 30   | ARIZONA            | 7  |
| 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 (4-2)

|      |                   |    |
|------|-------------------|----|
| 20   | NORTHWESTERN      | 28 |
| 46   | UNLV              | 24 |
| 42   | at Wyoming        | 35 |
| 41   | JACKSONVILLE ST.  | 7  |
| 35   | MISSOURI          | 14 |
| 47   | at Colorado OT    | 50 |
| 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 (5-1)

|      |                   |    |
|------|-------------------|----|
| 58   | SMU               | 10 |
| 42   | NEW MEXICO        | 28 |
| 21   | at N. C. State    | 49 |
| 49   | at Mississippi    | 45 |
| 59   | TEXAS A&M         | 28 |
| 52   | IOWA STATE        | 21 |
| O 18 | at Oklahoma State |    |
| O 25 | at Missouri       |    |
| N 1  | COLORADO          |    |
| N 8  | at Baylor         |    |
| N 15 | at Texas          |    |
| N 22 | OKLAHOMA          |    |

#### NEBRASKA (5-1)

|      |                    |    |
|------|--------------------|----|
| 17   | OKLAHOMA STATE     | 7  |
| 31   | UTAH STATE         | 7  |
| 18   | PENN STATE         | 10 |
| 38   | at So. Mississippi | 14 |
| 30   | TROY STATE         | 0  |
| 24   | at Missouri        | 41 |
| 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.



**Historically** Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 114th season of competition with an all-time record of **633-387-36** in **1,056** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 21st in all-time winning percentage (.616). 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 **270-127-10** in 79 seasons on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **232-194-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

**Monthly Tab** Colorado **41-14-2** in its last 57 October games, and are now **38-15** in its last 53 games played in September. 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                 |
| 10-11-03 | KANSAS      | W 50-47 | 44-44      | Colorado  | Defense | 25                  | 7       | Calhoun 3-25 rushing in OT |

**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        |
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>9</b> | Kansas State | 3       | 3        | North Carolina  | 1       | 2        | Michigan State   | 1       | 1        |
| Michigan        | 3        | 9        | Notre Dame   | 3       | 3        | Virginia Tech   | 1       | 2        | Minnesota        | 1       | 1        |
| Penn State      | 4        | 8        | Purdue       | 3       | 3        | California      | 1       | 1        | Missouri         | 1       | 1        |
| Florida         | 3        | 8        | UCLA         | 3       | 3        | Cincinnati      | 1       | 1        | N.C. State       | 1       | 1        |
| Wisconsin       | 3        | 6        | USC          | 2       | 3        | Colorado State  | 1       | 1        | Pittsburgh       | 1       | 1        |
| Arizona         | 4        | 5        | Washington   | 2       | 3        | Fresno State    | 1       | 1        | Stanford         | 1       | 1        |
| Oklahoma        | 4        | 5        | Georgia      | 2       | 2        | Georgia Tech    | 1       | 1        | Tulane           | 1       | 1        |
| Brigham Young   | 2        | 5        | Illinois     | 2       | 2        | Kentucky        | 1       | 1        | Washington State | 1       | 1        |
| Texas           | 1        | 5        | Texas A&M    | 2       | 2        | Louisiana State | 1       | 1        | Wyoming          | 1       | 1        |

**Domination** Colorado has only 15 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 and Baylor 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 **66-12-2** in their last 79 games against unranked teams (AP), with records of **83-13-2** in the last 98 and **97-14-2** in the last 113. The Buffs are **134-50-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (7-7 in bowls); **93-34-3** in Big 8/12 games (including two league title games) and **41-16-1** 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), **Gregg Brandon**, Bowling Green (1999-2000) and the most recent, **Mike Hankwitz**, who was named Arizona’s interim head coach on Sept. 28; he was at CU for 10 years (1985-94). **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 **108** of its last **164** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes four 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, **71** of CU's **91** 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 24** (13-10-1), Texas 20 (6-12-2), Nebraska 12 (8-4), Oklahoma 12 (6-6), Texas A&M 11 (4-7), Texas Tech 11 (0-11), Baylor 9 (2-7), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 6 (0-6), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma 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 Sam Wilder**, who caught a 9-yard pass against Kansas State in 2002. **DT Justin Bannan**, did the same, catching a 12-yard TD pass on his only play (at Missouri in 2000). **CB Ben Kelly** tried tailback in 1999 at Texas Tech; he finished with three yards on one carry (though a nice 5-yard run was wiped out by a penalty). In the last 12 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** all did 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.

# 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)* 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 280, Soph.\*  
63 Jack Tipton, 6-4, 285, Fr.-RS

**SG....** 66 Brian Daniels, 6-5, 300, Fr.  
*(split)* 69 Karl Allis, 6-5, 310, Sr.\*\*\*  
65 Del Scales, 6-6, 295, Fr.-RS

**C.....** 62 Marwan Hage, 6-3, 290, Sr.\*\*\*  
58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 295, Fr.-RS

**TG....** 52 Derek Stemrich, 6-6, 285, Jr.\*  
*(tight)* 79 Gary Moore, 6-7, 330, Soph.\*  
75 Fredrick Staugh, 6-5, 290, Fr.-RS

**TT.....** 69 Karl Allis, 6-5, 310, Sr.\*\*\*  
*(tight)* 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 280, Soph.\*

**TE.....** 89 Joe Klopfenstein, 6-5, 240, Soph.\*  
86 Jesse Wallace, 6-3, 240, Jr.\*  
87 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 235, Fr.-RS

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

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

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



\*—denotes number of letters earned; *Italics—indicate injury status as questionable or doubtful; probables listed as normal.*

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

# DEFENSE

(4-2-5 Base)

**DE.....** 97 Gabe Nyenhuis, 6-4, 275, Sr.\*  
99 McKenzie Tilmon, 6-4, 305, Jr.

**DT.....** 60 Matt McChesney, 6-4, 290, Jr.\*\*  
94 DeAndre Fluellen, 6-1, 300, Sr.\*\*  
96 Marcus Jones, 6-5, 270, Fr.-RS

**DT.....** 98 Brandon Dabdoub, 6-1, 290, Jr.\*\*  
93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 290, Soph.\*

**DE.....** 82 James Garee, 6-5, 255, Soph.\*  
51 Alex Ligon, 6-4, 240, Fr.-RS

**MLB...** 54 Sean Tufts, 6-4, 245, Sr.\*\*\*  
50 Chris Hollis, 6-1, 235, Soph.\*  
49 Thaddaeus Washington, 6-0, 240, Fr.-RS

**WLB...** 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-2, 225, Soph.\*  
55 Jason Ackermann, 6-2, 215, Fr.-RS  
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  
6 Phil Jackson, 6-1, 190, Sr.\*\*\*

**CB.....** 26 Terrence Wheatley, 6-0, 170, Fr.  
3 Marcus Moore, 5-11, 175, Sr.\*  
7 Vance Washington, 5-9, 180, Soph.\*

# SPECIALISTS

**P.....** 29 John Torp, 6-2, 200, Soph.  
16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 200, Fr.

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

**KOR...** 15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 175, Soph.\*  
5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 190, Soph.\*  
26 Terrence Wheatley, 6-0, 170, Fr.

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

**HLD...** 85 John Donahoe, 6-0, 185, Sr.\*  
48 Nick Holz, 5-11, 180, Fr.-RS

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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