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2003 CU Football: Game 11—Iowa State

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Quickly The **Colorado Buffaloes** (4-6, 2-4 Big 12), mathematically eliminated from the Big 12 North title chase but fighting to become bowl eligible, hit the road for the final time during the '03 regular season, traveling to Ames to take on the **Iowa State Cyclones** (2-7, 0-5 Big 12) in a 12:05 p.m. mountain kickoff at Jack Trice Stadium... The game will not be televised... The Buffs are fresh off a 21-16 win over No. 22 Missouri, snapping their first three-game conference losing streak in 19 seasons and improving on the year to 2-2 against ranked teams... CU led wire-to-wire in the game, the first time in 2003 the Buffs did not trail in a game... The Buffs bring a 12-1 record since the start of the 2001 league season against North Division teams into the Iowa State contest... CU's official website, www.CUBuffs.com, features game day updates and live stats for all games, home and road... The regular season finale at Folsom Field on Nov. 28 versus Nebraska is sold out.

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In-The-Polls CU was unranked in both the *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today*/ESPN (coaches) polls of Sunday, Nov. 9; Iowa State is also unranked. The Buffs had climbed to No. 17 in both after opening 2-0, and 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 win over CSU in the opener. CU has been ranked in **182** of the last **242** polls (*AP*; 76%), 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 (78), trailing Florida (83), Florida State (82) and Michigan (81).

Stat of the Week Colorado was struggling in the turnover department for the first seven games of the season, at one point committing 14 during a span where it forced only two. But in the last three games, Colorado has forced 13 turnovers while committing only five, including none against Missouri, the first turnover-free game for the Buffs since last year's Big 12 title game. What's also been impressive about the 13 turnovers CU has forced is that the defense has buckled down and forced 10 of them after the opponent crossed midfield, with nine coming inside the Buff 30.

Obscure Note of the Week The 21-16 win over Missouri was Colorado's 40th over an Associated Press ranked team since the start of the 1989 season. That stands as the fifth most in the nation over these nearly 15 seasons; Florida State as the most with 59, followed by Florida (49), Michigan (49), Tennessee (41), Colorado (40), Miami, Fla. (39) and Ohio State (38). The next closest Big 12 schools on this list are Nebraska (32), Texas (26), Texas A&M (25) and Oklahoma (23). (*The AP poll is used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

Hessler Update Former Colorado **QB John Hessler** was involved in a serious hit-and-run automobile accident in north Denver on Sunday, Oct. 19. He suffered a major head injury, collapsed lungs and rib and clavicle injuries, and has been in critical (but stable) condition and in a coma in a Denver hospital since. But on November 9, three days after he was moved to a hospital with better rehabilitation facilities for head trauma, the family reported that, while still in a coma, John has responded to some simple commands. Friends of the family established a website to provide constant updates as well as relay well wishes to John and the Hessler family: www.johnhessler.com. Gary Barnett and the CU coaching staff awarded the game ball to Hessler following CU's 21-16 win over Missouri.

2003 Colorado Schedule (4-6, 2-4 Big 12)

| Date | CU* Opponent | Opp* | TV | Result/Time | Record | Series | This-N-That |
|----------|--|------|-------|-------------------|--------|---------|---|
| Aug. 30 | NR Colorado State (<i>in Denver</i>) | 23 | ESPN | W 42-35 | 5-5 | 55-18-2 | Klatt throws for 402, 4 TDs in prolific starting debut |
| SEPT. 6 | 24 UCLA | NR | ABC | W 16-14 | 6-4 | 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 | 8-2 | 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 | 8-2 | 0- 1-0 | FSU pulls away late in third, fourth quarters for win |
| Oct. 4 | NR *at Baylor | NR | FOX-S | L 30-42 | 3-7 | 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 | 5-5 | 39-21-3 | Buffs rally from 11 down and win on Calhoun 12 run |
| Oct. 18 | NR *at Kansas State | NR | none | L 20-49 | 8-3 | 41-17-1 | CU rolls up 422 on O, but 2 blocked punts do CU in |
| OCT. 25 | NR *OKLAHOMA (<i>H</i>) | 1 | TBS | L 20-34 | 10-0 | 16-37-2 | Buffs pull to within 27-20 but OU clinches w/late TD |
| Nov. 1 | NR *at Texas Tech | NR | FSN | L 21-26 | 7-3 | 3- 4-0 | Five INTs not enough as Welker PR TD does in CU |
| NOV. 8 | NR *MISSOURI | 22 | none | W 21-16 | 6-3 | 30-35-3 | Buffs lead wire-to-wire, force Mizzou into four TO's |
| Nov. 15 | NR *at Iowa State | NR | none | 12:00 p.m. | 2-7 | 44-12-1 | Buffs lead series 18-1 since '84 (9-0 in Ames) |
| NOV. 28 | *NEBRASKA | | ABC | 10:00 a.m. | 8-2 | 16-43-2 | CU seeking three straight for first time since '56-58 |

(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); Chris Hollis (ILB to DE); 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) |
| Kansas State | McCoy | Hackett | Wilder | Daniels | Hage | Stemrich | Allis | Klopfenstein | Klatt | Calhoun | Monteilh (WR) |
| Oklahoma | McCoy | Hackett | Wilder | Daniels | Hage | Stemrich | Allis | Klopfenstein | Klatt | Calhoun | Vickers |
| Texas Tech | McCoy | Hackett | Wilder | Daniels | Hage | G.Moore | Allis | Wallace | Klatt | Calhoun | Vickers |
| Missouri | McCoy | Hackett | Wilder | Daniels | Hage | Stemrich | Allis | Wallace | Klatt | Calhoun | Vickers |
| DEFENSE | DE | DT | DT | DE | MLB | WLB | SS | FS | WS | LCB | RCB |
| Colorado State | Nyenhuus | McChesney | Dabdoub | Harris | Tufts | Hollis | Iwuh | Moorer | Billingsley | Joseph | Jackson |
| UCLA | Nyenhuus | McChesney | Dabdoub | Harris | Tufts | Hollis | Iwuh | Moorer | Billingsley | Joseph | Jackson |
| Washington State | Nyenhuus | Fuellen | Dabdoub | McChesney | Tufts | Sims (D) | Iwuh | Moorer | Billingsley | Joseph | Jackson |
| Florida State | Nyenhuus | Fuellen | Dabdoub | McChesney | Tufts | T.Washington | Surrell | Moorer | Billingsley | Joseph | Jackson |
| Baylor | Nyenhuus | McChesney | Dabdoub | Garee | Dawn | Brooks (D) | Surrell | Moorer | Billingsley | Joseph | Wheatley |
| Kansas | Nyenhuus | McChesney | Dabdoub | Garee | Tufts | Brooks (D) | Surrell | Moorer | Billingsley | Joseph | Jackson |
| Kansas State | Nyenhuus | Fuellen | Manupuna | Garee | Tufts | Boye-Doe | Dawn | Moorer | Billingsley | Joseph | Wheatley |
| Oklahoma | Nyenhuus | Fuellen | Manupuna | Garee | Tufts | Dawn | Iwuh | Moorer | Billingsley | Joseph | Jackson |
| Texas Tech | Ligon | Nyenhuus | McChesney | Garee | Dawn | Surrell (D) | Moorer | Brooks | Billingsley (N) | Joseph | Jackson |
| Missouri | Nyenhuus | McChesney | Dabdoub | Garee | Tufts | Boye-Doe | Surrell | Moorer | Billingsley | Joseph | Jackson |

(D)—Dime Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Hage 37, Moorer 24, Wilder 21. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Hage 39, Jackson 36, McCoy 34, Harris 31, Tufts 28. **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; Kansas State 69/53; Oklahoma 96/55; Texas Tech 66/52; Missouri 96/54.

Injuries The Buffs suffered only a couple of injuries in Missouri game, and head into the Iowa State game in pretty good health. It's been quite a season for injuries, as the lost DE Marques Harris for the year late in the UCLA game, and then saw four starters go down against Washington State and three more against Florida State. All but Harris and TB Bobby Purify are back in the fold. The injury report for the Iowa State game as of Monday morning, Nov. 10:

| Pos | Player | Injury | When (opponent) | Status: ISU | OUT FOR SEASON: |
|-----|-----------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|---|
| FS | Tom Hubbard | hand | Oct. 1 (practice) | OUT | DE Marques Harris (broken tibia & fibula, vs. UCLA) |
| WR | Ron Monteilh | shoulder | Nov. 8 (Missouri) | QUESTIONABLE | OL Taylor Landry (back, August camp) |
| TB | Bobby Purify | ankle | Sept. 13 (WSU) | OUT | TE Joe Sanders (shoulder surgery, chronic) |
| DT | McKenzie Tilmon | hand | Oct. 11 (Kansas) | QUESTIONABLE | TE Quinn Sypniewski (toe, chronic) |

NOTE: Injuries are reported differently in 2003; with the HIPAA laws in effect, CU releases only the name, body part, and playing status when it comes to reporting injuries. Status will be listed as either OUT, DOUBTFUL, QUESTIONABLE, DAY-TO-DAY or PROBABLE. Injuries will be updated in-game, post-game, the Sunday or Monday after the game, and for game notes at the end of the week. Coach Gary Barnett will discuss injuries one time (Mondays after practice), as will the players.

Players-of-the-Game

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

| Opponent | Offensive | Defensive | Special Teams | Scout Team Offense | Scout Team Defense |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Colorado State | QB Joel Klatt WR D.J. Hackett | none | P John Torp | WR Mike Duren | ILB Thaddeaus 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 Nyenhuus | PK Mason Crosby | QB Bernard Jackson | DT John Guydon |
| Kansas State | TB Brian Calhoun OT Karl Allis | none | WR Jeremy Bloom | WR Stephone Robinson | DT John Guydon |
| Oklahoma | WR D.J. Hackett | S Clyde Surrell | none | OL Edwin Harrison | QB Ben Carpenter (as FS) |
| Texas Tech | none | S J.J. Billingsley | CB Marcus Moore | WR Mike Duren | none |
| Missouri | WR D.J. Hackett | DE James Garee S J.J. Billingsley | P John Torp | QB Bernard Jackson | DE Chadd Evans |

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)

MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICANS: OG/C Marwan Hage (collegefootballnews.com)

FWAA/ESPN The MAGAZINE COURAGEOUS AWARD NOMINEE: Medford Moorer (one of 17 nominations)

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 10 games now at **92 (65 sophomore/27 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 110 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 **112 (75 soph/37 frosh)** out of **240**, or **46.7%**.

CU vs. Iowa State Colorado owns a 44-12-1 lead in the series, which includes a 23-6 edge in Ames, where CU has reeled off nine straight wins, and an 18-1 edge dating back to 1984. This is the 11th time in the last 13 meetings these two schools, the most western and northern in the Big 12, will meet in November, as that usually makes for some interesting weather. Since 1966, CU has dominated the series by a 31-6 count. In the last 18 games, CU has outscored the Cyclones 630-337 and has outgained ISU 8,093-to 5,631 (or an average of 450-312). Though Colorado has recent command of the win column, many of the games have been dogfights, with six of the last 12 decided by eight points or less. The last shutout in the series was a 14-0 Colorado win in 1969; in the last three games, the loser has scored 27 points all three times (ISU won 35-27 in 2000; CU by scores of 40-27 and 41-27 since). CU coach Gary Barnett is 3-1 against Iowa State, while ISU's Dan McCarney is 1-7 against Colorado.

Series Did You Know? — CU has fewer than 21 points against ISU only twice since 1983, both in victories: 17-14 in 1991 and 16-12 in 1999.

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

- 1 Ralphie I officially retired following the 1978 game in Boulder (a 20-16 Iowa State win);
- 2 The number of games CU has had with zero punts since 1978, both against Iowa State (in 1989 and 1994);
- 9 The length of a Kordell Stewart-to-Chris Anderson pass in '94, making Stewart the Big 8 all-time total offense leader;
- 16 The number of consecutive wins Colorado posted over Iowa State between 1984 and 1999, a school record for the most in a row over one opponent;
- 17 The game-time temperature of the 1991 game at Ames, played in sub-zero wind-chill and blizzard conditions.
- 33 The field goal length made by Frank Rogers in 1965, which he booted through with 21 seconds left to give CU a 10-7 win;
- 47 The number of rushing attempts by Iowa State's Dwayne Crutchfield in the 1981 game, the most ever against a CU team;
- 67 The number of yards Rashaan Salaam dashed down the east sideline for a touchdown in the 1994 game, sending him over the 2,000-yard mark and on his way to winning CU's first Heisman Trophy;
- 76 The number of yards Ben Kelly returned a punt for a spectacular touchdown in the 1998 game;
- 85 The number of receiving yards in the '57 game by CU quarterback Boyd Dowler (who went on to be a receiver in the NFL);
- 105/172 The number of receiving and rushing yards by Cortlen Johnson in 2001, the first Buff to have 100 of both in the same game;
- 301 The number of rushing yards Bobby Purify (174) and Chris Brown (127) combined for in the 2002 game;
- 1750 The estimated attendance of the 1991 game at Ames, played in sub-zero wind-chill and blizzard conditions.

Tale Of The Tape Here's a comparative look at Colorado and Iowa State in several statistical categories through games of November 8 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

| Category | Colorado | Iowa State |
|---|---------------|-------------|
| Overall Record, 2003 | 4-6 | 2-7 |
| Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game)..... | 2-2 | 0-4 |
| Overall Record, 1989-current..... | 124-52-4 (9) | 58-107-3 |
| Versus Ranked Teams | 40-36-2 | 4-53 |
| In Conference Play..... | 79-29-3 (9) | 29-78-3 |
| Players On NFL Rosters (as of Nov. 10) | 26 | 7 |
| Rushing Offense..... | 94.8 (114) | 119.0 (95) |
| Average Per Rush | 2.64 | 3.24 |
| Passing Offense..... | 279.4 (21) | 195.6 (80) |
| Completion Percentage..... | 62.3 | 46.3 |
| Average Per Attempt..... | 7.37 | 6.13 |
| Passing Efficiency..... | 138.1 (29) | 98.7 (107) |
| Total Offense..... | 374.2 (66) | 314.6 (103) |
| Average Per Play | 5.07 | 4.58 |
| Scoring Offense..... | 25.3 (72) | 16.6 (109) |
| Rushing Defense | 148.5 (57) | 215.1 (108) |
| Average Per Rush | 4.14 | 5.04 |
| Passing Defense..... | 310.8 (117) | 232.4 (79) |
| Average Per Attempt..... | 8.68 | 8.11 |
| Pass Efficiency Defense | 153.2 (111) | 151.0 (110) |
| Total Defense..... | 459.3 (110) | 447.6 (104) |
| Average Per Play | 6.41 | 6.27 |
| Scoring Defense..... | 35.7 (107) | 34.7 (104) |
| Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed | 15 / 33 | 9 / 23 |
| Net Punting | 33.6 (97) | 35.4 (69) |
| Punt Returns | 11.5 (27) | 7.4 (96) |
| Kickoff Returns | 22.8 (28) | 18.5 (91) |
| Turnovers..... | 23 (86) | 16 (35) |
| Turnover Margin | -0.40 (84) | -0.11 (68) |

Series Trends

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

| Date | Site | Result | Attend. | Rank CU ISU | CU FD | Rushing att yds td | Passing a-c-i yds td | Tot Off no yds | ISU FD | Rushing att yds td | Passing a-c-i yds td | Tot Off no yds | TV |
|---------------|-------------|---------|---------|----------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Nov. 23, 1991 | Ames | W 17-14 | 36,256 | 15 — | 9 | 42 220 1 | 8- 2-1 23 1 | 50 243 | 18 | 59 176 2 | 15- 9-0 95 0 | 74 271 | KCNC (I) |
| Nov. 21, 1992 | Boulder | W 31-10 | 49,133 | 11 — | 19 | 37 112 1 | 31-20-2 279 3 | 68 391 | 15 | 50 205 0 | 13- 8-1 107 1 | 63 312 | KCNC (I) |
| Nov. 20, 1993 | Ames | W 21-16 | 23,797 | 18 — | 22 | 47 277 2 | 18- 9-0 152 1 | 65 429 | 21 | 66 377 2 | 9- 5-0 34 0 | 75 411 | KCNC (I) |
| Nov. 19, 1994 | Boulder | W 41-20 | 46,113 | 7 — | 25 | 47 380 5 | 21-14-0 196 0 | 68 576 | 15 | 48 73 1 | 19-14-0 170 0 | 67 243 | KCNC (I) |
| Oct. 21, 1995 | Ames | W 50-28 | 34,669 | 9 — | 23 | 49 326 5 | 23-11-2 173 0 | 72 499 | 22 | 47 196 3 | 36-17-1 161 0 | 83 357 | KCNC (I) |
| Nov. 9, 1996 | Boulder | W 49-42 | 49,662 | 7 — | 31 | 36 190 2 | 47-27-1 401 5 | 83 591 | 23 | 48 252 3 | 27-16-2 153 2 | 75 405 | |
| Nov. 8, 1997 | Ames | W 43-38 | 32,080 | — — | 26 | 36 180 5 | 40-24-1 299 1 | 76 479 | 20 | 38 102 1 | 32-16-0 209 3 | 70 311 | FOX (r) |
| Nov. 14, 1998 | Boulder | W 37- 8 | 49,438 | — — | 22 | 54 267 3 | 18-11-0 196 1 | 72 463 | 14 | 34 89 1 | 32-15-3 93 0 | 66 182 | |
| Oct. 23, 1999 | Ames | W 16-12 | 34,892 | — — | 17 | 40 180 1 | 23-14-1 116 1 | 63 296 | 22 | 43 195 0 | 27-16-2 184 1 | 70 379 | |
| Nov. 11, 2000 | Boulder | L 27-35 | 46,430 | — — | 23 | 38 132 3 | 34-25-1 307 1 | 72 439 | 23 | 47 277 3 | 27-15-1 173 1 | 74 450 | FOX (r) |
| Nov. 10, 2001 | Ames (N) | W 40-27 | 39,204 | 21 — | 26 | 57 255 2 | 27-18-0 247 2 | 84 502 | 22 | 35 132 1 | 36-22-1 279 3 | 71 411 | FSN |
| Nov. 16, 2002 | Boulder (N) | W 41-27 | 48,728 | 17 — | 28 | 51 331 2 | 29-17-0 187 2 | 80 518 | 27 | 38 207 3 | 35-24-1 265 1 | 73 472 | FSN |

ISU's Last Time Out The Cyclones dropped a 45-0 decision at home to Kansas State, and on the heels of a 28-0 loss to Nebraska, marked the first time ISU has been shut out in back-to-back games since 1945. K-State led by only 14-0 at halftime, but extended the lead to 21-0 on the first play of the second half after a 70-yard TD run by Darren Sproles; the Wildcats then added a pair of quick scores in the next five minutes to put the game away. KSU outgained ISU, 503-140; Cyclone highlights included freshman tackle Brent Curvey, who had 14 tackles, and Stevie Hicks adding a career-high 69 rushing yards on 15 carries for the Cyclones.

The Set-Up Colorado is in the midst of playing Missouri, Iowa State and Nebraska, in that order, for the ninth time in its history. CU is 6-2 against Iowa State when the Cyclones are sandwiched in-between the Tigers and Cornhuskers. CU has swept the trio on three occasions (1986, 2001, 2002), has been swept just once (1983), has gone 2-1 once (1985) and 1-2 three times (1984, 1998, 2000). What does all this mean? Probably not much but it filled this hole every week I have called "The Set-Up."

The Last Time

COLORADO 41, IOWA STATE 27

(November 16, 2002)

BOULDER — Bobby Purify took over for an injured Chris Brown down the stretch and accumulated 225 all-purpose yards, and the Colorado defense came up big when it had to as the Buffaloes clinched a second straight Big 12 North Division title with a 41-27 win over Iowa State.

The Buffs only achieved some breathing room in the final minutes, as Iowa State was fighting for a share of the division title. The Cyclones hung in there though battle worn, as ISU ended its league slate with road games at Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas State and Colorado in a five-week span, all schools ranked in the top 10 at some point this season.

In a game that saw the lead change hands six times, CU took control with a 21-point fourth quarter that snapped a 20-all tie. Robert Hodge's 6-yard touchdown pass to Derek McCoy and ensuing Patrick Brougham PAT kick made the score 27-20 in favor of the Buffs with 10:20 left in the fourth quarter. CU forced Iowa State to punt on its next possession and took over at its 12; after a Purify 11-yard run for a first down to the Buff 27, Marcus Houston fumbled the ball with the Cyclone's Brandon Brown recovering at the CU 25 with 6:02 to play.

On its heels, the Buffs got a break. On a 2nd-and-9 at the 24, ISU quarterback Seneca Wallace fumbled the shotgun snap, with Medford Moorer right there for the Buffaloes. He scooped up the ball and raced untouched 71 yards for a touchdown. CU's 34-20 lead marked the first two-score advantage for either team on the evening.

Iowa State, undaunted by the turn of events, came right back with an NFL-style fourth quarter march, driving 70 yards in just five plays and 72 seconds to pull within seven. Wallace completed for passes for 64 yards and scored the TD himself on a six-yard run. Instead of an onside kick, the Cyclones kicked off deep, with Tony Yelk's boot sailing through the end zone to set CU up at its 20.

At that point, it was the Bobby Purify show. Subbing for Brown, who left the game in the third quarter with a bruised sternum, he carried the ball every play in a six-play, 80-yard drive by the Buffs, ending with a 5-yard Purify scoring run. He had the big gainer, a 50-yard sprint, on the second play of the series, which iced the game and division title for the Buffs. Purify finished with 174 yards rushing, and added 51 receiving.

Brown had his eighth straight 100-yard game, finishing with 127 before exiting the game with the injury. His 5-yard TD run with 2:45 left before the half provided CU a 17-14 intermission lead, also made possible by a 31-yard yard pass from Hodge to D.J. Hackett, who made a spectacular catch at the Cyclone 5. Hackett earlier caught an 8-yard touchdown pass from Hodge and led the Buffs with 69 receiving yards.

Brougham made two field goals, the first the first points of the game, and the second knotting the score at 20. That followed a Joe Woodley 1-yard TD run for Iowa State in the third quarter, but Aaron Killian kept the ISU edge at 20-17 by blocking the PAT kick.

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|------------------|---|----|---|----|---|----|
| Iowa State | 7 | 7 | 6 | 7 | — | 27 |
| COLORADO | 3 | 14 | 3 | 21 | — | 41 |

| | | | |
|--|-------|-------|----|
| COLORADO— Brougham 43 FG | 3- 0 | 10:37 | 1Q |
| Iowa State— Wagner 5 run (Benike kick) | 3- 7 | 8:07 | 1Q |
| COLORADO— Hackett 8 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick) | 10- 7 | 13:39 | 2Q |
| Iowa State— Young 50 pass from Wallace (Benike kick) | 10-14 | 6:58 | 2Q |
| COLORADO— Brown 5 run (Brougham kick) | 17-14 | 2:45 | 2Q |
| Iowa State— Woodley 1 run (kick blocked) | 17-20 | 9:54 | 3Q |
| COLORADO— Brougham 40 FG | 20-20 | 6:09 | 3Q |
| COLORADO— McCoy 6 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick) | 27-20 | 10:20 | 4Q |
| COLORADO— Moorer 71 fumble return (Brougham kick) | 34-20 | 5:12 | 4Q |
| Iowa State— Wallace 6 run (Benike kick) | 34-27 | 3:56 | 4Q |
| COLORADO— Purify 5 run (Brougham kick) | 41-27 | 1:43 | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | IOWA STATE |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
| First Downs | 28 | 27 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 51-331 | 38-207 |
| Passing Yards | 187 | 265 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int) | 29-10-7 | 35-24-1 |
| Total Offense | 518 | 472 |
| Punts: No-Average | 3-41.0 | 5-43.4 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 4-2 | 4-3 |
| Penalties/Yards | 6/40 | 3/21 |
| Time of Possession | 32:09 | 27:51 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 20-174, Brown 25-127, Houston 3-17, Bloom 1-7, Hodge 2-6. **Iowa State:** Wallace 15-102, Wagner 14-53, Danielson 2-27, Thompson 6-24, Woodley 1-1.

Passing—Colorado: Hodge 28-17-0, 187, 2 td; Kunkel, 1-0-0, 0. **ISU:** Wallace 35-24-1, 265.

Receiving—Colorado: Purify 5-51, Hackett 4-69, McCoy 3-25, Williams 2-13, Drumm 1-11, Sypniewski 1-10, Bloom 1-8. **Iowa State:** Danielson 7-73, Whitver 6-77, Wagner 5-22, Young 4-83, Knock 2-10.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 3-123, 41.0 (57 long, 2 In20). **Iowa State:** Blankenship 4-179, 44.8 (51 long, 2 In20), Yelk 1-38, 38.0 (1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McCoy 1-4, Bloom 1-1. **Iowa State:** Miller 1-17.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Sneed 2-34. **Iowa State:** Wagner 1-15, Miller 1-11, Rutland 1-7.

Interceptions—Colorado: Jackson 1-12. **Iowa State:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Billingsley 5,4—9; Mossoni 5,4—9; Surrell 5,4—9; Moorer 6,2—8; Iwuh 3,3—6; Jackson 5,0—5; Strickland 4,1—5; Wahlroos 3,2—5. **ISU:** Billups 8,3—11; Loyd 7,1—8; Forrest 5,3—8; Smith 5,2—7; Word 6,0—6; Carstens 1,5—6; Austin 5,0—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Strickland 1-15. **Iowa State:** none.

In Buff History: November 15 The Buffaloes own a 7-6-2 5 record in games played in their history on November 15, including the first game in the program's history. Back in 1890, it all started with a 20-0 loss at the Denver Athletic Club. In 1958, CU defeated Utah 7-0 in Salt Lake City, the last game that the Buffs did not attempt a pass. In 1986, CU drooped a 28-0 decision to Oklahoma in Boulder in a battle of 5-0 teams in Big Eight play for the right to go to the Orange Bowl.

Statistically Speaking Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of November 8:

| B12 | NCAA | Category | Stat | B12 | NCAA | Category | Stat | B12 | NCAA | Category | Stat |
|------|-------|----------------------|-------|------|-------|----------------------|-------|------|------|----------------------|-------|
| 12th | 114th | RUSHING OFFENSE..... | 94.8 | 5th | 57th | RUSHING DEFENSE..... | 148.5 | 8th | 27th | PUNT RETURNS..... | 11.5 |
| 3rd | 21st | PASSING OFFENSE..... | 279.4 | 12th | 117th | PASSING DEFENSE..... | 310.8 | 5th | 28th | KICKOFF RETURNS..... | 22.8 |
| 9th | 66th | TOTAL OFFENSE..... | 374.2 | 11th | 110th | TOTAL DEFENSE..... | 459.3 | 10th | 97th | NET PUNTING..... | 33.6 |
| 10th | 72nd | SCORING OFFENSE..... | 25.3 | 10th | 107th | SCORING DEFENSE..... | 35.7 | 7th | 84th | TURNOVER MARGIN..... | -0.40 |

- ♦ **WR Jeremy Bloom:** 11.7 yards per punt return (8th/Big 12, 25th/NCAA); 25.2 yards per kickoff return (5th/Big 12, 30th NCAA); 116.4 all-purpose yards (5th/Big12, 56th/NCAA).
- ♦ **TB Brian Calhoun:** 68.8 rushing yards per game (13th/Big 12; 74th/NCAA); 85.4 all-purpose yards per game (24th/Big 12).
- ♦ **WR D.J. Hackett:** 82.1 receiving yards per game (7th/Big 12; 35th NCAA); 6.4 receptions per game (3rd/Big 12, 17th/NCAA); 81.2 all-purpose yards per game (27th/Big 12).
- ♦ **QB Joel Klatt:** 138.5 rating (7th/Big 12, 28th/NCAA); 228.6 passing yards per game (4th/Big 12); 20.7 completions per game (2nd/Big 12, 19th/NCAA); 221.6 total offense per game (6th/Big 12, 44th/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR Derek McCoy:** 78.7 receiving yards per game (9th/Big 12, 45th NCAA); 5.4 receptions per game (9th/Big 12, 50th/NCAA); 80.0 all-purpose yards (28th/Big12); 6.0 points per game (21st/Big 12, 98th/NCAA).
- ♦ **FS Medford Moorer:** 10.0 tackles per game (8th/Big 12).
- ♦ **P John Torp:** 42.6 punting average (5th/Big 12; 29th/NCAA).

Chart Watch Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts 10 games into the 2003 season (note Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history):

- ⇒ **WR JEREMY BLOOM** is seventh in punt return yards (582), is tied for fifth in punt return touchdowns (2), is 11th in kickoff return yards (618), and is 53rd in all-purpose yards (1,670).
- ⇒ **TB BRIAN CALHOUN** is 47th in rushing yards (986).
- ⇒ **QB ERIK GREENBERG** is for 31st in passing yards (737), and is tied for 24th in touchdown passes (6).
- ⇒ **WR D.J. HACKETT** is 18th in receiving yards (1,002), and is tied for 15th in receptions (79).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is for 17th in passing yards (2,057), is 12th in completions (186), is 17th in attempts (290), is tied for eighth in touchdown passes (16), and is fifth in efficiency rating (137.1).
- ⇒ **WR DEREK MCCOY** is sixth in receiving yards (1,942), is sixth in receptions (125), is tied for second in TD receptions (19), is first in two-point conversions made (4) and is tied for 26th in scoring (122 points; second most by a receiver).
- ⇒ **FS MEDFORD MOORER** is 28th in tackles (245; the eighth DB), and is 16th in solo tackles (172).
- ⇒ **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 sixth in games coached (60), eighth in wins (33) and is sixth in league wins (24).

Colorado's One-Two Punch The receiver duo of **Derek McCoy** and **D.J. Hackett** are posting some quality numbers, both individually and collectively. They are just the third tandem to combine for over 100 catches in the same season at Colorado, and have a shot to overtake the leaders. The 100-plus combined reception seasons by two receivers at CU:

| Season | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD | Players |
|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|--|
| 1992 | 133 | 2,209 | 16.6 | 13 | Michael Westbrook (76-1,060), Charles Johnson (57-1,149) |
| 2003 | 118 | 1,608 | 13.6 | 14 | D.J. Hackett (64-821), Derek McCoy (54-787) |
| 1995 | 102 | 1,590 | 15.6 | 14 | Rae Carruth (53-1,008), Phil Savoy (49-582) |

- **CU 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (Career):** Derek McCoy 5 (fifth all-time at CU), D.J. Hackett 3 (tied for ninth all-time).

And Nationally McCoy and Hackett rank seventh nationally in most receptions by two players on the same team. An interesting note is that a pair of wide receivers from Purdue is second on the list, and current CU receiver coach Ted Gilmore coached them last year. A look at the top six through games of November 8 (note Texas Tech has two pair):

| Team | Players | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|---------------------|--|------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| Texas Tech | Wes Walker (73-868), Carlos Francis (64-1,024) | 137 | 1,892 | 13.8 | 17 |
| Purdue | Taylor Stubblefield (68-633), John Standeford (56-841) | 124 | 1,474 | 11.9 | 5 |
| Toledo | Lance Moore (78-899), Steve Odom (45-604) | 123 | 1,503 | 12.7 | 11 |
| Washington | Reggie Williams (78-1,027), Charles Frederick (44-654) | 122 | 1,681 | 13.8 | 12 |
| Akron | Matt Cherry (65-891), Nick Sparks (56-728) | 121 | 1,619 | 13.4 | 8 |
| Texas Tech | Taurean Henderson (62-505), Mickey Peters (57-752) | 119 | 1,257 | 10.6 | 14 |
| Colorado | D.J. Hackett (64-821), Derek McCoy (54-787) | 118 | 1,608 | 13.6 | 14 |
| Marshall | Darius Watts (67-866), Josh Davis (51-705) | 118 | 1,571 | 13.3 | 15 |
| N.C. State | Jerricho Cotchery (57-961), Tramain Hall (52-563) | 109 | 1,524 | 14.0 | 12 |
| Southern California | Mike Williams (58-829), Keary Colbert (49-729) | 107 | 1,558 | 14.5 | 16 |

Opponent Offenses Seven of Colorado's first 10 opponents this year are averaging over 400 yards per game on offense, with an eighth less than five yards shy of the figure (the eight are ranked among the nation's top 44). Combined, CU's foes to date have gained 42,065 yards in 100 games, or 420.7 per. A look at what CU's defense has had to face this season:

| Opponent (NCAA Rank) | G | Yards | Avg. | vs. CU | Opponent (NCAA Rank) | G | Yards | Avg. | vs. CU |
|-----------------------|----|-------|-------|--------|----------------------|----|-------|-------|--------|
| Colorado State (14) | 10 | 4,598 | 459.8 | 585 | Kansas (29) | 10 | 4,220 | 422.0 | 586 |
| UCLA (108) | 10 | 3,049 | 304.9 | 243 | Kansas State (24) | 11 | 4,720 | 429.1 | 384 |
| Washington State (44) | 10 | 3,955 | 395.5 | 463 | Oklahoma (8) | 10 | 4,764 | 476.4 | 434 |
| Florida State (31) | 10 | 4,186 | 418.6 | 551 | Texas Tech (1) | 10 | 6,129 | 612.9 | 490 |
| Baylor (113) | 10 | 2,805 | 280.5 | 410 | Missouri (37) | 9 | 3,639 | 404.3 | 447 |

Honor Candidates There are a few Colorado players worthy of consideration for national and conference honors as the season is now past the midway point. Those of you who participate in such ballots, please take a look at the below Colorado Buffaloes who we feel are worthy of consideration:

KR JEREMY BLOOM

All-American Candidate (Honorable Mention Level)

He has 1,164 all-purpose yards on the season, including a school record 250 in kick returns (143 kickoff, 107 punt) against Baylor... Was the Big 12 Conference leader off-and-on in all-purpose yardage for a time (currently fifth)... Has two scoring plays of 80 yards or longer (81 yard reception at Florida State, 88 kickoff return at Kansas State), bringing his career total to five of 75 yards or longer... Has gained yards via rush, reception, punt return and kickoff return in 2003... Caught a career-high five passes for 97 yards in the overtime win over Kansas... Snared a big 33-yard reception that set CU up on a first-and-goal from the 4 in the final minute against Colorado State, setting up the winning score.

WR D.J. HACKETT

All-American Candidate

The third leading pass catcher in the Big 12 (6.4 per game, 64 on the season), he has caught at least six passes in seven games this season (with at least four in all 10), as he is in position to threaten CU's all-time season record of 76, held by Michael Westbrook (set in 1992)... Hackett's been a favorite target of CU's signal callers, as he also leads the team in both first down and third down receptions: he's caught 19 passes on third down for 16 first downs and/or three touchdowns... 35 of his 64 catches have earned first downs... A transfer to CU after CSU-Northridge dropped football following the 2001 season, he's proved to be almost an acrobat, hauling down anything that seems to come within a yard of his grasp.

C MARWAN HAGE

All-American Candidate

A collegefootballnews.com midseason All-American... switched from guard to center for the fourth game of the season to bolster the line, as he has first-year starters at guard, including a true freshman, on either side of him... CU's top graded lineman, at 82.9 percent with a team-high 34 knockdown blocks (similar, but tougher to record than the proverbial "pancake") and as been credited with allowing just one-and-half sacks and is coming off his top three graded games of the year against some pretty good competition in Kansas State, Oklahoma (93.1) and Texas Tech.

QB JOEL KLATT

Big 12 Conference Offensive Newcomer of the Year Candidate

See a full page "Klatt-tastic" elsewhere in these notes (page 10)... In a conference with several start quarterbacks, he's posted good numbers, and has been ranked among the top four or five all season, despite missing the better part of three games. He has thrown for 2,057 yards, with a touchdown-to-interception ratio of 16-to-7; he's on pace to break several CU passing records. CU is 4-3 in games he has both started and finished.

TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN

All Big 12 Conference Candidate (Honorable Mention level)

Only a sophomore, he's setting himself up for a couple of big seasons as an upperclassman. A solid blocker, he's got great hands and a solid speed burst. He's caught 17 passes for 166 yards, the most impressive a 48-yard gallop for a touchdown against Kansas. He missed the Texas Tech game with a severe case of the flu, one he basically had while gutting it out and playing against No. 1 Oklahoma.

WR DEREK McCOY

All-American Candidate

He has been in the top 15-20 in the NCAA all year in both receptions per game and receiving yards per game, as he has 787 yards on 54 receptions, a healthy 14.6 per. His 10 touchdowns, all via receiving, also lead the team, and have established a school record for most in a single-season (the old mark was 9). He has three 100-plus yard games this season, including a tremendous 192-yard, 2 TD effort in the win over Colorado State. Ten of his 11 third down receptions have earned first downs.

FS MEDFORD MOORER

Former Jim Thorpe Award Candidate (official watch list)/All-American Candidate

The team leader in tackles with 100, he's eighth in the league at 10.0 per game... He played three games with a painful elbow injury, which didn't hamper him much; Barnett said it best when he said, "It's hard to imagine our defense on the field without Medford." Also has two interceptions and is 16th all-time in solo tackles at Colorado. He's played 704 out of a possible 717 snaps on defense this season. Was named on the preseason watch list for the Jim Thorpe Award last August.

DE GABE NYENHUIS

All-Big 12 Conference Candidate

He has steadily improved as the season has progressed, as he is second on the team in sacks with three and leads in tackles for loss (11)... He also has 14 quarterback hurries and has recorded 36 tackles (28 solo) on the year.

ILB SEAN TUFTS

All-Big 12 Conference Candidate (Second-Team/Honorable Mention Level)

Doesn't have the flashy stats since CU's been in the 4-2-5 or dime much of the season, but don't let that fool you as he is every bit as talented as several before him who played the position at Colorado. He's third on the team in tackles with 77, including five third down stops; he tied his career high of 13 tackles versus Missouri.

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN/ALL-LEAGUE CONSIDERATION

S DOMINIQUE BROOKS

Has provided some steady support in CU's dime package (20 tackles, 5 PBU's, 8 third down stops). With two picks against Missouri, he became only the third true frosh to ever accomplish that at Colorado.

PK MASON CROSBY

Made his first five career field goals (5-7 overall), and has been a weapon on kickoffs: 19 of 24 have gone for touchbacks as opponent starting yardline for all is the 21.

OG BRIAN DANIELS

Has been a fixture in the starting lineup since the fourth game of the year, grading out as CU's third rated lineman (75.8%, only one sack allowed, and that was by Oklahoma, and just one penalty).

CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY

Worked his way into the starting lineup by the fifth game of the season; one of the few true freshmen to ever start at cornerback for the Buffs. Also a top special teams performer with five tackles.

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 78 times in enemy stadiums and is **60-31-1** 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 **51-25-1** away from home (a 66.9 winning percentage), which stands ninth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **41-18-1** mark in their last 60 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 **16-15** 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). *However, CU is 0-4 on the road in 2003.*

ON THE ROAD (1988-current)

| School | W | L | T | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Florida State | 58 | 17 | 0 | .773 |
| Miami, Fla. | 64 | 18 | 0 | .780 |
| Tennessee | 53 | 18 | 2 | .740 |
| Nebraska | 52 | 21 | 1 | .709 |
| Michigan | 53 | 21 | 3 | .708 |
| Ohio State | 51 | 21 | 2 | .703 |
| Alabama | 50 | 22 | 0 | .694 |
| Florida | 43 | 20 | 1 | .680 |
| Colorado | 51 | 25 | 1 | .669 |
| Notre Dame | 46 | 25 | 2 | .644 |
| Penn State | 47 | 29 | 1 | .617 |

(road only; neutral sites not included)

Ninth Best Since 1989 Colorado has the nation's ninth best record over the last 15 seasons, or since the start of 1989, as CU is **124-52-4** 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 **152-71-4** 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 records from the start of the 1989 season to the present (through games of Nov. 8; does not include wins over I-AA teams):

| Rk | School | G | W | L | T | Pct. | vs. AP Ranked Teams | | | 2003 |
|----------|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|--|------------|
| | | | | | | | G | W- L-T | | |
| 1 | Florida State | 184 | 155 | 28 | 1 | .845 | 82 | 59-22-1 | | 8-2 |
| 2 | Nebraska | 184 | 152 | 31 | 1 | .839 | 56 | 32-23-1 | | 8-2 |
| 3 | Miami, Fla. | 177 | 145 | 32 | 0 | .819 | 64 | 39-25-0 | | 7-2 |
| 4 | Tennessee | 182 | 143 | 36 | 3 | .794 | 70 | 41-26-3 | | 7-2 |
| 5 | Florida | 185 | 144 | 40 | 1 | .781 | 83 | 49-33-1 | | 7-3 |
| 6 | Michigan | 180 | 137 | 40 | 3 | .769 | 81 | 49-30-2 | | 8-2 |
| 7 | Ohio State | 183 | 137 | 43 | 3 | .757 | 73 | 38-32-3 | | 9-1 |
| 8 | Texas A & M | 182 | 127 | 53 | 2 | .703 | 56 | 25-30-1 | | 4-6 |
| 9 | COLORADO | 180 | 124 | 52 | 4 | .700 | 78 | 40-36-2 | | 4-6 |
| 10 | Penn State | 181 | 126 | 54 | 1 | .699 | 66 | 32-34-0 | | 2-7 |
| (11) | Alabama | 181 | 125 | 55 | 1 | .693 | 61 | 27-33-1 | | 4-6 |

The Schedule Much has been made of CU's tough schedule in 2003, and according to the NCAA formula through games of November 8, it ranks as the fifth toughest in the nation. CU's opponents are 74-39 combined (.655); Alabama holds the top spot (opponents are 85-36, .702), followed by Texas A&M (80-36, .690); Notre Dame is third (77-36, .681) and this week's opponent, Iowa State, is fourth (73-35, .676). Other Big 12 schools in the top 50 include Baylor (No. 20), Texas Tech (No. 31), Oklahoma and Texas (tied at No. 36) and Oklahoma State (No. 43). KSU (52), Nebraska (77) and Missouri (81) round out the league.

2003 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-6)

School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Nebraska (#18/#15) | 4 | 2 | .667 | 148 | 94 |
| Kansas State (NR/#25) | 4 | 2 | .667 | 228 | 98 |
| Missouri | 2 | 3 | .400 | 146 | 145 |
| COLORADO | 2 | 4 | .333 | 162 | 215 |
| Kansas | 2 | 4 | .333 | 152 | 196 |
| Iowa State | 0 | 5 | .000 | 47 | 218 |

conference-----

| W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp |
|----------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 4 | 2 | .667 | 148 | 94 |
| 4 | 2 | .667 | 228 | 98 |
| 2 | 3 | .400 | 146 | 145 |
| 2 | 4 | .333 | 162 | 215 |
| 2 | 4 | .333 | 152 | 196 |
| 0 | 5 | .000 | 47 | 218 |

overall-----

| W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp |
|----------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 8 | 2 | .800 | 265 | 125 |
| 8 | 3 | .727 | 424 | 179 |
| 6 | 3 | .667 | 281 | 207 |
| 4 | 6 | .400 | 253 | 357 |
| 5 | 5 | .500 | 301 | 289 |
| 2 | 7 | .222 | 149 | 312 |

Next Up

| | |
|------------|----------------------|
| N15 | KANSAS STATE |
| N15 | at Nebraska |
| N15 | TEXAS A & M |
| N15 | at Iowa State |
| N15 | at Oklahoma State |
| N15 | COLORADO |

South Division (+6)

School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)

| | | | | | |
|------------------|---|---|-------|-----|-----|
| Oklahoma (#1/#1) | 6 | 0 | 1.000 | 315 | 62 |
| Texas (#6/#7) | 5 | 1 | .833 | 219 | 127 |
| Texas Tech | 4 | 2 | .667 | 279 | 197 |
| Oklahoma State | 3 | 3 | .500 | 159 | 217 |
| Texas A & M | 2 | 4 | .333 | 168 | 265 |
| Baylor | 1 | 5 | .167 | 97 | 287 |

conference-----

| W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp |
|---|---|-------|-----|-----|
| 6 | 0 | 1.000 | 315 | 62 |
| 5 | 1 | .833 | 219 | 127 |
| 4 | 2 | .667 | 279 | 197 |
| 3 | 3 | .500 | 159 | 217 |
| 2 | 4 | .333 | 168 | 265 |
| 1 | 5 | .167 | 97 | 287 |

overall-----

| W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp |
|----|---|-------|-----|-----|
| 10 | 0 | 1.000 | 483 | 130 |
| 8 | 2 | .800 | 424 | 197 |
| 7 | 3 | .700 | 449 | 331 |
| 7 | 3 | .700 | 357 | 253 |
| 4 | 6 | .400 | 267 | 374 |
| 3 | 7 | .300 | 167 | 376 |

Next Up

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| N15 | BAYLOR |
| N15 | TEXAS TECH |
| N15 | at Texas |
| N15 | KANSAS |
| N15 | at Missouri |
| N15 | at Oklahoma |

Title Chances Despite the win, CU is now mathematically eliminated in its bid for a third straight Big 12 North title, but needs two wins to become bowl eligible. The Buffs could still tie for second in the division if the following were to occur:

| Team | Conf Rec. | What needs to happen, then: | Conf Rec. | Div. Rec. | Notes |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|---|
| Nebraska | 4 2 | defeats KSU, loses to CU | 5 3 | 2 3 | wins division with 2-0 finish, controls own destiny |
| Kansas State | 4 2 | loses to NU, MU | 4 4 | 3 2 | wins division with 2-0 finish, controls own destiny |
| Missouri | 2 3 | beats KSU, splits with A&M/ISU | 4 4 | 3 2 | wins division with 3-0 finish, and NU loses one |
| COLORADO | 2 4 | defeats ISU, NU | 4 4 | 4 1 | 4-1 intra-division mark would be division best |

Bowl Scenario Here's the Big 12 Conference bowl scenario in a nutshell. Eight bowls are contracted with the conference, technically in this order: **1. BCS; 2. Cotton; 3. Holiday; 4. Alamo; 5. Independence; 6. Houston; 7. Tangerine; 8. Fort Worth;** nine schools can go bowling if two earn invites into the BCS. The first four pick in order; after that, the fifth through eighth bowls submit a "pecking order" of sorts to the conference, and those picks will be made in concert with athletic directors, the Big 12 conference office and the bowl committees. Six wins are needed to qualify in 12-game seasons.

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 (10)

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| 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 Touchdown Receptions, Season —10, Derek McCoy, 2003 | RECORD |
| <i>Old Record: 9, Charles Johnson, 1993; Rae Carruth, 1995</i> | |
| Most Consecutive Games With Four Or More Receptions —10, D.J. Hackett, Aug. 30, 2003-to-current | RECORD |
| <i>Record: 8, Charles E. Johnson, Nov. 14, 1992 to Oct. 16, 1993.</i> | |
| Most Consecutive Games With Five Or More Receptions —6, Derek McCoy, Sept. 13-to-Oct. 25, 2003 | RECORD |
| <i>Record: 4, on two previous occasions (Michael Westbrook and Rae Carruth)</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> | |
| Most Forced Fumbles, Game —2, Clyde Surrell vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 25, 2003 | TIED RECORD |
| <i>Record: 2, on several occasions; last: Gabe Nyenhuis vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 26, 2002.</i> | |
| Most Interceptions, Quarter —2, J.J. Billingsley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 | TIED RECORD |
| <i>Record: 2, on several occasions; last: Terrence Wood vs. Colorado State in Denver, 2000.</i> | |

TEAM (4)

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|---|--------------------|
| 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> | |
| Most Punts Had Blocked, Game —2, vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 | TIED RECORD |
| <i>Record: 2, on three previous occasions (last: vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 25, 1958)</i> | |
| Most Interceptions, Quarter —4, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (1st Quarter) | TIED RECORD |
| <i>Record: 2, vs. Utah in Boulder, 1953 (4th Quarter).</i> | |

Streaking More **Hackett & McCoy**: McCoy has a catch in 20 straight games (school record: 27), and caught five or more in a record six straight games (old record: 4). McCoy is also flirting with the school touchdown reception record for a career; he has 19, one off Rae Carruth's record of 20, and his first quarter TD grab against Missouri set the school single-season record of 10. Hackett now has four or more receptions in 10 straight games, a school record; the old mark of eight was held by Charles Johnson, which he set over the 1992 and 1993 seasons. He is also within 12 of Michael Westbrook's single season school record of 76, which he set in 1992.

Barnett To Coach In Hula Bowl CU head coach Gary Barnett will be a member of the coaching staff for this year's Hula Bowl, set to be played on the island of Maui on January 17. Jim Tressel of Ohio State and Ralph Friedgen of Maryland will be this year's head coaches.

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 10 games, Klatt and Greenberg had teamed for some impressive numbers: 235-of-377 for 2,794 yards and 22 touchdowns (with 10 interceptions).** That total is the fifth highest in Colorado history for a single season; the top four all exceeded 3,000, with the record of 3,271 in 1992.

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, six 4);
- ❑ 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.

TD City He is flirting with the season touchdown pass record, as he has 16 through 10 games; Koy Detmer set the record with 22 in 1996, John Hessler had 20 in 1995 and Mike Moschetti 18 in 1999. The 16, Klatt's career total, is already tied for eighth all-time at Colorado.

Hand Contusion, What Hand Contusion? Klatt had to leave the Missouri game for two plays with a cut on his throwing hand, but it only affected him for one throw. He was 9-of-10 for 93 yards before the injury, 10-of-15 for 94 yards after.

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 Detmer. 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 (20T) |
| 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 |
| <i>Other CU Walk-On/Former Walk-On Highs</i> | | | | |
| b—Erik Greenberg | at Baylor | 346 | October 4, 2003 | L 30-42 |
| Joel Klatt | at Kansas State | 290 | October 18, 2003 | L 20-49 |
| 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 OT; b—A 1999 walk-on, earned a scholarship the following spring; c—A 1978 walk-on, 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 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 |

CU's Boye-Doe One Worldly Freshman

By Barry Rubenstein, Graduate Assistant SID

Inside linebacker **Walter Boye-Doe** is one of only eight true freshmen to have logged playing time this season for the Buffs, and one of just five newbies to scratch the starting lineup.

And if that is not impressive enough, what really sets this 19-year old apart from the rest of the pack, aside from his youth, is the fact that he had not played a down of organized football until four years ago as a freshman in high school.

A native of Koforidua, Ghana (Africa), Boye-Doe moved to the United States at the tender age of five, after his father landed a job working for IBM in Dallas, Texas. As one would expect of any athlete from overseas, he grew up a fan of the international sport of soccer, and started to play as a child growing up on the Ivory Coast. It was a natural undertaking for Boye-Doe, as his uncle played professionally in both Europe and Africa.

The transition to the United States did not halt his desire to follow in his uncle's footsteps, and he immediately took to a club team in Texas. But that all ended as the natural growth process started to take over in his freshman year of high school as his body became too big to play soccer. Hence, the natural merge towards football.

"I followed in my brother's footsteps when it came to playing football," said Boye-Doe. "Neither of us had ever played football before, but my brother began playing in middle school and started doing a real good job. So I started playing too. It's just something that you do because you see your older brother doing it."

Walter's brother, Howard, made the switch to football a few years before his younger brother did, and became a standout running back at Keller High School. The Keller coaches quickly figured out there was a younger Boye-Doe on the rise and immediately listed him at running back on the junior varsity squad as a freshman. But it was not meant to be.

"My brother played running back in high school and they tried to get me to follow him after he left," said Boye-Doe. "I couldn't take it because our O-line was not that good and I was getting beat up all the time. I did not like that at all."

Instead, Walter moved to the other side of the line where he could be the one beating up on opposing running backs, and the rest is history. After seeing time at defensive tackle and defensive end, he finally found himself at linebacker for his senior year and racked up 105 total tackles, a whopping 35 of them for a loss and 15 quarterback sacks. His stellar play was good enough to warrant interest from typical football powerhouses such as Alabama, Notre Dame, UCLA and of course, Colorado. And we all know where he ended up, but the question remains why?

"I came to Colorado because I liked the coaching staff," he said. "Coach Watson was a big reason why I came here; he was a very truthful guy to me, and I liked that. There were other schools that I was interested in, but I really liked the way that Colorado played."

But never did the guy his teammates affectionately refer to as "boy-boy" imagine he would be playing for the Black & Gold right away. After twice being named CU's Scout Team Defensive Player of the Week and seeing some spot duty on special teams, Boye-Doe's dream became a reality when he ascended the depth chart to make his first collegiate start at Kansas State at the weak side

linebacker spot. But the 6-foot-2, 235-pounder was in for a rude awakening.

"The biggest difference that I noticed right away was the speed of the game and how the linemen are bigger and faster," Boye-Doe said about his first collegiate action. "Being a college linebacker, you have to know a whole lot more stuff, and at first I didn't think that I could do it ... it was kind of intimidating. But after you're in the system for a while, you just start to know what people are supposed to do, and that's what makes the job a whole lot easier."

Boye-Doe was nervous in his first action, and he knew that his coaches could sense his apprehension. So after recording a mere three tackles in 30 plays from scrimmage against the Wildcats, he rebounded with a six tackle effort in just 22 snaps versus top-ranked Oklahoma the following week.

"I was a whole lot more relaxed and I made more plays," he said regarding the Oklahoma game. "Now I am getting used to everything and starting to accept the fact that I am not a freshman anymore, but a football player."

His initials, WBD, and his early solid play in his career have had some sports information staffer tag him with the nickname, "**Weapon of Ballcarrier Destruction.**" He likes the moniker. And he's coming off a career-best five tackles against Missouri, his second start of the season.

However, Walter Boye-Doe is not just a freshman or just a football player. He entered his first year of college with the hopes of pursuing his lifelong dream of becoming a doctor, and declared kinesiology his major right away. But the rigors of playing Division I football caught up with him quickly, and he decided that the academic fortitude, in addition to his commitment to football, would put a major strain on his life.

"I really wanted to be a doctor all of my life because my mom was a nurse," he said. "But with the schedule that I have right now, it just wouldn't work. Football is what brought me here and I plan on staying loyal to the game. I am trying to do what's best for the team and myself."

That same attitude revolves around all aspects of Boye-Doe's life. Being the benevolent kind of guy that he is, Walter has been very active in his Texas community, volunteering his time with the Special Olympics, Adopt-A-Highway and local blood drives. And once the 2003 football season is over, he plans on transferring his community service expertise to the Boulder area.

"I like to volunteer my time because I like helping kids and they think it's cool whenever they have an athlete around," said Boye-Doe. "When they see me on the field doing the right things in life, I become a role model and hopefully they will want to do the same."

"If I can help somebody I will, no matter what," he continued. "That's just how I am. I like helping people regardless of who they are or what their situation is."

It is exactly that kind of attitude that has made Walter Boye-Doe a success in whatever he decides to tackle, whether it is the opposing quarterback on the field, or life's daily grind off the field.

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.ALDRIKH, D.CHIAVERINI, H.NAVIES, B.SOUTHWARD |
| 1996 | 19 | 6 | 13 | R.BARNES, S.JARNE, R.NUNEZ, M.STIGGERS, J.WARREN, D.WHEELER |
| 1997 | 19 | 1 | 18 | T.GREGORAK |
| 1998 | 18 | 4 | 14 | M.LEWIS, #M.MARISCAL, J.MINARDI, A.PEEKE, J.SYKES |
| 1999 | 15 | 3 | 12 | J.JOHNSON, &KILLION, MOSSONI |
| 2000 | 19 | 10 | 9 | GARDNER, M.HAGE, HARRIS, HOUSTON, McCHESNEY, OCHS, PURIFY, SURRELL, SYPNIEWSKI, TUFTS |
| 2001 | 6 | 1 | 5 | SHADER |
| 2002 | 23 | 11 | 12 | BILLINGSLEY, BLOOM, BURL, CALHOUN, DAWN, +K.GRIFFITH, HOLLIS, IWUH, +KLATT, KLOPFENSTEIN, +PACE, VICKERS, WARD, V.WASHINGTON |
| 2003 | 21 | 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 made his first 5 field goals before missing a pair of long ones at Kansas State; that was one shy of the CU record for the most made at the start of a career: Jeremy Aldrich, CU's all-time kick scorer, made his first six over the 1996 and 1997 seasons.
- He's been an absolute weapon as a kickoff man, as through 10 games, 19 of his 24 kickoffs went for touchbacks.

Brooks Joins Select Group

S Dominique Brooks, who has seen most of his scrimmage action in CU's dime package, joined a select group with his two interceptions against Missouri. It was the 69th time a CU player had two interceptions in the same game, but he was the first true freshman to do it since **CB Damen Wheeler** had a pair against Kansas State on Nov. 16, 1996. The only other time in CU history where a true freshman made two thefts in the same game came in 1988, when **CB Deon Figures** had two against Iowa State in Boulder on Oct. 29, 1988. Thus, Brooks is only the third true frosh to accomplish the feat.

Daniels Enjoying Fine Year As Well

OG Brian Daniels forged his way into the starting lineup the fourth game of the season (at Florida State, what a game to debut), and has been a fixture there ever since. He's grading out as the third top lineman on the team (75.8), and has allowed just one sack, four pressures and has been called for only one penalty—all team lows. Only the seventh true frosh to start on the offensive line since 1973, he has started seven games, the second most in school history on the offensive line by a true freshman. A closer look:

| Player | GS | Pos | Season | Player | GS | Pos | Season |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|--|----|-----|--------|
| *Clint Moore | 8 | OG | 1991 | Guy Thurston | 3 | OG | 1979 |
| Brian Daniels | 7 | OG | 2003 | Dolyn Jackson | 3 | OG | 1991 |
| Eric Coyle | 4 | OG | 1982 | Marwan Hage | 2 | OG | 2000 |
| Leon White | 3 | OG | 1973 | (*—only true frosh to ever start a season opener.) | | | |

Bufs Playing Second Most Frosh In Big 12

As of November 3, Colorado had eight 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 (8), 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.)

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 **33-27** record at Colorado, along with a **68-72-1** record in 11-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **76-83-2**. 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... | 33-27 | 18- 9 | 11-12 | 4- 6 | 11-14 | 22-13 | 8-12 | 25-15 | 1- 2 |
| Career (NCAA I-A).... | 68-72-1 | 37-28-1 | 27-34 | 4-10 | 20-34-1 | 48-38 | 20-24-1 | 25-15 | 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 **25** in **60** games (going 11-14); so in his 19 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **89** ranked opponents in **236** 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 November 8 (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..... | 53 | 9 | .855 | *Kirk Ferentz, Iowa..... | 29 | 29 | .500 | *Rick Neuheisel, Washington..... | 33 | 16 | .674 |
| *David Cutcliffe, Mississippi..... | 37 | 21 | .638 | *Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech..... | 28 | 29 | .491 | *Dennis Erickson, Oregon State..... | 31 | 17 | .646 |
| *Terry Hoepfner, Miami-Ohio..... | 35 | 20 | .636 | Lou Holtz, South Carolina..... | 26 | 30 | .464 | *Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe..... | 8 | 28 | .222 |
| June Jones, Hawai'i..... | 37 | 23 | .617 | John Robinson, UNLV..... | 24 | 32 | .429 | *Kevin Steele, Baylor..... | 9 | 36 | .200 |
| Tommy Tuberville, Auburn..... | 36 | 23 | .610 | Chris Scelfo, Tulane..... | 24 | 33 | .421 | *Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette..... | 6 | 27 | .182 |
| Tommy Bowden, Clemson..... | 36 | 23 | .610 | Randy Walker, Northwestern..... | 23 | 33 | .411 | *Carl Franks, Duke..... | 7 | 45 | .135 |
| Gary Barnett, Colorado..... | 33 | 27 | .550 | | | | | (+—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 43-27-1 in its last 71 games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (40-21 in the last 61, including a 4-4 mark so far in 2003). The Buffs are 46-32-1 on grass dating back to the 1977 season; that's only 79 games on the real stuff in the last 27 seasons, but that number is on the rise since Folsom converted back to grass in 1999. Colorado is 18-9 at home since the switch.

**On The Plastic** Colorado is 85-26-3 in its last 114 games on artificial turf dating back to 1989 (5-3 over the last three years). The only teams to defeat Colorado more than once on artificial surface in this span are Nebraska (8 times), Kansas State (4), Kansas (3) and Texas Tech (2). CU is 53-19-3 in its last 75 conference games on the fake greenery. The Buffs didn't see an artificial field in 2003 until the seventh game of the year at Kansas State, and had only one other, at Texas Tech, and went 0-2 on the fake stuff in '03.

## Coach's Corner/with Gary Barnett

Comments from Colorado head coach Gary Barnett following CU's 21-16 win over his alma mater, No. 22 Missouri:

**General:** *"I feel like we're a better team than we were nine or 10 weeks ago. We're closer and our young guys aren't young anymore. I think this was our most complete game this year. I thought Torp's punting was outstanding and we kicked-off well. It was good to get this win, Missouri is obviously a good football team. I think we're having more fun now than at any other point in the season. The kids are great, the locker rooms are great and the coaches are great."*

**On MU QB Brad Smith:** *"Well you probably don't need me to tell you that Brad Smith is the real deal. The future is bright for that team because of him. They played like a team that was in the hunt for the Big 12 North. I think we put more pressure on him in the second half. We tackled better and we knew we just had to keep him in front of us."*

**On Team Chemistry:** *"I think our players are pulling together and growing together, especially in the last two weeks. That Oklahoma game did a great job of pulling us together."*

**On S Dominique Brooks:** *"He just loves to play the game and he plays it one way. He's a playmaker. We keep putting him in there and his tackling is getting sharper and he's getting an idea of where to be and when to be there."*

**On DE James Garee:** *"James is just a blue-collar, hard-working son of a gun. If you let down you guard for just a second, he's going to take advantage of you."*

**On Continued Improvement:** *"I think the week of the OU game, the defensive guys got it. The offense is starting to get it, but we're still not running the ball like we should. That takes more time."*

**On Matching Up with MU's Lines:** *"I think we did really well on defense. On offense, we still had trouble with the movement. We were fine playing man-to-man but we had trouble with the movement. They were doing the things that Texas Tech did last week. We finally got it figured out on the last play."*

**On His Record Against Missouri:** *"It's special to me (beating them). I don't know what else to say. It's just more special."*

**On the Turning Point:** *"We won the third quarter and I think that was critical. I think their turnover on about the 40 was huge, Torp's punting was huge, but really I think it was our drive in the third and their turnover."*

**On Looking Ahead:** *"We haven't been winning the games that we're supposed to win. Right now, we're glad to have four wins and not three and hopefully we'll be able to get another one (next week)."*

**On Presenting The Game Ball To John Hessler:** *"This is a small token of the 2003 team's appreciation for John and what he's done for our program. We remain in a vigil for him, with our thoughts and prayers for his him and his family."*

## Player Quotes

Some comments from select players following the win over Missouri:

### QB JOEL KLATT

ON TOUCHDOWN TO MCCOY: *"The pass was a common route that we usually call in the red zone. Derek (McCoy) was the third option, and he came open on the outside. I flipped my hips, and was able to get him the ball. Derek made a real nice catch."*

ON THE OFFENSIVE LINE: *"The O-line did a great job today. We felt like we could do a lot of three step drops, and role outs, and we were able to accomplish that. The guys did a great job protecting me all day."*

ON TOUCHDOWN PASS TO VICKERS: *"That drive was big for us to get another touchdown, and gain the momentum. Lawrence made a nice play. Our defense held them to a field goal, and kept us in the game. We were able to do what we prepared for all week."*

ON THE BUFFS GIVING THE GAME BALL TO JOHN HESSLER: *"—You know, I grew up watching John play quarterback here. Just because you've graduated from CU doesn't mean you've left the Colorado Buffalo football family. John's a part of this program, we're thinking of him and his family, and we're all praying for his recovery."*

### FS MEDFORD MOORER

GENERAL: *"Each win is important. We've got to go out and fight hard to win. We did a great job. We still made some mistakes, but you make mistakes every week and just have to come back and work hard. Missouri's a great team. They came out and fought, but we came out and fought too. Every win means a lot and gives you confidence."*

ON MU QB BRAD SMITH: *"It's hard to stop a mobile quarterback like that. He did a great job, but we just kept fighting and fighting."*

### WR DEREK MCCOY

GENERAL: *"It was great to get a team win, because everybody was playing well and with emotion. It's been a lot of hard work. It feels good to get this win, because we've waited a long time for it, and we finally got it."*

ON OPENING DRIVE: *"It helps us to get off to a good start. When we got the ball rolling, we felt like we could beat them after that. It is fun anytime you get in the end zone, and hopefully I can get there a couple more times this year."*

ON THE OFFENSE: *"I thought we played well. We took a lot of time off the clock, we gave the defense some rest so they could contain Smith. It was great to see everybody contribute. When it goes like that, it keeps the defense off balance."*

ON THE DEFENSE: *"They have been playing good the last two weeks, and we feed off their emotion."*

### WR D.J. HACKETT

GENERAL: *"We know that we have the ability to do it, we just need to do it. We needed to win bad, and it was just a breath of fresh air. We can beat anyone we play, if we play to our potential."*

ON THE DEFENSE: *"They have stepped up in the past couple of games, and that just gets us excited."*

ON BIG PLAYS: *"I always tell (Klatt) different reads I see and he comes through when we need it."*

ON THE OPENING DRIVE: *"We always like to start out games with a long drive and it's even better when you get a touchdown."*

## S DOMINIQUE BROOKS

ON HIS 'HAIL MARY' INTERCEPTION AT THE END OF THE FIRST HALF: "Against Kansas, I tipped the ball on that type of play and they ended up scoring. This time, I said to myself, 'I'm not going to tip it, I'm just to get as high as I can and catch it.'"

ON OVERCOMING ADVERSITY: "Usually we don't win the third quarter and that was something that we wanted to make sure we did today. You can never keep your head down; you always have to keep your head up, because when your head is down, that is when bad things happen. We've always kept our heads up this season, and now the hard work is paying off."

ON HIS SECOND INTERCEPTION: "We had man coverage, and I knew that they were going to throw for the sticks either inside or outside. He broke out, and I broke with him, and made the play."

ON THE TIP: He (Brad Smith) was either going to run it or toss it. I saw that he was going to throw it, I just jumped, and I tipped it. This win gives us momentum, and we really needed it."

## FB LAWRENCE VICKERS

ON HIS TOUCHDOWN: "I really didn't see or feel anybody until my teammates hit me in the end zone. After that it was just beautiful. It felt really great to be in there and I am so happy that I could contribute in the scoring game."

ON HIS RUNNING STYLE: "A lot of people say when I play tailback, that I kind of run like Chris Brown. I am not close to Chris Brown, but I would love to be like him someday. He was a marvelous back."

## DE JAMES GAREE

GENERAL: "We went into this game expecting 60 minutes of inside run, and that's what we got. They are a physical O-line, but our defense stood up to the challenge."

ON THE LAST DEFENSIVE STAND: "We wanted to give pressure, and keep containing to make sure that Smith couldn't role out, because that's when he's most dangerous."

## S CLYDE SURRELL

GENERAL: "It feels great to win a game like this. I feel like we came together as a whole team, and we had a great time out there today. Of course winning doesn't hurt."

ON THE FORCED FUMBLE: "I saw him (Brad Smith) running toward me, and I had the tackle wrapped up. I was fortunate to get the ball after it popped out."

## WR JEREMY BLOOM

GENERAL: "Our offense is best when we utilize all of our weapons. When we get tentative, we don't do well, and we weren't tentative today. When we spread the ball around we are hard to stop. The hardest thing is that we are a great team, and have so much talent, but we haven't played great this year. When things are clicking I feel that we are one of the best teams in the nation."

**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 **3,369** in the 60 games he has coached, **787** more than the opponent. And the Buffs have **28** return touchdowns over the last five seasons (24 regular season, four bowl game), the sixth most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through games of November 8:

| School          | 1999     | 2000     | 2001     | 2002     | 2003     | Bowls    | Total     |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Miami, Fla.     | 3        | 13       | 11       | 5        | 8        | 1        | 41        |
| Virginia Tech   | 8        | 6        | 7        | 7        | 10       | 0        | 38        |
| Oklahoma        | 4        | 7        | 6        | 8        | 9        | 1        | 35        |
| Kansas State    | 9        | 5        | 2        | 12       | 5        | 0        | 33        |
| Nebraska        | 6        | 7        | 5        | 6        | 4        | 3        | 30        |
| <b>COLORADO</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>28</b> |
| Texas Tech      | 3        | 7        | 8        | 5        | 3        | 1        | 27        |

| School         | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | Bowls | Total |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| N.C. State     | 3    | 2    | 4    | 9    | 8    | 1     | 27    |
| East Carolina  | 7    | 5    | 4    | 5    | 3    | 3     | 27    |
| Southern Cal   | 9    | 4    | 8    | 1    | 4    | 0     | 26    |
| Notre Dame     | 4    | 6    | 4    | 9    | 1    | 0     | 24    |
| Fresno State   | 5    | 5    | 3    | 5    | 2    | 2     | 22    |
| San Jose State | 5    | 7    | 1    | 7    | 4    | 0     | 22    |
| TCU            | 5    | 3    | 4    | 6    | 1    | 1     | 20    |

## 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    | 21        | 10        | .677        |
| Texas           | 18        | 9         | .667        |
| Nebraska        | 19        | 11        | .633        |
| Oklahoma        | 15        | 12        | .556        |
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>.516</b> |
| Texas A&M       | 16        | 15        | .516        |
| Texas Tech      | 14        | 17        | .452        |
| Oklahoma State  | 9         | 21        | .300        |
| Missouri        | 9         | 22        | .290        |
| Iowa State      | 7         | 23        | .233        |
| Kansas          | 4         | 27        | .129        |
| Baylor          | 0         | 31        | .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        | 17        | 7        | .708        |
| Kansas State    | 16        | 8        | .667        |
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>.625</b> |
| Missouri        | 13        | 10       | .565        |
| Iowa State      | 6         | 18       | .250        |
| Kansas          | 5         | 18       | .217        |

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

| School         | W  | L  | Pct. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| Texas          | 19 | 5  | .792 |
| Texas A&M      | 14 | 9  | .609 |
| Oklahoma       | 14 | 10 | .583 |
| Texas Tech     | 10 | 14 | .417 |
| Oklahoma State | 9  | 14 | .391 |
| Baylor         | 4  | 20 | .167 |

(does not include title games)

### Network TV Appearances (2003)

| School          | Tot      | ABC      | Fox      | Oth      |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Oklahoma        | 9        | 4        | 1        | 4        |
| Nebraska        | 8        | 3        | 3        | 2        |
| Texas           | 7        | 4        | 2        | 1        |
| <b>Colorado</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> |
| Oklahoma State  | 6        | 4        | 2        | 0        |
| Texas A&M       | 6        | 3        | 2        | 1        |
| Missouri        | 5        | 1        | 2        | 2        |
| Texas Tech      | 5        | 1        | 3        | 1        |
| Kansas State    | 4        | 1        | 2        | 1        |
| Iowa State      | 2        | 0        | 1        | 1        |
| Kansas          | 2        | 0        | 2        | 0        |
| Baylor          | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        |

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

### vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

| 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)



## 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.

## Season Note Progression continued...

### Kansas State

- ◆ First Career Starts: **ILB Walter Boye-Doe** and **DT Vaka Manupuna** made their first career starts as the Buffs opened in a 4-3 on defense for the first time in 2003. Boye-Doe became the fifth member of the 2003 recruiting class to start this year, joining **S Dominique Brooks**, **OG Brian Daniels**, **S Lorenzo Sims** and **CB Terrence Wheatley**.
- ◆ **First Drives:** It's the second straight game the Buffs scored on the first possession of the game, with back-to-back TDs against KU and KSU (CU didn't score on its first possession until the KU game). However, in the last four games, the Buffs have amassed 313 yards on their first possession, or 78.3 per). **Joel Klatt** completed 6-of-6 passes for 55 yards and had two rushes for 7 yards on CU's opening drive, including a fourth down sneak for a first down.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby's** 53-yard field goal attempt that sailed wide left early in the second quarter ended his streak of five straight makes to open his career—falling one shy in his bid to tie Jeremy Aldrich for the most made to start a CU career (Aldrich made his first six over the 1996 and 1997 seasons).
- ◆ **TB Brian Calhoun** caught a career-high seven passes (for 38 yards), and picked up 87 yards rushing on 19 tries. Coming in, he had caught eight passes on the year (for 67 yards).
- ◆ **WR Jeremy Bloom.** Bloom had his first career kickoff return for a touchdown, the fifth play of his 20-game career over 75 yards (all for touchdowns). He has TD receptions of 94 (vs. KSU in 2002) and 81 yards (vs. Florida State this year), and punt return scores of 80 (against OU in the '02 Big 12 title game) and 75 yards (vs. CSU in the '02 opener).
- ◆ Colorado had two punts blocked in the same game for the fourth time in its history, the first time since Oct. 25, 1958 when Nebraska blocked two in Boulder.
- ◆ **WR D.J. Hackett** (7 receptions, 106 yards, 1 TD) had his third 100-yard receiving game of the season, also going over the century mark against Colorado State and Baylor.
- ◆ CU held Kansas State to no sacks in the game, and the opponent had just two in the first three league games (Baylor and Kansas each had just one).
- ◆ K-State's 20 fourth quarter points marked the sixth time CU has allowed 20 or more points in a quarter this year.
- ◆ The loss to KSU snapped an 11-game winning streak Colorado had against Big 12 North opponents. The last loss was a 34-32 setback at Nebraska to end the 2000 season.

### Oklahoma

- ◆ The first sellout crowd of the season, 54,215 was a Folsom Field record, breaking the old mark of 54,063 set against Nebraska in 1995.
- ◆ The only other team within 10 points of No. 1 Oklahoma at halftime this year was at Alabama (game two), when OU led, 13-3.
- ◆ This loss snaps a nine-game home conference game-winning streak for the Buffaloes (last loss: 35-27 to Iowa State on Nov. 11, 2000).
- ◆ **All Black Unis.** Colorado dropped to 13-9-1 when it dons all black uniforms (though it was the first time with black socks). CU is 0-3-1 against OU when wearing all black; CU's dropped two in a row in the get-up, this game and last year's Big 12 title game—to Oklahoma.
- ◆ **FIRST DOWN CONTAINMENT.** Oklahoma had put up some incredible numbers on first down, but with one exception, CU's defense did a decent job of holding OU in check. The Sooners had a net 19 yards passing on 10 attempts (no sacks), and ran 30 first down plays overall for 132 yards, 4.4 per (38 came on one Renaldo Works run). *Colorado gained 110 yards on 24 first downs plays, 4.6 per try.*
- ◆ **PLUS TERRITORY.** The CU defense also made the Sooners work to get their yards in plus territory (the CU side of the 50): OU ran 37 plays for 165 yards (4.4 per), and the Buffs forced a pair of fumbles, one in the red zone. Colorado ran 24 plays in plus territory for 155 yards on four drives into the Sooner side of the 50 (6.5 per, 3 TDs, one fumble).
- ◆ In the decisive **third quarter**, OU outscored CU 10-0, outgained CU 155-16, ran 24 plays to CU's 5, and possessed the ball for 11:22.
- ◆ OU scored 34 points, ending a run of five straight games CU had allowed into the 40s, which had tied the school mark in such instances.
- ◆ After forcing just one turnover in the previous 16 quarters coming in, the Buffs forced three against OU, matching their season best (CU had three against Colorado State).
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** He completed 24-of-33 passes for 187 yards and three touchdowns... his 72.7 completion percentage ws the fifth best in school history in a game where a QB attempted 30 or more passes.

### Texas Tech

- ◆ **TE Joe Klopfenstein** did not make the trip to Lubbock due to illness (bad case of the flu).
- ◆ **Unis.** Colorado wore white & gold (pants) on the road for the first time since the 1987 road finale at Kansas State (Nov. 21).
- ◆ **DE Alex Ligon.** CU started in its dime package tonight on defense, and Ligon made his first career start; he became the eight freshman to start a game for CU this season (five true, three redshirt).
- ◆ **S J.J. Billingsley.** He made his first two career interceptions in the first 3½ minutes of the game—doubling CU's total on the season coming into the game. Through the first eight games, Colorado had just the two interceptions; that was vying to be the fewest in the first nine games of a season ever at Colorado until Billingsley's two early thefts. The 1962, 1980 and 1984 teams all had three interceptions through nine games; the '84 team finished with just the three, while the other two both snared two more to end with five. *He became the 10th Colorado Buffalo to make two interceptions in the same quarter, the first since Terrence Wood had a pair in the third quarter against Colorado State in 2000.*
- ◆ **DT Brandon Dabdoub.** He had his first career interception, and the first by a CU defensive *tackle* in seven seasons—going back to Viliami Maumau's 33-yard return for a touchdown at Colorado State on Sept. 7, 1996.
- ◆ Texas Tech scored its first points with 7:29 left in the half, the latest a CU opponent has scored this year. Only UCLA and Baylor did not score in the first quarter against CU prior to tonight; UCLA scored with 13:04 left in the half and Baylor with 7:49 remaining.
- ◆ **S Medford Moorer.** He had his second interception of the year, the seventh of his career; the 72-yard return marked the fourth career return of 50 or more yards in his career (INTs of 64, 51 and 62; FUM return of 71).
- ◆ **OG Gary Moore** made his first career start, subbing for Derek Stemrich at the tight guard spot; Stemrich hurt a knee against Oklahoma and would have played only in an emergency situation.



## Season Note Progression continued...

### Texas Tech (continued)

- ◆ Colorado's 17-play, 76-yard drive that took 8:25 off the clock in the fourth quarter was the longest of the year by the Buffs in terms of plays (17) and time (8:25). CU previously had two 15-play scoring drives, and a 6:39 field goal drive against UCLA.
- ◆ Colorado's defense did a pretty good job for the most part once Tech crossed midfield: the Red Raiders ran 43 plays in CU territory for 187 yards (4.4 per play)—CU forced five turnovers out of the 11 times after TTU penetrated its territory.
- ◆ This game marked only the fourth time since 1993 that Colorado lost after owning a two-score lead at any point of the game; CU had reeled off 49 in a row before losing twice in 2000, and now have lost twice this year, both times in the state of Texas (CU led Baylor 23-14 before succumbing, 42-30).
- ◆ Texas Tech's 32 first downs tied for the fourth most ever against a Colorado team.
- ◆ Colorado's five interceptions were the most since swiping five in a 47-30 win at Texas on Oct. 25, 1997.
- ◆ CU came in having won six straight times when faced with a two-game league losing streak dating back to 1984.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** Prior to CU's last play when he threw his career-high third interception, he had heated up in the fourth quarter, completing 11-of-13 passes for 113 yards and a TD in the period.
- ◆ CU was out dueling in the third quarter for the second straight week, as Tech outscored CU 14-0 while outgaining CU, 140-5. The Buffs rallied to outgain Tech, 128-28, in the fourth quarter.

### Missouri

- ◆ Gary Barnett announced to the team after the win that the **game ball** would be presented to **John Hessler**, the former CU quarterback who remains in a coma in critical, but stable condition, after an Oct. 19 car accident.
- ◆ Colorado improved to 3-0 on the year when it has played the previous week while the opponent was idle (UCLA, Kansas, Missouri).
- ◆ The game took just **2:53** to play, only the 15th sub-three hour game four CU dating back to the 1990 season (the ninth fastest during this time). The last was last year against USC (2 hours, 58 minutes).
- ◆ **WR D.J. Hackett.** He became only the second player in Colorado history to record 60 receptions in a single season with his first catch of the game, joining Michael Westbrook with the distinction. Westbrook caught 76 passes in 1992.
- ◆ **WR Derek McCoy.** He became the first player in Colorado history to record 10 touchdown receptions in a single season with his first quarter grab. That catch also extended his streak to 20 straight games with at least one reception.
- ◆ **Colorado** scored a touchdown on its first possession for fourth time in the last five games (the only four times this season), with the 82 yards tying the longest opening march of the year (which came at Baylor; CU didn't score, turning the ball over deep in Baylor territory).
- ◆ **FB Lawrence Vickers.** His 3-yard reception for a score early in the second quarter was his first career touchdown.
- ◆ The 29-yard pass play from Joel Klatt to D.J. Hackett on a **3rd-and-18** that set up CU's first touchdown was the longest the Buffs have converted in 2003. Klatt and Hackett hooked up today for three third down conversions, passes covering 29, 22 and 20 yards, the last of which came on a 3rd-and-16 in the third quarter.
- ◆ **P John Torp.** His 61-yard punt in the fourth was his longest of the season; with punts of 61 and 60 yards today, those were the second and third of his career over 60 yards (he had a 63-yard boot against USC in 2002). He had a career best day, with six punts for a 50.7 average, with three inside-the-20, two landing inside-the-10.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** All four of his kickoffs went for touchbacks, upping his season numbers to 19 TB's out of 24 kickoffs.
- ◆ **Tackle Highs.** ILB Akarika Dawn had a career-high nine tackles, while ILB Sean Tufts matched his career best of 13. S J.J. Billingsley had 14, one off his career high.
- ◆ **S Dominique Brooks.** He had his first two career interceptions, the 69th time a CU player had two or more picks in the same game. The last true freshman to have two in a game was **CB Damen Wheeler**, who had two against Kansas State in Boulder on Nov. 16, 1996. Brooks wasn't done with the picks; he recorded four third down stops, the most by a CU player in six years.
- ◆ **Near Mistake-Free.** Colorado had a season low three penalties, as well as committing no turnovers for the first time this season. CU forced Missouri into four turnovers; since a stretch where CU had forced just one turnover in 16 quarters (prior to the Oklahoma game), the Buff defense forced 13 in the last three games.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** With 187 passing yards today, giving him 2,057 for the season, he became the fifth player in CU history to throw for 2,000 yards in a season, joining **Kordell Stewart** (three times), **John Hessler** (twice), **Mike Moschetti** (twice), and **Koy Detmer** (once—but the only player to top 3,000). Klatt joins Stewart and Hessler as the lone sophomores to do it. And with two touchdown passes, he now has 16 for the season, the fourth most for a single season in school history, trailing Detmer (22, 1996), Hessler (20, 1995) and Moschetti (18, 1999).
- ◆ Colorado scored on both its opening drive of the first and second halves, which it had done in only one other game this year (Kansas). It was only CU's third score in 10-second half opening drives on the year, and the yards gained (80), was almost four times the yardage the Buffs gained in the previous two third quarters *combined*—against Oklahoma (16) and Texas Tech (5).

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

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GAME #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 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 |
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| 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.

GAME #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 |
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| 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.

GAME #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 |
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| 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.

GAME #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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| 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. |
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| 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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GAME #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 it's 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 |
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| 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 6-171, Hackett 4-143, Donahoe 3-44, Vickers 2-15, Klopfenstein 1-14, Calhoun 1-9, Wallace 1-3, Bloom 1-0. **Baylor:** Quiroga 8-113, 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.

GAME #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 |
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| 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.

GAME #7—KANSAS STATE 49, COLORADO 20*(October 18; Manhattan, Kan.)*

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A quick glance at the stat sheet might indicate a game that went down to the wire, but a closer look reveals two blocked punts by Kansas State that led to 16 points as the Wildcats ended Colorado's 11-game winning streak against Big 12 Conference North Division opponents with a 49-20 victory.

The Buffs opened the game with an impressive drive, taking a 7-0 lead after marching 76 yards in 14 plays, with Daniel Jolly's 6-yard run opening the day's scoring. Quarterback Joel Klatt completed all six of his passes on the drive for 55 yards, and added seven yards rushing as well including a 1-yard sneak on fourth down that kept the drive alive. CU stuffed the Wildcats on their first possession, but the next time CU had the ball, Rashad Washington raced up the gut to block a John Torp punt at the CU14, the ball eventually going out of the end zone for a safety. Following the free kick, K-State drove 67 yards in eight plays to take the lead for good at 9-7.

The first half ended with a flurry, as KSU went ahead, 15-7, with 40 seconds remaining on a 40-yard TD pass from Eli Roberson to Davin Dennis, as the Wildcats drove 70 yards in just five plays and 125 seconds of possession time. But CU's Jeremy Bloom took the ensuing kickoff and outraced all in going 88 yards for a touchdown. Since CU's Brian Iwuh had blocked KSU's PAT kick, the Buffs tried to tie the game going into intermission but Klatt's two-point pass attempt failed. The Wildcats were able to put some distance between them and the Buffaloes early in the third quarter. After taking the second half kickoff and going 65 yards for a touchdown (the first of to Roberson to James Terry scoring passes), KSU blocked the second Torp punt of the game, this time with Joe Lawson recovering in the end zone for six and a 29-13 KSU lead. The Buffs were a bit down but not out, driving from their 20 to the K-State 15 on their next possession, but on a 3rd-and-7 play, Klatt threw just his third interception of the season as James McGill picked the ball off at the KSU 2 to end the threat.

The Wildcats scored 20 points in the fourth quarter, the last seven coming with 38 seconds left on a Roberson 1-yard dive. That came after the Buffs had cut the lead to 42-20 with 5:54 left on a 34-yard pass from Klatt to D.J. Hackett, who led all receivers in the game with seven catches for 106 yards.

Colorado outgained the 'Cats 422-384 and earned 25 first downs, but the game was decided by special teams. In addition to the blocked punts, a nearly 55-yard average punting by KSU's Jared Brite helped to keep the Buffaloes bottled deep in their own end. CU's average starting field position for the game was its own 18, as CU started five drives inside its own 20 and two others at the mark out of 11 possessions on the day. The Buffs also missed a pair of field goals in the first half, though they were hardly "gimmes" for Mason Crosby from 53 and 47 yards out.

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| COLORADO | 7 | 6 | 0 | 7 | — | 20 |
| Kansas State | 9 | 6 | 14 | 20 | — | 49 |

COLORADO—Jolly 6 run (Crosby kick) 7- 0 9:22 1Q

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| Kansas State—Safety, punt blocked out of end zone | 7- 2 | 6:05 | 1Q |
| Kansas State—Roberson 2 run (Rheem kick) | 7- 9 | 3:31 | 1Q |
| Kansas State—Dennis 40 pass from Roberson (Rheem kick) | 7-15 | 0:40 | 2Q |
| COLORADO—Bloom 88 kickoff return (pass failed) | 13-15 | 0:30 | 2Q |
| Kansas State—Terry 10 pass from Roberson (Rheem kick) | 13-22 | 11:54 | 3Q |
| Kansas State—Lawson recovered block punt in end zone (Rheem kick) | 13-29 | 10:18 | 3Q |
| Kansas State—Terry 8 pass from Roberson (run failed) | 13-35 | 13:46 | 4Q |
| Kansas State—Sproles 18 run (Rheem kick) | 13-42 | 7:31 | 4Q |
| COLORADO—Hackett 34 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) | 20-42 | 5:56 | 4Q |
| Kansas State—Roberson 1 run (Rheem kick) | 20-49 | 0:38 | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | KANSAS STATE |
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| First Downs | 25 | 23 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 32-132 | 40-142 |
| Passing Yards | 290 | 242 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 45-29-1 | 28-20-0 |
| Total Offense | 422 | 384 |
| Punts: No-Average | 5-26.0 | 4-54.8 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 9/59 | 6/51 |
| Time of Possession | 30:49 | 29:11 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 19-87, Jolly 9-28, Klatt 4-17. **Kansas State:** Sproles 14-90, Roberts 23-49, Saba 1-4, Mann 1-1, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 45-29-1, 290, 1 td. **Kansas State:** Roberson 28-20-0, 242, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 7-106, Calhoun 7-38, McCoy 5-52, Monteilh 3-33, Klopfenstein 2-23, Bloom 2-21, Donahoe 1-10, Wallace 1-6, Jolly 1-1. **Kansas State:** Terry 8-84, Polite 5-52, Dennis 4-73, Casey 1-16, Moriera 1-9, Hill 1-8.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 3-43.3 (51 long, 0 In20), Team 2-0. **Kansas State:** Brite 4-54.8 (69 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 3-15. **Kansas State:** Washington 2-54, Sproles 2-13.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 4-136, Surrell 2-35. **Kansas State:** Mack 1-12.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas State:** McGill 1-14.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Moorer 10, 4—14; Billingsley 9, 4—13; Tufts 2, 5—7; Dawn 4, 2—6; Hollis 4, 2—6; Wheatley 5, 0—5; Joseph 4, 1—5; Boye-Doe 3, 0—3. **Kansas State:** Berry 3, 10—13; Buhl 4, 8—12; Washington 5, 3—8; McGill 5, 2—7; Jordan 5, 1—6; Hickman 4, 2—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Moorer 1-9, Nyenhuis 1-8. **Kansas State:** none.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Wheatley 2, Nyenhuis, Tufts. **Kansas State:** Jordan 2, Washington 2, Montgomery.

GAME #8—OKLAHOMA 34, COLORADO 20*(October 25; Boulder, Colo.)*

BOULDER — The stage was almost set for a comeback of the ages: down 20 early in the fourth quarter and playing before a Folsom Field record crowd of 54,215, Colorado had cut No. 1 ranked Oklahoma's lead to 27-20 and had the Sooners in a third-and-6 situation with 2:13 left. Hold OU, and the Buffs would get the ball back with a chance to perform some of the school's famous two-minute magic.

But the Sooners had different ideas, and Jason White read CU's blitz and dumped the ball off to Mark Clayton in the left flat. Clayton would out-run the CU defense and with the aid of an illegal pick that went unnoticed by the officials, raced 59 yards for the clinching score as the 8-0 Sooners escaped with a 34-20 win.

In the first half, the Buffaloes held their own against the nation's top ranked team. After spotting Oklahoma a quick 14-0 lead in the game's first nine minutes, CU settled down and answered the second score with a 56-yard march for a touchdown. Quarterback Joel Klatt hooked up with D.J. Hackett three times on the drive for 18, 10 and 3 yards, the last getting the Buffs on the board to cut the lead to 14-7.

After the three TD flurry to open the game, defense took over as both teams forced fumbles but couldn't convert them into points. OU did manage to add a Trey DiCarlo field goal with 4:15 left in the quarter, with the 17-7 score holding until the half.

OU came out and played like a number one team in the third quarter; in extending its lead to 27-7, the Sooners ran 24 plays to CU's 5, possessed the ball for 11:22, and outgained the Buffs 155-16. But anyone who knows about night games in Boulder knows CU wasn't about to lie down.

Klatt would throw two more touchdown passes, the first a short toss up the middle that Brian Calhoun snared and dodged defenders up the gut to cover 21 yards in making the score 27-14. On CU's next possession, the Buffs drove 61 yards in nine plays, with Derek McCoy hauling in a 9-yard throw from Klatt to cut the lead to 27-20 with 5:03 to play. OU blocked the PAT kick, however.

After the Sooners went back up by two scores, Colorado couldn't earn a first down, and turned the ball back to OU in the final minutes, with White taking a couple of knees to run out the clock.

OU had 434 yards, but the Buffs forced three turnovers to keep one of the nation's most prolific offenses in check. CU mustered 227, but had 112 in the fourth quarter before running out of time.

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| Oklahoma | 14 | 3 | 10 | 7 | — | 34 |
| COLORADO | 7 | 0 | 0 | 13 | — | 20 |

Oklahoma—Jones 54 pass from White (DiCarlo kick) 0- 7 11:49 1Q
Oklahoma—Works 2 run (DiCarlo kick) 0-14 6:03 1Q

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| COLORADO—Hackett 3 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) | 7-14 | 1:54 | 1Q |
| Oklahoma—DiCarlo 42 FG | 7-17 | 4:15 | 2Q |
| Oklahoma—DiCarlo 20 FG | 7-20 | 8:17 | 3Q |
| Oklahoma—Clayton 15 pass from White (DiCarlo kick) | 7-27 | 1:37 | 3Q |
| COLORADO—Calhoun 21 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) | 14-27 | 11:41 | 4Q |
| COLORADO—McCoy 9 pass from Klatt (kick blocked) | 20-27 | 5:03 | 4Q |
| Oklahoma—Clayton 59 pass from White (DiCarlo kick) | 20-34 | 1:59 | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | OKLAHOMA |
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| First Downs | 15 | 24 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 25-40 | 40-186 |
| Passing Yards | 187 | 248 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 33-24-1 | 28-19-0 |
| Total Offense | 227 | 434 |
| Punts: No-Average | 4-41.3 | 2-52.0 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 2-1 | 4-3 |
| Penalties/Yards | 5/51 | 4/31 |
| Time of Possession | 27:17 | 32:43 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 10-24, Torp 1-20, Jolly 2-10, Vickers 3-7, Bloom 1-2, Klatt 8-minus 23. **Oklahoma:** Works 20-130, K.Jones 13-68, Hickson 3-3, White 2-minus 12, Team 2-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 33-24-1, 187, 3 td. **Oklahoma:** White 28-19-0, 248, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 7-64, McCoy 7-43, Calhoun 4-38, Monteilh 3-19, Klopfenstein 2-26, Bloom 1-minus 3. **Oklahoma:** Clayton 6-96, B.Jones 3-79, Rankins 3-31, K.Jones 3-23, Works 2-14, Wilson 1-11, Runnels 1-minus 6.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 4-41.3 (45 long, 0 In20). **OU:** Ferguson 2-52.0 (53 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-5. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 2-9.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 2-51, M.Moore 1-9, Surrell 1-4. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 2-21.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Tufts 6, 2—8; Boye-Doe 5, 1—6; Surrell 5, 1—6; Billingsley 4, 2—6; Joseph 4, 1—5; Nyenhuis 4, 1—5; McChesney 3, 2—5; Moorer 3, 2—5; Garee 2, 3—5. **Oklahoma:** Strait 6, 2—8; Lehman 5, 1—6; Perkins 5, 0—5; Everage 4, 0—4; Pool 4, 0—4; Jackson 3, 1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: McChesney 1-8, Surrell 1-4. **Oklahoma:** Jackson 1-10, McGruder 1-7, Thibodeaux 1-6, Dvoracek 1-5, Birdine 1-4, Nicholson 1-3, Everage 1-1.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Dawn. **Oklahoma:** Perkins.

GAME #9—TEXAS TECH 26, COLORADO 21

(November 1; Lubbock, Texas)

LUBBOCK, Texas — Things looked pretty good early for Colorado, especially since the Buffaloes scored the third quickest touchdown at the start of a game in their history and then went on to build a 14-0 lead over Texas Tech 11 minutes into the game.

But the nation's top ranked offense regrouped from four straight interceptions to open the game, and combined with an NCAA record eighth punt return touchdown from Wes Welker, the Red Raiders scored the game's next 26 points and then hung on for a 26-21 victory over a stubborn CU squad.

Joel Klatt and Derek McCoy hooked up on a 27-yard touchdown pass right after J.J. Billingsley intercepted his first of two B.J. Symons passes in the first quarter. The score came just 17 seconds into the game, the second quickest from scrimmage and third fastest ever in CU history. Tech's next drive ended with a Billingsley interception at the CU 36, and after Medford Moorer absconded with a Symons pass and raced 72 yards to the Tech 21, where six plays later, Daniel Jolly would crash over from the 1-yard line to give CU a commanding two touchdown lead—or so it seemed.

Tech has made a habit out of rallying from double digits all season, and this night would be no exception, but the Red Raiders used two punt returns by Welker instead of Symon's arm, as despite Tech's 490 yards on offense, it was amazingly still 125 yards below its average coming into the game.

Welker's NCAA record return, a 58-yard scamper, pulled TTU to within 14-9 with 5:45 left in the first half. Tech would pull to within two after Keith Toogood sandwiched Welker's feat with his second field goal of the half. That left CU with a 14-12 lead that would hold up until the middle of the third quarter, when the Red Raiders drove a modest 36 yards in five plays following a short John Torp punt into the wind. Symons hit Welker with a 13-yard TD throw, on a third-and-12 play, that would put Tech up for what proved to be good, 19-14. Later in the period, Tech mounted its only sustained drive of the night, marching 89 yards in eight plays and taking a 26-14 lead on a 10-yard run by Taurean Henderson.

CU still had some fight left, bouncing right back with a monstrous 17-play, 74 yard drive that ate up almost eight-and-a-half minutes off the clock. Klatt and McCoy teamed again for a touchdown, as CU cut the TTU lead to 26-21. The Buffs had one last gasp inside of them, taking over on their own 38 and marched to the Tech 24 before the drive stalled with 2:11 left. Klatt was intercepted by Vincent Meeks at the Tech 7 with 2:17 on the clock, and would not touch the ball again.

Both teams ran 74 plays, though Tech outgained CU 490-294. All told, CU forced Texas Tech into six turnovers, scoring touchdowns after three of them.

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| COLORADO | 14 | 0 | 0 | 7 | — | 21 |
| Texas Tech | 0 | 12 | 14 | 0 | — | 26 |

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| COLORADO—McCoy 27 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) | 7- 0 | 14:43 | 1Q |
| COLORADO—Jolly 1 run (Crosby kick) | 14- 0 | 4:11 | 1Q |
| Texas Tech—Toogood 37 FG | 14- 3 | 7:29 | 2Q |
| Texas Tech—Welker 58 punt return (kick blocked) | 14- 9 | 5:45 | 2Q |
| Texas Tech—Toogood 24 FG | 14-12 | 1:40 | 2Q |
| Texas Tech—Welker 13 pass from Symons (Toogood kick) | 14-19 | 7:46 | 3Q |
| Texas Tech—Henderson 10 run (Toogood kick) | 14-26 | 2:07 | 3Q |
| COLORADO—McCoy 27 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) | 21-26 | 6:27 | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | OKLAHOMA |
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| First Downs | 17 | 32 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 41-81 | 23-91 |
| Passing Yards | 213 | 399 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 33-18-3 | 51-30-5 |
| Total Offense | 294 | 490 |
| Punts: No-Average | 6-41.7 | 2-44.5 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 1-0 | 2-1 |
| Penalties/Yards | 8/58 | 2/20 |
| Time of Possession | 34:37 | 25:23 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 16-76, Jolly 13-20, Torp 1-10, Vickers 1-2, Bloom 1-0, Klatt 9-minus 27. **Texas Tech:** Henderson 9-49, Welker 3-18, Francis 2-15, Symons 5-14, Mack 2-minus 2, Team 2-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 33-18-3, 213, 2 td. **Texas Tech:** Symons 51-30-5, 399, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 4-54, Donahoe 3-37, Calhoun 3-16, Vickers 2-42, McCoy 2-35, Monteilh 2-18, Wallace 2-11. **Texas Tech:** Glover 6-73, Francis 6-66, Henderson 6-63, Welker 5-91, Fuller 2-44, Hicks 2-32, Peters 1-16, Hawkins 1-10, McGuire 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 6-41.7 (53 long, 1 In20). **Texas Tech:** Reyes 2-44.5 (47 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-2. **Texas Tech:** Welker 4-102.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: none. **Texas Tech:** Meeks 1-14.

Interceptions—Colorado: Billingsley 2-8, Moorer 1-72, Joseph 1-17, Dabdoub 1-0. **Texas Tech:** Meeks 1-38, R.Aycock 1-0, Stratton 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Moorer 5,6—11; Surrell 8,2—10; Joseph 7,0—7; Billingsley 5,1—6; Tufts 4,1—5; Jackson 4,0—4; Brooks 3,0—3; Manupuna 3,0—3; Dawn 2,1—3; Ligon 2,1—3. **Texas Tech:** R.Aycock 7,3—10; Stratton 6,1—7; Boyd 5,0—5; McGinnis 5,0—5; Saldi 3,2—5; Smith 3,2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Ligon 1-5, Garee 1-2. **Tech:** Duckett 3-20, Nitschmann 2-17.

GAME #10—COLORADO 21, MISSOURI 16

(November 8; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Joel Klatt threw two touchdown passes and a trio of safeties combined for some incredible, if not game saving numbers, as Colorado snapped a three-game losing streak in defeating No. 22 Missouri, 21-16.

What started out with the appearance of being a high scoring game, as both the Buffaloes and Tigers scored on their first two possessions, turned into a battle of defensive wits, with Missouri stifling the Buffs and CU forcing four Tiger turnovers, three coming deep inside Buff territory.

The Buffs opened with an impressive 82-yard, nine-play drive that culminated with a 16-yard touchdown pass from Klatt to Derek McCoy. It was McCoy's 10th touchdown reception of the season, a CU single-season mark as he broke a tie with two other players. Missouri countered with a 19-yard field goal from Michael Matheny, the drive first kept alive by a roughing the punter penalty on CU after the Tigers appeared to go three plays and out. Then quarterback Brad Smith had first down runs of 12, 13 and 14 yards, but Mizzou couldn't punch it in the end zone, settling for three on the 19th play of the 8 minute and 22 second possession.

CU came back with an 80-yard march, with eight of the 11 plays netting five or more yards and ending with Lawrence Vickers scoring his first collegiate touchdown, which came on a 3-yard pass from Klatt. Undaunted, the Tigers answered with their own 80-yard drive, with Victor Sesay hauling in a 17-yard touchdown toss from Smith, who completed all five of his passes for 57 yards in addition to rushing for 18 more on the possession. Then the defenses took over.

Senior Clyde Surrell, sophomore J.J. Billingsley and true freshman Dominique Brooks combined for 23 tackles in the game, the tip of the iceberg in their efforts that factored heavily in the win.

Brooks made his first two collegiate interceptions, one at the end of the first half on a "Hail Mary" throw by Smith, and the other with 1:58 remaining to end any chance of a Mizzou comeback. Earlier in the fourth quarter, he helped stall another Tiger drive at the CU 40 when he deflected a pass at the line of scrimmage.

Surrell was in on eight tackles, seven solo including a tackle for loss, but his biggest play was when he stripped Smith of the ball and recovered it himself on the first play of the fourth quarter, ending that Mizzou scoring threat at the Buff 20. Billingsley had 14 tackles, 11 solo, with two for losses including a key one on Smith two plays prior to Brooks' pass breakup.

The Buffs had extended their lead to 21-9 by opening the second half with another 80-yard drive, with Brian Calhoun running it in from three yards out, but CU gained just 61 yards the remainder of the half as Mizzou stiffened. The Tigers finally got back into the end zone after the Surrell and Brooks heroics, as with exactly 5:00 remaining, Damien Nash took a short pass from Smith, broke three tackles and raced 48 yards into the end zone to cut the lead to 21-16. The Buffs mustered one first down on its next possession before punting back to the MU, with a season-best 61-yard

effort by John Torp pinning the Tigers at their own 20. Four plays later, Brooks sealed the win with his second interception.

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| Missouri | 3 | 6 | 0 | 7 | — | 16 |
| COLORADO | 7 | 7 | 7 | 0 | — | 21 |

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| COLORADO—McCoy 16 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) | 7- 0 | 10:58 | 1Q |
| Missouri—Matheny 19 FG | 7- 3 | 2:36 | 1Q |
| COLORADO—Vickers 3 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) | 14- 3 | 12:43 | 2Q |
| Missouri—Sesay 17 pass from Smith (pass failed) | 14- 9 | 9:04 | 2Q |
| COLORADO—Calhoun 3 run (Crosby kick) | 21- 9 | 8:43 | 3Q |
| Missouri—Nash 48 pass from Smith (Matheny kick) | 21-16 | 5:00 | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | MISSOURI |
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| First Downs | 19 | 27 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 33-89 | 41-169 |
| Passing Yards | 187 | 278 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 26-19-0 | 42-29-2 |
| Total Offense | 276 | 447 |
| Punts: No-Average | 6-50.7 | 2-51.0 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 0-0 | 4-2 |
| Penalties/Yards | 3/35 | 7/56 |
| Time of Possession | 27:15 | 32:45 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Calhoun 22-65, Vickers 5-14, Bloom 1-12, Klatt 5-minus 2. **Missouri:** Bra. Smith 21-102, Abron 15-46, Nash 5-21.

Passing—CU: Klatt 25-19-0, 187, 2 td; Greenberg 1-0-0, 0. **MU:** Smith 42-29-2, 278, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Hackett 5-84, Bloom 4-22, McCoy 3-31, Vickers 3-28, Calhoun 2-7, Monteilh 1-10, Wallace 1-5. **Missouri:** Coffey 6-47, Omboga 5-47, Abron 5-43, Nash 4-63, Outlaw 3-42, McCoy 2-6, Sesay 1-17, Ekwerekwu 1-9, James 1-6, Viehmann 1-minus 2.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 6-50.7 (61 long, 3 In20). **Missouri:** Harvey 2-51.0 (62 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 1-17. **Missouri:** James 3-59.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Surrell 1-20, Bloom 1-17. **Missouri:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Brooks 2-6. **Missouri:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Billingsley 11,3—14; Tufts 7,6—13; Moorer 9,3—12; Dawn 7,2—9; Surrell 7,1—8; Garee 4,1—5; T.Washington 4,1—5; Boye-Doe 2,3—5. **Missouri:** Kinney 7,4—11; Williams 3,5—8; Ellison 4,1—5; Sweat 4,1—5; Barnes 3,2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Garee 2-22. **Missouri:** Bri. Smith 2-14.

Blooming The coaches wanted to get playmaker **WR Jeremy Bloom** the ball more in 2003, and they've done just that through nine games. As a true freshman in 2002, Bloom had 28 touches on the season, for a whopping 506 yards, or 18.1 yards per touch. In 2003, he's up to **69** touches, for a net **1,164** yards and **16.9** yards per touch (*the 69 touches trail only the quarterbacks and TB Brian Calhoun*). That means his career numbers stand at 97 total touches (rushes, receptions, returns, passes) for 1,670 yards, a pretty impressive 17.2 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. But his biggest day for gobbling up yards was... read on:

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.

Senior Goodbye As the season winds down, 20 Buffalo seniors will be making their final regular season road trip (to Iowa State) before taking the field for the final time behind Ralphie at Folsom Field against Nebraska on November 28. Seven are fifth-year seniors from the 1999 recruiting class, and seven of the players were in the 2000 recruiting class, four of which will exhaust their eligibility but three of whom are candidates for medical redshirts. One other (Barry Kunkel) is a walk-on who earned a schollie; and the other five all transferred to CU from other institutions. The **2003 Colorado senior class**:

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Status |
|-----|-------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|---|--------|
| 69 | ALLIS, Karl | OL | 6- 5 | 310 | Sr. | 3L | Little Rock, Ark. (Catholic) | S 1/1 |
| 85 | DONAHOE, John | WR | 6- 0 | 185 | Sr. | 1L | Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (Torrey Pines) | S 1/1 |
| 94 | FLUELLEN, DeAndre | DT | 6- 1 | 300 | Sr. | 2L | Houston, Texas (Forest Brook/NE Oklahoma A&M) | S 1/1 |
| 44 | GARDNER, Chad | FB | 6- 2 | 235 | Sr. | 3L | Orangevale, Calif. (Granite Bay) | S 2/1 |
| 17 | GONZALES, Daniel | WR | 6- 0 | 175 | Sr. | VR | Grand Junction, Colo. (Grand Junction/Scottsdale CC) | WO 1/1 |
| 88 | HACKETT, D.J. | WR | 6- 3 | 200 | Sr. | 1L | Ontario, Calif. (San Dimas/CSU-Northridge) | S 1/1 |
| 62 | HAGE, Marwan | OL | 6- 3 | 290 | Sr. | 3L | Montreal, Quebec CANADA (Vanier Prep) | S 2/1 |
| 6 | JACKSON, Phil | CB | 6- 1 | 190 | Sr. | 3L | Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sierra) | S 1/1 |
| 84 | JONES, Jake | TE/LS | 6- 5 | 260 | Sr. | 2L | Yucaipa, Calif. (Yucaipa) | S 1/1 |
| 38 | KUNKEL, Barry | WR | 6- 2 | 195 | Sr. | 2L | Broomfield, Colo. (Horizon) | S 1/1 |
| 80 | McCOY, Derek | WR | 6- 3 | 205 | Sr. | 3L | Thornton, Colo. (Skyview) | S 1/1 |
| 3 | MOORE, Marcus | CB | 5-11 | 175 | Sr. | 1L | Westmont, Ill. (Downers Grove South) | S 1/1 |
| 17 | MOORER, Medford | S | 6- 2 | 200 | Sr. | 3L | Los Angeles, Calif. (Locke) | S 1/1 |
| 97 | NYENHUIS, Gabe | DE | 6- 4 | 275 | Sr. | 1L | St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles/Northwestern/Garden City CC) | S 1/1 |
| 35 | STEWART, Omar | S | 5-11 | 200 | Sr. | VR | Northridge, Calif. (Monroe/College of the Canyons) | S 1/1 |
| 20 | SURRELL, Clyde | S | 5-10 | 190 | Sr. | 3L | Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest) | S 2/1 |
| 54 | TUFTS, Sean | ILB | 6- 4 | 245 | Sr. | 3L | Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek) | S 2/1 |

Candidates For Medical Redshirts:

| | | | | | | | | |
|----|------------------|----|------|-----|-----|----|--|-------|
| 30 | HARRIS, Marques | DE | 6- 2 | 235 | Sr. | 3L | Grand Junction, Colo. (Grand Junction) | S 2/1 |
| 42 | PURIFY, Bobby | TB | 6- 0 | 200 | Sr. | 3L | Colorado Springs, Colo. (Palmer) | S 2/1 |
| 45 | SYNIEWSKI, Quinn | TE | 6- 7 | 255 | Sr. | 3L | Granger, Iowa (Johnston) | S 2/1 |

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..... | 11-45-2 | 7-13-1 | 5 wins by Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 10..... | 24-758-3 | 13-23-2 | 8 wins by Eddie Crowder/Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 15..... | 36-94-3 | 19-27-2 | 10 wins by Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 25..... | 66-117-3 | 40-36-2 | 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** (remember that traditionally, CU has played one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

Trends I Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 152-71-4, the 12th best record nationally in this span). In these 227 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

| | | | |
|---|----------|--|----------|
| ♦ with 400-plus yards total offense | 95-14-2 | ♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 73- 6-1 |
| ♦ 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 | 100-18-3 | ♦ when leading after three quarters (<i>124-8-3 in last 135</i>) | 128-10-3 |
| ♦ when making 20-plus first downs | 97-24-1 | ♦ when leading at halftime (<i>110-11-2 in last 123</i>) | 126-13-2 |
| ♦ 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 | 144-45-4 |
| ♦ when scoring first | 95-18-1 | ♦ when held to 13 points or less | 3-26-0 |
| ♦ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>26-6-2 with zero</i>) | 110-31-2 | ♦ when passing for more yards than rushing | 57-44-2 |
| ♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 93-14-1 | ♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time | 85-12-2 |

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 124-52-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (180 games, including bowls):

| | | | |
|---|---------|---|----------|
| ➤ when running more plays than the opponent | 72-20-3 | ➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls | 106-18-2 |
| ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>42-4 with 500-plus</i>) | 81-14-2 | ➤ 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>45-36-1 when not</i>) | 79-16-3 | ➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards | 30- 0-1 |
| ➤ when making 20-plus first downs | 84-21-1 | ➤ 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 | 63-28-2 |
| ➤ when scoring first (<i>62-9-1 the last 72 times</i>) | 73-12-1 | ➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>9-0-1 400-plus</i>) | 22- 9-1 |
| ➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>20-6-2 with zero</i>) | 92-25-2 | ➤ when passing for more yards than rushing | 57-44-2 |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 69- 7-1 | ➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time | 67-11-2 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 57- 6-1 | ➤ when holding edge in field position | 96-15-1 |
| ➤ 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>) | 88-21-2 | ➤ 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 33-27 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (60 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 | 28-10 |
| ➤ when leading in possession time (<i>11-16 when not</i>) | 22-11 | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards | 17-2 |
| ➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>3-3 with zero</i>) | 11-6 | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards | 15-0 |
| ➤ when turnover margin for CU is plus or even | 28-12 | ➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards | 8-0 |
| <i>last 22 games when plus or even</i> | 19-3 | ➤ 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>9-22 when not</i>) | 24-5 | ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense | 22-9 |
| ➤ when leading at halftime | 26-5 | ➤ with 500-plus yards total offense | 14-2 |
| ➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>1-2 when tied</i>) | 6-20 | ➤ when out-rushing the opponent | 27-3 |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 14-2 | ➤ when owning the edge in return yards | 24-10 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 15-5 | ➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game | 11-7 |

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 10 games in '03, that percentage is down to 58.2%**. 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 (10 games):** Seniors (87), Juniors (41), Sophomores (65), Freshmen (27: redshirts 12, true 15).
- **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 15 seasons. Of the 55 losses, 31 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, Oklahoma and Kansas State (three times), Kansas, Missouri 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.

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 |
|-------------|----|----|--------------|----|----|--------------|----|----|-------------|------|-----|
| ACKERMANN | 8 | 0 | diZEREGA | 36 | 1 | HARRIS, L. | 0 | 0 | LITTLEHALES | 3 | 0 |
| ALLIS | 43 | 16 | DONAHOE | 31 | 11 | HARRIS, M. | 40 | 31 | MACKAY | 0 | 0 |
| ANDERSON | 0 | 0 | DUREN | 10 | 0 | HARRISON | 0 | 0 | MANUPUNA | 21 | 2 |
| BARREAU | 0 | 0 | EBERLY | 3 | — | HEATON | 0 | 0 | MARTIN, J. | 0 | 0 |
| BILLINGSLEY | 24 | 16 | EBERHART | 5 | — | HENDERSON | 0 | 0 | MARTIN, K. | 0 | 0 |
| BLOOM | 23 | 0 | EGAN | 0 | 0 | HOLLIS | 13 | 2 | McCHESNEY | 29 | 10 |
| BOYE-DOE | 9 | 2 | ENRIGHT | 0 | 0 | HOLZ | 0 | 0 | McCOY | 48 | 34 |
| BRENNAN | 0 | 0 | EVANS | 0 | 0 | HUBBARD | 5 | 0 | MONTEILH | 24 | 2 |
| BROOKS | 8 | 3 | FENTON | 8 | 0 | IWUH | 22 | 6 | MOORE, G. | 16 | 1 |
| CAESAR | 8 | 0 | FLUELLEN | 37 | 11 | JACKSON, B. | 0 | 0 | MOORE, M. | 34 | 0 |
| CALHOUN | 24 | 9 | GARDNER | 33 | 0 | JACKSON, P. | 45 | 36 | MOORER | 43 | 26 |
| CARPENTER | 0 | 0 | GAREE | 17 | 6 | JOLLY | 5 | 0 | NYENHUIS | 23 | 22 |
| CLEMENT | 1 | 0 | GOETTSCH | 0 | 0 | JONES, J. | 37 | 0 | O'NEAL | 15 | 4 |
| COX | 1 | 0 | GONZALES, D. | 0 | 0 | JONES, M. | 3 | 0 | PACE | 22 | 0 |
| CRAWFORD | 0 | 0 | GONZALES, M. | 0 | 0 | JOSEPH | 10 | 10 | POLUMBUS | 0 | 0 |
| CREIGHTON | 9 | 0 | GREENBERG | 6 | 2 | JUDGE | 24 | 0 | PURIFY | 35 | 5 |
| CROSBY | 10 | — | GRIFFITH, K. | 19 | 0 | KLATT | 12 | 8 | ROBINSON | 0 | 0 |
| CUSWORTH | 0 | 0 | GUYDON | 0 | 0 | KLOPFENSTEIN | 16 | 8 | RUSSELL | 0 | 0 |
| DABDOUB | 34 | 15 | HACKETT | 23 | 10 | KUNKEL | 41 | 0 | SANDERS | 0 | 0 |
| DANIELS | 9 | 7 | HAGE | 45 | 39 | LANDRY | 0 | 0 | SCALES | 1 | 0 |
| DAWN | 24 | 4 | HAMMOND | 0 | 0 | LIGON | 9 | 1 | SHADER | 3 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | TEAM | 1391 | 459 |

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S 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, DE Marques Harris, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Synniewski, 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 FRESHMAN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: Brian Calhoun (2002). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).

LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).

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

The longest starting streak on the team is owned by **OG/C Marwan Hage** at 37 games; **DE Marques Harris** had started 29 before his season-ending injury against UCLA. The next longest is by **FS Medford Moor** (24) and **OT Sam Wilder** (21, but the first 11 of those were at DT). Hage also leads in career starts with 39, followed by **CB Phil Jackson** with 36, **WR Derek McCoy** with 34, Harris with 31 and then **ILB Sean Tufts** (28). Harris will return in '04 with a chance to play in more games than any Buff before him.

Twenty-Three Get First Taste

A total of 23 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

Eighteen "First" Starts

The fourth most players in the last 20 seasons have made their first career starts in a CU uniform in 2003. Eighteen have started for the first time, including eight out of the gates in the opener against CSU: **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**. Against Kansas State, two more started for the first time; **ILB Walter Boye-Doe** and **DT Vaka Manupuna**, and **DE Alex Ligon** made his first start at Texas Tech. 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 (18).

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 19 different lineups in 10 games, and thus has now utilized **120 different starting lineups in its last 73 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). Purify, however, is likely done for the season with a nasty high ankle sprain, but should qualify for a medical redshirt.

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 267 touches (233 rushes, 28 receptions, 6 returns) with three fumbles, or one for every 89.0 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 Cafe 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. 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**..... Found a home at cornerback after shuffling positions his first four years here, as he was moved there in the spring. But his real contribution has come on special teams.
- 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 has worked counseling 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 has five career interceptions, three of which ended scoring drives in 2002 (two in the end zone, one other inside-the-15), though has struggled a bit as a senior. He is married with two children.
- 7 **Vance Washington**..... Blocked the PAT kick on Kansas' fourth quarter TD that enabled CU to tie game with two FG's in final 5:24.
- 8 **Daniel Jolly** He suffered a hyper-extended knee in camp, and didn't make his first appearance until the Big 12 opener. A bruising kind of tailback, he scored five touchdowns in his first 18 carries as a collegian.
- 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 has bounced around between strong safety to inside linebacker: just days into August practices, he shifted from SS to ILB; the week of the KSU game, he switched back to bolster the secondary. It's easy for him to accept, as with his body style and projected weight he's likely a future 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 of all of three passes and played eight snaps total on offense as a frosh, but the 21-year old sophomore nailed down the starting job for '03. He has the best foot-speed of the QBs.
- 15 **Jeremy Bloom**..... Scored a 75-yard TD on his first collegiate touch, a punt return against CSU in 2002, 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 was 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 for the funeral of his younger brother (who was murdered in Los Angeles the last week in August). His first game was at Florida State, and he responded with 13 tackles. Against Oklahoma, he had 6 tackles, a sack, a TFL, 2 FF and 1 FR.
- 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.
- 33 **Walter Boye-Doe** Developing nicely, progressing from spot special teams duty to starting against Kansas State.
- 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").
- 45 Quinn Sypniewski**..... He was hampered by a toe injury dating back to last fall to late August; he played only sparingly in two games this year (UCLA, Florida State) and has decided to take a medical redshirt and return in 2004.
- 50 Chris Hollis** An off on on 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's one of the best ILB he's had here (a mighty 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 visors and 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. His play steadily improved to the point where he was named a starter at DE for the Big 12 opener and has remained there.
- 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. He is now a favorite target of CU QB's and seems to catch anything thrown within a yard of him. 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 having a nice breakout year with good numbers, and is setting the table for the future. Missed the TTU game with a viral illness.
- 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 is return. He made his first career start at Kansas State and has been taking his play up a notch.
- 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 | 5:51 (48:31) |
| OKLAHOMA | 0:00 (56:49) |
| TEXAS TECH | 36:57 (22:46) |
| MISSOURI | 55:58 |
| IOWA STATE | |
| NEBRASKA | |

Time Spent In The Lead: 183:49

Time Opp. In The Lead: 319:23

Games Held Lead In: 7

Games Trailed In: 9

#—led in overtime. In 91 games over the last eight seasons, CU has led in 73 of them; the Buffs have also had a lead in 50 of 61 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 **1,060** 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 **7-12-1** in its last **20** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-24-2** against top 10 schools and **40-36-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **87** of its last **180** 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 **132** of these **180** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **107-23-2** (CU is **17-29-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- CU has allowed only **288** touchdowns in the last **569** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **281** times have yielded **146** field goals as well as **135** 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 **56** touchdowns in **137** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **76** scores overall, meaning **61** non-scores). So far in 2003, the opponent has 15 scores (12 TDs, 3 FG) out of 26 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 **38** of its last **78** contests (four times to date in 2003, five times in 2002), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **131** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **74** times (56 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **38** of the **131** games since the '93 season opener (30%)... and remember CU has played **59** ranked teams in this span.
- In 2003, the Buff defense has practically been in an all or nothing mode. The opponent has run **717** plays, with **323** going for five yards or more (45%) and **244** for zero or minus yardage (34%). Ironically, it's almost the same for the Buffs: CU has run **738** plays, **289** for five-plus yards (39%) and **273** for zero or minus yards (37%).
- 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 **28** scores by return in their last **56** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **48** scores by return in its last **107** games (41 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 to accomplish the 200 "double-double" **eight** times in the last **59** games. The Buffs have recorded the feat **29** times in their last **131** 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 **295** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for **175** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **295** sacks allowed for **4,264** pass plays called, or one for every **14.5** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **123** interceptions in **3,968** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.10** percent (one every **32.3** passes).
- The Buffs have been an enigma on **third down** defensively in 2003. While opponents are converting at an ordinary **35.7** percent clip (**46-of-129**), it's what they've accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents have gained **855** yards on those **46** makes, or an average of **18.6** per play; otherwise, CU has allowed just **46** yards on the other **83** plays, or just **0.6** per.
- **Quick Strike.** Colorado has made a habit of scoring quickly the past two seasons. This season, CU has **12** scoring drives, 11 for touchdowns, under 2:00 in length (out of **39** total). In fact, seven 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 **80-29-3** in its last **112** 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 **27** of **40** 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 **168** of **240** quarters (70 percent), as well as in four of five overtime periods. All tolled, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **394** of its last **516** 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 (325 games), Colorado has blown a two-or-more score lead only 12 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 |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 11/01/03 | at Texas Tech | 14 (14- 0; 1st Quarter) | L, 21-26 | 9/15/90 | at Illinois | 14 (17- 3; 2nd Quarter) | L, 22-23 |
| 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 |

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 **73** of its last **77** 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), and two games later, Texas Tech mustered a similar comeback. 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 Kunkel (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 Moorer (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 eight games in 2003, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** had worked 404 CU football games, including a current run of 387 in a row (he's seen 424 all told). The radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 379 games in his career, including 119 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 281, including the last 239 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 239 in all (89 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staff member with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 180 in a row as a member of the staff; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 226 CU games. Head coach **Gary Barnett** has now coached in 155 Buffalo games (95 as an assistant). And equipment man **Mike Smith** has now worked 107 straight, 156 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 Nov. 10), 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 | COACHES | | | |
| #Chris Naeole | OG | Jacksonville Jaguars | 6 | Name | Pos. | Team | Tie To Colorado |
| #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 Stoltzenberg, Derek West and Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played. Five remain on NFL rosters some nine years later.

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

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

Scout Watch CU's senior class numbers 20 this fall, and 47 scouts representing 23 NFL teams have already scouted CU: Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Green Bay, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Miami, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Jets, Pittsburgh, Seattle, Tennessee and Washington. The Colorado Crush of Arena Football has also scouted the Buffs.

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

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

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

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

2003 Team Makeup The 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**, **DE Marques Harris**, **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 20th is reserve **WR Daniel Gonzales**; three players, Harris, Purify and Sypniewski, suffered season ending maladies and are candidates for medical redshirts, as all three have one available to them.

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 17 major schools. The list: 5—Air Force, Missouri; 4—San Jose State; 3—Kansas, Minnesota, Utah State; 2—California, Iowa, Iowa 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 and Oklahoma (3 each).

Scoring Streaks The Buffs have scored in a school record **182** 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 **99** 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 **72** consecutive road games (**93** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **114** straight league games (all **64** 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 **237** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **414** 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 Nov. 8):** Texas 275, **Colorado 182**, Nebraska 99, Kansas State 89, Texas Tech 75, Oklahoma 64, Oklahoma State 37, Kansas 12, Missouri 9, Baylor 2, Iowa State 0, Texas A&M 0. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

Scoring Streaks II The school record **182** 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 November 8:

| School | Streak | Last Shutout | School | Streak | Last Shutout |
|------------------|--------|--|------------------|------------|--|
| Brigham Young | 361 | Sept. 27, 1975 at Arizona State (0-20) | Florida | 193 | Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16) |
| Texas | 275 | Nov. 22, 1980 at Baylor (0-16) | Colorado | 182 | Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7) |
| Washington | 262 | Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31) | Arizona | 144 | Oct. 5, 1991 at Washington (0-54) |
| Michigan | 225 | Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26) | Nevada | 137 | All games: joined Div I-A in 1993 |
| Washington State | 224 | Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44) | Texas Christian | 135 | Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32) |
| Oregon | 218 | Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63) | Air Force | 132 | *Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13) |
| Florida State | 194 | Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31) | (*—Liberty Bowl) | | |

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

- ❑ Colorado is **61-20** in its last **81** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **61-11** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **52-15-1** in its last **68** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **17-7** since 1986 against teams ranked between Nos. 20 and 25 in the AP poll (**8-1** in the last 9; five straight wins);
- ❑ Colorado is **59-9-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**12-2** last 14; **66-42-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **60-23-2** 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 |
| 2003 (4) | 67 | 39 | - | .632 |

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 **ninth** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**124-52-4**). Of these 180 games, Colorado has played **78** 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 **40-36-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-15** record *on the road*); CU is also **84-16-2** against unranked teams. CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last nine-plus years (**59** of its last **131** 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 1-2 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. (5-5)

| | | |
|------|------------------|----|
| 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 |
| 30 | AIR FORCE | 20 |
| 28 | at Wyoming | 35 |
| 34 | at New Mexico | 37 |
| N 15 | SAN DIEGO STATE | |
| N 22 | at UNLV | |

FLORIDA STATE (8-2)

| | | |
|------|-------------------|----|
| 37 | at North Carolina | 0 |
| 35 | MARYLAND | 10 |
| 14 | GEORGIA TECH | 13 |
| 47 | COLORADO | 7 |
| 56 | at Duke | 7 |
| 14 | MIAMI, FLA. | 22 |
| 19 | at Virginia | 14 |
| 48 | WAKE FOREST | 24 |
| 37 | at Notre Dame | 0 |
| 10 | at Clemson | 26 |
| N 15 | N.C. STATE | |
| N 29 | at Florida | |

KANSAS STATE (8-3)

| | | |
|------|-----------------|----|
| 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 |
| 49 | COLORADO | 20 |
| 42 | KANSAS | 6 |
| 38 | BAYLOR | 10 |
| 45 | at Iowa State | 0 |
| N 15 | at Nebraska | |
| N 22 | MISSOURI | |

MISSOURI (6-3)

| | | |
|------|-------------------------|----|
| 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 |
| 13 | at Oklahoma | 34 |
| 62 | TEXAS TECH | 31 |
| 16 | at Colorado | 21 |
| N 15 | TEXAS A&M | |
| N 22 | at Kansas State | |
| N 29 | IOWA STATE | |

UCLA (6-4)

| | | |
|------|-------------------|----|
| 14 | at Colorado | 16 |
| 6 | ILLINOIS | 3 |
| 24 | at Oklahoma | 59 |
| 20 | SAN DIEGO STATE | 10 |
| 46 | WASHINGTON | 16 |
| 24 | at Arizona | 21 |
| 23 | CALIFORNIA | 20 |
| 20 | ARIZONA STATE | 13 |
| 14 | at Stanford | 21 |
| 13 | at Washington St. | 31 |
| N 15 | OREGON | |
| N 22 | at Southern Cal | |

BAYLOR (3-7)

| | | |
|------|-----------------|----|
| 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 |
| 21 | at Kansas | 28 |
| 0 | TEXAS | 56 |
| 10 | at Kansas State | 38 |
| 14 | TEXAS TECH | 62 |
| N 15 | at Oklahoma | |
| N 22 | OKLAHOMA STATE | |

OKLAHOMA (9-0)

| | | |
|------|-------------------|----|
| 37 | NORTH TEXAS | 3 |
| 20 | at Alabama | 13 |
| 52 | FRESNO STATE | 28 |
| 59 | UCLA | 24 |
| 53 | at Iowa State | 7 |
| 65 | Texas (at Dallas) | 13 |
| 34 | MISSOURI | 13 |
| 34 | at Colorado | 20 |
| 52 | OKLAHOMA ST. | 9 |
| 77 | TEXAS A&M | 0 |
| N 15 | BAYLOR | |
| N 22 | at Texas Tech | |

IOWA STATE (2-7)

| | | |
|------|----------------------|----|
| 17 | NORTHERN IOWA | 10 |
| 48 | OHIO | 20 |
| 21 | IOWA | 40 |
| 16 | at Northern Illinois | 24 |
| 7 | OKLAHOMA | 53 |
| 21 | at Texas Tech | 52 |
| 19 | TEXAS | 40 |
| 0 | at Nebraska | 28 |
| 0 | KANSAS STATE | 45 |
| N 15 | COLORADO | |
| N 22 | at Kansas | |
| N 29 | at Missouri | |

WASHINGTON ST. (8-2)

| | | |
|------|--------------------|----|
| 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 |
| 24 | at Stanford | 14 |
| 36 | OREGON STATE | 30 |
| 16 | at Southern Cal | 43 |
| 31 | UCLA | 13 |
| N 15 | ARIZONA STATE | |
| N 22 | at Washington | |

KANSAS (5-5)

| | | |
|------|-------------------|----|
| 20 | NORTHWESTERN | 28 |
| 46 | UNLV | 24 |
| 42 | at Wyoming | 35 |
| 41 | JACKSONVILLE ST. | 7 |
| 35 | MISSOURI | 14 |
| 47 | at Colorado OT | 50 |
| 28 | BAYLOR | 21 |
| 6 | at Kansas State | 42 |
| 33 | at Texas A&M | 45 |
| 3 | NEBRASKA | 24 |
| N 15 | at Oklahoma State | |
| N 22 | IOWA STATE | |

TEXAS TECH (7-3)

| | | |
|------|-----------------|----|
| 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 |
| 49 | at Oklahoma St. | 51 |
| 31 | at Missouri | 62 |
| 26 | COLORADO | 21 |
| 62 | at Baylor | 14 |
| N 15 | at Texas | |
| N 22 | OKLAHOMA | |

NEBRASKA (8-2)

| | | |
|------|--------------------|----|
| 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 |
| 48 | TEXAS A&M | 12 |
| 28 | IOWA STATE | 0 |
| 7 | at Texas | 31 |
| 24 | at Kansas | 3 |
| 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 **634-390-36** in **1,060** 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 **271-128-10** in 79 seasons on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **233-197-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

Monthly Tab CU is **43-15-1** in its last **59** November games, including 15 straight wins between 1991 and 1996; CU is **37-8** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, and is 4-7-1 against NU in turkey month). Colorado **41-16-2** in its last **59** October games, and is **38-15** in its last 53 games played in September. 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 |
| Colorado | 7 | 9 | Kansas State | 3 | 3 | North Carolina | 1 | 2 | Michigan State | 1 | 1 |
| Michigan | 3 | 9 | Notre Dame | 3 | 3 | Virginia Tech | 1 | 2 | Minnesota | 1 | 1 |
| Penn State | 4 | 8 | Purdue | 3 | 3 | California | 1 | 1 | Missouri | 1 | 1 |
| Florida | 3 | 8 | UCLA | 3 | 3 | Cincinnati | 1 | 1 | N.C. State | 1 | 1 |
| Wisconsin | 3 | 6 | USC | 2 | 3 | Colorado State | 1 | 1 | Pittsburgh | 1 | 1 |
| Arizona | 4 | 5 | Washington | 2 | 3 | Fresno State | 1 | 1 | Stanford | 1 | 1 |
| Oklahoma | 4 | 5 | Georgia | 2 | 2 | Georgia Tech | 1 | 1 | Tulane | 1 | 1 |
| Brigham Young | 2 | 5 | Illinois | 2 | 2 | Kentucky | 1 | 1 | Washington State | 1 | 1 |
| Texas | 1 | 5 | Texas A&M | 2 | 2 | Louisiana State | 1 | 1 | Wyoming | 1 | 1 |

Domination Colorado has only **17** 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 **66-14-2** in their last 82 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record **97-16-2** in the last 115. The Buffs are **135-53-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (7-7 in bowls); **94-37-3** 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 **110** of its last **168** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (65.5 percent). That includes six 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, **73** of CU's **95** games in this span have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 77 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) 15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 175, Soph.*
 23 Tyler Littlehales, 6-4, 200, Fr.-RS
(4 Ron Monteilh, 6-1, 195, Jr.—injured)*

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

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



*—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.*
 51 Alex Ligon, 6-4, 240, Fr.-RS
 99 McKenzie Tilmon, 6-4, 305, Jr.

DT..... 98 Brandon Dabdoub, 6-1, 290, Jr.**
 94 DeAndre Fluellen, 6-1, 300, Sr.**
 96 Marcus Jones, 6-5, 270, Fr.-RS

DT..... 60 Matt McChesney, 6-4, 290, Jr.**
 93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 290, Soph.*

DE..... 82 James Garee, 6-5, 255, Soph.*
 50 Chris Hollis, 6-1, 235, Soph.*

MLB... 54 Sean Tufts, 6-4, 245, Sr.***
 49 Thaddaeus Washington, 6-0, 240, Fr.-RS

WLB... 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 230, Fr.
 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-2, 225, Soph.*
 55 Jason Ackermann, 6-2, 215, Fr.-RS

SS..... 20 Clyde Surrell, 5-10, 190, Sr.***
 27 Brian Iwuh, 6-1, 215, Soph.*

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.

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

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

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.*
 20 Clyde Surrell, 5-10, 190, Sr.***
 3 Marcus Moore, 5-11, 175, Sr.*

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

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

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

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

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2002)

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

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2002)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|----|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Florida State | 147 | 26 | 1 | .847 |
| 2 | Nebraska | 145 | 29 | 1 | .831 |
| 3 | Miami, Fla. | 139 | 29 | 0 | .827 |
| 4 | Tennessee | 136 | 34 | 3 | .795 |
| 5 | Florida | 137 | 37 | 1 | .786 |
| 6 | Michigan | 129 | 38 | 3 | .768 |
| 7 | Ohio State | 128 | 42 | 3 | .749 |
| 8 | Penn State | 124 | 46 | 1 | .728 |
| 9 | Texas A & M | 123 | 47 | 2 | .721 |
| 10 | Colorado | 120 | 46 | 4 | .718 |
| 11 | Notre Dame | 120 | 48 | 2 | .712 |
| 12 | Alabama | 121 | 49 | 1 | .711 |
| 13 | Washington | 116 | 50 | 1 | .698 |
| 14 | Kansas State | 116 | 51 | 1 | .693 |
| 15 | Virginia Tech | 112 | 52 | 2 | .681 |
| 16 | Brigham Young | 119 | 56 | 2 | .678 |
| 17 | Toledo | 107 | 51 | 3 | .674 |
| 18 | Syracuse | 110 | 55 | 3 | .664 |
| 19 | Auburn | 107 | 55 | 3 | .658 |
| 20 | Texas | 110 | 57 | 2 | .657 |
| 21 | Georgia | 107 | 58 | 1 | .648 |
| 22 | Virginia | 108 | 61 | 1 | .638 |
| 23 | Air Force | 109 | 62 | 1 | .637 |
| 24 | Oklahoma | 104 | 59 | 3 | .636 |
| 25 | Oregon | 105 | 61 | 0 | .633 |
| 26 | Colorado State | 106 | 62 | 1 | .630 |
| 27 | Fresno State | 105 | 64 | 2 | .620 |
| 28 | Clemson | 102 | 63 | 1 | .617 |
| 29 | Southern California | 99 | 66 | 4 | .598 |
| 30 | Georgia Tech | 97 | 67 | 1 | .591 |
| 31 | North Carolina | 96 | 68 | 1 | .585 |
| 32 | Mississippi | 95 | 68 | 0 | .583 |
| 33 | UCLA | 93 | 68 | 1 | .577 |
| 34 | Southern Miss | 92 | 68 | 1 | .575 |
| 35 | Wisconsin | 94 | 70 | 4 | .571 |
| 36 | Arizona | 93 | 70 | 1 | .570 |

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2002)

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

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

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (13-9-1)

| 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 (Big 12 Championship @Houston) |
| 2003 | Oklahoma 34, COLORADO 20 |