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2006 COLORADO FOOTBALL — SEASON ENDING NOTES

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QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The **Colorado Buffaloes** completed their 117th season of intercollegiate football with a 2-10 record, finishing fifth in the Big 12 North with a 2-6 record... Though just Colorado's third 10-loss season in its history, the Buffs were in every setback (the 10 were by a combined 112 points; CU's six in 2005 were by 162 and the previous 22 by 472, or 21.5 per setback)... The 37-14 season-ending loss at No. 23 Nebraska marked the 1,100th game in school history, but was CU's 14th in a row to ranked teams... Colorado did not go to a bowl for just the fifth time since 1984, and this was just school's fourth losing season in that time frame (1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006)... **PK Mason Crosby** garnered a second straight All-American honor.

2007 COLORADO SCHEDULE

SEPT. 1	#Colorado State	OCT. 20	*KANSAS
Sept. 8	at Arizona State	Oct. 27	*at Texas Tech
SEPT. 15	FLORIDA STATE	NOV. 3	*MISSOURI
SEPT. 22	MIAMI-OHIO	Nov. 10	*at Iowa State
SEPT. 29	*OKLAHOMA	NOV. 23	*NEBRASKA
Oct. 6	*at Baylor		#—in Denver
Oct. 13	*at Kansas State		*—Big 12 Conference Game

SEASON POSITIVES

There were many positives in 2006 for the Colorado Buffaloes. A look at some of what stood out that will help set the table for the future:

- ➔ **Rushing Yards.** Colorado rushed for **2,075** yards (172.9 per game), its most since 3,136 in 2002, and its most in any losing season since 1974, when the 5-6 Buffs rushed for 2,441 yards. Three players rushed for over 500 yards, just the 10th time in school history that feat was accomplished (**TB Hugh Charles**, **QB Bernard Jackson** and **TB Mell Holliday** combined for 1,968 yards and averaged 4.9 yards per carry).
- ➔ **Turnover Margin.** CU finished the year at **plus-8**, the best number since a plus-13 in 1993; it also tied for the eighth best single-season figure in school history, behind 1956 (+18), 1967 (+17), 1976 (+16), 1993 (+13), 1992 (+12), 1972 (+11) and 1960 (+10). The +0.67 per game average is 17th in the NCAA.
- ➔ Colorado committed just **16 turnovers**, the fewest since 13 in both 1993 and 1989 (which were 11-game seasons); the 16 are thus the third fewest committed by a Buffalo team over the last **50** seasons. CU's last turnover was a fumble lost with 7:55 left in the second quarter of the Kansas State game, meaning the Buffs finished the last 10-plus quarters (**157:55**) of the season without a turnover (**QB Bernard Jackson** was not intercepted in his last **66** passes). CU's quarterbacks threw just 8 interceptions, tied for the 13th lowest total in the last 61 seasons (with the 3.1 INT percentage the seventh lowest in school annals).
- ➔ CU had four games with no turnovers, a school season best; the old season high had been three games, which had been done just three times (1956, 1989, 1993).
- ➔ CU allowed **22.3** points per game, the fewest since 1998 (19.1), and the third lowest figure in CU's 11 years in the Big 12 (the other: 18.1 in 1996).
- ➔ **Linebacker Play.** Junior **Jordon Dizon** and senior **Thaddaeus Washington** became the first set of linebackers to both post 100-plus tackles in a season since 1994, when Ted Johnson and Matt Russell accomplished the double-triple.
- ➔ **Field Position.** Opponents started 56 of 138 drives at or inside their 20 (40.6%), while not up to the figure in 2005 (49.7%), the Buffs had a freshman punter compared to a Ray Guy finalist a year ago. **P Matthew DiLallo** improved as the season progressed, and his 43.7 average was a school frosh best (he was just the third freshman to ever lead the team in punting, something CU's six All-Americans at the position never did).
- ➔ **TE Riar Geer.** The redshirt freshman tight end became the first frosh, true or redshirt, to lead the Buffaloes for a single season in both receptions and yards, as he finished the year with 24 catches for 261 yards (and 3 TDs). He's just the ninth tight end to lead the team, joining the likes of Jerry Hillebrand, J.V. Cain, Dave Hestera, Jon Embree and Daniel Graham, who was the last to do it in 2001.
- ➔ Colorado allowed just **six** plays from scrimmage of 40 yards or longer (4 pass, 2 rush); that ties the fewest since the 1987 season, when the Buffs surrendered just four (two of each). Over the past 20 years, CU has limited the foe to six three other seasons (1991, 1994, 1995), with the 13 allowed over the last two seasons the third fewest over a two-year span (trailing the 11 over the 1987-88 seasons and 12 over '94 and '95).
- ➔ **Second Down Defense.** Though opponents did convert at a 47.8 clip on third down, CU's defense shined on second and short; opponents converted just 23 of 53 times when faced with second and four or less (the same figure for the NFL Denver Broncos, a highly regarded defense, is 26-of-43).
- ➔ **Penalties.** Colorado was flagged for **63** penalties, down from 116 in 2005 and its fewest since 1986, when the Buffs were called for 60 infractions. The **559** penalty yards were the fewest since the '88 team had 535 yards marched off on calls.

2006 COLORADO SCHEDULE & RESULTS (2-10, 2-6 BIG 12)

Date	CU*	Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	2006 Record	Series	This-N-That
SEPT. 2	NR	MONTANA STATE	NR	none	L 10-19	8-5	1- 3-0	Offense can't get rolling in CU's first game ever vs. I-AA team
Sept. 9	NR	Colorado State (Denver)	NR	CSTV	L 10-14	4-8	57-19-2	CSU ends 3-game skid, last five games decided by 22 pts
SEPT. 16	NR	ARIZONA STATE	22	TBS	L 3-21	7-5	0- 1-0	Buffs can't capitalize on 4 ASU turnovers; Charles 109 yards
Sept. 23	NR	at Georgia	9	LFS +	L 13-14	8-4	0- 1-0	CU dominates game, but UGA rallies for win w/:46 left
Sept. 30	NR	+at Missouri	25	FSN	L 13-28	8-4	31-37-3	Offense gets season highs to date but MU gets 4 TD passes
OCT. 7	NR	+BAYLOR (H)	NR	none	L 31-34 (3 OT)	4-8	8- 6-0	First multiple session OT game in CU history goes to Baylor
OCT. 14	NR	+TEXAS TECH (FW)	NR	none	W 30- 6	7-5	4- 4-0	Hawkins gets No. 1, all phases (O-D-ST) dominate
Oct. 21	NR	+at Oklahoma	20	FSN	L 3-24	11-2	16-39-2	Sooners limit CU to 113 total yards, late TD (:17) pads score
Oct. 28	NR	+at Kansas	NR	none	L 15-20	6-6	41-22-3	Crosby boots CU to 9-0 lead, but KU frosh QB led comeback
NOV. 4	NR	+KANSAS STATE	NR	FSN	L 21-34	7-5	43-18-1	Down 17, CU rallies to within 20-14 but K-State pulls away
NOV. 11	NR	+IOWA STATE	NR	none	W 33-16	4-8	47-13-1	Holliday runs for 126, Jackson throws 2 TDs, runs for third
Nov. 24	NR	+at Nebraska	23	ABC	L 14-37	9-4	17-46-2	14-14 game in mid-3rd Qtr turns on reception call, safety

(All times mountain. KEY: *—AP rank at game time +—SEC Syndication on Lincoln Financial Sports; +—Big 12 Conference game; H—Homecoming; FW—Family Weekend)

MEDIA SERVICES

- Coach **Dan Hawkins** holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Hawkins beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 5-12-19-26, Oct. 3-10-17-24-31, Nov. 7-20 (Monday)-28, Dec. TBA (bowl). NOTE that there are no organized press luncheons on Aug. 29 (prior to opener) and Nov. 14 (bye week). The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on www.CUBuffs.com (in the Stampede Online area); all press conferences on CUBuffs.com are free and thus do not require access codes.
- Hawkins can be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. MT. All coaches participate; please call 706/679-2026 for access (media only—you must register). The teleconference replay is available after 2 p.m. MT the same day through www.Big12sports.com or for access, call 706/634-1618.
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available Tuesdays on the Big 12 Conference's satellite highlights package, which can be found at Galaxy 3C, Transponder 21 (C-band), 4120 MHz vertical, standard audio 6.2-6.8 MHz between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. MT from Aug. 29 through Dec. 5 (trouble number: 972/868-1862). Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (Deric Swanson or Eric Pelloni: 303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed 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; no cutoff to request players).
- Colorado's regular season **football practices** are closed to the general public (August 23 on; preseason practices prior are open) but are open to the media. The first 25 minutes of practices in-season are, however, open for photography (video) needs from the end zones and sidelines. Extensive parameters listed in CU media policies.
- This year's standard **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (3:15-5:00, 5:15-6:15); Monday (off); Tuesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:15), Wednesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:15), Thursday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:00), Friday (3:00-4:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed post-practice on Sundays, pre- and post-practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and pre-practice Thursdays (the cutoff moves up to pre-Wednesday practice for Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all four days in all time slots. Interviews on Mondays are at the discretion of the player, as it being the standard player day off (no meetings/practice), CU can't arrange due to NCAA rules.
- **Collegepressbox.com** is the official media website for Big 12 football. Access and download weekly game notes, statistics, media guides and more for the conference and each member school throughout the season. The conference office will distribute login information to accredited media, and media members can also apply for a password by e-mailing password@collegepressbox.com.
- **CU On-Line Photo Database.** The CU sports information service has an online photo database that allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality head shots of all CU coaches and student-athletes as well as action shots of key players. Registration is easy: for a login and password, simply log on to www.CUBuffs.com, select "Sports Information" from the "Athletic Department" menu located on the left navigation bar and follow the instructions.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE INTERNET

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Visit the official CU site at www.CUBuffs.com for the latest information, releases, game notes and press conference broadcasts (free). "Stampede Online" offers the opportunity to listen and/or watch live game action of several CU athletic teams. Breaking news with the program will be found here first every time and delivered in full without others editing out what they might deem unessential.
- **Yahoo.com** is now the official site for subscription service for audio-only broadcasts, as all football and men's and women's basketball games will be streamed through Yahoo! Just visit the Game Day Live area of the site or link through the Yahoo! Button on the left side navigation bars.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE AIRWAYS

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his third year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Larry Zimmer** (analysis) is in his 33rd season broadcasting Colorado football (he handled play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** (pre- and postgame shows/sidelines) is in his second year filling in for former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** (who did 29 years of broadcasts but is on sabbatical at present as he resides full-time in California tending to a new business venture).
- Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the **Dan Hawkins Show** originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Mark Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program.
- **Satellite Radio:** Sirius Satellite Radio is home to Big 12 broadcasts; the CU-Nebraska broadcast will air on channel **181** (CU/KOA radio network feed) and **143** (NU feed).
- **FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. (adjusted when the Colorado Rockies are playing in September). Assistant AD and former CU QB **Charles Johnson** hosts the program; the show will air August 24 through the end of basketball season for the men and/or women. FSN's "**CU All Access**" takes a behind the scenes look at the overall CU football program with the weekly show always airing on Tuesdays (10:00 p.m. on Sept. 19 and 26, with replays set for the following Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.—all times mountain).

IMPORTANT ROSTER INFORMATION & UPDATES (Number changes, etc., from the media guide)

Number Changes: QB Patrick Devenny (5, from 47). **Quit Football:** C Zach Jones. **Quit Team:** QB Brian White (Sept. 10; transferred to Portland State). **Position Changes:** Maurice Cantrell (FB, from ILB); Patrick Devenny (back to QB, from TE). **Pronunciation Changes:** TE Tyson DeVree (duh-vray). **Suspended/Season:** S Tyrone Henderson.

DUPE NUMBERS: While there are several duplicate numbers, those who appear below are the ones most likely to see action. CU jerseys *DO* have names on the back; key:

A—African-American, C—Caucasian:

Offense/Kicker

10 James Cox (C)
21 Scotty McKnight (C)

Defense/Kicker

10 Terry Washington (A)
21 Vance Washington (A)

Offense/Kicker

30 Paul Creighton (C)
47 Patrick Devenny (C)

Defense/Kicker

30 Joel Adams (C)
47 Alonzo Barrett (A)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaches/Staff

Brian **CABRAL** (cuh-browl)
Mark **HELFRICH** (hel-fritch)
Eric **KIESAU** (key-saw)
ROMEO Bandison (row-may-oh)
Chris **STRAUSSER** (straw-sir)

Players

Paul **BACKOWSKI** (buh-cow-ski)

B.J. **BEATTY** (bay-tee)
Jake **BEHRENS** (bear-ens)
QUINTON Borders (quinn-tin)
Walter **BOYE-DOE** (boy-doe)
CHA'PELLE Brown (shuh-pell)
JALIL Brown (juh-leal)
Chad **CUSWORTH** (cuss-worth)
Patrick **DEVENNY** (duh-vain-E)
Tyson **DEVREE** (duh-vray)

Matt **DILALLO** (di-lah-low)
Jordon **DIZON** (dye-zonn)
Justin **DRESCHER** (dresh-er)
Erick **FAATAGI** (fuh-tah-gee)
Dan **GOETTSCHE** (getch)
MARQUEZ HERROD (mar-qwez her-rod)
George **HYPOLITE** (hip-puh-light)
Samson **JAGORAS** (juh-gore-us)
TAJ Kaynor (as in Taj Mahal)

Alex **LIGON** (lee-gone)
Kevin **MOYD** (moid, as in void)
Justin **NONU** (no-new)
Wes **PALAZZI** (puh-lozz-E)
Tyler **POLUMBUS** (as in Columbus)
STEPHON Robinson (steff-on)
Michael **SIPILI** (sih-pill-E)
Nate **SOLDER** (sold-er)
JARRELL Yates (juh-rell)

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are CU's starters for the 2006 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	TB	FB (Other)
Montana State	Williams	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	Fenton	Head	Harrison	Geer	Cox	Charles	Jagoras
Colorado State	Williams	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	Fenton	D.Sanders	Harrison	Geer	Jackson	Ellis	Goettsch (TE)
Arizona State	Sprague	Robinson	Polumbus	Daniels	Fenton	D.Sanders	Harrison	DeVree	Jackson	Ellis	Goettsch (TE)
Georgia	Williams	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	Fenton	D.Sanders	Harrison	Geer	Jackson	Ellis	Crawford (WR)
Missouri	Sprague	Robinson	Polumbus	Daniels	MacMartin	D.Sanders	Harrison	Geer	Jackson	Charles	Crawford (WR)
Baylor	Holz	Goettsch (TE)	Polumbus	Daniels	MacMartin	D.Sanders	Harrison	Geer	Jackson	Ellis	Cantrell
Texas Tech	Williams	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	MacMartin	D.Sanders	Harrison	Geer	Jackson	Charles	Cantrell
Oklahoma	Williams	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	MacMartin	D.Sanders	Harrison	Geer	Jackson	Charles	Cantrell
Kansas	Holz	Mackey	Polumbus	Daniels	MacMartin	D.Sanders	Backowski	Geer	Jackson	Charles	Cantrell
Kansas State	Williams	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	MacMartin	D.Sanders	Harrison	Goettsch	Jackson	Charles	Creighton (TE)
Iowa State	Williams	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	MacMartin	D.Sanders	Tipton	Geer	Jackson	Holliday	Cantrell
Nebraska	Holz	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	Fenton	D.Sanders	Tipton	DeVree	Jackson	Charles	Creighton (TE)
DEFENSE	LE	DT	NT	RE	MLB	WLB	SLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Montana State	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Sims	Burney	Billingsley	Wheatley
Colorado State	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Sims	Walters	Billingsley	Wheatley
Arizona State	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Sims	Walters	Billingsley	Wheatley
Georgia	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Te.Washington (N)	Dizon	B.Jones	Sims	Walters	Billingsley	Wheatley
Missouri	Wright	C.Brown (N)	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Sipili	Burton	B.Jones	Sims	Walters	Billingsley	Wheatley
Baylor	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	C.Brown (N)	Dizon	B.Jones	Sims	Burney	Harris	Wheatley
Texas Tech	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	C.Brown (N)	Te.Washington	Walters	Harris	Wheatley
Oklahoma	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Te.Washington	Walters	Harris	Wheatley
Kansas	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Te.Washington	Walters	Harris	Wheatley
Kansas State	Lucas	Ligon	C.Brown (N)	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Te.Washington	Walters	Harris	Wheatley
Iowa State	Wright	Ligon	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Te.Washington	Walters	Billingsley	Wheatley
Nebraska	Wright	Ligon	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Sipili	Dizon	B.Jones	Te.Washington	Walters	Harris	Wheatley

(N)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Daniels 22, Polumbus 13, Boye-Doe 12, Wheatley 12. **CAREER STARTS**—Daniels 43, Billingsley 37, Dizon 34, Sims 31, Th. Washington 31.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Montana State 91/54; Colorado State 92/55; Arizona State 92/54; Georgia 65/56; Missouri 69/57; Baylor 90/53; Texas Tech 92/59; Oklahoma 70/58; Kansas 70/59; Kansas State 90/56; Iowa State 90/58; Nebraska 68/56.

WALK-ON INFLUENCE

Six current or former walk-ons made starts for Colorado in 2006, easily the most in recent memory and second to Kansas State (seven) in the Big 12 in 2006. The six, all offensive players, combined to make 13 starts, but all were regulars on either offense and/or special teams: **TE Dan Goettsch** (4 starts), **WR Nick Holz** (3), **WR Cody Crawford** (2), **TE Paul Creighton** (2), **TB Mell Holliday** (1) and **FB Samson Jagoras** (1).

IN THE POLLS

Colorado was not ranked in the *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* polls of November 26, and was not in the preseason (the Buffs received one point in the coaches' ballot); CU was also not in the final 2005 rankings. Last year, the Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the November 6 coaches' ballot (No. 22 in the AP and Harris Interactive), but dropped out after a Nov. 12 loss at Iowa State. CU was ranked three times in 2005, reaching No. 18 in the BCS Standings at one point (Nov. 6) and had returned to the polls after a 25-month hiatus on October 9. Dating back to the 1989 preseason, CU has been ranked in **185** of the last **292** polls (*AP*; 64%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). CU has been ranked **292** times in its history, the 21st most all-time. Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (92), trailing Florida (98), Florida State (95) and Michigan (94).

COLORADO IN THE POLLS – 2006 WEEKLY

A look where Colorado placed in each of the four major polls in 2006 (RV—denotes received votes; NV—denotes no votes):

Poll	PS	9/05	9/10	9/17	9/24	10/01	10/08	10/15	10/22	10/29	11/05	11/12	11/19	11/26	12/03	Final
<i>Associated Press</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>USA Today Coaches</i>	RV	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Harris Interactive	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BCS Standings	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

WHAT'S BACK IN 2007

On offense: of the 2,075 rushing yards by the Buffs in 2006, **1,580** were put in the books by players returning for the 2007 season, or 76 percent; of the 1,422 passing yards, Bernard Jackson returns, as he had **1,298** of those, or 91 percent; with **1,365** receiving yards provided by those back in the fold, or 96 percent. Defense: there were 984 total tackles, with players who posted **631** of those returning, or 64 percent.

2006 SEASON HONORS

The complete list of honors for the 2006 season for all Colorado Buffaloes. Highlights include **PK Mason Crosby**, who became the seventh player in school history to be named first-team all-conference three times; he joins **G Joe Romig** (1959-60-61), **P Barry Helton** (1985-86-87), **SS Mickey Pruitt** (1985-86-87), **OLB Kanavis McGhee** (1988-89-90), **CB Chris Hudson** (1992-93-94) and **CB/KR Ben Kelly** (1997-98-99). Crosby is also CU's first two-time All-American since **WR Michael Westbrook** (1992-94), and the first in back-to-back seasons since **OG Joe Garten** and **OLB Alfred Williams** (both in 1989-90). **CB Terrence Wheatley** is CU's first all-league defensive back since **SS Michael Lewis** was so honored in 2001 (last cornerback was Kelly in 1999), while **DE Abraham Wright** was the first defensive end/outside linebacker since **OLB Ron Woolfork** in 1993.

ALL-AMERICA

PK MASON CROSBY (first-team: *Walter Camp, Pro Football Weekly*; third-team: *Associated Press, Rivals.com*)

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN

P MATT DiLALLO (first-team: *collegefootballnews.com, Sporting News, Rivals.com*) **ILB MICHAEL SIPILI** (honorable mention: *Sporting News*)
TE RIAR GEER (second-team: *Sporting News, Rivals.com*; third-team: *collegefootballnews.com*)

ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE

PK MASON CROSBY (first-team: *Associated Press, Big 12 Coaches, ESPN.com, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Kansas City Star, Houston Chronicle, San Antonio Express-News*)
OG BRIAN DANIELS (second-team: *Associated Press*; honorable mention: *Big 12 Coaches*)
ILB JORDON DIZON (first-team: *San Antonio Express-News*; second-team: *Associated Press, Houston Chronicle, Kansas City Star*; honorable mention: *Big 12 Coaches*)
C MARK FENTON (honorable mention: *Associated Press*)
DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (honorable mention: *Big 12 Coaches*)
ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON (second-team: *Houston Chronicle, San Antonio Express-News*; honorable mention: *Associated Press, Big 12 Coaches*)
CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY (first-team: *Big 12 Coaches*; second-team: *Associated Press, Houston Chronicle*)
DE ABRAHAM WRIGHT (first-team: *Associated Press, Big 12 Coaches, ESPN.com, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Kansas City Star, Houston Chronicle*; second-team: *San Antonio Express-News*)

FRESHMAN ALL-BIG 12

OT PAUL BACKOWSKI (first-team: *The Sporting News*) **TE RIAR GEER** (first-team: *The Sporting News*)
P MATT DiLALLO (first-team: *The Sporting News*)

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; October 14 vs. Texas Tech: 3-3 FG, including 56 & 53-yarders, 3-3 PAT, five of seven kickoffs for touchbacks*)
FS RYAN WALTERS (*Defensive; October 14 vs. Texas Tech: 4 tackles (two solo), two interceptions, two third down stops*)
PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; November 11 vs. Iowa State: 4-5 FG, miss from 65, four of eight kickoffs for touchbacks, three others inside-the-20*)

CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (*September 18-24: vs. Georgia: 4 tackles, three for losses including two quarterback sacks, forced fumble*)
P MATTHEW DiLALLO (*October 2-8: vs. Baylor: 4-51.8 punting, 2 In20*)
PK MASON CROSBY (*October 9-15: vs. Texas Tech: 3-3 FG, including 56 & 53-yarders, 3-3 PAT, five of seven kickoffs for touchbacks*)
ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON (*October 16-22: vs. Oklahoma: 19 tackles, 12 solo; four third down stops*)
QB BERNARD JACKSON (*Oct. 30-Nov. 5: vs. Kansas State: 17 rushes for 105 yards, 2 TDs, 145 yards, 1 TD passing*)
PK MASON CROSBY (*November 6-12: vs. Iowa State: 4-5 FG, the miss from 65, it went 64; 3-3 PAT, four of eight kickoffs for touchbacks, three others inside-the-20*)

COLORADO CHAPTER/NFF COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

PK MASON CROSBY (*November 11 vs. Iowa State: 4-5 FG, the miss from 65, it went 64; 3-3 PAT, four of eight kickoffs for touchbacks, three others inside-the-20*)
ILB JORDON DIZON (*November 24 vs. Nebraska: 19 tackles, 9 solo, two for losses*)

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE

S BENJAMIN BURNEY (first-team: Film Studies, 3.3 GPA)	WR DUSTY SPRAGUE (first-team: Business Management, 3.6 GPA)
OLB BEN CARPENTER (first-team: Finance/Integrative Physiology, 3.9 GPA)	ILB R.J. BROWN (second-team: Broadcast Journalism, 3.1 GPA)
OG BRIAN DANIELS (first-team: Finance, 3.5 GPA)	P MATT DiLALLO (second-team: Integrative Physiology, 3.1 GPA)
TE TYSON DeVREE (first-team: Geography, 3.2 GPA)	ILB JORDON DIZON (second-team: Economics, 3.1 GPA)
TB BYRON ELLIS (first-team: Integrative Physiology, 3.5 GPA)	DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (second-team: Ethnic Studies, 3.2 GPA)
OT TYLER POLUMBUS (first-team: Business Management, 3.2 GPA)	

COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

OLB BEN CARPENTER (first-team: 3.89 GPA, Finance/Integrative Physiology) **TB BYRON ELLIS** (second-team: 3.5 GPA, Integrative Physiology)
OG BRIAN DANIELS (first-team: 3.53 GPA, Finance)

POSTSEASON ALL-STAR GAMES

PK MASON CROSBY (*Senior Bowl*) **OG BRIAN DANIELS** (*Hula Bowl*) **ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON** (*Hula Bowl*)

2006 SEASON HONORS, CONTINUED**BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL LISTS****(SEMIFINALIST, FINALIST, WATCH)**

Dick Butkus Award (top linebacker): **ILB Jordon Dizon, ILB Thaddaeus Washington** (two of 65 candidates on official watch list)
Vincent Draddy Trophy (academic "Heisman"): **OG Brian Daniels** (one of 17 finalists)
Lou Groza Award (top placekicker): **PK Mason Crosby** (one of 20 semifinalists)
Ted Hendricks Award (top defensive end): **DE Abraham Wright** (one of 42 on official watch list; one of 27 on official mid-season watch list)
Rotary Lombardi Award (top down lineman within 5 yards of ball): **C Mark Fenton, ILB Thaddaeus Washington** (two of 101 candidates on official watch list)
Bronko Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player): **ILB Thaddaeus Washington** (one of 56 candidates on official watch list)
Dave Rimington Award (top center): **C Mark Fenton** (one of 40 candidates on official watch list)
Outland Trophy (top interior lineman): **OG Brian Daniels, C Mark Fenton** (two of 54 candidates on official watch list)
Doak Walker Award (top running back): **TB Hugh Charles** (one of 50 candidates on official watch list)

COLORADO TEAM AWARDS*(Selected by players unless otherwise indicated)*

Hang Tough Award (overcame the most adversity): QB Bernard Jackson
Tyronee "Tiger" Bussey Award (perseverance over adversity, injury and/or illness): ILB Thaddaeus Washington
Best Interview (selected by team beat media): DE Abraham Wright
Buffalo Heart Award (selected by "the fans behind the bench"): ILB Thaddaeus Washington
Dean Jacob Van Ek Award (academic excellence): OLB Ben Carpenter
Bill McCartney Award (special teams achievement): PK Mason Crosby
Regiment Award (greatest contribution with least recognition): WR Nick Holz
Derek Singleton Award (spirit, dedication, enthusiasm): DE Abraham Wright
Tom McMahon Award (dedication and work ethic): ILB Jordon Dizon
Eddie Crowder Award (leadership): OG Brian Daniels
Offensive Scout Award: QB Cody Hawkins
Defensive Scout Award: DE Marquez Herrod
Special Teams Scout Award: TE Nate Solder

WASHINGTON SNARES FANS' BUFFALO HEART AWARD

The 9th annual Buffalo Heart Award, presented by the "Fans Behind The Bench" was awarded after Colorado's 33-16 win over Iowa State in an informal postgame presentation on the CU sideline to **ILB Thaddaeus Washington**. The award goes to the senior who the fans, from their own observations, believe has best exemplified heart, grit, determination and desire during their CU career. Washington is the first linebacker and the third defensive player to win the award.

FIRST YEAR COACHING COMPARISON

Dan Hawkins isn't the only coach in Colorado history who struggled in his first season. In fact, for whatever reason, it's more the norm, as going back to **Dal Ward's** inaugural year (1948, when CU became a member of the Big Seven Conference), only two coaches had winning records with one other a .500 mark out of the 10 who have piloted the Buffs over the last 59 seasons. The winningest coach, **Rick Neuheisel** (10-2 in 1995) was the only one who was a member of the CU staff as an assistant the previous season (he's also the only one to win his opening game), with the other, Gary Barnett (7-5 in 1999), also previously serving on a Colorado staff between 1984 and 1991. All eight previous coaches before Hawkins suffered greater margins of defeat in their losses, as CU lost its 10 games by an average of 11.2 points this season, matching Ward's six setbacks his first season. A closer look at the first seasons for CU's last 10 head coaches:

Head Coach	Inaugural Season	Record	Points For	Points Against	Avg Win	Loss	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Turnover Margin	Problem Spot(s)
Dal Ward	1948	3-6	168	164	23.7	11.2	167.4	79.3	246.8	193.0	78.7	271.7	- 0.22	CU: 15 INT in 120 pass attempts
Sonny Grandelius	1959	5-5	144	177	8.6	15.2	133.1	135.5	268.6	160.2	95.3	255.5	0.00	CU: 4-of-15 on 2-Pt. PAT
Bud Davis	1962	2-8	122	346	15.0	31.8	134.0	116.0	250.0	269.7	116.5	386.2	- 0.90	Opponent: 51.7% on 3rd Down
Eddie Crowder	1963	2-8	100	245	19.5	23.0	167.0	72.2	239.2	217.9	108.9	326.8	- 0.60	Outscored 62-0 in 2nd quarter
Bill Mallory	1974	5-6	226	307	10.4	21.7	221.9	114.4	336.3	251.3	116.8	368.1	- 0.18	Opp: 32-of-40 TDs in red zone
Chuck Fairbanks	1979	3-8	168	274	10.0	17.0	139.8	136.9	276.7	234.5	97.4	331.8	- 1.09	CU QBs sacked 55 times
Bill McCartney	1982	2-8-1	160	301	18.5	22.3	104.8	175/6	279.5	238.3	158.5	396.7	- 0.09	Opponent +12.5 plays per game
Rick Neuheisel	1995	10-2	444	240	24.3	19.5	189.5	297.2	486.6	143.6	184.3	329.4	+ 0.18	97 penalties (Opponent: 53)
Gary Barnett	1999	7-5	405	311	22.6	12.8	151.2	273.7	424.9	171.5	176.1	347.6	+ 0.18	CU QBs sacked 32 times
Dan Hawkins	2006	2-10	196	267	20.5	11.2	172.9	118.5	291.4	112.4	228.5	340.9	+ 0.67	Opp: 66.9 CP; 47.8 3rd Down

SCHEDULE STRENGTH

Through games of December 2, Colorado is playing the nation's **68th** toughest schedule nationally (as calculated by the NCAA on cumulative opposition records for the season). Florida leads the pack, as its opponents were combined 81-46 for a 63.8 winning percentage; Michigan (78-47, 62.4), Cincinnati (71-44, 61.7), South Carolina (70-45, 60.9) and Minnesota (70-46, 60.3) round out the top five. CU's opponents were 56-57 (49.6), 74th on the list overall. Texas tops the Big 12 list (10th, 69-47, 59.5), followed by Oklahoma State (12th), Nebraska (25th), Missouri (33rd), Texas Tech (40th), Baylor (44th), Texas A&M (52nd), Oklahoma (58th), CU, Kansas State (71st), Iowa State (75th) and Kansas (96th). Texas' was helped by playing 12-0 Ohio State, and the southern schools aided by playing UT, OU & A&M (29-8).

SIXTY-FOUR PLAYERS LETTER IN 2006

Colorado had **64** players earn letters in 2006, **30** offensive players, **31** defensive players and **three** special team performers. There are four ways a player can letter: participate in 100 plays (scrimmage snaps plus special teams); possess a special skill—punter/kicker/special teams; be a true freshman who gave up his redshirt year for the benefit of the team (unless injured and can get a medical redshirt); or be a senior in good academic standing. Sophomore **S Joel Adams** earned his first letter in football, but has two others as an alpine performer on CU's national championship ski team; he's the first player in school history to letter in the football/skiing combo. The 2006 lettermen (the 23 seniors listed in **bold**):

ACKERMANN, Jason	2L	CARPENTER, Ben	2L	FENTON, Mark	4L	LIGON, Alex	4L	SIPILI, Michael	1L
ADAMS, Joel	1L	CHARLES, Hugh	3L	GEER, Riar	1L	LUCAS, Maurice	2L	SMART, Jeff	1L
BACKOWSKI, Paul	1L	COX, James	3L	GOETTSCHE, Dan	1L	MACKEY, Blake	2L	SPRAGUE, Dusty	3L
BARNETT, Alvin	2L	CRAWFORD, Cody	1L	HARRIS, Lionel	2L	MacMARTIN, Bryce	2L	TIPTON, Jack	3L
BARRETT, Alonzo	3L	CREIGHTON, Paul	4L	HARRISON, Edwin	3L	McBRIDE, Chase	1L	WALTERS, Ryan	2L
BILLINGSLEY, J.J.	4L	CROSBY, Mason	4L	HEAD, Devin	1L	McKAY, Gardner	2L	WASHINGTON, Terry	2L
BOYE-DOE, Walter	4L	CUSWORTH, Chad	2L	HOLLIDAY, Mell	1L	MOYD, Kevin	1L	WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus	4L
BRACE, Jason	1L	DANIELS, Brian	4L	HOLZ, Nick	3L	NICOLAS, Brandon	1L	WASHINGTON, Vance	3L
BROWN, Cha'pelle	1L	DeVREE, Tyson	1L	HYPOLITE, George	2L	POLUMBUS, Tyler	3L	WHEATLEY, Terrence	3L
BROWN, R.J.	1L	DiLALLO, Matthew	1L	JACKSON, Bernard	1L	ROBINSON, Stephone	3L	WILLIAMS, Patrick	2L
BURNEY, Benjamin	2L	DIZON, Jordan	3L	JAGORAS, Samson	1L	SANDERS, Daniel	2L	WRIGHT, Abraham	3L
BURTON, Marcus	2L	DRESCHER, Justin	1L	JONES, Brad	2L	SANDERS, Joe	2L	YATES, Jarrell	1L
CANTRELL, Maurice	1L	ELLIS, Byron	3L	JONES, Marcus	1L	SIMS, Lorenzo	4L		

SENIORS FINALE

The Nebraska game was the career collegiate finale for 23 of CU's 24 seniors. Seventeen are fifth-year seniors, including 10 who were members of the 2002 recruiting class, along with five who walked on as true freshmen that same year. Four hail from the 2003 recruiting class who played as true frosh, with the other four players who transferred in from other institutions. The 24th senior, **S Dominique Brooks**, is redshirting while complete rehab for knee surgery. The 23 seniors who completed their CU careers in 2006 (letters include those earned for this season):

No. Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Major	Target Grad. Date
55 ACKERMANN, Jason	ILB	6- 1	225	Sr.	2L	Louisville, Colo. (Boulder Fairview)	Sociology	May '07
5 BILLINGSLEY, J.J.	S	5-11	190	Sr.	4L	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)	Sociology	May '07
33 BOYE-DOE, Walter	DE	6- 2	250	Sr.	4L	Keller, Texas (Keller)	Business/Finance & Marketing	May '07
19 CARPENTER, Ben	OLB	6- 3	225	Sr.	2L	Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling)	Business/Finance	Graduated (a)
10 COX, James	QB	6- 3	220	Sr.	3L	Simi Valley, Calif. (Royal)	Communication	May '07
30 CREIGHTON, Paul	TE	6- 5	250	Sr.	4L	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)	Psychology	Graduated
16 CROSBY, Mason	PK	6- 2	215	Sr.	4L	Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)	Communication	Graduated
56 CUSWORTH, Chad	OLB	5-11	215	Sr.	2L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (ThunderRidge)	Business/Management	May '07
66 DANIELS, Brian	OL	6- 4	300	Sr.	4L	Evergreen, Colo. (Mullen)	Business/Finance	May '07
58 FENTON, Mark	C	6- 4	295	Sr.	4L	Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)	Political Science	Graduated
46 GOETTSCHE, Dan	TE	6- 5	240	Sr.	1L	Austin, Minn. (Austin)	Sociology	May '07
37 HOLLIDAY, Mell	TB	5- 8	205	Sr.	1L	Omaha, Neb. (Benson/Wayne State/Nebraska)	Psychology	May '07
85 HOLZ, Nick	WR	5-11	180	Sr.	3L	Danville, Calif. (De La Salle)	Communication	Graduated
96 JONES, Marcus	DT	6- 4	300	Sr.	1L	Klein, Texas (Klein)	Economics	Graduated (b)
51 LIGON, Alex	DL	6- 3	275	Sr.	4L	Torrance, Calif. (North Torrance)	Sociology	Graduated
9 MACKEY, Blake	WR	6- 3	200	Sr.	2L	Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield)	Communication	Graduated
57 MacMARTIN, Bryce	OL	6- 2	285	Sr.	2L	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/CC of San Francisco)	Chemical Engineering	Summer '07
22 SIMS, Lorenzo, Jr.	CB	5-11	185	Sr.	4L	Fresno, Calif. (Edison)	Sociology	May '07
63 TIPTON, Jack	OL	6- 3	295	Sr.	3L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	Architecture/Planning	May '07
10 WASHINGTON, Terry	CB	5-10	195	Sr.	2L	St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City CC)	Ethnic Studies	May '07
49 WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus	ILB	5-11	245	Sr.	4L	Marrero, La. (John Ehret)	Sociology	May '07
21 WASHINGTON, Vance	LB	5-10	190	Sr.	3L	Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook)	Sociology	May '07
53 WRIGHT, Abraham	DE	6- 3	245	Sr.	3L	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Okla. A&M)	Sociology	Graduated

(a—working on a second degree in integrative physiology; b—working on a second degree in sociology).

FORMER CU GREAT NARCISIAN PASSES AWAY

Former letterman **Harry Narcisian**, one of CU's first real stars when Colorado jumped from the Mountain States Conference into the Big Seven after World War II, passed away in his sleep on December 3 in Boulder. Narcisian, 77, lettered three times in football between 1947 and 1949, and also garnered letters in track.

A quarterback/halfback in the days of two-way football, the 5-10, 172-pounder from Wheat Ridge (Colo.) High School rushed for 894 yards in his career, a figure that still ranks 52nd all-time at CU, averaging just under four yards per carry with eight touchdowns. He also passed for 961 yards and 10 touchdowns in amassing 1,855 yards of total offense overall.

His most prolific season was his junior year in 1948, CU's first in the Big Seven. Though CU was 3-6 overall, the Buffaloes were a surprising 2-3 in league play to finish fourth, as Narcisian had 1,031 yards of total offense, just the third Buff documented at the time to record 1,000 yards in a single season, joining Kayo Lam (1935) and Byron White (1937). He led the team with 510 yards rushing (6 TDs) in Coach Dal Ward's single-wing offense, while also throwing for 521 yards and five scores. His top game came in a 28-14 win over Utah State, when he had 19 carries for 153 yards and two scores.

Narcisian was also the team leader in punt returns that season (12.3 average, with a 69-yard return for a touchdown in a 51-7 win over Kansas State) and kickoff returns (25.7), while making two interceptions, returning one 77 yards for a touchdown against then-Colorado A&M, still the 14th longest such return in school history. He had 1,702 all-purpose yards in his career (894 rush, 581 kickoff return, 227 punt return).

A celebration of his life was held December 15 at Boulder Country Club. Preceded in death by his wife, Madge, he is survived by a brother, Frank (Golden) and children John (Scottsdale, Ariz.), Ann Videan (Mesa, Ariz.) and Paul (of Highlands Ranch) and four grandchildren.

FANTASTIC "RED" FRESHMEN

➤ **TE Riar Geer** led the team in receiving with 24 catches for 261 yards and three touchdowns (all three were team bests). No freshman, true or redshirt, had ever led the Buffs in receiving before Geer did it in 2006, and his 24 receptions were the most by a freshman tight end in school history, besting the 20 by **Brody Heffner Liddiard** in 1996. (Liddiard holds the yardage record at 288, which Geer fell 27 yards short of tying.)

➤ **P Matt DiLallo** is fourth in the Big 12 behind Baylor's Daniel Sepulveda and 15th in the NCAA with a 43.7 average (he's 2.8 out of the league and NCAA lead, as Sepulveda is tops in both). He's just the third player to have led CU in punting as a freshman, joining **Stan Koleski** (38.2 in 1973) and **Andy Mitchell** (38.3 in 1994). DiLallo also rose to the occasion in the Baylor game and out-punted the defending Ray Guy Award winner Sepulveda in both gross (51.8 for four punts, to 49.8 for four) and in net (45.8 to 44.8). DiLallo had two inside-the-20 (one inside-the-10) with a long of 63 with an 11-man rush at the end of regulation. Mitchell's 38.3 average was the best ever posted by a CU freshman before DiLallo bested it by some 5.4 yards.

CROSBY NOW CU'S ALL-TIME LEADING SCORER

When he opted to return to CU for his senior year instead of turning professional early, CU's all-time scoring mark was one of the records **PK Mason Crosby** had his eyes on. Well, that record is now his: with 76 points on the season (19 FG, 19 PAT), Crosby passed **TB Eric Bieniemy** into first place on the list with **307** points; Bieniemy scored 254 between 1987 and 1990. Crosby became just the third player to lead the Buffs in scoring three different years; he led the team in 2004 and 2005; Bieniemy did it thrice (1987, 1988, 1990) as did **PK Jeremy Aldrich** (1997, 1998 & 1999).

Crosby also set one of the more unique records in school history, as with 46 points against Iowa State e, he now owns the CU career record for the most points scored against one opponent. The old record had been 42 points, held by **Byron White** against Utah, **John Bayuk** against Arizona and **J.J. Flannigan** versus Kansas State; the record would be less obscure if media guides could be more than 208 pages, but (*insert choice word here*) NCAA rules limit books to that size (except its own; it's 592 pages). Here's the list of most points scored against one opponent:

Player	Points	Opponent	Seasons	Breakdown
Mason Crosby	46	Iowa State	2003-06	12-13 FG, 10-11 PAT (1-1, 5-6 in 2003; 4-4, 1-1 in 2004; 3-3, 1-1 in 2005; 4-5, 3-3 in 2006)
Byron White	42	Utah	1935-37	6 TD, 3 PAT, 1 FG (0 TD, 0 PAT in 1935; 4 TD, 1 PAT in 1936; 2 TD, 2 PAT, 1 FG in 1937)
John Bayuk	42	Arizona	1954-56	7 TD (4 TD in 1954, 0 TD in 1955, 3 TD in 1956)
J.J. Flannigan	42	Kansas State	1987-89	7 TD (0 TD in 1987, 3 TD in 1988, 4 TD in 1989)
Eric Bieniemy	36	Kansas	1987-90	6 TD (1 TD in 1997; 2 TD in 1988, 0 TD in 1989/injured; 3 TD in 1990)
Chris Brown	36	Nebraska	2001-02	6 TD (6 TD in 2001, 0 TD in 2002/injured)
Byron White	35	Colorado Mines	1935-37	5 TD, 5 PAT (0 TD, 0 PAT in 1935; 1 TD, 2 PAT in 1936; 4 TD, 3 PAT in 1937)
<i>Old kick-scoring mark:</i>				
Jeremy Aldrich	30	Kansas	1996-99	6-7 FG, 12-12 PAT (0-0, 0-0 in 1996; 0-0, 6-6 in 1997; 1-2, 2-2 in 1998; 5-5, 4-4 in 1999)

JACKSON QUIETLY MADE HISTORY

Junior **QB Bernard Jackson** quietly made some history in 2006; the often-traveled (in regards to position switches) "B-Jax" finally settled in at his natural and preferred position and showed marked improvement since being handed the keys to the Colorado offense in game two of the season. Always explosive in practices and scrimmages, once he had the chance to show he could do the same in game action, he displayed the same kind of numbers. He had **31** runs of 10 or more yards (**three** 30-plus, **six** 20-plus), and **69** of five or longer, both team highs. It all added to **677** rushing yards for the season, the third most ever in a single-year by a CU quarterback. When deducting the number of times and yards sacked, Jackson's true per carry average of 6.6 yards is bested by just one player, Kordell Stewart (7.1 in 1993 with a matching 6.6 in 1994). The top 10 single-season rushing performances by a quarterback in CU history:

Quarterback	Season	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Sacked/Yds	True Rushing		
							Att.	Yards	Avg.
Darian Hagan	1989	186	1,004	5.4	17	9/ 52	177	1,056	6.0
Bobby Anderson	1968	183	788	4.3	9	8/ 58	175	846	4.8
Bernard Jackson	2006	155	677	4.4	7	28/155	127	832	6.6
Kordell Stewart	1994	122	639	5.2	7	20/141	102	780	6.6
Bobby Anderson	1967	166	625	3.8	7	14/ 91	152	716	4.7
Sal Aunese	1987	122	612	5.0	6	8/ 43	114	655	5.7
David Williams	1975	128	572	4.5	7	15/114	113	686	6.1
Mark Hatcher	1986	155	552	3.6	4	9/ 40	146	592	4.1
Mark Hatcher	1985	125	539	4.3	10	2/ 16	123	555	4.5
Kordell Stewart	1993	102	524	5.1	6	12/114	90	638	7.1

Other Jackson Jots:

- He ended the season with **66** consecutive passes without an interception (just **two** in his last **112** attempts); that is the 10th longest active streak in the NCAA.
- His seven touchdowns have covered **76** yards; he has the one 62-yard burst (against Kansas State), but the other six have all been short jaunts;
- He did not throw his first touchdown pass until his 107th pass of the season; he had **seven** in his last **113** throws. His quarterback ranking prior to his first TD pass was **85.0** (106-51-4, 561 yards); to finish off the year, it was **120.5** (113-57-3, 738, 7 TDs). Many of Jackson's throws (**21**) were deliberate throws out of bounds to avoid taking a sack or on broken plays, or his completion percentage would be a bit better.

DIZON THE THIRD DOWN MAN

ILB Jordan Dizon snuck up on a school record in falling just one short of the mark in posting **17** third down stops in 2006, one shy of the record first set by **OLB Chad Brown** in 1992 and then equaled in 2005 by **OLB Brian Iwuh**. An under appreciated statistic, one that CU may be the only school to track (starting in 1991 in earnest); Dizon now has 29 in his career. **ILB Greg Biekert** holds the career record of 47, which he established between 1989 and 1992 (numbers were researched prior to it being tracked for all players); Brown ('89-92) and **ILB Matt Russell** are tied for second on the list with 45.

BILLINGSLEY MAKES HISTORY

Senior **SS J.J. Billingsley** made **211** unassisted tackles in his career, as when he had six solo stops at Missouri, he became just the 10th player in school history to record 200 solo tackles. Only two defensive backs had previously broached the plateau, **Michael Lewis** (225, 1998-2001) and **Mickey Pruitt** (201, 1984-87); both were also safeties. Lewis (336) and Pruitt (332) rank ninth and 10th all-time in tackles at Colorado, but are positioned 1-2 in tackles by a defensive back. Billingsley finished as the third defensive back on the list with **310**, which was good for 12th all-time at CU. He unfortunately suffered a torn meniscus in practice the Tuesday (Oct. 3) following the Missouri game, underwent arthroscopic surgery, and subsequently missed five games (Baylor, Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kansas State) before returning to start in his Folsom Field finale against Iowa State. He posted nine tackles each in his final two games in a CU uniform.

DEFENSE CU'S BEST SINCE 1998

Colorado's defense showed marked improvement last season and was the best statistically since 1998. Well, guess what? The 2006 version was even better, with just a few exceptions. The Buffs' rushing defense continued to be the strong suit, and there was improvement against the pass as the number of long plays allowed was dramatically cut down. The 340.9 yards allowed per game is the lowest since the Buffs surrendered 296.0 in 1998. Here's a look at CU's defensive numbers games every season since that year (final totals for all nine years—reminder, CU does NOT include bowl stats):

Season	Record	Rushing		Att.	Game	Passing		Pct.	Yards	Att.	Game	Total		TFLs	Opp. 3rd D	Scoring		
		Att.	Yards			Att-Com-Int	Yards					Att.	Yards			Att.	Game	Pts.	Avg.
1998	7-4	450	1623	4.6	147.5	290-138-11	47.8	1633	5.6	148.5	740	3256	4.4	296.0	85	63-170	199	18.1
1999	6-5	423	1887	4.5	171.5	316-155-14	49.1	1937	6.1	176.1	739	3824	5.2	347.6	69	40-152	283	25.7
2000	3-8	472	1926	4.1	175.1	350-208-11	59.4	2717	7.8	247.0	822	4643	5.7	422.1	80	66-161	284	25.8
2001	10-2	405	1545	3.8	125.5	433-231-17	53.3	2743	6.3	228.6	838	4288	5.1	357.3	63	60-177	280	23.3
2002	9-4	507	2188	4.3	168.3	429-242-14	56.4	2576	6.0	198.2	936	4764	5.1	366.5	104	80-206	294	22.6
2003	5-7	450	1810	4.0	150.8	416-247-10	59.4	3375	8.1	281.3	866	5185	6.0	432.1	74	56-162	398	33.2
2004	7-5	513	2064	4.0	172.0	410-240-14	58.5	3055	7.5	254.6	923	5119	5.6	426.6	88	92-205	304	25.3
2005	7-5	422	1143	2.7	95.3	455-261-13	57.4	3031	6.7	252.6	877	4174	4.8	347.8	72	73-197	288	24.0
2006	2-10	410	1349	3.3	112.4	390-261-12	66.9	2742	7.0	228.5	800	4091	5.1	340.9	73	85-178	267	22.3

SUB-300 BECOMING COMMONPLACE

That CU 1998 team held five opponents to fewer than 300 yards total offense, including a pair of top 15 teams. Between 1999 and 2002, 10 were held below that barrier, and in 2003-04, two didn't reach 300 (in 2004, all gained at least 342, with eight earned 400-plus on the Buffalo "D"). But starting in 2005, the 300 figure has been anything but automatic for the opponent: Colorado has held **10** of its last **24** opponents to under 300 yards total offense, with just five teams picking up over 400 (no team has hit 500 since Texas A&M racked up 532 on Oct. 23, 2004). Five have not reached CCC (that's 300 in roman numerals) this season, with just Arizona State (430), Kansas State (439) and Nebraska (468) topping the CD mark (400).

➔ **CONSECUTIVE GAMES NOT ALLOWING 500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE (Big 12 Schools):** Texas Tech 41, Iowa State 39, **Colorado 32**, Missouri 20, Kansas State 17, Texas A&M 13, Oklahoma 10, Nebraska 8, Kansas 5, Oklahoma State 3, Texas 3, Baylor 1.

BUFFS SPORT NATION'S NO. 28 DEFENSE IN STOPPING THE RUN

Colorado's defense against the run in 2005 was the best in school history. The Buffs allowed **95.3** yards per game, ninth nationally in the regular season (CU finished 11th including the bowl game). That same defense against the run has carried into the 2006 season, as the Buffs are ranked 28th in the nation prior to the bowls, allowing **112.4** yards per game, while allowing just **3.29** yards per rush (24th in the NCAA). The school record for a season had been 114.2, set in 1990 and matched in 1994. Only two other years have the Buffs allowed fewer than 125 per game, when the opponent had 115.5 in both 1965 and 1989. CU allowed between 21 and 40 yards per quarter (allowing between 18 and 29 a year ago), so it all adds up to consistency. Prior to 2005, the Buffs had last finished in the top 20 in rushing defense in 1994, when they were 15th, also the highest a Colorado defense had ever finished against the run until last season. It's another indicator that CU was better than its 2-10 record might have shown:

RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED BY QUARTER							RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED BY GAME												
Quarter	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total	Opp.	MSU	CSU	ASU	UGA	MU	BAY	TTU	OU	KU	KSU	ISU	NU
Yards	336	252	278	478	5	1,349	Yards	50	15	182	54	100	110	31	166	161	188	102	190
Avg./Game	28.0	21.0	23.2	39.8	---	112.4	Avg.	1.3	0.4	4.9	2.0	2.5	4.2	2.1	3.4	4.9	4.9	3.4	4.1

➔ CU has held **13** of its last **25** opponents under 100 yards rushing, dating back to the 2004 Houston Bowl (a 13th, Missouri, had exactly 100, while Iowa State had 102 and Baylor 110). Six of those times the opponent has failed to top 50, including three games in 2006, and just one time has a team put over 200 on the Buffs (Texas in the '05 Big 12 title game). Of the 12 that have topped the century mark, no team has averaged over 4.9 yards per rush, only seven topping 4.0.

➔ **Inside-the-20 Opponent Rushing:** Opponents had **78** rushing attempts in the red zone against the Buffs for a net **155** yards (2.0 per try—and those were all true rushes). Eleven went for losses, 13 for no gain and 14 others for a single yard. In addition, the opponent was **2-of-8** getting the ball into the end zone once it reaches the 1-yard line (one for six rushing, one of two passing).

➔ **Allowing For Sacks.** Deduct 25 sacks for 172 yards, which is applied to rushing in the NCAA, and the true running picture still wasn't the greatest for the enemy: 1,521 yards or 126.8 per game.

➔ **Opponent Longs.** CU has allowed just nine running plays over 20 yards this year (two over 40; the long of 63 was on a broken play by Kansas' Todd Reesing). For the year, **53** percent of opponent rushes (**218** of **410**) went for two yards or less; dissecting the opponents **410** rushes, you find these play counts: 20-plus: **9**. 10-plus: **42**. 5-Plus: **121**. 2-or-less: **218**. Zero: **49**. Minus: **72** (includes **25** sacks per NCAA calculation). In 2005, it was almost the exact same set of numbers: just under 52 percent (**218** of **422**) of rushes against CU gained two or fewer yards.

100 RUSHING YARDS TOUGH TO GET AGAINST THE BUFFALOES

CU allowed just two opponents an individual 100-yard rushing game in 2006: Oklahoma's Allen Patrick had 110 yards, but needed 35 carries to get them (3.1 per carry, with 23 rushes for three yards or less), while Nebraska's Brandon Jackson picked up 142 on 34 tries (4.2 per). The last two to do it prior to Patrick and Jackson were Clemson's James Davis (150) in the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl, and OU's Adrian Peterson in the 2004 Big 12 Championship game. CU was the 105th school to allow a 100-yard rusher this season; since 1950, there have only been three occasions where CU did not allow a 100-yard rusher over an entire season (1957, 1965, 1967).

- The Buffs have allowed three 100-yard rushers over the last **25** games (since the start of the 2005 season). In this time frame, only Kansas (one) has allowed fewer in the Big 12 Conference, while all other schools have allowed at least four.
- **The Last 100-Yard Opponent To Rush For 100 Yards In Boulder?** Kansas State's Alan Webb had 24 carries for 103 yards on Nov. 13, 2004.

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2006

- 0** The number of Colorado turnovers in the season's final 10 quarters;
- 0** The number of opponent turnovers in the season's final 12 quarters;
- 3** The number of players who have rushed for 100-plus yards against CU in the last **25** games.
- 5** The number of Colorado turnovers in the first half this season;
- 5.4** The number of yards **Matthew DiLallo** averaged over the previous best by any frosh punter in CU history (43.7; Andy Mitchell averaged 38.3 in 1994).
- 21-9** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 21-9.
- 25.0** The conversion percentage for the opponent on 3rd-&-Goal from the Colorado 1 in 2006 (**2-of-8**).
- 31** The number of records Mason Crosby has set in his career, many of them falling into place this season.
- 37** The number of points CU has scored on its first possession in 2006.
- 40.6** Opponents starting **40.6** percent of their drives (**56 of 138**) either inside or at the 20-yard line for the season; that number was **49.7** in 2005.
- 53** The number of second down plays the opponent has had with just 1 to 4 yards needed for a first down (out of **268**).
- 13-57** The raw third down conversion number for opponents on 3rd-and-10 or longer in 2006 (CU was 9-of-52 in similar circumstances).
- 65** The length of a Mason Crosby field goal attempt in the fourth quarter against Iowa State, the fifth attempt of 60 yards or longer in school history (Crosby has three of the five and the only make from that distance, 60 yards against Iowa State in 2004).
- 71.4** The length in centimeters that Crosby's 65-yard try fell short (less than a yard, about 30 inches).
- 222** Colorado has scored in 222 consecutive games, now the fifth longest active streak in the nation (and the 11th longest of all-time).
- 618** The combined number of career tackles from CU starting linebackers Thaddeaus Washington (**335**) and Jordon Dizon (**268**); the most two players simultaneously have had while playing on the same team were **599** by Ted Johnson (409) and Matt Russell (190) at the end of the '94 season.
- 653** The difference in the number of rushing yards gained (**2,075**) compared to passing (**1,422**) by Colorado in 2006, the first time since 2002 the Buffs will gain more on the ground than in the air (1,229 edge that season).
- 1100** The Nebraska game to close the season was the 1,100th in Colorado history.
- 1600** The mileage in each direction Ralphie IV traveled to appear at the Georgia game, her first regular season appearance outside of Colorado since 1989.
- 92746** The third largest crowd CU has ever played before, coming at Georgia's Sanford Stadium.

SENIOR ANALYSIS

Colorado had 24 seniors on its 2006 roster, 15 of which were starters or practically co-starters in the rotation or on special teams: **SS J.J. Billingsley**, **TE Paul Creighton**, **PK Mason Crosby**, **OG Brian Daniels**, **C Mark Fenton**, **TE Dan Goettsch**, **TB Mell Holliday**, **WR Nick Holz** (holder), **DE Alex Ligon**, **WR Blake Mackey**, **CB Lorenzo Sims**, **DE Walter Boye-Doe**, **CB Terry Washington**, **ILB Thaddeaus Washington** and **DE Abraham Wright**. **OG Jack Tipton** served primarily in a back-up role until starting the Iowa State game and **QB James Cox** had his season cut short after suffering a broken thumb at Kansas. Most of the others had some kind of role, and the last, **S Dominique Brooks**, is recovering from knee surgery and will redshirt this fall.

GRADUATION STAT(U)S

Three of the 24 seniors on the roster graduated in August: **OLB Ben Carpenter** (business-finance; he is working on a second major in integrative physiology), **WR Nick Holz** (communication) and **DT Marcus Jones** (economics; he is working on a second major in sociology). Six more graduated December 22: **TE Paul Creighton** (psychology), **PK Mason Crosby** (communication), **C Mark Fenton** (political science), **DE Alex Ligon** (sociology), **WR Blake Mackey** (communication) and **DE Abraham Wright** (sociology). Thirteen others are on target for this May: **ILB Jason Ackermann** (sociology), **S J.J. Billingsley** (sociology), **DE Walter Boye-Doe** (business-finance & marketing), **QB James Cox** (communication), **OLB Chad Cusworth** (business-management), **PK OG Brian Daniels** (business-finance), **TE Dan Goettsch** (sociology), **TB Mell Holliday** (psychology), **CB Lorenzo Sims** (sociology), **OL Jack Tipton** (architecture-planning), **CB Terry Washington** (ethnic studies), **ILB Thaddeaus Washington** (sociology) and **CB Vance Washington** (sociology). **S Dominique Brooks** (sociology) and **OL Bryce MacMartin** (chemical engineering) will likely graduate beyond next May, Brooks due to consideration of a possible redshirt and MacMartin because his major requires additional credit hours. In addition, two juniors, **OT Tyler Polumbus** (business-management) and **WR Dusty Sprague** (business-management) are in position to graduate in May 2007.

► **NOTE:** Over the last four years (2002-05), CU has had 77 of its **87** seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 88.5 percent (with two of the 10 non-grads still in school and looking to graduate within the next year, while three are in the NFL). NCAA numbers will not match these (it doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate, i.e., Wayne Lucier in '02 or WR Mike Duren in '04), but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. It's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially a tougher academic schools like Colorado.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA in 2006, through games of November 25:

TEAM														
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat			
6th	28th	RUSHING OFFENSE	172.9	4th	30th	RUSHING DEFENSE	112.4	12th	104th	PUNT RETURNS	5.6			
12th	116th	PASSING OFFENSE	118.5	9th	95th	PASSING DEFENSE	228.5	9th	98th	KICKOFF RETURNS	18.2			
12th	102nd	TOTAL OFFENSE	291.4	7th	67th	TOTAL DEFENSE	340.9	7th	32nd	NET PUNTING	36.7			
12th	107th	SCORING OFFENSE	16.3	6th	54th	SCORING DEFENSE	22.3	2nd	17th	TURNOVER MARGIN	+0.67			
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)														
Rushing				Receiving Yards				Field Goals						
Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm				
Hugh Charles	8th	74th	64.9	Riar Geer	45th	.....	21.8	Mason Crosby	1st	7th	1.58		
Bernard Jackson	11th	95th	56.4	Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm			
Mell Holliday	19th	.....	42.7	Matt DiLallo	4th	15th	43.7	Terrence Wheatley	2nd	20th	0.42		
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Ryan Walters	15th	.....	0.18		
Bernard Jackson	12th	.....	108.2	Stephone Robinson	11th	75th	5.1	QB Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm		
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating	Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Abraham Wright	1st	4th	0.96			
Bernard Jackson	12th	98th	103.3	Stephone Robinson	9th	98th	17.4	Tackles For Loss	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm			
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Abraham Wright	1st	17th	1.33			
Bernard Jackson	11th	75th	164.6	Mason Crosby	6th	65th	6.3	George Hypolite	6th	57th	1.08			
Hugh Charles	21st	.....	64.9	Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Tackles	CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match				
Receptions	Big 12	NCAA	No./Gm	Mason Crosby	5th	39th	6.3							
Riar Geer	40th	.....	2.0										

CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts through the 2006 season (*Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history*):

- ⇒ **WR ALVIN BARNETT** is tied for 53rd in receptions (38) and 90th in receiving yards (363).
- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** finished 12th in total tackles (307, third most by a defensive back), ninth in solo tackles (211) and tied for 23rd in tackles for loss (25).
- ⇒ **TB HUGH CHARLES** is 21st in rushing yards (1,670) and 99th in receiving yards (319).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** was first in scoring (307 points), first in field goals made (66) and attempts (88), and first in PAT kicks made (109) and attempts (117).
- ⇒ **ILB JORDON DIZON** is 17th in total tackles (280), and is 20th in solo tackles (173).
- ⇒ **QB BERNARD JACKSON** is 23rd in passing yards (1,357) and is 68th in rushing yards (690).
- ⇒ **KR STEPHONE ROBINSON** is ninth in punt return yards (593), fifth in punt returns (75), sixth in kickoff return yards (857) and fourth in KO returns (48).
- ⇒ **CB LORENZO SIMS** finished tied for 28th in interceptions (6) and tied for fourth in pass deflections (33).
- ⇒ **WR DUSTY SPRAGUE** is 19th in receptions (76) and is 22nd in receiving yards (925).
- ⇒ **ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON** finished eighth in total tackles (338), is 10th in solo tackles (202) and is tied for 21st in tackles for loss (26).
- ⇒ **CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY** is tied for 12th in interceptions (9) and is tied for 14th in pass deflections (19).
- ⇒ **WR PATRICK WILLIAMS** is tied for 38th in receptions (47) and is 61st in receiving yards (483).
- ⇒ **DE ABRAHAM WRIGHT** finished fifth in quarterback sacks (21) and is tied for 16th in tackles for loss (29).

100 TACKLE DOUBLE

Junior **Jordon Dizon** and senior **Thaddaeus Washington** are Colorado's first pair of players to record 100-plus tackles in a season since 2002, as well as the first pair of 'backers to do it since 1994. They went out in style as a tandem, posting 30 in the loss to Nebraska (Dizon had a career high 19, Washington 11), and earlier had combined for 34 at Oklahoma (when Washington had a career high 19). Dizon and Washington, both preseason candidates for the Butkus Award (neither advanced to the semifinalist stage) ranked 1-2 in tackles for the Buffaloes with 137 and 107, respectively, and became the 19th tandem (one did it twice) to post triple digits in tackles the same season:

Season	Pos	Players	UT, AT-Total	Season	Pos	Players	UT, AT-Total	Season	Pos	Players	UT, AT-Total
1971	ILB	Randy Geist	37, 71-108	1986	ILB	Barry Remington	58, 69-127	1996	SS	Ryan Black	78, 76-154
	ILB	Bud Magrum	39, 65-104		SS	Mickey Pruitt	73, 33-106		ILB	Matt Russell	83, 54-137
	ILB	Billie Drake	34, 68-102	1987	ILB	Eric McCarty	88, 60-148		FS	Steve Rosga	71, 51-122
1975	ILB	Gary Campbell	59, 55-114		ILB	Michael Jones	74, 57-121	1997	FS	Ryan Sutter	98, 72-170
	DE	Troy Archer	60, 45-105		SS	Mickey Pruitt	63, 45-108		ILB	Hannibal Navies	85, 45-130
1979	ILB	Bill Roe	73, 89-162	1988	ILB	Michael Jones	73, 40-113	1999	ILB	Jashon Sykes	82, 52-134
	NT	Laval Short	66, 70-136		OLB	Kanavis McGhee	66, 36-102		FS	Rashidi Barnes	74, 34-108
1980	ILB	Steve Doolittle	38, 76-114	1990	ILB	Greg Biekert	105, 45-150	2000	SS	Michael Lewis	76, 41-117
	ILB	Bob Humble	35, 75-110		ILB	Chad Brown	72, 34-106		ILB	Jashon Sykes	78, 33-111
1983	ILB	Terry Irvin	58, 63-121	1991	ILB	Greg Biekert	78, 61-139	2002	CB	Donald Strickland	85, 24-109
	ILB	Don Fairbanks	49, 61-110		OLB	Chad Brown	70, 55-125		FS	Medford Moorer	75, 32-107
1984	ILB	Barry Remington	60, 63-123	1994	ILB	Ted Johnson	92, 55-147	2006	ILB	Jordon Dizon	80, 57-137
	DT	George Smith	61, 52-113		ILB	Matt Russell	63, 42-105		ILB	Thaddaeus Washington ..	60, 47-107
1985	ILB	Barry Remington	83, 79-162	1995	ILB	Matt Russell	88, 31-119				
	ILB	Don DeLuzio	77, 64-141		FS	Steve Rosga	63, 41-104				

Dizon and Washington combined for **618** career tackles, the most two players have simultaneously ever had while playing on the same team, topping the **599** by Ted Johnson (409) and Matt Russell (190) at the end of the '94 season.

ROAD-SWEET-ROAD: BUFFS 11TH BEST IN ENEMY STADIUMS SINCE '88

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 19 seasons. CU has been victorious 57 of the last 91 times in enemy stadiums and is **57-35-1** overall away from home (a 61.8 winning percentage). That stands 11th nationally (eighth in raw wins) and third among Big 12 Conference teams in this span; only 11 schools have won 60 percent of their away games in this time frame. During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games between 1994 and 1996. The Buffaloes own a **46-25-1** mark in their last 71 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—six losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **21-23** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (0-4 in 2006). The chart to the right does not include neutral site games, despite some being anything but (i.e., Colorado vs. Texas at Irving for the '01 Big 12 title).

ON THE ROAD (1988-2006)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	74	24	0	.755
Tennessee	64	22	2	.739
Florida State	66	24	0	.733
Michigan	64	25	3	.712
Ohio State	61	26	2	.697
Nebraska	62	27	3	.690
Notre Dame	58	29	2	.663
Florida	50	26	1	.656
Texas	57	34	0	.626
Alabama	54	33	0	.621
COLORADO	57	35	1	.618

20TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989

Colorado has the nation's 20th best record over the last 18 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **142-74-4** record. From opening 1-0 in '89, through the 10th game of the 2005 season, the Buffs owned one of the top 10 overall records in the nation (**247 consecutive weeks**); that was snapped with a loss to Nebraska late in 2005. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through games of December 2:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2006
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida State	224	180	43	1	.806	95	65-29-1	6-6
2	Miami, Fla.	217	173	44	0	.797	83	50-33-0	6-6
3	Nebraska	224	177	46	1	.792	65	35-29-1	9-4
4	Tennessee	222	170	49	3	.773	86	48-35-3	9-3
5	Florida	225	173	51	1	.771	99	56-42-1	12-1
6	Ohio State	222	169	50	3	.768	89	50-36-3	12-0
7	Michigan	219	166	50	3	.765	94	57-35-2	11-1
8	Texas	219	153	64	2	.703	75	35-38-2	9-3
9	Virginia Tech	217	151	64	2	.700	58	27-30-1	10-2
10	Notre Dame	218	150	66	2	.693	84	40-42-2	10-2
11	Auburn	215	147	65	3	.691	71	30-40-1	10-2
12	Penn State	218	150	67	1	.690	81	38-43-0	8-4
20	COLORADO	220	142	74	4	.655	92	40-50-2	2-10

THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12

The Big 12 Conference has wrapped its 11th season. Though finishing fifth in the North Division in 2006, the Buffaloes are tied for the second most division titles won with four, just behind Oklahoma's five. Just half of the schools in the conference have won a division title. A closer look:

- ➔ **Big 12 Division Titles (including 2006):** Oklahoma 5, **Colorado 4**, Nebraska 4, Texas 4, Kansas State 3, Texas A&M 2.
- ➔ **Big 12 Championship Game Records:** Oklahoma 4-1, Nebraska 2-2, Texas 2-2, **Colorado 1-3**, Texas A&M 1-1, Kansas State 1-2.

CU VS. THE BIG 12 NORTH: Colorado owns the best record in intra-division competition going back to the start of the 2001 season against Big 12 North Division rivals, as the Buffaloes are **21-9** in this time frame. Other records in the same span: Nebraska 19-11, Kansas State 18-12, Iowa State 11-19, Missouri 11-19 and Kansas 10-20. The Buffs are **12-3** at home in this stretch, the only losses to Nebraska (2003 & 2005) and Kansas State (this season).

2006 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-8)						conference-----					overall-----							
School (AP/Coaches/Harris Rank)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up							
Nebraska (#22/#22/#22)	6	2	.750	236	173	9	4	.692	414	239	J 1	Auburn (Cotton Bowl)						
Missouri (--/--/RV)	4	4	.500	214	178	8	4	.667	353	215	D 29	Oregon State (Sun Bowl)						
Kansas State.....	4	4	.500	188	218	7	5	.583	286	272	D 28	Rutgers (Texas Bowl)						
Kansas	3	5	.375	234	225	6	6	.500	348	306	season complete							
COLORADO	2	6	.250	160	199	2	10	.167	196	267	season complete							
Iowa State	1	7	.125	120	262	4	8	.333	226	369	season complete							
South Division (+8)						conference-----					overall-----							
School (AP/Coaches)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up							
Oklahoma (#7/#8/#8).....	7	1	.875	208	121	11	2	.846	382	199	J 1	Boise State (Orange Bowl)						
Texas (#18/#16/#17)	6	2	.750	270	173	9	3	.750	441	214	D 30	Iowa (Alamo Bowl)						
Texas A & M (#21/#21/#21)	5	3	.625	193	174	9	3	.750	352	222	D 28	California (Holiday Bowl)						
Texas Tech	4	4	.500	240	235	7	5	.583	378	285	D 29	Minnesota (Insight Bowl)						
Oklahoma State.....	3	5	.375	264	243	6	6	.500	424	302	D 28	Alabama (Independence Bowl)						
Baylor.....	3	5	.375	194	320	4	8	.333	283	391	season complete							

RUSHING TRIFECTA

This was the 10th time in school history that at least three players have rushed for over 500 yards in a single season in Colorado history, and the first time since 2001 (and just the 18th time a trio rushed for 400 each). With the emergence of **TB Mell Holliday** over the last half of the season (430 yards the last seven games), the Buffaloes had three threats in the backfield including **TB Hugh Charles** and **QB Bernard Jackson**. Only two trios have attained 600 yards apiece, in the 1954 and 1970 seasons. Here's a look at all CU teams with a minimum three players with 400 or more rushing yards and what they've done as a trio (the top three in those seasons where there were more than three):

Season	Pos	Players	Att	Yards	TD	Season	Pos	Players	Att	Yards	TD	Season	Pos	Players	Att	Yards	TD
1951	FB	Merwin Hodel	137	597	5	1970	FB	Ward Walsh	117	679	3	1989	TB	J.J. Flannigan	164	1187	18
	HB	Ron Johnson	72	455	6		FB	Jon Keyworth	125	667	9		QB	Darian Hagan	186	1004	17
	HB	Carroll Hardy	53	423	5		FB	John Tarver	137	623	8		TB	Eric Bieniemy	88	561	9
	Totals		262	1475	16		Totals		379	1969	20		Totals		438	2752	44
1954	FB	John Bayuk	145	824	11	1973	TB	Charlie Davis	118	646	2	1990	TB	Eric Bieniemy	288	1628	17
	HB	Frank Bernardi	75	668	4		TB	Billy Waddy	101	551	5		WR	Mike Pritchard	29	445	5
	HB	Carroll Hardy	70	642	8		FB	Bo Matthews	97	448	5		QB	Darian Hagan	138	442	5
	Totals		290	2132	23		Totals		316	1645	12		Totals		455	2515	27
1957	HB	Bob Stransky	183	1097	11	1975	FB	Terry Kunz	160	882	10	1993	TB	Lamont Warren	183	900	7
	HB	Eddie Dove	88	620	8		TB	Tony Reed	157	728	6		TB	Rashaan Salaam	161	844	8
	HB	Howard Cook	91	442	2		QB	David Williams	128	572	7		QB	Kordell Stewart	102	524	6
	Totals		362	2159	21		Totals		445	2182	23		Totals		446	2268	21
1958	HB	Howard Cook	120	625	8	1985	FB	Anthony Weatherspoon	140	569	2	1995	TB	Herschell Troutman	171	826	5
	HB	Eddie Dove	108	618	3		QB	Mark Hatcher	125	539	10		TB	Lendon Henry	85	463	4
	FB	Chuck Weiss	78	452	6		HB	Ron Brown	90	524	2		TB	Marlon Barnes	85	444	6
	Totals		306	1695	17		Totals		355	1632	14		Totals		341	1733	15
1961	HB	Teddy Woods	107	525	2	1986	HB	O.C. Oliver	136	668	6	2001	TB	Chris Brown	190	946	16
	FB	Loren Schweninger	122	512	3		FB	Anthony Weatherspoon	116	581	4		TB	Bobby Purify	157	916	5
	HB	Bill Harris	82	434	4		QB	Mark Hatcher	155	552	4		TB	Cortien Johnson	89	567	4
	Totals		311	1471	9		Totals		407	1799	16		Totals		436	2429	25
1966	FB	Wilmer Cooks	159	594	10	1987	QB	Sal Aunese	122	612	6	2006	TB	Hugh Charles	139	779	1
	TB	William Harris	105	538	1		FB	Erich Kissick	97	584	3		QB	Bernard Jackson	155	677	7
	QB	Dan Kelly	107	431	3		HB	Eric Bieniemy	104	508	5		TB	Mell Holliday	105	512	2
	Totals		371	1563	14		Totals		323	1704	14		Totals		399	1968	10

NOTE: There are higher totals for three players as a group in several years where the top two had more yards but the third player had less than 400.

QUARTERBACK-TAILBACK RUSHING

The duos of **QB Bernard Jackson** and **TB Hugh Charles** and Jackson and **TB Mell Holliday** were fairly potent 1-2 punches in 2006, as the trio combined for **1,968** yards this season (*see above*). When merging the totals of the QB and the top TB, Jackson and either Charles or Holliday posted seven of the top 33 yardage efforts by a quarterback and tailback. A closer look (minimum 50 yards by both the quarterback and tailback and 140 by the combo):

Date	Yards	Opponent	Players (*—denotes QB)	Date	Yards	Opponent	Players (*—denotes QB)
Nov. 18, 1989	402	at Kansas State	J.J. Flannigan (20-246), *Darian Hagan (28-156)	Nov. 11, 1989	197	OKLAHOMA ST.	J.J. Flannigan (23-143), *Darian Hagan (18-54)
Nov. 19, 1994	348	IOWA STATE	Rashaan Salaam (29-259), *Kordell Stewart (13-89)	Nov. 11, 2006	195	IOWA STATE	Mell Holliday (18-126), *Bernard Jackson (9-69)
Oct. 22, 1994	329	KANSAS STATE	Rashaan Salaam (28-202), *Kordell Stewart (22-127)	Nov. 17, 1990	193	KANSAS STATE	Eric Bieniemy (22-115), *Darian Hagan (7-78)
Oct. 21, 1989	296	KANSAS	J.J. Flannigan (10-178), *Darian Hagan (17-118)	Dec. 25, 1993	185	c-Fresno State	Rashaan Salaam (23-135), *Kordell Stewart (8-50)
Aug. 26, 1990	294	a-Tennessee	Mike Pritchard (20-217), *Darian Hagan (17-77)	Oct. 6, 2001	184	at Kansas State	Chris Brown (33-114), *Craig Ochs (4-70)
Sept. 3, 1994	268	NE LOUISIANA	Rashaan Salaam (24-184), *Kordell Stewart (6-84)	Sept. 4, 1989	182	TEXAS	*Darian Hagan (14-116), Eric Bieniemy (16-66)
Sept. 9, 1989	259	COLORADO ST.	Eric Bieniemy (23-156), *Darian Hagan (14-103)	Nov. 4, 1989	182	NEBRASKA	J.J. Flannigan (18-96), *Darian Hagan (25-86)
Sept. 6, 1990	252	STANFORD	Eric Bieniemy (32-149), *Darian Hagan (20-103)	Sept. 30, 2006	180	at Missouri	*Bernard Jackson (15-93), Hugh Charles (13-87)
Oct. 16, 1993	240	at Oklahoma	Lamont Warren (34-182), *Kordell Stewart (6-58)	Oct. 14, 2006	173	TEXAS TECH	Hugh Charles (17-119), *Bernard Jackson (14-54)
Jan. 2, 1995	226	b-Notre Dame	*Kordell Stewart (7-143), Rashaan Salaam (27-83)	Nov. 4, 2006	172	KANSAS STATE	*Bernard Jackson (17-105), Mell Holliday (8-67)
Sept. 24, 1994	226	at Michigan	Rashaan Salaam (22-141), *Kordell Stewart (20-85)	Jan. 1, 1990	172	b-Notre Dame	*Darian Hagan (19-106), Eric Bieniemy (11-66)
Oct. 7, 1989	222	MISSOURI	Eric Bieniemy (16-116), *Darian Hagan (15-106)	Oct. 14, 1989	167	at Iowa State	Matt Bell (12-85), *Darian Hagan (8-82)
Oct. 8, 1994	222	at Missouri	Rashaan Salaam (28-166), *Kordell Stewart (7-56)	Oct. 7, 2006	165	BAYLOR	*Bernard Jackson (13-93), Hugh Charles (15-72)
Oct. 12, 1991	211	MISSOURI	Lamont Warren (10-110), *Darian Hagan (14-101)	Sept. 23, 2006	157	at Georgia	*Bernard Jackson (15-85), Hugh Charles (18-72)
Oct. 28, 1989	210	at Oklahoma	*Darian Hagan (21-107), J.J. Flannigan (25-103)	Oct. 28, 2006	146	at Kansas	Hugh Charles (15-78), *Bernard Jackson (14-68)
Nov. 20, 1993	206	at Iowa State	*Kordell Stewart (13-113), Rashaan Salaam (18-93)	.....	141	(twice)	
Oct. 9, 1993	204	MISSOURI	Lamont Warren (17-137), *Kordell Stewart (7-67)				
Nov. 13, 1993	204	KANSAS	Rashaan Salaam (19-130), *Kordell Stewart (12-74)				

(a—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim; b—Orange Bowl; c—Aloha Bowl)

CHARLES IS COLORADO'S 48TH TO 1,000

TB Hugh Charles became the **48th** player in Colorado history to have rushed for 1,000 or more yards in a career when he surpassed the mark in the Arizona State game. Research indicates that the Buffs are one of the all-time leaders in the number of players who have rushed for 1,000-plus yards for a career. Oklahoma currently tops the list with 64, followed by Nebraska and USC (both 54); three prominent schools never responded with their counts but likely are on the lost. Regardless, CU is among the national leaders in the number of players who have reached the career 1K plateau:

Oklahoma	64	Texas	44	Iowa	36	Air Force	34	Michigan	NA
Nebraska	54	West Virginia	41	South Carolina	36	Virginia	34	Notre Dame	NA
Southern Cal	54	Minnesota	39	Penn State	35	Miami, Fla.	33	Ohio State	NA
Colorado	48	North Carolina	37	Texas A & M	35	Georgia Tech	32		

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

Dan Hawkins has completed one season as head coach of the Colorado program, his sixth year as a Division I-A head coach, and his 11th season as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **2-10** record at Colorado, along with a **55-21** record in the Division I-A ranks (53-11 at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **94-33-1** including five years at NAIA Willamette (Ore.) College. In his final year at Willamette (1997), his team posted a 13-1 record, falling in the NAIA Championship game, before moving on to Boise State where he was assistant head coach, coaching the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting. When Dirk Koetter left BSU for Arizona State after the 2000 season, Hawkins was promoted to head coach. He took the Broncos to four bowl games in five years, with his 2004 team compiling an 11-0 regular season mark and ascending to No. 10 in the national polls; in the most anticipated non-BCS bowl game to date, Boise dropped a thriller to No. 7 Louisville (44-40). In the modern history of Division I-A football, only three coaches won more games in their first five seasons than Hawkins (53: bested by Bob Pruett, Marshall; Bob Stoops, Oklahoma; and Pete Carroll, USC). **Hawk's Handiwork:**

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Hawkins at Colorado.....	2-10	2- 4	0- 5	0- 1	0- 5	2- 5	0- 4	2- 6	0- 0
Career (NCAA I-A)	55-21	33- 6	21-13	1- 2	2-10	53-11	16-12	3- 6	2- 2

- ◆ **Hawkins** has been a head coach for **128** games (94-33-1), with that record and 73.8 winning percentage eighth in the nation for active coaches with 100 or more games coached for their career.
- ◆ In 11 seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have never been shutout, and had never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (which happened just three times) until this year and had won at least eight games seven times (10-plus four times).
- ◆ A sample of what **Hawkins** tells his players: "You're in America, you're going to college, you live in Colorado. You have it better than 90 percent of the people in the world."
- ◆ Hawkins has used the term "conflama" when referring to some people's desire for conflict and drama (i.e., the reason someone like Jerry Springer and that lot is even on the air). He references the term when people on the outside of a program choose to look at the negative without choosing to understand why something may very well be the way it is.
- ◆ Hawk on depth charts: "To be honest, we really don't pay too much attention to depth charts, we run a lot of personnel in and out of there at several positions. For example, I view the defensive line like hockey; they're playing in shifts as we want them fresh." As a result, especially on offense at receiver, tight end and in the backfield, CU utilizes different "groupings" as opposed to following a depth chart.
- ◆ Hawk's response about potential for disaster after the 0-3 start: "There's always potential. When you get in your car and get out on the freeway, there's potential for disaster. I knew when I left Boise State there was potential for disaster. That doesn't scare me... there's also the potential for greatness. So you can hide behind the shadow if you want, but that's not living."
- ◆ TBS play-by-play man **Ron Thulin** on Hawkins' optimism: "His glass isn't half-full, it's overflowing. He's not going to change. He said they are going to keep fighting and doing the little things everyday. I think everyone on our crew was ready to put on a football helmet after talking to this man yesterday. He is excitable and he cares." Chimed in analyst **Charles Davis**: "I was looking to get taped and get out to practice that day. If you're around him long enough you can't help but be positive."
- ◆ As with many coaches, at the end of practice, the team will run for turnovers, mistakes, missed field goals, etc. One day after PK Mason Crosby missed a kick within his range, Hawk felt a little bad as he wondered to himself, "How many coaches are making their kids run for a missed 64-yard field goal?"
- ◆ **Hawkins** is one of the 63 Division I-A coaches voting in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches poll in 2006 (the sixth straight year he is a voter and the 20th straight year CU's head coach has participated).

HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST

Dan Hawkins has one of top records among all active Division I-A coaches, despite CU's 2-10 mark in 2006. He has the 11th best mark and is listed among some of the top names in the profession. A closer look through games of December 2 (#—has been dismissed as head coach):

Coach, School	W	L	T	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	T	Pct.
Pete Carroll, USC.....	64	12	0	.842	Bobby Bowden, Florida State	365	113	4	.761
Urban Meyer, Florida.....	60	12	0	.833	Steve Spurrier, South Carolina.....	156	50	2	.755
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma.....	86	18	0	.827	Joe Paterno, Penn State	362	121	3	.748
#—Larry Coker, Miami, Fla	59	15	0	.797	Paul Johnson, Navy	99	34	0	.744
Mark Richt, Georgia.....	60	17	0	.779	Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....	94	33	1	.738
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee.....	137	40	0	.774	Jim Tressel, Ohio State.....	197	70	2	.736
Lloyd Carr, Michigan.....	113	35	0	.764					

THE CLASS OF '06

For 2006, 10 programs hired new head coaches, including Colorado (does not include Northwestern since head coach Randy Walker passed away unexpectedly in July). Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" and their record through games of December 2 (*—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Chris Peterson, Boise State.....	12	0	1.000	Dennis Erickson, Idaho.....	4	8	.333
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin	11	1	.917	*Chuck Long, San Diego State.....	3	9	.250
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tenn. St.....	7	5	.583	Dan Hawkins, Colorado	2	10	.167
*Ron Prince, Kansas State.....	7	5	.583	*Turner Gill, Buffalo	2	10	.167
*Todd Graham, Rice.....	7	5	.583	*Al Golden, Temple	1	11	.083

Hawkins is in his first season at CU



COACHES ON GAME DAY

The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. Upstairs are offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich**, defensive coordinator **Ron Collins**, running backs coach **Darian Hagan**, graduate assistants **Andy Avalos** and **Joe Bever** and technical assistants **Mike Babcock** and **Donnell Leomiti**. Head coach **Dan Hawkins** wears a headset on the sideline, along with linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, assistant head coach/offensive line coach **Chris Strausser**, passing game coordinator/receivers coach **Eric Kiesau**, secondary coach **Greg Brown**, defensive line coach **Romeo Bandison** and special teams/tight ends coach **Kent Riddle**. Plays are generally shuttled in from substituting players.

EXPERIENCE

Colorado's 2006 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. The 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective 86 seasons in Division I-A (including this season) and have combined to coach in **1,072** games through the 2006 season (with a record of **633-435-4, .594**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 400 years, thus making the average age **40.4**, one of the younger staffs in the nation. Linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** is the elder statesman at 50, followed by secondary coach **Greg Brown** (48); five of the coaches are over 40, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (46), with five under, with offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** the youngest (33). Helfrich is the fifth-youngest offensive coordinator in the Division I-A ranks; the only four younger are Major Applewhite, Rice (28), Brian Harsin, Boise State (30), Lane Kiffin, USC (31) and Ramon Flanigan, North Texas (32). A closer look:

YOUNGEST COORDINATORS (as of December 20, 2006)

Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age	Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age
Major Applewhite	Rice	Offensive	July 26, 1978	28	Rod Smith	South Florida	Offensive	Feb. 22, 1973	33
Charlie Jackson	Buffalo	Defensive	Nov. 4, 1976	30	Tyrone Nix	South Carolina	Defensive	Sept. 30, 1972	34
Raheem Morris	Kansas State	Defensive	Sept. 3, 1976	30	Danny Langsdorf	Oregon State	Offensive	June 28, 1972	34
Brian Harsin	Boise State	Offensive	(private)	30	Dan Mullen	Florida	Offensive	April 27, 1972	34
Justin Wilcox	Boise State	Defensive	(private)	30	Patrick Nix	Georgia Tech	Offensive	April 7, 1972	34
Lane Kiffin	Southern Cal	Offensive	May 9, 1975	31	James Franklin	Kansas State	Offensive	Feb. 2, 1972	34
Mike Elston	Central Michigan	Co-Defensive	Nov. 1, 1974	32	Mike Groh	Virginia	Offensive	Dec. 19, 1971	35
Ramon Flanigan	North Texas	Offensive	Sept. 19, 1974	32	Dave Doeren	Wisconsin	Co-Defensive	Dec. 3, 1971	35
Dave Fipp	San Jose State	Co-Defensive	Aug. 8, 1974	32	Dana Holgorsen	Texas Tech	Co-Offensive	June 21, 1971	35
Manny Diaz	Middle Tennessee	Defensive	March 3, 1974	32	Todd Orlando	Connecticut	Defensive	March 24, 1971	35
Jeremy Rowell	Troy	Co-Defensive	Nov. 21, 1973	33	(Five others born between Dec. 25, 1969 and July 30, 1970)				
Mark Helfrich	Colorado	Offensive	Oct. 28, 1973	33					

OLD-TIMER

Assistant head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. In his 17th season, he is now third 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. A closer look:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); **3. Brian Cabral 17 (1990-current)**; 4. Dan Stavelly 15 (1958, 1963-76); 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74), Mike Hankwitz 12 (1985-94, 2004-05) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 9. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

TBS play-by-play man **Ron Thulin** had this to say about Cabral: "He's one of the great individuals. Besides being an outstanding football coach he has been the barometer for this football program for the last 17-plus years. He teaches a lot more than just football to these players and that's why Dan Hawkins has kept him on the staff. He's one of the best in the business."

THE SIMULATOR

Coors Field brought "The Humidor" into vogue; could CU be doing the same with "The Simulator?" A computer program from Gridiron Technologies that simulates every play, and aspect for that matter, of the offense tests quarterbacks on their assignments and reads. Coaches monitor the progress through printouts that summarize how the players did. While every offensive player has access to the simulator, offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** finds it particularly valuable for the quarterbacks. Helfrich brought the idea with him from Arizona State, where the program first developed and tested by an ASU alum. Helfrich calls the simulator a hybrid between the standard playbook and videotape.

CAPITAL RETURNS

CU's success often correlates directly with if it owns a hefty margin in return yards, as was the case in the 2001, 2002 and 2004 seasons—when the Buffs won the Big 12 North. The Buffs had advantages of **854-417** (2001), **803-607** (2002) and **574-499** (2004) in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs (in 2006, the opponent had the upper hand at **390-277**). And the Buffs have **38** return touchdowns over the last eight seasons (34 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the eighth most in the nation for this span. The overall list through December 2:

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Bowls	Total	School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Bowls	Total
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	6	5	2	57	Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	4	0	38
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	8	3	1	3	56	Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	4	0	3	37
Texas	6	6	6	7	9	2	7	8	2	53	Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	7	3	3	36
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	8	0	51	Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	6	4	2	36
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	3	4	1	45	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	3	0	3	3	34
Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	2	0	40	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	3	2	1	34
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	6	4	2	40	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	1	0	33
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	6	3	1	4	38	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	3	3	1	29
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	5	2	2	1	38											

2006 LEADERS: California 8, Kansas State 8, Texas 8, nine with 6 (Arkansas, Boston College, Clemson, Georgia, Indiana, Okla. St., Pittsburgh, So. Miss, Utah).

MASON CROSBY**2005-06 FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICAN, THREE-TIME ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMER**

PK Mason Crosby was the consensus **All-American** placekicker 2005, as the *Associated Press*, FWA, *The Sporting News* and Walter Camp afforded him the honor, with him repeating on the Camp team in 2006. He also became CU's seventh three-time, first-team all-conference performer. He finished as the runner-up for the **Lou Groza Award** in 2005 (he was snubbed as a finalist in '06... typical award committee politics). He made his debut as a freshman in 2003, but really burst on the scene in 2004 with an assault on the school's field goal records, the crown jewel being a school and Folsom Field record **60-yard** kick against Iowa State. He then opened his junior season in grand style on his 21st birthday (Sept. 3), scoring 11 points (3-3 FG, 2-2 PAT) in the 31-28 win over Colorado State. Those included a 48-yard field goal to tie the score at 21-21 with 2:32 left, and a game-winning 47-yard boot with 0:04 on the clock. He is CU's first-ever first-team All-American at placekicker as he rewrote the CU record book in kicking and scoring, setting and/or tying 31 records overall (list follows on page 18). A capsule look at some of Mason's many accomplishments:

- ➔ He set four school records in 2004, to go with his record for points by a freshman (52) he established in 2003. He added four more in 2005, and has positioned himself nicely for many career marks, as he added three alone in the season opener against Montana State. He finished with **30** total, his or shared.
- ➔ He established the CU consecutive field goal made streak with 10 over five games between 2003-04 (ended on a 55-yard try that was wide vs. New Mexico State).
- ➔ The **60-yarder** against Iowa State in 2004 was the longest in the NCAA as well as the longest in Division I-A since 1999. It was just the 10th field goal of 60 yards or more in the NCAA since 1988, when tees were no longer allowed; no kicker has made two.
- ➔ His **58-yard** field goal at Miami not only preserved CU's scoring streak at 200 games, it is the longest field goal in NCAA history at sea level without the use of a kicking tee (*see chart on next page*). That kick is also tied for the longest in the NCAA in 2005.
- ➔ He had five field goals of 50 yards or longer as a sophomore in 2004, which was not only a CU single season record (several had two), it set a career mark as the old best had been three, by both Dave DeLine and Jim Harper. Including the Houston Bowl, when he had a 54-yarder, he had six 50-plus for the year which led the nation, topping Ohio State's Mike Nugent, the Groza Award winner (the NCAA single season record is eight).
- ➔ He had five 50-plus yard kicks again in 2005, again tops in the nation, with four coming *on the road* (58 at Miami; 52 and 50 at Kansas State; 57 at Iowa State).
- ➔ He was **19-of-23** in 2004 in FGs, with the 19 makes covering 725 yards, an average of **38.2** yards per kick (his four misses: **46.3**).
- ➔ He was **21-of-28** in 2005 in FGs, with the 21 makes covering 865 yards, an average of **41.2** yards per kick (his seven misses: **44.1**).
- ➔ He was **19-of-28** in 2006 in FGs, with the 19 makes covering 772 yards, an average of **40.6** yards per kick (his nine misses: 469 yards, or **52.1**).
- ➔ He is **66-of-88** in field goals in his career (71-of-95 including bowls), **36-of-40** inside 40 yards (two of which were blocked) and a most respectable **30-of-48** from 41 yards or longer in the regular season. He finished first at Colorado in career field goals made (**66**) and scoring (**307 points**).
- ➔ He has made four field goals in a game four times (Iowa State, Nebraska and UTEP in the Houston Bowl in 2004 and against Iowa State again in 2006).
- ➔ He made four of the 10 longest field goals in the NCAA in 2004 (60, 55, 54, 54), including the only one longer than 50 yards in bowls; his 55-yard kick against CSU in the opener was CU's first from 50-plus yards in 11 seasons. He had three of the six longest in the NCAA in 2005, and the second longest in 2006.
- ➔ The average field position for the opponent after his kickoffs the **22**, as **137** of his **203** career kicks have gone for touchbacks; **20** of the **62** returned against him were not been brought back beyond the 20; only 11 have gone beyond the 30 and just three beyond the 40 (the first on his 156th career kickoff).
- ➔ Perhaps his best kick ever was also in the 2004 Iowa State game--an **87-yard** kickoff for a touchback after he had to boot it from the 20-yard line following a penalty. *"I didn't even expect that. I was just trying to get it up in the air to give the coverage team time to get down there,"* Crosby said.
- ➔ He was selected the **Big 12 Conference's** Special Teams Player-of-the-Week **nine** times in his career (for the Texas Tech and Iowa State games in 2006; CSU, Miami, Kansas State and Missouri in 2005; Iowa State and Nebraska in '04; and KU in '03). The nine honors are the most ever bestowed on a single player, as he had been tied with three others with seven entering 2006: **RB Ricky Williams** (Texas, 1996-98), **QB Eric Crouch** (NU, 1998-2001) and **QB Kliff Kingsbury** (Texas Tech, 1999-02). Crosby ('05) and **Kingsbury** ('02) are the only players to be honored at least four times in a season.
- ➔ The **Groza Award Committee** named him one of its three "Stars of the Week" five times (Iowa State in '04; CSU, Miami and K-State in '05, Texas Tech in '06).
- ➔ He finished his career making 57 consecutive PAT kicks (19-of-19 in 2006, 31-of-31 in 2005); that's the second longest streak in school history.
- ➔ **ACTIVE NCAA KICKING RANKINGS** (*includes his Houston and Champs Sports bowl stats, which CU does not include*): **Field Goals Made** (1st/71); **FG Attempts** (1st/95); **FG Made/Game** (9th/1.42); **FG Accuracy** (23rd/74.7); **Scoring** (7th/326 points).
- ➔ **Late Game Heroics.** Crosby made a name for himself in the clutch, as he was **14-of-18** in the 4th quarter, including **12-of-14** in the final 9½ minutes with nine kicks of 41 yards or longer and seven of them with the score of the game within six points; his only misses were a 63-yard try against Montana State as CU tried to rally in the waning minutes (2 yards short) and a 65-try in a bid to tie the NCAA record without a tee against Iowa State (27-inches short). A closer look:

Season	Opponent	Score Prior		Kick	Revised		Notes
		To Kick	Time Left		Score		
2003	Kansas	38-44	5:24 4Q	41 FG	41-44	puts CU in position where it needs a FG and not a TD to win or send into OT	
		41-44	0:14 4Q	23 FG	44-44	sends game into OT, where CU wins	
2004	Colorado State	17-17	6:43 4Q	55 FG	20-17	margin of victory in 27-24 win	
	@Washington State	17-12	4:42 4Q	41 FG	20-12	holds up as final score	
	Iowa State	16- 7	8:28 4Q	33 FG	19- 7	CU wins it, 19-14	
	@Texas A&M	19-13	12:37 4Q	50 FGA	.....	missed wide left
	Oklahoma (@K.C.)	0-35	2:01 3Q	34 FG	3-35	basically meaningless, but a pressure kick to extend CU scoring streak to 196 games	
2005	Colorado State	18-21	2:32 4Q	48 FG	21-21	completed 11-point rally by the Buffaloes	
		28-28	0:04 4Q	47 FG	31-28	game winner	
	@Miami, Fla.	0-16	11:57 4Q	58 FG	3-16	extends CU scoring streak to 200 games, gets CU back in it, even though momentarily	
	@Oklahoma State	24- 0	2:07 4Q	42 FG	27- 0	icing on the cake	
	@Kansas State	20-20	0:06 4Q	50 FG	23-20	game winner; CU actually downed ball and lost 7 yards on purpose to set up kick	
	MISSOURI	38-12	8:16 4Q	43 FG	41-12	tacked on the game's final points	
	@Iowa State	13-23	11:25 4Q	57 FG	16-23	pulled CU back to within one score, but CU's tying drive ended in interception return TD	
2006	MONTANA STATE	10-19	1:11 4Q	63 FGA	.....	just short on the try as CU attempted to rally; the 63 yard FGA was the longest ever at CU
	ARIZONA STATE	3-21	10:27 4Q	57 FGA	.....	kick was wide left, affected by winds gusting to 20 mph
	@Oklahoma	0-17	6:13 4Q	39 FG	3-17	kick averted CU's first shutout loss since 1988, second latest CU scored during streak	
	IOWA STATE	30-10	9:20 4Q	42 FG	33-10	fourth field goal of game	
	IOWA STATE	33-10	5:22 4Q	65 FGA	.....	tried the longest field goal in school history on his last-ever attempt at home; fell 27 inches short

TAKE THIS ALTITUDE ARGUMENT AND SHOVE IT

To paraphrase the classic Johnny Paycheck song, that is... Crosby's **58-yard** field goal at Miami in 2005 (Sept. 24), elevation **seven** feet, is the longest field goal in NCAA history at sea level without the use of a kicking tee (all kicks after 1988 are without one). It tied for the third longest, tee or not, at altitude in college and for the fifth longest when including the National Football League. Seeing how he accomplished something most kickers who kick at lower altitudes historically never do, this should end once and for all the altitude arguments used against CU kickers and punters when it comes to All-America and trophy consideration. *(In fact, four of his five 50-plus yard kicks in 2005 came on the road, including a 57-yard boot in horrific wind at Iowa State.)* A closer look:

LONGEST FIELD GOALS AT SEA LEVEL (NFL OR NCAA I-A)

(Sea level defined by elevations of 100 feet or lower; *—denotes used tee)

Yds	Player, Team/School, Opponent, Site, Date (Altitude)
63	Tom Dempsey, New Orleans vs. Detroit (NFL) in New Orleans, Nov. 8, 1970 (3 ft.)
60	Morten Andersen, New Orleans vs. Chicago (NFL) in New Orleans, Oct. 27, 1991 (3 ft.)
60	*Bubba Hicks, Baylor vs. Rice in Houston, Nov. 29, 1975 (43 ft.)
59	*Tony Franklin, Texas A&M vs. Rice in Houston, Nov. 15, 1975 (43 ft.)
58	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005 (7 ft.)
58	*Kendall Trainor, Arkansas vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Nov. 26, 1988 (7 ft.)
58	*Jeff Heath, East Carolina vs. UT-Arlington at Greenville, N.C., Nov. 6, 1982 (56 ft.)

Yds	Player, Team/School, Opponent, Site, Date (Altitude)
58	Nick Lowery, Kansas City vs. Washington (NFL) at Washington, Sept. 18, 1983 (23 ft.)
58	Pete Stoyanovich, Miami vs. Kansas City (NFL) in Miami, Jan. 5, 1991 (7 ft.)
57	*Rafael Septien, Louisiana-Lafayette vs. Lamar in Lafayette, La., Oct. 5, 1974 (minus-2 ft.)

Other college under 200 feet:

60	*Chris Perkins, Florida vs. Tulane at Gainesville, Sept. 15, 1984 (177 ft.)
60	*Don Shafer, USC vs. Notre Dame in Los Angeles, Nov. 29, 1986 (170 ft.)

TOP FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN COLORADO HISTORY

(31 overall, top 14 listed through October 14, 2006)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
60	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004
58	Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, September 24, 2005
58	Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, October 24, 1981
57	Dave DeLine vs. Nebraska in Boulder, October 25, 1986
57	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State at Ames, November 12, 2005
56	Mason Crosby vs. Missouri in Boulder, November 5, 2005
56	Mason Crosby vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, October 14, 2006

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
55	Fred Lima vs. California in Boulder, September 9, 1972
55	Mason Crosby vs. Colorado State in Boulder, September 4, 2004
54	Jerry Hillebrand vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, September 30, 1961
54	Jim Harper vs. Illinois at Champaign, September 15, 1990
54	Mitch Berger vs. Miami, Fla., in Boulder, September 25, 1993
54	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004
54	Mason Crosby vs. UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (Houston Bowl).

*Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Career: **Mason Crosby 12**; Dave DeLine 3, Jim Harper 3, Mitch Berger 2, Pat Blottiaux 2, Tom Field 2, Fred Lima 2.

*Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Season: **Mason Crosby 5 (2004)**; **Mason Crosby 5 (2005)**; Fred Lima 2 (1972), Tom Field 2 (1979), Dave DeLine 2 (1984), Jim Harper 2 (1990), Pat Blottiaux (1992). (*—Regular season only, bowl stats not included; Crosby has one 50-yard FG in bowl action)

50-YARD PLUS FIELD GOALS IN NCAA DIVISION I-A IN 2006 (61)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date	Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
58	Alex Serna, Oregon State vs. California in Corvallis, Sept. 30	54	Jeff Wolfert, Missouri vs. Nebraska in Lincoln, Nov. 4
56	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14	54	Connor Barth, North Carolina vs. N.C. State in Chapel Hill, Nov. 18
56	Delbert Alvarado, South Florida vs. Syracuse in Tampa, Nov. 11	53	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14
56	Regan Schneider, UTEP vs. Memphis at El Paso, Nov. 25	53	Jason Ricks, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri State in Stillwater, Sept. 2
55	Brandon Coutu, Georgia vs. Alabama-Birmingham in Athens, Sept. 16	53	Gary Cismesia, Florida State vs. Rice in Tallahassee, Sept. 23
55	Ryan Succop, South Carolina vs. Vanderbilt in Nashville, Oct. 21	53	Jeremy Ito, Rutgers vs. South Florida in Tampa, Sept. 30
55	John Vaughan, Auburn at Mississippi State, Sept. 9	53*	Sam Swank, Wake Forest vs. N.C. State in Raleigh, Oct. 14 (*made two 53 yds)
55	Jon Peattie, Miami vs. Virginia Tech in Miami, Nov. 4	53	Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State vs. Nebraska in Manhattan, Oct. 14
55	Tom Schneider, California vs. Stanford at Berkeley, Dec. 2	53	Jared McLaughlin, Brigham Young vs. Air Force in Colorado Springs, Oct. 28
54	John Deraney, N.C. State vs. Southern Miss in Hattiesburg, Sept. 16	53	Alexis Serna, Oregon State vs. Southern California in Corvallis, Oct. 28
53	on 13 occasions (Vaughn, Auburn; Snodgrass, KSU; Jackson, Ball State; Byrd, UNM; Barth, UNC; Pretorius, Ohio State; Folk, Arizona; Swank, Wake Forest; Culbertson, Iowa St.; Shene, Mississippi; Aguayo, UNLV; Goodman, Wyoming; Kelly, Hawaii)		
51	on 15 occasions (Swank WFU (2); Medlock, UCLA (2); Carmody, Louisville; Edmiston, UL-Lafayette; Wihoit, Tenn.; Hannefeldt, Vandy; Pettrey, Ohio State; Mehlhaff, Wisc.; Serna, Oregon State; Ito, Rutgers; Torres, UCF; Snodgrass, Kansas State; McAfee, West Virginia)		
50	on 12 occasions (Binswanger, Marshall; McCaleb, USM; McLaughlin, BYU; Morstead, SMU; Peattie, Miami; Schneider, Cal; Jackson, Ball St.; Succop, S.Car.; Pettrey, Ohio St.; Meyer, WMU; Serna, Oregon St.; Tracy, Tulsa)		

NOTE: Mason Crosby has the two longest FGA attempts in the NCAA in 2006 (65 vs. Iowa State, 63 vs. Montana State).

Most 50-Yard Field Goals By Kicker: Swank, Wake Forest 5; Serna, Oregon State 4; Ito, Rutgers 3; Snodgrass, KSU 3; **Crosby, Colorado 2 (several others with 2).**

CROSBY CAREER STATS

Season	KICKOFFS										SCORING/FIELD GOALS												
	Total	Ret.	FC	MF	NA	TB	In20	EZ+	OB	O/Sq	Opp. OSY	ASY	PAT	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	FG-FGA	Pct.	Long	PTS
2003.....	37	10	0	0	0	26	2	17	1	(1)	847	023	31-37	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	7- 9	77.8	44	52
2004.....	59	17	1	0	0	41	6	26	0	(1)	1215	021	28-30	1-1	5-5	5-5	3-5	4-6	1-1	19-23	82.6	60	85
2005.....	61	18	0	0	0	43	4	33	0	(3)	1357	022	31-31	0-0	3-4	5-6	8-11	5-7	0-0	21-28	75.0	58	94
2006.....	46	17	0	0	0	28	8	12	1	(3)	989	022	19-19	0-0	5-6	7-8	5-5	2-5	0-3	19-28	67.9	56	76
TOTALS.....	203	62	1	0	0	138	20	88	2	(8)	4408	022	109-117	1-1	17-19	17-19	19-25	11-20	1-4	66-88	75.0	60	307

(KEY: FC—fair caught; MF—muffed; NA—no attempt at a return; TB—touchbacks; OB—out of bounds; EZ+—through or over end zone; OSY—Opponent Starting Yardline; ASY—Average Starting Yardline; Onsidies and short squibs (O/Sq) and free kicks are omitted in figuring the above; out-of-bounds are not.

QUOTE: "He is a great kicker. When he came out of high school, you could see he was a really good kicker. He has got that special work ethic; you never have to tell him to go work because he is always driven to get better on his own. When you have that work ethic, talent and desire like he does, then you will be able to succeed. He has got a leg. We'll see him in the NFL; he'll be good enough." — Baltimore Ravens Pro Bowl placekicker **Matt Stover**, the third-most accurate kicker in NFL history, who coached Mason in high school during summers.

QUOTE II: "Mason Crosby is the best kicker in the history of college football." — Iowa State head coach Dan McCarney.

CROSBY REPEATS AS SEMIFINALIST FOR GROZA AWARD**CANDIDATE COMPARISON**

PK Mason Crosby, the runner-up for the 2005 Lou Groza Award despite having a dominant edge in comparative statistics, was right back in the hunt for the 2006 honor, or so it was thought. On November 2, Crosby was named one of 20 semifinalists for the honor for the second straight year, but three weeks later, he did not advance to the finalist stage. Draw your own conclusion, but Mason was penalized for trying long kicks; his stats were as good or better from 50 yards in as the finalists (the winner, Louisville's Art Carmody, tried all of one kick over 50 yards; Crosby had 14 over 40, the three finalists 16 as a group).

Once again, Crosby was right up there in field goals made (**19**), average distance for those made (**40.6**, FIRST nationally) as well as for those missed (**52.1**, also first in the NCAA). With nine attempts from 50 yards and further out (the most in the NCAA), 32 percent of his kicks came from that distance (six from 58 yards or longer and all nine from 51 or further). Three of his misses were from beyond 60 yards; he had made a 61-yard kick against Colorado State but the Rams were allowed a very late time out due to having 12 men on the field that was granted after he had kicked the ball unbeknownst to all on the field.

Crosby simply was asked to try, and often make, kicks that others would never be sent on the field to attempt.

The below does not including kickoffs, in which Crosby has 28 touchbacks in 46 attempts, with eight of those returned against him not being brought out to the 20. An up-close look at the 20 semifinalists in 2006 through games of December 3 (F—denotes finalist):

ALPHABETICAL LISTING		Field Goals									
Kicker, School	PAT	FG-FGA	0-49	40+	50+	Made	Avg.	Miss	Avg.	Long	Points
Mason Crosby, Colorado	19-19	19-28	17-19	7-14	2- 9	19 (772)	40.6	9 (469)	52.1	56	76
F—John Vaughn, Auburn	32-32	19-23	17-20	5- 7	2- 3	19 (634)	33.4	4 (160)	40.0	55	89
F—Garrett Hartley, Oklahoma	41-42	17-18	17-18	4- 5	0- 0	17 (538)	31.6	1 (44)	44.0	46	92
W —Arthur Carmody, Louisville.....	57-57	20-23	19-22	4- 4	1- 1	20 (651)	32.6	3 (102)	34.0	51	117
Kenny Byrd, New Mexico.....	30-30	18-22	17-20	3- 7	1- 2	18 (620)	34.4	4 (198)	49.5	52	84
Gary Cismesia, Florida State.....	34-35	11-17	10-16	3- 8	1- 1	11 (364)	33.1	6 (256)	42.7	56	67
Jeremy Ito, Rutgers.....	40-41	20-25	17-20	5- 7	3- 4	20 (704)	35.2	5 (194)	38.8	53	100
*Brian Jackson, Ball State.....	37-38	17-19	15-17	7- 9	2- 2	17 (572)	33.6	2 (88)	44.0	52	88
Justin Medlock, UCLA.....	26-26	26-30	24-28	6- 9	2- 2	26 (858)	33.0	4 (176)	44.0	51	91
Taylor Mehlhaff, Wisconsin	45-45	14-19	13-17	4- 8	1- 2	14 (463)	33.1	5 (228)	45.6	51	87
Brandon Pace, Virginia Tech.....	35-35	17-18	17-18	3- 4	0- 0	17 (556)	32.7	1 (47)	47.0	42	86
Garrett Rivas, Michigan	41-42	16-19	16-19	2- 4	0- 0	16 (493)	30.8	3 (104)	34.7	48	89
Reagan Schneider, UTEP.....	34-37	16-20	15-19	6- 7	1- 1	16 (580)	36.3	4 (148)	37.0	56	82
Alexis Serna, Oregon State	41-41	21-28	18-23	10-14	4- 6	21 (760)	36.2	7 (285)	40.7	58	104
Patrick Shadle, Syracuse	21-21	16-18	16-18	6- 8	0- 0	16 (566)	35.4	2 (90)	45.0	46	69
Ryan Succop, South Carolina.....	32-33	15-18	13-15	7-10	2- 3	15 (597)	39.8	3 (146)	48.7	55	77
Sam Swank, Wake Forest.....	30-30	21-28	17-21	9-14	5- 7	21 (753)	35.9	7 (315)	45.0	53	93
Andrew Wellock, Eastern Michigan.....	15-15	16-22	16-21	6-10	0- 1	16 (573)	35.8	6 (242)	40.3	48	63
James Wilhoit, Tennessee	41-42	17-21	16-20	6- 9	1- 1	17 (589)	34.6	4 (170)	42.5	51	92
Jeff Wolfert, Missouri	40-40	17-19	16-18	4- 5	1- 1	17 (581)	34.2	2 (77)	38.5	54	91

The way the three finalists shaped up a year ago (regular season); Crosby's average field goal make was some **41.2** yards; that was just under TEN yards longer than the other two finalists and five yards better than any of the other semifinalists. He was 13-of-18 from 40 yards and longer; in fact, 64 percent of Crosby's attempts and 62 percent of his makes were from 40 yards or longer; the other two finalists were under 35 and 25 percent, respectively. The length of Crosby's average miss is some 44.1 yards, the seventh highest of the 20, so on the rare occasion he has missed, they're not ones most expect kickers to make—except maybe him (F—denotes finalist; W—denotes winner):

Field Goals									
Kicker, School	PAT	FG-FGA	40+	Made	Avg.	Miss	Avg.	Long	Points
F —Mason Crosby, Colorado	31-31	21-28	13-18	21 (865)	41.2	7 (309)	44.1	58	94
F —Jad Dean, Clemson	33-33	22-29	5-10	22 (697)	31.7	7 (303)	43.3	49	99
W —Alexis Serna, Oregon State.....	32-32	23-28	6-10	23 (730)	31.7	5 (222)	44.4	47	101

NCAA ALL-TIME KICK SCORING LEADERS (includes bowl games since 2002, not before; *—active; skipped Nos. 10-24 for space)

Rk	Player (Seasons)	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	PTS	Rk	Player (Seasons)	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	PTS
1	Roman Anderson, Houston (1988-91)	213-217	70-101	423	32	*Jon Peattie, Miami, Fla. (2003-06)	142-147	64- 91	334
2	Billy Bennett, Georgia (2000-03)	148-151	87-110	409	32	Nate Trout, Syracuse (1996-99)	187-195	49- 65	334
3	Carlos Huerta, Miami-Fla. (1988-91)	178-181	73- 91	397	32	Jonathan Nichols, Mississippi (2001-04)	155-157	63- 82	334
4	Jason Elam, Hawaii (1988-92)	158-161	79-100	395	35	Owen Pochman, BYU (1997-2000)	135-139	66- 91	333
5	Derek Schmidt, Florida State (1984-87)	174-178	73-102	393	35	*Darren McCaleb, Southern Miss (2003-06)	132-138	67- 85	333
5	Nick Novak, Maryland (2001-04)	153-159	80-107	393	37	Collin Mackie, South Carolina (1987-90)	114-115	72- 98	330
7	Kris Brown, Nebraska (1995-98)	217-222	57- 77	388	38	Dan Stultz, Ohio State (1997-2000)	161-169	56- 82	329
8	Xavier Beitia, Florida State (2001-04)	174-179	67- 92	375	38	Ryan Kileen, Southern Cal (2002-04)	176-180	51- 72	329
9	Jeff Hall, Tennessee (1995-98)	188-202	61- 89	371	40	Jason Hanson, Washington State (1988-91)	139-144	63- 96	328
9	Shayne Graham, Virginia Tech (1996-99)	167-169	68- 93	371	41	*Mason Crosby, Colorado (2003-06)	113-121	71- 95	326
25	*Garrett Rivas, Michigan (2003-06)	161-170	63- 81	350	41	Barry Belli, Fresno State (1984-87)	116-123	70- 99	326
26	Nick Calaycay, Boise State (1999-2002)	213-222	45- 56	348	41	Scott Bentley, Florida State (1993-96)	200-215	42- 61	326
27	*Justin Medlock, UCLA (2003-06)	143-144	66- 84	341	41	Travis Dorsch, Purdue (1998-2001)	140-149	62- 87	326
28	Philip Doyle, Alabama (1987-90)	105-108	78-105	339	41	Michael Proctor, Alabama (1992-95)	131-132	65- 91	326
28	Phil Dawson, Texas (1994-97)	162-170	59- 79	339	45	Kyle Bryant, Texas A & M (1994-97)	145-152	60- 85	325
30	Andy Trakas, San Diego State (1989-92)	170-178	56- 82	338	46	Sean Fleming, Wyoming (1988-91)	153-158	57- 93	324
31	Drew Dunning, Washington State (2000-03)	132-143	68- 88	336	48	Sebastian Janikowski, Florida State (1997-99)	125-128	66- 83	323

MASON CROSBY'S COLORADO RECORDS (31)

Most Games Played, Specialist — 48, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (<i>regular season; 50 played including two bowls</i>)	RECORD
Most Extra Points Made, Career — 109, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (117 attempts)	RECORD
Most Extra Points Attempted, Career — 117, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Field Goals Made, Career — 66, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (88 attempts)	RECORD
Most Field Goals Attempted, Career — 88, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (66 made)	RECORD
Field Goal Percentage, Career — 75.0, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (66 of 88)	TIED RECORD
Consecutive Field Goals Made — 10, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Sept. 10, 2005 (five games)	RECORD
Most Consecutive Game Kicking A Field Goal — 11, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Oct. 15, 2005 (last five games in 2004, first six in 2005)	RECORD
Most Field Goals Made, Season — 21, Mason Crosby, 2005	RECORD
*Longest Field Goal Made — 60, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Oct. 16, 2004	RECORD
Longest Field Goal Made, Road — 58, Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005 (<i>NCAA record at sea level without a tee</i>)	TIED RECORD
*Longest Field Goal Attempt — 65, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2006	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Game — 2, Mason Crosby on three occasions (Iowa State 2004, Kansas 2005, Texas Tech 2006)	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Season — 5, Mason Crosby, 2004 and 2005.	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Career —12, Mason Crosby, 2003-06.	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Attempted, Career — 24, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (12 made)	RECORD
Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Game (min. 3 made) — 48.0, Mason Crosby vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005 (52, 42, 50)	RECORD
Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Season (min. 10 made) — 41.2, Mason Crosby (21 field goals, 865 yards)	RECORD
Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Career (min. 10 made/season) — 38.2, Mason Crosby (66 field goals, 2519 yards)	RECORD
Most Points Scored/Season, Freshman — 52, Mason Crosby, 2003 (<i>7 FG, 31 PAT</i>)	RECORD
Most Points Scored, Career — 307, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (<i>66 FG, 109 PAT</i>)	RECORD
Most Points Scored By Kicking, Career — 307, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (<i>66 FG, 109 PAT</i>)	RECORD
Most Points Scored Against One Opponent, Career — 46, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Points Scored By Kicking Against One Opponent, Career — 46, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Kickoffs, Career — 203, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Kickoff Touchbacks, Career — 138, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Kickoffs Through End Zone, Season — 33, Mason Crosby (<i>matched record set by Mitch Berger, 1992</i>)	TIED RECORD
Most Kickoffs Through End Zone, Career — 88, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD
Most Big 12 Player of the Week Honors — 9, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD

*—also Folsom Field records.

BUFFS FAST OUT OF THE GATE

CU's live mascot **Ralphie** isn't the only one fast out of the gate, the Buffaloes were as well in 2006. Colorado's been fairly dominant on the game's first possession, as the Buffs have outscored the opponent **37-28** on drive number one. In addition, the Buffs out-gained the opponent **532-364** and had 24 first downs to the opponents' 21. CU had four TDs and three field goals on opening drives.

- CU tied the school record for the most first possession scores in a season with seven, matching the feat first set in 1989 and also done in 1994, 2001 and 2002 (in the latter, CU scored an eighth time to open a game in the Alamo Bowl versus Wisconsin).

OUCH... THERE'S NO OTHER WORD FOR IT

Colorado may have opened 0-4, but there's plenty of misery around the Big 12 Conference when it came to facing ranked opponents in 2006. In non-league play, the league went a combined **0-9** against top 25 teams. Colorado, as is its standard fare, was the only school to play as many as two, while four faced none. The eight schools that ventured to play ranked foes were outscored 209-99; Colorado had two of the most respectable outings, losing 21-3 to Arizona State (ASU scored a cosmetic touchdown in the final two minutes), and perhaps had the best showing against any ranked team with the 14-13 loss at Georgia. Of course, the latter has to allow for the botched instant replay mess by the Pac-10 that cost Oklahoma a win at Oregon, as the Sooners' 34-33 "loss" is the only other contest besides CU-UGA decided by one score (eight points) or less.

40 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS SEVENTH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 40 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season is tied for the seventh most in the nation in this time frame. Florida State has the most with 65, followed by Michigan (57), Florida (56), Ohio State (50), Miami, Fla. (50), Tennessee (48), **Colorado (40)** and Notre Dame (40). Penn State (38), Nebraska (35) and Alabama and Texas (34 each) round out the top 10. As for the Big 12, after CU, NU and UT, the next schools on this list are Oklahoma (31), Texas A&M (20) and Texas Tech (17). All-time, Colorado's 63 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history. (*AP polls used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

- Colorado has dropped 14 straight games against ranked opponents, as CU's last win against a ranked team came in 2003, when the Buffs toppled No. 22 Missouri in Boulder, 21-16. CU has lost three straight home games to ranked teams, eight straight in enemy stadiums to the ranked (the last win was at UCLA 31-17 in 2002) and three on neutral ground. CU has now gone winless against a ranked team for three straight years, the first such span since doing so over seven seasons between 1979 and 1985.

GLOCK RULE CHANGE ANALYSIS

It is safe to say that the NCAA Rules Committee change that quickened college football games has not been overly popular. By starting the clock faster on possession changes (and on kickoffs when foot meets ball), original estimates were that each team might lose three or four plays per game. Hmmm... not so. Colorado wound up running **10** fewer plays per game, the opponent almost seven, as the combined total dropped from 142.1 in 2005 to **126.3** this year. CU and the opponent also combined for **51** fewer possessions than a year ago. Here's a summation of game-by-game play counts this season and notes related to other years:

Game	Colorado	Opp.	Total	Notes
Montana State	54	70	124	Only the 11th time fewer than 125 plays were run in last 234 Colorado games.
Colorado State	48	57	105	Fourth fewest plays in a CU game since 1946 ; two of the three games with fewer took place in '46 (other in '54)
Arizona State	62	74	136	Count aided by 26 incomplete passes, 31 third down plays
Georgia	66	56	122	Georgia's 56 plays tied for the second fewest by an opponent in a win over CU since 1981
Missouri	63	77	140	Season regulation high (would have been fourth lowest by a hair in '05), plus Missouri runs hurry-up offense
Baylor	74	70	144	118 total at end of regulation; 26 run in OT (18 by Baylor, 8 by Colorado)
Texas Tech	65	60	125	Last two games in series (2002-03) averaged 153.5 plays per game
Oklahoma	44	75	119	Matched CU low for fewest plays in a game in last 25 seasons (also had 44 against OU in 2004 Big 12 title loss)
Kansas	70	62	132	Count aided by 29 incomplete passes, 30 third down plays
Kansas State	58	64	122	Teams combine for just 21 possessions
Iowa State	57	59	116	Teams combine for just 19 possessions
Nebraska	54	76	130	Huskers run some no-huddle: 22 incomplete passes in game aid clock stoppages
2006 Totals	715	800	1,515	12-Game Average: 126.3 (Colorado 59.6; Opponent 66.7)
2005 Totals	828	877	1,705	12-Game Average: 142.1 (Colorado 69.0; Opponent 73.1)

- ◆ Neither CU nor the opponent had a game with **80** plays; that had happened just one time in the previous **44** seasons (1998).
- ◆ Colorado (135) and opponents (138) combine for 273 total possessions; that number in 2005 was 324 (Colorado 161, Opponents 163).
- ◆ The average time of a Colorado game in 2005 took 3 hours and 29 minutes; that dipped to 3 hours and 5 minutes in 2006. The CU-CSU contest lasted all of 2:48, tied for the third shortest since 1990, and there were four sub-three hour games overall.
- ◆ Colorado averaged **59.6** plays per game, the fewest run by the Buffaloes since 1963, when they averaged 57.6 plays per game in Eddie Crowder's first year as head coach (10-game season; the fewest in an 11-game campaign was 63.2 in 1967).
- ◆ Overall, CU and its opponent ran 125 or fewer plays SEVEN times; that's only three less than the total in the previous 233 games heading into the season.

TURNOVER MARGIN

Colorado finished +0.67 in turnover margin, having committed 16 on the year while forcing 22; that is tied for second in the Big 12 and 17th nationally. It was the best by a CU teams since 1993, when the Buffs were a healthy plus-13 (fourth best in the NCAA). There have been only eight seasons in school history where the number was better than a plus-six: 1951 (+8), 1956 (+18), 1960 (+10), 1967 (+17), 1972 (+11), 1976 (+16), 1989 (+12), 1993 (+13) and now 2006 (+8).

INSTANT REPLAY SUMMARY

In the first year of the implementation in 2005, Colorado had 12 plays reviewed (in six total games), with just two being overturned; this year, **15** were looked at with five outcomes changed (three in favor of CU). Here's the roll call of instant replay situations (where play was stopped for further review) for Colorado games in 2006 (*—denotes coach's challenge):

Date	Opponent	Team	Play Reviewed	Result	Length	Notes
Sept. 2	Montana State	MSU	Rolovich 9 pass to Jefferson, Wright 23 fumble return	Overturned	2:12	Ruled an incomplete pass, no possession
Sept. 2	Montana State	*MSU	Carpenter pass to Groves, stopped short of TD	Upheld	0:41	Player broke plane of end zone, ball did not
Sept. 9	Colorado State	*CSU	Jackson fumble and CU recovery	Upheld	2:43	Involved fumble pile, replay couldn't change
Sept. 16	Arizona State	ASU	ASU's Carpenter fumbles out of bounds inside the CU 1	Overturned	1:47	Fumble hit pylon, ruled TB/possession to CU
Sept. 16	Arizona State	CU	Jackson fumble into end zone, ASU recovery and return	Upheld	2:15	Seeing if he had broken the plane first
Sept. 23	Georgia	CU	CU possession after punt (ruled did not touch CU player)	Upheld	1:20	Two CU players avoided touching ball
Sept. 30	Missouri	CU	Cha'pelle Brown interception	Upheld	0:31	Checked to see if ball hit ground; it did not
Sept. 30	Missouri	*CU	Wheatley apparent interception ruled incomplete	Upheld	3:30	Appeared to have control and be in bounds
Oct. 7	Baylor	BU	Corey Ford interception	Upheld	0:45	CU's Sprague pulled ball away after tackle
Oct. 14	Texas Tech	TTU	Holliday 12 touchdown run late in game	Overturned	1:30	Ball re-spotted at the 1-yard line
Oct. 28	Kansas	CU	Jackson fumble (pulled ball back down) and CU recovery	Upheld	0:45	Checked to see if it was an incomplete pass
Nov. 4	Kansas State	CU	Sprague 13 pass from Jackson ruled incomplete (OB)	Overturned	2:26	Sprague in fact was inbounds, ruled a catch
Nov. 11	Iowa State	*ISU	Jackson incomplete pass, ball hit ground before ISU interception	Upheld	1:15	Pass intended for Williams, near pick
Nov. 24	Nebraska	*NU	Jackson 24 pass to Williams on sideline	Overturned	3:03	Ruled incomplete, appeared could go either way
Nov. 24	Nebraska	*NU	Nebraska punt on 4th and 1, if Colorado had 12 men on field	Upheld	2:30	Unclear review, may have ended as NU had 2 challenges

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION

A running list of major notes and/or accomplishments from the postgame notes of all games in 2006:

Montana State

- **Quickly.** The 19-10 loss snapped a 3-game winning streak in season openers for the Buffaloes... Colorado scored in its **211th** consecutive game this afternoon, adding to the 13th longest streak of all-time (sixth longest active streak)... Tickets distributed for the game were **45,513**, though CU officials estimated around 2,500-3,000 no shows, likely due to the weather... CU has opened 0-2 only two times in its history (117 seasons), last doing so in 2000 and 1986... the 216 yards of total offense were the fewest in a season opener since 1979, when the Buffs had 211 in Chuck Fairbanks' first game at Colorado... the 288 allowed by CU was the fewest since 2001 (Fresno State had 287), the 11th time the last 20 the opponent has failed to reach 300.
- **Inaugural Jinx.** For whatever reason, CU has now dropped the first game in a new coaches' tenure for the 12th time in the last 13 debuts (dating back to 1935). Small consolation is that two of the most revered coaches in CU history, Eddie Crowder and Bill McCartney, did the same (ironically with rain the day before and of the game, the only two instances of bad weather for a CU coaching debut prior to today).
- **First Play of the Year.** The 42-yard pass from **James Cox** to **Patrick Williams** was the longest first offensive play of the season in Colorado history. The old best was a 31-yard pass from Kordell Stewart to Erik Mitchell against Colorado State in Boulder in the 1992 opener. The 42 yards almost equaled the total of the 13 season opening plays since (50 yards total); the only other one over 20 yards came in 1984 (a Steve Vogel pass to Loy Alexander for 21 yards against Michigan State). —The play decimated the previous best **first offensive play under a new head coach**, the last eight of which totaled all of 13 yards, the longest being a 4-yard pass from Koy Detmer to Matt Lepsis at Wisconsin in Rick Neuheisel's first game in 1995; defensively, CU forced the third incompletion in the last four coach openers on that side of the ball.
- **PK Mason Crosby (1-2 FG: 24, 63s; 1-1 PAT; 4 points).** He became CU's all-time leading kick scorer in today's game, as he entered the contest tied with Jeremy Aldrich with 231 points; with 235 points, he is now second all-time in overall scoring, trailing only Eric Bieniemy, who scored 254 points between 1987-90. He tied Aldrich for the most field goals in a CU career with 48; the 63-yard attempt in the fourth quarter was also a school record for the longest field goal attempt in school history, besting two previous 62-yard tries: Fred Lima vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater (Sept. 30, 1972) and Ken Culbertson vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1988.

Colorado State

- **Quickly...** CU is 0-2 for only the 17th time in its history (117 seasons), last doing so in 2000 and 1986 before this year... Including the last four games of last year, CU has dropped six straight games, the longest losing streak since CU opened 0-7 in 1980... **Mason Crosby's** 61-yard field goal, wiped out by a late timeout allowed CSU, would have been a school record (he owns the mark with a 60-yard effort).
- **Rushing Defense.** Colorado's rushing defense has answered the bell in the first two games, as the opponent has just 65 yards on 69 attempts this season; take out sacks, computed as rushing in the NCAA, and the number is still 128 yards on 60 true rushing attempts, or 2.2 per. It is the third straight year that the Buffs have held their first two opponents under the century mark (and to 100 or less combined: 59 in 2004, 100 in 2005 and 65 this year).
- **Series Stuff.** Colorado State snapped a three-game losing streak in the series to make it 57-19-2 in favor of the Buffaloes; the last five games in the series have been decided by a total of 22 points, easily the most contested quintet of games in the 78 year old rivalry and the second closest five-game series run in school history to a 1996-2000 run where five games against Nebraska, all Husker wins, were decided by 15 points.
- **Frosh Long.** The 73-yard punt by redshirt freshman **Matt DiLallo** to open the second quarter was the longest-ever by a CU freshman (true or redshirt) and tied for the 12th longest in school history. It was the longest kick since **Nick Pietsch** launched a 76-yard effort at Kansas on Oct. 19, 1996.
- **Firsts.** **TE Dan Goettsch, QB Bernard Jackson, FS Ryan Walters** made their first career starts, while **TB Kevin Moyd** and **ILB Jeff Smart** saw their first action (both coming on special teams). **WR Blake Mackey** saw his first action since the 2004 Houston Bowl, as he missed all of last year with a knee injury; Jackson scored his first career TD and **WR Nick Holz** made his first career catch.
- **Third Down Sacks.** There were seven sacks combined on the 25 third down plays (four by CU, three by CSU). In fact, aside from the 32-yard completion from Caleb Haney to Johnny Walker late in the game, the teams gained 29 yards on 24 third down plays.
- **DE Abraham Wright.** He had three quarterback sacks, the first three-sack game by a Buffalo since **DE Alex Ligon** had three against Washington State in Seattle two years ago the same weekend (Sept. 11, 2004).

Arizona State

- **Quickly...** Arizona State wins the first-ever meeting between the schools; the rematch is set for next Sept. 8 in Tempe... The honorary captain for CU was **Jenny Barringer**, a sophomore on the cross country and track team who won the NCAA steeplechase title as a freshman last June... Arizona State had five quarterback sacks in the game, four coming on third down plays.
- **Scoring Streak.** Colorado scored in its **213th** straight game, adding to the sixth longest active streak in the nation and the 13th longest all-time. **Mason Crosby's** 29-yard field goal got Colorado on the scoreboard, the 15th time in the streak CU's All-American kicker put the Buffs' first points on the board. The Buffs are one back of 12th on the list, as Arizona scored in 214 straight between 1972 and 1990.
- **Lack of Scoring.** In Colorado's three games this season, there have been a combined 77 points scored (23 by the Buffs, 54 by the opponent). The 23 by CU is its fewest three games into a year since 1964 (21 points), and the Buffs are still looking for their first second half points of the year.
- **DE Abraham Wright.** He had one quarterback sack to up his total to five on the season; he is well on his way to a double digit season in sacks, which if accomplished, would be the first Buff to have 10 or more sacks since **Ron Woolfork** had 13½ in 1992. He now has 14½ in his career, which is the 12th most in school history.
- **TB Hugh Charles (20-109, 0 TD).** He became the 48th player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a career, ending the game with 1,045 yards (44th on the all-time list). It was his fourth career 100-yard game, his first since he rushed for career high 132 yards on 20 carries at Oklahoma State last Oct. 1 (also the first by a Buffalo since that contest).
- **SS J.J. Billingsley** had his first interception of the season (the fifth of his career), his first pick since last year's Kansas game; **CB Terrence Wheatley** had his first interception of the season and the fifth of his career, his first since he snared one against Oklahoma in the 2004 Big 12 Championship game.
- Both **ILB Thaddaeus Washington** and **S Ryan Walters** posted career highs in tackles against Arizona State. Washington had 15 (8 solo) in eclipsing his previous best by one, while Walters had 11, topping his old high of seven.
- **PK Mason Crosby (1-2 FG: 29, 57wl; 0-0 PAT; 3 points).** He had his 65th and 66th career field goal attempts for his career, taking over sole possession of that record (he came in tied with Jeremy Aldrich, who also had 64 between 1996-99). He now has 242 career points, trailing only **TB Eric Bieniemy**, who scored 254 points between 1987-90. He missed just his third field goal try for his career in the fourth quarter, as he is now 12-of-15; the three misses have come from 50, 63 and 57 yards.
- **Red Zone Rushing Defense.** Colorado did a decent job against the run inside its 20, as Arizona State had 10 rushes for 32 yards; the opponent season total for three games this year is now just 52 yards on 27 attempts once cracking the Buff 20.

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION, CONTINUED**Georgia**

Quickly... Colorado led UGA for 48:00, while UGA led for only the final :46... Colorado gained 159 yards in the first quarter, while Georgia gained 156 in the fourth; the two combined for just 282 their other three quarters combined... CU last held an opponent scoreless through three quarters at Oklahoma State last Oct. 1 in a 34-0 Buffalo win... **Mason Crosby's** 36-yard field goal in the third quarter marked CU's first points in the second half this season.

- **Slalom.** Sophomore **S Joel Adams**, an alpine skier and member of CU's 2006 NCAA champion ski team, saw his first career action in the game, getting in the kickoff coverage unit on special teams.
- **Offense.** Colorado gained 159 yards in the first quarter, easily its best quarter since the Missouri game in 2005, and its **241** yards in the first half exceeded its total offense in any of its first three games this season. CU ran 38 plays for the 241 yards in the first half, including 18 in Georgia territory for 152 yards; UGA ran just three in Buff territory for 3 yards.
- **Rushing Defense.** Colorado's rushing defense is the real deal, as UGA had 27 attempts for just 54 yards, the third time in four games that the Buffaloes have held the opponent that total or less in four games. CU has allowed 301 in four games, or 75.3 per... in the red zone, Georgia had just four rushing attempts, three for losses and the Bulldogs a net **minus-10** red zone rushing yards in the game; on the year, the opponent has 31 attempts for 42 yards running the ball once crossing the CU 20.
- **QB Bernard Jackson.** Jackson rushed for a career-high 85 yards, the most by a CU quarterback since **Kordell Stewart** ran for 143 (on seven carries with 2 TDs) against Notre Dame in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl. Jackson also posted career highs in passing yards (140) **and** total offense (225).
- **DT George Hypolite.** The sophomore had his first career sacks today (2-16), with one causing a fumble on UGA's first second half possession that led to a CU field goal.
- **Third Downs.** Colorado averaged just 4.5 yards to go on six first half third down tries, but between holding penalties and a stiffening UGA defense, the Buffs averaged 12.9 yards to go on seven second half attempts (converting on a 3rd-and-6, its only try in the half under 12 yards).

Missouri

- **Quickly...** This marked the first time in five games that Colorado never held the lead... CU's third quarter touchdown was its first six-pointer after intermission this season... CU is now 6-5 in Big 12 openers... The Buffs have dropped 12 in a row to ranked teams, the longest losing skein against ranked foes since dropping 23 straight between 1978 and 1986... The Buffaloes had a season-high 183 rushing yards in the game; Missouri had allowed 175 total on the season (four games) coming in... Former Buff tight end **Joe Klopfenstein** was on the sidelines; he is now a rookie with the St. Louis Rams and he made the drive over.
- **Firsts:** **CB Cha'pelle Brown** made his first career interception. **WR Cody Crawford** had his first career reception.
- **S J.J. Billingsley**, with six solo tackles, became just the 10th player in school history to record 200 career unassisted stops, finishing the game with 204. He is on the third defensive back to record 200-plus, joining Michael Lewis (225, 1998-2001) and Mickey Pruitt (201, 1984-87).
- **WR Dusty Sprague (2-85, 0 TD).** The junior had a 63-yard reception to open the second half, the longest play of his career—barely. He had a 62-yard touchdown reception last year against Kansas. He had just four catches for 35 yards coming into the game, but with 85 yards today he moved up three notches into 24th place all-time in receiving yards at Colorado (866).

Baylor

- **Quickly...** Colorado dropped to 3-4 in overtime games (six of the seven have been in Big 12 conference play), with a 2-2 mark at home; this one marked the first time of the seven any went longer than just a single extra session... CU is 0-6 for only the second time in its history (117 seasons), done previously in 1980 (when the team started 0-7)... The loss is CU's 10th overall, tying the school record done just one other time (1963-64, the last six of '63 and first four of '64)... The loss dropped CU to 17-14 all-time against the Big 12 South (2-10 since 2002)... It was just Baylor's second road win in 41 tries in Big 12 play... The 31 points was a CU season high and the most since Colorado's last win (the 41-12 verdict over Missouri)... CU's fourth quarter touchdown marked the first Buff points in the quarter on the season... The 276 rushing yards last week against Baylor were the 12th most in school history in a loss, but the most since 368 in a 32-30 loss at Oregon in 1986.
- **Firsts:** **TB Mell Holliday** scored his first career touchdown (his 32-yard yard run exceeded the total distance of CU's four touchdowns this season—all rushes for a total of 6 combined yards—and CU's last eight dating back to last year's Missouri game—23 yards total for the eight). **TE Riar Geer** caught his first career touchdown, the first for **QB Bernard Jackson** as well; it was CU's first in 2006. **TB Byron Ellis** scored his first career touchdown on the 123rd carry of his career (134th touch including receptions).
- **First Quarter Offense:** Colorado gained 117 yards in the first quarter, the third straight game the Buffs exceeded the century mark for the period; CU had **154** at Missouri the previous week after netting **156** Georgia on Sept. 23.
- **Third Down Conversions.** Colorado opened the game converting six of its first eight third down tries; the Buffs had gone 5-of-25 in their two previous games combined. CU finished a season best 8-of-17, but were 2-of-9 after halftime.
- **PK Mason Crosby.** He missed just his fourth career field goal inside of 41 yards (29-of-33) when he missed the 36-yard attempt in the third quarter; two of the four misses were blocked. It was the second shortest he'd ever missed that wasn't blocked.
- **CB Terrence Wheatley.** He had his first multiple in interception game (two) of his career, the first by a Buff since Thaddaeus Washington swiped two at Nebraska on Nov. 26, 2004. His eight career interceptions are now tied for 16th all-time.

Texas Tech

- **Quickly...** CU averted its longest losing streak in its 117-year history and earned its 23rd head coach, **Dan Hawkins**, his first win at the reins of the Buffaloes... The win evened the series with Texas Tech at four wins apiece; the home team has won all eight affairs... Though 1-6, CU has now been outscored by just 26 points this year; today's 24-point margin was the largest in a Colorado game in 2006... CU led 23-0 entering the fourth quarter, marking the first time Texas Tech had been shutout through three quarters since Sept. 29, 1999 in a 58-7 loss at Texas; in concert with that, the Red Raiders ran only three plays in CU territory the first quarters: two for losses (a 4-yard loss by Shannon Woods and Abe Wright's 10-yard sack of Graham Harrell) with the other being an interception by Ryan Walters near the end of third quarter... It was the second time Tech has been held under 10 points twice this season, the first time that's happened since '99... Tech had just 11 plays in the game (out of 60) for over 10 yards, and just three over 20 in length.
- **Firsts:** **FB Maurice Cantrell** had his first career offensive touch, a 20-yard reception for a first down on the opening drive that helped set up a touchdown. **WR Jarrell Yates**, playing in just his second game, had his first career touch of any kind go for a 29-yard touchdown reception. He is the first CU player to have his first career reception go for a TD since **James Kidd** did so against Baylor in 1993; Yates saw his first action last week against Baylor on kickoff coverage, assisting on a tackle inside the 20.
- **CU** wore all black for the first time this season, improving to 16-12-1 in the look, including 2-0 against Texas Tech (outscored TTU 67-19 in the get up).
- **TB Hugh Charles (17-119, 0 TD).** It was the fifth 100-yard game of his career, his second highest total behind the 132 yards he gained at Oklahoma State in 2005.
- **Penalties, Or Lack Thereof:** Colorado did not commit a single penalty for just the fourth time in its history, the first time since Sept. 21, 1985 against Ohio State in Boulder.

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION, CONTINUED**Texas Tech, continued**

- **PK Mason Crosby (3-3 FG, 56,26,53; 3-3 PAT, 12 points).** His 56-yard field goal in the second quarter was the second longest in the NCAA this season, behind only an Alex Serna 58-yard kick for Oregon State versus California in Corvallis on Sept. 30. He now owns six of the eight longest field goals in school history. The first 50-plus yard makes this year, he now has 12 in his career. He tied his own school record for the most 50-plus yard field goals in a game (set against Iowa State in Boulder in 2004 and at Kansas State last year). In addition, five of his seven kickoffs went for touchbacks, and the other two were returned to the 17 and 12, respectively.
- **DE Abraham Wright (1 QBS).** He now has nine sacks on the season, giving him 18½ for his career; he's half sack behind three guys tied for seventh with 19: Bill Brundige, Curt Koch and Leonard Renfro.
- **S Ryan Walters.** He had the first two interceptions of his career this afternoon, marking the second straight game a Buff has picked off two passes; CB Terrence Wheatley did it last week against Baylor.

Oklahoma

- **Quickly...** CU is 1-7 for just the sixth time in its history (1962, 1964, 1979, 1980, 1984 and 2006; CU was also 1-6-1 in 1982, Bill McCartney's first season at Colorado)... CU had scored in the first quarter in every game this season, but OU became the first team to shut CU out in the first half since the Buffs trailed 13-0 at intermission last Sept. 24 (2005) at Miami, Fla. (Colorado has actually scored on its first possession in six of seven games until today, when it was held to its first 3-and-out on the first drive all year); Miami was also the last team to hold CU scoreless through three... Oklahoma ran 10 plays in CU territory on its first possession (a 12-play scoring drive); the previous week, Texas Tech ran five plays all game in plus territory (for a net minus-1 yard); OU gained 151 yards on 55 first/second down plays (2.8), but had 119 on 18 third down tries (6.6)... **WR Patrick Williams** caught his first pass in five games.
- **Penalties, Or Lack Thereof II:** CU's first penalty came with 7:13 left in the first quarter; CU's last penalty had been a pass interference call on the first overtime possession by Baylor, meaning CU went 67:47 between infractions. The seven penalties on Colorado over the course of the Baylor (4), Texas Tech (0) and OU (3) games tied for the fewest flagged on the Buffs in a three-game span since 1966.
- **CU Versus Ranked Teams:** CU dropped to 0-4 against ranked teams this season and has lost 13 straight games to Top 25 opponents (which started on Nov. 28, 2003 in Boulder with a 31-22 loss to Nebraska). CU last won on the road against a ranked foe on Sept. 21, 2002 at No. 20 UCLA (31-17), dropping nine in a row against Top 25 teams away from home.
- **CU Versus The Big 12 South:** CU finished 1-2 against the Big 12 South, dropping to 18-15 all-time against the division in the regular season; that trails Nebraska (19-12) and Missouri (18-14). CU opened 15-4 against the South in league play but a 3-11 stretch between 2002-06 has dropped CU behind the Huskers and Tigers. CU had posted 2-1 marks the first three times it had the three South counterparts served up in succession (2001, 2002, 2005).
- **PK Mason Crosby (1-2 FG: 56w1, 39; 3 points).** He is now 11-of-12 in field goals in the final 8½ minutes of games, and his six misses this year have been on the average of 49.8 yards as he remains the premier kicker in the conference and nation.
--Crosby has now personally extended CU's scoring streak six times, as he scored CU's first (and only points) against Oklahoma both in 2004 and tonight, against Miami, Nebraska and Texas in 2005, and against Arizona State earlier this season. The only other player to do it more than once was Jeremy Bloom, who did it with punt return against Oklahoma ('02 title game) and a reception against Florida State ('03).
- **ILB Thaddeaus Washington** had a career-high 19 tackles, giving him 311 for his career, the 13th player in school history to record 300 in a career (he stands 11th all-time). In the process, he passed his position coach, **Brian Cabral**, who posted 297 between 1974-77. Cabral, who is still tied for 14th place all-time, has now coached seven players ahead of him on CU's all-time charts: Matt Russell, 446; Greg Biekert, 441; Ted Johnson, 409; Chad Brown, 369; Michael Jones, 349; Jason Sykes, 330, and Washington (309).
- **Oklahoma Defense.** To say the Sooners have stymied the Buffaloes on offense the last two games would be an understatement. Including the 2004 Big 12 championship game, the Buffs had just eight first downs and 159 yards against OU over the eight quarters (running 44 plays in both games).

Kansas

- Quickly...** CU is 1-8 for just the seventh time in its history (1962, 1964, 1979, 1980, 1984 and 2006; it won game 10 in '62, '64 and '66)... This was Colorado's 300th game played in its history on artificial surfaces, owning a 177-18-5 record (0-2) this year... CU remains winless on the road in 2006, dropping all four classified away games (CSU was at a neutral site); the Buffs have not gone winless on the road since going 0-5 in 1984 (and have won only one time just twice, in 1998 and 2003). The team has one road tilt remaining, Nov. 24 at Nebraska... Colorado has been outscored by 52 points on the season, with the average margin of defeat being 9.5 points, or 76 total points in the eight losses; 38 of those 76 points have been tallied by the opponent in the final three minutes of either half (14 in the first, 24 in the second)... Speaking of points, CU has 128 in nine games; the Buffs have scored less than 300 in a season just once since 1987 (252 in 2000) and have not put less than 200 points on the board in any year since tallying 172 in 1984... CU led 9-0 in the third quarter; this marked just the 15th time since 1976 that CU could not hold on to a two-score lead (out of 219 occasions)... Kansas' 251 yards in the second half were a season-high for a half against Colorado.
 - **Firsts.** **OT Paul Backowski** made his first career start (for Edwin Harrison, still not a full strength from an ankle sprain); **WR Blake Mackey** started for the first time this season; **OLB Brad Jones** made his first career interception.
 - **Return TDs.** **Ryan Walters'** 95-yard fumble return in the fourth quarter was the second longest fumble (as well as miscellaneous) return in CU history, second only to Ben Kelly's 96-yard fumble return, also against Kansas, in Boulder on Sept. 18, 1999. Colorado's last fumble return for a touchdown had been on KU's field, Dominique Brooks' returning one for a score on Nov. 6, 2004, in CU's 30-21 win. Only 23 other plays in CU history (all returns: 15 kickoff, 6 interception, 1 punt, 1 fumble) were longer than Walters' effort. It's also CU's first non-offensive touchdown this season, giving Colorado 38 since 1999, tied for the sixth most nationally in this time frame.
 - **QB James Cox.** He suffered a broken right thumb in the second quarter and is out for season. He was in for seven plays (CU gained 9 yards on those plays, as Cox was 1-for-5 passing for 12 yards, had a rush for 4 and was sacked once).
 - **CB Terrence Wheatley.** He had his fifth interception of the season, his ninth for his career, which ties him for 12th all-time at Colorado with Hale Irwin, Jeff Donaldson, Michael Lewis and Clyde Riggins.
 - **DE Abraham Wright (1½ QBS).** He now has 10½ on the season, the first Buff to record double figures in sacks since Ronnie Woolfork had 13½ in 1992. With 20 career sacks, he is now tied for fifth all-time at Colorado as he passed Bill Brundige, Curt Koch and Leonard Renfro (all with 19) in the game.
 - **PK Mason Crosby (3-3 FG, 37, 26, 32, 3 points).** He improved to 15-of-21 in field goals in 2006, and with 56 points, he has 287 for his career (already CU's all-time leader), he is approaching that rare 300-point barrier. He is 62-of-81 in field goals for his career (67-of-88 including bowls).
- NOTE:** A scoring change occurred the Sunday after the game: a 61-yard pass play at the end of the game when **QB Bernard Jackson** was over the line of scrimmage was correctly changed to a 1-yard rush (accepting the penalty was never an option presented to KU, as time had run out and CU could not have run another play; had time remained, the play would have been wiped out).

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION, CONTINUED**Kansas State**

Quickly... Coupled with the previous week's loss at Kansas, this marked just the third time in 19 times that CU dropped consecutive games to KU and Kansas State in back to back weeks... CU dropped to 1-9 for just the third time in its history (1980, 1984); the Buffs' only win those years came against its next opponent, Iowa State... **TB Mell Holliday** had posted Colorado's long rush of the season with his 40-yard third quarter scamper until **QB Bernard Jackson** scored on a 62-yard jaunt early in the fourth quarter (see below for more on that play)... **WR Alvin Barnett** had his career long receptions, 32 yards, in the first quarter (his old best was a 19-yard gain at Miami, Fla., in 2005)... **ILB Jordan Dizon** had one third down stop, giving him 16 on the season as he nears the school record of 18... CU had just 64 yards at halftime and 306 after the break... Kansas State gained a season-high 439 yards against the Buffalo defense; Arizona State had the previous high of 430, the only two 400-plus games against CU this season... KSU was 6-of-6 on third-and-five or less... CU's 370 yards on offense was its third most.

➤ **CU In All Black.** Colorado is now 16-13-1 donning all black uniforms, first wearing the look the day after Thanksgiving in 1987 in a 24-7 loss to Nebraska. This marked the sixth time the Buffs wore all black at home more than once during the same season, as CU did the same in its 30-6 win over Texas Tech on Oct. 14. CU is now 3-2 against K-State in the look.

➤ **Firsts. TE Paul Creighton** made his first career start (in the 45th game of his career)... **Alex Ligon** made his first start of the season, the 17th of his career but his first at defensive tackle (the other 16 were at end)... **TE Tyson DeVree** caught his first career touchdown pass in a CU uniform, but not his first collegiate one; he had six at Western Michigan (three each in 2003 and 2004).

➤ **Scoring Streak.** CU extended its consecutive game scoring streak to 220, though it marked the just the 20th time the Buffs had to wait until the second half to extend it. It now stands alone as the 11th longest in NCAA history (the sixth longest active streak). The next two schools on the list ahead of CU also have active streaks, Florida State (232) and Florida (225).

➤ **Fourth Down.** CU was 1-3 on fourth down, now 2-of-12 on the season; the failed try on the down in the third quarter (after CU used 15 plays to gain 84 yards in 7:31) dropped CU to 0-of-5 on fourth down at the time in the red zone. CU came back with a fourth quarter TD pass on fourth down to jump that number to 1-of-6.

➤ **QB Bernard Jackson (17-105-2 TD rushing).** Jackson enjoyed his first career 100-yard game in the loss. His 62-yard run for a touchdown in the fourth quarter was the longest run by a CU quarterback since Darian Hagan's 71-yard run for a touchdown against Colorado State in Boulder on Sept. 9, 1989 (Hagan also had a non-scoring run of 75 yards to the 1 against Texas five days earlier).

--Jackson & **TB Hugh Charles (12-66)** teamed for 171 yards, as the duo now own six of the top 33 efforts in school history for combined rushing yards by a quarterback and tailback. The 171 yards is 28th on the list, as all six entire by the pair are from this season.

➤ The win enabled K-State to become bowl-eligible for the first time since it won the Big 12 title in 2003, while the Buffs fell to 1-9 for just the third time in their history, having dropped 13 of their last 14 games.

Iowa State

➤ **Quickly...** The win guaranteed CU will not finish last or tied for last in the Big 12 North; CU has not finished last in conference play outright since 1915 or has shared it since 1984... The first quarter took 31 minutes to play (17 rushes, just two incomplete passes out of 11 tries); the first half took 1:12... The 314 yards in the first half was easily the most by Colorado in a half this season, and surpassed the *total* in six games... **WR Chase McBride** had CU's second longest punt return of the year (20 yards in the third quarter); the only other one in double figures was the team long, **Stephone Robinson's** 36-yard effort against Colorado State... CU scored on its first seven possessions and did not punt until 2:28 remained in the game... CU was a season best 6-of-12 on third downs today, including 3-of-3 in 3rd-and-1 situations.

➤ **Long Drive:** CU's 15-play, 95-yard drive that ate 7:51 off the clock in the second quarter were season highs in all three categories (plays, yards and time).

➤ **Firsts. TB Mell Holliday** made his first career start; he's the sixth walk-on or former walk-on to start a game for Colorado this season... **OL Jack Tipton** made his first start of the season, the fifth of his career but his first at tackle; his last start came at Kansas State in 2005... **DE Maurice Lucas** had his first career sack (third quarter)... **WRs Alvin Barnett** and **Patrick Williams** had their first career TD catches (Barnett, 26 yards in the first quarter; Williams 39 yards, third quarter).

➤ **200/200.** Colorado reach 200 yards in both rushing (263) and passing (200), the first time the Buffs have recorded at least 200 in both since the second game of the 2005 season (versus New Mexico State). It's the 34th time CU has accomplished this feat dating back to 1989, and has a 32-2 record in such games. The 463 yards was a season best, topping the 380 against Texas Tech.

➤ **WR Alvin Barnett (4-77, 1 TD).** He had a career-high 77 yards, including 72 yards in the first quarter when he had his first career touchdown (in fact, he had 64 of the yards on CU's opening possession).

➤ **TB Mell Holliday (18-126, 0 TD).** Holliday had a career day in his first-ever start, posting his first career 100-yard rushing game, topping his previous best of 67 yards.

➤ **QB Bernard Jackson (13-of-19, 200, 2 TD passing; 9-69, 1 TD rushing).** Jackson enjoyed his first career 200-yard passing game, and went back-to-back games without an interception for the first time as a starter (he has thrown just two picks in his last 88 attempts). His passer rating for the game (191.6) is easily his career best.

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➤ **Quickly...** Colorado finished 2-10 in 2006, just the third 10-loss season in school history (the 1980 and 1984 teams finished 1-10)... Colorado has now dropped 14 straight to ranked teams... The Buffs finished 0-5 on the road, its first winless season away from home since a similar mark in 1984... **DL Alex Ligon** had his first sack since the middle of the 2004 season, when he was credited with half a sack against Iowa State (his last full sack came when he had three at Washington State earlier that same season)... Colorado gave up a safety for the first time since Oct. 18, 2003, when Kansas State blocked a punt out of the end zone at Manhattan... Nebraska had one play of 40 yards or longer (a 57-yard pass completion), with CU allowing six for the entire year, matching a 20-season low done three other years since the 1987 team only gave up four of that distance... Colorado was outscored 106-40 in the fourth quarter this season (16-0 against Nebraska)... The Memorial Stadium record crowd of 85,800 for the game was the sixth largest crowd CU played before in its history, trailing three crowds at Michigan and one each at Ohio State and Georgia (earlier this season).

➤ **TB Mell Holliday (8-67, 1 TD).** He enjoyed a good return to his home state, scoring his second touchdown of the season, a 45-yard jaunt in the third quarter that was the fifth longest rush against Nebraska this season. Holliday finished the year with 512 yards; with Hugh Charles (779) and Bernard Jackson (677), they became the first Buff trio to all rush for over 500 yards since 2001 and the 10th group to do it in CU history.

➤ **Lasts.** Seniors who were not regular starters over the course of the season who started their Colorado career finale included **TE Paul Creighton** and **DL Alex Ligon**.

➤ **WR Cody Crawford (5-79, 0 TD).** He had single game career bests in receptions and yards, and finished the season with 15 grabs for 222 yards (13 for 184 over the last five games).

➤ **TB Hugh Charles (5-61, 0 TD).** His 44-yard run in the first quarter set up a CU touchdown; in the 2005 game, he had a 45-yard run on the first play of the game, which set up Colorado's lone score (a Mason Crosby field goal). A year ago, he had 12 rushes for 78 yards against the Huskers, getting 33 yards on 11 tries after the long run. He finished the season as CU's leading rusher for the second straight season (139 carries for 779 yards).

GAME #1—MONTANA STATE 19, COLORADO 10*(September 2; Boulder, Colo.)*

BOULDER — Jeff Hastings connected on four field goals, the last a 41-yard effort with just 2:58 remaining to basically end any Colorado rally, as Montana State defeated the Buffaloes 19-10 in the first game for new CU head coach Dan Hawkins.

Montana State, ranked No. 22 in the I-AA national poll, hung around in the first half by playing solid defense and then outscored CU 13-0 after halftime to leave town with the win, its first over a Division I team since 1984. It was Colorado's first-ever game against a non-Division I team since the divisional setup was created in 1978.

Mason Crosby's 24-yard field goal opened the scoring, as not only did he give CU a 3-0 lead, he became Colorado's all-time leading kick scorer in the process. Hastings came back with 35- and 44-yard efforts to give MSU a 6-3 edge a minute into the second quarter. At that point, it seemed to light a fire under the Buffaloes, who answered with a 12-play, 74-yard drive capped by a 1-yard touchdown plunge by quarterback James Cox. CU would take that 10-6 lead into the lockerroom.

It stood to reason that CU would pull away in the second half, but no one told Montana State, as the Bobcats did not allow another first down until 11 minutes remained in the game. In the meantime, Cory Carpenter led MSU on a 7-play, 58-yard drive that ended with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Michael Jefferson, and the Bobcats were ahead to stay at 13-10.

While CU struggled offensively, the defense hung in there with at two goal line stands, stopping MSU on a 4th-and-goal from the 1 the first time and the second time holding the Bobcats to a 19-yard Hastings field goal. That 3-pointer made the score 16-10 with 5:12 to go; on the ensuing kickoff, Stephone Robinson fumbled at the Buff 26 and MSU recovered, setting the stage for Hastings' fourth kick that sealed the upset.

CU managed just 12 first downs and 216 yards on offense, its fewest in a season opener since 1979. Montana State, which ran 70 plays, or 16 more than the Buffs, amassed 288, though just 50 came on the ground on 35 tries.

Montana State	3	3	7	6	—	19
COLORADO	3	7	0	0	—	10

COLORADO — Crosby 24 FG	3- 0	10:39	1Q
Montana State — Hastings 35 FG	3- 3	5:58	1Q
Montana State — Hastings 44 FG	3- 6	14:08	2Q
COLORADO — Cox 1 run (Crosby kick)	10- 6	9:20	2Q
Montana State — Jefferson 10 pass from Carpenter (Hastings kick)	10-13	10:36	3Q
Montana State — Hastings 19 FG	10-16	5:12	4Q
Montana State — Hastings 41 FG	10-19	2:58	4Q

Attendance: 45,513 Time: 3:04 Weather: 54 degrees, cloudy skies, 4 mph winds (N)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MONTANA STATE
First Downs	12	16
Third Down Efficiency	5-14	7-18
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards	32-106	35-50
Passing Yards	110	238
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	22-8-1	35-24-0
Total Offense	216	288
Return Yards	-4	65
Punts: No-Average	7-37.6	4-34.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	5/44	9/71
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	3-22	2-20
Time of Possession	26:33	33:27
Drives/Average Field Position	10/C26	12/MS37
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-2 (10)	3-4 (13)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Holliday 12-50, Charles 5-35, Ellis 4-12, Williams 1-7, Robinson 1-6,

Jackson 1-5, Cox 8-minus 9. **Montana State:** Groves 23-58, Jefferson 2-17, Carpenter

6-minus 26, Tea m4-minus 9.

Passing—Colorado: Cox 22-8-0, 110, 0 td. **Montana State:** Carpenter 31-23-0, 229, 1 td;

Rolovich 4-1-0, 9, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Williams 2-51, Ellis 2-13, Geer 1-24, Charles 1-14, Barnett 1-6,

Sprague 1-2. **Montana St:** Jefferson 10-87, Wheaton 4-44, Groves 4-9, Lewis 3-65, Bostick 2-22, Toliver 1-11.

Punting—Colorado: Crosby 1-43.0 (0 In20), DiLallo 2-40.5 (41 long, 1 In20), Garden 4-34.8

(41 long, 1 In20). **Montana State:** Rolovich 3-35.0 (47 long, 0 In20), Force 1-32.0..

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-minus 4. **Montana State:** Lewis 3-52, Austin 2-13.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 5-81, Th.Washington 1-21. **Montana State:** Jefferson 1-23.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Montana State:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 7,4—11; Dizon 5,5—10; Billingsley 6,2—8;

Walters 5,2—7; Burney 4,3—7; Wright 4,3—7; Nicolas 5,1—6; B.Jones 2,3—5;

Te.Washington 4,0—4. **MSU:** Daly 8,2—10; Fuller 5,1—6; Austin 4,2—6; LeBlanc

3,3—6; Lowe 3,3—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-5, Dizon ½-6, Boye-Doe ½-5, Th.Washington ½-3,

Wheatley ½-3. **Montana State:** Daly 1-11, Lowe 1-9.

GAME #2—COLORADO 14, COLORADO 10*(September 9; Denver, Colo.)*

DENVER — Caleb Hanie ran for one touchdown and passed for another, and it was enough for Colorado State as defense ruled the day in the Rams 14-10 victory over Colorado in the Qwest Rocky Mountain Showdown presented by Dr Pepper.

CU saw its three-game winning streak in the series snapped, though early on it appeared that CSU might be in for a long afternoon after the Buffaloes marched 65 yards with the opening kickoff and took a 7-0 lead just five minutes into the game.

Bernard Jackson, making his first start at quarterback, picked up two first downs on the drive with runs of 10 and 14 yards, and scored the touchdown himself on a 3-yard third down run. Tailback Byron Ellis got Buffs started, as he carried the first two plays for 20 yards to drive the Buffs into CSU territory.

The Rams tied the score two possessions later, as Hanie matched Jackson with a 3-yard scoring run, that effort capping a 71-yard drive. Early in the second quarter, the Buffs converted the only turnover of the game into a Mason Crosby field goal, as his boot from 40 yards out also gave CU its last lead of the day at 10-7.

No one knew at the time, but when Hanie hit Kory Sperry with a 5-yard pass in the back of the end zone with 3:48 on the clock, the day's scoring would come to an end. But the Rams made the lead stand in winning for just the 19th time in the 78-game series.

Hanie played the largest role in the win, as he completed his first 14 passes and finished 20-of-23 for 233 yards, with Johnny Walker hauling in 10 of those balls for 158 yards.

CU had its struggles on offense for the second straight game, especially in the second half, when the Buffs earned just two first downs and had 28 yards on offense. Though one score away from tying or taking the lead, Colorado did not cross its 41-yard line on any of its final three possessions and had just 146 yards for the game. CSU couldn't do a thing running the football, as the Rams had just 15 net rushing yards and had only 248 overall as well.

COLORADO	7	3	0	0	—	10
Colorado State	7	7	0	0	—	14

COLORADO — Jackson 1 run (Crosby kick)	7- 0	10:13	1Q
Colorado State — Hanie 3 run (Smith kick)	7- 7	1:41	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 40 FG	10- 7	12:43	2Q
Colorado State — Sperry 5 pass from Hanie (Smith kick)	10-14	4:07	2Q

Attendance: 65,701 Time: 2:48 Weather: 65 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 2 mph winds from the east

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO STATE
First Downs	9	16
Third Down Efficiency	4-12	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	33-75	34-15
Passing Yards	71	233
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	15-9-0	23-20-0
Total Offense	146	248
Return Yards	37	8
Punts: No-Average	6-42.3	5-45.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	6/50	5/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	6-41	4-25
Time of Possession	25:53	34:07
Drives/Average Field Position	10/C33	10/CS29
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-2 (10)	2-4 (14)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 18-30, Ellis 8-28, Charles 2-10, Holliday 4-9, Barnett 1-minus

2. **CSU:** Johnson 14-17, J.Walker 2-14, Ohaeri 4-4, T.Walker 1-3, Hanie 13-minus 23.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 13-8-0, 70, 0 td; Cox 2-1-0, 1, 0 td. **CSU:** Hanie 23-20-0, 233,

1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Williams 5-37, Barnett 2-13, Geer 1-12, Holz 1-9. **CSU:** J.Walker

10-158, Sperry 4-9, Morton 3-22, Roberts 2-38, Hill 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-42.3 (73 long, 1 In20). **CSU:** Kaylor 5-45.2 (51 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-37. **CSU:** Walker 2-8, Morton 1-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: none. **CSU:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **CSU:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 8,7—15; Th.Washington 4,8—12; Billingsley 2,4—6;

Wright 5,0—5; Walters 3,2—5; Wheatley 3,2—5; Hypolite 2,2—4. **CSU:** Horinek 2,6—8;

Radford 1,7—8; Nading 2,5—7; Rucks 3,3—6; Pagnotta 4,1—5; Adkins 2,3—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 3-29, Dizon 2-7, Boye-Doe 1-5. **CSU:** Pagnotta 2-11,

Adkins 1-4, Horinek ½-5; Nading ½-5.

GAME #3—ARIZONA STATE 21, COLORADO 3*(September 16; Boulder, Colo.)*

BOULDER — Hugh Charles rushed for 109 yards but was the only real offensive highlight for Colorado as the Buffaloes slowly succumbed to No. 22 Arizona State, 21-3.

ASU quarterback Rudy Carpenter threw for 248 yards and two touchdowns as the Sun Devils overcame two early fumbles and a 3-0 deficit to win the first game ever played between the schools from neighboring states.

Mason Crosby scored the only points on the night for the Buffs after Arizona State turned the ball over on the third play of the game. George Hypolite recovered a Shaun DeWitty fumble at the Arizona State 17, and Crosby nailed a 29-yarder after CU moved the ball just five yards. It was one of four Arizona State turnovers in the game, and the only one Colorado would convert into points.

The Sun Devils bounced back and drove to the Buff 2, but lost possession when Carpenter fumbled the ball on the run and it hit the pylon on its way out of bounds. On their next drive though, the Sun Devils did get the ball into the end zone as Ryan Torain capped a 10-play, 71-yard drive that put ASU ahead for good at 7-3. Carpenter then hooked up with Chis McGaha on an 18-yard TD pass to extend the lead to 14-3 when ASU got the ball back after a CU punt, the score set up by a 48-yard return by Terry Richardson.

The schools then stopped each other on the next 15 possessions combined, including the very next drive when CU marched to the ASU 2 where quarterback Bernard Jackson fumbled as he made his way to the goal line with the Sun Devils' Josh Barrett recovering the ball. Carpenter threw his second TD pass, this one to Zach Miller, to close the scoring with 1:33 left after ASU recovered a fumbled punt return try by Cha'pelle Brown at the Buff 20.

CU could not get untracked for a third straight time on offense, and failed to score in the second half for the third game in a row. The Buff defense held its own, limiting the potent ASU passing attack to just 10 plays of 10 or more yards (and just three of 20 or longer). The Sun Devils had 294 yards at halftime but mustered just 136 after intermission.

Arizona State	7	7	0	7	—	21
COLORADO	3	0	0	0	—	3

COLORADO — Crosby 29 FG	3- 0	12:57	1Q
Arizona State — Torain 8 run (Ainsworth kick)	3- 7	0:04	1Q
Arizona State — McGaha 18 pass from Carpenter (Ainsworth kick)	3-14	10:44	2Q
Arizona State — Z.Miller 5 pass from Carpenter (Ainsworth kick)	3-21	1:33	4Q

Attendance: 47,723 Time: 3:24 Weather: 58 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 12-24 mph winds from NW

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	ARIZONA STATE
First Downs	13	24
Third Down Efficiency	5-16	8-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards	44-133	37-182
Passing Yards	86	248
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	18-8-1	37-21-2
Total Offense	219	430
Return Yards	8	109
Punts: No-Average	7-41.6	3-31.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-2	2-2
Penalties/Yards	4/38	11/73
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-8	5-25
Time of Possession	30:41	29:19
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C28	12/A35
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-2 (3)	3-4 (21)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 20-109, Ellis 5-12, Holliday 2-7, Jackson 17-5. **Arizona State:** Herring 9-82, Torain 18-80, Carpenter 5-10, Nance 4-8, DeWitty 1-2.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 18-8-1, 86, 0 td. **Arizona State:** Carpenter 37-21-2, 248, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Charles 2-30, Williams 2-20, Goettsch 1-17, Geer 1-8, DeVree 1-6, Holz 1-5. **Arizona State:** Z.Miller 5-45, McGaha 4-40, Lewis 3-48, M.Jones 3-37, Kimbrough 2-26, Richardson 1-19, DeWitty 1-18, Burgess 1-13, Torain 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-46.5 (53 long, 1 In20, 1 blk); Team 1-12.0. **Arizona State:** Johnson 3-31.3 (40 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: C.Brown 1-1, Robinson 1-minus 2. **Arizona State:** Richardson 5-78.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 1-17, Robinson 1-14. **Arizona State:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-9, Billingsley 1-0. **Arizona State:** Hill 1-26.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 8.7—15; Dizon 7.5—12; Walters 8.3—11; Billingsley 6.3—9; B.Jones 4.4—8; Wright 4.3—7; Nicolas 3.3—6; Boye-Doe 3.1—4; Sims 3.1—4; Wheatley 3.1—4. **Arizona State:** Barrett 6.2—8; Tryon 5.2—7; Cantanese 5.0—5; James 4.1—5; Davis 4.1—5; Manutai 4.1—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-8. **Arizona State:** Hill 1-7, Tryon 1-7, Kofe 1-4, Manutai -3, Caldwell ½-2, Marquardt ½-3.

GAME #4—GEORGIA 14, COLORADO 13*(September 23; Athens, Ga.)*

ATHENS, Ga. — Backup quarterback Joe Cox connected with tight end Martrez Milner on a 20-yard touchdown with just 46 seconds remaining to rally No. 9 Georgia to a 14-13 win over the upset-minded Colorado Buffaloes.

CU, in search of its first win for new head coach Dan Hawkins led the contest for exactly 48 minutes, building a 13-0 lead in silencing the 92,746 in attendance at UGA's Sanford Stadium for most of the afternoon. But once Cox entered the game, the Bulldogs came alive and were finally able to move the ball against a stout Colorado defense.

He took over late in the third quarter and directed UGA deep into CU territory, where the Buffs responded with the first of two fourth down stops inside the red zone. But on the next series, Cox threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Brannan Southerland to get the Bulldogs on the board with 9:11 remaining.

The Buffs had a chance to put the game away on the next series, and seemed to be in business after Bernard Jackson completed a 14-yard pass on third down to Alvin Barnett to the CU 44. But on the next play, tailback Hugh Charles ran hard for nine yards but lost the ball, with Jeff Owens recovering for UGA near midfield.

UGA earned a first down at the CU 18 after just two plays, but the Colorado defense again rose to the challenge. Ryan Walters threw Gregg Lumpkin for a 3-yard loss on 3rd-and-one at the CU 9, followed by Abraham Wright knocking down Cox's pass on fourth down. But UGA forced CU into punting with 2:29 left, setting up the winning scoring drive.

CU had methodically built its lead, getting on the board with 3:14 left in the first quarter on a 26-yard Mason Crosby field goal. Then early in the second quarter, the Buffs put together its most explosive offensive drive of the season, marching 63 yards in just four plays. Jackson hit Dusty Sprague for 16 yards and followed it up with a 28-yard run to the UGA 19. He then completed an 18-yard pass to Hugh Charles who took it down to the 1, where Jackson took it over for a 10-0 lead.

Crosby added a 36-yard field goal early in the third quarter after George Hypolite sacked Georgia starting QB Matthew Stafford, forcing and recovering a fumble at the UGA 19.

Colorado posted season offensive bests in every major category, yards (313), rushing yards (173), passing yards (140), first downs (17) and time of possession (34:09). Defensively, the Buffs limited Georgia to only 54 yards on the ground, but the Bulldogs passed for 230, most in the fourth quarter when making their comeback.

COLORADO	3	7	3	0	—	13
Georgia	0	0	0	14	—	14

COLORADO — Crosby 26 FG	3- 0	3:14	1Q
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COLORADO — Jackson 1 run (Crosby kick)	10- 0	10:08	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 36 FG	13- 0	11:25	3Q
Georgia — Southerland 23 pass from Cox (Coutu kick)	13- 7	9:11	4Q
Georgia — Milner 20 pass from Cox (Coutu kick)	13-14	0:46	4Q

Attendance: 92,746 Time: 3:06 Weather: 81 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 8 mph winds from the SW

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	GEORGIA
First Downs	17	16
Third Down Efficiency	2-13	3-11
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-2
Rushes—Net Yards	39-173	27-54
Passing Yards	140	230
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-14-1	29-18-0
Total Offense	313	284
Return Yards	5	40
Punts: No-Average	6-41.0	5-45.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	3-2
Penalties/Yards	9/81	5/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-16	2-6
Time of Possession	34:09	25:51
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C31	12/G31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-4 (13)	1-3 (7)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 15-85, Charles 18-72, Holliday 5-15, Ellis 1-1. **Georgia:** Lumpkin 12-52, Ware 6-18, Williams 1-3, Henderson 1-3, Brown 3-minus 7, Stafford 4-minus 15.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 26-14-1, 140, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Georgia:** Cox 13-10-0, 154, 2 td; Stafford 16-8-0, 76, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 7-71, Sprague 3-33, Charles 3-22, Barnett 1-14. **Georgia:** Milner 4-64, Massaquoi 3-29, Ware 3-20, Bryant 2-46, Southerland 2-29, Lumpkin 2-17, Harris 1-14, Brown 1-11.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-41.0 (51 long, 1 In20). **Georgia:** Ely-Kelso 5-45.0 (51 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-5. **Georgia:** Henderson 4-39.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-67. **Georgia:** Brown 2-62.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Georgia:** Taylor 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: B.Jones 5.2—7; Wheatley 5.1—6; Billingsley 3.3—6; Wright 3.3—6; Th.Washington 3.2—5; Hypolite 4.0—4; Sipili 3.1—4; Te. Washington 3.0—3; Boye-Doe 2.1—3; Walters 2.1—3. **Georgia:** Taylor 9.4—13; Battle 8.1—9; K.Johnson 8.0—8; Brown 5.1—6; Oliver 4.2—6; Moss 3.2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Hypolite 2-16. **Georgia:** Battle 1-4, Taylor 1-2.

GAME #5—MISSOURI 28, COLORADO 13*(September 30; Columbia, Mo.)*

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Chase Daniel threw four touchdown passes as he led Missouri to its first 5-0 start in 25 years as the Tigers kept the Colorado Buffaloes winless on the season with a 28-13 victory.

It was another case of coulda-shoulda-woulda for CU, as the Buffs turned in their finest offensive performance of the year, but struggles in the red zone put a damper on their point production. Colorado had just one touchdown on five trips inside the Missouri 20, and scored a total of six points on two field goals the other four times.

Missouri came into the game with the nation's No. 1 ranked defense, but CU shredded the Tigers for 154 yards in the first quarter alone. However, Mizzou rolled up 148 yards of its own in the first stanza as Daniel threw a pair of short touchdown passes to Chase Coffman that sandwiched a 32-yard Mason Crosby field goal for a 14-3 MU lead. Crosby added a 36-yard kick midway through the second quarter to pull CU to within 14-6. But two easy scoring chances deep in Mizzou territory came up empty, as one pass sailed high and another bounced off a facemask.

Late in the first half, CU punter Matt DiLallo couldn't handle a high snap and he was tackled at his own 14, where six plays later Daniel threw his third TD pass, this one to Martin Rucker just 11 seconds before intermission. Down 21-6, many in attendance had CU pegged for dead, but the Buffs went deep on the first play of the second half, as Bernard Jackson connected with Dusty Sprague on a 63-yard pass play to the Tiger 2. A facemask penalty cut that distance in half and Jackson scored himself from a yard out to cut the deficit to 21-13 just 47 seconds into the third quarter.

CU seemingly had thwarted an MU drive about eight minutes later, but the officials both on the field and in the replay booth ruled against an interception by Terrence Wheatley. Mizzou then mounted an 8-play, 52-yard drive capped by Daniel's last TD pass, a 9-yard toss to Jared Perry to close the day's scoring.

Colorado rushed for 183 yards on a Tiger defense that had allowed less than 43 the first four games of the year, and limited a potent MU rushing attack to just 100 yards on 40 tries. But Missouri came up with the big play when needed, usually on third down, as the Tigers converted 11-of-18 times to break the Buffs spirit.

COLORADO	3	3	7	0	—	13
Missouri	14	7	7	0	—	28

Missouri — Coffman 2 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	0- 7	10:58	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 32 FG	3- 7	7:48	1Q
Missouri — Coffman 9 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	3-14	2:48	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 36 FG	6-14	7:33	2Q
Missouri — Rucker 1 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	6-21	0:11	2Q
COLORADO — Jackson 1 run (Crosby kick)	13-21	14:13	3Q
Missouri — Perry 9 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	13-28	6:39	3Q

GAME #6—BAYLOR 34, COLORADO 31 (3 OT)*(October 7; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Joe Pawelek's interception in the end zone in the third overtime ended Colorado's hopes for a rally, as well as for its first win of the season, as Baylor defeated the Buffaloes, 34-31. It was the 10th straight loss for CU dating back to 2005, tying the school record for consecutive defeats.

CU tied the game at 17-17 with 4:13 left in regulation on a 9-yard touchdown run by Byron Ellis, as the 12-play, 80-yard drive swung momentum back to the Buffaloes, who stopped the Bears cold on their next series. But Baylor did the same to the Buffs, as CU couldn't move the ball out beyond its 30 in the final two minutes in hopes of setting up a game winning field goal, thus the stage was set for overtime.

Colorado won the overtime toss and elected to play defense, and the Bears struck first, taking six plays to move 25 yards with Paul Mosley scoring his second touchdown of the day in putting BU ahead, 24-17. Colorado answered in four plays, as Bernard Jackson threw his first touchdown pass of the year (and his career), finding Riar Geer in the center of the end zone on the 10-yard play.

In the second extra session, lightning struck for the Buffaloes as Hugh Charles ripped through a big hole on the left side and ran 25 yards for a 31-24 CU lead right in front of the student section. Baylor earned a first down at the CU 13, and after a Mosley run set up a 2nd-and-7, Shawn Bell threw two straight incompletions leading to fourth down. Bell seemingly had forever to find a receiver, and eventually found Trent Shelton by himself for the touchdown to tie the game for the fourth time.

The Bears came back in the third OT and converted a 3rd-and-14 to get the 8-yard line, but the Buff defense stiffened, forcing a 22-yard field goal by Ryan Havens. On CU's first play, Charles was stopped at the line of scrimmage and then Jackson picked up four. Jackson then dropped back and tried to get the ball in the end zone to Tyson DeVree, but Pawelek read the play and picked off the ball, preserving the win for Baylor, just its second in 41 tries on the road in Big 12 play.

Baylor	0	10	0	7	7	7	3	—	34
COLORADO	7	0	3	7	7	7	0	—	31

COLORADO — Holliday 32 run (Crosby kick)	7- 0	10:07	1Q
Baylor — Havens 47 FG	7- 3	11:35	2Q
Baylor — Payne 17 pass from Bell (Havens kick)	7-10	1:58	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 44 FG	10-10	2:35	3Q
Baylor — Mosley 28 run (Havens kick)	10-17	9:24	4Q
COLORADO — Ellis 9 run (Crosby kick)	17-17	4:13	4Q
Baylor — Mosley 1 run (Havens kick)	17-24	.....	OT1
COLORADO — Geer 10 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick)	24-24	.....	OT1
COLORADO — Charles 25 run (Crosby kick)	31-24	.....	OT2

Attendance: 57,824 **Time:** 3:02 **Weather:** 69 degrees, cloudy skies, 5 mph winds from the NW

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs	18	23
Third Down Efficiency	3-12	11-18
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-5	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards	36-183	40-100
Passing Yards	190	253
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-13-0	37-23-2
Total Offense	373	353
Return Yards	16	41
Punts: No-Average	2-49.5	3-34.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	6/56	4/26
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-11	4-24
Time of Possession	28:14	31:46
Drives/Average Field Position	10/C28	11/M31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-5 (13)	4-4 (28)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 15-93, Charles 13-87, Williams 1-14, Ellis 4-8, Holliday 1-1, DiLallo 1-minus 20. **Missouri:** Temple 18-70, Jackson 6-23, Goldsmith 5-10, Daniel 10-minus 1, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 27-13-0, 190, 0 td. **Missouri:** Daniel 35-23-2, 253, 4 td; Coleman 1-0-0, 0; Saunders 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 3-39, Sprague 2-85, Barnett 2-19, Ellis 2-13, Goettsch 2-11, Crawford 1-23, Robinson 1-0. **Missouri:** Rucker 6-66, Franklin 4-51, Ekweremwu 4-49, Coffman 4-31, Perry 2-25, Saunders 1-13, Goldsmith 1-10, Temple 1-8.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-49.5 (56 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Crossett 3-34.7 (45 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-1. **Missouri:** Saunders 1-41.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-71. **Missouri:** Goldsmith 2-51.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-15, C.Brown 1-0. **Missouri:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: C.Brown 5, 4—9; Billingsley 6, 2—8; Walters 6, 2—8; Dizon 5, 2—7; Hypolite 5, 1—6; Wright 5, 1—6; Harris 3, 3—6; Nicolas 3, 3—6; Wheatley 5, 0—5. **Missouri:** Harrington 4, 7—11; Massey 5, 5—10; Bacon 1, 8—9; Overstreet 2, 3—5; Jackson 2, 2—4; Moore 2, 2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-11, Boye-Doe 1-0. **Missouri:** Harrington 2-9, Smith 1-9, Williams 1-6.

Baylor — Shelton 10 pass from Bell (Havens kick)	31-31	.....	OT2
Baylor — Havens 22 FG	31-34	.....	OT3

Attendance: 47,065 **Time:** 3:28 **Weather:** 76 degrees, partly cloudy, 4 mph winds from the southeast

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	BAYLOR
First Downs	18	20
Third Down Efficiency	8-17	9-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	49-276	26-110
Passing Yards	75	272
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	25-9-3	44-31-2
Total Offense	351	382
Return Yards	31	24
Punts: No-Average	4-51.8	4-49.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	4/28	8/87
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-14	0-0
Time of Possession	33:21	26:39
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C35	13/B40
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (14)	4-5 (24)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 13-93, Charles 15-72, Holliday 11-65, Ellis 8-40, Sprague 1-11, Williams 1-minus 5. **Baylor:** Mosley 20-85, Whitaker 3-40, Bell 2-minus 14, Team 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 24-9-3, 75, 1 td; Charles 1-0-0, 0. **Baylor:** Bell 44-31-2, 272, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 4-29, Barnett 3-24, Crawford 1-15, Sprague 1-7. **Baylor:** Ziegler 7-71, Fenty 7-52, Shelton 5-56, Payne 3-28, Mosley 3-12, Parks 3-12, Whitaker 2-15, White 1-26.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-51.8 (63 long, 2 In20). **Baylor:** Sepulveda 4-49.8 (62 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 2-22. **Baylor:** Sims 3-24.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-10. **Baylor:** Davis 1-42, Baker 1-39.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 2-0. **Baylor:** Arline 1-0, Ford 1-0, Pawelek 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 8, 6—14; Harris 5, 6—11; B.Jones 8, 1—9; Hypolite 6, 3—9; Th.Washington 4, 4—8; Burney 5, 2—7; Sims 5, 2—7; Wright 4, 3—7; Wheatley 5, 1—6. **Baylor:** Pawelek 11, 3—14; Crawford 5, 6—11; Moore 6, 4—10; Wilson 5, 1—6; Jones 4, 2—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 2-14. **Baylor:** none.

GAME #7—COLORADO 30, TEXAS TECH 6*(October 14; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Bernard Jackson threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third with All-American Mason Crosby adding three field goals including a couple of long-range bombs as Colorado ended a 10-game losing streak with a dominant 30-6 victory over Texas Tech.

The Buffaloes had a decisive edge in all three phases of the game — offense, defense and special teams — but excelled particularly on defense in shutting down the Red Raiders explosive passing attack. CU limited Tech to 245 yards through the air, 105 below its season average, and a 104.2 rating, over 40 points shy of its number coming in. The Buffaloes pitched a shutout until 9:04 remained in the game, when the Red Raiders got on the board largely due to a 54-yard pass play where CU missed two tackles. Colorado also did not commit a penalty for the fourth time in its history, the first time since Sept. 21, 1985.

CU scored on its first possession for the sixth time in seven games, but this time never looked back. Jackson piloted a five-play, 65-yard drive, capped with a 28-yard TD pass to tight end Riar Geer. The lead grew to 14-0 on the first possession of the second quarter, as Jackson hit a streaking Jarrell Yates in the corner of the end zone from 29 yards out; Jackson had a 35-yard run earlier in the drive. Crosby then added field goals of 56 and 26 yards, the former the second longest in the nation in 2006 and the latter with just five seconds left before the half to bump the lead up to 20-0.

Crosby connected from 53 yards in the third quarter, set up by a Hugh Charles 35 yard run, and then Jackson closed the scoring on a 1-yard run following a failed Tech onside kick attempt after its score.

Charles finished with 119 yards on the ground, as the Buffs topped 200 yards rushing in consecutive games for the first time since late 2002, with Jackson accounting for 205 yards total offense. Defensively, many players shined for the Buffaloes. Ryan Walters made the first two interceptions of his career, linebacker Jordan Dizon recorded a career-high 16 tackles (11 solo), with end Abraham Wright making a key fourth down sack in the first half when Tech was bidding to slice CU's two-TD lead in half.

Tech had just 276 yards overall, and only 31 rushing on 15 attempts. CU allowed TTU just five plays in plus territory all game, including two for losses one being Wright's sack, and an interception.

Texas Tech	0	0	0	6	—	6
COLORADO	7	13	3	7	—	30

COLORADO — Geer 28 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick)	7- 0	10:59	1Q
COLORADO — Yates 29 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick)	14- 0	12:55	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 56 FG	17- 0	5:47	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 26 FG	20- 0	0:05	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 53 FG	23- 0	4:06	3Q
Texas Tech — Amendola 11 pass from Harrell (run failed)	23- 6	9:04	4Q
COLORADO — Jackson 1 run (Crosby kick)	30- 6	3:27	4Q

Attendance: 50,233 **Time:** 2:55 **Weather:** 57 degrees, cloudy skies (light rain/second half), 3 mph winds from the east

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS TECH
First Downs	20	14
Third Down Efficiency	5-11	4-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	46-228	15-31
Passing Yards	152	245
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	19-12-0	45-29-3
Total Offense	380	276
Return Yards	23	1
Punts: No-Average	3-44.3	5-44.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties/Yards	0/0	7/52
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-12	3-9
Time of Possession	32:40	27:20
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C38	11/T21
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-4 (10)	1-1 (6)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 17-119, Holliday 15-55, Jackson 14-54. **Texas Tech:** Woods 10-38, Batch 1-4, Harrell 4-minus 11.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 17-11-0, 151, 2 td; Cox 1-1-0, 1; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Texas Tech:** Harrell 39-26-3, 236, 1 td; Todd 6-3-0, 9, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 4-46, Cantrell 2-38, Sprague 2-20, Barnett 2-11, Yates 1-29, Charles 1-8. **Texas Tech:** Woods 7-78, Walker 7-56, Amendola 7-37, Filani 4-40, Morris 3-31, Batch1-3.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 3-44.3 (46 long, 1 In20). **Texas Tech:** Reyes 5-44.2 (47 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-16, Te.Washington 0-5. **Texas Tech:** Amendola 2-1.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-18. **Texas Tech:** Morris 2-29.

Interceptions—Colorado: Walters 2-minus 2, Th.Washington 1-4. **Texas Tech:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 11,5—16; Wheatley 5,4—9; Harris 8,0—8; Th.Washington 4,4—8; C.Brown 3,2—5; B.Jones 2,2—4; Walters 2,2—4; Te.Washington 2,1—3. **Texas Tech:** Stratton 9,6—15; McBath 6,2—8; Dawson 4,3—7; Hudler 5,1—6; Slaughter 5,1—6; Scott 2,4—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-10, Wheatley 1-2. **Texas Tech:** Hudler 1-5, Stratton 1-2, Tillman 1-2.

GAME #8—OKLAHOMA 24, COLORADO 3*(October 24; Norman, Okla.)*

NORMAN — Allen Patrick rushed for 110 yards and a touchdown subbing for injured Heisman candidate Adrian Peterson to lead No. 20 Oklahoma to a 24-3 win over Colorado.

Allen, only the second player to gain 100 yards against the Buffaloes in 21 games, needed 35 carries to get the yards, as CU's linebackers made him earn every one. With the temperature in the 40s all game with stiff winds in the 20-25 mile an hour range all evening, whichever team could establish the run when it was with the wind on offense would have the advantage, and it went to the Sooners.

The Buffaloes were handcuffed from the start on offense; going against the wind in the first quarter, CU had just one first down 26 yards of offense while the Sooners built a 10-0 lead. Paul Thompson and Manuel Johnson hooked up on a three-yard touchdown pass to cap a 12-play, 61-yard effort the first time OU had the ball. OU also used good clock management at the end of the quarter, using two timeouts to assure a field goal attempt with the wind; Garret Hartley connected from 46 yards out with just four seconds left in the stanza and the Sooners had a two-score edge.

That would cap the scoring for the next two quarters. CU had the ball in Sooner territory twice, with Bernard Jackson intercepted by Zach Latimer to end one drive. The other ended with aide of the wind, which blew a Mason Crosby 56-yard field goal attempt wide left. OU had just one real scoring threat in the span, but its first possession of the second half against the wind died on an incomplete fourth down pass at the CU 29.

CU's defense forced OU to punt from its own 20 late in the third quarter, and seemingly would get the ball in great field position to mount a last run at the Sooners. But Stephone Robinson fumbled the punt and the Sooners recovered at their own 46 and proceeded to go 54 yards in 12 plays for the clinching touchdown. The Buffs did get on the board with a 39-yard field goal from Crosby to pull back to within 17-3 with 6:13 left, but OU recovered the onside kick try to squelch the comeback. The Sooners added a cosmetic touchdown with 17 seconds remaining to inflate the final score.

CU had just 113 total yards, running 44 plays to 75 by the Sooners as OU controlled the clock. Thaddeus Washington recorded a career-high 19 tackles with Jordan Dizon matching his career best with 15 as CU's linebacker play shined in the contest. Washington also added four third down stops.

COLORADO	0	0	0	3	—	3
Oklahoma	10	0	0	14	—	24

Oklahoma — Johnson 3 pass from Thompson (Hartley kick)	0- 7	7:49	1Q
Oklahoma — Hartley 46 FG	0-10	0:04	1Q
Oklahoma — Allen 2 run (Hartley kick)	0-17	10:26	4Q
COLORADO — Crosby 39 FG	3-17	6:13	4Q
Oklahoma — Brown 4 run (Hartley kick)	3-24	0:17	4Q

Attendance: 84,443 **Time:** 2:54 **Weather:** 46 degrees, cloudy skies, 24 mph winds from the north

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs	5	17
Third Down Efficiency	3-13	9-18
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	30-74	49-166
Passing Yards	39	105
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	14-3-1	26-17-0
Total Offense	113	271
Return Yards	1	-1
Punts: No-Average	6-35.5	5-32.6
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	2-1
Penalties/Yards	3/20	5/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	23:16	36:44
Drives/Average Field Position	11/C30	11/O36
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	0-0 (0)	3-3 (21)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 10-54, Holliday 10-23, Charles 6-2, Williams 3-0, Team 1-minus 5. **Oklahoma:** Patrick 35-110, Thompson 5-26, Gutierrez 5-18, Brown 4-12.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 14-3-1, 39, 0 td. **Oklahoma:** Thompson 26-17-0, 105, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Crawford 1-22, DeVree 1-11, Williams 1-6. **Oklahoma:** Kelly 7-64, Finley 2-22, Zaslaw 2-12, Johnson 2-11, Iglesias 2-minus 4, Eldridge 1-3, Gutierrez 1-minus 3.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-35.5 (49 long, 2 In20). **Oklahoma:** Cohen 5-32.6 (40 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-1. **Oklahoma:** Smith 2-minus 1.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Te.Washington 2-40. **Oklahoma:** none.

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

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 12,7—19; Dizon 7,8—15; Harris 4,7—11; Nicolas 4,5—9; Te.Washington 6,2—8; B.Jones 6,1—7; Walters 5,1—6; Hypolite 3,2—5. **Oklahoma:** Alexander 6,5—11; Latimer 4,2—6; Baker 2,1—3; Thibodeaux 2,1—3; three tied with 1,2—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Oklahoma:** none.

GAME #9—KANSAS 20, COLORADO 15*(October 28; Lawrence, Kan.)*

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Trailing 9-0 at halftime, the Kansas coaches decided to pull the redshirt off quarterback Todd Reesing, and the decision proved to be a good one as the Jayhawks utilized the true freshman's talents in rallying for a 20-15 win over the Colorado Buffaloes.

Three Mason Crosby field goals, from 37, 26 and 32 yards, enabled CU to build a 9-0 lead at halftime. The Jayhawk defense stiffened each time the Buffs approached their goal line, and the turning point may have come on CU's first second half possession. Lionel Harris intercepted Reesing at the Kansas 40 to set CU up with a short field, but KU stopped Bernard Jackson cold on a 4th-and-1 try from its 14 to take over on downs, ending the threat.

Two series later, Kansas got on the board thanks to a pair of big plays. Reesing hit Jake Sharp with a 42-yard pass to the Colorado 34, and after a pass interference penalty on Harris set the 'Hawks up with a first down at the CU 22, Reesing hit Jon Cornish in the flat for what turned into a 22-yard touchdown. With the lead down to 9-7, the Buffs appeared poised to answer, marching to the KU 25. But on third down Jackson was intercepted by Aqib Talib, who returned to pick 59 yards to the CU 24. Four plays later, Reesing took it in from three yards out to give KU the lead it would not relinquish.

Reesing engineered another TD drive on KU's next possession, connecting with Derek Fine on a 5-yard scoring pass producing a 20-9 Jayhawk lead (Kansas inexplicably went for and missed a two-point try). The Buffs moved to their 44 but were intercepted on a halfback pass play, and all KU literally had to do was run out the clock. Driving to the Buff 7, Reesing was hit hard by Brandon Nicolas, with the resulting fumble scooped up by Ryan Walters, who returned it 95 yards for a touchdown. CU's two-point try went in and out of the hands of Alvin Barnett and the KU lead remained at five.

An onside kick try by the Buffs failed, but the defense did hold KU to three plays and out. The Buffs had just 59 seconds and no timeouts to work with and could not earn a first down. A 61-yard pass play at the end of the game was even wiped out as Jackson was over the line of scrimmage, mirroring the way the second half had gone for Colorado.

CU forced four turnovers, but could muster just 256 yards on offense in losing to Kansas for the first time since 2000.

COLORADO	3	6	0	6	—	15
Kansas	0	0	7	13	—	20

COLORADO — Crosby 37 FG	3- 0	4:51	1
COLORADO — Crosby 26 FG	6- 0	8:57	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 32 FG	9- 0	0:41	2Q
Kansas — Cornish 22 pass from Reesing (Webb kick)	9- 7	4:35	3Q
Kansas — Reesing 3 run (Webb kick)	9-14	14:30	4Q
Kansas — Fine 5 pass from Todd Reesing (pass failed)	9-20	7:57	4Q
COLORADO — Walters 95 fumble return (pass failed)	15-20	3:17	4Q

Attendance: 39,313 **Time:** 3:00 **Weather:** 62 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 10 mph winds/northwest

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs	18	14
Third Down Efficiency	3-15	8-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards	43-173	33-161
Passing Yards	83	180
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-9-2	29-18-3
Total Offense	256	341
Return Yards	114	75
Punts: No-Average	5-44.2	4-42.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties/Yards	5/56	7/65
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-12	3-13
Time of Possession	31:35	28:25
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C31	13/K31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (6)	2-3 (13)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 15-78, Jackson 14-68, Holliday 10-27, Ellis 2-3, Cox 2-minus 3.

Kansas: Reesing 7-90, Cornish 23-80, McAnderson 1-0, Barmann 2-minus 9.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 20-8-1, 71, 0 td; Cox 5-1-0, 12; Geer 1-0-1, 0; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Kansas: Barmann 18-11-2, 74, 0 td; Reesing 11-7-1, 106, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Barnett 3-26, Crawford 2-14, Sprague 1-19, Yates 1-14, Charles 1-6,

Williams 1-4. **Kansas:** Murph 6-22, Fields 3-11, Cornish 2-27, Henry 2-23, Sharp 1-42,

Foster 1-31, Lamb 1-16, Fine 1-5, McAnderson 1-3.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 5-44.2 (51 long, 2 In20). **Kansas:** Tucker 4-42.2 (56 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 1-5. **Kansas:** Lamb 2-16.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Te.Washington 2-42. **Kansas:** Herford 2-45.

Interceptions—Colorado: B.Jones 1-10, Harris 1-2, Wheatley 1-2. **Kansas:** Talib 2-59.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 5.5—10; Dizon 6.3—9; Walters 6.2—8;

Boye-Doe 4.3—7; Harris 2.5—7; Wright 4.2—6; Te.Washington 4.1—5; Wheatley 4.1—5;

C.Brown 3.2—5; Hypolite 2.3—5. **Kansas:** Kemp 8.3—11; Mortensen 5.4—9; Brorsen

5.2—7; McClinton 5.1—6; Webb 4.2—6; Wilder 3.3—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1½-10, Hypolite ½-2. **Kansas:** Wilder 1-7, Como 1-5, Brorsen 1-1.

GAME #10—KANSAS STATE 34, COLORADO 21*(November 4; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Josh Freeman completed 22-of-26 passes for 251 yards and two touchdowns, earning Big 12 Offensive player of the week honors in the process, to lead Kansas State to a 34-21 win over Colorado.

After a scoreless first quarter, Kansas State posted 17 unanswered points in the second to force Colorado to play from behind the remainder of the game. KSU had worked to the three-score lead on the strength of a 10-play, 66-yard touchdown drive, capped by a 15-yard run by Leon Patton, and two significantly shorter drives. The Wildcats moved to a 14-0 lead three plays after recovering a Stephone Robinson fumble at the CU 16, as Yamon Figurs caught a 9-yard TD pass from Freeman. K-State added a Jeff Snodgrass 46-yard field goal with just one second left in the half.

Despite just 64 yards in the first half, CU still put up a fight and had its best offensive half of the season, scoring 21 points while gaining 306 yards after halftime, but it wouldn't be enough. CU couldn't punch it into the end zone on its first possession of the second half, driving from its 14 to a first-and-goal at the KSU 3, where eventually a fourth down run by quarterback Bernard Jackson came up short at the KSU 1.

The next time CU had the ball, the Buffs did crack the scoreboard, marching 64 yards in six plays, highlighted by a 40-yard run by Mell Holliday and a 3-yard touchdown run by Jackson. Snodgrass nailed a 27-yard field goal after a couple of big plays by the Wildcats to run the KSU lead back up to 20-7, and Jackson personally answered right back with a 62-yard run for a score to cut it to 20-14, the closest the Buffs would come. Just 91 seconds later, Jordy Nelson took a Freeman pass and scored on a 74-yard play, 73 of the yards coming after the catch as he eluded no less than three would-be tacklers.

Jackson connected with tight end Tyson DeVree on a fourth down, 1-yard TD pass to close the scoring for the Buffs, but it followed the last KSU score, a Figurs 30-yard run on a reverse that put the Wildcats up by 20. Those plays capped a wild fourth quarter, which saw the teams combine for 31 points and 332 yards.

Kansas State	0	17	0	17	—	34
COLORADO	0	0	7	14	—	21

Kansas State — Patton 15 run (Snodgrass kick)	0- 7	13:20	2Q
Kansas State — Figurs 9 pass from Freeman (Snodgrass kick)	0-14	6:53	2Q
Kansas State — Snodgrass 46 FG	0-17	0:01	2Q
COLORADO — Jackson 3 run (Crosby kick)	7-17	1:48	3Q
Kansas State — Snodgrass 27 FG	7-20	14:48	4Q
COLORADO — Jackson 62 run (Crosby kick)	14-20	13:26	4Q
Kansas State — Nelson 74 pass from Freeman (Snodgrass kick)	14-27	11:55	4Q
Kansas State — Figurs 30 run (Snodgrass kick)	14-34	7:42	4Q
COLORADO — DeVree 1 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick)	21-34	5:20	4Q

Attendance: 42,696 **Time:** 3:01 **Weather:** 54 degrees, cloudy skies, 3 mph winds from the northeast

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS STATE
First Downs	16	19
Third Down Efficiency	4-11	8-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	40-225	38-188
Passing Yards	145	251
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	18-10-0	26-22-0
Total Offense	370	439
Return Yards	0	24
Punts: No-Average	3-39.0	3-43.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards	3/19	5/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-13	3-14
Time of Possession	26:30	33:30
Drives/Average Field Position	10/C24	11/KS37
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (14)	3-4 (17)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 17-105, Holliday 8-67, Charles 12-66, Williams 1-6, Robinson 2-minus 19. **Kansas State:** Patton 12-96, Johnson 21-63, Figurs 1-30, Freeman 4-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 18-10-0, 145, 1 td. **Kansas State:** Freeman 26-22-0, 251, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Crawford 2-42, Williams 2-40, Barnett 1-32, Sprague 1-13, Geer 1-11, Charles 1-5, DeVree 1-1, Robinson 1-1. **Kansas State:** Nelson 5-117, Gonzalez 5-53, Figurs 3-24, Pooschke 3-12, Johnson 2-21, Norwood 2-11, Patton 1-8, Mastrud 1-5.

Punting—Colorado: Garden 2-38.5 (40 long, 0 In20), DiLallo 1-40.0 (0 In20). **Kansas State:** Reyer 3-43.7 (48 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: none. **Kansas State:** Figurs 3-24.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Te.Washington 3-57, Ellis 1-14. **Kansas State:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas State:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Harris 10.2—12; Te.Washington 5.2—7; Dizon 6.0—6; B.Jones 3.3—6;

Lucas 3.3—6; Burney 3.2—5; Hypolite 3.2—5; Nicolas 3.2—5; Wheatley 3.0—3; three with 2.1—3.

Kansas State: Williams 5.3—8; Diles 4.3—7; Erker 5.1—6; Archer 2.3—5; Walker 2.2—4; J.Moore 1.3—4; Campbell 3.0—3; Jackson 3.0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dizon 1-7, Wright 1-6. **K-State:** Echols 1-5, Seiler 1-5, Campbell 1-4.

GAME #11—COLORADO 33, IOWA STATE 16*(November 11; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Bernard Jackson threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third as Colorado concluded its home schedule and sent 23 seniors out with a 33-16 win over Iowa State.

Jackson completed 13-of-19 passes for 200 yards and the two scores, the first a 26-yard laser to Alvin Barnett starting a run of seven consecutive drives the Buffs scored on. It was by far Colorado's best offensive game of the year, as CU rolled up a season-high 463 yards on offense.

Mell Holliday rushed for 126 yards, setting up four of the Buff scores in logging a team season-high in single game yards. Two of those were Mason Crosby field goals, as the senior All-American kicked four in the game, the fourth time in his career and the second time against the Cyclones.

With CU jumping to a 30-7 lead after scoring 23 consecutive points one Iowa State tied the score at 7-7, one of the most exciting moments of the game came when Crosby attempted a 65-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, but the try came up less than a yard short.

But there was plenty of excitement en route to that moment, as Crosby made kicks of 47, 38, 41 and 42 yards sandwiched around two other CU touchdowns. Jackson scored on a 5-yard run midway through the second quarter to cap a 15-play, 95-yard drive that put the Buffs ahead 17-7. Jackson then threw his second scoring pass, this one to Patrick Williams from 39 yards out after the Buffs took possession on a punt, with that score building the Buffalo lead to 30-7 with 5:06 left in the third quarter.

ISU played the game just three days after learning head coach Dan McCarney was forced to step down at the end of the season. The Cyclones matched CU's first score on their first possession, marching 86 yards in 10 plays with Bret Meyer and Jon Davis hooking up on a 21-yard TD pass. Other than a field goal as the third quarter expired, the only other ISU score came following Crosby's long field goal miss.

Iowa State	7	0	3	6	—	16
COLORADO	10	10	10	3	—	33

COLORADO — Barnett 26 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick)	7- 0	13:32	1Q
Iowa State — Davis 21 pass from Meyer (Culbertson kick)	7- 7	8:33	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 47 FG	10- 7	1:47	1Q
COLORADO — Jackson 5 run (Crosby kick)	17- 7	6:52	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 38 FG	20- 7	0:32	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 41 FG	23- 7	9:43	3Q
COLORADO — Williams 39 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick)	30- 7	5:06	3Q
Iowa State — Culbertson 27 FG	30-10	0:00	3Q
COLORADO — Crosby 42 FG	33-10	9:20	4Q
Iowa State — Kock 5 run (pass failed)	33-16	3:58	4Q

Attendance: 43,056 **Time:** 2:55 **Weather:** 46 degrees, cloudy skies, 4 mph winds from the east

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs	18	19
Third Down Efficiency	6-12	5-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	38-263	30-102
Passing Yards	200	209
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	19-13-0	29-18-0
Total Offense	463	311
Return Yards	34	4
Punts: No-Average	1-58.0	5-43.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	10/93	7/46
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-15	1-6
Time of Possession	31:10	28:50
Drives/Average Field Position	9/C31	10/IS22
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-3 (13)	2-2 (10)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Holliday 18-126, Jackson 9-69, Charles 11-68. **Iowa State:** Kock 18-82, Meyer 8-12, Johnson 4-8.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 19-13-0, 200, 2 td. **Iowa State:** Meyer 28-17-0, 190, 1 td; Flynn 1-1-0, 19, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Barnett 4-77, Williams 4-71, Crawford 3-27, DeVree 1-18, Geer 1-7. **Iowa State:** Moses 5-38, Flynn 5-37, Davis 4-49, Sumrall 3-66, Meyer 1-19.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 1-58.0 (0 In20). **Iowa State:** Brandtner 5-43.0 (49 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 3-34. **Iowa State:** Sumrall 1-4.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Ellis 1-29, Charles 1-13. **Iowa State:** Moses 4-66.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Iowa State:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 6,6—12; B.Jones 5,5—10; Billingsley 4,5—9; Te.Washington 6,2—8; Sims 6,1—7; Sipili 2,3—5; Nicolas 2,2—4; Hypolite 3,0—3; Wright 3,0—3; four with 2,1—3 (Boye-Doe, C.Brown, Ligon, Th.Washington). **Iowa State:** Bowen 8,2—10; Banks 6,1—7; McKenzie 5,2—7; Berg 3,2—5; Moorehead 3,1—4; Singleton 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Lucas 1-4, Dizon ½-6, B.Jones ½-5. **Iowa State:** Bowen 1-6.

GAME #12—NEBRASKA 37, COLORADO 14*(November 24; Lincoln)*

LINCOLN, Neb. — Zac Taylor threw for 249 yards and two touchdown passes as No. 23 Nebraska had to use a lot of trickery in winning its ninth game of the season as the Cornhuskers ended a disappointing season for Colorado in dispatching the Buffaloes, 37-14.

In a classic "the final score did not indicate how close the game was," the Huskers snapped a 14-14 tie late in the third quarter thanks to a pass interference call on CU on a halfback pass, and then stole any remaining momentum from the Buffaloes with a safety to open the fourth quarter and then a successful field goal fake five minutes into the period that led to a touchdown. When the blitz was over, NU put 16 points on the scoreboard in less than 10 minutes to take control of the game.

After forcing CU to punt on its first possession, NU's Major Culbert got a piece of the ball on Matt DiLallo's kick, the ball rolling 26 yards to set the Huskers up at their own 42. Taylor threw his first TD pass of the day to Terrence Nunn some 10 plays later, the drive aided by an alleged face mask on CU's Abraham Wright which replays showed not to be the case. The call nullified a third down sack and kept the drive alive.

But the Buffaloes bounced right back and marched 75 yards in six plays to tie the score, with Bernard Jackson connecting with Riar Geer on a 14-yard touchdown pass. Nebraska took a 14-7 lead into halftime, as with just over four minutes left in the second quarter, Joe Ganz lined up where the field goal kicker normally would, took the snap, and then hit defensive end Barry Turner with a 29-yard TD throw, as the play totally fooled the Buffs.

Nebraska was driving to open the second half, but Lionel Harris forced Brandon Jackson to fumble at the CU 19, where Thaddeus Washington recovered and returned it to the 29. Four plays later, Mell Holliday broke free for a 45-yard run that tied the game for the final time, as the Huskers would score the last 23 points of the game, the final seven coming on a cosmetic TD run with just 23 seconds left.

Jordon Dizon had a career-high 19 tackles for the Buffaloes, who saw NU run 76 plays to just their 54.

COLORADO	7	0	7	0	—	14
Nebraska	7	7	7	16	—	37

Nebraska — Nunn 15 pass from Taylor (Congdon kick)	0- 7	5:08	1Q
COLORADO — Geer 14 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick)	7- 7	1:31	1Q
Nebraska — Turner 29 pass from Ganz (Congdon kick)	7-14	4:14	2Q
COLORADO — Holliday 45 run (Crosby kick)	14-14	11:51	3Q
Nebraska — Jackson 2 run (Congdon kick)	14-21	4:49	3Q
Nebraska — Safety, Carriker tackles Holliday in end zone	14-23	14:22	4Q
Nebraska — Jackson 18 pass from Taylor (Congdon kick)	14-30	10:16	4Q
Nebraska — Wilson 7 run (Congdon kick)	14-37	0:23	4Q

Attendance: 85,800 **Time:** 3:23 **Weather:** 54 degrees, partly cloudy, 21 mph winds from the north

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NEBRASKA
First Downs	14	24
Third Down Efficiency	5-13	8-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	3-3
Rushes—Net Yards	31-166	46-190
Passing Yards	131	278
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	23-11-0	30-20-0
Total Offense	297	468
Return Yards	12	0
Punts: No-Average	6-41.8	4-39.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties/Yards	8/74	10/70
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-8	4-40
Time of Possession	24:11	35:49
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C23	12/N30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-1 (7)	4-5 (28)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Holliday 8-67, Charles 5-61, Ellis 6-22, Jackson 12-16. **Nebraska:** Jackson 34-142, Lucky 4-21, Wilson 3-16, Taylor 2-11, Green 1-7, Purify 1-1, Ganz 1-minus 8.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 23-11-0, 131, 1 td. **Nebraska:** Taylor 28-19-0, 249, 2 td; Ganz 1-1-0, 29, 1 td; Lucky 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Crawford 5-79, Williams 2-13, Barnett 2-10, Holz 1-15, Geer 1-14. **Nebraska:** Jackson 6-42, Nunn 4-52, Purify 3-51, Swift 2-23, Erickson 1-57, Turner 1-29, Hardy 1-18, Mueller 1-5, Teatattiller 1-1.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 5-45.0 (59 long, 1 In20), Team 1-26.0. **Nebraska:** Titchener 3-40.3 (43 long, 0 In20); Congdon 1-35.0 (1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 2-2. **Nebraska:** Grixby 1-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Te.Washington 3-55, Charles 2-34. **Nebraska:** Phillips 1-15, Lucky 1-14, Jackson 1-6.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Nebraska:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9,10—19; Harris 7,4—11; Th.Washington 7,4—11; Sipili 4,3—7; Wheatley 6,0—6; Billingsley 3,3—6; Nicolas 3,3—6; Te.Washington 3,3—6. **Nebraska:** Jones 5,4—9; Carriker 3,4—7; McKeon 4,2—6; Octavien 2,3—5; Thenarse 3,1—4; Steinkuhler 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Ligon 1-8. **Nebraska:** Carriker 2-18, McKeon 1-15, Dagunduro 1-7.

LINER NOTES

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

1 Stephone Robinson	He had fumble troubles in 2006, uncharacteristic for him as he developed an M.O. quickly—most punts others fair catch, he prides himself on catching and trying to gain even just a yard, to prevent longer punts on bounces. He thus would often get hit a “nano-second” after making a catch, but always held on to the ball, until this year. He briefly switched to CB during his career but returned to offense.
2 Hugh Charles	He enjoys flying planes; he earned his solo license in a Cessna 172 as a sophomore in high school and then served in the Civil Air Patrol for two years. Charles is also on CU's track and field team in the spring, as has recorded the second best numbers in the long jump in school history behind Kingsley Adams who lettered in the 1970s.
4 Patrick Williams	Williams possesses a rare combination of speed and athletic ability, and is CU's top legitimate deep threat to stretch opposing defenses. As a true freshman in 2004, he had the misfortune of breaking bones in both of his hands.
5 J.J. Billingsley	He had more than his fair share of surgeries in his career, the latest this past on Oct. 5 after he suffered a torn meniscus two days earlier in a Tuesday practice. He missed the next five games, a rock in the middle of the road in what was otherwise turning out to be a solid senior season following plenty of adversity in his CU career.
6 Gardner McKay	McKay was in the hunt for starting honors until briefly sidetracked by an ankle injury late in camp. He has solid coverage skills, and he is definitely a front-runner to be one of CU's starting corners in the future.
7 Bernard Jackson	Jackson is in the mold of the kind of quarterback who has flourished at Colorado in the past, going back to the days when CU ran the wishbone and I-bone where the QB was an equal threat as a runner and passer. His passing skills were raw prior to this season, but have dramatically improved with the most attention he's received since he first arrived at CU in 2003. He had brief trials at running back, wide receiver and punt returner, always moved in-season instead of the spring, and then usually switched back before he could develop. It was a way the old coaching staff did try to get him on the field so his talent could be utilized.
10 James Cox	He was named the starter after CU's second fall scrimmage, but struggled in the opening loss to Montana State. Then football was shoved aside, as his father passed away on Sept. 20 after fighting major health problems the previous five years. He rejoined his teammates the following week but has seen just brief action since (late in the first half versus Texas Tech when Jackson had the wind knocked out of him).
10 Terry Washington	He is one of the fastest players on the team with great instincts. He has seen increased playing time as the season has progressed, and worked his way into the starting lineup on a permanent basis the seventh game (second half) of the season. He had substantial playing time as a junior after transferring from Garden City (Kan.) Community College, when Lorenzo Sims went down with an injury. The Buffs originally recruited him as a running back in 2003. Also leads the team in special teams points, as he excels on many units.
13 Joe Sanders	Former CU basketball center and current Indiana Pacer David Harrison helped persuade Sanders to become a Buff. Harrison, also from Nashville, has known Sanders since 1998... During high school, he traveled to South Africa to volunteer at an orphanage.
14 Matt DiLallo	He was able to study under Ray Guy Award finalist John Torp while redshirting as a true freshman in 2005, and it paid dividends. While still raw in a few areas, he was just the third freshman, true or redshirt, to ever lead the Buffs in punting. His average—43.7—was over five yards better than that of any previous frosh punter in school annals.
15 Ryan Walters	Has a great pedigree as his father, Marc, played quarterback for CU in the late 1980s until a knee injury ended his career; the elder Walters still owns CU's all-time best single-game passing rating (353.3 vs. Kansas State in 1989). In fact, the younger Walters grew up in married housing right next to CU's practice fields. He excelled as a QB in high school, but has adapted to playing free safety, is a fierce hitter, and acknowledges that playing QB helps him to know what the offense is thinking. Considered the team leader in the secondary.
16 Mason Crosby	He has one of the strongest legs in college football, as evidenced by his 58-yard field goal at Miami in 2005, the longest without a tee at sea level in NCAA history (to go nicely with a 60-yarder in Boulder in 2004). The coaches felt CU can be in field goal range 65 yards on in. As with most kickers, he had a ritual: he'll sometimes hit 40-60 golf balls at the range two days before games and regularly breaks 80 when he plays 18.
17 Alvin Barnett	He struggled to adapt to the fast pace of Division I football upon his arrival in 2005, and had some moderate success after adapting as a sophomore. But he recently has broken out as a junior, and has become one of the quarterbacks' favorite targets, with eight catches the last three games after nabbing 11 in the first eight.
19 Ben Carpenter	Special teams coach Kent Riddle just loves Carpenter. A heady player (3.9 grade point average while earning a double major), he's always in the right place at the right time on coverage units.
22 Lorenzo Sims, Jr.	His cousin (Ricky Manning) was a defensive back at UCLA, while another (DeShawn Stevenson) plays guard for the Utah Jazz; second cousin (Bruce Bowen) is a forward for the San Antonio Spurs. Sims is CU's most physical corner, which makes sense since he is basically a converted safety.
26 Terrence Wheatley	He has had to endure three wrist surgeries in his CU career and will have a fourth after the 2006 season, but he has managed to become one of the premier secondary players in the Big 12. In man coverage, he is rarely thrown at by opposing quarterbacks as he has a knack for the ball, with five interceptions. A sixth at Missouri was disallowed even upon replay, though it sure looked like he did have it.
27 Byron Ellis	Ellis runs with more of a bruising style and likes to shoot the ball up the middle. He is majoring in integrative physiology at CU and was 4.0 student in high school; that makes him the perfect back to predict what the defense will do and he's often in the game for his cerebral knowledge of things.
29 Cha'pelle Brown	The nickel back in CU's package in obvious passing situations. Impressed the coaches right away in camp and they wanted him on the field in some capacity, as he has also seen time as a return man on punts and kickoffs.
30 Paul Creighton	Creighton can play both fullback and tight end, and is a regular on special team units (punt return, kickoff, FG/PAT). Was sidelined early in the season as he was weakened from a nerve injury in his leg/thigh area and didn't fully recover until a month into the season.

LINER NOTES, CONTINUED

- 30 Joel Adams** Granted he sees action only on the kickoff and punt coverage teams, but he is CU's only two sport athlete outside of the traditional football-track combo; he's an alpine skier on CU's national championship ski team.
- 32 Maurice Cantrell** Switched from the logjam at inside linebacker to fullback this fall (midway in camp) and has blossomed at his new position, working his way to first-team status by the start of the conference season. In the win over Texas Tech, he was one CU's "secret weapons," catching two passes for 38 yards, both plays setting up CU scores.
- 33 Walter Boye-Doe** He moved to defensive end from inside linebacker as a junior and has really come into his own this season, rallying from a scary moment in CU's second scrimmage to start every game (he landed on his head/neck on a play and was hospitalized overnight). A fierce hitter, his initials WBD could stand for "Weapon of Ball-carrier Destruction."
- 37 Mell Holliday** A most interesting story as the young man's journey brought him from Omaha's Benson High School to Wayne State (Neb.), where he lettered twice at fullback. He then transferred to Nebraska where he did not make the team as a walk-on (wasn't allowed to try out) and then came west to CU where he made the team and subsequently earned a scholarship. The father of five, including four daughters, he worked this past summer as a welder to help support his family.
- 40 Brad Jones** He has had the chore of replacing three-year starter Brian Iwuh at outside linebacker, and has stepped in admirably. Though not having the knack, at least yet, of making the spectacular, stand-out kind of play Iwuh was famous for, Jones rather quietly goes about his job and is third on the team in tackles. He had a career-high 10 tackles in the 33-16 win over Iowa State (and had a INT at Kansas).
- 42 Benjamin Burney** He started the season opener, as he came out of camp essentially tied for the top spot on the depth chart at free safety with Ryan Walters (and also started against Baylor when Walters was injured). His father, Jacob Burney, is in his fifth year as defensive line coach for the NFL Denver Broncos.
- 43 Samson Jagoras** A transfer from Western New Mexico (he was a scholarship player there for two years), he prides himself on going "100 miles an hour" every practice. "It's good if (the other team) think you're a little crazy because it makes them a little intimidated of you." He ended fall camp No. 1 at fullback, and though since supplanted on the depth chart, he still lives by his creed and still sees action special teams.
- 44 Jordon Dizon** Ascending up CU's all-time tackles list, he has a nose for where to be on third down; his 17 third down stops in 2006 are one shy of the school record. He became the first true freshman since 1991 and just the sixth-ever to start a season opener at CU in 2004 (the first ILB). He lived up to his nod, racking up 8 tackles, to go with a caused interception, one PBU, a TD save and a third down stop against CSU. His given Hawaiian name, Kainalu (*pronounced kye-ah-na-loo*) means "ocean wave."
- 46 Dan Goettsch** An invited walk-on for the fall of 2002, he patiently waited his turn, earning a scholarship last spring. The coaches wish he was just a freshman or sophomore as they feel he has the potential to be an NFL-caliber tight end, he just needs time. He is a perfectionist, as he is his own worst critic when he doesn't make a play in practice he knows he should have made.
- 47 Alonzo Barrett** He has seen spot action in 2006, as he's battled through a couple of injuries, but he's back at full speed for the finale at Nebraska. With three seniors on the defensive front, he has a bright future and will likely compete for starting honors in 2007.
- 48 Cody Crawford** A walk-on who has worked hard and as a result has seen his playing time increase to the point where is in the regular receiver rotation. He's also tough, perhaps due to his ancestry; he is a distant relative of Buffalo Bill Cody, and perhaps his genes drew on that as he played the bulk of 2006 with a cracked rib. Once he got on the field, he wasn't going to let something like a little 'ol cracked rib keep him off.
- 49 Thaddaeus Washington** How tough is Thaddaeus? He suffered two cracked front teeth early in the Kansas State game and still came back to play; he had a root canal the following Tuesday to help alleviate the pain. He was able to start in his home finale against Iowa State the following Saturday. Hails from the same high school that produced former CU QB Kordell Stewart.
- 51 Alex Ligon** He has a hard luck start to his senior year, sidelined for the bulk of it with knee problems. He returned to action in late October and started the final two home games of his career, though inside at tackle as all his previous starts came at end (with most of his action prior to 2006 also at DE). He had three sacks at Washington State in 2004 and claimed Big 12 Defensive POW honors for his efforts.
- 53 Abraham Wright** An explosive player with great speed, Wright has a knack for getting in the backfield. He was the first player since Ron Woolfork (14 in 1993) to have recorded double figures in quarterback sacks at Colorado (Wright finished with 11½ in 2006). He was been in the top three all season in the NCAA in sacks, as well as in the top 20 in tackles for loss.
- 54 Marcus Burton** He has seen most of his action on special teams, though he did start the Missouri game. He got into the record book as a true freshman in 2005, as he returned an interception 99 yards for a touchdown at Oklahoma St., the second longest play in a school history by a frosh.
- 57 Bryce MacMartin** He took over in the Georgia game when Mark Fenton went down with an injury, and to his credit, the Buffs didn't miss a beat, as he was prepared. Though he plays a different style, he also brought to the table the mind of a chemical engineer—his major.
- 58 Mark Fenton** His senior year got sidetracked when he suffered a cracked fibula against Georgia; he missed the next six games and ended his hopes to repeat as a Rimington finalist. He first got the attention of the coaching staff during 2002 Alamo Bowl practices, when he had his first extensive look at the center position. All-Big 12 in 2005, he is the latest in CU's long line of all-conference centers.
- 66 Brian Daniels** He applied for the Rhodes Scholarship last spring, but he did not advance in the process, one of the toughest things to accomplish. However, he was one of 17 NFF Scholar-Athletes (winning an \$18K postgraduate scholarship) and is a finalist for the Academic Heisman, the Draddy Award. In 2003, he started the most games (9) as a true freshman at CU since Eric Bieniemy started 11 at halfback in 1987.
- 70 Justin Drescher** He is following in the footsteps on Greg Pace, who lettered four years as CU's snapper on special teams; in fact, Pace is a student coach who has helped tutor Drescher on the finer points of snapping. He was recruited specifically for the role and stepped right into it as a true freshman, and has done quite well.
- 72 Devin Head** The best of CU's non-starting linemen, he is considered the "swing" guy, as he is capable of playing all four slots at the guard and tackle positions.
- 75 Daniel Sanders** He really developed over the course of his redshirt freshman year, and showed he was pretty tough, too. He missed two games in the middle of the 2005 season due to a partially torn hamstring, but came back strong to start the last three games. He has started all but one game as a sophomore, missing the opener with an injury.

LINER NOTES, CONTINUED

- 76 Edwin Harrison** Harrison was named to *The Sporting News* Freshman All-Big 12 squad in 2004, and he's been a regular in the starting lineup since. His grandfather (Calvin Jones) won the Outland Trophy as the nation's outstanding interior lineman as a senior at Iowa in 1955; Jones was the first two-time consensus All-American in Iowa history, and his No. 62 was retired by the Hawkeyes.
- 77 Tyler Polumbus** One of the two tallest players on the Buffs at 6-8 (the other is frosh TE Nate Solder), Polumbus is entrenched at tackle and has bulked up some 25 pounds since arriving at CU in 2003. Two members of his family played sports at CU: Father (Tad) lettered in both football and golf (1965-66), and an uncle (Gary Polumbus) lettered three years in golf and twice made it to the NCAA Championships.
- 78 Jason Brace** Has seen a decent amount of action as a true freshman (one of four to play in 2006), though he suffered a concussion against Kansas State and is expected to miss the remainder of the year. But he figures big into CU's future plans up front.
- 83 Dusty Sprague** A favorite go-to-guy for Joel Klatt in 2004 and 2005, he hasn't had the kind of productivity he experienced those two seasons as his climb on CU's all-time charts has slowed a bit (it's not been his fault). But he is a leader and has still made the big play on occasion in '06.
- 84 Tyson DeVree** He played with current Denver Bronco Tony Scheffler at Western Michigan; DeVree transferred to CU in 2005 and was expected to help fill the roles vacated by Joe Klopfenstein and Quinn Synniewski. He's done that for the most part, especially in the blocking department.
- 85 Nick Holz** He has seen plenty of action at wide receiver, as he was awarded a scholarship in the spring, but "Pony" (his nickname) has made his bones so-to-speak at the four-year holder for All-American placekicker Mason Crosby. They're pretty close, and their parents often go to dinner together after games.
- 86 George Hypollite** Quietly goes about his business, but if you look at his stats, lo and behold, he's second on the team in tackles for loss and has done an effective job in stopping the run. He's also a popular interview, as he speaks his mind but not in a flashy way; he's well just well versed.
- 87 Rlar Geer** He has set the school record for most catches by a freshman tight end in history and had the second most total yards as well as he became the first freshman, true or redshirt, to ever lead CU in receiving. He never played tight end until he got to college, but when recruited, he had the frame that made coaches thing "future tight end."
- 90 Isaac Garden** He won the starting job coming out of camp, but struggled a bit in the opener and was replaced by Matthew DiLallo. DiLallo, in turn, had some troubles and Garden punted first against Kansas State. A walk-on, his real future might be competing to replace All-American placekicker Mason Crosby; he's shown he has a pretty strong leg.
- 91 Maurice Lucas** Was ticketed to redshirt in 2005, but injuries decimated the DE position in mid-October and the coaches asked if he would give up the redshirt. He played for the first time against Texas in game six, and wound up starting CU's last seven games of the year.
- 94 Brandon Nicolas** He transferred to Colorado from Notre Dame the first week of school in September 2005; he has said he has no regrets leaving the Irish program which obviously has had a good run under Charlie Weis. He had played very well in the middle and is one of the big reasons CU has played so well against the run this season.
- 98 Michael SipIII** One of just four true freshman to play in 2006, the coaches are really excited about his future. He's seen some spot duty subbing for Jordon Dizon and Thaddaeus Washington (in addition to special teams duties), but with Washington being a senior and Dizon a junior, look for him to roll right into one of those two spots and occupy it for a long time to come. He practices hard and it transfers to games.

THE BUFFS AGAINST THE BEST

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

Games	All-Time Record	1989-06 Record	Dan Hawkins Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	11-48-2	7-16-1	0-0	5 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	24-83-3	13-28-2	0-1	8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	36-100-3	19-33-2	0-1	10 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	66-131-3	40-50-2	0-5	20 / Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 11-year old league owns a **27-67** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own eight of those wins. CU is **8-11** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 8-5, Texas 4-6, Kansas State 2-4, Oklahoma 2-2, Baylor 1-3, Iowa State 1-8, Texas Tech 1-8, Kansas 0-2, Oklahoma State 0-4, Missouri 0-5 and Texas A&M 0-9. CU has played 17 of the 87 games, with Nebraska next with 12 (no one else has played 10).

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 38-6, Kansas State 36-6, Oklahoma State 29-8, Texas 32-10, Oklahoma 30-11, Missouri 27-11, Texas A&M 29-12, Kansas 25-11, Iowa State 27-12, Texas Tech 29-14, Baylor 20-15 and **Colorado 23-19** (remember traditionally CU plays one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

RECORD WATCH

The list of records set or tied in 2006; 18 marks were set and another eight tied. **PK Mason Crosby** had the first official entry when he became the school's all-time leading kick scorer in the season opener against Montana State. *NOTE: A reminder that when it comes to records, CU did not adopt the NCAA 2002 policy of adding bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.*

INDIVIDUAL (23)

Most Games Played, Specialist — 48, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 47, Greg Pace, 2002-05.</i>	RECORD
Most Rushing Yards Gained, First Game Of Career, Senior — 50, Mell Holliday vs. Montana State in Boulder, Sept. 2, 2006. <i>Old Record: unknown (but was presumed be less than 10).</i>	RECORD
Most Receptions By A Freshman Tight End — 24, Riar Geer (for 261 yards) <i>Old Record: 20, Brody Heffner Liddiard, 1996 (for 288 yards).</i>	RECORD
Longest Field Goal Attempt — 65, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2006 <i>Old Record: 63, Mason Crosby vs. Montana State in Boulder, Sept. 2, 2006 (record prior to 2006: 62, twice: Fred Lima, 1972; Ken Culbertson, 1988).</i>	RECORD
Most Interceptions By Class/Season, Junior — 5, Terrence Wheatley <i>Record: 5, on five previous occasions</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Interceptions By Class/Game, Sophomore — 2, Ryan Walters vs. Texas Tech, Oct. 14, 2006 <i>Record: 2, on 18 previous occasions</i>	TIED RECORD
Longest Punt By A Freshman — 73, Matt DiLallo vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006 <i>Old Record: 63, John Torp vs. Southern California, Sept. 14, 2002.</i>	RECORD
Most Points Scored, Career — 307, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (66 FG, 109 PAT) <i>Old Record: 254, Eric Bieniemy, 1987-90.</i>	RECORD
Most Points Scored By Kicking, Career — 307, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (66 FG, 109 PAT) <i>Old Record: 231, Jeremy Aldrich, 1996-99.</i>	RECORD
Most Points Scored Against One Opponent, Career — 46, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 42, by three players (Byron White vs. Utah; John Bayuk vs. Arizona; J.J. Flannigan vs. Kansas State)</i>	RECORD
Most Points Scored By Kicking Against One Opponent, Career — 46, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 30, by Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas, 1996-99</i>	RECORD
Most Extra Points Made, Career — 109, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (117 attempts) <i>Old Record: 95, Neil Voskeritchian, 1994-95.</i>	RECORD
Most Field Goals Made, Career — 66, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (88 attempts) <i>Old Record: 48, Jeremy Aldrich, 1996-99.</i>	RECORD
Most Field Goals Attempted, Career — 88, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (66 made) <i>Old Record: 64, Jeremy Aldrich, 1996-99.</i>	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Field Goals Attempted, Career — 24, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (12 made) <i>Old Record: 15, Fred Lima, 1972-73 (2 made).</i>	RECORD
Field Goal Percentage, Career — 75.0, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 (66 of 88) <i>Record: 75.0, Jeremy Aldrich, 1996-99 (48 of 64).</i>	TIED RECORD
Longest Field Goal Attempted — 65, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State, Nov. 11, 2006 <i>Old Record: 62, Fred Lima vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Sept. 30, 1972; and Ken Culbertson vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1988.</i>	RECORD
Most Kickoffs, Career — 203, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 184, Mitch Berger, 1991-93.</i>	RECORD
Most Kickoff Touchbacks, Career — 138, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 114, Mitch Berger, 1991-93.</i>	RECORD
Most Kickoffs Through End Zone, Career — 88, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 81, Mitch Berger, 1991-93.</i>	RECORD
Most Forced Fumbles, Special Teams, Season — 2, Terry Washington <i>Old Record: 2, Jim Quackenbush, 1987.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Forced Fumbles, Special Teams, Career — 2, Terry Washington, 2005-06 <i>Old Record: 2, Jim Quackenbush, 1984-87.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Big 12 Player of the Week Honors — 9, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 7, held by three players.</i>	RECORD

TEAM (6)

Most Consecutive Losses, Overall — 10, Nov. 12, 2005 to Oct. 7, 2006 <i>Record: 10, first set between Oct. 19, 1963 to Oct. 10, 1964.</i>	TIED RECORD
Fewest Turnovers/Game, Season — 0, on four occasions <i>Old Record: 3 games with zero, in 1956, 1989 and 1993.</i>	RECORD
Fewest Penalties, Game — 0, vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, October 14, 2006 <i>Record: 0, on three previous occasions. Last: vs. Ohio State in Boulder, Sept. 21, 1985.</i>	TIED RECORD
First Possession Scores, Season — 7 <i>Record: 7, on four previous occasions (1989, 1994, 2001 and 2002).</i>	TIED RECORD
Highest Completion Percentage Allowed/Opponent, Season — 66.9 (261-of-390) <i>Old Record: 59.4, in 2000 and 2003.</i>	RECORD
Points Scored In Consecutive Games — 222, November 19, 1998 to current.	RECORD

TRENDS

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **170-93-4**, the 19th best record nationally in this span). In these 267 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	101-16-2	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	83-16-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	50- 5-0	♦ when leading at halftime (<i>123-15-2 in last 140</i>)	139-17-2
♦ when leading in time of possession	111-24-3	♦ when leading after three quarters (<i>139-12-3 in last 154</i>)	143-14-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	104-28-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	138-18-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	66- 7-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	167-53-4
♦ when punting three or fewer times	62-13-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-39-0
♦ when scoring first	110-27-1	♦ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	12- 0-0
♦ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>31-10-2 with zero</i>)	123-45-2	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	70-58-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	102-17-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	93-17-2
♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	86-10-1		

TRENDS II

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 20th best overall record at **142-74-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (220 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	78-26-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	75- 5-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>45-5 with 500-plus</i>)	87-16-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	51- 2-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	94- 6-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>52-51-1 when not</i>)	90-22-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	32- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	91-25-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	75-33-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	52- 6-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>10-0-1 400-plus</i>)	25-11-1
➤ when scoring first (<i>77-18-1 the last 96 times</i>)	88-21-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	70-58-2
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>25-10-2 with zero</i>)	105-39-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	75-16-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	78-10-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	113-19-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	70-10-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	11- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	62-11-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	115-13-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>23-2 40+</i>)	102-30-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	107-28-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	119-28-2		

TRENDS III

Some trends of new Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **76** games including bowls (**55-21**; the Broncos were 53-11 under his guidance in five seasons):

Category	At CU	Overall	Category	At CU	Overall
➤ when scoring 20 or more points (<i>0-13 when not</i>)	2- 2	55- 8	➤ when leading after three (<i>6-16 trailing ,2-1 tied</i>)	2- 2	47- 3
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	2- 1	49- 3	➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	1- 3	33- 5
➤ when scoring 40 or more points	0- 0	35- 2	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense	1- 4	25- 4
➤ when scoring 50 or more points	0- 0	19- 0	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	2- 1	34- 1
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	2- 2	31- 2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (<i>6-0 300-plus</i>)	1- 1	23- 1
➤ in games decided by 7 points or less	0- 4	10- 9	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	2- 6	20- 7
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>8-2 with zero</i>)	2- 8	40-16	➤ with a 100-yard rusher	1- 2	28- 2
➤ when turnover margin was plus or even	2- 7	41-14	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	1- 0	26- 0
➤ when scoring first (<i>17-12 when not</i>)	2- 6	38- 9	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>41-0 last 40</i>)	1- 0	45- 2
➤ when leading at halftime	2- 3	45- 6	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (<i>5-0 with 600-plus</i>)	0- 0	23- 1
➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>4-0 when tied</i>)	0- 6	6-14			

TURNOVERS ARE INDEED COSTLY

Dan Hawkins falls in line with most, if not all, head coaches when it comes to turnovers, and that they are one of the single most important factors in winning or losing ball games. He has penalties and rewards daily in the practice dependent on the number of turnovers committed or forced. Gary Barnett drilled home to his teams the importance of taking care of the football, which he learned from the legendary Bill McCartney. Statistics back up the argument, as the below will show that it is definitely better to take than to give over the last 18 seasons, in which CU owns the nation's 20th best overall record:

	Turnovers Committed	Turnovers Forced	+/-	Scoring Off Turnovers		
				PF	PA	+/-
142 WINS	237	362	+125	1,201	462	+739
HAWKINS ERA (2 WINS)	2	5	+ 3	3	6	- 3
74 LOSSES (& 4 TIES)	191	130	- 61	287	623	-336
HAWKINS ERA (10 LOSSES)	14	19	+ 5	25	41	- 16
18-SEASON TOTALS (220 Games)	428	492	+64	1,488	1,085	+403
HAWKINS ERA (12 Games)	16	24	+ 8	28	47	- 19

ANNIVERSARIES

The annual listing of what happened years ago, or anniversaries of 5, 10 and 25-year increments:

- 1936** (Nov. 6) Byron White scores 25 points against Utah in Boulder in a 31-7 CU victory; White scored four touchdowns and kicked a PAT to establish a Buff record.
- 1951** (Nov. 17) Colorado defeats Nebraska, 36-14, in the first-ever television appearance for the Buffaloes (NBC).
- 1956** The 50th anniversary of CU's first bowl champion team, as the '56 Buffaloes were 7-2-1 in the regular season and defeated Clemson 27-21 in the Orange Bowl.
- 1961** Colorado wins its first Big Eight Conference title, going 7-0 in league play and 9-1 overall before losing to LSU in the Orange Bowl (25-7). Along the way, CU posted key wins over Kansas (20-19, after trailing 19-0 early in the fourth quarter), Missouri (7-6) and Nebraska (holding the Cornhuskers to 31 yards of total offense and no first downs).
- 1966** Hale Irwin earns All-Big 8 honors for a second straight year at defensive back and leads CU to a second place finish in the Big 8.
- 1981** The 25th anniversary of the most dramatic comeback in CU history, as the Buffs defeat Oklahoma State 11-10 after trailing 10-3 with a minute left and facing a second-and-14 from its own 4. Steve Vogel connects with Brad Parker for a 9-yard touchdown and then hits Derek Singleton for the 2-point conversion for the win; it was the last time Singleton ever touched the ball, as he fell ill with spinal meningitis the next week and died New Year's Day 1982.
- 1971** Thirty-five years ago, a sophomore-laden CU team opened up with a couple of huge upsets on the road at Louisiana State and Ohio State and went on to finish 10-2 and ranked No. 3 in the nation—the only time one conference has produced the top three schools in a final poll, as Nebraska was ranked No. 1 and Oklahoma No. 2 (the only teams to defeat CU in '71);
- 1976** A 35-28 win at Kansas State creates a three-way tie for the Big 12 title, but CU gets the nod over Oklahoma and Oklahoma State thanks to wins over both; CU goes on to the Orange Bowl where it falls 27-10 to Ohio State.
- 1986** In a game commonly referred to as "The Turning Point," CU's 20-10 win over No. 3 Nebraska has the nation take notice of the rising Buffalo program; the Buffs rebound from an 0-4 start and play for the Big Eight title (losing to Oklahoma), but earn a berth in the Bluebonnet Bowl;
- 1991** CU claims a third straight Big Eight title, though this one is shared with Nebraska as both are 6-0-1 in league play; the 19-19 tie between the two in Boulder on Nov. 2 is the coldest game in CU history (12 degrees, but the wind chill is minus-8).
- 1996** Matt Russell wins the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker, highlighting a 10-2 season in which Koy Detmer became the first (and only) player in school history to pass for over 3,000 yards in a season.
- 2001** CU wins its first Big 12 Conference title, as the Buffs ascend to No. 2 in the final regular season polls but miss out on appearing in the BCS National Championship game by a mere fraction of a point despite ending the year with a 62-36 win over Nebraska and a 39-37 verdict over Texas in the league title game. The Buffs drop a 38-16 decision to No. 3 Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl.

REUNIONS

Three weekends served as reunions for various former CU athletes in 2006:

- **September 15-16:** the 30-year reunion of CU's 1976 Big Eight champion football team (six coaches, including head coach **Bill Mallory**, and 40 players returned);
- **October 6-7 (Living Legends):** the annual gathering of those alumni who lettered 50 years ago;
- **October 12-14:** Hall of Fame Weekend, featuring the induction of this year's class: **Bobby Anderson**, the late **Fred Casotti**, **Adam Goucher**, **Bill Marolt**, **Bill McCartney** and CU's first national champion, the 1959 ski team. Anderson was also honored as the fourth CU player to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. The 1966 football seniors held their 40th class reunion the same weekend.

2006 NCAA RULES CHANGES

The NCAA Football Rules Committee approved several changes this past February; here's a list of the most significant:

- **Instant Replay.** The committee approved one procedure for all institutions and conferences that choose to use instant replay: that is for the replay official in the press box to review all plays on the field and stop the game if a play is on the list of all reviewable plays and has a direct, competitive impact on the game. Each team will also now have one challenge during the game (as the Mountain West has had). If the challenge overturns a call on the field, the coach retains the right to challenge later in the game and is not charged a timeout; if the call is not reversed, the team is charged a timeout and the coach does not have the ability to challenge again in the game. The coach may not challenge a ruling if his team is out of timeouts in either half.
- **Game Clock.** To help reduce the length of games, the clock will now start when the foot touches the ball on kickoffs and free kicks (instead of when the return man touches the ball). The clock will also now be started on the ready to play signal on a new possession, instead on the snap of the ball, much as it is now when a team earns a first down.
- **Kicking Tee.** The kicking tee has been reduced from two inches to one inch as a method of reducing the number of touchbacks.
- **Procedural Fouls on Punts & Kickoffs.** The receiving team will now have the option of accepting the penalty after the return or forcing the kicking team to kick again five yards from the original line of scrimmage (should eliminate some re-kicks).

THIS-N-THAT

- **300.** Colorado has a 177-119-5 all-time record in games played on artificial surfaces (0-3 in 2006), as the Buffaloes played their 300th game all-time at Kansas on October 28.
- **400.** Colorado entered 2006 with 395 combined wins in the seven different conferences it has lined up to play football in. Thus, CU is three victories away from 400 all-time wins in conference play, dating back to the Colorado Football Association in the 1890s, but must wait until 2007 to broach the mark.
- **1100.** The Nov. 24 game at Nebraska was the 1,100th in school history; the Huskers were also CU's opponent for the school's 100th game in football annals, as CU defeated NU 6-0 back in 1904, deemed one of the school's biggest wins ever at the time.
- **Players Poll.** The first-ever Players Top 25 is being conducted this fall with the monthly results released nationwide. Unlike the other polls, the players will not be identified and will be known only to the schools. Colorado agreed to be one of the schools to participate in the experimental balloting; the selected player(s) won't be identified until after the season has concluded.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2006 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in 1,053 games, with 273 starts. Recent past numbers entering the year: **1,080/314** (2005), **761/182** (2004), **845/239** (2003), **883/278** (2002), **694/223** (2000) and **790/229** (1999). The list (includes bowls):

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ACKERMANN	30	0	CARPENTER	27	0	GOETTSCH	18	4	LUCAS	19	7	SMITH, J.	0	0
ADAMS, Jo.	9	0	CHARLES	37	19	GRUBIN	0	0	MACKEY	24	3	SOLDER	0	0
ADAMS, Ju.	1	0	COX	19	3	HAM	0	0	MacMARTIN	18	7	SPRAGUE	35	13
BACKOWSKI	12	1	CRAWFORD	12	3	HARRIS	35	6	McBRIDE	5	0	STENGEL	0	0
BARNETT	25	9	CREIGHTON	47	2	HARRISON	34	16	McKAY	21	0	STEVENS	0	0
BARRETT	29	2	CROSBY	50	—	HAUCK	0	0	McKNIGHT	0	0	SUAZO	0	0
BEATTY	0	0	CUSWORTH	20	0	HAWKINS	0	0	MOYD	11	0	SUMLER	0	0
BEHRENS	0	0	DANIELS	47	45	HEAD	3	1	NABORS	0	0	TIPTON	24	6
BILLINGSLEY	48	37	DEVENNY	0	0	HERROD	0	0	NICOLAS	12	11	WALTERS	24	10
BISNOW	0	0	DeVREE	11	3	HOLLIDAY	12	1	NONU	0	0	WASHINGTON, Te	25	9
BORDERS	0	0	DILALLO	12	0	HOLZ	38	2	PALAZZI	0	0	WASHINGTON, Th.	49	31
BOYE-DOE	46	15	DIZON	38	34	HYPOLITE	24	8	PEREZ	0	0	WASHINGTON, V.	36	0
BRACE	10	0	DRESCHER	12	0	JACKSON	24	11	POLUMBUS	35	15	WHEATLEY	37	19
BROOKS	31	13	EBERHART	7	—	JAGORAS	12	1	ROBINSON	38	2	WILLIAMS	27	7
BROWN, C.	12	4	ELLIS	34	5	JONES, B.	25	11	SANDERS, D.	21	15	WILSON	1	0
BROWN, J.	0	0	FAATAGI	0	0	JONES, M.	16	0	SANDERS, J.	35	0	WRIGHT	39	27
BROWN, R.	17	0	FENDRY	0	0	JOSEPH	18	0	SHANAHAN	0	0	YATES	5	0
BURNEY	23	2	FENTON	42	31	KACHMER	0	0	SIMS	41	31	TEAM	1675	538
BURTON	22	1	FOSTER	0	0	KAYNOR	10	0	SIPILI	12	2	2005 Final	1772	600
CAMMON	0	0	GARDEN	2	—	LAWSON	0	0	SMART	11	0			
CANTRELL	16	5	GEER	12	9	LIGON	41	19	SMITH, B.	0	0			

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: CB Cha'pelle Brown, ILB Michael Sipili (2006); Maurice Lucas (2005); ILB Jordon Dizon (2004); 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).

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT QUARTERBACK: Craig Ochs (2000), Koy Detmer (1992). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Has not occurred.

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).

LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: OT Paul Backowski, TE Riar Geer, OG Devin Head (2006); OG Daniel Sanders (2005); DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddeus Washington (2003).

LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: TE Paul Creighton, TE Dan Goettsch, C Bryce MacMartin, TB Mell Holliday, WR Nick Holz (2006); WR Mike Duren, OG Terrance Barreau (2004); WR D.J. Hackett (2003); DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster, QB Robert Hodge, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002).

STARTING STREAKS

OG Brian Daniels owned the longest starting streak on the team at **22** games, with then next longest streak the 13 that **OT Tyler Polumbus** has started and then 12 by **DE Walter Boye-Doe** and **CB Terrence Wheatley**. **C Mark Fenton** had owned the longest streak at 30 games, dating back to the first game of his sophomore season in 2004, but that streak ended due to the cracked fibula he suffered at Georgia, while **DE Abraham Wright** had started 22 in a row until sitting out the first series against Kansas State. Daniels owns the most career starts with 44 (he was sidelined for a game with broken ribs early in 2005 or his streak would be continuous), followed by Billingsley (37), **ILB Jordon Dizon** (34), **CB Lorenzo Sims** (31) and **ILB Thaddeus Washington** (31).

NINETEEN SAW FIRST CU ACTION IN 2006

In 2006, 19 players saw their first action in a Colorado Buffalo uniform. In the season opener against Montana State, 14 players stepped onto the field for the first time in a Colorado uniform, including the only four true freshmen who have played to date: **DT Jason Brace**, **CB Cha'pelle Brown**, **LS Justin Drescher** and **ILB Michael Sipili**. Last year, 16 saw their first action while 24 did so in both 2004 and 2003. The list of Buffs to hit the field for the first time in 2006 (*—mainly special teams duty):

TRUE FRESHMEN (4): DT Jason Brace, *CB Cha'pelle Brown, *LS Justin Drescher, *ILB Michael Sipili

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (6): *OT Paul Backowski, P Matt DiLallo, TE Riar Geer, OL Devin Head, DT Taj Kaynor, *TB Kevin Moyd, ILB Jeff Smart

SOPHOMORES (5): *S Joel Adams, *TE Justin Adams, WR Cody Crawford, *P Isaac Garden, S Terry Wilson

JUNIORS (2): TE Tyson DeVree, FB Samson Jagoras

SENIORS (1): TB Mell Holliday

(The four true frosh who have played for CU is not on the radar nationally; Temple has played 19 and Illinois 16 as 17 schools have played nine or more. Actually, the four CU has played is tied for the 15th fewest nationally; CSU and Wake Forest top that list with none seeing action.)

TWENTY-FOUR MAKE FIRST CAREER STARTS IN 2006

Twenty-four players made their first career starts in 2006, the third-most over the last 23 seasons (15 offense, nine defense). Eight did so in the season opener against Montana State: **S Benjamin Burney**, **TE Riar Geer**, **OG Devin Head**, **DT George Hypolite**, **FB Samson Jagoras**, **OLB Brad Jones**, **DT Brandon Nicolas** and **WR Patrick Williams**. Three more followed in the CSU game in Denver: **TE Dan Goettsch**, **QB Bernard Jackson** and **FS Ryan Walters**; two more versus Arizona State: **TE Tyson DeVree** and **WR Stephone Robinson**; and one at Georgia: **WR Cody Crawford**. In the Big 12 opener at Missouri, **CB Cha'pelle Brown**, **ILB Marcus Burton**, **C Bryce MacMartin** and **ILB Michael Sipili** trotted on to the field first. Six players started for the first time as conference play continued: **FB Maurice Cantrell**, **S Lionel Harris** and **WR Nick Holz** (versus Baylor); **OT Paul Backowski** (at Kansas); **TE Paul Creighton** (against Kansas State) and **TB Mell Holliday** (Iowa State). In 2005, 11 players made their first career starts in a CU uniform, with all returning this fall. The 24 first-time starters are the most since 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. The high came in 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), 2003 (20), 2004 (12), 2005 (11) and 2006 (24).

2006 PARTICIPATION CHART

The participation chart for the 2006 Colorado Buffaloes; KEY: S—started; ✓—played; DNP—dressed, but did not play; INJ—injured; SUSP—suspended; (—)—denotes did not dress; *—saw first action as a Buffalo:

Player	MSU	CSU	ASU	UGA	MU	BAY	TTU	OU	KU	KSU	ISU	NU
ACKERMANN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
*ADAMS, Jo.	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
*ADAMS, Ju.	✓	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
ASSAEL	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
*BACKOWSKI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓
BARNETT	S	S	S	S	✓	✓	S	S	✓	S	S	S
BARRETT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BEATTY	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	INJ	INJ	—
BEHRENS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
BILLINGSLEY	S	S	S	S	S	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	S	✓
BISNOW	—	—	—	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
BORDERS	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	DNP
BOYE-DOE	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
*BRACE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	INJ	INJ
*BROWN, C.	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓	S	✓
BROWN, J.	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—
BROWN, R.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	INJ	✓	✓
BURNEY	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BURTON	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	INJ	INJ	INJ
CAMMON	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
CANTRELL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	✓	S	✓
CARPENTER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CHARLES	S	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	S	S	S	S	✓	S
COX	S	✓	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	INJ	INJ	INJ
*CRAWFORD	✓	✓	✓	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S
CREIGHTON	✓	✓	INJ	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	S
CROSBY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CUSWORTH	DNP	✓	DNP	—	—	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DANIELS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
DEVENNY	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
*DeVREE	INJ	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	S
*DILALLO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DIZON	S	S	S	S	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
*DRESCHER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EBERHART	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
ELLIS	✓	S	S	S	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FENDRY	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
FENTON	S	S	S	S	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	✓	S
FOSTER	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
*GARDEN	✓	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP
*GEER	S	S	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓	S	✓
GOETTSCHE	✓	S	S	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GRUBIN	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
HAM	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
HARRIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	S	✓	S
HARRISON	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓	S	✓
HAUCK	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
HAWKINS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
*HEAD	S	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	✓
HERROD	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
*HOLLIDAY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓

Player	MSU	CSU	ASU	UGA	MU	BAY	TTU	OU	KU	KSU	ISU	NU
HOLZ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓
HYPOLITE	S	S	S	S	✓	S	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓
JACKSON	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
*JAGORAS	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
JONES, B.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
JONES, M.	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	INJ	INJ	—
JOSEPH	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
*KAYNOR	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LAWSON	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—
LIGON	INJ	✓	DNP	INJ	✓	INJ	INJ	INJ	✓	S	S	S
LUCAS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	SUSP	S	✓	✓
MACKKEY	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	DNP	—
MacMARTIN	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	DNP
McBRIDE	INJ	INJ	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McKAY	✓	INJ	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McKNIGHT	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—
*MOYD	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NABORS	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	—	—	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	—
NICOLAS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓	S	S
NONU	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PALAZZI	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
PEREZ	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
POLUMBUS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
ROBINSON	✓	✓	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SANDERS, D.	INJ	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
SANDERS, J.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SIMS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
*SIPLI	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S
*SMART	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SMITH, B.	—	—	—	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
SMITH, J.	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
SOLDER	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
SPRAGUE	✓	✓	S	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STENGEL	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	DNP
STEVENS	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—
SUMLER	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	DNP
TIPTON	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	S	S
WALTERS	✓	S	S	S	S	INJ	S	S	S	S	S	S
WASHINGTON, Te	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S
WASHINGTON, Th.	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	S	✓
WASHINGTON, V.	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	(knee surgery ends season)						
WHEATLEY	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
WHITE	DNP	DNP	(Quit team on Sept. 10)									
WILLIAMS	S	S	✓	S	✓	✓	S	S	✓	S	S	✓
WILSON	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
WRIGHT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	S
YATES	—	—	DNP	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP
TEAM:												
DRESSED	91	92	92	65	69	90	92	70	70	90	90	68
PLAYED	54	55	54	56	57	53	59	58	59	56	58	56

Inactive For 2006: Brooks (injured), Duren (transfer), Dykes (transfer), Faatagi (injured), Kachmer (injured), Shanahan (injured), Suazo (ineligible).

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

Upperclassmen have started about two-thirds of CU's games in 2006, though seniors account for just over 34 percent of the starts, the third lowest figure the last eight seasons. In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (25.1) since the 1995 team (which had only seven seniors), while 38.8 percent of the starts were made by underclassmen. That showed the youth of the team, especially since underclassmen also had 41.7 percent of the starts in 2003. Fast-forward to 2005 and 2006, and those underclassmen have accounted for 199 starts the last two seasons. It's historically a cyclical pattern, and that shows up when looking at the breakdown of the starters over the course of the season. A year-by-year look at starts by class since 1999:

- **2006 starters (12 games):** Seniors (92), Juniors (84), Sophomores (71), Freshmen (17; redshirts 11, true 6).
- **2005 starters (13 games):** Seniors (116), Juniors (112), Sophomores (48), Freshmen (10; redshirts 4, true 5).
- **2004 starters (13 games):** Seniors (72), Juniors (103), Sophomores (100), Freshmen (11; redshirts 0, true 11).
- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32; redshirts 14, true 18).
- **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 (38), Freshmen (33; redshirts 15, true 18).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21; redshirts 20, true 1)

Upperclassmen: 67%
Upperclassmen: 80%
Upperclassmen: 39%
Upperclassmen: 58%
Upperclassmen: 93%
Upperclassmen: 69%
Upperclassmen: 71%
Upperclassmen: 56%

NFL SCOUT WATCH

Colorado has 24 seniors on its roster this season, and history will show that most, if not all NFL teams pass through Boulder or a road site for CU game every season. In 2006, 52 scouts from 26 teams saw the Buffs in person on game day. The 2006 NFL roll call of teams that have seen the Buffaloes: Arizona, Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Green Bay, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Miami, Minnesota, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Jets, Oakland, San Francisco, St. Louis, Seattle, Tampa Bay and Tennessee. It's the norm, as in last year, 55 scouts representing 25 NFL teams attended games (49 from 23 did so in 2004), and this decade, all 32 teams have seen CU games in person (289 scouts in the six-year period). Reps from the Colorado Crush (Arena Football League) also routinely attend games in Boulder.

"OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS"

Some out of the ordinary records by the Buffs in some unique situations:

- ❑ Colorado is 75-33 in its last 108 games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is 71-19 against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is 62-21-1 in its last 84 games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is 71-17-2 before crowds under 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (73-53-2 with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is 513-237-25 all-time in games played in the Mountain Time Zone (Colorado, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)

A BAKER'S DOZEN OF THEFTS & SCORES

CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, 13 Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. The latest was one of the most spectacular of the lot: **ILB Marcus Burton** returned a pick 99 yards at Oklahoma State in 2005, preserving CU's shutout in the waning seconds of the game. Three did it in 2004: **OLB Brian Iwuh** did it off the bat when he made his first career pick and returned it 37 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown against Colorado State in the season opener; a week later, he was injured early against Washington State, and his sub, **Joe Sanders**, plucked off a ball and raced 51 yards for six, snapping a 3-3 deadlock in the process. Against Texas, **CB Terrence Wheatley** plucked one off and race 37 yards for six with his first theft. Two did it in 2001: **S Medford Moorer** picked off his first career pass and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, while **CB Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the CSU game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a TD against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first one in CU's win over CSU in 1997, returning it 26 yards for a score, rallying the Buffs into a 14-14 tie early in the second half. Barnes was the fourth Buff in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a TD—**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. **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.

BUFFALO DINOSAURS

Through 2006, the radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 419 games in his career, including 156 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); his 400th at CU was also the 1,000 of his professional career. SID **Dave Plati** has worked 321, including the last 279 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 279 in all (128 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 220 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 266 CU games. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. Senior associate AD **Jon Burianek**, who retired this past June, is next as he worked 432 CU football games, including a closing run of 415 in a row (229 of which were at home; he's seen 453 all told). And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw every CU home game (394 of 'em) from 1921 until 1999, when he passed away at the age of 94.

CONFERENCE CHARTS

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.
Texas	28	10	.737
Oklahoma	26	13	.667
Nebraska	25	18	.581
Kansas State	24	20	.545
Texas A&M	23	21	.523
Colorado	21	23	.477
Texas Tech	19	25	.432
Oklahoma State	13	30	.302
Missouri	13	31	.295
Iowa State	10	34	.227
Kansas	6	38	.136
Baylor	2	42	.045

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	20	13	.606
Colorado	18	15	.545
Missouri	18	15	.545
Kansas State	18	15	.545
Iowa State	9	24	.273
Kansas	5	28	.152

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	27	6	.818
Oklahoma	23	10	.697
Texas A&M	20	13	.606
Texas Tech	17	16	.515
Oklahoma State	15	18	.455
Baylor	8	25	.242

(does not include title games)

2006 Network TV Appearances

School	Tot	ABC	FSN	Oth
Oklahoma	12	6	5	1
Texas	11	6	1	4
Nebraska	10	8	2	0
Missouri	8	4	2	2
Colorado	7	1	3	3
Texas Tech	7	1	2	4
Texas A&M	7	5	1	1
Kansas	6	1	4	1
Oklahoma State	6	1	2	3
Baylor	5	0	4	1
Kansas State	5	1	4	0
Iowa State	4	2	1	1

Does not include pay-per-view; does include other packages (TBS, ESPN, etc).
INCLUDES BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(AP, since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	27	13	13	1	.500
Texas	22	7	13	2	.364
Nebraska	13	8	5	0	.615
Oklahoma	13	6	7	0	.462
Texas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333
Texas Tech	12	0	12	0	.000
Baylor	9	2	7	0	.222
Missouri	9	1	8	0	.111
Iowa State	9	1	8	0	.111
Kansas	6	0	6	0	.000
Oklahoma State	5	0	5	0	.000
Kansas State	3	1	2	0	.333

(regular season; does not include bowls)

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored **112** times in **175** tries, including **18** game winning or tying scores, when the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 64 percent of the time). CU was **2-of-6** in 2006: 1-of-1 against Texas Tech (field goal), 0-of-2 versus Montana State, 0-of-1 versus Colorado State, 0-1 at Georgia and 1-of-1 versus Iowa State (field goal). In 2005, CU was 4-of-9: the Buffs were 1-for-2 against CSU, including the game winning field goal, 1-of-1 with a first half TD march against New Mexico State, 0-of-1 at Miami, 1-of-1 at OSU (first half field goal), 1-of-1 at Texas (first half TD) and 0-of-1 at Iowa State, versus Nebraska and against Clemson in the bowl. CU was 4-for-5 in 2004, including a second half go-ahead score at Texas A&M and the game winning touchdown versus Kansas State. In 2003, 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. 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	2004	2005	2006	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	4-5	4-9	2-6	112-175	64.0
First Half.....	6-7	10-10	6-7	4-5	4-9	6-7	4-4	4-6	4-6	1-3	2-3	5-8	4-5	4-7	1-2	2-4	2-2	3-5	2-4	74-104	71.2
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	1/1	3/0	0/2	47/27	
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	2-3	1-3	0-2	38-71	53.5
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	2/0	0/1	0/0	31/7	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	18	

SAFELY AHEAD

The Buffs have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 30 seasons. Since 1976 (game 1), CU has protected a two-score lead **205** of **220** times, losing 12 and tying three when it blew the lead. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result	Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result
10/28/06	at Kansas	9 (9- 0; 3rd Quarter)	L, 15-20	9/18/93	at Stanford	10 (37-27; 4th Quarter)	L, 37-41
9/23/06	at Georgia	13 (13- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 13-14	9/15/90	at Illinois	14 (17- 3; 2nd Quarter)	L, 22-23
10/23/04	at Texas A&M	12 (19- 7; 3rd Quarter)	L, 26-29 OT	8/26/90	*Tennessee	14 (31-17; 4th Quarter)	T, 31-31
11/01/03	at Texas Tech	14 (14- 0; 1st Quarter)	L, 21-26	9/27/86	ARIZONA	9 (21-12; 4th Quarter)	L, 21-24
10/04/03	at Baylor	9 (23-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 30-42	11/03/84	KANSAS	11 (27-16; 4th Quarter)	L, 27-28
11/11/00	Iowa State	11 (20- 9; 2nd Quarter)	L, 27-35	10/16/82	at Oklahoma State	13 (13- 0; 1st Quarter)	T, 25-25
9/02/00	Colorado State (Den)	10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 24-28	9/19/81	WASHINGTON ST.	10 (10- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 10-14
10/23/93	at Kansas State	9 (9- 0; 2nd Quarter)	T, 16-16				

Colorado has lost only 19 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 are this season (Kansas, Baylor in three overtimes—CU scored first in OT—and at Georgia, when the Buffs led 13-0 entering the quarter and lost with just 46 seconds remaining as UGA won, 14-13. In conference play, only Kansas (1984, 2006), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001), Oklahoma State (1997), Texas A&M (2004) and Baylor (2006) 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).

- Colorado has won **89** of its last **96** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—and **16** of the last **19**). A 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 26-game winning streak in such situations on the road, and an overall streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).
- In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 29 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 two most recent wins of this variety came against Texas-El Paso in the 2004 Houston Bowl and in the season opener against CSU this season (rallying from 9 and 11 points down, respectively).

DOMINATION

Colorado has only **24** 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), Washington State, Baylor and Kansas State (2003), Missouri (2004), Iowa State and Nebraska (2005) and five games in 2006. On several occasions, teams used the win over the Buffs to gain national notoriety and/or move into the rankings following the win. The Buffs are **84-22-2** in their last 108 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **115-24-2** in the last 141. The Buffs are **152-74-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-8 in bowls); **106-53-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **46-21-1** in non-conference regular season action.

LITTLE KNOWN RARITY

In CU history, the Buffaloes have had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game on **26** occasions (and is **20-6** in games when this occurs). It's happened nine times over the last six-plus seasons, three times in 2004: at Texas A&M (**TB Bobby Purify**/**WR Dusty Sprague**), versus Kansas State (Purify/**WR Ron Monteilh**) and at Nebraska (Purify/**WR Blake Mackey**). It happened 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 **TB's Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. *A closer look at this unique list can be found on page 171 of the 2004 CU football media guide (yes, last year's book; thanks again, NCAA).*

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **287-11-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **205-3** with 35-plus points and **190-2** with 36-plus, **167-1** with 38-plus and **107-0** 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 **1,110** 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 **7-15-1** in its last **23** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-29-2** against top 10 schools and **40-50-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado is **14-5** (in-season) following a loss to a top 10 team since the middle of 1993. That includes one game this year (CU lost 28-13 at Missouri after losing 14-13 at No. 9 Georgia) and two games in 2005 (when CU bested Kansas, 44-13, after falling at No. 2 Texas in October, and the losses at the end to No. 2 Texas in the Big 12 title game and to Clemson in the bowl).
- ➔ Colorado is **92-43-3** in its last **138** league games, and has the 10th 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.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **101** of its last **220** games, posting a **94-6-1** 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 to Baylor (42-30 in 2003 and 34-31 in 3 OT this year); the tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **152** of these **220** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **122-28-2** (CU is **20-46-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed **371** touchdowns in the last **717** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **346** times have yielded **174** field goals as well as **172** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 24% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 48% of the time, which are astonishing numbers. In Dan Hawkins' first year, the opponent penetrated the CU red zone 41 times, with 27 touchdowns, 5 field goals and 9 non-scores.
- ➔ 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 **83** touchdowns out of **199** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **115** scores overall, meaning **84** non-scores). In 2006, the opponent has **15** scores (9 TD, 6 FG) out of **19** drives started in CU territory; over the last four seasons, CU's allowed just **74** scores (56 TD/18 FG) in **122** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **46** of its last **117** contests (once this year, twice in 2005, five times in '04), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **171** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **83** times (49 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **41** of the **171** games since the '93 season opener (24%)... and remember CU has played **72** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong Colorado team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. In 2005, CU averaged well over six yards nine games into the year, finishing at **5.7** yards on first down plays; the last time the Buffs averaged six or more for a season was 2001, their Big 12 Championship year. Colorado did it six times between 1989 and 1997, including a team record best of 7.2 in both 1989 and 1994.
 - ➔ Colorado averaged **5.5** per first down play in 2006, though over half (181 of 304) of the plays have netted four or less yards. CU had a slight edge in top gains (18-16 on 20-plus, 55-53 on 10-plus) on the down, and CU also had fewer plays with two or less yards (166-141) and of zero gain (75-64).
- ➔ Colorado had seven touchdowns by returns in 2001 (4 interception, 2 punt, 1 fumble), a school record that the 2002 team matched (3 fumble, 2 interception, 2 punt). In 2004, the Buffs had six; dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **38** scores by return in their last **96** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **59** scores by return in **147** games (52 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado reached 200 yards both rushing and passing against Iowa State in 2006 as CU has accomplished the 200 "double-double" **11** times in the last **98** games (and **32** times in the last **171**, dating to 1993). 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). The Buffs are **32-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only 19 times in its first 929 games in its history.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **56-46-1** in its last **103** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**53-39** in the last **92**, including a **29-17** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **90-30-3** in its last **123** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **57-23-3** in conference games. CU was 0-3 in 2006, but was 2-0 in 2005 and 3-1 in 2004 on artificial surfaces.
- ➔ CU quarterbacks have traditionally taken care of the football, as Buff slingers thrown just **160** interceptions in **5,168** attempts since the start of the 1993 season, an interception rate of just **3.10** percent (or one every **32.3** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs have been an enigma on **third down** defensively the last four seasons. In 2003, while opponents converted at an ordinary 34.6 percent clip (56-of-162), it's what they accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents gained 966 yards on those 56 makes, or an average of **17.3** per play; otherwise, CU allowed just 61 yards on the other 106 plays, or just 0.6 per. In 2004, opponents were 92-of-205 (44.9%), but gained 1,300 yards on the 92 conversions (**14.1** per) and had just 171 yards on 113 misses (1.5). *(For comparison, CU had 660 yards on 59 conversions, 11.2 per, and 222 on 112 misses for 2.0.)*
 - In 2005, that number was down a bit to **10.2** on the 73 conversions (748 yards total; eight big plays: 40, 38, 37, 33, 24, 22, 21 and 20). On the 124 failures by the opponent, CU has allowed just 180 yards, or **1.5** per try.
 - In 2006, CU allowed **1,022** yards on the **85** conversions, or **12.0** per; KSU (8 makes, 144 yards) and Baylor (9, 149) did the most damage.
- ➔ **Second Down "Conversions."** The Colorado defense had some pretty good numbers in an interesting category: opponents were just **70-of-248** earning first downs on second down plays (26.1%); that included a not-so-impressive **23-of-53** on 2nd-and-4 or less (43.4%); by comparison, CU was 73-of-238 overall (30.7%) and 31-of-56 (55/3%).
- ➔ **Third Down & 36 Inches.** Colorado was 12-of-13 on 3rd-&-1 plays in 2006, but was just 40-of-145 from all other distances (27.6%).
- ➔ **No Turns Or Sacks.** Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **12-0** in games when not allowing a sack or committing a turnover. In 2005, CU did neither in its 41-20 conquest of Texas A&M, and came back two weeks later and did the same in the 44-13 win over Kansas. CU had last done it in 2001, as it played turnover-free ball twice in allowing no sacks versus San Jose State (51-15) and Nebraska (62-36). In these 12 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **474-207**, with only one game decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993).
- ➔ Colorado rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder in 1993, opponents are just **3-of-77** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 in 2003 (WSU converted on a 3rd-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 in 2004). The CU offense is **5-of-67** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in **30** of **48** quarters (63 percent) and **2** of **3** overtime periods. All told, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **499** of its last **664** quarters (75%). Those numbers included **32** of **48** in 2005.

SCORING STREAKS

The Buffs have scored in a school record **222** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the longest streak in the Big 12), last being shutout on November 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **118** 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 **87** consecutive road games (**113** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **141** straight league games (all **91** in Big 12 play, including the four title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **120** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at Folsom Field over the course of the last **256** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **453** games (dating to October 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 Dec. 2):** Colorado 222, Nebraska 138, Kansas State 127, Texas Tech 116, Oklahoma 106, Kansas 50, Missouri 48, Iowa State 39, Texas A&M 37, Texas 32, Oklahoma State 19, Baylor 14. CU is the last team to shutout both Kansas State (12-0 in 1996) and Oklahoma State (34-0 in 2005).

SCORING STREAKS II

The school record **222** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is now the **fifth** longest active streak in the nation; Wake Forest's 30-0 shutout of Florida State ended the Seminoles streak at 232, the ninth longest all-time (see next chart). The list of the nine Division I-A schools that have scored in every game since at least the start of the 1993 season, through games of December 23 (♦—still has bowl game left to play):

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
♦ Michigan	274	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	TCU	177	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Washington State	261	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	♦ Nevada	174	*—All games: joined Div I-A in 1992
Oregon	257	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Air Force	168	#—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
♦ Florida	229	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)			(*—316 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl)
Colorado	222	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)			

222 AND COUNTING

Colorado's **222**-game scoring streak currently is the 11th longest in Division I-A college history:

School	Streak	Dates	Ended By	School	Streak	Dates	Ended By
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Florida State	232	9/10/1988 - 11/11/2006	Wake Forest
♦ Michigan	274	10/27/1984 - present	.....	♦ Florida	229	11/05/1988 - present	.....
Washington	271	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	Colorado	222	11/19/1988 - present	.....
Washington State	261	10/22/1984 - present	.....	Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/1995	Colorado State
♦ Oregon	257	10/05/1985 - present	.....	Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	Virginia	195	9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000	Georgia Tech

The streak of **222** games started on November 19, 1988; here's a look at some of things in the news that day and week CU began its record scoring run:

- ♦ The media reported on President **Ronald Reagan** signing three executive orders the previous day in relation to FEMA and catastrophic nuclear accidents. Reagan was wrapping up his second term, as George H.W. Bush was elected into office 11 days earlier on November 8;
- ♦ In the NBA, the **Doug Moe**-coached Denver Nuggets crushed the L.A. Clippers, 134-107 (**Alex English** was the highest paid player on Denver, at \$1.65 million);
- ♦ **Robert Plant** of Led Zeppelin fame was touring that night in Tulsa, Okla.;
- ♦ The Escape Club owned the nation's top single on that date with their hit, *Wild, Wild West*, taking the spot over from the Beach Boys' *Kokomo*;
- ♦ The Top 10 television shows at the time included: *The Cosby Show*, *Roseanne*, *A Different World*, *Cheers*, *The Golden Girls*, *Who's The Boss*, *60 Minutes*, *Murder She Wrote*, *Empty Nest* and *Anything But Love*.
- ♦ L.A. Law's **Corbin Bernson** married actress **Amanda Pays** (who?);
- ♦ **Christine Onassis**, heir and stepdaughter of Jackie O., died of heart failure at the age of 37; and
- ♦ **John Lithgow** hosted that's evening's Saturday Night Live.

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS

Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2006 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

Aug. 9 Dusty Sprague (22)	Sept. 30 *Steve Fendry (19)	Oct. 28 *Mark Helfrich (33)	Nov. 24 *Eric Kiesau (34)
Aug. 11 R.J. Brown (21)	Oct. 1 David Hansburg (38)	Oct. 30 Alvin Barnett (21)	Nov. 28 Kevin Eberhart (22)
Aug. 16 Justin Nonu (18)	Oct. 3 Walter Boye-Doe (22)	Oct. 31 Brian Daniels (22)	Dec. 4 Chris Strausser (43)
Aug. 20 Gardner McKay (20)	Oct. 6 Th. Washington (23)	Nov. 5 Andy Avalos (25)	Dec. 11 Jake Duren (20)
Aug. 25 Alex Ligon (22)	Oct. 10 Greg Brown (49)	Nov. 10 Dan Hawkins (46)	Dec. 18 Terry Washington (22)
Aug. 30 Lorenzo Sims (21)	Oct. 13 Mark Nolan (23)	Nov. 11 *Tyson DeVree (22)	Dec. 19 Riar Geer (20)
Sept. 3 Mason Crosby (22)	Oct. 14 *Jalil Brown (19)	Nov. 14 Kevin Moyd (19)	Dec. 23 Eric Lawson (20)
Sept. 8 Jean Onaga	Oct. 15 Devin Shanahan (20)	Nov. 14 Mark Fenton (23)	Dec. 28 Ben Carpenter (23)
Sept. 15 Terry Wilson (20)	Oct. 15 Abraham Wright (22)	Nov. 16 J.J. Billingsley (23)	Dec. 29 James Cox (23)
Sept. 22 Reggie Joseph (21)	Oct. 16 Jarrell Yates (20)	Nov. 17 Miguel Rueda (35)	Dec. 31 Paul Backowski (20)
Sept. 22 Vance Washington (23)	Oct. 23 Joe Bever (26)	Nov. 18 Edwin Harrison (22)	Dec. 31 Stephone Robinson (22)
Sept. 24 Blake Mackey (23)	Oct. 25 Jeremy Hauck (20)	Nov. 19 Chad Cusworth (23)	Jan. 1 Justin Adams (20)
Sept. 25 Jashon Sykes (27)	Oct. 27 Erick Faatagi (20)	Nov. 22 Jeff Smart (20)	Jan. 1 Justin Drescher (18)

ANATOMY OF THE SCORING STREAK

Colorado has more often than not extended its scoring streak rather quickly. In the 222-game run, CU has scored on its first possession **89** times, plus another two occasions where it scored on returns on its first touch of the game. The Buffs have scored in the first quarter **155** times during the streak, and had it extended by halftime **202** times. A closer look (*—includes score on a kickoff return to start the 1998 Aloha Bowl and an interception return prior to the first offensive position in the 2002 Alamo Bowl):

Season	Games	Scored On/In:				Points Scored—			
		1st Poss.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Wins	Losses	Ties
1988	2	2	2	0	0	0	73	—	—
1989	12	7	9	2	1	0	452	6	—
1990	13	4	8	3	1	1	346	22	31
1991	12	3	7	5	0	0	250	60	19
1992	12	3	6	4	2	0	287	29	24
1993	12	4	9	3	0	0	269	83	16
1994	12	7	11	0	1	0	432	7	—
1995	12	2	9	3	0	0	399	45	—
1996	12	5	9	3	0	0	327	25	—
1997	11	4	7	3	1	0	183	117	—

Season	Games	Scored On/In:				Points Scored—			
		1st Poss.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Wins	Losses	Ties
1998	12	3*	9	2	0	1	248	54	—
1999	12	4	6	3	1	2	313	92	—
2000	11	3	6	4	1	0	91	161	—
2001	13	7	10	3	0	0	367	45	—
2002	14	8*	10	1	2	1	335	63	—
2003	12	5	9	3	0	0	173	146	—
2004	13	3	11	0	1	1	245	59	—
2005	13	5	7	5	0	1	253	52	—
2006	12	7	10	0	1	1	63	133	—
Totals	222	91	155	47	12	8	5106	1199	90

Colorado has a **144-74-4** record during the scoring streak, averaging **35.5** points in the wins and **16.2** points in the losses (and 23.5 the four tied games). The Buffs have had only eight occasions where it extended the streak in the fourth quarter. Here's a look at those occasions (*—denotes in Denver):

Date	Game	Opponent	Fourth Quarter Score (first if multiple scores)	Time Left (4Q)	Result
Nov. 3, 1990	24	at Nebraska	Eric Bieniemy 1 run	14:43	W 27-12
Oct. 10, 1998	116	KANSAS STATE	Marcus Stiggers 5 pass from Mike Moschetti	5:42	L 9-16
Sept. 4, 1999	123	*Colorado State	Roman Hollowell 43 pass from Mike Moschetti	8:49	L 14-41
Nov. 6, 1999	131	at Kansas State	Javon Green 64 pass from Mike Moschetti	6:21	L 14-20
Aug. 31, 2002	159	*Colorado State	Jeremy Bloom 75 punt return	14:42	L 14-19
Oct. 9, 2004	189	OKLAHOMA STATE	Lawrence Vickers 6 run	10:31	L 14-42
Sept. 24, 2005	200	at Miami, Fla.	Mason Crosby 58 FG	11:57	L 3-23
Oct. 21, 2006	218	at Oklahoma	Mason Crosby 39 FG	6:13	L 3-24

There have been **15** occasions where Colorado scored just once to continue the streak. **PK Mason Crosby** by far has played the biggest individual role, personally extending the streak six times, or four more than the only other player do it even twice, **WR/KR Jeremy Bloom**. A look at these 15 times with one score (*—denotes Orange Bowl; #—denotes Big 12 Championship):

Date	Game	Opponent	The Lone Buff To Score	Time Left	Result
Jan. 1, 1990	14	*Notre Dame	Darian Hagan 39 run	0:01, 3Q	L 6-21
Oct. 31, 1992	48	at Nebraska	James Hill 3 run	3:34, 2Q	L 7-52
Oct. 29, 1994	70	at Nebraska	Rashaan Salaam 6 run	1:06, 3Q	L 7-24
Sept. 13, 1997	101	at Michigan	Jason Lesley 52 FG	3:32, 3Q	L 3-27
Oct. 20, 2001	152	at Texas	Cortlen Johnson 9 run	8:32, 2Q	L 7-41
Sept. 14, 2002	161	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	Patrick Brougham 42 FG	2:51, 3Q	L 3-40
Dec. 7, 2002	171	#Oklahoma	Jeremy Bloom 80 punt return	13:03, 3Q	L 7-29
Sept. 20, 2003	176	at Florida State	Jeremy Bloom 81 pass from Erik Greenberg	7:59, 2Q	L 7-47
Oct. 30, 2004	192	TEXAS	Terrence Wheatley 37 interception return	8:50, 1Q	L 7-31
Dec. 4, 2004	196	#Oklahoma	Mason Crosby 34 FG	2:01, 3Q	L 3-42
Sept. 24, 2005	200	at Miami, Fla.	Mason Crosby 58 FG	11:57, 4Q	L 3-23
Nov. 25, 2005	208	NEBRASKA	Mason Crosby 33 FG	12:25, 1Q	L 3-30
Dec. 3, 2005	209	#Texas	Mason Crosby 25 FG	14:48, 2Q	L 3-70
Sept. 16, 2006	213	ARIZONA STATE	Mason Crosby 29 FG	12:57, 1Q	L 3-21
Oct. 21, 2006	218	at Oklahoma	Mason Crosby 39 FG	6:13, 4Q	L 3-24

The One-Scorers (15): Crosby 6, Bloom 2, Brougham 1, Hagan 1, Hill 1, C.Johnson 1, Lesley 1, Salaam 1, Wheatley 1 (eight field goals, four rushing touchdowns, 1 receiving touchdown, one interception return, one punt return)

SCORING DUEL JUST 25 MILES APART

Colorado has scored in **222** straight games dating back to 1988; down the road, the NFL Denver Broncos have scored in **227** consecutive contests (as of Dec. 17), the second longest active pro streak which dates back to 1992. Their fiercest rivals inflicted the last shutouts of each: Nebraska and the Raiders (then in L.A.). Combined, the pair has scored in **449** straight games. Many traits are eerily similar; the Broncos have extended it on their first possession 90 times, in the first quarter 150 times and by halftime on 217 occasions, although have had to wait to extend it in the fourth quarter just once.

BIG 12 BOWL TIE-INS ALTERED BEGINNING IN 2006

The Big 12 Conference signed new agreements with the Gator, Sun and Insight bowls, beginning this fall, and ended previous arrangements with the Champs Sports and Fort Worth bowls. The new agreements run through 2009, and the league also re-upped for that same period of time with the bowls it retained relationships with: Fiesta, Cotton, Holiday, Alamo, Independence and Houston. The new Big 12 bowl lineup:

BCS/Tostitos **Fiesta** (vs. BCS)

AT&T **Cotton** (vs. SEC)

Pacific Life **Holiday** (vs. Pacific 10)

MasterCard **Alamo** (vs. Big 10)

*Toyota **Gator** (vs. ACC)

*Vitalis **Sun** (vs. Pacific 10)

Insight (vs. Big 10)

Independence (vs. SEC)

Ev1.net **Houston** (vs. Big East)

*—For the Gator and Sun bowls, the Big 12 is guaranteed a spot each season in one of the bowls, with no more than two appearances in either game over the four years of the contract.

2006 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Here's a look at the 2006 schedules and results for the teams on CU's regular season schedule:

MONTANA STATE (8-5)

19	at Colorado	10
24	CHADRON STATE	35
0	UC-DAVIS	45
10	■EASTERN WASHINGTON	19
39	■at Northern Arizona	32
14	■PORTLAND STATE	0
21	■at Sacramento State	18
42	■at Idaho State	35
24	■WEBER STATE	18
13	■NORTHERN COLORADO	10
7	■at Montana	13
31	FURMAN	13
17	at Appalachian State	38

COLORADO STATE (4-8)

30	WEBER STATE	6
14	Colorado (at Denver)	10
10	at Nevada	28
35	at Fresno State	23
28	✚UNLV	7
21	✚at Air Force	24
0	✚at Wyoming	24
19	✚NEW MEXICO	20
3	✚BRIGHAM YOUNG	24
22	✚at Utah	35
14	✚TCU	45
6	✚at San Diego State	17

ARIZONA STATE (7-5)

35	NORTHERN ARIZONA	14
52	NEVADA	21
21	at Colorado	3
21	✚at California	49
13	✚OREGON	48
21	✚at Southern California	28
38	✚STANFORD	3
26	✚at Washington (OT)	23
10	✚at Oregon State	44
47	✚WASHINGTON STATE	14
12	✚UCLA	24
28	✚at Arizona	14

GEORGIA (8-4)

48	WESTERN KENTUCKY	12
18	►at South Carolina	0
34	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	0
14	COLORADO	13
14	►at Mississippi	9
33	►TENNESSEE	51
22	►VANDERBILT	24
27	►MISSISSIPPI STATE	24
14	►Florida (at Jacksonville)	21
20	►at Kentucky	24
37	►at Auburn	15
15	GEORGIA TECH	13

MISSOURI (8-4)

47	MURRAY STATE	7
34	MISSISSIPPI	7
27	at New Mexico	17
31	OHIO	6
28	◆COLORADO	13
38	◆at Texas Tech	21
19	◆at Texas A&M	25
41	◆KANSAS STATE	21
10	◆OKLAHOMA	26
20	◆at Nebraska	34
16	◆at Iowa State	21
42	◆KANSAS	17

BAYLOR (4-8)

7	TCU	17
47	NORTHWESTERN STATE	10
15	at Washington State	17
20	ARMY (OT)	27
17	◆KANSAS STATE	3
34	◆at Colorado (3 OT)	31
31	◆at Texas	63
36	◆KANSAS	35
21	◆TEXAS A&M	31
21	◆at Texas Tech	55
24	◆at Oklahoma State	66
10	◆OKLAHOMA	36

TEXAS TECH (7-5)

35	SMU	3
38	at Texas-El Paso (OT)	35
3	at TCU	12
62	SE LOUISIANA	0
31	◆at Texas A&M	27
21	◆MISSOURI	38
6	◆at Colorado	30
42	◆at Iowa State	26
31	◆TEXAS	35
55	◆BAYLOR	21
24	◆at Oklahoma	34
30	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	24

OKLAHOMA (11-2)

24	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	17
37	WASHINGTON	20
33	at Oregon	34
59	M.TENNESSEE STATE	0
10	◆Texas (at Dallas)	28
34	◆IOWA STATE	9
24	◆COLORADO	3
26	◆at Missouri	10
17	◆at Texas A&M	16
34	◆TEXAS TECH	24
36	◆at Baylor	10
27	◆at Oklahoma State	21
21	Nebraska	7

KANSAS (6-6)

49	NORTHWESTERN STATE	18
21	LOUISIANA-MONROE	19
31	at Toledo (20T)	37
13	SOUTH FLORIDA	7
32	◆at Nebraska (OT)	39
18	◆TEXAS A&M	21
32	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	42
35	◆at Baylor	36
20	◆COLORADO	15
41	◆at Iowa State	10
39	◆KANSAS STATE	20
17	◆at Missouri	42

KANSAS STATE (7-5)

24	ILLINOIS STATE	23
45	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	0
23	MARSHALL	7
6	LOUISVILLE	24
3	◆at Baylor	17
31	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	27
3	◆NEBRASKA	21
21	◆at Missouri	41
31	◆IOWA STATE	10
34	◆at Colorado	21
45	◆TEXAS	42
20	◆at Kansas	39

IOWA STATE (4-8)

45	TOLEDO (OT)	43
16	UNLV	10
17	at Iowa	27
14	◆at Texas	37
28	NORTHERN IOWA	27
14	◆NEBRASKA	28
9	◆at Oklahoma	34
26	◆TEXAS TECH	42
10	◆at Kansas State	31
10	◆KANSAS	41
16	◆at Colorado	33
21	◆MISSOURI	16

NEBRASKA (9-4)

49	LOUISIANA TECH	10
56	NICHOLLS STATE	7
10	at Southern California	28
56	TROY	0
39	◆KANSAS (OT)	32
28	◆at Iowa State	14
21	◆at Kansas State	3
20	◆TEXAS	22
29	◆at Oklahoma State	41
34	◆MISSOURI	20
28	◆at Texas A&M	27
37	◆COLORADO	14
7	Oklahoma	21

KEY: ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ■—Big Sky Conference game; ✚—Mountain West Conference game; ✚—Pacific 10 Conference game; ►—Southeastern Conference game.

OPPONENTS IN 2006

The 2006 Colorado schedule figured to be one of the toughest in the nation, as for the ninth time in 11 seasons, it boasted the toughest non-conference slate in the Big 12 Conference. Though the Buffs opened with Montana State, their first-ever I-AA opponent, the next three, in order, were comprised of Colorado State in one of the nation's most underrated rivalries, followed by two opponents, both ranked in the preseason, that CU had never played before in Arizona State and Georgia. The Buffs then opened league play on the road for the fourth straight year. Colorado had nine '05 bowl teams on its 2006 schedule, with seven earning berths in '06 (and Montana State advancing to the Division I-AA quarterfinals). All combined to go **82-65** (55.8%; 72-63 taking out games against CU); the records, not including bowl games: **Montana State** (8-5; finished No. 10 in the I-AA rankings), **Colorado State** (4-8), **Arizona State** (6-6), **Georgia** (8-4), **Missouri** (8-4), **Baylor** (4-8), **Texas Tech** (7-5), **Oklahoma** (11-2), **Kansas** (6-6), **Kansas State** (7-5), **Iowa State** (4-8) and **Nebraska** (9-4).

PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS

There are **29** former Colorado Buffaloes on the 2006 National Football League rosters as of December 23. That's second in the Big 12 behind Nebraska (32); Oklahoma has 27, Texas 25, Kansas State 20, Oklahoma State 11, Iowa State 9, Texas Tech 9, Baylor 8, Missouri 7, and Kansas 6. Nationally in 2005, CU was tied for the 17th most players produced—Florida State led with 42, followed by Tennessee (37), Georgia and Ohio State (35); CU was 12th in 2004 with 27, tied for 13th in 2003 with 29, and was 10th in 2002, also with 29. CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was second in 2002 and 2003, and was third in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2006 list (p—denotes on the practice squad; #—denotes starter/first-team performer; †—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; I—on injured-reserve; 2R—denotes second-year rookie; p—practice squad):

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.				
#Tom Ashworth	OT	Seattle Seahawks	5	Drew Wahlroos	OLB	St. Louis Rams	2
#Justin Bannan	DT	Baltimore Ravens	5	p-Sam Wilder	OT	Washington Redskins	2R
Brad Bedell	OG	Houston Texans	4	Waived (In camps or from season rosters):			
I-Mitch Berger	P	New Orleans Saints	12	Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
I-Jeremy Bloom	WR	Philadelphia Eagles	R	Koy Detmer	QB	Philadelphia Eagles	9
#Tyler Brayton	DT	Oakland Raiders	3	Joel Klatt	QB	Detroit Lions	R
I-Chad Brown	OLB	Pittsburgh Steelers	13	Derek McCoy	WR	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2R
#Chris Brown	RB	Tennessee Titans	3	†-Craig Ochs	QB	Buffalo Bills	R
I-*Brian Calhoun	RB	Detroit Lions	R	#Tom Rouen	P	San Francisco 49ers	14
I-Christian Fauria	TE	Washington Redskins	11	†-Sam Taulealea	DT	Dallas Cowboys	R
#Daniel Graham	TE	New England Patriots	4	John Torp	P	Minnesota Vikings	R
#Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	4	Sean Tufts	LB	Carolina Panthers	2
#D.J. Hackett	WR	Seattle Seahawks	2	COACHES			
†#-Marques Harris	DE	San Diego Chargers	1	Name	Pos.	Team	Tie To Colorado
Brian Iwuh	OLB	Jacksonville Jaguars	R	Mike Barry	OL	Detroit	Asst. Coach, 1987-92
#Joe Klopfenstein	TE	St. Louis Rams	R	Ronnie Bradford	ST	Denver	Player, 1989-92
#Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	9	Eric Bieniemy	RB	Minnesota	Player, 1987-90 & AC
#Michael Lewis	SS	Philadelphia Eagles	4	Tom Cable	OL	Atlanta	Asst. Coach, 1998-99
Wayne Lucier	C	Green Bay Packers	2	Jim Caldwell	QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
p-Vaka Manupuna	DT	New York Jets	R	Jon Embree	TE	Kansas City	Player, 1983-86 & AC
p-Matt McChesney	DT	New York Jets	1	David Gibbs	DB	Kansas City	Player, 1987-90
#Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	9	Vance Joseph	DB	San Francisco	Player, 1990-94
Hannibal Navies	LB	San Francisco 49ers	7	Rick Neuheisel	QB	Baltimore	Head Coach, 1995-98
I-Gabe Nyenhuis	DE	Indianapolis Colts	2R	Rod Perry	DB	Carolina	Player, 1973-74
I-Donald Strickland	CB	San Francisco 49ers	3	Kennedy Pola	RB	Jacksonville	Asst. Coach, 1997-98
#Quinn Synniewski	TE	Baltimore Ravens	R	(*—played his freshman and sophomore years at CU before transferring to Wisconsin; he played one season there and declared for the draft.)			
Lawrence Vickers	RB	Cleveland Browns	R				

BY TEAM (18 of 32)— Baltimore 2, Philadelphia 2, New England 2, St. Louis 2, San Francisco 2, Seattle 2, Washington 2, Cleveland 1, Dallas 1, Denver 1, Green Bay 1, Houston 1, Indianapolis 1, Jacksonville 1, New Orleans 1, N.Y. Jets 1, Oakland 1, San Diego 1, Tennessee 1.

AND IN CANADA? Another former Buff is making his living north of the border in the Canadian Football League, as **C Marwan Hage** played with the Hamilton Tigercats for the second straight year.

A DECADE WORTH OF 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, Christian Fauria, Heath Irwin, Chris Naeole, Rashaan Salaam, Kordell Stewart, Bryan Stoltzberg, Derek West and Michael Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played, and three remain on NFL rosters some 11 years later. And six of the '94 defensive starters wound up playing professionally as well.

O-LINEMEN 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, 19 of 25 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)
Clint O'Neal	T	(2) 2004-05	Washington (FA)	Heath Irwin	G	(3) 1993-94-95	New England (4)
Sam Wilder	T	(2) 2003-04	Dallas (FA)	Bryan Stoltzberg	C	(4) 1992-93-94-95	San Diego (6)
Marwan Hage	G/C	(3) 2001-02-03	Jacksonville (FA)	Derek West	T	(3) 1992-93-94	Indianapolis (5)
Wayne Lucier	G/C	(2) 2001-02	N.Y. Giants (7)	Tony Berti	T	(2) 1993-94	San Diego (6)
Justin Bates	T/G	(3) 2000-01-02	Dallas (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)
Brad Bedell	G	(2) 1998-99	Cleveland (6)	One-Year Starters:			
Shane Cook	T	(2) 1998-99	New Orleans (FA)	Tom Ashworth	T	(1) 2000	New England (FA)
Ryan Johanningmeier	G/T	(3) 1997-98-99	Atlanta (FA)	Ben Nichols	G	(1) 1998	Atlanta (FA)
Melvin Thomas	G/T	(3) 1995-96-97	Philadelphia (7)	Ariel Solomon	T	(1) 1990	Pittsburgh (10)
Chris Naeole	G	(3) 1994-95-96	New Orleans (1)				

CU ADDS FIVE HOME-AND-HOME SERIES OVER NEXT 12 SEASONS; 2007, 2009, 2012 & 2013 SCHEDULES COMPLETE

Colorado is working to fill its football schedules over the next decade, and since mid-summer, the Buffaloes have agreed to five home-and-home series with a school from each time zone. The additions have completely filled four of CU's next seven schedules, with one open date left three other years.

In July, Colorado and **Miami, Ohio** agreed to a home-and-home series that enabled the Buffaloes to complete their 2007 and 2009 schedules. The RedHawks will come to Boulder on September 22, 2007, with the Buffs set to return the game on September 12, 2009 (in Oxford, about 30 miles north of Cincinnati). ESPN has already guaranteed the schools that it will televise the second game. A CU connection with the RedHawks is their athletic director **Brad Bates**, who was CU's strength and conditioning coach between 1982-84, coming to Boulder with **Bill McCartney**. It will be the first time the schools will play in football, and just the second game for CU against current Mid-America Conference opponents; the Buffs own a 42-0 win over Kent State in 1977.

On September 16, CU announced home-and-home arrangements with three other schools, all opponents CU has a previous history with in **Louisiana State University**, the **University of Oregon** and the **University of Utah**. Colorado has played the trio a combined 78 times in its history, but there have been no regular season games with any of the three since 1987. Each series has its own special moments and place in school annals.

The CU-LSU series is first up, as the Buffs will travel to Baton Rouge on Sept. 24, 2011, with the Tigers returning the game to Boulder on Sept. 15, 2012. The Buffs and Utes will resume play after a 50-year layoff in their series, as Utah will come to Boulder on Sept. 22, 2012 with Salt Lake City to play host on Sept. 21, 2013. The Oregon series is a bit further out, with Eugene to be the site in 2014 (Sept. 13), with the Ducks' return trip to Boulder set for 2017 (Sept. 16). A closer look:

Colorado-Louisiana State. While LSU leads the all-time series by a 5-1 count, CU's lone victory in the series was most significant. In the 1971 season opener, the unranked and sophomore-laden Buffs traveled to Baton Rouge and upset the No. 9 Tigers, 31-21. That win propelled CU to No. 12 in the polls the following Monday and coach **Eddie Crowder's** Buffaloes went on to finish 10-2 and No. 3 in the nation. The two first met in the 1962 Orange Bowl, a 25-7 LSU victory, and last played in 1980, when LSU edged the Buffs with a field goal with 35 seconds remaining to escape with a 23-20 verdict.

Colorado-Utah. Other than the 78 games played against in-state rival Colorado State, the 57 games the Buffs have played against the Utes are the second most against any other non-conference school, as CU leads the series, 30-24-3. But the two schools, just 512 miles apart, have not met since 1962 after meeting every year from 1910 through 1958 (and twice in 1943 during World War II). The two first met on Oct. 3, 1903 in Boulder (a 22-0 Colorado win), as Utah was just the third school from outside the state to make a trip to Boulder; CU returned the game the following year, just the second time in Colorado's history that the then Silver & Gold had ever left the state to play a game.

Old-timers will tell you that Utah was CU's first real rival, and after the Utes reeled off nine straight wins between 1925 and 1933 to take a 16-11-1 edge in the series, Utah clearly had staked its claim as the dominant program in the old Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. But behind **Kayo Lam** and the school's first All-American, **Byron White**, the newly named Buffaloes won the next four. The Buffs won eight straight from 1951 to 1958 to go up by eight on the Utes, and after a two-year hiatus, the series resumed in 1961 when Utah inflicted a painful 21-12 setback on CU—its only regular season loss in a 9-1 campaign. The last game in the series was on Sept. 22, 1962, a 37-21 Utah win in Salt Lake City; thus the series will resume 50 years to the day of the last meeting. The two schools are fierce ski rivals and have won 14 of the last 24 NCAA titles between them since the sport went coed in 1983.

Colorado-Oregon. The Buffs lead the most-entertaining 15-game series by an 8-7 count, as the two last met in the regular season in 1987 but have squared off in bowl games three times since then. The first meeting was in 1949, a 42-14 Oregon win, signaling the start of five home-and-home agreements between the two, including a four-game set between 1984 and 1987. The 1979 game, a 33-19 Duck win, was the first for CU coach **Chuck Fairbanks** and also the first game televised by a then-fledgling television network called ESPN. The 1984 game in Eugene yielded one of the sadder moments in school history, when tight end **Ed Reinhardt** suffered a near-fatal brain injury and had his life forever changed, but it also stabled a bond between the two schools that remains to this day. In 1985, after the Buffs opened with a win over CSU to match their entire win total the previous season, one of the first early key moments in the success of the **Bill McCartney** Era occurred. The Buffs owned a 21-17 lead but UO drove inside the CU 10 in the final minute of the game; on a 4th-and-goal from the CU 3, **Mickey Pruitt** sacked Duck quarterback **Chris Miller** as time ran out to preserve the win, and the Buffs went on to finish 7-4 and earn a Freedom Bowl berth. The schools met in the 1996 Cotton Bowl (a 38-6 CU win to cap a 10-2 year under first-year coach **Rick Neuheisel**), in the 1998 Aloha Bowl (Neuheisel's last game as CU coach as the Buffs won a shootout, 51-43), and in the 2002 Fiesta Bowl; in the latter, it was just the sixth postseason match-up of No. 2 (Colorado) versus No. 3 (Oregon) and the Pac-10 champion Ducks got the best in this one, winning 38-16.

Then on November 7, CU and **Arizona State** jointly announced extending their series after the two met for the first time ever this past September (a 21-3 ASU win in Boulder). The Sun Devils will visit Boulder in 2013, and CU returns that one in 2018, the furthest confirmed game out currently on any CU football schedule. CU returns the game in the current series next September in Tempe. **Colorado's immediate future football schedules:**

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
S 1 Colorado State (Denver)	A30 Colorado State (Denver)	S 5 #Colorado State	S 4 #Colorado State	S 3 TBA (Colorado State)
S 8 at Arizona State	S 6 HOME TBA	S12 at Miami, Ohio	S11 at California	S10 CALIFORNIA
S15 FLORIDA STATE	S13 NORTH CAROLINA	S19 WYOMING	S18 HOME TBA	S17 TBA
S22 MIAMI, OHIO	S20 at Florida State	S26 at North Carolina	O 2 GEORGIA	S 24 at Louisiana State
S29 *OKLAHOMA (H)	O 4 TEXAS	O10 at Texas	O 9 at Missouri	O 1 MISSOURI
O 6 *at Baylor	O 11 at Kansas	O17 KANSAS	O16 BAYLOR	O15 at Baylor
O13 *at Kansas State	O 18 KANSAS STATE	O24 at Kansas State	O23 TEXAS TECH	O22 at Texas Tech
O20 *KANSAS (FW)	O 25 at Missouri	O31 MISSOURI	O30 at Oklahoma	O29 OKLAHOMA
O27 *at Texas Tech	N 1 at Texas A & M	N 7 TEXAS A& M	N 6 at Kansas	N 5 KANSAS
N 3 *MISSOURI	N 8 IOWA STATE	N14 at Iowa State	N13 IOWA STATE	N12 at Iowa State
N10 *at Iowa State	N15 OKLAHOMA STATE	N21 at Oklahoma State	N20 KANSAS STATE	N19 at Kansas State
N23 *NEBRASKA	N28 at Nebraska	N27/28 NEBRASKA	N26/27 at Nebraska	N25/26 NEBRASKA

2012	2013	Other
S 1 #Colorado State	A31 #Colorado State	2014 S13 at Oregon
S 8 at Minnesota	S 7 MINNESOTA	2017 S16 OREGON
S15 LOUISIANA STATE	S14 ARIZONA STATE	2018 S15 at Arizona State
S 22 UTAH	S 21 at Utah	

FW—Family Weekend; H—Homecoming; *—Big 12 Conference game (dates for 2008-2011 to be announced this fall); #—site to be determined.

SKED AHEAD

In a quirk that is really just happenstance, Colorado only had one game in 2006 where its opponent played on the road the previous week (Kansas; the Jayhawks were at Baylor before hosting the Buffs on Oct. 28; however, CU was also on the road at Oklahoma). Otherwise, with the exception of the Montana State and Nebraska games (both open the previous week), the other nine opponents played at home before lining up against CU, including the second through fifth opponents who play non-BCS schools (CSU: Weber State; ASU: Nevada; UGA: UAB; MU: Ohio). CU will have back-to-back road games twice in '06, joined by Baylor, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas Tech; Kansas State has none, Oklahoma State actually has three in a row (with an open week after the first one), with the other five schools having back-to-backers away from the confines of home once.

A SCHEDULE FIRST... CU WAS ONE OF THE LAST

When Colorado opened the 2006 season against Montana State (the two last met in 1927 as members of the old Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference) it marked its first game against a non-Division I-A opponent since the current divisional setup was created in 1978. Through 2005, CU had been one of just eight Division I-A schools to play all of its games in its division (no I-AA or II opponents). So the number has dropped by one to seven, with the schools remaining yet to do include Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Ohio State, USC, UCLA and Washington. There is no non-IA opponent on any future CU schedule at this time.

- **73 of 119** Division I-A teams play a game outside of Division I-A in 2006 (New Mexico State will play two); 26 of the games were season openers. Northwestern (La.) State (Baylor, Kansas, Mississippi) and SE Louisiana (New Mexico State, Southern Miss, Texas Tech) play the most I-A teams; several are playing two.
- **11** Big 12 Conference schools had contests against I-AA opponents, regionalized in several instances (i.e., CU-Montana State; ISU-Northern Iowa; Texas-Sam Houston State). Oklahoma was the lone Big 12 team in 2006 not to have a game outside I-A.

USUALLY IN 'EM

Colorado's usually been in those games it's lost over the last 18 seasons, as of the 74 losses, 36 have been by eight points or less. Nebraska and Texas (five times), Oklahoma (four) and Kansas State and Missouri (three) are the only ones who have handled the Buffs by nine or more points more than twice since 1989. CU has really been dominated from the start only seven 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), 2002 vs. USC, 2004 in the Big 12 title game with Oklahoma, and twice in 2005, both against Texas. K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03), Oklahoma State ('04), Miami and Nebraska ('05) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

CLOSE CALLS USUALLY GOING CU'S WAY

Though 0-4 in close calls in 2006, Colorado is still **11-6** where the final margin has been seven or fewer points, dating back to the start of 2003. That includes the four setbacks this year (CSU, Georgia, Baylor, Kansas), and two games in 2005, the season opening 31-28 victory over Colorado State and a 23-20 win at Kansas State, both thanks to the foot of **PK Mason Crosby**. And starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, CU is **15-8** in seven point decisions.

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE

Colorado has the **20th** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**142-74-4**). Of these 220 games, Colorado has played **92** ranked teams (42%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 33 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **40-50-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-22** record *on the road*); CU is also **102-24-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 14 seasons (**70** of its last **165** 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, 2-3 in 2003, 0-4 in 2004, 0-4 in 2005 and 0-5 in 2006.

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 in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games as the Buffs played both co-national champions, Michigan and Nebraska.

GRADLE OF COACHES

There are three current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado, and all three have enjoyed great success. **Les Miles** had a good run at Oklahoma State and is running the show at LSU (at Colorado between 1982-86); **Gregg Brandon** is the head man at Bowling Green (1999-2000) while **Karl Dorrell** has the reins at UCLA (two CU stints: 1992-93, 1995-97). Since **Bill McCartney** took over the program in 1982, CU has sent many an assistant coach into the head coaching ranks; **Gerry DiNardo** was the first, as after his CU stint between 1982-89 he went on to coach Vanderbilt, LSU and Indiana. **Lou Tepper** (CU: 1983-87), head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State; **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98 and then at CU from 1999 through 2005; **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). All were assistants under McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94). In 2003, **Mike Hankwitz**, served as Arizona's interim head coach for the last two months of the season; he was at CU for 10 years (1985-94). **Tom Cable** (1998-99) was head coach for four seasons at Idaho, as he coached under Neuheisel and Barnett. Dorrell is the only one above to coach as an assistant under both McCartney and Neuheisel. In addition, former CU player **Pete Shinnick** ('88) served seven seasons as head coach at Azusa Pacific and took a new position for 2006 as the head man at North Carolina-Pembroke.

HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 117th season of competition with an all-time record of **652-412-36** in **1,100** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 22nd in all-time winning percentage (.609; 20th for those schools with at least 50 seasons in Division I-A). 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 **282-136-10** in their 83rd season on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **245-212-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB

Dating back to 1989, the Buffs are **49-20-1** in their last **70** November games (**44-10** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-9-1 against NU in turkey month. Colorado is **43-21** in its last **64** September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **47-24-2** in the last **73** October games, when conference play annually comes into full bloom. CU is **5-6** in December games since 1993, including bowls, and is **2-2-1** in August games in its history.

OVERTIME

Colorado is **3-4** all-time in overtime games; the Buffs 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	CU trailed 27-3 early in 4th
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
10-23-04	at Texas A & M	L 26-29	26-26	Colorado	Defense	14	33	First CU turnover in OT ends it
10-07-06	BAYLOR	L 31-34 (3 OT)	17-17	Colorado	Defense	42	72	Ends in 3OT on Baylor INT

RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM

Nine ranked, undefeated teams have lost their “0” in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The last was Kansas State in 2002, 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.

STREAKING

Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 11 Division I-A schools. The list: **5**—Air Force; **4**—San Jose State; **3**—Minnesota, Utah State; **2**—California, Iowa, Louisiana-Monroe, Notre Dame, Oregon State, UCLA and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by LSU and Oklahoma (both 4) and Michigan State and Texas (3 each).

THE 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 has emerged since the late 1980s, and the Buffs are near the top of the list when it comes to collecting these statues. CU has had seven different players win nine trophies over the last 17 seasons, which is the ninth most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Ohio State (11), Miami, Fla. (9), Oklahoma (9) and Nebraska (8) top the Buffs' seven. The postseason “hardware” includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O'Brien, Unitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Doak Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik, Mackey, Tatupu, Ray Guy, Rimington, Lott, Hendricks and ARA Sportsmanship awards (on-field player awards only—if the Draddy Award was included, the Buffs would have one more on each list). The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2006 (players only; LSU and Michigan players split the 2004 Rimington Award and thus got ½ in the trophy count):

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Ohio State	11	18	Iowa	5	5	Pittsburgh	2	3	Maryland	1	2
Florida State	7	15	Arizona	4	5	Virginia Tech	2	3	North Carolina	1	2
Miami, Fla.	9	15	Notre Dame	4	5	Washington	2	3	Louisiana State	2	1½
Oklahoma	9	15	Brigham Young	2	5	California	2	2	Arkansas	1	1
Michigan	7	12½	Alabama	4	4	Georgia Tech	2	2	Auburn	1	1
Penn State	7	11	UCLA	4	4	Illinois	2	2	Cincinnati	1	1
Texas	6	11	Minnesota	3	4	Memphis	2	2	Colorado State	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Tennessee	2	4	Oregon State	2	2	Fresno State	1	1
Colorado	7	9	Northwestern	1	4	Texas A&M	2	2	Hawai'i	1	1
USC	4	8	Kansas State	3	3	TCU	2	2	Kentucky	1	1
Florida	3	8	Louisville	3	3	Texas Tech	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1
Wisconsin	4	7	Mississippi	3	3	Arizona State	1	2	Marshall	1	1
Georgia	3	6	Purdue	3	3	Baylor	1	2	Michigan State	1	1

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 18 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing three of the times, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in both 2003 and 2005). 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 17 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2006:** Florida State 18, Michigan 18, Ohio State 18, Miami, Fla. 17, Tennessee 17, Nebraska 15, Notre Dame 14, Penn State 14, **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

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 (1989-2005): Florida St. 12, Miami 8, Nebraska 5, **COLORADO 4**, Ohio St. 4, Oklahoma 4, USC 4, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Florida 3, Notre Dame 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2005): Florida St. 12, Florida 10, Miami 9, Michigan 8, Nebraska 8, Tennessee 8, Ohio State 7, **COLORADO 6**, Alabama 6, Kansas St. 6, Oklahoma 5.

...AND THE RETURN

CU was out of the polls for an 11-week period once departing after 143 weeks ('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.

15 OUT OF 18

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. 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 purpose as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU then defeated two ranked teams in both 2002 and 2003 to make it 15 out of 16 years with at least one win over a ranked opponent, but the smaller run ended as the Buffs went 0-4 in 2004; since, CU went 0-4 in 2005 and 0-5 in 2006. 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 nine of the last 13 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons).

TV LAND

Colorado has had **137** of its last **208** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That included seven games this year, 10 games in 2005, nine games in 2004, seven games in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **100** of CU's **135** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 74 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in that time frame). In addition, CU has had **21** of its last **25** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

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 two hits of league revenue that come with it. Here are the counts (and records) since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (*not including bowls*): **Colorado 27** (13-13-1), Texas 22 (7-13-2), Nebraska 13 (8-5), Oklahoma 13 (6-7), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 12 (0-12), Baylor 9 (2-7), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 9 (1-8), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5) and Kansas State 3 (1-2).

FOLSOM FIELD ACCOLADE 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 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.

BUFF BLEMISHES

Colorado has a history of inflicting blemishes on some of the teams who have traditionally fared well at home. 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. The Buffs also snapped the Aggies 22-game home winning streak—started late in 1996, 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. CU almost added Georgia to this list in 2006, but fell 14-13 after leading 13-0 entering the fourth quarter.

18 OF 22

The Buffs have 18 winning (regular) seasons in the last 22 years (1985-2006), matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The exceptions came in 1997, 2000, 2003 and this season; 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 17 of the previous 22 seasons, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006.

OFFENSE & DEFENSE

Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball. **DT John Guydon** was the latest to do so, seeing action on defense (13 snaps at tackle) and offense (3 snaps at guard) at Texas on October 15, 2005; it was the first time it happened for a complete series with no gimmicks or special situations since **WR Michael Westbrook** played a series at safety against Baylor in 1993. **DE James Garee** also trotted in on offense in 2005, catching a pass as an end at Miami. **DT Sam Wilder** had been the last before 2005, as he 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 (a nice 5-yard run was wiped out by a penalty). Between 1994 and 2005, several Buffs played on both sides of the ball, as offensive linemen often played on the goal line or short yardage defense units—**OG Heath Irwin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole**, **OT Melvin Thomas** and **OG Brad Bedell** all did it at one time or another between 1993 and 1998. In 1990, **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 Westbrook (four snaps at strong safety) against Baylor in 1993.

WHY CU AND 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," said CU historian, the late Fred Casotti. It has always been this way at Colorado, for whatever reason, and at the other four—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."

HISTORY OF THE "COLORADO"

As in the south end zone, that is. In 1967, the stadium was lowered when the track was removed, and that area remained basically a dirt hill. Former long-time senior associate A.D. **Jon Burianek** said that we tried to grow grass and bushes there, but none took. The first artificial field was installed during the summer of 1971, and that area was then covered with asphalt and the large, block COLORADO was painted on it, then in all-white block lettering. Trim was later added, and at one time, when blue was one of the school colors, the end zone as well was painted blue instead of the familiar black.

QUARTERBACK HISTORY LESSON

The three-way competition for the starting quarterback job this year was only the fifth real battle in the last 15 years at Colorado. The last time had been in 2003, when walk-on **Joel Klatt** earned the nod; in 2000, 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 but four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and did not relinquish the role the remainder of the season. In 1998, the first real battle in six years, juniors **Mike Moschetti** and **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won the job and Weisinger subsequently 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.

AND MORE—In looking back at CU history, the Buffs have usually had a capable backup quarterback that became a household name. As far back as 1971, when 5-foot-7 **Joe Duenas** subbed for an injured **Ken Johnson** to lead CU to a 56-13 win over Wyoming in the second game of the season, Colorado second-team signal callers have made names for themselves. Two years later, **David Williams** and **Clyde Crutchmer** duelled for starting honors; in 1976, Austin replaced **Jeff Knapple** on occasion after Knapple wrestled the starting job away from him; in 1979, **Charlie Davis** and **Bill Solomon** battled back and forth; in the early 1980s, **Steve Vogel** and **Randy Essington** alternated as starters for three years, with Vogel emerging as CU's all-time passing leader at the time. In the last 1980s, there was the run of **Sal Aunese** replacing **Mark Hatcher**, Hagan replacing Aunese, **Charles Johnson** and Joseph both subbing for an injured Hagan on occasion; Stewart replacing Hagan, and he himself being replaced by Detmer and Tobin due to injuries; and of course, Hessler subbing for Detmer after Detmer replaced Stewart. Perhaps the best example of this came in 2001, when **Bobby Pesavento** took over the second half of the year for an injured **Craig Ochs**, 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.

THE AVERAGE BUFF

The 102 players on the 2006 opening week roster (active and inactive, as of September 2) totaled 7,472 inches in height and weighed 23,220 collective pounds, or an average of 6-1¼, 228 pounds per player, slightly smaller but heavier than the 2005 average of 6-3, 218, though in line with other figures this decade: 6-2, 223 in 2004; 6-2¼, 226 in 2003; 6-2¼, 227 in 2002; and 6-2, 227 in both 2000 and 2001). The 7,472 inches translate roughly into 623 feet or 208 yards, the distance of the par-three No. 3 hole at Royal St. George's in England, while the weight of 23,220 pounds slightly exceeds (by 220) pounds the amount allowed to be trucked on most roads in the northeastern United States. Here's a look at position-by-position averages (LW—denotes lettermen):

Position	Players	LW	Height	Weight	Position	Players	LW	Height	Weight
Cornerbacks	10	5	5-11	186	Quarterbacks	4	2	6-2	208
Defensive Ends	5	4	6-3	241	Safeties	7	5	6-0	194
Defensive Tackles	7	2	6-3	276	Special Teams Snappers	1	0	6-1	235
Fullbacks	3	0	5-11	233	Tailbacks	6	2	5-10	202
Inside Linebackers	10	4	6-1	235	Tight Ends	9	1	6-5	241
Kickers/Punters	5	2	6-0	193	Wide Receivers	14	7	6-0	186
Offensive Linemen	16	7	6-3	293	Team	102	45	6-1¼	228
Outside Linebackers	5	4	6-2	220					

The most popular letter to begin surnames is the letter B (15), followed by S (13) and H (10); five last names are similar, but none are brothers (Adams, Brown, Jones, Sanders, Washington). There is no "popular" first name (there are three Daniel's); unique ones include Cha'pelle, Dusty, Jalil, Samson, Taj and Thaddaeus.

AROUND THE NATION

Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (75 percent of the entire roster—76 of 102 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado **31**, California **30**, Texas **14**, Hawai'i **4**, Florida **2**, Iowa **2**, Louisiana **2**, Michigan **2**, Minnesota **2**, Nebraska **2**, Oklahoma **2**, Alabama **1**, Arizona **1**, Idaho **1**, Illinois **1**, Kentucky **1**, Missouri **1**, New York **1**, Tennessee **1** and Washington **1**. That's **20** states total that produced the make-up of this year's team.

ORIGINAL 2006 TEAM MAKE-UP

The 102 players listed on the opening week roster on September 2 broke down into 24 seniors, 23 juniors, 18 sophomores and 37 freshmen (including 16 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

Lettermen Returning: 45 (19 offense, 24 defense, 2 specialists)

Scholarship Players: 83

Lettermen Lost: 22 (9 offense, 10 defense, 3 specialists)

Walk-On Players: 20

Starters Returning (11)—Offense 5: TB Hugh Charles (12/12), OG Brian Daniels (33/11), C Mark Fenton (26/13), OG Edwin Harrison (7/7), WR Dusty Sprague (11/11). **Defense 6:** S J.J. Billingsley (31/13), ILB Jordon Dizon (23/12), DE Maurice Lucas (6/6), CB Lorenzo Sims (25/11), ILB Thaddaeus Washington (23/12), DE Abraham Wright (16/13). (*Career/2005 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those with six or more starts OR were starters at the end of the year.*)

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (7; min. 3 career starts)— ILB Walter Boye-Doe (3/0), S Dominique Brooks (13/0), DE Alex Ligon (17/6), OT Tyler Polumbus (3/3); OG Daniel Sanders (4/4); OG Jack Tipton (4/4); CB Terrence Wheatley (7/0).

Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (13; two or fewer career starts)—WR Alvin Barnett, DE Alonzo Barrett, QB James Cox, FB Paul Creighton, TB Byron Ellis, DT George Hypolite, OLB Brad Jones, WR Blake Mackey, WR Stephone Robinson, ILB Joe Sanders, CB Terry Washington, QB Brian White, WR Patrick Williams.

Starters Lost (11)—Offense 6: WR Evan Judge (24/13), QB Joel Klatt (34/12), TE Joe Klopfenstein (34/13), OT Gary Moore (12/11), OT Clint O'Neal (29/12), VB Lawrence Vickers (20/7). **Defense 5:** CB Gerett Burl (22/13), DE James Garee (34/13), S Tyrone Henderson (22/12), OLB Brian Iwuh (31/12), DT Vaka Manupuna (27/13).

Others Lost With Significant Starting Experience (3)— ILB Akarika Dawn (12/2), S Tom Hubbard (7/2), TE Quinn Sypniewski (20/9).

Specialists Returning (3)— PK Mason Crosby, PK Kevin Eberhart, KR Stephone Robinson. **Specialists Lost (2)—** SN Greg Pace, P John Torp.

THREE SENIORS NAMED 2006 CAPTAINS

Dan Hawkins announced at the conclusion of fall camp that three seniors would serve as team captains for the 2006 season: **PK Mason Crosby**, **OG Brian Daniels** and **ILB Thaddaeus Washington**. "They are obviously very good players and they have the respect of the team," Hawkins said. "They lead by example in the classroom, on the field and in the weight room. The coach can set the tone, but those guys have to carry things out in the trenches."

➤ **CROSBY** is the first placekicker and just the second solely special teams performer to be named a CU team captain, preceded only by another special teams All-American, punter **Barry Helton** in 1987. Crosby, a two-time All-Big 12 performer and a consensus All-American in 2005, opted to stay at CU for his senior year instead of declaring for the NFL draft and is in position to exit with almost every major scoring record in school history. The '05 Lou Groza Award runner-up also could see his name join the others on the façade at Folsom Field's press box if he earns a third all-conference accolade.

➤ **DANIELS**, a fourth-year senior from Evergreen (Mullen High School), set a school record in 2003 when he made nine starts, the most-ever by a true freshman offensive lineman in CU history. He is bidding to become just the fourth offensive lineman in school annals to start for four seasons; he would join **OT Pat Ryan** (1984-87), **OG Joe Garten** (1987-90) and **OT Justin Bates** (1999-2002).

➤ **WASHINGTON**, a fifth-year senior from Marrero, La., entered the year with 231 career tackles, and like six before him who learned under the guidance of another former CU captain, linebacker coach **Brian Cabral**, he would surpass his coach's tackle total (Cabral had 297 between 1975-78; Washington passed him in game eight, when he had a career-high 19 at Oklahoma). He is bidding to become the first LB to lead CU in tackles in back-to-back year since 1993-94, when Butkus Award runner-up **Ted Johnson** accomplished the feat.

CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS

Here are the single-game career bests for those players who have regularly appeared in games through 2006:

ALVIN BARNETT, WR

Receptions—7, at Miami, 9/24/05
Receiving Yards—77, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Long Reception—38, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06

ALONZO BARRETT, DE

Total Tackles—6, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
Solo Tackles—3, twice (last: vs. Texas, 12/3/05)
Third Down Stops—3, at Miami, 9/24/05
QB Hurries—2, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05

J.J. BILLINGSLEY, S

Total Tackles—15, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)
Solo Tackles—12, vs. San Diego State, 9/7/02
Third Down Stops—3, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
Interceptions—2, at Texas Tech, 11/1/03
Pass Deflections—3, at Georgia, 9/23/06

WALTER BOYE-DOE, DE

Total Tackles—6, vs. Oklahoma, 10/25/03
Solo Tackles—5, vs. Oklahoma, 10/25/03
Assisted Tackles—3, thrice (last: at Nebraska, 11/24/06)
QB Sacks—1, twice (last: at Missouri 9/30/06)

DOMINIQUE BROOKS, S

Total Tackles—11, at Texas A&M, 10/23/04
Solo Tackles—8, at Texas A&M, 10/23/04
Interceptions—2, vs. Missouri, 11/8/03
Pass Deflections—2, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/04

CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB

Total Tackles—9, at Missouri 9/30/06
Solo Tackles—5, at Missouri 9/30/06
Interceptions—1, at Missouri 9/30/06
Pass Deflections—1, twice (last: at Kansas, 10/28/06)

BEN BURNLEY, S

Total Tackles—7, twice (last: vs. Baylor, 10/07/06)
Solo Tackles—5, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
Pass Deflections—N/A

MARCUS BURTON, ILB

Total Tackles—5, at Texas, 10/15/05
Solo Tackles—4, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
Tackles For Loss—2, at Texas, 10/15/05
QB Sacks—1, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
Third Down Stops—1, four times
Interceptions—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)

HUGH CHARLES, TB

Rushing Attempts—21, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
Rushing Yards—132, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
Long Run—74, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05 (TD)
Rushing TDs—2, twice (last: at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05)
Receptions—6, twice (last: at Iowa State, 11/12/05)
Receiving Yards—85, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
Long Reception—51, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05 (TD)
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05

JAMES COX, QB

Pass Attempts—22, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
Pass Completions—15, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
Passing Yards—175, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
Long Pass—42, to Patrick Williams vs. Montana St., 9/2/06
TD Passes—1, twice (last: vs. Iowa State, 10/16/04)

CODY CRAWFORD, WR

Receptions—5, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
Receiving Yards—79, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
Long Reception—31, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
Receiving TDs—N/A

PAUL CREIGHTON, TE

Receptions—0.
Receiving Yards—N/A
Long Reception—N/A

MASON CROSBY, PK

Field Goals Attempted—6, vs. UTEP (Houston Bowl),
 12/29/04; *Regular Season*: 4, twice.
Field Goals Made—4, four times (last: vs. Iowa St., 11/11/06)
Long Field Goal—60, vs. Iowa State, 10/16/04
Long Field Goal Attempt—65, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
PAT Attempts—7, vs. North Texas, 9/18/04
PAT Made—7, vs. North Texas, 9/18/04

TYSON DeVREE, TE (at Colorado)

Receptions—1, four times (last: vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06)
Receiving Yards—18, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Long Reception—18, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06

MATT DILALLO, P

Punts—6, five times (last: at Nebraska, 11/24/06)
Average (min. 5 punts)—51.8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
Long Punt—73, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
50-Plus—2, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
Inside-the-20—2, three times (last: at Kansas, 10/28/06)

JORDON DIZON, ILB

Total Tackles—19, at Nebraska, 11/24/06
Solo Tackles—11, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
Third Down Stops—3, twice (last: vs. CSU, 9/09/06)
QB Sacks—2, vs. Missouri 11/5/05
Passes Broken Up—2, at Washington State, 9/11/04

BYRON ELLIS, TB

Rushing Attempts—15, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)
Rushing Yards—45, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
Long Run—25, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
Rushing TDs—1, vs. Baylor, 10/7/06
Receptions—3, at Miami, 9/24/05
Receiving Yards—53, at Miami, 9/24/05
Long Reception—38, at Miami, 9/24/05

ISAAC GARDEN, P

Punts—4, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
Average (min. 5 punts)—34.8, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
Long Punt—41, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06X
50-Plus—N/A
Inside-the-20—1, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06

RIAR GEER, TE

Receptions—7, at Georgia, 9/23/06
Receiving Yards—71, at Georgia, 9/23/06
Long Reception—24, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
Receiving TDs—1, thrice (last: at Nebraska, 11/24/06)

DAN GOETTSCHE, TE

Receptions—2, at Missouri, 9/30/06
Receiving Yards—17, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
Long Reception—17, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06

LIONEL HARRIS, S

Total Tackles—12, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06
Solo Tackles—10, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06
Interceptions—1, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
Third Down Stops—3, at Kansas, 10/28/06
Forced Fumbles—2, at Nebraska, 11/24/06
Pass Deflections—1, twice (last: vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06)

MELL HOLLIDAY, TB

Rushing Attempts—18, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Rushing Yards—126, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Long Run—52, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Rushing TDs—1, twice (last: at Nebraska 11/24/06)

GEORGE HYPOLITE, DT

Total Tackles—9, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
Solo Tackles—8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
Third Down Stops—2, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Tackles For Loss—3, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
QB Sacks—2, at Georgia, 9/23/06

BERNARD JACKSON, QB

Pass Attempts—27, at Missouri, 9/30/06
Pass Completions—14, at Georgia, 9/23/06
Passing Yards—200, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Long Pass—63, to Dusty Sprague at Missouri, 9/30/06
TD Passes—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
Rushing Attempts—18, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
Rushing Yards—105, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06
Long Rush—62, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06 (TD)

BRAD JONES, OLB

Total Tackles—10, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Solo Tackles—8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
QB Sacks—½, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Interceptions—1, at Kansas, 10/28/06
Third Down Stops—1, seven times (last: Nebraska 11/24/06)

ALEX LIGON, DE

Total Tackles—7, at Washington State, 9/11/04
Solo Tackles—6, at Washington State, 9/11/04
QB Sacks—3, at Washington State, 9/11/04

MAURICE LUCAS, DE

Total Tackles—7, at Kansas State, 10/29/05
Solo Tackles—4, vs. Texas, 12/3/05
QB Sacks—1, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06

BLAKE MACKEY, WR

Receptions—8, at Nebraska, 11/26/04
Receiving Yards—129, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
Long Reception—43, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
Receiving TDs—1, at Nebraska, 11/26/04

STEPHONE ROBINSON, WR/KR

Receptions—5, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Receiving Yards—50, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Receiving TDs—N/A
Long Reception—14, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Kickoff Returns—5, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/05
Kickoff Return Yards—92, v. Oklahoma, 12/4/04
Long Kickoff Return—33, vs. Colorado State, 9/3/05
Punt Returns—4, four times (last: vs. CSU, 9/09/06)
Punt Return Yards—103, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
Long Punt Return—81, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05 (TD)

LORENZO SIMS JR., CB

Total Tackles—8, at Missouri, 10/2/04
Solo Tackles—7, at Missouri, 10/2/04
Tackles for Loss—2 twice (last: vs. N.M. State, 9/10/05)
Interceptions—1, six times (last: vs. CSU, 9/3/05)
Pass Deflections—3, five times (last: vs. NU 11/25/05)
Third Down Stops—2, thrice (last: vs. Iowa State., 11/11/06)

DUSTY SPRAGUE, WR

Receptions—9, at Miami, 9/24/05
Receiving Yards—101, at Texas A&M, 10/23/04
Long Reception—63, at Missouri, 9/30/06
Receiving TDs—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)

RYAN WALTERS, S

Total Tackles—11, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
Solo Tackles—8, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
Interceptions—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
Pass Deflections—1, three times (last: at Kansas, 10/28/06)

TERRY WASHINGTON, CB

Total Tackles—8, twice (last: vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06)
Solo Tackles—6, twice (last: vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06)
Interceptions—none.
Pass Deflections—2, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
Kickoff Returns—4, at Miami, 9/24/05
Kickoff Return Yards—64, at Miami, 9/24/05
Long Kickoff Return—32, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05

THADDAEUS WASHINGTON, ILB

Total Tackles—19, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
Solo Tackles—12, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
Tackles For Loss—3, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05
QB Sacks—1, on 5 occasions (last vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05)
Third Down Stops—4, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
Interceptions—2, at Nebraska, 11/26/04

TERRENCE WHEATLEY, CB

Total Tackles—8, at Baylor, 10/4/03
Solo Tackles—6, twice (last: vs. Kansas State, 11/13/04)
Interceptions—2, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
Pass Deflections—3, at Missouri, 9/30/06

PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR

Receptions—5, twice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06)
Receiving Yards—71, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Long Reception—42, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06

ABRAHAM WRIGHT, DE

Total Tackles—7, twice (last vs. Baylor, 10/07/06)
Solo Tackles—5, twice (last: at Missouri, 9/30/06)
Tackles For Loss—4, vs. Colorado State in Denver, 9/09/06
QB Sacks—3, vs. Colorado State in Denver, 9/09/06
Interceptions—1, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05

THE LAST TIME**INDIVIDUAL**

Kickoff Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (88 yards). Opponent: Sammy Moore, Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003 (97 yards).
Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards). Opponent: Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards).
Interception Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Marcus Burton vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005 (99 yards). Opponent: Brent Curvey, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown	Colorado: Ryan Walters vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 28, 2006 (95 yards). Opponent: Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards). Opponent: Brandon Foster, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i> , 0 yards).
Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Has not occurred. Opponent: Has not occurred.
Blocked Punt	Colorado: Vance Washington vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>). Opponent: Angela Fobbs-Valentino, Arizona State in Boulder, Sept. 16, 2006.
Blocked PAT Kick	Colorado: James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>). Opponent: Brodney Pool, Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 25, 2003.
Blocked Field Goal	Colorado: James Garee vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005. Opponent: Dale Dixson, Georgia in Atlanta, Sept. 23, 2006.
Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown	Colorado: Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone). Opponent: Has not occurred.
Defensive Two-Point Conversion	Colorado: Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991. Opponent: Has not occurred.
300 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. Opponent: 408, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005.
400 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. Opponent: 408, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005.
100 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 126, Mell Holliday vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2006 (<i>18 carries</i>). Opponent: 142, Brandon Jackson, Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 24, 2006 (<i>34 carries</i>).
200 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002. Opponent: 247, Jamario Thomas, North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004.
300 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. Opponent: Has not occurred (record is 268).
Three Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. Opponent: 3, Vince Young, Texas at Austin, Oct. 15, 2005.
Four Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. Opponent: 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997.
Two 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002. Opponent: Ell Roberson (21-178) and Darrin Sproles (16-121), Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002.
Three 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970. Opponent: David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151), George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
300 Yards Passing	Colorado: 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. Opponent: 392, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005.
400 Yards Passing	Colorado: 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. Opponent: 403, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004.
Three Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 4, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Sept. 30, 2006.
Four Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 4, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Sept. 30, 2006.
Five Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. Opponent: 5, Steve Stenstrom, Stanford at Palo Alto, Sept. 18, 1993.
Three Interceptions Thrown	Colorado: 3, Bernard Jackson vs. Baylor in Boulder, Oct. 7, 2006. Opponent: 3, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006.
Four Interceptions Thrown	Colorado: 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997. Opponent: 4, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005.
10 Receptions	Colorado: 11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003. Opponent: 10, Johnny Walker, Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006.
100 Yards Receiving	Colorado: 108, Evan Judge vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005. Opponent: 117, Jordy Nelson, Kansas State in Boulder, Nov. 4, 2006.
200 Yards Receiving	Colorado: 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996. Opponent: 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996.
Two Touchdowns Receiving	Colorado: 2, Joe Klopfenstein vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 2, Chase Coffman, Missouri at Columbia, Sept. 30, 2006.
Three Touchdowns Receiving	Colorado: 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. Opponent: 3, Justin Armour, Stanford at Palo Alto, Sept. 18, 1993.
Two 100-Yard Receivers	Colorado: Derek McCoy (6-171) and D.J. Hackett (4-143) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003. Opponent: Javson Boyd (7-140) and Johnnie Higgins (7-122), UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (<i>Houston Bowl</i>).
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver	Colorado: Bobby Purify (22-130 rushing) & Blake Mackey (8-116 receiving) vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 26, 2004. Opponent: Adrian Peterson (28-172 rushing) & Mark Clayton (8-106 receiving), Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004. (<i>Big 12 Ch.</i>)
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver (same player)	Colorado: Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001. Opponent: Has not occurred.

The Last Time, continued...

Four Touchdowns In A Game	Colorado:	4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush).
	Opponent:	4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush).
Four Field Goals In A Game	Colorado:	4, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2006.
	Opponent:	5, Todd Pegram, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
50-Yard Field Goal	Colorado:	53, Mason Crosby vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006 (also made 56-yard kick earlier in game).
	Opponent:	51, Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005.
Two Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	2, Ryan Walters vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006.
	Opponent:	2, Charles Gordon, Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 6, 2004.
Three Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	3, Victor Scott vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 16, 1982.
	Opponent:	3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002.
Four Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	Has not occurred.
	Opponent:	4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946.
Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Colorado:	3 (for 26), Abraham Wright vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006.
	Opponent:	3 (for 20), Adell Duckett, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Colorado:	4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992.
	Opponent:	4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984.

TEAM

Shut Out (Defensive)	Colorado:	Game: 34-0, vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005. Through 3rd Qtr: 23-0, vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006. At Half: 9-0, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 28, 2006.
	Opponent:	Game: 0-7, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 5, 1988. Through 3rd Qtr: 0-10, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006. At Half: 0-17, by Kansas State in Boulder, Nov. 4, 2006.
Safety	Colorado:	vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try).
	Opponent:	by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 24, 2006 (Mell Holliday tackled in end zone).
Held To No Offensive Touchdowns	Colorado:	by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005.
30 First Downs In A Game	Colorado:	34, vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
	Opponent:	32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Held Under 10 First Downs	Colorado:	5, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	7, by New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
500 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	559, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent:	532, by Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
600 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	767, vs. San Jose State in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.
	Opponent:	639, by Missouri in Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	113, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	181, by New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
	Opponent:	74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
300 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	331, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002.
	Opponent:	326, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004.
400 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002.
	Opponent:	419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987.
500 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000.
	Opponent:	516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	74, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	31, by Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006.
400 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent:	403, by Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004.
500 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995.
	Opponent:	523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 (<i>Aloha Bowl</i>).
Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	39, vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	71, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004.
Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play	Colorado:	8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586).
	Opponent:	8.62, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (68-586).
Held Under Three Yards Per Play	Colorado:	2.56, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	2.80, by Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 6, 2001 (70-196).
Four Interception Game	Colorado:	4, vs. Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005.
	Opponent:	4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999.
Five Interception Game	Colorado:	5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
	Opponent:	5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.
Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles	Colorado:	5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999.
	Opponent:	5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980.
Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles	Colorado:	6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983.
	Opponent:	6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975.
Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game	Colorado:	40:14, vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
	Opponent:	42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997.
Turnover-Free Game	Colorado:	vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 24, 2006.
	Opponent:	by Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2006.
Did Not Punt	Colorado:	vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1994.
	Opponent:	by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 22, 1983.
Recovered Own Onside Kick	Colorado:	vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999 (Damen Wheeler); 0-of-last 8.
	Opponent:	by Kansas State in Boulder, Nov. 4, 2006 (Parker); 1-of-last-1

CHART-MANIA

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the 22 football seasons between 1985 through December 23, 2006 (*includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 22 seasons; *—denotes 2006 bowl outcome not included*):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2006)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	*Miami, Fla.	217	48	0	.819
2	*Florida State	218	52	2	.805
3	*Nebraska	218	55	1	.797
4	*Michigan	205	59	5	.771
5	*Tennessee	201	63	6	.756
6	*Florida	201	68	2	.745
7	*Ohio State	198	66	5	.745
8	*Oklahoma	189	74	3	.716
9	*Auburn	184	74	5	.709
10	*Penn State	186	78	1	.704
11	*Texas A & M	184	81	2	.693
12	*Notre Dame	180	82	2	.686
13	*Alabama	183	85	2	.681
14	*Georgia	179	83	3	.681
15	*Texas	177	86	2	.672
16	*Southern California	177	87	5	.667
17	*Virginia Tech	171	88	3	.658
18	Brigham Young	182	95	2	.656
19	Colorado	170	93	4	.644
20	Fresno State	171	94	3	.644
21	*Clemson	167	92	3	.643
22	*LSU	163	95	3	.630
23	*UCLA	159	97	3	.620
24	Syracuse	160	98	4	.618
25	*West Virginia	157	98	4	.614
26	Washington	158	99	3	.613
27	Oregon	157	101	0	.609
28	Virginia	160	103	1	.608
29	Air Force	161	105	1	.605
30	Southern Miss	152	101	1	.600
31	*Iowa	146	103	5	.585
32	Utah	150	107	0	.584
33	*Arizona State	145	108	3	.572
34	*Kansas State	146	113	2	.563
35	North Carolina State	145	114	4	.559

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2006)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	114	27	0	.809
2	Michigan (Big Ten)	113	29	2	.792
3	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	106	30	1	.777
4	Ohio State (Big Ten)	107	34	3	.753
5	Tennessee (SEC)	104	34	2	.750
6	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	104	36	0	.743
7	BYU (WAC/MWC)	102	35	1	.743
8	Toledo (MAC)	100	39	0	.719
9	Colorado (Big 8/12)	91	43	3	.675
10	Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12)	93	45	2	.671
12	Southern Cal (Pac-10)	95	46	3	.670
13	Oklahoma (Big 8/12)	90	45	2	.664
14	Auburn (SEC)	88	50	3	.635
15	Colorado State (WAC/MWC)	86	50	0	.632
16	Alabama (SEC)	88	53	0	.624

Note: The above includes records for only those schools that have been members of conferences (or Div. I-A) since **1989** and does not include league championship games.

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2006)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	*Florida State	180	43	1	.806
2	*Miami, Fla.	173	44	0	.797
3	*Nebraska	177	46	1	.792
4	*Tennessee	170	49	3	.773
5	*Florida	173	51	1	.771
6	*Ohio State	169	50	3	.768
7	*Michigan	166	50	3	.765
8	*Texas	153	64	2	.703
9	*Virginia Tech	151	64	2	.700
10	*Notre Dame	150	66	2	.693
11	*Auburn	147	65	3	.691
12	*Penn State	150	67	1	.690
13	*Oklahoma	147	68	3	.681
14	*Texas A & M	148	69	2	.680
15	*Georgia	146	69	1	.678
16	*Southern California	146	70	4	.673
17	*Alabama	147	72	1	.670
18	Toledo	138	69	3	.664
19	*Kansas State	143	73	1	.661
20	Colorado	142	74	4	.655
21	Brigham Young	145	78	2	.649
22	Oregon	135	80	0	.628
23	*Clemson	133	80	1	.624
24	Virginia	136	82	1	.623
25	Washington	130	82	1	.613
26	Fresno State	135	85	2	.613
27	*West Virginia	129	81	3	.613
28	*Wisconsin	131	83	4	.610
29	*LSU	127	85	1	.599
30	Syracuse	126	85	3	.596
31	Air Force	129	88	1	.594
32	*Georgia Tech	127	87	1	.593
33	*Southern Miss	123	85	1	.591
34	Colorado State	127	89	1	.588
35	*UCLA	122	88	1	.581

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (17-13-1)

Year	Opponent	Result	Year	Opponent	Result
1987	Nebraska	L 7-24	2001	Nebraska	W62-36
1988	Oklahoma	L 14-17	2002	Kansas State	W35-31
1990	Iowa State	W28-12		Baylor	W34- 0
1991	Missouri	W55- 7		Texas Tech	W37-13
1992	Oklahoma	T 24-24		Iowa State	W41-27
1993	Nebraska	L 17-21		b —Oklahoma	L 7-29
1994	Oklahoma State	W17- 3	2003	Oklahoma	L 20-34
1995	Missouri	W21- 0		Nebraska	L 22-31
	a —Oregon	W38- 6	2004	Colorado State	W27-24
1996	Texas	W28-24		Texas	L 7-31
	Kansas State	W12- 0		Kansas State	W38-31
1997	Kansas	W42- 6	2005	Nebraska	L 3-30
	Missouri	L 31-41	2006	Texas Tech	W30- 6
1998	Kansas State	L 9-16		Kansas State	L 21-34
1999	Nebraska (OT)	L 30-33		Iowa State	W 33-16
2000	Iowa State	L 27-35			

a—Cotton Bowl; **b**—Big 12 Championship at Houston.

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DEPTH CHART

A note about CU's depth: in-season, depth charts reflect change and generally do not announce it unless there are long-term injuries; also, the coaches use "groupings" at certain positions (i.e. receiver-tight end-tailback-fullback), and often a group enters the game to run a play that does not match the depth.

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER (x) (all rotate in)

- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 200, Soph.*
- 48 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 175, Soph.
- 80 Jarrell Yates, 6-0, 185, Fr.-RS
- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 180, Sr.-5**

WIDE RECEIVER (z) (all rotate in)

- 17 Alvin Barnett, 6-0, 185, Jr.** **AND**
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 195, Jr.**
- 9 Blake Mackey, 6-3, 200, Sr.-5*
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 190, Jr.**

LEFT TACKLE

- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 285, Jr.**
- 68 Jeremy Hauck, 6-4, 280, Fr.-RS

LEFT GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-4, 300, Sr.***
- 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 290, Fr.-RS

CENTER

- 57 Bryce MacMartin, 6-2, 285, Sr.*
- 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 295, Sr.-5***
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Soph.*

RIGHT GUARD

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Soph.*
- 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 295, Sr.**
- 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 290, Fr.-RS

RIGHT TACKLE

- 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 295, Sr.**
- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-4, 295, Jr.**
- 60 Paul Backowski, 6-6, 295, Fr.-RS

TIGHT END (all rotate in)

- 87 Riar Geer, 6-3, 240, Fr.-RS
- 84 Tyson DeVree, 6-6, 245, Jr.
- 46 Dan Goettsch, 6-5, 240, Sr.-5
- 30 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 250, Sr.-5***

QUARTERBACK

- 7 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 200, Jr.
- 5 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Fr.-RS

TAILBACK

- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Jr.**
- 37 Mell Holliday, 5-8, 205, Sr.-5
- 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 210, Jr.**
- 23 Kevin Moyd, 5-8, 190, Fr.-RS

FULLBACK

- 32 Maurice Cantrell, 6-0, 235, Soph.
- 43 Samson Jagoras, 5-10, 230, Jr.
- 41 Jake Behrens, 5-11, 235, Fr.-RS

DEFENSE

(4-3/Base)

LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 245, Sr.-5**
- 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 235, Jr.**

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 86 George Hypolite, 6-2, 285, Soph.*
- 51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 275, Sr.-5*** (*also DE*)
- 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-5, 275, Fr.-RS

NOSE TACKLE

- 94 Brandon Nicolas, 6-3, 275, Soph.
- 78 Jason Brace, 6-3, 270, Fr.
- 96 Marcus Jones, 6-4, 300, Sr.-5

RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

- 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 250, Sr.***
- 91 Maurice Lucas, 6-4, 240, Soph.*

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 49 Thaddaeus Washington, 5-11, 240, Sr.-5***
- 98 Michael Sipili, 6-1, 235, Fr.
- 34 R.J. Brown, 6-1, 230, Soph.
- 55 Jason Ackermann, ILB, 6-1, 225, Sr.-5*

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 225, Jr.**
- 54 Marcus Burton, 6-0, 240, Soph.*
- 45 Jeff Smart, 6-0, 205, Fr.-RS

SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 40 Brad Jones, 6-4, 225, Soph.*
- 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 215, Jr.*
- 19 Ben Carpenter, 6-3, 225, Sr.-5*
- 56 Chad Cusworth, 5-11, 215, Sr.-5*

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 10 Terry Washington, 5-10, 195, Sr.*
- 22 Lorenzo Sims Jr., 5-11, 185, Sr.***
- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 165, Fr. (N)

FREE SAFETY

- 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 200, Soph.*
- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 190, Soph.*
- 22 Lorenzo Sims Jr., 5-11, 185, Sr.***
- 30 Joel Adams, 5-11, 190, Soph.

STRONG SAFETY

- 5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 190, Sr.-5***
- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 190, Jr.* **OR**
- 20 Terry Wilson, 5-11, 200, Soph.
- 36 Reggie Foster, 5-11, 195, Fr.-RS

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr.**
- 6 Gardner McKay, CB, 5-11, 160, Soph.*

(N—denotes nickel back.)

SPECIALISTS**PUNTER**

- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 200, Fr.-RS
- 90 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Jr.
- 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 215, Sr.***

PLACEKICKER

- 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 215, Sr.***
- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-10, 190, Jr.*
- 90 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Jr.

KICKOFF RETURN

- 10 Terry Washington, 5-10, 195, Sr.*
- 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 210, Jr.**
- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Jr.**

PUNT RETURN

- 38 Chase McBride, 5-8, 160, Jr.
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 190, Jr.**
- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 165, Fr.

HOLDER (PINNER)

- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 180, Sr.-5**
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 195, Jr.**

SHORT SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 235, Fr.
- 57 Bryce MacMartin, 6-2, 285, Sr.*
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Soph.*

LONG SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 235, Fr.
- 57 Bryce MacMartin, 6-2, 285, Sr.*
- 34 R.J. Brown, 6-1, 230, Soph.

INJURED (for extended time)

- 18 ✱—S Dominique Brooks, Sr.** (*knee*)
- 10 ✱—QB James Cox, 6-3, 220, Sr.-5** (*thumb*)
- 73 ✱—OL Erick Faatagi, Jr. (*knee*)
- 13 ✱—WR Michael Kachmer, Fr.-RS (*knee*)
- 88 ✱—TE Devin Shanahan, Fr.-RS (*knee*)
- 21 ✱—Vance Washington, 5-10, 190, Sr.-5** (*knee*)
- ✱—out for season.

Seniors (24): Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (17); all others are fourth-year seniors (7).

AND — indicates those listed all play/rotate (basically co-first team status);

OR — indicates first-team status up for grabs. Freshmen expected to redshirt not listed.



*—denotes number of letters earned through 2005; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for extended time; probables listed as normal).* **CAPTAINS:** 16 Mason Crosby, PK; 66 Brian Daniels, OG; 49 Thaddaeus Washington, ILB.8

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

The Colorado alphabetical roster (as of December 1 a.m., includes letters for 2006):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
55	ACKERMANN, Jason	ILB	6- 1	225	Sr.	2L	Louisville, Colo. (Boulder Fairview)	S 0/0
30	ADAMS, Joel	S	5-11	190	So.	1L	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat)	WO 2/2
81	ADAMS, Justin	TE	6- 1	235	So.	VR	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	WO 2/2
60	BACKOWSKI, Paul	OL	6- 6	295	Fr.	1L	Foley, Minn. (Foley)	S 3/3
17	BARNETT, Alvin	WR	6- 0	185	Jr.	2L	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 2/1
47	BARRETT, Alonzo	DE	6- 3	235	Jr.	3L	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)	S 2/1
59	BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	6- 2	220	Fr.	RS	Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)	S 4/4
41	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	5-11	235	Fr.	VR	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	S 3/3
5	BILLINGSLEY, J.J.	S	5-11	190	Sr.	4L	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)	S 0/0
50	BISNOW, Austin	LS	6- 1	215	Fr.	RS	Washington, D.C. (Landon School)	WO 4/4
71	BORDERS, Quinton	OL	6- 5	280	Fr.	RS	Lexington, Ky. (Bryan Station)	S 4/4
33	BOYE-DOE, Walter	DE	6- 2	250	Sr.	4L	Keller, Texas (Keller)	S 1/0
78	BRACE, Jason	DT	6- 3	270	Fr.	1L	Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway Lake)	S 4/3
29	BROWN, Cha'pelle	CB	5- 7	165	Fr.	1L	La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)	S 4/3
23	BROWN, Jaiil	CB	6- 1	200	Fr.	RS	Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)	S 4/4
34	BROWN, R.J.	ILB	6- 1	230	So.	1L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)	S 2/2
42	BURNEY, Benjamin	S	5-11	190	So.	2L	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	S 3/2
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	240	So.	2L	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)	S 3/2
82	CAMMON, Clayton	WR	6- 1	210	Fr.	RS	Arvada, Colo. (Ralston Valley)	WO 4/4
32	CANTRELL, Maurice	FB	6- 0	235	So.	1L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	S 2/2
19	CARPENTER, Ben	OLB	6- 3	225	Sr.	2L	Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling)	WO 0/0
2	CHARLES, Hugh	TB	5- 8	190	Jr.	3L	Keller, Texas (Keller)	S 2/1
10	COX, James	QB	6- 3	220	Sr.	3L	Simi Valley, Calif. (Royal)	S 0/0
48	CRAWFORD, Cody	WR	5-11	175	So.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)	WO 2/2
30	CREIGHTON, Paul	TE	6- 5	250	Sr.	4L	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)	S 0/0
16	CROSBY, Mason	PK	6- 2	215	Sr.	4L	Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)	S 1/0
56	CUSWORTH, Chad	OLB	5-11	215	Sr.	2L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (ThunderRidge)	WO 0/0
66	DANIELS, Brian	OL	6- 4	300	Sr.	4L	Evergreen, Colo. (Mullen)	S 1/0
47	DEVENNY, Patrick	TE	6- 3	240	Fr.	VR	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 3/3
84	DeVREE, Tyson	TE	6- 6	245	Jr.	1L	Hudsonville, Mich. (Hudsonville/Western Michigan)	S 1/1
14	DILALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	200	Fr.	1L	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	S 3/3
44	DIZON, Jordon	ILB	6- 0	225	Jr.	3L	Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea)	S 2/1
70	DRESCHER, Justin	LS	6- 1	235	Fr.	1L	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)	S 4/3
39	EBERHART, Kevin	PK	5-10	190	Jr.	1L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	S 1/1
27	ELLIS, Byron	TB	6- 0	210	Jr.	3L	Culver City, Calif. (Venice)	S 2/1
93	FENDRY, Steve	TE	6- 4	245	Fr.	RS	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 4/4
58	FENTON, Mark	C	6- 4	295	Sr.	4L	Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)	S 0/0
36	FOSTER, Reggie	S	5-11	195	Fr.	VR	Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan)	S 3/3
90	GARDEN, Isaac	PK/P	6- 0	180	Jr.	VR	Encino, Calif. (Taft)	WO 1/1
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 3	240	Fr.	1L	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)	S 3/3
46	GOETTSCH, Dan	TE	6- 5	240	Sr.	1L	Austin, Minn. (Austin)	S 0/0
61	GRUBIN, Tom	OL	6- 0	280	Fr.	VR	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)	WO 3/3
86	HAM, Cameron	WR	6- 1	195	Fr.	RS	Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun)	WO 4/4
25	HARRIS, Lionel	S	6- 0	190	Jr.	2L	Manvel, Texas (Alvin)	S 1/1
76	HARRISON, Edwin	OL	6- 4	295	Jr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Westbury)	S 1/1
68	HAUCK, Jeremy	OL	6- 4	280	Fr.	RS	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)	S 3/3
12	HAWKINS, Cody	QB	5-11	190	Fr.	RS	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)	S 4/4
72	HEAD, Devin	OL	6- 4	290	Fr.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)	S 3/3
62	HERROD, Marquez	DE	6- 3	235	Fr.	RS	Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)	S 4/4
37	HOLLIDAY, Mell	TB	5- 8	205	Sr.	1L	Omaha, Neb. (Benson/Wayne State/Nebraska)	S 0/0
85	HOLZ, Nick	WR	5-11	180	Sr.	3L	Danville, Calif. (De La Salle)	S 0/0
86	HYPOLITE, George	DT	6- 2	285	So.	2L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)	S 3/2
7	JACKSON, Bernard	QB	6- 0	200	Jr.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Santiago)	S 1/1
43	JAGORAS, Samson	FB	5-10	230	Jr.	1L	Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Western New Mexico)	S 1/1
40	JONES, Brad	OLB	6- 4	225	So.	2L	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)	S 2/2
96	JONES, Marcus	DT	6- 4	300	Sr.	1L	Klein, Texas (Klein)	S 0/0
28	JOSEPH, Reggie	WR	6- 0	190	Jr.	1L	La Place, La. (East St. John)	S 2/1
97	KAYNOR, Taj	DT	6- 5	275	Fr.	VR	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 3/3
69	LAWSON, Eric	DT	6- 3	250	Fr.	RS	Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)	S 4/4
51	LIGON, Alex	DE/DT	6- 3	275	Sr.	4L	Torrance, Calif. (North Torrance)	S 0/0
91	LUCAS, Maurice	DE	6- 4	240	So.	2L	Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 3/2
9	MACKEY, Blake	WR	6- 3	200	Sr.	2L	Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield)	S 0/0
57	MacMARTIN, Bryce	OL	6- 2	285	Sr.	2L	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/City College of San Francisco)	S 1/0
38	McBRIDE, Chase	WR	5- 8	160	Jr.	1L	Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming)	WO 1/1
6	McKAY, Gardner	CB	5-11	160	So.	2L	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)	S 3/2

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
21	McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	5-11	190	Fr.	RS	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)	WO 4/4
23	MOYD, Kevin	TB	5- 8	190	Fr.	1L	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 3/3
32	NABORS, Cory	TB	5- 8	180	Fr.	RS	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)	WO 4/4
94	NICOLAS, Brandon	DT	6- 3	275	So.	1L	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame)	S 2/2
99	NONU, Justin	ILB	6- 2	300	Fr.	RS	Vista, Calif. (Oceanside)	S 4/4
65	PALAZZI, Wes	OL	6- 1	285	Fr.	RS	Plano, Texas (Plano West)	S 4/4
31	PEREZ, Thomas	TB	6- 1	210	Jr.	JC	Compton, Calif. (Lynnwood/Compton CC)	S 2/2
77	POLUMBUS, Tyler	OL	6- 8	285	Jr.	3L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 1/1
1	ROBINSON, Stephone	WR	5- 9	190	Jr.	3L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S 1/1
75	SANDERS, Daniel	OL	6- 3	310	So.	2L	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)	S 2/2
13	SANDERS, Joe	OLB	6- 3	215	Jr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)	S 1/1
22	SIMS, Lorenzo, Jr.	CB	5-11	185	Sr.	4L	Fresno, Calif. (Edison)	S 1/0
98	SIPILI, Michael	ILB	6- 1	235	Fr.	1L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 4/3
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	6- 0	205	Fr.	1L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	WO 3/3
28	SMITH, Bret	SS	6- 0	190	Fr.	RS	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis)	WO 4/4
35	SMITH, Jimmy	CB	6- 2	195	Fr.	RS	Colton, Calif. (Colton)	S 4/4
92	SOLDER, Nate	TE	6- 8	255	Fr.	RS	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)	S 4/4
83	SPRAGUE, Dusty	WR	6- 4	195	Jr.	3L	Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)	S 1/1
52	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB	6- 2	215	Fr.	RS	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 3/3
74	STEVENS, Keenan	OG	6- 2	280	Fr.	RS	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)	WO 4/4
95	SUAZO, Tom	P	5-11	180	So.	VR	Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State)	WO 2/2
8	SUMLER, Demetrius	TB	5-11	215	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)	S 4/4
63	TIPTON, Jack	OL	6- 3	295	Sr.	3L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 0/0
15	WALTERS, Ryan	S	5-11	200	So.	2L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 2/2
10	WASHINGTON, Terry	CB	5-10	195	Sr.	2L	St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City CC)	S 1/0
49	WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus	ILB	5-11	245	Sr.	4L	Marrero, La. (John Ehret)	S 0/0
21	WASHINGTON, Vance	CB	5-10	190	Sr.	3L	Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook)	S 0/0
26	WHEATLEY, Terrence	CB	5-10	180	Jr.	3L	Richardson, Texas (Plano East)	S 1/1
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	WR	6- 2	200	So.	2L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 2/2
20	WILSON, Terry	CB	5-11	200	So.	VR	Chino, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 2/2
53	WRIGHT, Abraham	DE	6- 3	245	Sr.	3L	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 0/0
80	YATES, Jarrell	WR	6- 0	185	Fr.	1L	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	S 3/3

EXPERIENCE KEY: #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2005; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2005; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of 2006 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
18	BROOKS, Dominique	S	6- 1	190	Sr.	2L	Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite)	knee rehab	S 1/1
9	DYKES, Daniel	S	6- 2	205	Jr.	TR	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos/Idaho)	transfer	WO 2/2
57	DUREN, Jake	LB	6- 0	230	So.	TR	Littleton, Colo. (Mullen/Northern Colorado)	transfer	WO 3/3
73	FAATAGI, Erick	OL	6- 3	335	Jr.	JC	Carson, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College)	injured (knee)	S 2/2
13	KACHMER, Michael	WR	6- 0	180	Fr.	RS	Wheaton, Ill. (St. Francis)	injured (knee)	WO 3/3
88	SHANAHAN, Devin	TE	6- 5	220	Fr.	RS	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	injured (knee)	WO 3/3
95	SUAZO, Tom	P	5-11	180	So.	TR	Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State)	tran	WO 2/2

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
---	HAWKINS, Jonathan	CB	5-10	180	Fr.	HS	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)	S 5/4

2006 TEAM CAPTAINS: PK Mason Crosby, OG Brian Daniels, ILB Thaddaeus Washington.