



2007 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL

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QUICKLY

The Colorado Buffaloes open their 117th season of intercollegiate football on September 1, as the Buffs will square off against in-state rival Colorado State in the Qwest Rocky Mountain Showdown at Invesco Field in Denver; kickoff is shortly after 10 a.m. and the game will be televised to most of the nation on Fox Sports Net... It will be the 23rd time over the last 24 seasons that a CU season opener will be on some kind of local, regional or national television (the lone exception came last year against Montana State, though that game was webcast)... The Buffaloes and Rams will be playing for the 79th time (CU owns a healthy 57-19-2 edge), and for the seventh time at a neutral site (all in Denver: the 1998-2000 threesome were played at old Mile High Stadium, with the 2001-2003 trio and last year's contest at INVESCO Field at Mile High). The 2008 game is also scheduled for the Mile High City, just two days after the '08 Democratic Convention concludes... Colorado enters 2007 with a 652-412-36 all-time record (a .609 winning percentage), as the Buffaloes rank 17th all-time in the NCAA in wins and 23rd in winning percentage.

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 in 2006, matching Ward's six setbacks his first season. Three of the previous nine went on to have a winning second season, with five suffering losing marks with one coaching just that one year. A closer look at the first seasons for CU's last 10 head coaches:

Head Coach	Inaugural Season	Record	---Points--- For Against	---A vg Win--- Win Loss	Offense----- Rush Pass Total	Defense----- Rush Pass Total	Turnover Margin	Problem Spot(s)	2nd Yr. Record
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	3-7
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	6-4
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	2-8
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	9-3
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	1-10
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	4-7
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)	10-2
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	3-8
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	?

BRISK SALES

On August 1, the first day individual football tickets went on sale, CU enjoyed quite a day. A total of 9,254 tickets were sold with gross revenue of \$755,265 (an average of \$81.64 per ticket). Web sales on CUBuffs.com made up a good portion of those (5,616 tickets; 61%). The most popular game was the September 15 contest against Florida State, accounting for roughly half of the sales. Sales were still pretty brisk the next day (Aug. 2), with 1,674 tickets sold (\$120,334 in revenue).

2007 COLORADO SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Time	2006 Record	2007 Meeting (Last)	Series (Last 10)
Sept. 1	Colorado State (Denver)	FSN	10:00 a.m.	4-8	79th (2006)	57-19-2 (6-4)
Sept. 8	at Arizona State	FSN	8:15 p.m.	7-6	2nd (2006)	0-1-0 (.....)
SEPT. 15	FLORIDA STATE	ESPN	8:00 p.m.	7-6	2nd (2003)	0-1-0 (.....)
SEPT. 22	MIAMI-OHIO	none	1:30 p.m.	2-10	1st (.....)	0-0-0 (.....)
SEPT. 29	✚OKLAHOMA (H)	tba	TBA	11-3	58th (2006)	16-39-2 (5-5)
Oct. 6	✚at Baylor	tba	TBA	4-8	15th (2006)	8-6-0 (6-4)
Oct. 13	✚at Kansas State	tba	TBA	7-5	63rd (2006)	43-18-1 (4-6)
OCT. 20	✚KANSAS (FW)	tba	TBA	6-6	67th (2006)	41-22-3 (7-3)
Oct. 27	✚at Texas Tech	tba	TBA	8-5	9th (2006)	4-4-0 (.....)
NOV. 3	✚MISSOURI	tba	TBA	8-5	72nd (2006)	31-37-3 (6-4)
Nov. 10	✚at Iowa State	tba	TBA	4-8	61st (2006)	47-13-1 (8-2)
NOV. 23	✚NEBRASKA	ABC	10:00 a.m.	9-5	66th (2006)	17-46-2 (3-7)
Dec. 1	Big 12 Championship Game	ABC	6:00 p.m.		at San Antonio, Texas (Alamodome)	

(All times mountain. KEY: ✚—Big 12 Conference game; H—Homecoming; FW—Family Weekend.)

OPEN WEEKENDS: Nov. 17. *—Big 12 Conference game; (H)—Homecoming; (FW)—Family Weekend. TBA—to be announced (games on the selection menu of ABC and/or FOX Sports Net/TBS; those networks have contracts with the Big 12 Conference which allow them to announce their plans up to 12 days in advance (and two times a year, six days in advance), and those games not selected will likely not be televised). **RADIO:** All games broadcast locally on the Colorado Football Network. National broadcasts in 2007: Nebraska (Sports USA Radio).

CAMP SCHEDULE

Here is the schedule for CU's fall camp leading up to the first game; NCAA practice rules state that there can be no days where back-to-back, two-a-day padded practices are permitted; thus days with two full practices often are followed by a day with a full practice and a walkthrough session. The schedule (*times are Mountain*):

AUGUST	5—	Players Report (by 12:00 p.m.; physicals, equipment, dinner, meetings)	
AUGUST	6—	Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:45 newcomers, 4:00-6:30 veterans)	
AUGUST	7—	Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:45 newcomers, 4:00-6:30 veterans)	
AUGUST	8—	Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:45 newcomers; 4:00-6:30 veterans; 8:45-9:30 walkthrough for all)	MEDIA DAY (12:00 Lunch, 12:30-1:30 Players/Assistant Coaches, 1:30 Hawkins)
AUGUST	9—	Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:45 newcomers; 4:00-6:30 veterans)	
AUGUST	10—	Meetings, Practice (4:00-6:30*)	First Day In Pads (all players now combined)
AUGUST	11—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:00-11:30*, 4:00-6:00)	
AUGUST	12—	Meetings, Practice (Scrimmage 10:00-12:00*, Walkthrough 8:00-8:45)	Scrimmage is at Folsom Field
AUGUST	13—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:30-11:00, 4:00-6:30)	
AUGUST	14—	Meetings, Practice (9:00-11:30*, Walkthrough, 2:30-3:30)	Interviews Post-Morning Practice Only (Team Function in p.m.)
AUGUST	15—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:00-11:30*, 8:00-10:00)	
AUGUST	16—	Meetings, Practice (Walkthrough 10:30-11:30, 4:00-6:30*)	
AUGUST	17—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:00-11:30*, 4:00-6:00)	
AUGUST	18—	Meetings, Practice (Scrimmage 10:00-12:30*; Walkthrough 8:00-8:45)	FAN TRAINING CAMP DAY (Folsom Field; Season Ticket Holders Only)
AUGUST	19—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:30-11:00, 4:00-6:00)	
AUGUST	20—	Meetings, Practice (9:00-11:30*)	
AUGUST	21—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:00-11:30*, 8:00-10:00)	
AUGUST	22—	Meetings, Practice (Walkthrough 10:30-11:30, 4:00-6:15*)	GAME WEEK PREP BEGINS
AUGUST	23—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:00-11:15*, 4:00-6:00)	STUDENT MOVE-IN DAY (Players help peers between 1-2)
AUGUST	24—	Meetings, Practice (Scrimmage 10:00-12:00* — closed — Walkthrough 8:00-8:45)	
AUGUST	25—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:30-11:00, 4:00-6:00)	PHOTO DAY (team, private); Scholarship Luncheon
AUGUST	26—	Meetings, Practice (9:30-11:30*)	
AUGUST	27—	No practice	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
AUGUST	28—	Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:00-6:15*)	
AUGUST	29—	Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:00-6:15*)	HAWKINS KOA RADIO SHOW (7-8 p.m.)
AUGUST	30—	Meetings (2:30), Practice (4:00-6:00*)	
AUGUST	31—	Meetings, Walkthrough (3:00-4:00)	
SEPTEMBER	1—	FIRST GAME: CU vs. Colorado State in Denver (10:00 a.m.)	

*—*practices scheduled in pads.* **INTERVIEWS (Camp):** 15-minute window post-practice only (on scrimmage days, post-scrimmage only); in-season refer to credential/interview policies. **PRACTICES:** All practices through August 18 are open to the public, as are Sunday practices in-season (Sept. 2: 5:15-6:15). All others closed to the public. **OPEN PRACTICES (MEDIA & PUBLIC):** August 6-18 (no restrictions on video or photography, other than standard guidelines); **CLOSED PRACTICES (PUBLIC):** August 19-on (first 25 minutes of practice—stretch and first five individual drills—open for **MEDIA** photography needs).

THE STORY BEHIND THE MEDIA GUIDE COVER

For the first time in at least three decades, CU named its captains for the season in the spring, thus enabling the trio to appear on the media guide cover. CU SID staff photographer Tim Benko came up with the idea of Boulder Falls (about 10 miles west of town off Colorado Highway 119 up Boulder Canyon), with the thought of the players in color with the scenery in black and white.

Some think the players were superimposed over the rocks and water; that's not the case—just look at their feet. Benko's new play toy is a 39 mega pixel camera (most really good cameras are 8), and that enabled him to provide the look that made the front cover of the media guide.

2006 QUICK SUMMARY

Colorado finished 2-10 in the first year of the Dan Hawkins Era, which included a 2-6 record in Big 12 Conference play for fifth place in the North Division. Certainly not expected, especially after winning the North four of the five previous years, but a season that Hawkins intends to learn from and build upon. 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 2005 losses were by 162 points and the previous 22 losses in the program by 472, or 21.5 per defeat). A season-opening 19-10 loss to Montana State, the 12th time a new CU coach lost his debut game in the last 13 tries, started things off on a sour note, as en route to an 0-6 start, the Buffaloes lost three more squeakers, 14-10 to Colorado State in Denver, 14-13 at Georgia (after taking a 13-0 lead into the fourth quarter), and 34-31 to Baylor in triple overtime. But everything came together in game seven against Texas Tech, as CU dominated offensively, defensively, and on special teams in a 30-6 win over the Red Raiders. Now 1-6 on the year, 1-3 in the league, CU still had a shot at defending its division title, but three straight losses to Oklahoma, Kansas and Kansas State cleared the path for Nebraska to win its first division crown since 1999. The Buffs won their home finale, a convincing 33-16 win over Iowa State, as two-time All-American Mason Crosby went out on a high note, making four field goals, and narrowly missing a fifth—a 65 yard try—by 27 inches. CU then ended the year playing in its 1,100th game all-time, losing at Nebraska 37-14, though the game was tied at 14 with just five minutes left in the third quarter.

SUMMER INJURY UPDATE

Only one player will start fall camp on the sidelines, as all others who missed all or part of spring ball are healthy. The injury picture as of August 6:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status For Fall Camp
OG	Erick Faatagi	knee	finished rehab this past month following surgery	CLEARED FOR FULL PART.
DE	Drew Hudgins	knee/Achilles	knee surgery (arthroscopic) on April 12; ruptured Achilles in summer conditioning	OUT/SEASON
WR	Chase McBride	shoulder	completing rehab from off-season surgery	CLEARED FOR FULL PART.
WR	Scotty McKnight	ankle	suffered a break first day of spring drills (March 12)	CLEARED FOR FULL PART.

HIPAA: The players listed above have signed waivers for their injury information to be released/discussed with the media.

ROSTER CHANGES

There hasn't been much change on the roster between the end of spring practice and the start of fall camp. Two players have moved on, **S Reggie Foster** and **DB Terry Wilson**, as they will try to pursue college careers elsewhere in hopes of seeing playing time, while **TB Thomas Perez** is academically ineligible and has also left CU.

WR Michael Kachmer, a sophomore walk-on, decided to quit football after battling back from major knee surgery, though he gave it his all in participating in summer conditioning.

The only position changes at this time are **CB Cha'pelle Brown**, who has returned to defense after a trial at wide receiver in the spring, while **Eric Lawson** will open fall camp at defensive end, as he will likely see action both on the outside at DE and the inside at DT.

As for the recruits, all of the incoming freshmen slated for August arrival qualified academically (two await NCAA certification but can practice), as did three of the four junior college transfers; the fourth, **TB P.T. Gates**, will not have the required number of credit hours needed to enroll at CU and will remain at Saddleback College this fall; per NCAA rules, he is free to sign with any school and Colorado will have to re-recruit and sign him.

There are 12 invited walk-ons who have joined the team for August camp, with seven others to come on board the first day of school (August 27).

ANDERSON OFFICIALLY ENSHRINED IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Bobby Anderson, an All-America tailback for the University of Colorado as a senior in 1969, officially became the school's fourth player to be enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame in a July 21 ceremony in South Bend, Ind.

The ceremony was the second half of the official induction, the first part coming last December at the annual National Football Foundation banquet in New York City where the inductees were introduced for the first time as the class of 2006.

"A truly great and exhilarating experience," Anderson said of his induction. "To join the players already in the Hall of Fame and to look around and see those in this class, it's very humbling. I am truly honored."

A consensus first-team All-American at tailback as a senior in 1969 (*AP*, United Press International, NEA, *Sporting News*), Anderson set 18 single game, season and career records during his career at Colorado, including 4,565 yards of total offense, a Big 8 record at the time (he is still one of the few in the game who had over 2,000 yards both rushing and passing). When the record book was revised and expanded in 1979, he accumulated 14 more marks. He also exited as CU's all-time leading rusher (2,367 yards) and scorer (212 points).

AP also named him an honorable mention All-American his sophomore year when he played quarterback, and he earned first-team All-Big Eight honors at both positions (QB in 1968, TB in 1969). He moved to tailback for the third game of his senior year (versus Indiana), rushed for 161 yards and three touchdowns and remained there the rest of the season; he finished 11th in the 1969 Heisman Trophy voting. He is one of three CU players to have his jersey number retired in football (#11).

Anderson is a member of CU's All-Century team, selected in 1989 for the school's first 100 years of intercollegiate football (he was the second-leading vote getter, 5,636 of a possible 6,265). In his final game for CU, he accounted for 295 yards of total offense in the 1969 Liberty Bowl in Memphis, and was voted the game's MVP as his 254 yards and three rushing touchdowns led CU to a 47-33 win over Bear Bryant's Alabama Crimson Tide. He was also the MVP in the '67 Bluebonnet Bowl win over Miami, Fla.

He is also a member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame (inducted 1982) and the Big Eight Hall of Fame (inducted 1980); his jersey was one of the inaugural ones honored by CU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998. He was the Zack Jordan Award winner (most valuable player), as voted by his teammates as a senior.

A first-round selection in the 1970 NFL draft by the Denver Broncos (the 11th player selected overall), he played in 54 NFL games with Denver (1970-74), New England (1975) and Washington (1975) before a knee injury cut short his professional career. He worked on CU football broadcasts for 29 years (1977-2005) for KOA-Radio, and is a regular participant on the Celebrity Golf Tour.

He joined his older brother, Dick, in the Hall as the two become the seventh set of brothers to be enshrined. Byron White and Joe Romig were CU's first two inductees, with Dick the third when he got the call in 1993.

**FOX SPORTS NET BUFF COVERAGE**

Fox Sports Net Rocky Mountain's coverage of 2007 University of Colorado football kicks off Saturday, August 25 at 1:30 p.m. MDT with the COLORADO BUFFALOES COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEW show. The preview show is followed by two CU "Home Team Classics" games: the 2004 Rocky Mountain Showdown at 2:00 p.m. and the 2005 Rocky Mountain Showdown at 3:30 p.m. The BUFFALO STAMPEDE, the half-hour weekly magazine show covering CU sports, begins its fourth season on FSN Rocky Mountain on Thursday, August 30 at 10:00 p.m.; former CU quarterback Charles Johnson once again hosts the show. FSN will also replay Dan Hawkins' weekly Tuesday press conferences at variable times (depending on Colorado Rockies coverage) beginning Sept. 4; the first will be shown at 10 p.m. that day (and 1:30 and 6:30 a.m. the next day).

Replays of the preview show are scheduled for Sun., Aug. 26 at 4:30 p.m. and Wed., Aug. 29 at both 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 1937** The 70th anniversary of CU's first All-American in any sport, as **Byron "Whizzer" White** earned the honor. He led CU to an 8-0 regular season, led the nation in rushing, total offense and scoring, and guided CU into its first bowl game in school history (Cotton Bowl, where CU lost 28-14 to Rice).
- 1947** (Nov. 27) A state of Colorado football tradition ends, as CU and the University of Denver meet for the final time on their traditional Thanksgiving day match-up; the Pioneers win the finale, 26-20.
- 1952** (Sept. 27) Colorado and Oklahoma battle to a 21-21 tie in Boulder, the Sooners only blemish in a 47-0-1 record in Big Seven Conference play.
- 1967** The Anderson brothers lead Colorado back to the postseason, as CU posts an 8-2 regular season mark and then defeats Miami, Fla., 31-21 in the Bluebonnet Bowl, one of the most entertaining bowl games of the '67 season. **Dick Anderson** intercepts nine passes and leads the team in tackles (102), while **Bobby Anderson** leads the team in rushing and passing and comes off the bench with an injured ankle to run for 108 yards and two touchdowns in the bowl win on New Year's Eve.
- 1972** (Oct. 21) Thirty-five years ago, some had Colorado pegged to be a national champion contender, but a stunning 38-6 loss at Oklahoma State sidetracked the dream; Oklahoma rolled into town ranked No. 2, but behind **Gary Campbell** and **Jon Keyworth**, the Buffaloes pull the 20-14 upset.
- 1977** (Oct. 1) Colorado's last trip to the Northeast results in a 31-0 whitewash of Army at West Point; CU is scheduled to return in 2015 versus Syracuse.
- 1982** The 25th anniversary of the hiring of **Bill McCartney** as CU head coach (June 9), signaling the start of the McCartney Era and eventual rise to three-time Big Eight Conference champion and the 1990 national championship. During the season, a wild 25-25 tie at Stillwater sees the Buffs tie the game at the gun on a 49-yard field goal by **Tom Field**; **CB Victor Scott** returns two interceptions for touchdowns for CU. **TB Derek Singleton** passed away on New Year's Day after nearly a three-month fight against spiral meningitis.
- 1987** (Oct. 3) **Sal Aunese** makes his first career start at quarterback and leads the Buffaloes to a 29-16 win over Colorado State in Fort Collins. Aunese rushed for 83 yards and passed for 139, in scoring one TD and throwing for another, as CU built a 26-0 lead early in the second quarter and never looked back.
- 1992** (Oct. 17) **Mitch Berger's** 53-yard field goal at the gun completes a furious Colorado rally as the Buffs tie Oklahoma, 24-24, in Boulder; it extends CU's unbeaten streak in Big Eight play to 24 games; the streak would reach 25 (23-0-2) before coming to an end with a loss two weeks later at Nebraska.
- 1997** Following a 33-29 loss at Oklahoma State, CU drops out of the polls for the first time since the 1988 season; it ends a 143-consecutive week run being ranked, the 10th longest of all-time.
- 2002** **TB Chris Brown** rushes for 1,744 yards, third in the nation, but his Heisman hopes are dashed by a late season ankle injury that forced him to miss the better part of three games. **WR Jeremy Bloom** makes his CU debut in style, returning a punt 75 yards for a touchdown the first time he touches the ball as a collegian in the season-opener against Colorado State. CU opens 9-3 in defending its Big 12 North Division title, but drops the league title game to Oklahoma and the Alamo Bowl to Wisconsin to finish 9-5, with the 14 games the most in a single season in school history.

2007 NEW FACES

There was only one change on the coaching staff, as **Jeff Grimes** replaced **Chris Strausser** as assistant head coach and offensive line coach; Grimes, who joined CU from BYU, is also the running game coordinator. Former Buff and NFL veteran **Brad Bedell** is the new offensive technical assistant, replacing **Mike Babcock** who got a full-time position at San Diego. Otherwise, the staff and support staff are intact, unlike a year ago, when CU also welcomed a new strength coach and new head trainer along with the new coaching staff under **Dan Hawkins**.

REMINDER: CU PHOTOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The University of Colorado Sports Information Service has an **online photo database** available for the media. This database allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality headshots 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.

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 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.609; 21st 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.

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).

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.

CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several returning Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical chart entering the 2007 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).
- ⇒ **TB HUGH CHARLES** is 21st in rushing yards (1,670) and 99th in receiving yards (319).
- ⇒ **ILB JORDON DIZON** is 17th in total tackles (280), and is 20th in solo tackles (173).
- ⇒ **TB BYRON ELLIS** is 98th in rushing yards (403).
- ⇒ **QB BERNARD JACKSON** is 23rd in passing yards (1,357) and is 68th in rushing yards (690); he's also thrown 66 straight passes without an interception.
- ⇒ **KR STEPHONE ROBINSON** is ninth in punt return yards (593), fifth in punt returns (75), sixth in kickoff return yards (857), fourth in kickoff returns (48) and fifth in combined kick return yards (1,450).
- ⇒ **WR DUSTY SPRAGUE** is 19th in receptions (76) and is 22nd in receiving yards (925).
- ⇒ **CB TERENCE WHEATLEY** is tied for 12th in interceptions (9), is tied for 14th in pass deflections (19) and is 22nd in kickoff return yards (431).
- ⇒ **WR PATRICK WILLIAMS** is tied for 38th in receptions (47) and is 61st in receiving yards (483).

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA in 2006 (includes bowl games):

TEAM

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
6th	22nd	RUSHING OFFENSE	172.9	4th	30th	RUSHING DEFENSE	112.4	12th	104th	PUNT RETURNS	5.6
12th	116th	PASSING OFFENSE	118.5	9th	94th	PASSING DEFENSE	228.5	9th	95th	KICKOFF RETURNS	18.2
12th	102nd	TOTAL OFFENSE	291.4	7th	66th	TOTAL DEFENSE	340.9	7th	31st	NET PUNTING	36.7
12th	107th	SCORING OFFENSE	16.3	6th	56th	SCORING DEFENSE	22.3	3rd	17th	TURNOVER MARGIN	+0.67

INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)

Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Receiving Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm
Hugh Charles	8th	71st	64.9	Riar Geer	45th	.....	21.8	Mason Crosby	1st	6th	1.58
Bernard Jackson	10th	94th	56.4	Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Mell Holliday	19th	.....	42.7	Matt DiLallo	4th	16th	43.7	Terrence Wheatley	3rd	24th	0.42
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Ryan Walters	.....	.....	0.18
Bernard Jackson	12th	.....	108.2	Stephone Robinson	11th	76th	5.1	QB Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating	Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Abraham Wright	1st	2nd	0.96
Bernard Jackson	12th	97th	103.3	Stephone Robinson	9th	99th	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	20th	1.33
Bernard Jackson	11th	73rd	164.6	Mason Crosby	7th	65th	6.3	George Hypolite	5th	60th	1.08
Hugh Charles	20th	.....	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	6th	39th	6.3				
Riar Geer	42nd	.....	2.0								

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).

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
Kansas	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)

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:**

Hawkins at Colorado	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Career (NCAA I-A)	2-10	2- 4	0- 5	0- 1	0- 5	2- 5	0- 4	2- 6	0- 0
	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 2006:

<u>Coach, School</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Coach, School</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Pete Carroll, USC	65	12	0	.844	Steve Spurrier, South Carolina.....	157	50	2	.756
Urban Meyer, Florida.....	61	12	0	.836	Joe Paterno, Penn State	363	121	3	.748
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma.....	86	19	0	.819	Paul Johnson, Navy	99	35	0	.739
Mark Richt, Georgia.....	61	17	0	.782	Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....	94	33	1	.738
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee.....	137	41	0	.770	Jim Tressel, Ohio State.....	197	71	2	.733
Bobby Bowden, Florida State.....	366	113	4	.762	Gary Patterson, TCU.....	54	20	0	.730
Lloyd Carr, Michigan.....	113	36	0	.758					

THE GLASS 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 2006 (*—denotes first college head coaching job):

<u>Coach, School</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Coach, School</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
*Chris Peterson, Boise State.....	13	0	1.000	Dennis Erickson, Idaho.....	4	8	.333
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin	12	1	.923	*Chuck Long, San Diego State.....	3	9	.250
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tenn. St.....	7	6	.538	Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....	2	10	.167
*Ron Prince, Kansas State.....	7	6	.538	*Turner Gill, Buffalo.....	2	10	.167
*Todd Graham, Rice.....	7	6	.538	*Al Golden, Temple.....	1	11	.083



Hawkins is in his second season at CU

EXPERIENCE

Colorado's 2007 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. Entering 2007, the 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective **83** seasons in Division I-A and have combined to coach in **1,036** games through the 2006 season (with a record of **619-413-4, 599**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 405 years, thus making the average age **40.5**, one of the younger staffs in the nation. Linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** is the elder statesman at 51, followed by secondary coach **Greg Brown** (49); four of the coaches are over 40, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (46), with six under, with offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** the youngest (33). Helfrich is the third youngest offensive coordinator in the Division I-A ranks; the only two who are younger include Major Applewhite, Alabama (28) and Brian Harsin, Boise State (30).

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 zero turnovers (<i>123-45-2 with two or fewer</i>)	31-10-2	◆ 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 zero turnovers (<i>105-39-2 with two or fewer</i>)	25-10-2	➤ 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 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

2007 NCAA RULES CHANGES

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

- **Game Clock.** The rules adopted for the 2006 season were basically thrown out, as they altered the games greater than the NCAA rules committee had expected (though others figured it out immediately; Division I-A coaches had limited input into the change). The committee's prediction of six fewer plays per game was way off—10 per team in some cases—with other unforeseen problems also cropping up. The change this year is that the play clock will start at 15 seconds instead of 25 upon the return from live action following a TV timeout.
- **Timeouts/TV Games.** As is the case in the NFL, a team timeout will be only 30 seconds in length plus the 25-second clock; this will vary due to TV contracts with conferences and when the timeout is called; most TV timeouts are not taken in conjunction with ones called by teams unless more time than expected has already run off the clock and the network needs to get in the three or four it has slotted for a particular quarter.
- **Kickoffs.** All kickoffs will now be from the 30-yard line instead of the 35, which will reduce the number of touchbacks with the side benefit of fewer clock stoppages since the ball will in play for more returns. The kicking tee remains one inch in height, a change made last season.

CLOCK RULE CHANGE ANALYSIS

Here's what impact the clock rule change had on Colorado in 2006. It was safe to say that the NCAA Rules Committee change that quickened college football games was not 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** in last year. CU and the opponent also combined for **51** fewer possessions in '06 than in '05. 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.

VERTICAL

Dan Hawkins noted that one thing missing from CU's offense in 2006 that has been prevalent of his past offenses at Boise State was the vertical passing game. "By the end of the season, we'd always be up in the 70s or 80s in the number of pass plays over 20 yards" he said on his radio show on Oct. 18. "I don't want to tell you how many we have this season." Except we have always publicized the count in our stat pages, and he was definitely on mark with his assessment. CU had just **35** total, **18** rushing and **17** passing, the Buffs' fewest overall 20-yard plays since 2000 (38) as well as pass plays of 20 yards or more since 2002 (23, also the last time CU had a quarterback quit the team after the season began). Colorado did have 18 rushing plays of 20 yards or more, and while not an overly large number, it was its most since 2002 and higher than nine of the totals in the 12 season snapshot below. Here's a look at CU's 20-plus plays in recent memory, going back to 1994, when CU had a high of 76 plays over 20-yards, almost equal in nature (37 rush, 39 pass):

Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass
1994	76	37	39	1998	40	11	29	2001	58	21	37	2004	48	13	35
1995	61	11	50	1999	57	12	45	2002	58	35	23	2005	54	16	38
1996	64	12	52	2000	38	8	30	2003	47	5	42	2006	35	18	17
1997	46	9	37												

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Looking ahead to the fall, of the 2,075 rushing yards by the Buffaloes in 2006, **1,580** were put in the books by players back this fall, or 76 percent, while **1,298** passing yards return out of 1,422, or 91 percent. **QB Bernard Jackson** accounted for **1,975** yards of total offense in 2006, or 56.4 percent of CU's total; when adding in 779 rushing yards by **TB Hugh Charles**, the duo was responsible for 79 percent of the offense. As far as reception yards are concerned, there were **1,365** provided by those back in the fold, or 96 percent. Scoring-wise, a little different story, as with the graduation of leading scorer PK Mason Crosby, 114 of the 196 points were scored by those returning, or 58 percent.

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 entering the 2007 season:

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	Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	7	3	4	37
Texas	6	6	6	7	9	2	7	8	2	53	Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	4	0	3	37
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	8	1	52	Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	6	4	3	37
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	3	4	2	46	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	California	6	3	1	8	1	2	4	8	0	33
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	5	2	2	1	38	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	3	3	1	29

2006 LEADERS: Kansas State 9 (includes 1 bowl), California 8 (0), Texas 8 (0), Southern Miss 7 (1); ten with 6.

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 18th season, he is now tied for the most all-time in years coached as a full-time member of the staff, as he had caught two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both who also 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 18 (1990-current)**; 4. Dan Stavely 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 kept him on the staff. He's one of the best in the business."

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 2006:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2006
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida State	225	181	43	1	.807	95	65-29-1	7-6
2	Miami, Fla.	218	174	44	0	.798	83	50-33-0	7-6
3	Nebraska	225	177	47	1	.789	66	35-30-1	9-5
4	Florida	226	174	51	1	.772	100	57-42-1	13-1
5	Tennessee	223	170	50	3	.769	86	48-35-3	9-4
6	Ohio State	223	169	51	3	.765	90	50-37-3	12-1
7	Michigan	220	166	51	3	.761	95	57-36-2	11-2
8	Texas	220	154	64	2	.705	75	35-38-2	10-3
9	Virginia Tech	218	151	65	2	.697	58	27-30-1	10-3
10	Auburn	216	148	65	3	.692	72	31-40-1	11-2
11	Penn State	219	151	67	1	.692	82	39-43-0	9-4
12	Notre Dame	219	150	67	2	.689	85	40-43-2	10-3
20	COLORADO	220	142	74	4	.655	92	40-50-2	2-10

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.

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

WEST VIRGINIA, EASTERN WASHINGTON COMPLETE CU SCHEDULES THROUGH 2010

Call it the battle of the late John Denver's hit singles, but the **University of Colorado** and **West Virginia University** will meet for the first time on the football field in 2008 and 2009, one of the highlights announced Tuesday as the University of Colorado released its football schedules for the 2008 through 2010 football seasons.

The Mountaineers replace North Carolina, which asked out of a home-and-home series in 2008 and 2009. ESPN helped arrange the series, as the cable network will most likely televise one or both contests on either ABC or one of its cable outlets. West Virginia was 11-2 last season and finished as the No. 10 team in the country.

West Virginia will come to Boulder on Sept. 27, 2008, with the Buffaloes returning the game on Sept. 26, 2009.

The late Denver had hits with *Take Me Home Country Roads* in 1971 (the No. 8 song of the year), showcasing the state of West Virginia, and the following year with *Rocky Mountain High*, doing the same for Colorado (the No. 29 song of 1973, as it was released late in '72).

CU has completed its 2008 schedule with the addition of Eastern Washington, a member of the I-AA Big Sky Conference. EWU is the second I-AA opponent the Buffaloes will have ever played (joining Montana State last year), though all other future opponents either signed or CU is negotiating with are from I-A (now known as the Football Bowl Subdivision, or FBS).

Colorado also has agreed to play Hawaii in a four-game set, in 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2015. A game on Sept. 18, 2010, completes the 2010 schedule. CU's 2008 through 2010 schedules (Key: **FW**—Family Weekend; **H**—Homecoming; *—Big 12 Conference game; #—site to be determined):

2008		2009		2010	
A 30	Colorado State (Denver)	S 5	#Colorado State (Boulder/Denver)	S 4	#Colorado State (Fort Collins/Denver)
S 6	EASTERN WASHINGTON	S 12	at Miami, Ohio	S 11	at California
S 20	at Florida State	S 19	WYOMING	S 18	HAWAII
S 27	WEST VIRGINIA	S 26	at West Virginia	O 2	GEORGIA
O 4	*TEXAS (H)	O 10	*at Texas	O 9	*at Missouri
O 11	*at Kansas	O 17	*KANSAS (FW)	O 16	*BAYLOR (FW)
O 18	*KANSAS STATE (FW)	O 24	*at Kansas State	O 23	*TEXAS TECH (H)
O 25	*at Missouri	O 31	*MISSOURI (H)	O 30	*at Oklahoma
N 1	*at Texas A & M	N 7	*TEXAS A&M	N 6	*at Kansas
N 8	*IOWA STATE	N 14	*at Iowa State	N 13	*IOWA STATE
N 15	*OKLAHOMA STATE	N 21	*at Oklahoma State	N 20	*KANSAS STATE
N 28	*at Nebraska	N27/28	*NEBRASKA	N26/27	*at Nebraska

The schedules are essentially complete through 2015; one home-and-home series is being finalized, and future dates for CU-Colorado State will likely fill in other TBA slots:

2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
TBA	at Hawai'i	S 1	(or S29) TBA	A 31	(or S28) TBA	A 30	(or S27) TBA	TBA	at Hawai'i
S 10	CALIFORNIA	S 8	at Minnesota	S 7	MINNESOTA	S 6	TBA	S 12	WASHINGTON
S 17	(or O 8) HOME TBA	S 15	LOUISIANA STATE	S 14	ARIZONA STATE	S 13	at Oregon	S 19	HOME TBA
S 24	at Louisiana State	S 22	UTAH	S 21	at Utah	S 20	HAWAII	S 26	AWAY TBA
O 1	*MISSOURI (FW)	O 6	*TEXAS (H)	O 5	*at Texas	O 4	*at Missouri	O 10	*MISSOURI (FW)
O 15	*at Baylor	O 13	*at Kansas	O 12	*KANSAS (FW)	O 11	*BAYLOR (FW)	O 17	*at Baylor
O 22	*at Texas Tech	O 20	*KANSAS STATE (FW)	O 19	*at Kansas State	O 18	*TEXAS TECH (H)	O 24	*at Texas Tech
O 29	*OKLAHOMA (H)	O 27	*at Missouri	O 26	*MISSOURI (H)	O 25	*at Oklahoma	O 31	*OKLAHOMA (H)
N 5	*KANSAS	N 3	*at Texas A&M	N 2	*TEXAS A&M	N 1	*at Kansas	N 7	*KANSAS
N 12	*at Iowa State	N 10	*IOWA STATE	N 9	*at Iowa State	N 8	*IOWA STATE	N 14	*at Iowa State
N 19	*at Kansas State	N 17	*OKLAHOMA STATE	N 16	*at Oklahoma State	N 15	*KANSAS STATE	N 21	*at Kansas State
N25/26	*NEBRASKA	N23/24	*at Nebraska	N29/30	*NEBRASKA	N28/29	*at Nebraska	N27/28	*NEBRASKA

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 2006): Colorado 222**, Nebraska 139, Kansas State 128, Texas Tech 117, Oklahoma 107, Kansas 50, Missouri 49, Iowa State 39, Texas A&M 38, Texas 33, Oklahoma State 20, 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 2006:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	275	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	175	*—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	230	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)			(*—317 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	275	10/27/1984 - present	.....	Florida	230	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;
- ◆ Weatherwise, the high temperature in Boulder that day was 37 degrees, with the low 21.
- ◆ 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);
- ◆ **Hakeem Olajuwon** scored 34 points and had 12 rebounds as Houston posted a 109-98 win at Detroit, ending the Pistons' 8-0 run to start the season;
- ◆ **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*; **Bon Jovi** would take it over the next week with *Bad Medicine*.
- ◆ 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?);
- ◆ Movies that opened the previous night included *Fresh Horses* (so bad that critics said to chew your leg off to get away from this one), *1969*, *High Spirits*, *The Land Before Time* and *Oliver & Company*; *Scrooged* and *Cocoon: The Return* opened four days later, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
- ◆ **Christine Onassis**, heir and stepdaughter of Jackie O., died of heart failure at the age of 37;
- ◆ **John Lithgow** hosted that's evening's Saturday Night Live; and
- ◆ The **Denver Broncos** were shutout the next day, 42-0, at New Orleans; they would not score on two other occasions, both in 1992, before starting an equally impressive streak (see below).

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 **229** consecutive contests, 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 **451** straight games. Many traits are eerily similar; the Broncos have extended it on their first possession 90 times, in the first quarter 151 times and by halftime on 219 occasions, although have had to wait to extend it in the fourth quarter just once.

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-----			Season	Games	Scored On/In:				Points Scored-----				
		1st Poss.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Wins	Losses			Ties	1st Poss.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Wins	Losses	Ties
1988	2	2	2	0	0	0	73	—	—	1998	12	3*	9	2	0	1	248	54	—
1989	12	7	9	2	1	0	452	6	—	1999	12	4	6	3	1	2	313	92	—
1990	13	4	8	3	1	1	346	22	31	2000	11	3	6	4	1	0	91	161	—
1991	12	3	7	5	0	0	250	60	19	2001	13	7	10	3	0	0	367	45	—
1992	12	3	6	4	2	0	287	29	24	2002	14	8*	10	1	2	1	335	63	—
1993	12	4	9	3	0	0	269	83	16	2003	12	5	9	3	0	0	173	146	—
1994	12	7	11	0	1	0	432	7	—	2004	13	3	11	0	1	1	245	59	—
1995	12	2	9	3	0	0	399	45	—	2005	13	5	7	5	0	1	253	52	—
1996	12	5	9	3	0	0	327	25	—	2006	12	7	10	0	1	1	63	133	—
1997	11	4	7	3	1	0	183	117	—	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	Cortien 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)

THIS-N-THAT

- **12.** The game at Arizona State on Sept. 8 will be the 12th for Colorado in the state of Arizona; that ranks fourth among the seven states that border Colorado (*Kansas 66, Oklahoma 51, Utah 44, Nebraska 33, Arizona 11, Wyoming 6, New Mexico 2*).
- **22.** The Colorado State game will mark the 22nd time that CU will have played in Denver, the eighth time versus the Rams. Most of the other games came against the University of Denver; CU is 13-8 all-time in the Mile High city.
- **400.** Colorado enters 2007 with 397 combined wins in the seven different conferences it has lined up to play football in, thus the Buffs are three victories away from 400 all-time wins in conference play, dating back to the Colorado Football Association in the 1890s.
- **500.** The final road game of the year at Iowa State will be the 500th road game in school history, as CU enters the season with 495; the Buffs are 29 games over .500 in their history in enemy stadiums (253-224-18, .529).
- **1,100.** The '06 season finale (Nov. 24) at Nebraska was the 1,100th game in school history.
- **Mirror Images II.** On September 15, Colorado hosts Florida State, while right down the road, the Colorado Rockies play host to the Florida Marlins (the same sort of thing happened twice in 2006).

CHART-MANIA

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the 22 football seasons between 1985 through 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.	218	48	0	.820
2	Florida State	219	52	2	.806
3	Nebraska	218	56	1	.795
4	Michigan	205	60	5	.769
5	Tennessee	201	64	6	.753
6	Florida	202	68	2	.746
7	Ohio State	198	67	5	.743
8	Oklahoma	189	75	3	.713
9	Auburn	185	74	5	.710
10	Penn State	187	78	1	.705
11	Texas A & M	184	82	2	.690
12	Notre Dame	180	83	2	.683
13	Georgia	180	83	3	.682
14	Alabama	183	86	2	.679
15	Texas	178	86	2	.673
16	Southern California	178	87	5	.669
17	Virginia Tech	171	89	3	.656
18	Brigham Young	182	95	2	.656
19	Colorado	170	93	4	.644
20	Fresno State	171	94	3	.644
21	Clemson	167	93	3	.641
22	LSU	164	95	3	.632
23	Syracuse	160	98	4	.618
24	UCLA	159	98	3	.617
25	West Virginia	158	98	4	.615
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	Utah	150	107	0	.584
32	Iowa	146	104	5	.582
33	Arizona State	145	109	3	.570
34	Kansas State	146	114	2	.561
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	181	43	1	.807
2	Miami, Fla.	174	44	0	.798
3	Nebraska	177	47	1	.789
4	Florida	174	51	1	.772
5	Tennessee	170	50	3	.769
6	Ohio State	169	51	3	.765
7	Michigan	166	51	3	.761
8	Texas	154	64	2	.705
9	Virginia Tech	151	65	2	.697
10	Auburn	148	65	3	.692
11	Penn State	151	67	1	.692
12	Notre Dame	150	67	2	.689
13	Georgia	147	69	1	.680
14	Oklahoma	147	69	3	.678
15	Texas A & M	148	70	2	.677
16	Southern California	147	70	4	.674
17	Alabama	147	73	1	.667
18	Toledo	138	69	3	.664
19	Kansas State	143	74	1	.658
20	Colorado	142	74	4	.655
21	Brigham Young	145	78	2	.649
22	Oregon	135	80	0	.628
23	Virginia	136	82	1	.623
24	Clemson	133	81	1	.621
25	Washington	130	82	1	.613
26	West Virginia	130	81	3	.614
27	Fresno State	135	85	2	.613
28	Wisconsin	132	83	4	.612
29	LSU	128	85	1	.600
30	Syracuse	126	85	3	.596
31	Air Force	129	88	1	.594
32	Southern Miss	124	85	1	.593
33	Georgia Tech	127	88	1	.590
34	Colorado State	127	89	1	.588
35	UCLA	122	89	1	.578

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.

PPRESEASON POLLS

Associated Press	USA Today/ESPN	Athlon Sports	Blue Ribbon Yearbook	CBS SportsLine CFB	CollegeFBNews.com	CSTV
1 (August release)	1 USC (45)	1 USC	1	1 USC	1 USC	1 USC
2	2 LSU (4)	2 Texas	2	2 LSU	2 LSU	2 LSU
3	3 Florida (9)	3 LSU	3	3 Michigan	3 Texas	3 Michigan
4	4 Texas	4 Wisconsin	4	4 West Virginia	4 Florida	4 West Virginia
5	5 Michigan (2)	5 West Virginia	5	5 Florida	5 Virginia Tech	5 Wisconsin
6	6 West Virginia	6 Florida	6	6 Wisconsin	6 Wisconsin	6 Texas
7	7 Wisconsin	7 Oklahoma	7	7 Louisville	7 UCLA	7 California
8	8 Oklahoma	8 Michigan	8	8 Texas	8 Oklahoma	8 Florida
9	9 Virginia Tech	9 Virginia Tech	9	9 Oklahoma	9 Michigan	9 Louisville
10	10 Ohio State	10 Rutgers	10	10 Virginia Tech	10 West Virginia	10 Virginia Tech
11	11 Louisville	11 California	11	11 Auburn	11 Georgia Tech	11 Oklahoma
12	12 California	12 Ohio State	12	12 UCLA	12 Georgia	12 Rutgers
13	13 Georgia	13 Louisville	13	13 Arkansas	13 Ohio State	13 Texas A&M
14	14 Auburn	14 Georgia Tech	14	14 California	14 Nebraska	14 Penn State
15	15 Tennessee	15 UCLA	15	15 Ohio State	15 California	15 Arkansas
16	16 Rutgers	16 Georgia	16	16 Tennessee	16 Penn State	16 Auburn
17	17 UCLA	17 Penn State	17	17 TCU	17 Rutgers	17 Georgia
18	18 Penn State	18 Nebraska	18	18 Rutgers	18 Tennessee	18 Boston College
19	19 Nebraska	19 Hawai'i	19	19 Boise State	19 Louisville	19 TCU
20	20 Arkansas	20 Tennessee	20	20 Georgia	20 Missouri	20 Nebraska
21	21 Florida State	21 Auburn	21	21 Texas A&M	21 Oklahoma State	21 Ohio State
22	22 TCU	22 Oregon State	22	22 Penn State	22 Auburn	22 Tennessee
23	23 Boise State	23 Texas A&M	23	23 Boston College	23 South Carolina	23 Kentucky
24	24 Hawai'i	24 Miami, Fla.	24	24 Nebraska	24 Boston College	24 UCLA
25	25 Texas A&M	25 TCU	25	25 Hawaii	25 Oregon State	25 South Carolina
		61 COLORADO		57 COLORADO	56 COLORADO	

DC's Texas Football	ESPN The Magazine	Football.com	Football News	Game Plan Magazine	Lindy's Football	NationalChamps.net
1 USC	1	1 USC	1	1 USC	1 USC	1 USC
2 LSU	2	2 LSU	2	2 LSU	2 LSU	2 LSU
3 Oklahoma	3	3 West Virginia	3	3 Wisconsin	3 Michigan	3 Michigan
4 Ohio State	4	4 Texas	4	4 West Virginia	4 West Virginia	4 Florida
5 Florida	5	5 Florida	5	5 Texas	5 Texas	5 West Virginia
6 West Virginia	6	6 Michigan	6	6 Virginia Tech	6 Wisconsin	6 Wisconsin
7 Virginia Tech	7	7 Wisconsin	7	7 Oklahoma	7 Tennessee	7 Texas
8 Texas	8	8 Virginia Tech	8	8 Michigan	8 Virginia Tech	8 Oklahoma
9 Wisconsin	9	9 Oklahoma	9	9 Louisville	9 Louisville	9 Louisville
10 Tennessee	10	10 Ohio State	10	10 Tennessee	10 Oklahoma	10 Ohio State
11 UCLA	11	11 California	11	11 Florida	11 Florida	11 Virginia Tech
12 Michigan	12	12 Georgia	12	12 UCLA	12 California	12 Arkansas
13 TCU	13	13 Louisville	13	13 Auburn	13 Ohio State	13 California
14 Texas A&M	14	14 Penn State	14	14 Georgia Tech	14 Arkansas	14 Auburn
15 Rutgers	15	15 Rutgers	15	15 Ohio State	15 TCU	15 Georgia
16 Arkansas	16	16 Nebraska	16	16 Georgia	16 Rutgers	16 Rutgers
17 Georgia	17	17 UCLA	17	17 TCU	17 Georgia	17 Penn State
18 Nebraska	18	18 Florida State	18	18 Boston College	18 Texas A&M	18 Nebraska
19 Auburn	19	19 Auburn	19	19 Florida State	19 Hawai'i	19 Tennessee
20 Florida State	20	20 Tennessee	20	20 Oregon State	20 Wake Forest	20 Texas A&M
21 California	21	21 Wake Forest	21	21 Penn State	21 Florida State	21 Boston College
22 Louisville	22	22 Texas A&M	22	22 South Carolina	22 UCLA	22 UCLA
23 Boston College	23	23 Boston College	23	23 Texas A&M	23 Auburn	23 TCU
24 Hawai'i	24	24 Hawai'i	24	24 Hawai'i	24 Boston College	24 South Carolina
25 Boise State	25	25 Arkansas	25	25 Rutgers	25 Nebraska	25 South Florida
					74 COLORADO	

Phil Steele's	Playboy	Rivals.com	The Sporting News	Sports Illustrated	Street & Smith's	Surefire Scouting
1 USC	1	1 USC	1 USC	1	1 USC	1 USC
2 LSU	2	2 Michigan	2 LSU	2	2 West Virginia	2 LSU
3 Oklahoma	3	3 LSU	3 Michigan	3	3 Wisconsin	3 West Virginia
4 West Virginia	4	4 West Virginia	4 West Virginia	4	4 LSU	4 Michigan
5 Michigan	5	5 Florida	5 Florida	5	5 Michigan	5 Texas
6 Texas	6	6 Virginia Tech	6 Texas	6	6 Florida	6 Virginia Tech
7 Louisville	7	7 Oklahoma	7 Virginia Tech	7	7 Oklahoma	7 Louisville
8 Florida State	8	8 Texas	8 Wisconsin	8	8 Texas	8 TCU
9 Virginia Tech	9	9 Wisconsin	9 Louisville	9	9 Virginia Tech	9 Florida
10 Penn State	10	10 Louisville	10 UCLA	10	10 Louisville	10 Nebraska
11 Georgia	11	11 Ohio State	11 Florida State	11	11 California	11 UCLA
12 Hawai'i	12	12 Georgia	12 California	12	12 Arkansas	12 Penn State
13 South Carolina	13	13 Nebraska	13 Oklahoma	13	13 Penn State	13 Miami, Fla.
14 Florida	14	14 Auburn	14 Georgia	14	14 Auburn	14 Ohio State
15 Ohio State	15	15 California	15 Penn State	15	15 Ohio State	15 Tennessee
16 Wisconsin	16	16 Tennessee	16 Auburn	16	16 Georgia	16 Oregon
17 Alabama	17	17 Penn State	17 Ohio State	17	17 UCLA	17 Wisconsin
18 Oregon	18	18 Arkansas	18 Tennessee	18	18 Missouri	18 Hawai'i
19 Missouri	19	19 Rutgers	19 Rutgers	19	19 Rutgers	19 Alabama
20 Texas A&M	20	20 Florida State	20 TCU	20	20 Nebraska	20 California
21 UCLA	21	21 Texas A&M	21 South Florida	21	21 Tennessee	21 Boise State
22 Nebraska	22	22 Notre Dame	22 Boise State	22	22 Clemson	22 Texas A&M
23 TCU	23	23 Hawai'i	23 Nebraska	23	23 TCU	23 Auburn
24 South Florida	24	24 Boston College	24 Southern Miss	24	24 Oregon State	24 Florida State
25 Tennessee	25	25 Clemson	25 BYU	25	25 Boise State	25 Oklahoma State
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COLORADO PRESEASON HONORS

The list as of August 6 of preseason honors afforded the 2007 Colorado Buffaloes:

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA

ILB R.J. BROWN (as ST Phenom — **first-team:** *New York Post*)

P MATT DiLALLO (**honorable mention:** *Street & Smith's*)

ILB JORDON DIZON (**honorable mention:** *Nationalchampions.net*)

CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY (**second-team:** Scout.com; **honorable mention:** *Nationalchampions.net*)

FWAA Preseason Checklist (356 players): ILB Jordon Dizon (one of 48 linebackers), CB Terrence Wheatley (one of 37 defensive backs).

PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE

P MATT DiLALLO (**second-team:** *The Sporting News*; **third-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football*)

ILB JORDON DIZON (**first-team:** *Athlon*, Big 12 Summer Media, *Huskers Illustrated*, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*, *Street & Smith's*; **second-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football*, *The Sporting News*)

OT EDWIN HARRISON (**fourth-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football*)

DE DREW HUDGINS (**fourth-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football*)

DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (**second-team:** *Lindy's Big 12 Football*; **fourth-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football*)

DT BRANDON NICOLAS (**fourth-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football*)

WR DUSTY SPRAGUE (**fourth-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football*)

FS RYAN WALTERS (**first-team:** *Athlon*, *The Sporting News*)

CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY (**first-team:** Blue Ribbon Yearbook, CBS SportsLine.com, *Huskers Illustrated*, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*, Scout.com, *Street & Smith's*; **second-team:** *Athlon*, *The Sporting News*; **fourth-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football*)

NEWCOMER-OF-THE-YEAR: **QB Nick Nelson** (Blue Ribbon Yearbook)

BEST ATHLETE: **QB/WR Bernard Jackson** (*Street & Smith's*)

HARDEST HITTER: **ILB Jordon Dizon** (*Street & Smith's*)

NATIONAL TOP 50 PLAYER RATINGS

Cornerback: Terrence Wheatley (No. 12, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*; No. 48, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Defensive End: Drew Hudgins (No. 38, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Defensive Tackle: George Hypolite (No. 50, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

Inside Linebacker: Jordon Dizon (No. 9, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*)

Outside Linebacker: Jordon Dizon (No. 19, *Phil Steele's College Football*; note: Dizon plays ILB and has never played OLB)

Punter: Matt DiLallo (No. 15, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

Chuck Bednarik Award (defensive player of the year): **ILB Jordon Dizon** (one of 65 candidates on official watch list)

Jim Thorpe Award (top defensive back): **CB Terrence Wheatley** (one of 35 on official watch list)

Ronnie Lott Award (top defensive impact player): **ILB Jordon Dizon** (one of 42 candidates on official watch list)

Dave Rimington Award (top center): **C Daniel Sanders** (one of 46 candidates on official watch list)

Doak Walker Award (top running back): TB Hugh Charles (official school nomination for award)

NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS

Defensive Line: No. 27 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)

PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS

Publication	National	Big 12 North
Scout.com (<i>CFB News</i>)	No. 56	4th
CBS SportsLine.com CFB	No. 57	4th
Athlon Sports	No. 61	5th
Phil Steele's College Football	No. 62	4th
Lindy's Big 12 Football	No. 74	5th
The Sporting News	No. 80	5th
Surefire Scouting	.....	t-3rd
Jim Feist's College FB	.....	4th
Blue Ribbon Yearbook	.....	4th
DC Texas Football	.....	4th
Big 12 Summer Media Poll	.....	5th
Game Plan Magazines	.....	5th
Street & Smith's	.....	5th
USA Today Sports Weekly	.....	5th
Huskers Illustrated	.....	6th

CROWDER EARNS FWAA CITATION

Former CU head football coach and athletic director **Eddie Crowder** is the recipient of the 2007 Citation of Honor, as presented by the Football Writer's Association of America.

The honor has been bestowed on a coach every year since 1964 by the FWAA, as the organization annually selects the recipient in recognizing their long and honorable careers in intercollegiate athletics, and specifically contributions to football.

Crowder was just 31 years old when he was hired on January 2, 1963 to take over a program reeling from NCAA penalties handed down the previous year. He had quite the coaching pedigree as an assistant, working for **Red Blaik** at Army in 1955 and then for his college coach, **Bud Wilkinson**, for seven years prior to accepting his first (and only) head coaching job at Colorado.

He compiled a 63-49-2 record in 11 seasons as CU's head coach (1963-73), returning CU to prominence following the NCAA penalties in 1962 that all but crushed the program. The banner year was 1971, when Colorado enjoyed its first 10-win season, as the Buffs attained their highest rank ever (No. 3), finishing with a Bluebonnet Bowl win over Houston and a 10-2 record.

In 1965, he became CU's second-ever athletic director, holding that post for 20 years until retiring in 1984. Prominent coaching hires of Crowder's included Bill McCartney (football), Ceal Barry (basketball) and Mark Simpson (golf), three of the most successful coaches in school history. In 1990, he was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, and in 2004, into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame.

As a collegian, he was an All-American quarterback at Oklahoma, and as coach of the Buffaloes, he defeated his alma mater four times, including a 20-14 in 1972 when the Sooners were ranked No. 2. He entered private business after leaving CU, and is semi-retired and lives in Boulder. He remains involved with CU athletics and particularly football.

"Eddie had been on the list for a while and had a good record at Colorado, so the committee thought it was his time," said **Steve Richardson**, the executive director of the FWAA. "We have been doing guys who recently retired, and while Eddie's been out a little bit longer than some of the recent recipients, we wanted to honor his service and contribution to college football both as a coach and an athletic director."

Crowder, who will turn 76 later this month (August 26), is the second coach associated with CU to earn the citation; in 1998, **Bill Mallory** was afforded the honor. Mallory actually was hired by Crowder as his replacement at CU in 1973, and he proceeded to lead CU to a 35-21-1 mark in five seasons for the Buffaloes, including an 8-4 record and trip to the Orange Bowl for the 1976 when Colorado was the Big Eight Conference tri-champion. Mallory also coached at Miami-Ohio, Indiana and Northern Illinois.

The list of previous winners includes coaching legends like **Frank Broyles**, **Bear Bryant**, **Duffy Daugherty**, **Dan Devine**, **Vince Dooley**, **Bob Devaney**, **Frank Kush**, **Jess Neely** and **Darrell Royal**. The recipients this decade:

Recent Citation Recipients

2000	Hayden Fry	North Texas, SMU, Iowa
2001	Spike Dykes	Texas Tech
2002	LaVell Edwards	BYU
2003	John Cooper	Tulsa, Arizona State, Ohio State
2004	R.C. Slocum	Texas A&M
2005	Fred Akers	Wyoming, Texas Purdue
2006	Ken Hatfield	Air Force, Arkansas, Clemson, Rice
2007	Eddie Crowder	Colorado