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# 2007 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL

# GAME 7—KANSAS STATE

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#### QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The Colorado Buffaloes (4-2, 2-0 Big 12) remain on the conference road this Saturday, October 13, traveling east to Manhattan to take on the Kansas State Wildcats (3-2, 1-1 Big 12) in a 7:21 p.m. MDT kickoff at Bill Snyder Family Stadium... The game will be televised live on ESPN2, with Mark Jones (play-byplay), Bob Davie (analyst) and Stacey Dales (sideline reporter) to be on hand to call the action... Saturday is an off day in the NLCS between the Colorado Rockies and the Arizona Diamondbacks, thus the game will air in its entirety on KOA-Radio... The Buffaloes are shooting for a 3-0 start in conference play for the fourth time since the Big 12 began play in 1996: CU opened 7-0 that year, along with starting 3-0 in 2001 and 4-0 in 2002... It would also be Colorado's 400th all-time win in conference play, dating back to the late 1890s and the old Colorado Football Association... The Buffs are now 3-1 against teams that beat them in 2006 (wins over CSU, Oklahoma and Baylor; loss to Arizona State); the next two on the docket also dealt blows to CU (Kansas State, Kansas)... Colorado is coming off a 43-23 win at Baylor, as the Buffs zoomed to a 33-9 lead early in the second half and coasted home from there... CU had 450 yards, the 43rd straight time a Dan Hawkins-coached team won a game with 400-plus yards of offense (40 at Boise State, 3 at Colorado)... It was the 108th time CU has scored 43 or more points in a game, with Colorado owning a 108-0 record in those games... Colorado has scored 112 points in its last three games, the most in a 3-game span since 2002 (124; 53-29 over Kansas, 34-0 over Baylor, 37-13 over Texas Tech)... ABC has exercised one of its three six-day selection options for the October 20 games; the CU-Kansas game is one of five on the board for four slots to fill (FSN, ABC, Versus, ESPN are doing games). The networks will notify the Big 12 by midday Sunday and the conference office will then notify the schools... CUBuffs.com features game day updates and live stats for all games. **DEPTH CHART ON PAGE 48; ROSTER ON PAGES 49-50** 

#### STAT OF THE WEEK

Several times in talking about the 2006 season, first-year head coach **Dan Hawkins** usually mentioned that the Buffaloes just didn't "finish." Now in his second year, it looks like that detail has swung into CU's favor. CU has outscored the opponent 36-10 in the fourth quarter (and 3-0 in overtime), whereas last season, the Buffs were outscored 106-40 in the final stanza (and 17-14 in OT). Opponents gained 1,297 fourth quarter yards in 2006, or 108.1 per game; this season, those figures have dropped to 324 and 54.0, respectively (they were even better until Baylor amassed 172 fourth quarter yards the other night against mainly CU's second team defense long after the game was decided). CU's also starting strong, with a 45-14 scoring edge with a 568-310 margin in total offense in the first quarter.

Field Position. CU is winning the field position battle, as the Buffs are some 312 yards up on the opponent through six games (average start is the CU35, the opponent its 32). CU has started just 14 of 82 drives at or inside its 20, while the opponent has begun 25 of 80 at or inside the 20. Last year, the opponent had a 300-plus yard edge in field position for the season (2 yards on the average), and both virtually started the same number at or inside the 20 (CU 55, Opponent 56).

# OBSCURE NOTES OF THE WEEK

- > Colorado has 82 possessions on offense through the first half of the season; on 51 of them, CU ran at least one play in plus territory (the 50-yard line-on in), which translates to 62.2 percent of the time the Buffs are roaming into the opponents' end of the field. CU has run 205 plays in plus territory (or 45 percent of its total); the opponent has run 155 of 392 (39.5%) while venturing into plus territory 47.5 percent of the time (155 of 392).
- The Buffs have 18 offensive touchdowns through six games in 2007, just one less than all of last season, and have matched last year's season total of nine touchdown drives of 70 yards or longer. Check out special teams: CU has 19 returns of 20 yards or longer, with eight surpassing 30 yards; the same counts for all of last year were 14 and one, respectively.

#### 2007 COLORADO SCHEDULE & RESULTS (4-2, 2-0 BIG 12) 2007 CU\* Opponent Opp\* Result/Time Record Series Colorado State (Denver) PK Eberhart ties it and wins it with two FG; McKnight 108 rec yds, TD W 31-28 (OT) 58-19-2 Sept. NR NR FSN 0-5 Sept. 8 NR at Arizona State NR FSN L 14-33 5-0 0-2-0 Buffs take early 14-0 lead, but ASU scores last 33 in 102 degree heat SEPT. 15 NR FLORIDA STATE NR **ESPN** 6-16 4-1 0- 2-0 First encounter went FSU's way by 47-7 in Tallahassee in 2003 SEPT. 22 NR MIAMI-OHIO NR W 42- 0 3-3 1- 0-0 CU rolls up 634 yards (359 rushing, most since '02), limits Miami to 139 none Buffs defeat top 5 team for first time since '01 Big 12 title game (Texas) SEPT. 29 NR ♣ OKLAHOMA (H) FSN W 27-24 5-1 17-39-2 6 NR + at Baylor NR none W 43-23 3-3 9-6-0 Sumler (3 TDs), Eberhart (5 FGs) pace CU as Buffs race to 40-9 lead 13 + at Kansas State ESPN2 7:21p 3-2 43-18-1 K-State 34-21 win last year gives Wildcats 6-4 edge in last 10 games OCT. 20 ★ KANSAS (FW) **TBA** TBA 5-0 41-22-3 KU frosh QB Reesing leads '06 comeback to snap 5-game CU series run Oct. 27 at Texas Tech TBA TBA 5-1 4- 4-0 30-6 win in '06 is Hawkins' first at CU as all phases (O-D-ST) dominate NOV. 3 → MISSOURI **TBA** TBA 5-0 31-37-3 Buffs winners in 17 of last 21, including four straight in Boulder 10 + at Iowa State **TBA** TBA 1-5 47-13-1 CU leads 24-7 all-time in Ames, with wins in 10 of last 11 NOV. 23 **♣** NEBRASKA ABC 17-46-2 NU win in Lincoln in '06 snapped 4-game winning streak by road team 10:00a 4-2

(All times mountain. KEY: \*-AP rank at game time; +-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. 4-11-18-25, Oct. 2-9-16-23-30, Nov. 6-19 (Monday)-27, Dec. TBA (bowl). NOTE that there is no organized press luncheon on Nov. 13 (bye week). The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on www.CUBuffs.com (in the BuffsTV 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). A teleconference replay is available after 2 p.m. MT the same day by phone (706/634-1618) or on <a href="https://www.Big12sports.com">www.Big12sports.com</a>.
- > Video highlights of CU football games are available anytime provided by the Big 12 Conference through <a href="www.CollegePressBox.tv">www.CollegePressBox.tv</a>. Highlights will be in files in Quicktime format, with all available for viewing prior to downloading. First-time visitors will need to register on-line for access; information: contact Ted Gangi at 214/909-9314 or webmaster@collegepressbox.com. 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 (exception: Sundays) but are open to the media (<u>exception</u>: Thursdays). The first 25 minutes of practices (Sun-Tues-Wed) in-season are 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 (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Wednesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), 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, quotes, 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 sending an e-mail to 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). Simply type <a href="www.cubuffs.com/media">www.cubuffs.com/media</a> into your web browser, then click on Media Center, and it will link you to everything you'll need to know about CU football. "BuffsTV" 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 the official site for subscription service for audio-only broadcasts, as all football and men's and women's basketball games are streamed through Yahoo! Sports. Just visit the Multimedia area of the CUBuffs.com, go to the football schedule page and click on the corresponding audio icon, or visit yahoosports.com.

# 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 fourth year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Larry Zimmer** (analysis) is in his 34th 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 third year on the broadcast team. **KSU Game**: The Colorado Rockies are not scheduled that night, so no conflicts.
- 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 Radio is the satellite home of the Buffaloes; the CU-Baylor broadcast will air on channel 114 (CU/KOA radio network feed; K-State feed on Ch. 126).
- 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 10:00 p.m. (August 30-September 6-13-20; 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28); it returns to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays after the Colorado Rockies season). Assistant AD and former CU QB Charles Johnson hosts the program; the show airs through the end of basketball season for the men and/or women. FSN will also replay Dan Hawkins' weekly press conference three times each week (day of and/or after) at various times. The network will also replay the CU-CSU game twice and the CU-ASU game once.

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

Number Change: TB Kevin Moyd (#22, from #23). Position Change: Nate Vaiomounga (OLB, from DB). Ineligible (Academics): WR Alvin Barnett, ILB Marcus Burton. Suspended (Season): ILB Michael Sipili.

**DUPE NUMBERS:** While there are several duplicate numbers, those who appear below are the ones most likely to see action (at the three other dupes, **19** (Cope), **21** (McKnight) and **25** (Harris) are the only ones expected to see action). CU jerseys *DO* have names on the back; key: A—African-American, C—Caucasian, P--Polynesian:

 Offense/Kicker
 Defense/Kicker
 Offense/Kicker
 Defense/Kicker

 3 Nick Nelson (C)
 3 Jimmy Smith (A)
 9 Josh Smith (A)
 9 Daniel Dykes (C)

#### Pronunciation guide

# Coaches/Staff Brian CABRAL (cuh-browl)

Mark HELFRICH (hel-fritch) Eric KIESAU (key-saw) ROMEO Bandison (row-may-oh)

Players

Tyler **AHLES** (alice) Matthew **BAHR** (bar) B.J. **BEATTY** (bay-tee) Blake BEHRENS (bear-ens)
Jake BEHRENS (bear-ens)
Austin BISNOW (bizz-no)
CHA'PELLE Brown (shuh-pell)
JALIL Brown (juh-leal)
Kendrick CELESTINE (cell-uh-steen)
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)
Joe FRUECHTEL (freck-tell)
RIAR Geer (rye-er)
Eugene GOREE (gore-ray)
MARQUEZ HERROD (mar-qwez
her-rod)
George HYPOLITE (hip-puh-light)

Samson JAGORAS (juh-gore-us)
TAJ Kaynor (as in Taj Mahal)
KAI MAIAVA (ky my-ah-vuh)
Kevin MOYD (moid, as in void)
Conrad OBI (oh-bee)
Wes PALAZZI (puh-la-zee)
Tyler POLUMBUS (as in Columbus)
STEPHONE Robinson (steff-on)
LAGRONE Shields (luh-gronn)

MARKQUES SIMAS (marcus see-muss)
Michael SIPILI (sih-pill-E)
Nate SOLDER (sold-er)
Tom SUAZO (swoz-as in Oz-oh)
SIONE TAU (see-own-E towe, as in now)
Nate VAIOMOUNGA (vy-oh-moun-guh)
JARRELL Yates (juh-rell)

#### GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are CU's starters for the 2007 season (**bold** indicates first career start); this list often does not reflect who might "listed" first at a position, as especially on offense, the first play selected often involves a particular grouping:

OFFENSE	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE		QB	TB	FB / Other
Colorado State	Williams	McKnight	Polumbus	Palazzi	D.Sanders	Head	Harrison	Sumler (V	VR)	C.Hawkins	Ellis	Sprague (WR)
Arizona State	Williams	Robinson	Polumbus	Palazzi	D.Sanders	Head	Harrison	Geer		C.Hawkins	Sumler	Sprague (WR)
Florida State	Jo. Smith	McKnight	Polumbus	Palazzi	D.Sanders	Head	Harrison	Geer		C.Hawkins	Ellis	J.Sanders (TE)
Miami-Ohio	Williams	Sprague	Polumbus	Palazzi	D.Sanders	Head	Harrison	DeVree		C.Hawkins	Ellis	Jagoras
Oklahoma	Jo. Smith	McKnight	Polumbus	Maiava	D.Sanders	Head	Harrison	Celestine	(WR)	C.Hawkins	Ellis	Sprague (WR)
Baylor	Williams	Solder (TE)	Polumbus	Maiava	D.Sanders	Head	Harrison	Geer		C.Hawkins	Sumler	Cantrell
DEFENSE	LE	DT	NT	RE	MLB		WLB S	SLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Barrett	C.Brown	(N)	Dizon I	3.Jones	Wheat	ley Walte	rs Dykes	Burney
Arizona State	Lucas	Hypolite	Nicolas	Barrett	Duren		Dizon I	3.Jones	Wheat	ley Walte	rs Dykes	Burney
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(N)—Nickel back. CONSECUTIVE STARTS—Polumbus 19, Wheatley 18, D.Sanders 17, Dizon 13. CAREER STARTS—Dizon 40, Wheatley 25, Polumbus 21, D.Sanders 21, Charles 19. PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Colorado State 89/49; Arizona State 69/52; Florida State 93/50; Miami-Ohio 97/62; Oklahoma 95/54; Baylor 70/56.

## COLORADO COACHES' WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

A look at Colorado's weekly award winners for each game as selected by the coaching staff (#—chosen if a linemen does not win offensive or defensive; \*—denotes nominated for Big 12 player-of-the-week):

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	#Lineman (Off or Def)	Scout Team (Offens	e, Defense, Special T	eams)
Colorado State	WR Scotty McKnight*	ILB Jordon Dizon	PK Kevin Eberhart*	DT George Hypolite	TB Brian Lockridge	ILB Michael Sipili	S Jason Espinoza
Arizona State	(none awarded)						
Florida State	(none awarded)						
Miami-Ohio	C Daniel Sanders	DT Brandon Nicolas	CB Gardner McKay		OL Shawn Daniels	DE Conrad Obi	S Bret Smith
					OL Joe Fruechtel		
Oklahoma	TB Hugh Charles*	SS Daniel Dykes*	WR Chase McBride*	OT Edwin Harrison	WR Steve Melton	DE Conrad Obi	S Joel Adams
Baylor	TB Hugh Charles	ILB Jordon Dizon*	P Matt DiLallo	C Daniel Sanders	TB Cory Nabors	DT Eugene Goree	SN Justin Drescher
	WR Dusty Sprague*				OL Joe Fruechtel		

# SEASON AWARD WINNERS

#### **BIG 12 PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK**

PK Kevin Eberhart (Special Teams—Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State: 3-3 PAT, 3-4 FG, 11 points; included game-tying and game-winning field goals)

WR Chase McBride (Special Teams—Sept. 29 vs. Oklahoma: returned 4 punts for 87 yards, with his long of 31 setting up CU's game winning field goal)

PK Kevin Eberhart (Special Teams—Oct. 6 vs. Baylor: 4-4 PAT, 5-6 FG, 19 points; tied CU record for field goals made and attempted and kick points in a game)

#### **CU ATHLETES-OF-THE -WEEK**

ILB Jordon Dizon (Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State: 22 tackles, 17 solo; one TFL, one TFZ, FF, PBU, one caused INT, 4th down stop, one special teams tackle)

DT George Hypolite (Sept. 15 vs. Florida State: 10 tackles, eight solo; three TFLs, two sacks, two third down stops)

**OLB Brad Jones** (Sept. 22 vs. Miami-Obio: 6 tackles, four solo; one TFL, two burries, two third down stops, one tackle for zero)

#### COLORADO CHAPTER/NFF STATE OF COLORADO PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK

PK Kevin Eberhart (Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State)

TB Hugh Charles (Sept. 29 vs. Oklahoma)

#### **LOU GROZA AWARD THREE STARS OF THE WEEK**

PK Kevin Eberhart (Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State)

PK Kevin Eberhart (Sept. 29 vs. Oklahoma)

#### **COLLEGESPORTSREPORT.COM TEAM OF THE WEEK**

Colorado (Sept. 22 vs. Miami-Ohio)

#### **AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM**

DT George Hypolite (one of 11 I-A/FBS players)

#### RALPHIE TO APPEAR IN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CELEBRATION

This Saturday, October 13, CU's live buffalo mascot **Ralphie IV** will make a special appearance at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge in Denver. The event, sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, begins at Noon; there will be several demonstration and information booths up and running for the entire day, along with performances by the Mariachi Aguilas Band, Colorado Historical Society, the Plains Conservation Center and many other exhibitors. Events will run until about 5 p.m. and will conclude with a Refuge Campfire from 5-6 p.m.

Earlier this year, the American Bison (or buffalo as people more commonly call them) was reintroduced to the Refuge, as it is part of a large scale conservation initiative by the Service to conserve the unique genetics in the species. The Refuge is home to more than 330 species of wildlife with approximately 25 square miles of native habitat saved from the expansion of Denver. It is a place for wildlife to call home, safely tucked away from the dangers of the 'big city.'

For more information on the event, go to the Fish & Wildlife website at www.fws.gov and follow links to the Arsenal Refuge.

#### DIZON REMAINS NATION'S LEADING TACKLER AS WELL AS NUMBER THREE ACTIVE CAREER LEADING TACKLER

Senior Dick Butkus Award candidate **ILB Jordon Dizon** is the nation's tackles leader, and the third active leading career tackler, based on total tackles. He opened the season with a career-high 22 against Colorado State. A look at the top eight active career tacklers (\*—includes 9 tackles in 2003):

Player, Pos, School	G 2	2004	2005	2006 2	2007	Total	Player, Pos, School	G 2	004	2005	2006 2	2007	Total
Thomas Keith, LB, Central Michigan	36	95	104	127	64	390	Dan Connor, LB, Penn State	32	85	76	113	58	332
Vince Hall, LB, Virginia Tech	39	64	112	128	61	365	*Nelson Coleman, LB, Tulsa	41	50	117	98	44	318
Jordon Dizon, ILB, Colorado	39	82	61	137	84	364	Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky	34	34	100	122	47	303
Matt Castelo, LB, San Jose State	31	36	91	165	59	351	Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee	37	65	65	96	22	248

- > Passed His Coach. Dizon passed his position coach, **Brian Cabral**, with his effort against Colorado State. Cabral had 297 tackles in his CU career, which at the time was a school record. Since he became CU's linebackers coach in 1989, he has fallen to 16th on the list, but much of it is due to his own coaching; eight of the players who have passed him he has tutored, including Dizon.
- Where His Career Effort Ranked. Dizon's 22 stops (17 solo) against Colorado State tied for the 17th most in school history, the most since ILB Hannibal Navies recorded 28 (19 solo) against Missouri in1997. The 17 solo tackles by Dizon tied for the third most in a game, trailing Navies as well as ILB Greg Biekert, who had 19 at Illinois in 1990.
- > Dizon had posted 10 or more tackles in five consecutive games, dating back to the end of the 2006 season (he had 82 tackles for those quintet of games, or 16.2 per); the run stopped when he had five in the Miami game, but alas, the first-team defense was out there for only 42 plays. He has 15 career double figure games: he had two as a frosh but amazing never had more than six in a game his sophomore season.
- > Third Down Terror. Dizon already has 11 third/fourth down stops this year, picking up where he left off in 2006, when he snuck up on a school record in the category. In posting 17 third down stops, he was 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 40 in his career; **ILB Greg Biekert** holds the school record with 47, followed by Brown and **ILB Matt Russell** (45 each).

#### **ROOKIES ON THE LINE**

Two true freshman busted into the lineup in the Miami game, **OG Kai Maiava** and **OT Ryan Miller**. They became just the fourth and fifth offensive linemen to play as true freshmen at CU in the last 15 seasons, joining **OG Marwan Hage** (2000), **OG Drew Shader** (2001) and **OG Brian Daniels** (2003). It's the first time since 1991 that two played in the same season (**OT Doyln Jackson**, **OG Clint Moore**). Miller is the first tackle to play as a true frosh since Jackson. Maiava, who has made a definite impact with 23 knockdown blocks in 110 snaps from scrimmage, also started against Oklahoma, becoming just the eighth true freshman to start a game on the offensive line since freshmen were allowed to play again in 1972.

Player	Pos	Season	Starts	Player	Pos	Season	Starts
Leon White	OG	1973	3	Dolyn Jackson	OG	1991	3
Guy Thurston	OG	1979	3	Marwan Hage	OG	2000	2
Eric Coyle	OG	1982	4	Brian Daniels	OG	2003	9
Clint Moore	OG	1991	8	Kai Maiava	OG	2007	2

With some other freshmen in the picture on the O-line, should two start the same game, it would be just the third time in school history a pair of true freshmen started at the same position. The other two occasions:

# Nov. 21, 1987 at Kansas State

Kanavis McGhee (Fr.) and Alfred Williams (Fr.), both recruits out of Houston, are the bookend outside linebackers for the first of many times in their CU careers.

#### Sept. 21, 1991 vs. Minnesota

Clint Moore (Fr.) and Dolyn Jackson (Fr.) are the starting offensive guards in the third game of the season; the pair also started the following week at Stanford.

# 2-0 Versus the Big Bad South

The North Division schools have taken their lumps, not only in games but also publicly, but perhaps things are changing; they are for Colorado. The 43-23 win over Baylor clinched the season series against the South Division, the eighth time in 12 seasons CU will have done so. Colorado is now 20-15 all-time against the South in the regular season, second only to Nebraska's 20-13 mark. The Buffs also have won the season series against the South in 1996 (3-0), 1998 (3-0), 1999 (2-1), 2000 (2-1), 2001 (2-1), 2002 (2-1) and 2005 (2-1). Seems some have forgotten that the North was the dominant division in this league at the on-set, basically coming to the rescue of the four Texas schools from a dying Southwest Conference.

#### FOURTH DOWN TD

Senior TE **Tyson DeVree** is utilizing his initials to the max this season, as he now has four touchdown catches in 2007. Three of those have come on fourth down plays—11 yards against Florida State, 1 yard against Miami-Ohio and 4 yards against Oklahoma. All the passes were thrown by **QB Cody Hawkins**. DeVree skipped the Baylor game for precautionary reasons after suffering a recurrence of a concussion which first happened against Miami, but he is probable this week.

#### FACULTY GOACH OF THE WEEK

The coaches have begun a new program in 2007, selecting a member of the UCB faculty as the "Faculty Coach of the Week." The honoree for today's game is **Jim Marlatt**, a professor from CU's Leeds School of Business. He serves as a liaison between academics and athletics. The recipients to date:

Sept. 15 Susan Morley, Business

**Sept. 22** David Clough, Engineering

#### DEFENSIVE RARITY

The Buff defense accomplished a rarity in the 42-0 win over Miami-Ohio, as it marked just the 17th time in the last 46 seasons that Colorado limited an opponent to under both 100 yards rushing and passing in the same game. Colorado last did this in 1999, when it held Baylor to under 100 yards in both. Eddie Crowder teams did it six times, Bill McCartney defenses four times, Rick Neuheisel squads three times, Bill Mallory units twice, Gary Barnett D's once and now Dan Hawkins' stoppers once. Here's a look at them all, since the 1961 season (when Colorado had three that year alone):

Year	Opponent	Rush	Pass	Total	Result	Year	Opponent	Rush	Pass	Total	Result
1963	OKLAHOMA STATE	66	93	159	W, 25- 0	1988	FRESNO STATE	97	80	177	W, 45- 3
1964	at Iowa State	87	53	140	W, 14- 7	1992	KANSAS STATE	-24	40	16	W, 54- 7
1965	at Kansas State	-19	56	37	W, 36- 0	1992	OKLAHOMA STATE	44	74	118	W, 28- 0
1965	OKLAHOMA STATE	64	71	135	W, 34-11	1997	KANSAS	88	89	177	W, 42- 6
1967	at Kansas State	69	30	99	W, 40- 6	1998	BAYLOR	89	89	178	W, 18-16
1971	OKLAHOMA STATE	50	74	124	W, 40- 6	1998	IOWA STATE	89	93	182	W, 37-8
1977	KENT STATE	82	55	137	W, 42- 0	1999	at Baylor	74	40	114	W, 37- 0
1978	MIAMI, FLA.	67	80	147	W, 17- 7	2007	MIAMI-OHIO	44	95	139	W, 42- 0
1986	at Kansas State	90	76	166	W 49- 3						

## LIKE NIGHT AND DAY

Colorado's running game enjoyed a 386 yard improvement from the Florida State game to the Miami-Ohio game. Where did that stand in Buff history for a one-game in-season improvement? Research revealed it topped the chart from one game to the next. The old one game improvement best was in 1991, when CU in the height of its I-Bone era had 153 in a 28-21 loss at Stanford, but came back after an open week to throttle Missouri with 502 rushing yards (the Buffs were on a mission, it was the first game with Mizzou after the Fifth Down game and CU had had it with all that talk; so the Buffs played smash mouth ball in a 55-7 win). Here are the top 10 jumps in rushing yards from one week to the next in CU history:

Diff.	First Game	Rush	Second Game	Yards	When	Diff.	First Game	Rush	Second Game	Yards	When
386	FLORIDA STATE	-27	MIAMI-OHIO	359	Sept. 15-22, 2007	277	at Oklahoma	75	KANSAS STATE	352	Nov. 16-23, 1985
349	at Stanford	153	MISSOURI	502	Sept. 28-Oct. 12, 1991	276	DENVER	100	COLORADO A&M	376	Nov. 16-28, 1946
288	SOUTHERN CAL	37	at UCLA	325	Sept. 14-21, 2002	274	at Utah	219	KANSAS STATE	493	Nov. 13-20, 1954
285	MIAMI-FLA.	166	DRAKE	451	Sept. 25-Oct. 2, 1976	261	at Kansas State	10	at Baylor	271	Nov. 6-13, 1999
280	OKLAHOMA	127	at Kansas State	407	Nov. 15-22, 1986	255	at Oklahoma	158	at Iowa State	413	Oct. 24-31, 1987

# RECENT PERSONNEL MOVES

**THE SCHOLARSHIP ADDITIONS** On September 18, the coaches awarded a scholarship to **ILB Jeff Smart**, who joined the team as an invited walk-on back in the fall of 2005, has seen his playing time increase as he has steadily improved; the Boulder High school graduate will start in place of Michael Sipili today. A week later on September 25, **WR/PR Chase McBride**, was placed on scholarship; the Broomfield High product promptly went out and was named the Big 12 Special Teams player of the week. The awarding of a scholarship to Smart, a fifth-semester sophomore, counts only against the team's overall total of 85 and not toward an initial count for a particular year (thus the reason for no scholarship right now for **WR Scotty McKnight**, among others; any walk-on awarded a scholarship in his first four semesters must count as an initial).

**SIPILI SUSPENDED FOR SEMESTER** Sophomore **ILB Michael Sipili** was suspended September 21 by the university for the remainder of the fall semester (through Dec. 21) for violating two articles of CU's Student Code of Conduct. Sipili had been suspended by coach **Dan Hawkins** for CU's first three games, though was allowed to practice, and was scheduled to play today prior to the university's ruling. He will eligible for readmission for the 2008 spring semester; he is currently in good academic standing and is in position to be eligible for fall 2008, pending spring and summer course work. He does have a redshirt year available to him and thus he would still have three years of eligibility remaining. He will return to CU for the spring semester.

#### INJURY UPDATE

Concussion remains the "injury du jour" for Colorado in 2007 (one injury always seems to dominate, one year it was the dreaded high ankle sprain, another season turf toe, etc.). Colorado's injury list as of Tuesday, October 9 a.m.:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status/Kansas State
CB	Jalil Brown	concussion	suffered in Baylor game	DAY-TO-DAY
ILB	R.J. Brown	concussion	latest in career suffered in FSU game; is out indefinitely as testing and analysis continues	OUT
TE	Tyson DeVree	concussion	effects still lingering from injury in Miami game, limited practice this week	PROBABLE
OT	Edwin Harrison	knee	strained it early in Baylor game but returned shortly thereafter	PROBABLE
WR	Chase McBride	shoulder	suffered an AC sprain in practice on Oct. 3; likely out 1-3 more weeks	OUT
TB	Kevin Moyd	hamstring	pulled up while performing special teams duty against Oklahoma	QUESTIONABLE
WR	Stephone Robinson	leg	suffered a contusion against Baylor (X-Rays were negative)	DAY-TO-DAY

OUT FOR SEASON: WR Cameron Ham (broken fibula); DE Drew Hudgins (ruptured Achilles).

NOTE: Injuries are reported in conjunction with the HIPAA laws. CU releases player name, body part (but no right or left ID's), the general nature and playing status when it comes to reporting injuries. Status will be listed as either OUT, DOUBTFUL, QUESTIONABLE, DAY-TO-DAY, PROBABLE or DEFINITE. Injuries will be updated in-game, postgame, the Sunday after the game, and for game notes at the end of the week.

#### SERIES HISTORY—COLORADO VS. KANSAS STATE

Colorado leads the all-time series by a **43-18-1** count, which includes a 17-13-1 mark at Manhattan (with a 26-5 edge in games played in Boulder). The Buffs own a 15-6-1 lead in the series since 1985, with wins four of the last six times out (though CU's last three have been by a total of 13 points, the same margin as K-State's 34-21 win last year). Kansas State won four straight between 1997 and 2000, but Colorado wins in 2001 and 2002 started CU's march to back-to-back Big 12 North Division titles: 16-6 in '01 at Manhattan and 35-31 in '02 in Boulder. The loser has scored 20 or more points in five straight games, a series first. Over the course of the last 11 games, they've either been defensive struggles (four produced a winner that scored 20 points or less (16 or fewer three times), while six of the other seven games in this span have seen the teams average just over 64 points combined. Over the last 22 games, CU has outscored Kansas State 670-370 (including four shutouts), and the Buffs own a 9,184-to-6,272 edge in total offense (KSU has outgained the Buffs just three times in the last 22 games—in 1998, 2002 and 2006—see trends below). **Dan Hawkins** is 0-1 versus Kansas State; KSU's **Ron Prince** is 1-0 against Colorado.

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

**SERIES SIGNATURE ANNIVERSARY GAME** — **5th**. In 2002, Robert Hodge threw three touchdown passes in what would be the sixth best day by a Colorado quarterback in school history to lead the Buffaloes to a 35-31 win over No. 13 Kansas State. The win successfully opened CU's defense of its 2001 Big 12 Conference title. In knocking off the ninth undefeated and ranked team at home since 1989, **TB Chris Brown** also rushed for 167 yards and two scores against a respected KSU defense; but the Buffs did have to hang on after working to a 35-14 lead midway through the third quarter. There were three signature plays in the game that made the Buffs' highlight reel for the decade: an 85-yard burst through the middle by Brown; a 94-yard touchdown pass from Hodge to **WR Jeremy Bloom**, the second longest play from scrimmage in CU history; and the fourth down stop inflicted by **CB Donald Strickland** on K-State back Darren Sproles inside the Buff 5 that allowed CU to maintain a 35-28 lead early in the fourth quarter.

## COLORADO-KANSAS STATE SERIES TRENDS

Here's a quick look at the last 13 games and some team statistical trends in the Colorado-Kansas State series:

				Rank	CU	Rushing	Passing	Tot Off	KSU	Rushing	Passing	Tot Off	
Date	Site	Result	Attend.	CU KSU	FD	att vds td	a-c-i yds td	no vds	FD	att ydstd	a-c-i yds	d no vds	TV
Oct. 22, 1994	Boulder (N)	W 35-21	52,955	2 19	21	52 339 5	18-10-1 136 0	70 475	21	31 72 3	41-24-2 363	72 435	ESPN
Nov. 18, 1995	Manhattan	W 27-17	42,454	9 7	27	41 212 0	42-24-2 314 2	83 526	17	38 81 1	30-16-1 222	68 303	ABC (r)
Nov. 16, 1996	Boulder (N)	W 12- 0	53,550	6 9	15	38 163 2	22-15-1 138 0	60 301	16	27 65 0	40-20-2 163	67 228	FOX
Nov. 15, 1997	Manhattan	L 20-37	43,981	— 10	21	34 198 0	38-17-1 208 2	72 406	20	58 203 3	15- 7-0 156	73 359	ABC (r)
Oct. 10, 1998	Boulder (N)	L 9-16	51,581	14 5	13	31 37 0	34-15-0 225 1	65 262	19	49 184 1	25- 9-1 148	74 332	FOX
Nov. 6, 1999	Manhattan	L 14-20	52,077	— 6	7	25 10 0	28-13-3 204 2	53 214	10	44 96 1	18- 6-2 101	62 197	FOX (r)
Sept. 30, 2000	Boulder	L 21-44	51,896	5	16	35 137 1	34-20-2 267 1	69 404	18	36 153 2	26-15-0 293	62 446	ABC (r)
Oct. 6, 2001	Manhattan	W 16- 6	51,101	— 12	16	45 196 0	16- 8-2 87 1	61 283	15	40 122 1	30-11-2 122	70 196	FOX (r)
Oct. 5, 2002	Boulder	W 35-31	52,584	— 13	15	44 194 2	20-13-0 289 3	64 483	15	44 320 4	14- 5-1 83	58 403	ABC (r)
Oct. 25, 2003	Manhattan	L 20-49	51,536		25	32 132 1	45-29-1 290 1	77 422	23	40 142 3	28-20-0 242	68 384	none
Nov. 13, 2004	Boulder	W 38-31	46,502		15	36 157 3	27-15-1 225 2	63 382	24	41 160 2	34-22-1 212	75 372	none
Oct. 29, 2005	Manhattan	W 23-20	43,890		17	37 91 1	34-17-0 272 1	71 363	22	37 81 2	40-19-0 211	77 292	none
Nov. 4, 2006	Boulder	L 21-34	42,696		16	40 225 2	18-10-0 145 1	58 370	19	38 188 2	26-22-0 251	2 64 439	none

# BUFFS & WILDGATS BY THE NUMBERS

Here's a look at some numbers-related trivia or fun facts with Colorado and Kansas State:

- 6 The number of times two Colorado players have rushed for 100 or more yards in a game against Kansas State;
- 9 The consecutive streak of regionally or nationally televised games in the series that came to an end in 2003—with the next 3 not on TV;
- 16 Kansas State's total offense in the October 24, 1992 game (won by CU, 54-7), the fewest allowed in school history;
- 18 Points scored by Mitch Berger in the '92 game, doing so with four field goals and six PAT kicks;
- 40:25 Colorado's time of possession in the 1987 game, the last time the Buffs held on to the ball over 40 minutes;
  - 50 The length of Mason Crosby's game winning field goal in 2005, the longest by a Buff in the last two minutes to win a game;
  - 52 The number of passing attempts Colorado had in the 1982 game, setting a record at the time for the most in a game in CU history;
  - 64 The distance of the game-winning touchdown pass (with :05 left) from Joel Klatt to Ron Monteilh to give CU a 38-31 win;
  - 80 The distance of the game-winning drive engineering by John Hessler in the '95 game, rallying CU to a 27-17 victory in Manhattan;
  - 94 The yards covered on a touchdown pass from Robert Hodge to Jeremy Bloom in 2002, the longest pass play in CU history;
  - 95 The number of yards Emerson Wilson ran for a touchdown in 1954 against K-State, the longest play from scrimmage in CU history;
  - 100 The number of yards Colorado's Billy Waddy took the opening kickoff in the Nov. 22, 1975 game;
  - 105 The number of plays CU had in 1992, producing 514 total yards in the 54-7 win, the most plays in a game in CU history;
  - 156 The number of rushing yards Darian Hagan had in the 1989 game, helping him to 1,000-yard rushing and passing totals that year;
  - 167 Punt return yards that Deon Figures gained versus Kansas State in the 1992 game (on 10 returns), still a school record;
- 235.9 The passing rating for Robert Hodge in the 2002 game (13-of-20, 289 yards, 3 TDs), the sixth best single-game rating in CU history.

#### THE SET-UP

- Mirror Images. In eight of the 16 major team statistical categories in the season Big 12 Conference statistics, the Buffaloes and Wildcats are listed right next to each other (in six cases, one is third and the other fourth): rushing defense (KS 3, CU 4), scoring defense (KS 3, CU 4), passing defense (CU 3, KS 4), total defense (CU 3, KS 4), total offense (KS 10, CU 11), kickoff returns (CU 3, KS 4), third down conversions (KS 11, CU 12) and third down defense (CU 3, KS 4).
- Colorado and Kansas State are two of the most prolific teams over the last nine seasons when it comes to scoring non-offensive touchdowns. The Wildcats have a total of 56 and the Buffaloes 39, as the two rank third and 10th, respectively in the nation in this time frame.
- > Something's Gotta Give: These two teams have been fast starters in 2007: Colorado has outscored its opponents 45-14 in the first quarter, while Kansas State has done the same by a 48-7 margin.

#### SERIES FAST FACTS

Some team and individual bests in the **Colorado-Kansas State** series:

LEAN	1
Most	<b>Points</b>

CU: 64, on Nov. 17, 1990 KSU: 49, on Oct. 18, 2003

**Fewest Points** 

CU: 0, on Oct. 14, 1939 KSU: 0, on 10 occasions

Most First Downs

CU: 35, on Oct. 19, 1957 KSU: 28, on Nov. 19, 1983 Fewest First Downs

CU: 6, on Oct. 23, 1948 KSU: 3, on Oct. 24, 1992 Most Yards Rushing CU: 518, on Nov

CU: 518, on Nov. 18, 1989 KSU: 376, on Nov. 17, 1953 Fewest Yards Rushing

CU: 37, on Oct. 10, 1998 KSU: -24, on Oct. 24, 1992 **Most Yards Passing** 

CU: 338, on Oct. 24, 1992 KSU: 439, on Nov. 22, 1969 Fewest Yards Passing

CU: 5, on Nov. 20, 1954 KSU: 0, on Oct. 17, 1953 Most Total Plays

CU: 105, on Oct. 24, 1992 KSU: 91, on Nov. 22, 1969

**Fewest Total Plays** 

CU: 33, on Oct. 14, 1939 KSU: 40, on Oct. 1, 1960 **Most Yards Total Offense** 

CU: 647, on Oct. 19, 1957 KSU: 459, on Nov. 22, 1969 Fewest Yards Total Offense

> CU: -13, on Oct. 14, 1939 KSU: 16, on Oct. 24, 1992

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**Most Yards Rushing** 

CU: 246, J.J. Flannigan, Nov. 18, 1989 KSU: 178, Eli Roberson, Oct. 5, 2002

Most Yards Passing

CU: 314, John Hessler, Nov. 18, 1995 KSU: 439, Lynn Dickey, Nov. 22, 1969

**Most Receptions** 

CU: 8, on three occasions. KSU: 12, Mack Herron, Nov. 22, 1969

Most Yards Receiving

CU: 137, Ron Brown, Nov. 19, 1983 KSU: 171, Mack Herron, Nov. 22, 1969

#### KANSAS STATE NOTES

**Kansas State** is 3-2 overall and 1-1 in league play, as the Wildcats partnered with CU on September 29 in knocking off a South Division power: while the Buffs were topping Oklahoma 27-24 in Boulder, K-State steamrolled Texas in Austin, 41-21. KSU made a brief appearance in the AP Top 25, rising to No. 24, but fell out after last Saturday's 30-24 loss to Kansas. The Wildcats led 24-21 midway through the fourth quarter, but the Jayhawks came back to score the game's final nine points to grab the win.

- → The Wildcats leads the nation in punt returns with a gaudy 25.5 average, and it's not due to just a return or two, its for 15 runbacks; take out TD returns of 89 and 80 yards, and the average is still 16.3. K-State's most versatile player might be **WR Jordy Nelson**, as he has 808 all-purpose yards in five games, including 634 on 52 receptions; he's scored four touchdowns and has passed for two more off option plays.
- ➡ Kansas State head coach **Ron Prince** is in his second season at the reins of the Wildcats, owning a **10-8** record.
- **→ SPORTS INFORMATION CONTACT/FOOTBALL**: Kenny Lannou, Sports Information Director: 785/532-6735 (klannou@ksu.edu).

#### SUNFLOWER STATE DOUBLE

With Kansas on the docket next week, this will be the 19th time that Colorado will play the Sunflower State schools in back-to-back games, the sixth straight year at that. The Buffs have swept KU and KSU nine times in this fashion while dropping both games just three times (including 2006); the other six were split, with CU winning the front end five of those times. Twelve of the previous 18 times, the order had the Jayhawks up first.

#### THE LAST TIME... KANSAS STATE 34, COLORADO 21

NOVEMBER 4, 2006 / 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 COLORADO	0	17 0	0 7	17 14	Ξ	34 21			
Kansas State — Patton 15 run	(Snoo	dgrass I	kick)			0- 7	13:20	2Q	
Kansas State — Figurs 9 pass	from	Freema	ın (Śno	dgrass k	(ick)	0-14	6:53	2Q	
Kansas State — Snodgrass 46 FG 0-17 0:01 20									
COLORADO — Jackson 3 run	(Cros	by kick	:)			7-17	1:48	3Q	
Kansas State — Snodgrass 27	' FG					7-20	14:48	4Q	
COLORADO — Jackson 62 ru	n (Cro	sby kic	k)			14-20	13:26	4Q	
Kansas State — Nelson 74 pa	ss fror	n Freen	nan (Sı	nodgrass	s kick)	14-27	11:55	4Q	
Kansas State — Figurs 30 run	(Sno	dgrass	kick)			14-34	7:42	4Q	
COLORADO — DeVree 1 pass	from	Jackso	n (Cros	sby kick)	1	21-34	5:20	4Q	

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

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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 ln20), DiLallo 1-40.0 (0 ln20). *Kansas State:* Reyer 3-43.7 (48 long, 0 ln20).

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.

#### TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Kansas State** in several statistical categories through games of October 6 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis; national rankings include bowl games):

Category	Colorado		Kansas State	
Overall Record, 2007	4-2		3-2	
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game)	1-0		1-1	
Overall Record, 1989-current	146-76-4	(19)	146-76-1	(18)
Versus Ranked Teams	41-50-2		19-36-1	
In Conference Play	93-43-3	(10)	80-58-1	(21)
Alumni On NFL Rosters (as of October 8)	26		?	
Rushing Offense	135.2	(73)	109.8	(99)
Average Per Rush	3.5		4.0	
Passing Offense	244.5	(47)	274.6	(27)
Completion Percentage	56.2		63.2	
Average Per Attempt	6.5		6.2	
Passing Efficiency	117.4	(77)	119.0	(74)
Total Offense	379.7	(70)	384.4	(68)
Average Per Play	5.0		5.3	
Scoring Offense	27.2	(63)	34.6	(27)
Rushing Defense	101.2	(23)	97.4	(20)
Average Per Rush	3.1	(28)	2.7	(12)
Passing Defense	206.8	(42)	211.0	(45)
Completion Percentage	52.8		57.2	
Average Per Attempt	6.4		6.1	
Pass Efficiency Defense	114.3	(33)	111.4	(28)
Total Defense	308.0	(21)	308.4	(22)
Average Per Play	4.7		4.4	
Scoring Defense	20.7	(31)	19.6	(23)
Third Down Conversion Offense	37.6	(75)	38.4	(70)
Third Down Conversion Defense	30.7	(19)	32.9	(29)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed	10/8	(76/31)	17 / 4	(12/5)
Net Punting	36.2	(45)	37.2	(26)
Punt Returns	13.0	(28)	25.5	(1)
Punt Return Yardage Defense	9.6	(70)	9.8	(71)
Kickoff Returns	24.2	(30)	23.8	(34)
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense	19.8	(32)	19.1	(24)
Turnovers	14	(90)	9	(35)
Turnover Margin	-0.67	(91)	+0.20	(52)
Time of Possession	32:37	( 8)	28:38	(93)

#### IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: OCTOBER 13

Colorado is 11-2 all-time on October 13, having last played on the date in 2001. That was a big win over Texas A & M on a solemn occasion, as long-time CU athletic staffer Fred Casotti passed away the day before. Here's a brief look at some of the games played on the date: 1894—CU scores three touchdowns of the 4-point variety to one by the Denver Athletic Club in a 12-4 win over the DAC in Denver. 1951—CU rushes for 325 yards and forced five Missouri turnovers as the Buffs beat Missouri, 34-13, in Boulder. Ralph Curtis gains 121 of those yards and scores three touchdowns in the rout, including a 51-yard dash that gave CU the lead for good at 14-7. 1956—The Buffs crush Colorado State, 47-7, on the strength of a 26-point second quarter after a scoreless first. Seven different Buffs score touchdowns, with Howard Cook scoring twice and Bob Stransky running for on and throwing for another. 1973—The Buffs scored a couple of quick touchdowns to go up 14-0 but found themselves hanging on for dear life in defeating Iowa State in Ames, 23-16. The game was a 20-13 affair at halftime and each team mustered just a field goal in the second half, but Iowa State drove well into Colorado territory five times after intermission, including to the CU 19 and 34 on its last two possessions, but the Buffs responded with big fourth down stops both times to thwart the Cyclones. 1984— Steve Vogel threw touchdown passes of 43 and 85 yards to Ron Brown to take a 23-12 lead in the third quarter and then held on for a 23-21 win over Iowa State in Boulder—CU's lone win in a 1-10 season. 1990—CU used a dominant third quarter to break open a 14-12 game at halftime in defeating Iowa State, 28-12. The week after the infamous Fifth Down game, the Buffs came in ranked No. 11 but dropped to No. 14 despite the win as pollsters bought into the crying by some that Colorado should have given the game to Missouri. Eric Bieniemy ran for 131 yards and a touchdown, and Kanavis McGhee (12 tackles) led a defense that had seven sacks. 2001—Derek McCoy caught five passes for 113 yards as No. 20 CU celebrated being ranked for the first time in 22 weeks with a 31-21 win over No. 25 Texas A & M in Boulder. After Jeremy Flores opened the game with two field goals, including a career-best 51-yard effort for a 6-0 CU lead, the Aggies took a 14-6 lead on a pair of touchdown passes. CU slowly worked its way back into the game and used touchdowns from McCoy and Cortlen Johnson to wrestle lead back in the second half en route to the win.

**OCTOBER 13 COLORADO MVP:** Kory Mossoni, 2001. With Colorado ahead, 24-21, as the game entered the final minute, it was his sack of A&M quarterback Mark Farris that forced a fumble near midfield, ending any chance of an Aggie comeback when Joey Johnson picked up the loose ball and returned it 52 yards for the clinching score.

#### WALK-ONS HOLD THEIR OWN AS BUFFS TIE FOR NATION'S LEAD IN CONTRIBUTORS

CU has five starters that either are or were walk-ons, which is tied for the most in the country. **ILB's R.J. Brown** and **Jeff Smart**, **SS Daniel Dykes**, **FB Samson Jagoras** and **WR Scotty McKnight** and **PR Chase McBride** all joined the Buffs via the walk-on route (Brown, McBride and Smart have since earned schollies). Now that adds to six players, but Brown has been sidelined with concussion issues and Smart has stepped into the starting role. Florida International also has five, followed by Central Michigan, Florida Atlantic and Utah with four; several had three, including Boise State, East Carolina, Fresno State, Texas Tech, Troy and Virginia.

#### ALAN CASS ON THE DL BUT GETTING BETTER

Long-time CU public address announcer **Alan Cass** continues his recovery from the West Nile virus and pneumonia, but will likely miss the entire 2007 home football season; he's missed his first games (three) in over a quarter century. Cass, the one-time director of CU's Coors Events/Conference Center, not to mention the resident expert on all things Glenn Miller-related (the former bandleader attended CU in the 1930s), took over the Folsom Field PA chores from the late **Warner Imig** in 1981, and thus had called 155 straight games before missing the home opener against Florida State (he had also taken over the men's basketball duties a few years earlier). Cass added the Mile High Stadium PA duties for the Denver Broncos in **John Elway's** first season (1983), and had done all Bronco home games until this preseason (256 total, including preseason and playoffs). In his absence, KOA-Radio's **Alan Roach** is substituting for Cass at both venues. Alan is feeling better, and watched the Buffs on television; during the FSU game, ESPN paid tribute to Alan as did the athletic department on the BuffVision screens in sending get well wishes.

#### IN THE POLLS

Colorado was not ranked in the *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* polls of October 30, but was listed among others receiving votes for the second straight week. CU was last ranked in 2005, when 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 **301** polls (*AP*; *62%*), 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 (102), Florida State (96) and Michigan (96).

#### THIRD DOWN DEFENSE "ON FIRE"

When Colorado State scored on its first two second half possessions to take a 28-17 lead in the season opener, at that point the Rams were 9-of-12 on third down conversions. However, since that time, the CU defense has fortified itself on the down. How much so? Since that third defensive series of the second half of the opener, the opponent is a combined **18-of-76** (23.4 percent) converting on the down. For the season, the Buffs are ranked 19th nationally in third down defense (27-of-88, 30.7%), but sans those first 12 tries, the Buffs would be right up there. How far up there? At the top, as UCLA leads nationally with a 23.7 figure.

## COLORADO IN THE POLLS - 2007 WEEKLY

A weekly look at if and where Colorado has placed weekly in each of the four major polls in 2007 (RV—denotes received votes; NV—denotes no votes):

Poll	PS	9/04	9/09	9/16	9/23	9/30	10/07	10/14	10/21	10/28	11/04	11/11	11/18	11/25	12/02	Final
Associated Press						RV (36)	RV (28)									
USA Today Coaches						RV (41)	RV (39)									
Harris Interactive						RV (41)	RV (36)									
BCS Standings																

# COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2007

- **0:00** The amount of time CU led against Oklahoma, as the Buffs won on the final play of the game.
  - The number of opponent turnovers in the previous 16 quarters until Terrence Wheatley's overtime interception in the CSU game;
  - 4 The number of players who have rushed for 100-plus yards against CU in the last 30 games; CSU's Kyle Bell had 135, but needed 40 carries to do it...
- 16 The number of tackles FS Ryan Walters had in the season opener, the third highest total in school history that did not lead the team in a game
- **21-9** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 21-9.
- 22 The number of tackles in 83 defensive plays by ILB Jordon Dizon against Colorado State, the most tackles by a Buff defender in 10 seasons.
- 23 The number of tackles Dizon had against CSU when adding in one he had on special teams.
- **34.4** The completion percentage for Miami-Ohio (11-of-32), the first CU opponent to complete less than 40 percent of its passes in 39 games.
- **45.0** Terrence Wheatley's kickoff return average for three returns against Colorado State.
- **53.3** The school record for average kickoff return for a single game (minimum 3), set by Walter Stanley versus Oklahoma in 1980.
  - **62** The number of punt return yards Colorado had in the 2007 season opener against Colorado State.
- The number of combined yards **WR Patrick Williams** gained on the first plays of the year for 2005 and 2006 (42 on a reception against Montana State in 2006, 24 on a reverse against CSU in 2007; both are CU records for the longest gains on the first play of the year for both disciplines).
- 106 The number of receiving yards by WR Scotty McKnight against Colorado State, the most ever by any CU player in his first career game.
- **112** The number of points scored by Colorado in games 4 through 6, the most in a three-game span since 2002.
- **123** The number of punt return yards Colorado had the entire 2006 season.
- 228 Colorado has scored in 228 consecutive games, the fifth longest active streak in the nation (and the 11th longest of all-time).
- **291** The number of receiving yards by **WR Scotty McKnight** in the first four games in 2007, which was 30 more than CU's 2006 leader (TE Riar Geer).
- **720** The number of days between field goal attempts in a game for senior **PK Kevin Eberhart** (last was Sept. 10, 2005 before this year's opener).

#### 100 Rushing Yards tough to get against the Buffaloes

When an opponent back goes for a hundred against the Buffs, they usually have to earn it. Case in point, CSU's Kyle Bell gained 135 yards in the opener, but needed 40 carries to do it (3.4 per; 25 of his carries went for three yards or less). 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. 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 four 100-yard rushers over the last 31 games (since the start of the 2005 season). In this time frame, only Kansas (two) has allowed fewer in the Big 12 Conference, while all other schools have allowed at least five.
- > 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.

## SUB-300 BECOMING COMMONPLACE; BUFFS IN GOOD COMPANY IN 500 CLUB

Starting in 2005, the 300 yards of total offense figure has been anything but automatic for the opponent: Colorado has held **13** of its last **30** opponents to under 300 yards on offense (including its last three in a row), with just six teams picking up over 400 (no team has hit 500 since Texas A&M racked up 532 on Oct. 23, 2004; *see below*). Florida State was the first victim in 2007, gaining just 221 yards though it did leave town with a 16-6 win; Miami the next week wasn't so lucky, amassing just 139 in a 42-0 CU win and the Buffs held the high-octane Oklahoma Sooners to just 230. Five did not reach CCC (that's 300 in roman numerals) last season, with just three topping the "CD" mark (400). This year, ASU just barely climbed above the 400 mark (402), and Baylor attained it thanks to garbage time against the CU second-stringers (465 yards, 172 in the fourth quarter after the score was 40-9).

**500** Colorado is in some very good company when it comes to how long the Buffaloes have gone without allowing the opponent to gain **500** yards in a game. In fact, only eight schools have gone more games than Colorado's 38; the Buffs surrendered 590 yards in a *three-game* combined stretch earlier this season. Here's a closer look at all teams to not allow 500 yards since the start of the 2005 season (through games of October 6; GNA500 denotes consecutive games not allowing 500-plus yards):

Rk School	GNA500	Last	Rk School	GNA500	Last
1 Maryland	80	547, vs. Georgia Tech (Nov. 18, 2000)	7 Alabama	44	519, at Auburn (Nov. 22, 2003)
2 Penn State	68	542, at Michigan State (Nov. 24, 2001)	8 Clemson	39	502, vs. Texas A&M (Sept. 18, 2004)
3 Florida	49	529, at Arkansas (Oct. 18, 2003)	9 Colorado	38	532, at Texas A&M (Oct. 23, 2004)
4 Utah	47	633, vs. New Mexico (Oct. 25, 2003)	10 Miami (Fla.)	36	545, at North Carolina (Oct. 30, 2004)
5 Florida State	45	514, vs. North Carolina St. (Nov. 15, 2003)	10 Mississippi Sta	te 36	599, at LSU (Sept. 25, 2004)
5 Iowa State	45	503, vs. Kansas State (Nov. 8, 2003)	12 South Florida	32	577, at Cincinnati (Nov. 20, 2004)

## PASS DEFENSE COMING AROUND

When Florida State completed "only" 8-of-18 passes against the Buffaloes, or 44.4 percent of its throws, it ended a streak of 19 consecutive games in which CU opponents had completed over 50 percent of their passes (there were no 50 percent games, all were over). The streak went in the other direction, as the Buffs held the next three opponents under the break-even mark. Miami-Ohio was just 11-of-32 (34.4%) and Oklahoma just 8-of-19 (42.1%). The effort against Miami was the first time since Sept. 11, 2004 that an opponent failed to complete 40 percent of its passes (Washington State in Seattle, 19-of-52 for 36.5 percent). The last time the opponent was held below 50 percent for three straight games was actually a four-game stretch that ended the 1999 regular season (Oklahoma, Kansas State, Baylor and Nebraska); the streak made it to five when including the Insight.com Bowl against Boston College. For the year, the opponent is hovering around 50 percent, at 102-of-193 (52.8%); it is an encouraging statistic since Colorado allowed passes to be completed at a 66.9 percent rate in 2006.

#### SENIOR ANALYSIS

Colorado has 17 seniors on its 2007 roster, most of whom are in the two-deep and see regular action. Ten are on offense, including incumbent first-teamers TB Hugh Charles, OT Edwin Harrison and OT Tyler Polumbus; rounding out the other nine are TE Tyson DeVree, TB Byron Ellis, FB Samson Jagoras, WR Chase McBride, WR Stephone Robinson, TE Joe Sanders and WR Dusty Sprague (McBride and Robinson will see plenty of action returning kicks as well). Defensively, DE Alonzo Barrett, ILB Jordon Dizon and CB Terrence Wheatley are all starters, with SS Lionel Harris to see extended playing time. PK Kevin Eberhart, is out from Mason Crosby's All-American shadow and is shining in his role. The other two seniors, WR Alvin Barnett and QB Bernard Jackson are academically ineligible at present.

#### GRADUATION STAT(U)S

Two of CU's 17 seniors on the roster have already graduated: PK Kevin Eberhart (Aerospace Engineering) and TE Joe Sanders (Ethnic Studies). Seven are on schedule to graduate this December: DE Alonzo Barrett (Sociology), SS Lionel Harris (Sociology), OT Edwin Harrison (double in Communication & Ethnic Studies), WR Chase McBride (Geography), OT Tyler Polumbus (Business Management), WR Dusty Sprague (Business Management) and CB Terrence Wheatley (Economics); all are fifth-year seniors. The remaining eight are all likely May '08 candidates to walk: WR Alvin Barnett (Ethnic Studies), TB Hugh Charles (Sociology), TE Tyson DeVree (Education), ILB Jordon Dizon (Economics), TB Byron Ellis (Integrative Physiology), QB Bernard Jackson (Ethnic Studies), FB Samson Jagoras (Integrative Physiology) and WR Stephone Robinson (double in Business & Sociology).

NOTE: Over the last five years (2002-06), CU has had 93 of its 111 seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 83.8 percent (with seven of the 18 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 at tougher academic schools like Colorado.

#### STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of October 6:

TEAM				
B12         NCAA         Category           8th         73rd         RUSHING OFFEN           9th         47th         PASSING OFFEN           11th         70th         TOTAL OFFENSE           10th         63rd         SCORING OFFEN	SE 244.5 379.7	Hath 23rd RUSHING DEFENS Ard 42nd PASSING DEFENS Ard 21st TOTAL DEFENSE Ath 31st SCORING DEFEN	SE 206.8 308.0	B12         NCAA         Category         Stat           3rd         28th         PUNT RETURNS         13.0           3rd         30th         KICKOFF RETURNS         24.2           5th         45th         NET PUNTING         36.2           9th         91st         TURNOVER MARGIN         -0.67
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference	e) ,			
Rushing Big 12 Hugh Charles	NCAA Yds/Gm 78th 70.2 49.8 NCAA Yds/Gm 35th 242.8 NCAA Rating 70th 120.3 NCAA Yds/Gm 47th 239.2 70.2 NCAA No./Gm 78th 4.2 3.0	Scotty McKnight	NCAA Yds/Gm 51.8 31.3 NCAA Avg. 38th 42.5 NCAA Avg. 27th 12.6 NCAA Avg. 34th Avg. 34th 26.6 NCAA Pts/Gm 77.8 NCAA Pts/Gm 32nd 7.8	Field Goals Kevin Eberhart

## CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts six games into the 2007 season (Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past bistory):

- ⇒ **WR ALVIN BARNETT** is tied for 53rd in receptions (**38**) and 90th in receiving yards (**363**).
- ⇒ **TB HUGH CHARLES** is 15th in rushing yards (**2,021**), 23rd in all-purpose yards (**2,504**), 69th in receiving yards (**436**) and 77th in scoring (**60** points).
- ⇒ ILB JORDON DIZON is seventh in total tackles (364), is sixth in solo tackles (235), tied for 15th in tackles for loss (31) and 25th in sacks (11).
- $\Rightarrow$  **TB BYRON ELLIS** is 92nd in rushing yards (449).
- ⇒ 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 seventh in punt return yards (647), fifth in punt returns (78), seventh in kickoff return yards (857), fourth in kickoff returns (48) and fifth in combined kick return yards (1,504).
- ⇒ **WR DUSTY SPRAGUE** is 13th in receptions (89) and is 15th in receiving yards (1,113).
- ⇒ CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY is tied for sixth in interceptions (11), is tied for ninth in pass deflections (27) and is fifth in kickoff return yards (937).
- ⇒ WR PATRICK WILLIAMS is 24th in receptions (65) and is 40th in receiving yards (642).

#### 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**, but this year, CU already has **401** and owns a **99-yard** edge on the enemy). And the Buffs have 39 return touchdowns over the last eight —plus seasons (35 regular season, four bowl game), the 10th most in the nation for this span. The overall list through games of October 6:

<u>School</u>	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	Bowls	<u>Total</u>	<u>School</u>	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	Bowls	<u>Total</u>
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	6	5	6	2	63	COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	6	3	1	1	4	39
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	8	3	1	1	3	57	Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	4	0	2	3	39
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	8	4	1	56	Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	6	4	1	3	38
Texas	6	6	6	7	9	2	7	8	2	2	55	Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	7	3	0	4	37
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	3	4	3	2	49	California	6	3	1	8	1	2	4	8	4	0	37
Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	2	0	0	40	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	3	0	3	1	3	35
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	6	4	1	2	41	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	1	1	0	34
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	5	2	2	2	1	40	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	3	2	1	1	35
Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	4	2	0	40	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	3	3	2	1	31

**2007 LEADERS:** Hawai'i 8, Virginia Tech 6, Wake Forest 6, Army 5, Arkansas 4, California 4, Cincinnati 4, Kansas 4, Kansas State 4, Mississippi State 4, Troy 4.

# Buffalo Roundup has successful debut at florida state game; to become tradition

The 2007 Colorado Buffaloes are trying something new this fall upon its arrival at Folsom Field prior to home games. Instead of busses just pulling up and unloading the team at the Dal Ward Center, the team is now dropped off at Libby Hall off of Colorado Avenue (approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes prior to kickoff). At that point, the **Buffalo Roundup** will commence; the team walks over to the stadium through the plaza area between Folsom and the MCDB (biology) building, touching the bronze buffalo along the way and accompanied by the pep band. They then enter the stadium at Gate 1 and proceed to the lockerrooms to get dressed for the game. The initial Buffalo Round was prior to the Florida State game and was judged a success.

#### Road-Sweet-road: Buffs 12th 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 58 of the last 95 times in enemy stadiums and is **58-36-1** overall away from home (a 61.6 winning percentage). That stands 12th nationally (ninth 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 **47-25-1** mark in their last 72 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 **22-23** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (**1-0** in 2007). 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	(1988-2	<i>007)</i>			
School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	100	74	26	0	.740
Florida State	92	67	25	0	.728
Tennessee	90	64	24	2	.722
Michigan	93	65	25	3	.715
Ohio State	92	64	26	2	.707
Nebraska	94	63	28	3	.686
Florida	79	51	27	1	.652
Notre Dame	93	59	32	2	.645
Texas	92	58	34	0	.630
Southern Cal	105	65	38	2	.629
Alabama	89	55	34	0	.618
COLORADO	95	58	36	1	.616

#### 19TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989

Colorado has the nation's 19th best record over the last 18-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **146-76-4** 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 (<u>247 consecutive weeks</u>); 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 October 6:

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Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	G	W- L-T	2007
1	Florida State	230	185	44	1	.807	96	66-29-1	4-1
2	Miami, Fla.	224	178	46	0	.795	85	51-34-0	4-2
3	Nebraska	231	181	49	1	.786	69	36-32-1	4-2
4	Ohio State	229	175	51	3	.771	91	51-37-3	6-0
5	Florida	232	178	53	1	.769	102	58-43-1	4-2
5	Tennessee	228	173	52	3	.765	89	49-37-3	3-2
7	Michigan	226	170	53	3	.759	96	58-36-2	4-2
8	Texas	226	158	66	2	.704	77	36-39-2	4-2
9	Virginia Tech	224	156	66	2	.701	60	28-31-1	5-1
10	Auburn	222	152	67	3	.691	73	32-40-1	4-2
11	Penn State	225	155	69	1	.691	83	39-44-0	4-2
12	Oklahoma	225	152	70	3	.682	72	32-39-1	5-1
<u>13</u>	Notre Dame	225	151	72	2	.676	86	40-44-2	1-5
19	COLORADO	226	146	76	4	.655	93	41-50-2	4-2

#### THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12

The Big 12 Conference has entered its 12th season, and 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, Texas A & M 1-1, Kansas State 1-2, Colorado 1-3.

**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 20-12, Kansas State 18-13, Missouri 12-19, Iowa State 11-20 and Kansas 11-20. The Buffs are **12-3** at home in this stretch versus the North, the only losses to Nebraska (2003 & 2005) and Kansas State (2006).

2007 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS											
North Division (+2)	cor	nfere	nce			ov	erall-				
School (AP/Coaches/Harris)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
COLORADO (RV/RV/RV)	2	0	1.000	70	47	4	2	.667	163	124	O 13 at Kansas State
Missouri (#11/#11/#11)	1	0	1.000	41	6	5	0	1.000	209	106	O 13 at Oklahoma
Kansas (#20/#20/#20)	1	0	1.000	30	24	5	0	1.000	244	47	O 13 BAYLOR
Kansas State (RV/RV/RV)	1	1	.500	65	51	3	2	.600	173	98	O 13 COLORADO
Nebraska (RV/RV/RV)	1	1	.500	41	58	4	2	.667	185	174	O 13 OKLAHOMA STATE
Iowa State	0	2	.000	34	77	1	5	.167	111	173	O 13 TEXAS
South Division (-2)	cor	nfere	nce			ov	erall-				
School (AP/Coaches)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
Texas A & M (RV/RV/RV)	2	0	1.000	58	33	5	1	.833	214	133	O 13 at Texas Tech
Oklahoma (#6/#5/#5)	1	1	.500	52	48	5	1	.833	298	95	O 13 MISSOURI
Texas Tech (RV/RV/RV)	1	1	.500	87	66	5	1	.833	315	147	O 13 TEXAS A & M
Oklahoma State	1	1	.500	72	69	3	3	.500	190	154	O 13 at Nebraska
Texas (#23/#22/#21)	0	2	.000	42	69	4	2	.667	190	141	O 13 at Iowa State
Baylor	0	2	.000	33	77	3	3	.500	143	169	O 13 at Kansas

#### HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

**Dan Hawkins** is in his second season as head coach of the University of Colorado football program, which is his seventh year as a Division I-A head coach and his 12th season as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **6-12** record at Colorado, along with a **59-23** record in the Division I-A ranks (53-11 at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **98-35-1** 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 he moved on to Boise State where he was assistant head coach under Dirk Koetter, coaching the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting. When 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 6-12	Home <b>4. 5</b>	Road	Neutral 1- 1			Non-league	Big 12 <b>4- 6</b>	Bowls 0- 0	
Career (NCAA I-A)			- ·		- ·	~ -	- ·	5- 6	2- 2	

- ♦ Hawkins has been a head coach for 134 games (98-35-1), with that record and 73.5 winning percentage ninth in the nation for active coaches with 100 or more games coached for their career.
- In 13 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 his first season at Colorado 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 on the vertical passing game: "I love the long pass. As I've come along in this game, I've learned you've got to pound it and launch it."
- ♦ Hawk's philosophy on big wins, like CU's 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma: "You enjoy it on Saturday, but come Sunday, it's in the vapor trail."
- One of his beliefs is, "Once is a mistake; twice is a behavior." He applies it to football, whether for things on or off the field, and to life.
- ♦ Hawk's response about potential for disaster after the 0-3 start in 2006: "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."
- Versus' 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 in 2006 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 60 Division I-A coaches voting in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll in 2007 (the seventh straight year he is a voter and the 21st straight year CU's head coach has participated).

Dan Ha	awkins Year-By-Year Coachir	ig Re	ecord											
		Over	rall					Conf	erence	;				
Season	School	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Орр	Finish/Conf.
1993	Willamette	5	4	0	.556	293	281	3	2	0	.600	179	143	t-2nd / Mt. Hood
1994	Willamette	6	3	0	.667	218	214	4	1	0	.800	111	108	2nd / Mt. Hood
1995	Willamette	6	2	1	.722	314	171	4	0	1	.900	195	103	t-1st / Mt. Hood
1996	Willamette	9	2	0	.818	374	246	5	0	0	1.000	158	100	1st / NWC (a)
1997	Willamette	13	1	0	.929	470	187	5	0	0	1.000	200	47	1st / NWC ( <b>b</b> )
2001	Boise State	8	4	-	.667	411	280	6	2	-	.750	307	184	t-2nd / WAC
2002	Boise State	12	1	-	.923	593	240	8	0	-	1.000	409	111	1st / WAC
2003	Boise State	13	1	-	.929	602	239	8	0	-	1.000	375	143	1st / WAC
2004	Boise State	11	1	-	.917	587	308	8	0	-	1.000	401	196	1st / WAC
2005	Boise State	9	4	-	.692	469	317	7	1	-	.875	339	178	t-1st / WAC
2006	Colorado	2	10	-	.167	196	267	2	6	-	.250	160	199	5th / Big 12 North
2007	Colorado	4	2	-	.667	163	124	2	0	-	1.000	70	47	
Colorad	o Totals	6	12	-	.333	359	391	4	6	-	.400	230	246	
Division	I-A Totals	59	23	-	.720	3021	1775	41	9	-	.820	2061	1058	
Career T	otals	98	35	1	.735	4690	2874	62	12	1	.833	2904	1559	
KEY: (a	)—NAIA National Quarterfinalist; (	<b>b</b> )—N	NAIA I	Natio	nal Runn	er-up.								

## HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS CONTINUED

So far this season, Hawkins coached against two teams for the first time, Florida State and Miami-Ohio. Next season, with the rotational change for the Big 12 South Division teams, he'll get his first look at Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A & M. He has now coached against 39 different teams in his career:

### Dan Hawkins vs. the Nation (I-A/FBS Only)

School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School	W	L	Pts	Opp	School V	W	L	Pts	Opp
Arizona State	0	2	17	54	Georgia	0	2	26	62	Missouri	. 0	1	13	28	SMU	2	0	83	23
Arkansas	0	1	14	41	Hawai'i	5	0	244	124	Montana State	. 0	1	10	19	South Carolina	0	1	13	32
Baylor	1	1	74	57	Idaho	5	0	242	86	Nebraska	. 0	1	14	37	TCU	1	0	34	31
Boston College	0	1	21	27	Idaho State	1	0	62	0	Nevada	. 5	0	256	52	Texas Tech	1	0	30	6
Bowling Green	1	0	48	20	Iowa State	2	0	67	32	New Mexico State	. 1	0	56	6	Tulsa	4	0	165	96
Brigham Young	2	0	78	39	Kansas	0	1	15	20	Oklahoma	. 1	1	30	48	Utah State	2	0	108	59
Central Michigan	1	0	26	10	Kansas State	0	1	21	34	Oregon State	. 1	2	104	90	UTEP	4	0	198	72
Colorado State	1	1	41	42	Louisiana Tech	4	1	206	122	Portland State	. 1	0	21	14	Washington State	0	1	20	41
Florida State	0	1	6	16	Louisville	0	1	40	44	Rice	. 1	1	63	52	Wyoming	2	0	68	30
Fresno State	4	1	173	111	Miami-Ohio	1	0	42	0	San Jose State	. 5	0	272	98	Totals 5	59	23	3021	1775

#### Dan Hawkins / Situational (I-A/FBS Only)

Category	$\mathbf{w}$	L	Category	W	L
Overall	59	23	Scoring 50+ Points	19	0
At Colorado	6	12	Scoring 20+ Points	59	8
At Boise State	53	11	Scoring <20 Points	0	15
Home	35	7	Ranked Teams	3	10
Boulder	4	5	No. 1	0	0
Boise	31	2	Top 5	1	0
Road	22	14	Top 10	1	2
At Colorado	1	6	Unranked Teams	56	13
Neutral	2	2	As A Ranked Team	16	2
Bowl Games	2	2	Conference Games	41	9
Day Games	35	16	Home	23	2
Night Games	24	7	Big 12 Games	4	6
Shutouts	2	0	Home	3	2

Category	W	L
Non-Conference	18	14
At Colorado	2	6
7-Point Games Or Closer	12	9
Overtime	2	1
1 OT	1	0
2 OT	1	0
3 OT	0	1
August	1	0
September	15	13
October	23	4
November	17	4
December	3	2
January	0	0

Category	W	L
Sunday	0	0
Monday	0	0
Tuesday	2	0
Wednesday	1	1
Thursday	1	1
Friday	5	2
Saturday	50	19
Eastern Time Zone	0	3
Central Time Zone	9	8
Mountain Time Zone	41	9
Pacific Time Zone	6	3
Hawaii-Aleutian Time Zone	3	0

## HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST

**Dan Hawkins** has one of the top records among all-active Division I-A (FBS) coaches. He owns the 12th best mark and is listed among some of the top names in the profession (ninth for those with 100-plus games). A closer look through games of October 6:

W	L	T	Pct.
69	13	0	.841
66	14	0	.825
91	20	0	.820
65	19	0	.774
140	43	0	.765
370	114	4	.762
162	51	2	.758
117	38	0	.755
367	123	3	.747
203	71	2	.739
144	51	2	.736
98	35	1	.735
102	37	0	.734
57	23	0	.713
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#### THE CLASS OF '06

In 2006, 10 programs hired new head coaches, including Colorado (with Northwestern being the 11th to do so when head coach Randy Walker passed away unexpectedly in July '06). Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" and their record through games of October 6 (\*—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Chris Peterson, Boise State	17	1	.944
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin	17	2	.895
*Ron Prince, Kansas State	10	8	.556
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee	8	11	.421
*Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern	7	11	.389
Dan Hawkins, Colorado	6	12	.333
*Chuck Long, San Diego State	5	12	.294
*Turner Gill, Buffalo	4	14	.222
*Al Golden, Temple	2	16	.111
No longer with same program:			
Todd Graham, Rice	7	6	.538
Dennis Erickson, Idaho	4	8	.333

# FIRST & SECOND YEAR COACHING COMPARISONS

**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. **Bill Mallory** is the coach that had the most improvement in W-L record, going 9-3 in 1975 after a 5-6 mark his inaugural year (+4), followed by **Bill McCartney** ( $+1\frac{1}{2}$ ) and **Sonny Grandelius** (+1). Six of the nine current Big 12 coaches all had better records in their second seasons (the other three matched their first year mark); **Bob Stoops** (Oklahoma) had the top improvement, going from 7-5 in 1999 to 13-0 and the NC.

	naugural		Poi	nts	—A vg	Win-	Offen	se		Defei	ıse		Turnover		2nd Yr.
Head Coach	Season	Record	ForAg	gainst	Win	Loss	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass	<b>Total</b>	Margin	Problem Spot(s)	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	4-2

## 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 Brad Bedell 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 Jeff Grimes, 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 2007 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. Through five games in 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 **1,096** games (with a record of **659-433-4**, **.603**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 406 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 (29) and Brian Harsin, Boise State (31). A closer look:

YOUNGEST	COORDINATORS	(as of September 24, 2007)

Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age	Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age		
Major Applewhite	Alabama	Offensive	July 26, 1978	29	Tyrone Nix	South Carolina	Defensive	Sept. 30, 1972	35		
Charlie Jackson	Buffalo	Defensive	Nov. 4, 1976	30	Tim Tibesar	Kansas State	Defensive	Aug. 27, 1972	35		
Brian Harsin	Boise State	Offensive	(private)	31	Danny Langsdorf	Oregon State	Offensive	June 28, 1972	35		
Justin Wilcox	Boise State	Defensive	(private)	31	Dan Mullen	Florida	Offensive	April 27, 1972	35		
Mike Elston	Central Michigan	Co-Defensive	Nov. 1, 1974	32	Patrick Nix	Georgia Tech	Offensive	April 7, 1972	35		
Dave Fipp	San Jose State	Co-Defensive	Aug. 8, 1974	33	James Franklin	Kansas State	Offensive	Feb. 2, 1972	35		
Manny Diaz	Middle Tennessee	Defensive	March 3, 1974	33	Mike Groh	Virginia	Offensive	Dec. 19, 1971	35		
Jeremy Rowell	Troy	Co-Defensive	Nov. 21, 1973	33	Dave Doeren	Wisconsin	Co-Defensive	Dec. 3, 1971	35		
Mark Helfrich	Colorado	Offensive	Oct. 28, 1973	33	Dana Holgorsen	Texas Tech	Co-Offensive	June 21, 1971	36		
Todd Ford	North Texas	Offensive	March 28, 1973	34	Todd Orlando	Connecticut	Defensive	March 24, 1971	36		
Rod Smith	South Florida	Offensive	Feb. 22, 1973	34	(Five others born be	(Five others born between Dec. 25, 1969 and July 30, 1970)					

## 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**.

#### **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 two decades. 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."

# THE SIMULATOR

Coors Field brought "The Humidor" into vogue; CU kind of did 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 was first developed and tested by an Arizona State alum. Helfrich calls the simulator a hybrid between the standard playbook and videotape. The Buffs used it a lot more in 2006, not as much so far this year, but it is still available to the kids.

#### TURNOVER MARGIN

Colorado finished +0.67 in turnover margin in 2006, 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).

> In 2007, CU is minus-4 through six games (-3 in the four wins, -1 in the two losses, go figure). CU was plus-1 versus Oklahoma.

#### COACHES CORNER... WITH DAN HAWKINS

Some select comments from head coach Dan Hawkins following CU's 43-23 win at Baylor; for more from Hawk, check out his blog at CUBuffs.com (located at <a href="http://www.coachhawkins.com/stepout.htm">http://www.coachhawkins.com/stepout.htm</a>):

**ON THE GAME:** "We are always searching for that perfect tapestry, there are a lot of teams today that had ugly losses so the fact that you come on the road and have a win on the road, score 43 and win by 20, that's probably a good sign for your team. I don't want them going away frowning. It doesn't matter whether it's Oklahoma or Miami. We've got things to learn."

**ON BAYLOR'S SPREAD OFFENSE**: "When you play these types of teams, they are getting a lot of yards, and it becomes frustrating for everyone. But you have to realize that's going to happen, and then adjust to keep them out of the end zone."

And from his Tuesday media luncheon prior to the Kansas State game:

**ON BEING MORE FIRED UP FOR A ROAD GAME**—"The good teams always get fired up. The good teams get fired up and it doesn't matter if you're home or away or who your opponent is or when it is. They see an opportunity and they maximize that opportunity; that has been my experience anyway."

**ON THE BAYLOR GAME**—"I think, again, that there was some frustration but it was that we were just a hair away from some big plays. It wasn't like 'Oh you missed that pass' or 'Oh you missed that block,' it was more 'One more guy and we return that kick for a touchdown' or 'One more guy and we return that interception for a touchdown.' Just one inch further and we'd have gotten a blocked punt or one inch further and we'd have got the fumble on the return. There were just a bunch of those plays in there where you go 'Oh my gosh we were just so close to it right there.'"

**ON KANSAS STATE KICK RETURNERS**—"Yeah, that is probably fair enough to say (that they are the best kick returners CU has seen). They are one of the better teams we'll play, I like the way they play. They play hard, they come after you in every phase, and they do a great job of limiting mistakes. I like the way Ron (Prince) coaches his guys and the way they play. They definitely have an atmosphere about them."

**ON WHAT IT TAKES TO RETURN A KICK FOR A TD**—"It is usually 11 guys going full speed, doing one small technique correctly. People aren't taking plays off or taking plays for granted. It certainly helps to have personnel, to have somebody who is fast or elusive with the ball, but when you have a program like theirs, they have a combination of good guys and guys who bust their fanny to get it done."

**ON THE TEAM'S REACTION TO THE NEW PRACTICE BUBBLE**—"They were excited, they really were. It was great to see the smiles on their faces. Whether it is a win or a new facility you just continue to see this program grow and things develop. It was fun to see the looks on their faces."

**ON KSU DEFENSE**—"I think the thing that really sticks out is how aggressive and physical they are, and I mean all of them. They come off the ball and come after you, they can run and they have good size and strength. They are very sound in all of that. It is a little bit different in terms of how they come after you. Some of the things you are doing against an even front team you aren't going to be doing against an odd front team, so it is just a little different."

**ON HIS MIDSEASON GRADE FOR THE TEAM**—"Again, I'm one of those guys where you are never there and you are never not there. I always tell our guys that the average ought to be good, your average performance ought to be good. I think we are getting there and getting used to that but there are a lot of games to be played."

**ON WHAT THE TEAM HAS DONE BEST THIS SEASON**—"I think the biggest thing that they have done is adhere to the principals and philosophies of what it is that we are trying to get done. I have been pleased with their leadership, toughness, work ethic and their ability to start fast and finish. All those things that we talk about that are so important, not only in football but other things. That, to me has been awesome and that is why we have played better. Clearly when you have your sophomore season (as a coach) you have a little more experience and your guys have a better understanding of what is going on and that helps."

ON WHAT HE WANTS THE TEAM TO IMPROVE ON—"Well our turnover ratio is still not good. I think offensively the last three games we have been playing pretty good. We had a few glitches there early on and our offense has made tremendous strides, as has our defense, but I think our offense had been a little bit behind. I think if you look at the body of work our offense has done the last three weeks or so has been pretty good, pretty consistent. But we're always working on turnovers and trying to get to that next level and that is why I say when you get to a scenario, like that Baylor game, where you say 'Gee wiz, we were so close to blocking that punt' and those kinds of things you'd like to just get over the hump a little bit, special teams wise."

**ON SCOUT TEAM**—"I really mean this, part of the reason that we are better is that our scout team has been getting better. We do a lot of service team work in practice and it is interesting because a lot of the defensive guys, to some degree, would rather go against the scout team versus service because they are giving them a better look and they know what is going on. That has helped us all the way around, we have been way better on scout team and I don't know if it is one guy over another but we have a number of people who have stepped up and that is part of learning how to be a good football team. Those guys are understanding and appreciating it, and that is hard. You're playing somebody else's scheme every week and coaches are yelling at you and players are yelling at you, you aren't getting a lot of rest but you have to keep coming."

#### PLAYER QUOTES

Some select player comments from the players after the 43-23 win over Baylor (note; only quick comments provided by home team quote crew):

#### PK KEVIN EBERHART

ON THE GAME—"I didn't surprise myself, but it definitely wasn't my best ball today. Luckily there was a little belp from behind on that one and I hit it just enough. You get some really great balls that don't go in and you hit some balls that you wish you had back to do again. There is going to be a time when its going to be an important kick early on and you never know when you are going to get another chance later in the game."

#### TB HUGH CHARLES

ON HIS CAREER RUSHING SURPASSING 2,000 YARDS—"It's a great honor, I came in here wanting to be one of the top backs and I know coming into the end of the season that I had opportunities to break some records and I'm just doing my job out there and playing hard."

GETTING THE RUSHING GAME GOING—"I was disappointed with the first half, I wasn't really getting the rock like I wanted to. The second half they started feeding it to me and the running game was going. The first half it wasn't there, and that's the most important thing for an offense to have."

# GAME #1—COLORADO 31, COLORADO STATE 28 (OT)

DENVER — Kevin Eberhart dutifully waited for his chance playing behind two-time All-American Mason Crosby the last three seasons, and when the Colorado senior placekicker had his chance in the spotlight, he connected on field goals to force overtime and then to win the game as the Buffaloes defeated in-state rival Colorado State, 31-28.

The Buffs rallied from 11 down against the Rams, the second time in three years CU was down by that many and came back to claim the victory, both by the same final score. Crosby was the hero in 2005, and this time around Eberhart made clutch kicks from 22 vards out with 13 seconds left in regulation, and then the game winner in overtime from 35 yards after Terrence Wheatley snuffed out CSU's overtime chance with an interception in the end zone.

Both teams scored touchdowns on their first possessions, as the score was 14-14 just three minutes into the second quarter. Redshirt freshman Cody Hawkins got off to a good start, completing his first five passes, two of which went for touchdowns to Scotty McKnight and Tyson DeVree. Thing settled down a bit in the second quarter, and Eberhart's 38-yard field goal just before the halftime gun gave the Buffs a 17-14 lead heading into intermission.

CSU took its first lead of the game with an impressive opening drive in the second half, and then used the recovery of a fluke squib kickoff, which bounded off CU's R.J. Brown, to score quickly and take a 28-17 just five minutes into the second half.

From that point on, it was all CU, as the Buff defense stiffened in holding the Rams to just five first downs and 79 yards on their last six possessions. Meanwhile, Colorado inched closer as Hawkins led the Buffs on a 14-play, 86-yard march that culminated with a

(September 1; Denver)

37:01

12/CS34

3-4 (21)

22:59

11/C44

4-4 (20)

Demetrius Sumler 3-yard touchdown run that pulled the Buffs to within five. The CU coaches elected to go for two, which proved big after Hawkins connected with Riar Geer for the deuce to cut the lead to 28-25.

Special teams play was a deciding factor in this game, and the Buffs dominated their northern counterparts in a big way. The last blow came with two minutes left, when Chase McBride returned a punt 43 yards to the CSU 34. An interference penalty on fourth down that prevented a Patrick Williams catch moved the ball to the 14, and three plays later Eberhart made the first of his two late kicks to send the game into an extra session.

Wheatley made the pick of a Caleb Hanie pass on a third-and-goal play from CU's 9-yard line, as linebacker Jordon Dizon forced Hanie to throw on the run with Wheatley in the right place to snare the pass, which was CSU's only turnover of the game.

CU ran three short yardage plays that kept the ball near the middle of the field, giving Eberhart a straighter shot at the winning points, which he made with ease.

Sumler led all CU ground gainers with 86 yards, while Hawkins completed 18-of-31 passes for 201 yards and two scores. McKnight caught eight passes for 106 yards and a score, the most receiving yards in a first career game by any Colorado receiver.

Drives/Average Field Position.....

Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points).....

Colorado State ...... 0 0 28 COLORADO ..... 8 3 3 31

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — McKnight 24 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	7- 0	12:52	1Q
Colorado State — Sperry 6 pass from Hanie 3 run (Smith kick)	7- 7	6:56	1Q
COLORADO — DeVree 10 pass from Hawkins (hart kick)	14- 7	5:18	1Q
Colorado State — Sperry 4 pass from Hanie (Smith kick)	14-14	12:22	2Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 38 FG	17-14	0:01	2Q
Colorado State — Sperry 37 pass from Hanie (Smith kick)	17-21	12:05	3Q
Colorado State — Bell 13 run (Smith kick)	17-28	10:05	3Q
COLORADO — Sumler 3 run (Geer pass from Hawkins)	25-28	0:34	3Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 22 FG	28-28	0:13	4Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 35 FG	31-28		OT
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Attendance: 68,133 Time: 3:35			

Weather: 75 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 3 mph winds from the northeast

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 16-85, Williams 2-24, Moyd 1-9, Robinson 2-7, Ellis 3-4, Hawkins 3-2, Team 1-minus 2. Colorado State: Bell 40-135, Johnson 3-11, Hanie 11-11,

Mosure 1-1. Team 1-minus 1. Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 31-18-1, 201, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. Colorado State: Hanie 27-20-1, 229, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 8-106, Williams 5-59, Charles 1-15, DeVree 1-10, J.Sanders 1-9, Jagoras 1-4, Ellis 1-minus 2. Colorado State: Sperry 8-103, Walker 5-74, Roberts 3-22,

Bell 2-16. Morton 1-12. Johnson 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-36.5 (37 long, 2 ln20). Colorado State: Kaylor 4-41.5 (53 long, 1 ln20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 3-62. Colorado State: none.

Kickoff Returns— Colorado: Wheatley 3-135, Ellis 1-15, Brown 0-2, Team 1-minus 7. Colorado State: Hill 4-93, Bryson 2-21.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-0. Colorado State: Pagnotta 1-3.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 17,5—22; Walters 8,8—16; Dykes 7,2—9; Lucas 6,2—8; Jones 3,5—8; R.Brown 5,1—6; Hypolite 5,1—6; Wheatley 4,2—6; Burney 4,1—5;

Nicolas 4,1—5; Smart 2,3—5. Colorado State: Kubiak 6,2—8; Pagnotta 4,4—8; Horinek 4,3—7; Pottorff 5,1—6; Williams 5,0—5; Cornelson 4,1—5; Nading 2,3—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Lucas 2-16, Hypolite 1-8. Colorado State: Pagnotta 1-6.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Dizon. Colorado State Hill, Horinek, Nading, Pottorff, B.Smith.

#### **GAME NOTES**

ILB Jordon Dizon racked up 22 tackles, the most by a Buffalo since 1997 (28 by Hannibal Navies versus Missouri)... WR Patrick Williams ran a reverse for 24 yards on the first play of the game, the longest rush on the first play of the season; he also owns the longest reception mark of 42 which he set in 2006 against Montana State... CU had 10 different players pile up a combined 26 special team points, one of the highest single-game totals in school history... The last six CU-CSU games have been decided by 26 points... This was the first overtime game in the series, and CU's first in a season opener; it was one of only two overtime games involving I-A/FBS teams over the first weekend. CU is now 74-39-5 in season openers, with a 9-5 mark against CSU; **QB Cody Hawkins** won his debut to raise the mark to 6-1 against Colorado State for CU signal callers who had their starting initiations against the Rams; Terrence Wheatley's 68-yard kickoff return in the third quarter was the longest by a Buff since Oct. 18, 2003, when Jeremy Bloom returned one 88 yards for a TD at Kansas State; Wheatley's interception in overtime gave him 10 for his career, tying him for eighth on CU's all-time pick list... Colorado scored in its 223rd straight game... Hawkins' touchdown pass to McKnight with 12:52 left in the first quarter was CU's quickest first score of the season since 1989, when Eric Bieniemy scored from a yard out against Texas just 1:15 into the game.... McKnight had a great coming out party, as after suffering a broken ankle on the first day of spring practices, he rebounded to earn the top spot atop the grouping at the "Z" receiver position. He had eight receptions for 106 yards and a score, the first Buff to have a hundred yard receiving day since Evan Judge had 108 yards at Kansas State in 2005... Ten freshmen (two true) saw their first collegiate action in the game: CB Jalil Brown, WR Kendrick Celestine (true), PK Tyler Cope (true), QB Cody Hawkins, DE Marquez Herrod, WR Scotty McKnight, OG Wes Palazzi, CB Jimmy Smith, TE Nate Solder and TB Demetrius Sumler. In addition, SS Daniel Dykes played in his first CU game after transferring from Idaho and ILB Jake Duren after doing the same from UNC... CU freshman Michael Knorps, the victim in an on-campus stabbing on August 27, was a special guest of the team at the game. He watched from the sidelines, and when the Buffs took the podium for the Centennial Cup presentation, he was waved up by PK Kevin Eberhart to join in the celebration.

# **GAME #2—ARIZONA STATE 33, COLORADO 14**

(September 8; Tempe)

TEMPE, Ariz. — Colorado matched the game time temperature a hot start by zooming to a 14-0 lead, but the Buffaloes cooled off as the evening progressed as Arizona State shut CU out from the first quarter on in rallying for a 33-14 victory.

The 102 degree reading at kickoff was the warmest ever in school history, and it didn't seem to bother the Buffs in the least as Terrence Wheatley picked off a Rudy Carpenter pass just under a minute into the game and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown and a 7-0 CU lead

Coupled with a stout early defensive performance, the Sun Devils went three plays and out three times in their first four possessions, while Colorado started three of its four drives inside ASU territory. But the Buffs struggled moving the ball and couldn't capitalize on great field position for their first six drives, which on average was the ASU 44, and managed just one score from those six opportunities, that coming on a 10-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Scotty McKnight.

After spotting CU the two-score lead, ASU came back with 33 unanswered points in just under 17 minutes. After finally getting their wake up call, the Sun Devils started with a

19-point scoring blitz in the final four minutes of the first half to wrestle momentum away from the Buffs. Carpenter hit Michael Jones on a 12-yard scoring pass to cap a 12-play, 80-yard march to get on the board, and then pulled to within 14-13 on a 26-yard interception return by Troy Nolan, though the PAT kick sailed wide.

Following a CU punt, ASU had another crack in the half, though starting at its own 14 with 1:25 left. Using the two-minute offense to perfection and also capitalizing on a key fourth down play along the way, Carpenter drove the Sun Devils 86 yards in 71 seconds, finding Kyle Williams on a 22-yard pass play for the go-ahead score.

Arizona State used two short scoring drives for touchdowns in the third quarter to pull away from the Buffs, as both possessions started on CU's side of the 50 and took just nine plays between them.

The Sun Devils doubled up the Buffs on offense, owning a 407-204 edge in yards, and for the second straight week the opponent had as substantial advantage in time of possession (nearly an eight-minute edge for ASU). It was just the eighth time since 1993 that the Buffaloes had a two-score lead at any point in a game and didn't hold on for the win.

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SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — Wheatley 35 interception return (Eberhart kick)	7- 0	14:06	1Q
COLORADO — McKnight 10 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	14- 0	6:21	1Q
Arizona State — Jones 12 pass from Carpenter (Weber kick)	14- 7	4:11	2Q
Arizona State — Nolan 26 interception return (kick failed)	14-13	3:03	2Q
Arizona State — Williams 22 pass from Carpenter (pass failed)	14-19	0:14	2Q
Arizona State — Torain 7 run (Weber kick)	14-26	9:37	3Q
Arizona State — Jones 20 pass from Carpenter (Weber kick)	14-33	1:27	3Q

**Attendance:** 58,417 **Time**: 3:41

Weather: 102 degrees, clear skies, variable winds

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	ARIZONA ST.
First Downs	. 15	22
Third Down Efficiency	. 4-18	5-18
Fourth Down Efficiency		2-3
Rushes—Net Yards		44-138
Passing Yards	. 172	269
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)		37-19-1
Total Offense		407
Return Yards	. 52	54
Punts: No-Average	. 8-40.2	8-37.9
Fumbles: No-Lost		3-2
Penalties/Yards		12/136
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	. 3-20	2-16
Time of Possession	. 26:09	33:51
Drives/Average Field Position	. 17/C36	15/AS30
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)		2-2 (14)

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 16-34, Celestine 2-17, Ellis 2-0, Moyd 1-minus 2, Williams 1-minus 2, Nelson 1-minus 7, Hawkins 2-minus 7, Team 1-minus 1. Arizona State: Torain 17-91, Carpenter 11-21, Herring 10-19, Nance 5-18, Burgess 1-minus 11.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 43-16-1, 162, 1 td; Nelson 3-1-0, 10; DiLallo 1-0-0, 0. Arizona State: Carpenter 37-19-1, 269, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-63, J.Sanders 3-35, Williams 3-22, Sprague 2-14, Geer 1-32, Sumler 1-4, Robinson 1-2. Arizona State: Jones 6-96, McGaha 3-47, Miller 3-29, Burgess 2-29, Thompson 2-26, Williams 1-22, Kimbrough 1-14, Torain 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 7-39.1 (48 long, 4 ln20); Suazo 1-48.0 (0 ln20). Arizona State: Johnson 8-37.9 (47 long, 1 ln20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 4-17. Arizona State: Williams 2-27, Kimbrough 1-1, Thompson 1-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 5-102, McKnight 1-21. Arizona State: Tryon 2-46, McGaha 1-14.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-35, 1 td. Arizona State: Nolan 1-26, 1 td.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 14,3—17; Dykes 6,5—11; Jones 7,3—10; Burney 4,4—8; Walters 3,4—7; Smart 3,3—6; R.Brown 2,3—5; Barrett 3,0—3; Lucas 2,1—3. Nicolas 2,1—3.

Arizona State: James 6,3—9; Jones 4,1—5; Wooten 3,2—5; Baloney 4,0—4; Tryon 3,1—4; Nolan 3,1—4; Goethel 1,3—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dizon 2-13, Nicolas 1-7. Arizona State: James 1-9, Munns 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Walters 2, Wheatley 2, C.Brown, Dykes, Jones. Arizona State: Tryon 3, Baloney 2, James 2, Barrett, Goethel 1, Nolan.

#### **GAME NOTES**

The 102 degree temperature at kickoff was the warmest in school history, eclipsing the 99 degrees at kick on Sept. 21, 2002 at UCLA... Arizona State became just the 11th school (out of 47 with multiple games) to win its first two games in the series with Colorado; the fourth Pac-10 team to do so, joining Oregon State, UCLA and USC... Arizona State had 12 penalties, including seven of the personal foul variety, as CU earned a school record seven first downs by penalty... All seven Colorado penalties were on the offense... CU was without the services of tailback Hugh Charles, who missed the game with a strained hamstring; the Buffs running game never got untracked, netting just 49 yards on 23 tries when allowing for sacks and kneeldowns... CU was 1-of-22 on second down trying to earn a new set of downs, quite often leaving long situations on third down tries, as Colorado was 4-of-13, with the average distance-to-go from 9 yards... DT Brandon Nicolas recorded his first career quarterback sack in the game... P Matt DiLallo's first two punts were inside-the-20 boots, as his first four of the season were such before recording a touchback on his third kick of he game... CU is now 1-3 in ASU Sun Devil Stadium, 1-2 in Fiesta Bowls and 0-1 against host Arizona State... QB Cody Hawkins suffered his first loss as a starting quarterback dating back to Pop Warner ball, as he is now 60-1... It was CU's seventh straight road games, dating back to a 30-16 loss at Iowa State in 2005, its longest road losing streak since dropping 10 in a row over the 1980 and 1981 seasons (0-5 both years; CU won its last road game in '79 and their first in '82)... CB Terrence Wheatley returned a first quarter interception 35 yards for a touchdown, the second INT for a score in his career. His first came his sophomore year on Oct. 30, 2004 in Boulder when he returned one 37 yards for CU's only touchdown in a 31-7 loss to No. 8 Texas. It was CU's first interception since the Kansas game last year (Oct. 28, game 9), and was Wheatley's 11th for his career, tying him for sixth on CU's all-time pick list with Steve Rosga (1992-96) and Ben Kelly (1997-99)... QB Nick Nelson and P Tom Suazo saw their first college action in the game... WR Scotty McKnight caught 14 passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns in CU's first two games; he is rapidly approaching last year's leading numbers, as TE Riar Geer led CU last season in all three categories (24-261-3)... ILB Jordon Dizon had 17 tackles and has moved into 12th place all-time at Colorado, as he has 321 for his career. He is the nation's third active leading tackler, and his two sacks against ASU gave him 10 for his career, bumping him up into a tie for 29th in CU annals.

# **GAME #3—FLORIDA STATE 16, COLORADO 6**

(September 15; Boulder)

BOULDER — The opportunities were there for a second straight week but the Colorado Buffaloes couldn't capitalize before a "blacked-out" crowd of nearly 53,000 and a national television audience as the Florida State Seminoles escaped their firstever trip to Boulder with a 16-6 victory.

In a game where CU dominated both the possession time and the play count on a warm night, Florida State did not wear down until late in the game, holding the Buffaloes scoreless for over 56 minutes until Colorado broke through with a touchdown to extend the nation's fifth longest active scoring streak to 225 games.

But the Cody Hawkins 11-yard pass to Tyson DeVree in the end zone, on fourth down at that, came quickly (eight plays and 71 yards in 58 seconds), but was just too late. CU got the ball back and again drove deep into FSU territory, but were rebuffed with two seconds remaining on a Tony Carter interception, his second of the game, with his theft in the end zone all but preserving the win.

The teams dueled to a scoreless tie after one quarter, but the Seminoles took command of the scoreboard in the second, using a 36-yard touchdown run by Antone Smith to take a 7-0 lead and then a 31-vard field goal by Gary Cismesia to work to 10-0 lead. Cismesia would add field goals from 27 yards in the third and 37 early in the fourth to build a secure two-score lead for FSU.

Colorado couldn't swing momentum back its way until its final two drives in the game, though an interception by Brad Jones was ruled an incomplete pass by the Atlantic Coast Conference officiating crew, with no stoppage of the game for a review of the play. It happened on the second play of the second half, and had it been allowed, CU would have been in business inside the FSU 30.

Regardless, CU had its chances, driving four times deep into Seminole territory but could only produce the one score. Two missed field goals didn't help the Buffaloes, along with crucial wild center snaps in the shotgun that cost CU 31 yards in losses at

The CU defense had little to apologize for, containing Florida State to just 221 yards on offense and to 1-of-13 conversions on third down.

#### Florida State..... 0 10 3 3 16 COLORADO ..... 0 0

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
Florida State — Antone Smith 36 run (Gary Cismesia kick)	0- 7	10:45	2Q
Florida State — Gary Cismesia 31 FG	0-10	4:31	2Q
Florida State — Gary Cismesia 27 FG	0-13	5:16	3Q
Florida State — Gary Cismesia 37 FG	0-16	13:37	4Q
COLORADO — Tyson DeVree 11 pass from Cody Hawkins (pass failed)	6-16	3:39	4Q

**Attendance:** 52,951 **Time**: 3:31

Weather: 77 degrees, partly cloudy, winds from the southwest at 5 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	FLORIDA ST.
First Downs	. 21	10
Third Down Efficiency	. 5-18	1-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	. 1-1	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	. 25-(-27)	37-95
Passing Yards	. 306	126
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	. 54-34-2	18-8-0
Total Offense		221
Return Yards	. 17	104
Punts: No-Average	. 8-44.2	8-46.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	. 2-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	. 7/37	10/86
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	. 3-22	2-15
Time of Possession	. 34:08	25:52
Drives/Average Field Position	. 13/C20	14/FS38
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	. 1-3 (6)	3-3 (9)

#### **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 8-14, Charles 4-9, Lockridge 4-2, Ellis 1-0, Robinson 1-0, J.Smith 2-minus 9, Hawkins 3-minus 12, Team 2-minus 31. Florida State: A.Smith 19-66, Edwards 5-15, Parker 1-14, McDaniel 1-9, Sims 3-4, Weatherford 6-minus 9, Team 2-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 53-34-2, 306, 1 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. Florida State: Weatherford 18-8-0, 126, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-62, Charles 5-41, DeVree 4-55, Williams 4-25, Geer 4-14, Crawford 3-19, J.Smith 2-40, Sprague 2-28, Sumler 2-16, Jagoras 1-8, Ellis 1-minus 2. Florida State: Carr 3-61, Fagg 2-31, A.Smith 2-16, Parker 1-18.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 8-44.2 (56 long, 0 ln20). Florida State: Gano 8-46.8 (56 long, 3 ln20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-11, McBride 3-6. Florida State: Parker 6-84.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 3-74. Florida State: none. Interceptions—Colorado: none. Florida State: Carter 2-20.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9,3—12; Hypolite 8,2—10; Smart 3,4—7; Nicolas 5,1—6; Dykes 4,2—6; Walters 2,4—6; Burney 2,2—4; Lucas 3,0—3; Wheatley 2,0—2.

Florida State: Nicholson 7,4—11; Carter 6,1—7; Hayes 6,0—6; Moffett 4,2—6; Garvin 5-0, Thacker 5,0—5; Watson 5,0—5...

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Hypolite 2-14, Nicolas 1-8. Florida State: Boston 1-8, Brown 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown, Jones, Wheatley. Florida State: Robinson 2, Garvin, Nicholson, Watson.

#### **GAME NOTES**

Florida State improved to 2-1 on the season, while the Buffs dropped to 1-2... The 8:15 p.m. kickoff was the latest in Folsom Field history, and with the game taking 3 hours and 31 minutes, the ending time of 11:46 was the latest a game ever ended in Boulder in CU annals... in any sport (the previous latest ending for football was 11:27; a women's NCAA regional game ended at 11:39 in the early 90s)... Colorado had allowed 173 yards in the first quarter in two games (86.5 per), but FSU mustered just 22 in the opening stanza... CU held the ball for 11:39 in the first quarter, only the second quarter in the first nine that the Buffs held an advantage... Matt DiLallo had his first 50-plus yard punt of the season (55 in the second quarter); it came on his 12th kick of the season (the average LOS for his punts was the CU 46; six of his first nine were inside-the-20)... The Buffaloes had 33 rushing yards in the first half, one more than for the entire game the previous week at Arizona State, but had 60 yards in losses in the second half to finish at minus-27; at one point, CU rushed nine straight times for negative yards... Two true freshmen saw action in the game WR Josh Smith (who started), and TB Brian Lockridge... The scoreless first quarter was just the second involving the Buffaloes over the last 48 games (dating back to 2003); the only other was the 2006 Kansas State game... Colorado attempted 54 passes, tied for the second most in school history; CU tried 55 against Washington State in 2003, and then later that year tossed 54 against Kansas. The 34 completions were the second most, trailing only the 38 against Kansas in '03. This was the 35th 300-yard passing game in CU history... Colorado's defense limited Florida State to 221 yards of offense on 55 plays; the Seminoles picked up 81 of them on their only two plays longer than 20 yards in the game. Of the 55 plays, 36 gained three yards or less. It was the fewest yards by an opponent since New Mexico State had 181 in Boulder on Sept. 10, 2005... Florida State converted just 1 of 13 third down plays (though it went for 45 yards), the best CU defense in that situation since 1999, when Kansas (1-of-13), Baylor (1of-13) and KSU (1-of-14) were all held in check... Tony Carter picked off two passes for Florida State, the first opponent to steal two versus a CU team since 2004... FSU completed just 44 percent of its passes (8-of-18), the first CU opponent in 18 games not to complete over 50 percent of its throws... PK Kevin Eberhart missed two field goal tries; four of his five career misses at this point of his career have been against the Seminoles.

# **GAME #4—COLORADO 42, MIAMI-OHIO 0**

(September 22; Boulder)

BOULDER — Cody Hawkins threw for two touchdowns and passed for a third as he was one of many stars on offense and defense as Colorado stifled Miami (Ohio) at every turn in defeating the RedHawks, 42-0.

The Buffaloes, unable to get anything going on the ground the previous game against Florida State, had three different players run for 90 or more yards just seven days later, picking up 359 rushing yards as a team. With Hawkins passing for 275 more, Colorado amassed 634 total yards, or 495 more than its visitors from Oxford, Ohio.

Colorado needed a fourth down pass to get on the scoreboard as time dwindled in the first quarter. Hawkins floated a 1-yard toss to tight end Tyson DeVree to open the scoring, capping a 16-play, 72-yard drive that used almost eight minutes on the clock. The Buffs came right back with an 80-yard drive to go up 14-0 early in the second quarter, utilizing a Hugh Charles 22-yard run and then a 24-yard Hawkins to Josh Smith pass to get inside the MU red zone. Demetrius Sumler knocked it in from the 1 to complete the drive.

Hawkins topped off CU's next scoring effort with a 1-yard run, and then piloted a

successful two minute drive to end the half, engineering a 10-play, 84-yard march in just 1:45 and finishing it off with a 3-yard touchdown pass to sophomore tied end Patrick Devenny, his first reception and score of his career, which also came in his first career game played.

If the game wasn't already salted away, Charles burst through the line and scored from 17 yards out to put CU ahead 35-0 with 32 seconds left in third quarter, basically sealing the outcome. Brian Lockridge polished things off with a 43-yard run with just over nine minutes left in the game.

Charles (123), Sumler (91) and Lockridge (90) combined for 314 rushing yards, helping CU to dominate in first downs (33-6) and time of possession (40:24 for Colorado).

Miami only ventured into Colorado territory three times, and had just 11 yards of offense for nine plays on the Buff side of the 50, never penetrating deeper than the CU 38-yard line. The RedHawks were held under 100 yards in both rushing (44) and passing (95) in being limited to 139 yards overall.

Miami-Ohio	0	0	0	0	_	0
COLORADO	7	21	7	7	_	42

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
COLORADO — DeVree 1 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	7- 0	4:19	1Q
COLORADO — Sumler 1 run (Eberhart kick)	14- 0	12:44	2Q
COLORADO — Hawkins 1 run (Eberhart kick)	21- 0	6:26	2Q
COLORADO — Devenny 3 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	28- 0	0:15	2Q
COLORADO — Charles 17 run (Eberhart kick)	35- 0	0:32	3Q
COLORADO — Lockridge 43 run (Eberhart kick)	42- 0	9:03	4Q

**Attendance:** 45,243 **Time**: 3:04

Weather: 79 degrees, clear skies, winds from the east at 6 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MIAMI
First Downs	33	6
Third Down Efficiency	12-17	3-14
Fourth Down Efficiency		0-1
Rushes—Net Yards		17-44
Passing Yards	275	95
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)		32-11-0
Total Offense		139
Return Yards	93	25
Punts: No-Average	2-42.0	10-49.2
Fumbles: No-Lost		1-0
Penalties/Yards	5/39	5/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	40:24	19:36
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C30	12/M23
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)		0-0 (0)

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 17-123, Sumler 14-91, Lockridge 14-90, Nelson 3-13, Ellis 5-13, Sprague 1-11, Moyd 2-9, Hawkins 2-8, Williams 1-5, Celestine 1-3, Robinson 1-minus 4, Team 2-minus 3. Miami-Ohio: Sykes 9-29, Jones 2-9, Raudabaugh 2-8, Kokal 1-2, Merriweather 2-0, Rogers 1-minus 4.

Passing—*Colorado:* Hawkins 30-19-2, 275, 2 td. *Miami-Ohio:* Raudabaugh 32-11-0, 95, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 3-60, Solder 3-50, J.Smith 3-44, Crawford 2-27, Sprague 2-21, DeVree 2-20, Celestine 1-37, Ellis 1-9, Sanders 1-4, Devenny 1-3.

Miami-Ohio: Harris 3-22, Sykes 2-0, Elliott 1-35, Jones 1-16, Robinson 1-7, Woods 1-5, Shepard 1-5, Rogers 1-5.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-42.0 (48 long, 2 ln20). Miami-Ohio: Richardson 10-49.2 (64 long, 2 ln20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 7-92, Robinson 1-1. Miami-Ohio: Harris 2-10.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 1-27. Miami-Ohio: Rogers 6-138.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. Miami-Ohio: Hudson 1-13, Thompson 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dykes 5,1—6; Jones 4,2—6; Smart 4,1—5; Dizon 3,2—5; Duren 3,2—5; Burney 2,1—3; Nicolas 2,1—3; Perri 2,1—3; Walters 1,2—3; Herrod 2,0—2.

Miami-Ohio: Bostic 10,3—13; Mullins 9,4—13; Wilson 7,6—13; Gaines 6,3—9; Gafford 3,4—7; Hudson 6,0—6; Thompson 5,0—5.

Quarterback Sacks-Colorado: none. Miami-Ohio: none.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Wheatley 3, Barrett, C.Brown, Burney, Walters. Miami-Ohio: Gaines 2, Thompson, Wilson.

#### **GAME NOTES**

Colorado had 359 rushing yards in the game, the first time it topped 300 yards on the ground since going for 331 against Iowa State in Boulder on Nov. 16, 2002 (a 41-27 win) and its most since 372 at Missouri the week before (Nov. 9, 2002, a 42-35 overtime win)... Colorado's 634 yards on offense tied for its 11th most in its history, the highest team total since setting the school record with 767 against San Jose State in 1999... CU has played only one other Mid-American Conference team, that being 30 years ago almost to the day (Sept. 17, 1977 against Kent State in Boulder)—both games ended with the same final score (42-0)... Colorado ran 93 plays in the game, 15 for zero yardage (11 incompletions) and four for negative yards (including the last two plays of the game on kneeldowns)... CU's 33 first downs tied for the eighth most in its history, the most since 34 against NMSU in 2005 (its 40:24 in possession time was the first 40-plus minute effort since 40:14 in that same game against the Aggies); 12 different Buffs earned first downs... This was the second shutout in Dan Hawkins' I-A career, going with a 62-0 win over Idaho State in his 2003 season opener while at Boise State... Colorado's first scoring drive took 16 plays and consumed 7:48; both season highs for plays and time in a scoring drive. It's the longest time-wise since a 15-play, 75-yard drive that took 7:51 against Iowa State last year; it's the most plays since a 17-play drive (55 yards, 7:55) against Kansas in 2004... This was the first five-plus touchdown game by the Buffs in the Dan Hawkins Era, and just the second 4-TD game... Colorado topped 200 yards in both rushing (359) and passing (275), improving to 33-2 since 1989 when hitting 200 in both... The 386-yard improvement in rushing from the previous week (-27 vs. Florida State) was a school best, topping the 349 yards CU picked up between the Stanford (153) and Missouri (502) games in 1991... Colorado's defense posted its first shutout since a 34-0 win at Oklahoma State in 2005, limiting Mi

# **GAME #5—COLORADO 27, OKLAHOMA 24**

up the ball. Justin Drescher recovered at the Oklahoma 16, and three plays later, Hawkins hit Dusty Sprague with a 15-yard dart into the end zone for the tying score.

closer as time ticked down to the 2-second mark, setting up Eberhart's heroics.

BOULDER — Oklahoma scored late to pad the final score in its 2006 game with Colorado; the Buffaloes' answer a year later was the ultimate as Kevin Eberhart made a 45-yard field goal to complete the fourth biggest comeback in school history as CU dealt the No. 3 Sooners a stunning 27-24 defeat.

Eberhart's kick topped off a Colorado rally after Oklahoma had built a 24-7 lead by the middle of the third quarter, as he "sandwiched" the 20-point rally with a 41-yard field goal on the front end that had cut the lead to 24-10 with 4:10 remaining in the quarter. That was his career long, until he bested it when the Buffs needed it most. He drilled the kick as time ran out, only the fourth such instance in school history where the Buffs won on a score as time expired, and the second field goal.

In-between, Cody Hawkins threw a pair of touchdown passes, one on fourth down and the other following a muffed punt deep in the Sooner end that would eventually help CU end a 14-game losing streak to ranked teams.

For the third time in four games, Tyson DeVree snared a scoring toss from Hawkins on a fourth down play, none bigger than this one as it polished off a 62-yard march. Hugh Charles (23 yards) and Byron Ellis (12) had a pair big running plays on the drive. That cut the Sooner lead to 24-17 on the second play of the fourth quarter.

With just under five minutes remaining, Reggie Smith muffed a Matt DiLallo punt, as Gardner McKay raced down on the coverage unit to distract him enough to cough

The Buffs then snuffed out the Sooners in three plays, and Michael Cohen's 45-yard line drive punt was perfect for a big return. Chase McBride delivered, returning the kick 31 yards to the midfield stripe. A 16-yard pass from Hawkins to Kendrick Celestine set CU up at the OU 35, and three running plays moved the ball eight yards

(September 29; Boulder)

Oklahoma took a 7-0 lead late in the first quarter, capitalizing on the first of two D.J. Wolfe interception returns. Sam Bradford hit Juaquin Iglesias on a 13-yard touchdown pass after the Sooners took over at the CU 11. The Buffs tied it two possessions later when Hugh Charles dashed around the right side for a 25-yard scoring run. OU built a 17-7 halftime lead, the second touchdown coming on an impressive 3-play, 80-yard drive capped by a 34-yard run by Allen Patrick. A Garrett Hartley field goal capped an 11-play drive 48 seconds before intermission.

Colorado's defense shined for a third straight game, holding the Sooners to 37 points under their scoring average, as well as 332 yards below its average offense per game entering the game. OU had just 230 yards offensively, its fourth lowest total ever against a CU team; exactly half of the yards came on just four plays, meaning the potent Sooner attack spent most of the day stifled as it went three-and-out six times on the afternoon.

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SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr
Oklahoma — Iglesias 13 pass from Bradford (Hartley kick)	0- 7	1:49	1Q
COLORADO — Charles 25 run (Eberhart kick)	7- 7	8:26	2Q
Oklahoma — Patrick 34 run (Hartley kick)	7-14	7:37	2Q
Oklahoma — Hartley 28 FG	7-17	0:48	2Q
Oklahoma — Patrick 17 run (Hartley kick)	7-24	12:23	3Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 41 FG	10-24	4:10	3Q
COLORADO — DeVree 4 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	17-24	14:50	4Q
COLORADO — Sprague 15 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	24-24	4:05	4Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 45 FG	27-24	0:00	4Q

Attendance: 50,031 Time: 3:22

Weather: 68 degrees, mostly cloudy skies, winds from the northeast at 6 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs	. 19	12
Third Down Efficiency	. 6-19	1-9
Fourth Down Efficiency		0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	. 46-161	27-118
Passing Yards	. 220	112
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)		19-8-2
Total Offense		230
Return Yards	. 87	92
Punts: No-Average	. 5-44.2	7-43.7
Fumbles: No-Lost		2-1
Penalties/Yards	. 6/45	3/27
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	. 1-8	2-13
Time of Possession	. 38:54	21:06
Drives/Average Field Position	. 15/C36	13/037
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	. 2-3 (14)	3-3 (17)

# INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 24-110, Sumler 13-37, Ellis 5-29, Hawkins 3-minus 8, Team 1-minus 7. Oklahoma: Patrick 18-96, Murray 6-19, Bradford 2-3, Brown 1-0.

Passing—*Colorado:* Hawkins 36-22-2, 220, 2 td. *Oklahoma:* Bradford 19-8-2, 112, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Charles 5-48, Williams 4-43, DeVree 3-20, J.Smith 2-33, Sprague 2-30, Celestine 2-25, Ellis 2-8, Sumler 1-9, McKnight 1-4. Oklahoma: Iglesias 2-15, Finley 1-43, Gresham 1-21, Patrick 1-12, Johnson 1-11, Pleasant 1-9, Murray1-1.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 5-44.2 (50 long, 3 ln20). Oklahoma: Cohen 7-43.7 (59 long, 1 ln20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 4-87. Oklahoma: Smith 3-31.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 4-114, Ellis 1-19. Oklahoma: Iglesias 2-51, Murray 1-19.

Interceptions—Colorado: Dykes 1-0, Walters 1-0. Oklahoma: Wolfe 2-61.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 8,5—13; Dykes 5,1—6; Smart 4,1—5; Burney 3,2—5; Jones 4,0—4; Barrett 3,1—4; Wheatley 2,1—3; Harris 1,1—2; Walters 1,1—2.

Oklahoma: Lofton 8,8—16; Reynolds 11,4—15; Smith 12,1—13; Harris 7,3—10; L.Baker 4,2—6; D.J. Wolfe 4,1—5; McCoy 1,4—5; Walker 4,0—4; Holmes 4,0—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dizon 1-8. Oklahoma: Smith 1-8, Granger 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Burney, Nicolas, Smart, Wheatley. Oklahoma: Davis, Harris, Lofton, Smith, Wolfe.

#### **GAME NOTES**

The Buffs snapped a 5-game losing streak to the Sooners, as Colorado's last win over OU had been a 38-24 verdict in Boulder in 1999; two of the losses came in Big 12 Championship games (2002, 2004)... The Sooners' touchdown with 1:40 left in the first quarter following an interception was the first against the CU defense in nearly seven quarters; had the Buffs reached seven full quarters, it would have marked the first time in 30 seasons CU held an opponent without a TD that long (season finale in '77, a 23-0 shutout over Kansas State, and the first three quarters of the '78 opener against Oregon)... In the first half, OU averaged 7.8 yards on first down (13 plays, 102 yards), while CU netted just 1.8 (13 plays, 24 yards); Colorado did bounce back to average 5.8 per try in the third quarter and 4.5 for the game... Colorado dominated time of possession for a second straight week (38:54, including 21:30 in the second half); that was likely a factor in CU outgaining the Sooners 219-56 after halftime... This was Dan Hawkins' first win over a ranked team at Colorado, and his third in 13 games as a head coach; his other two wins over ranked teams came against #8 Fresno State (35-30 in 2001) and #19 TCU in the 2003 Fort Worth Bowl (34-31)... Colorado improved to 7-5 in Big 12 Conference openers... Thirty-five years ago, the Buffs toppled No. 2 Oklahoma in Boulder, 20-14, in the signature anniversary game for CU in the series his year... Oklahoma had been held to 24 points or less in a half just twice in its non-conference game schedule, much less to that few in a game; the Sooners came in with 246 points and a 61.5 average, but the latter number "dropped" to 54.0... CU's rally from 17 down tied the fourth largest comeback in school history; it was the biggest in a decade, when CU came back from 18 down (35-17) at Iowa State to win 43-38 on Nov. 8, 1997.

# **GAME #6—COLORADO 43, BAYLOR 23**

WACO, Texas — Cody Hawkins passed for 293 yards and two touchdowns, Demetrius Sumler scored three times and Kevin Eberhart tied a school record with five field goals as Colorado raced to a 40-9 third quarter lead in coasting to a 43-23 win over the Baylor Bears.

The victory snapped a 7-game road losing streak for the Buffaloes, which had not won outside the state's borders since a 23-20 verdict at Kansas State in October 2005.

Sumler's 7-yard catch early in the second quarter was the second touchdown thrown by Hawkins and propelled the Buffs to what turned out to be an insurmountable 17-0 lead. It came after CU dominated the first period, with Hawkins and Dusty Sprague playing catch on the first possession of the game. Sprague caught three passes for 81 yards on the drive, with the last one a 26-yard bullet for the game's first score. Eberhart missed his first field goal attempt early in the quarter, but came back to drill a 41-yard effort later in the quarter for a 10-0 CU lead.

Sumler scored on a 3-yard run just two plays after Ryan Walters recovered a Baylor fumble at the Bears 26-yard line. Hawkins completed a 23-yard pass to

Kendrick Celestine to the three, setting up Sumler's touchdown and a 24-3 CU lead. After a Baylor touchdown, Eberhart kicked three field goals in the next six minutes to run the lead to 33-9; within that trio of kicks was a career-best 54-yard kick as time expired in the first half, a play that was possible because D.J. Dykes sprinted some 30 yards up field to fair catch a short Baylor punt with just four seconds left before halftime.

(October 6; Waco)

The second half dragged a bit, especially since it was a hot, humid evening. Sumler added his third score on a 2-yard run midway through the third quarter to give CU its big lead at 40-9; the Bears added a couple of late cosmetic scores well after the game was decided, with Eberhart closing the Buff scoring with a 30-yard chip shot, as his first four efforts were all in excess of 40 yards.

Hugh Charles ran 19 times for 109 yards and Hawkins completed 17 of 26 passes in pacing a balanced Buffalo offense. Eberhart tied the school mark for field goals made (5), attempted (6) as well as points scored by a kicker for a game (19).

Baylor quarterback Blake Szymanski also entered the record book, as he completed 36 of 60 passes, both school marks, for 410 yards.

COLORADO	10	20	10	3	_	43
Baylor	0	9	7	7	_	23

SCORING SUMMARY	Score	Time	Qtr	TEAM STATISTICS CO	DLORADO	BAYLOR
COLORADO — Sprague 26 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	7- 0	11:44	1Q	First Downs	18	24
COLORADO — Eberhart 41 FG	10- 0	2:09	1Q	Third Down Efficiency	5-15	6-15
COLORADO — Sumler 7 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick)	17- 0	11:43	2Q	Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	1-2
Baylor — Brewster 26 FG	17- 3	7:29	2Q	Rushes—Net Yards	42-157	18-55
COLORADO — Sumler 3 run (Eberhart kick)	24- 3	4:36	2Q	Passing Yards	293	410
Baylor — Whitaker 2 run (kick failed)	24- 9	4:04	2Q	Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-17-1	60-36-2
COLORADO — Eberhart 44 FG	27- 9	1:00	2Q	Total Offense	450	465
COLORADO — Eberhart 54 FG	30- 9	0:00	2Q	Return Yards	90	24
COLORADO — Eberhart 42 FG	33- 9	10:35	3Q	Punts: No-Average	2-49.0	5-32.8
COLORADO — Sumler 2 run (Eberhart kick)	40- 9	6:08	3Q	Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	2-1
Baylor — Akers 18 pass from Szymanski (Allen kick)	40-16	1:08	3Q	Penalties/Yards	11/105	10/71
COLORADO — Eberhart 30 FG	43-16	10:49	4Q	Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	1-7
Baylor — Finley 4 run (Allen kick)	43-23	5:04	4Q	Time of Possession	33:05	26:55
				Drives/Average Field Position	14/C43	14/B28
Attendance: 32,376 Time: 3:32 Weather: 90 degrees, mostly cloudy skies, winds from the south at 1	1 mph			Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	4-5 (24)	4-6 (23)

#### **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 19-109, Sumler 15-38, Lockridge 3-15, Robinson 1-2, Ellis 1-0, Jagoras 1-minus 2, Hawkins 2-minus 5. Baylor: Whitaker 11-26, Szymanski 4-18, Finley 3-11.

Passing—*Colorado:* Hawkins 26-17-1, 293, 2 td; Lockridge 1-0-0, 0. *Baylor:* Szymanski 60-36-2, 410, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Sprague 5-95, J.Smith 2-103, Celestine 2-31, Charles 2-13, Sumler 2-12, Williams 2-10, McKnight 1-16, Robinson 1-13. Baylor: Whitaker 11-166, Gettis 8-99, Taylor 5-61, White 4-23, Finley 3-17, Buerck 3-15, Akers 2-29.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-49.0 (56 long, 2 ln20). Baylor: Epperson 4-36.2 (40 long), Allen 1-19.0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-42, Dykes 1-7. Baylor: Bennett 11.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 3-54. Baylor: Gettis 7-126, McElroy 1-7.

Interceptions—*Colorado:* Dizon 1-37, Barrett 1-4. *Baylor:* Stiggers 1-23.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 11,4—15; Smart 6,4—10; Dykes 7,1—8; Jones 3,2—5; McKay 4,0—4; Wheatley 4,0—4; Harris 3,0—3; Hypolite 2,1—3.

**Baylor:** Crawford 2,7—9; Bell 4,4—8; Pawelek, 2,6-8; Moore 1,7—8; Lake 2,5—7; Widemon 2,3—5; Francis 2,3—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. Baylor: Rhodes 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown 4, Burney, Hypolite, Smart, Wheatley. Baylor: Widemon 2, Moore.

# **GAME NOTES**

Colorado opened 2-0 in the Big 12 for the sixth time in the 12-year history of the conference (previously done in 1996, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2005)... Colorado's 30-point first half was its highest since half leading Texas A&M 31-10 at intermission on Oct. 8, 2005... the 43 points were the most since a 44-13 win over Kansas that same season (Oct. 22) and were the second most points by the Buffs in the last 41 games... CU is now 19-4 the week after playing a top 5 team dating back to 1986... Colorado has now doubled its win total over last year's 2-10 mark; it's the 16th time in school history (118 seasons) that the Buffs will have at least doubled its win total from the previous season. This tied for the seventh quickest in doing so, but the second fastest in the last 75 seasons (1892, 1894, 1907, 1917, 1933, 1985)... The 60 passing attempts by Baylor were the fifth-most ever against CU (the most since Texas Tech set the record of 65 against CU in 2002); the 36 completions tied for the third most... The last team to throw for over 400 yards against CU was Colorado State, with 403 in the 2004 season opener... WR Dusty Sprague came in with eight catches for 93 yards and almost equaled the yards on CU's first scoring drive, as he caught three passes for 81 yards on CU's 7-play, 82-yard possession to open the game; he finished with five for 95 and the score... TE Nate Solder made his first career start tonight... ILB Jordon Dizon made his first interception of his career, coming in the first quarter; DE Alonzo Barrett had his first career interception, and the first interception by a CU defensive lineman since DE Abraham Wright at Oklahoma State on Oct. 1, 2005... TB Cory Nabors saw his first career action, in the first half on kickoff coverage; DT Eric Lawson played for the first time as a Buff (in the fourth quarter)... This was the 27th time in CU history the Buffaloes had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game, the first time since it happened three times in 2004 (TB Hugh Charles 20-122 rush; WR Josh Smith

#### TOUGHEST SCHEDULES / BUFFS IN AT NO. 4

Though based purely on won-loss records, Colorado currently is playing the fourth toughest schedule in the nation when taking into consideration both past and future opposition. Texas A&M tops the chart, as opponents are 35-16 for a 68.6 winning percentage; the rest of the top five: Oklahoma State (36-17, .679); Florida 38-18 (.679); Colorado (37-18, .673); Missouri (35-18, .660). That's four Big 12 teams in the top five if you're counting; 10 league schools are in the top 40, with only Oklahoma (55th) and Kansas (64th) ranked lower.

#### EBERHART MAKING OWN FOOTPRINTS

- **PK Kevin Eberhart** had to replace a two-time All-American in **Mason Crosby**, but he's already done enough to make his own mark, both on the field and in the record books. Against Baylor, he tied the school record for field goals made in a game with five, joining **Jeremy Aldrich** (five against Kansas on Sept. 18, 1999, in a 51-17 win) and also tied the mark for attempts with six. He also made good on all four PAT kicks to score 19 points, tying CU's record for the most points in a game by a kicker (Aldrich's point count in that '99 KU game). Some Ebbies:
- His 54-yard field goal at the end of the first half at Baylor was a career best, topping the 45-yard effort against Oklahoma the previous week which was the game winner as time expired in CU's dramatic 27-24 upset of No. 3 Oklahoma. It was the 32nd field goal of 50 yards or longer in CU history, and tied for the 11th longest overall. It was the longest by a Buff other than Crosby (13 50+) since **Mitch Berger** hit a 54-yard kick against Miami-Florida in Boulder on Sept. 25, 1993. It tied for the fourth longest on the road by a Buff, and tied CU's longest in the state of Texas (Crosby had a 54-yard kick in the 2004 Houston Bowl).
- Me became the seventh Buff to make four (or more) field goals in a game, joining Aldrich, Mark Zetterberg, Tom Field, Berger, Jeremy Flores and Crosby. He is just the second to make four in game from 40 yards or longer, joining Aldrich, who made all five of his kicks against Kansas in Boulder from between 40 and 49 yards.
- Mis then career-long 45-yard field goal came with 0:00 on the clock against Oklahoma, just the second game winning kick of such nature in school history (not including one in overtime, which he made earlier this year to beat Colorado State, 31-28). The only other came on Oct. 18, 1947, when **John Zisch** made a 36-yard field goal as time expired to lead CU to a 9-7 win over BYU in Boulder.

#### THREE & EIGHT

CU senior **TB Hugh Charles** had the eighth 100-yard rushing game of his career (19-109, 0 TD) against Baylor, his third in a row; it's the first time a Buff has done that in three straight games since **TB Chris Brown** had eight consecutive games reaching the century mark in 2002. He also became just the 16th player in school history to go over 2,000 yards in career rushing, finishing the game with 2,021. He moved from 19th into 15th all-time at CU, passing **Tony Reed** (1975-76; 1,938), **John Bayuk** (1954-56; 1,943), **Carroll Hardy** (1951-54; 1,999) and his position coach, **Darian Hagan** (2,007 yards between 1988-91). He is also now 21st in all-purpose yards (2,604).

## DILALLO AN INSIDE-THE-20 MACHINE

Sophomore **P Matt DiLallo** has 26 punts on the season, with 13 placed inside-the-20. He is currently 38th in the nation, but that doesn't tell the whole story. His personal net average is 35.8, and here's the reason: the average yardline of DiLallo's kicks have been the CU37; he owns an average of 43.5 for all kicks on CU's side of the 50, and it jumps to 48.0 for five kicks inside the Buff 25.

## ALL-TIME COMEBACKS

The 17-point comeback against Oklahoma tied for the fourth biggest in school history (the second biggest ever at Folsom Field). Here's a look at the top ones:

Trail	ed By	Time, Qtr,	Final	Opponent, Site (Date)	Trai	led By	Time, Qtr,	Final	Opponent, Site (Date)
20	(7-27)	8:01, 3Q	28-27	Missouri at Columbia (Oct. 28, 1978)	17	(0-17)	7:00, 3Q	21-20	Minnesota at Minneapolis (Sept. 19, 1992)
19	(0-19)	13:18, 4Q	20-19	Kansas in Boulder (Oct. 7, 1961)	17	(7-24)	8:11, 3Q	27-24	Oklahoma in Boulder (Sept. 29, 2007)
18	(17-35)	8:20, 3Q	43-38	Iowa State at Ames (Nov. 8, 1997)	15	(13-28)	8:52, 2Q	41-34	Iowa State in Boulder (Oct. 31, 1953)

It was the 30th time in school annals that the Buffs rallied to win or tie a game in the final two minutes, and just the second time the Buffaloes won a game on a field goal as time expired. The only other occasion was on October 18, 1947, when John Zisch kicked a 36-yard field goal to beat BYU 9-7 (in Boulder). Two times, CU scored touchdowns as the clock ran out, both famous games: 33-31 at Missouri in 1990 (Fifth Down) and 27-26 at Michigan in 1994 (The Catch). Two times, CU tied games with field goals as time expired (25-25 at Oklahoma State in 1982 and 24-24 versus Oklahoma in 1992).

CU's previous largest deficit it overcame against OU was 11 points, when the Buffs fought back from 31-20 down to win 42-31 in Boulder on Oct. 30, 1976.

# THE WIN WAS HANDED TO GU? OKLAHOMA SELF-DESTRUCTED? WHAT KOOL-AID ARE SOME DRINKING?

We had to endure a week nationally of how Oklahoma blew its game against Colorado instead of the Buffaloes getting credit for the comeback. Now Oklahoma did have a couple of (forced) turnovers and two key penalties, but some would have you believe that CU just hung around long enough until the Sooners imploded last Saturday. Not so fast (apologies to Lee Corso): OU had just 230 yards of offense (with exactly half—115—coming on four plays, otherwise the Sooners averaged 2.7 yards per play); two of its three touchdowns drives followed interceptions off deflected balls that combined went for 28 yards; the Sooners were 1-of-9 on third down, while CU was 6-of-19 (13 points higher than OU opponents had faired in the first four games); CU ran 82 plays to OU's 46; the Buffs didn't run any trick or gadget plays; and the OU offense went three plays (or fewer) and out six times in 13 drives. Sure sounds like Colorado had a lot to do with creating the circumstances for its own victory.

#### TRIFECTA OF DEFENSE

On September 8, Colorado left the southwestern desert allowing 402 yards to Arizona State, but the next three games were a whole different ball game. The Buffaloes allowed just **590** yards in the three games after the ASU loss, which stood as the second lowest three-game total over the last 42 seasons. Going back to 1966, here are the best three-game defensive efforts by the Buffaloes:

1992	510	Missouri (187), Oklahoma (307), Kansas State (16)	1999	628	Oklahoma (317), Kansas State (197), Baylor (114)
1977	<b>593</b>	Kent State (137), New Mexico (175), Army (281)	1998	649	Fresno State (330), Utah State (141), Baylor (178)
1969	<b>597</b>	Penn State (229), Indiana (167), Iowa State (201)	2007	<b>590</b>	Florida State (221), Miami-Ohio (139), Oklahoma (230)

#### HEAD COACHING FATHERS AND THEIR PLAYER SONS

There have been 55 known players in Division I-A (FBS) history who have played for their head-coaching fathers in college, including 21 quarterbacks and seven active pairings, according to a survey of I-A sports information departments (most schools responded, we checked others as best we could). The count includes CU head coach **Dan Hawkins** and his oldest son, **Cody**.

The most famous and perhaps best head coach father (HCF) and quarterback son (QBS) tandem in NCAA history is **Jim** and **Kevin Sweeney** at Fresno State. Kevin played for his father from 1982-86, when he became the first player in NCAA history to throw for 10,000 career passing yards (Jim was FSU's head coach for 19 years, retiring No. 17 on the all-time win list with 200 in his 32-year coaching career). The most famous "near-miss" happened at Stanford, where **John Elway** played quarterback from 1979-82 and his father, **Jack**, took over as head coach from 1984-88. And at Marshall, when they were a I-AA powerhouse just before moving up to I-A, **Todd Donnan** started at QB for his father, **Jim**, in 1993-94.

**STARTING FROSH.** Cody started the first game of his redshirt frosh year, which made him the ninth known son to start at quarterback for his head coach father in I-A/FBS history, and just the third freshman to do so. Kevin Sweeney started the first two games of his true freshman season at Fresno State in 1982, but was injured in the second game and granted a medical hardship for the season; he came back to start as a redshirt frosh through his senior season. **Tim Salem** started all 11 games of his true frosh year at Minnesota in 1980; he lettered that year, but played sparingly thereafter.

The only other <u>active</u> HCF-QBS combo also has Colorado ties; at the University of Minnesota, **Tim Brewster** is head coach with his son, Clint, a true freshman on the 2007 team. He is expected to redshirt. The list (#—denotes active):

Quarterbacks									
School	Head Coach	Son (Position)	Years						
Army	Earl "Red" Blaik	*Robert (QB)	1949-50						
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Joey (QB)	2002						
#Colorado	Dan Hawkins	*Cody (QB)	2006-07						
Fresno State	Jim Sweeney	*Kevin (QB)	1982-86						
Iowa	Bob Commings	*Bobby Jr. (QB)	1977-78						
Kansas State	Jim Dickey	*Darrell (QB)	1979-82						
Kentucky	Hal Mumme	Matt (QB)	1997-98						
Memphis	Rip Scherer	Scott (QB)	1998-00						
Miami, Fla.	Dennis Erickson	Bryce (QB)	1993						
Michigan	Lloyd Carr	Jason (QB)	1994-95						
Minnesota	Joe Salem	*Tim (QB)	1980-82						
#Minnesota	Tim Brewster	Clint (QB)	2007						
Ohio	Cleve Bryant	*Rodney (QB)	1989-90						
Penn State	Joe Paterno	Jay (QB)	1986-89						
San Diego State	Tom Craft	Kevin (QB)	2005						
SMU	Rusty Russell	*H.N. (QB)	1950-51						
Texas	Fred Akers	Danny (QB)	1983-85						
Tulsa	Glen Dobbs	Glenn III (QB)	1963-67						
Tulsa	Glen Dobbs	Johnny (QB)	1966-68						
USC	Larry Smith	Corby (QB)	1992						
Western Michigan	Bill Cubit	*Ryan (QB)	2003-06						
	Non-Quarterbacl								
Alabama-Birmingham	Watson Brown	*Steven (WR)	2005-06						
Arizona State	Frank Kush	*Danny (PK)	1973-76						
Arizona State	Larry Marmie	Larry Jr. (DB)	1989-91						
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Billy (WR)	1998-01						
Baylor	Bill Beal	*Phil (S)	1970-71						
BYU	LaVell Edwards	*Jimmy (WR)	1981, 84-86						
Chicago, U of.	Amos Alonzo Stagg	Amos Alonzo Jr.							
Florida	Doug Dickey	Don (DB)	1975-76						

School	Head Coach	Son (Position)	Years
Houston	Art Briles	Kendal (WR/QB)	2004-05
Indiana	Lee Corso	*Steve (SE)	1979-80
lowa	Kirk Ferentz	*Brian (OL)	2002-05
Iowa State	Jim Criner	Mark (LB)	1986
Kansas State	Bill Snyder	*Sean (P)	1991-92
Louisiana Tech/Mississippi	%Billy Brewer	Brett (P)	1980-84
#Louisiana-Lafayette	Rickey Bustle	Brad (OG)	2006-07
Louisiana-Monroe	Pat Collins	*Mike (C)	1981-82
Maryland	Jerry Claiborne	Jonathan (S)	1975-77
#Memphis	Tommy West	Turner (WR)	2006-07
Notre Dame	Ara Parseghian	Mike (RB)	1971-74
Notre Dame	Lou Holtz	Skip (WR)	1986
Oklahoma State	Bob Simmons	Nathan (RB)	1996-99
Oregon	Jim Aiken	*James Jr. (RB)	1948
Oregon	Rich Brooks	Brady (FS)	1988-89
#Oregon	Mike Bellotti	Luke (PK)	2003-07
#South Carolina	Steve Spurrier	Scott (WR)	2006-07
#SMU	Phil Bennett	*Sam (LS)	2006-07
Southern Miss	Jim Carmody	Steve (C)	1982-83
Southern Miss	Jim Carmody	Keith (DT)	1985-86
Tulsa	John Cooper	John, Jr. (DB)	1981-84
USC	John McKay	*John, Jr. (WR)	1972-74
Virginia Tech	Frank Beamer	*Shane (LS/WR)	1996-99
Washington State	Mike Price	*Aaron (PK)	1991-93
West Virginia	Bobby Bowden	*Tommy (WR)	1973-75
West Virginia	Bobby Bowden	Terry (RB)	1975

\*—denotes started/first-team (at some point when father was head coach at the time; in some cases, they became the starter after the father moved on). 

%—The elder Brewer moved on to Mississippi in 1983 and son followed.

While this is the first time that CU has had the head coach father-player son active combo, the Buffaloes have seen it against them in the past. Iowa State (**Criners**), Kansas State (**Dickeys, Snyders**), Oklahoma State (**Simmons**') and perhaps one of the most famous father-son duos, **Lee** and **Steve Corso** at Indiana. When confirming with Lee, he was pretty proud that Steve caught the game winning TD in a 36-30 win against Kentucky his senior year, and reminded us that he had two pretty good games against Colorado (5 catches for 87 yards in a 17-16 CU win in 1979, and 3-38 in a 49-7 Indiana win in 1980).

#### FOX SPORTS NET COLORADO FOOTBALL COVERAGE

Fox Sports Net Rocky Mountain has extensive coverage of 2007 University of Colorado football. The network is the home of the BUFFALO STAMPEDE, the half-hour weekly magazine show covering CU sports; it is in its fourth season on FSN Rocky Mountain and generally airs Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. (check local listings against Colorado Rockies baseball in September). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** once again hosts the show. FSN also replays Dan Hawkins' weekly Tuesday press conferences at variable times (depending on Rockies coverage) and repeats it at least twice weekly.

The CU-CSU telecast on Sept. 1 was the **second highest rated college football game** on FSN Rocky Mountain, registering a 9.6 rating and a 33 share; that means an average 134,400 homes were watching the game. It was the most watched program in the Denver market area, topping all other games, U.S. Open tennis and all local newscasts. The 2004 CU-CSU game owns the top spot with an 11.3 rating.

#### **QUARTERBACK DEBUTS**

Redshirt freshman **QB Cody Hawkins** made his first career start in the season opener against Colorado State, the 42nd player set to start at quarterback for Colorado dating back to the 1959 season. He was the 17th to do so in a season opener but the first freshman, true or redshirt. A look at past Buffalo quarterback debuts:

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<u>Year</u>	Quarterback	Class	First Game		Result	Rushing		Passing	W	L 1	Pct.
1959	Gale Weidner	So.	*WASHINGTON	L	12-21	3-(-12), 0 td	19-11-2,	140, 0 td	20 1	1 C	.645
1962	Frank Cesarek	So.	*at Utah	L	21-37	2-(-24), 0 td	12- 5-1,	83, 0 td	3 1	5 0	.167
1962	Larry Ethridge	So.	KANSAS STATE	W	6- 0	1- 3, 0 td	2- 0-0,	0, 0 td	1	1 0	.500
1964	Hale Irwin	So.	*at Southern Cal	L	0-21	10- 42, 0 td	5- 2-1,	22, 0 td	0	1 0	.000
<u>1964</u>	Bernie McCall	So.	OREGON STATE	L	7-14	15- 18, 0 td	2- 1-0,	11, 0 td	12 1	) 2	.542
1966	Dan Kelly	Jr.	*MIAMI, FLA.	L	3-24	4-(-14), 0 td	4- 2-1,	37, 0 td	3	2 (	.600
1967	Bobby Anderson	So.	*BAYLOR	W	27- 7	15-83, 2 td	21-11-0,	129, 0 td	14	9 0	.609
1969	Paul Arendt	So.	INDIANA	W	30- 7	20- 72, 1 td	15- 8-0,	103, 0 td	4	3 0	.571
1969	Jim Bratten	Jr.	MISSOURI	W	31-24	20- 20, 0 td	8- 4-0,	47, 0 td	9	4 C	.692
1971	Ken Johnson	So.	*at Louisiana State	W	31-21	11- 18, 0 td	19- 9-3,	82, 1 td	17	3 C	.739
1971	Joe Duenas	So.	WYOMING	W	56-13	15-106, 3 td	7- 4-1,	111, 1 td	1	) (	1.000
1973	Clyde Crutchmer	Jr.	*at Louisiana State	L	6-17	6- 15, 0 td	7- 1-1,	15, 0 td	5	3 C	.455
1974	David Williams	Jr.	*at Louisiana State	L	14-42	4- (-3), 0 td	9- 3-0,	28, 0 td	14	9 0	.609
1976	Jeff Austin	Sr.	*at Texas Tech	L	7-24	11-(-14), 0 td	19- 5-5,	67, 0 td	3	1 0	.750
1976	Jeff Knapple	So.	NEBRASKA	L	12-24	5- 23, 0 td	19- 6-0,	94, 0 td	12	3 1	.658
1978	Bill Solomon	Jr.	*OREGON	W	24- 7	10- 40, 1 td	7- 4-1,	46, 0 td	9 1	3 0	.409
1980	Charlie Davis	Jr.	*at UCLA	L	14-56	16- 60, 0 td	23-13-1,	143, 1 td	0	5 0	.000
1980	Randy Essington	Fr.	at Missouri	L	7-45	4-(-19), 0 td	22-11-1,	58, 0 td	3 1	4 1	.194
1980	Scott Kingdom	Jr.	IOWA STATE	W	17- 9	11- (-5), 0 td	6- 2-1,	16, 0 td	1	3 0	.250
1981	Steve Vogel	FrRS	at Iowa State	L	10-17	2- (-3), 0 td	16-12-0,	89, 0 td	4 1	7 C	.190
1983	Derek Marshall	So.	at Kansas	W	34-23	4- 4, 0 td	22-11-0,	148, 0 td	2	1 C	.667
1984	Craig Keenan	Jr.	at Oklahoma State	L	14-20	9- (-2), 0 td	25-10-0,	178, 1 td	0	4 C	.000
1985	Mark Hatcher	So.	*COLORADO STATE	W	23-10	12- 62, 2 td	9- 3-0,	36, 0 td	13 1	2 (	.520
1985	#Rick Wheeler	So.	at Nebraska	L	7-17	5- 38, 0 td	1- 1-0,	12, 0 td	1	1 0	.500
1986	Marc Walters	Fr.	at Kansas State	W	49- 3	18-88, 2 td	4- 4-0,	111, 1 td	1	) (	1.000
1987	Sal Aunese	So.	at Colorado State	W	29-16	18- 83, 1 td	6- 4-0,	139, 1 td	13	3 C	.684
1989	Darian Hagan	So.	*TEXAS	W	27- 6	14-116, 1 td	12- 7-0,	95, 1 td	28	5 2	.829
1990	Charles Johnson	Jr.	at Missouri	W	33-31	9- 17, 1 td	18-10-0,	151, 1 td	2	) (	1.000
1992	Kordell Stewart	So.	*COLORADO STATE	W	37-17	9- 21, 0 td	36-21-1,	409, 4 td	27	5 1	.833
1992	Duke Tobin	Jr.	at Minnesota	W	21-20	11-(-12), 0 td	10- 2-0,	12, 0 td	1	) (	1.000
1992	Koy Detmer	Fr.	OKLAHOMA	Т	24-24	9-(-22), 0 td	50-33-5,	418, 2 td	14	3 1	.806
1995	John Hessler	So.	at Oklahoma	W	38-17	6-(-18), 0 td	34-24-0,	348, 5 td	11	3 0	.579
1998	Mike Moschetti	Jr.	*Colorado State (Denver)	W	42-14	5- 13, 0 td	32-21-0,	257, 3 td	14	9 0	.609
1999	Zac Colvin	FrRS	at Iowa State	W	16-12	6- (-1), 0 td	23-14-1,	116, 1 td	1	2 0	.333
2000	Bobby Pesavento	Jr.	WASHINGTON	L	14-17	12-(-13), 0 td	27-15-0,	174, 1 td	4	4 C	.500
2000	Craig Ochs	Fr.	at Texas A&M	W	26-19	6- 6, 1 td	25-15-0,	239, 1 td	10	3 C	.625
2002	Robert Hodge	Sr.	SOUTHERN CAL	L	3-40	8-(-10), 0 td	9- 1-1,	20, 0 td	8	4 C	.667
2003	Joel Klatt	So.	*Colorado State (Denver)	W	42-35	14-(-10), 0 td	34-21-0,	402, 4 td	19 1	5 0	.559
2003	Erik Greenberg	So.	at Florida State	L	7-47	6-(-23), 0 td	30-14-0,	192, 1 td	0	2 (	.000
2004	James Cox	So.	IOWA STATE	W	19-14	5- 11, 0 td	16- 7-1,		1	2 (	.333
2006	Bernard Jackson	Jr.	Colorado State (Denver)	L	10-14	18- 30, 1 td	13- 8-0,	70, 0 td		9 0	
2007	Cody Hawkins	FrRS	*Colorado State (Denver; OT)		31-28	3- 2, 0 td	31-18-1,				1.000
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 $<sup>(\</sup>hbox{*--season opener; $\#$---injured in the first quarter; $\dag$----Colorado's record as the starting quarterback.})$ 

Looking inside the numbers, when a CU signal caller has made his starting debut against **Colorado State**, they have generally enjoyed success. It has now happened seven times, with Colorado winning six of the games including Hawkins' debut. **Kordell Stewart** and **Joel Klatt** had the top starts, both throwing for over 400 yards and four touchdowns. In fact, when combined, CU's throwers are 78-of-120 for 1,313 yards with 12 touchdowns and just one interception; that would work to an average passer rating of 188.24. Here are those games singled out from the above:

Year	Quarterback	Class	Site	Result	Rushing	Passing
1985	Mark Hatcher	So.	BOULDER	W 23-10	12- 62, 2 td	9- 3-0, 36, 0 td
1987	Sal Aunese	So.	Fort Collins	W 29-16	18-83, 1 td	6- 4-0, 139, 1 td
1992	Kordell Stewart	So.	BOULDER	W 37-17	9- 21, 0 td	36-21-1, 409, 4 td
1998	Mike Moschetti	Jr.	Denver	W 42-14	5- 13, 0 td	32-21-0, 257, 3 td
2003	Joel Klatt	So.	Denver	W 42-35	14-(-10), 0 td	34-21-0, 402, 4 td
2006	Bernard Jackson	Jr.	Denver	L 10-14	18- 30, 1 td	13- 8-0, 70,0 td
2007	Cody Hawkins	FrRS	Denver (OT)	W 31-28	3- 2, 0 td	31-18-1, 201, 2 td

## BIG 12 BOWL TIE-INS ALTERED LAST SEASON

The Big 12 Conference signed new agreements with the Gator, Sun and Insight bowls beginning in 2006, 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)

<sup>\*—</sup>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; the Sun Bowl selected a Big 12 team (Missouri) in 2006, so the Gator may very well make a run at a Big 12 school this winter.

## THE VERTICAL GAME

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 last 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-vard plays since 2000 (38) as well as pass plays of 20 vards 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. In 2007, CU already bas 29 plays of 20 yards or longer at the midway point, and is on pace to increase its count from last year by 67 percent. 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
1994	76	37	39	1998	40	11	29
1995	61	11	50	1999	57	12	45
1996	64	12	52	2000	38	8	30
1997	46	9	37	2001	58	21	37

#### 41 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS SEVENTH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 41 wins over Associated Press ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season is the seventh most in the nation in this time frame. Florida State has the most with 66, followed by Michigan (58), Florida (57), Miami, Fla. (51), Ohio State (50), Tennessee (49), Colorado (41) and Notre Dame (40). Penn State (38), Alabama (35), Nebraska (35) and Texas (35) round out the top 10. As for the Big 12, after CU, NU and UT, the next schools on this list are Oklahoma (32), Texas A&M (20) and Texas Tech (17). All-time, Colorado's 64 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 had dropped 14 straight games against ranked opponents until the 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma. CU's previous last win against a ranked team came in 2003, when the Buffs toppled No. 22 Missouri in Boulder, 21-16. CU has eight straight road games at ranked opponents, with the last win at UCLA 31-17 in 2002.

#### RECORD WATCH

The list of records set or tied to date in 2007; 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 (6)**

Most Consecutive Games With A Touchdown Pass, Start of Career—6, Cody Hawkins, Sept. 1-29, 2007.

RECORD

Old Record: 3, Mike Moschetti (1998) and Bobby Pesavento (2000),

Most Receptions, First Game of Career (All Classes)—8, Scotty McKnight, vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1.

RECORD

Old Record: 6, Monte Huber vs. Baylor in Boulder, Sept. 16 1967 (74 yards).

Most Receiving Yards, First Game of Career (All Classes) — 106, Scotty McKnight, vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1.

RECORD

Old Record: 60, Phil Savoy vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 3, 1994 (4 receptions).

**Most Field Goals Made, Game**— 5, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.

TIED RECORD

Record: 5, Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.

Most Field Goals Attempted, Game— 6, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.

TIED RECORD

Record: 6, Fred Lima vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 11, 1972; and Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.

Most Points Scored By Kicking, Game— 19, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007 (4 PAT, 5 FG).

TIED RECORD

Record: 5, Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999 (4 PAT, 5 FG).

#### **TEAM (4)**

Fewest Rushing Yards, Game—Minus-27, vs. Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15

RECORD

Old Record: Minus-16, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Oct. 13, 1984.

RECORD

Least Amount Of Time In The Lead And Won—0:00, vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Sept. 29, 2007 Old Record: 0:12, versus Stanford in Boulder, Sept. 15, 1990.

Most First Downs By Penalty, Game— 7, vs. Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8

RECORD

Old Record: 5, on four previous occasions. Last: vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Nov. 12, 1983. Points Scored In Consecutive Games— 228, November 19, 1998 to current.

RECORD

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 2006. 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:

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Oklahoma	64	Texas	44	lowa	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	AQ.	North Carolina	37	Tavas A & M	35	Georgia Tech	32		

TRENDS 1985-2007

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **174-95-4**, the 19th best record nationally in this span). In these 273 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

<ul> <li>when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense</li> </ul>	85-17-1
<ul> <li>when leading at halftime</li> </ul>	142-17-2
• when leading after three quarters (141-12-3 in last 156)	145-14-3
<ul> <li>when scoring 24 or more points</li> </ul>	142-18-2
<ul> <li>when scoring 14 or more points</li> </ul>	171-54-4
<ul> <li>when held to 13 points or less</li> </ul>	3-40-0
<ul> <li>when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack</li> </ul>	12- 0-0
<ul> <li>when passing for more yards than rushing</li> </ul>	73-60-2
♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	95-18-2

TRENDS || 1989-2007

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 19th best overall record at **146-76-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (226 games, including bowls):

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▶ when running more plays than the opponent	81-27-3
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (46-5 with 500-plus)	89-16-2
▶ when scoring 30 or more points	97- 6-1
➤ when leading in possession time (53-52-1 when not)	93-23-3
▶ when making 20-plus first downs	92-26-1
when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	53- 6-1
when scoring first (80-19-1 the last 100 times)	91-22-1
➤ with zero turnovers (107-41-2 with two or fewer)	25-10-2
when holding opponent to 17 points or less	79-11-1
when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	72-11-1
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	63-12-1
▶ when average field position is CU 30+ (25-2 40+)	106-31-2
▶ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	122-28-2

<ul> <li>when rushing for 200-plus yards</li> <li>when rushing for 250-plus yards</li> <li>when rushing for 300-plus yards</li> <li>when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards</li> <li>when passing for 200-plus yards</li> <li>when passing for 300-plus yards (10-0-1 400-plus)</li> <li>when passing for more yards than rushing</li> <li>when holding edge in 1st downs &amp; possession time</li> <li>when holding edge in field position</li> <li>when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack</li> <li>when out-rushing the opponent</li> <li>when owning the edge in return yards</li> </ul>	76- 5-1 52- 2-1 31- 0-1 33- 2-0 79-34-2 25-12-1 73-60-2 77-17-2 116-20-1 11- 0-0 118-13-3 110-28-2
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TRENDS III HAWKINS

Some trends of Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **82** games including bowls (**59-23**; the Broncos were 53-11 under his guidance in five seasons):

Category	At CU	Overall
➤ when scoring 20 or more points (0-14 when not)	6- 2	59- 8
when scoring 30 or more points	5- 1	52- 3
when scoring 40 or more points	2- 0	37- 2
when scoring 50 or more points	0- 0	19- 0
when holding opponent to 17 points or less	3- 3	32- 3
▶ in games decided by 7 points or less	2- 4	12- 9
with two or fewer turnovers (8-2 with zero)	4-10	42-18
when turnover margin was plus or even	4- 8	43-15
when scoring first (18-13 when not)	5- 7	41-10
when leading at halftime	5- 3	48- 6
➤ when trailing at halftime (4-0 when tied)	1-8	7-16

<ul> <li>when leading after three (8-17 trailing ,2-1 tied)</li> <li>when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing</li> <li>when holding opponent under 300 yards offense</li> <li>when rushing for 200-plus yards</li> <li>when rushing for 250-plus yards (7-0 300-plus)</li> <li>when rushing for more yards than passing</li> <li>with a 100-yard rusher</li> <li>when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards</li> </ul>	4+ CU 4- 2 3- 4 2- 5 3- 1 2- 1 3- 6 4- 2 2- 0 3- 0	Overall 49- 3 35- 6 26- 5 35- 1 24- 1 21- 7 31- 2 27- 0 47- 2
<ul> <li>with 400-plus yards total offense (43-0 last 43)</li> <li>with 500-plus yards total offense (6-0 with 600-plus)</li> </ul>	3-0	

# 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 19 seasons, in which CU owns the nation's 19th best overall record:

	Turnovers	Turnovers				
	Committed	Forced	+/-	PF	PA	+/-
146 WINS	247	369	+122	1,265	490	+739
HAWKINS ERA (6 WINS)	12	12	Ε	31	34	- 3
76 LOSSES (& 4 TIES)	195	133	- 62	301	637	-336
HAWKINS ERA (12 LOSSES)	18	22	+ 4	39	55	- 16
19-SEASON TOTALS (226 Games	s) 442	502	+59	1,530	1,127	+403
HAWKINS ERA (18 Games)	30	34	+ 4	70	89	- 19

#### TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored 117 times in 181 tries, including 20 game winning or tying scores, when the offense has gone into the "two-minute offense" drill since 1988; that's 65 percent of the time. CU is 5-of-6 this season, utilizing the drill to score field goals at the end of each half against CSU, twice in the fourth quarter against Florida State (scoring one TD), once for six before the half versus Miami and for the game winning field goal, though a bit less rushed, against Oklahoma. The Buffs were 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 also used the drill to score the game winning field goal against CSU. CU was very productive in 2004 (4-of-5), 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	2007	Totals	Pct.
Total	10-13 1	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	5- 6	117-181	64.6
First Half	6-71	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	2- 2	76-106	71.7
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	1/1	48/28	
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	3- 4	41-75	54.7
TDs/FGs	4/0	1/0	4/1	4/0	1/1	2/0	2/1	1/0	0/0	5/0	0/1	1/0	1/1	1/0	0/0	2/1	2/0	0/1	0/0	1/2	32/9	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	20	

#### 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 207 of 223 times, losing 13 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
09/08/07 at Arizona State	14 (14-0; 2nd Quarter)	L, 14-33	10/23/	93 at Kansas State	9 ( 9- 0; 2nd Quarter)	T, 16-16
10/28/06 at Kansas	9 ( 9- 0; 3rd Quarter)	L, 15-20	09/18/	93 at Stanford	10 (37-27; 4th Quarter)	L, 37-41
09/23/06 at Georgia	13 (13- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 13-14	09/15/	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	08/26/	90 *Tennessee	14 (31-17; 4th Quarter)	T, 31-31
11/01/03 at Texas Tech	14 (14- 0; 1st Quarter)	L, 21-26	09/27/	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
09/02/00 Colorado State (Den)	10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 24-28	l 09/19/	81 WASHINGTON ST.	10 (10- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 10-14

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 were last season (Kansas, Baylor in three overtimes—CU scored first in OT2—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 **91** of its last **99** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—and **18** of the last **22**). 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 31 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The most recent wins of this variety came this season against CSU (rallying from 28-17 down in the third and 28-25 in the fourth to win 31-28 in overtime) and Oklahoma (down 24-7 late in the third, eventually tying the fourth largest comeback in school history in winning 27-24).

# DOMINATION

Colorado has only **26** 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); five games in 2006 and Arizona State and Florida State this year. 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 **87-24-2** in their last 113 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **118-26-2** in the last 146. The Buffs are **156-76-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-8 in bowls); **108-53-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **48-23-1** 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 **27** occasions (and is **21-6** in games when this occurs). It's happened seven times this decade, most recently at Baylor this season (**TB High Charles** 109 yards, and **WR Josh Smith** 103). It hadn't happened since 2004, when it occurred thrice: at Texas A&M (**TB Bobby Purify/WR Dusty Sprague**), versus Kansas State (Purify/**WR Ron Monteilh**) and at Nebraska (Purify/**WR Blake Mackey**). In 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, from three years ago; thanks again, NCAA).

## **SCORING STREAKS**

The Buffs have scored in a school record **228** consecutive games, last being shutout on November 12, 1988 by Nebraska in Lincoln (7-0). CU has scored in **121** 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 **89** consecutive road games (**116** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **143** straight league games (all **93** 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 **124** 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 **260** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **459** 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 October 6):* Colorado **228**, Nebraska 145, Kansas State 133, Texas Tech 123, Oklahoma 113, Kansas 55, Missouri 54, Iowa State 45, Texas A&M 44, Texas 39, Oklahoma State 26, Baylor 5. 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 **228** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **fifth** longest active streak in the nation. Since the start of the 1993 season, just eight Division I-A/FBS schools have scored in every game. The list, through games of October 6:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	:	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	281	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	:	TCU	183	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Washington State	267	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	:	Nevada	180	*—All games: joined Div I-A in 1992
Oregon	262	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	•	Air Force	174	#-Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	236	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)	•	(*-322 game	s dating back t	o I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl)
Colorado	228	Nov. 12, 1088 at Nebracka (0.7)	:			

#### 228 AND COUNTING

Colorado's 228-game scoring streak is the 11th longest in Division I-A college history; of the top 14 all-time, nine were started in the 1980s while five began in the 1970s. Here's that list:

School	Streak	Dates	Ended By	School	Streak	Dates	Ended By
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Florida	236	11/05/1988 - present	
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Michigan	281	10/27/1984 - present		Florida State	232	9/10/1988 - 11/11/2006	Wake Forest
Washington	272	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	Colorado	228	11/19/1988 - present	
Washington State	267	10/22/1984 - present		Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/1995	Colorado State
Oregon	262	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 228 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

# IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS

Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2007 season, including camp (\*—denotes on a game day):

Aug.	9	Dusty Sprague (23)	Oct.	2	David Clark (19)	Nov.	5	Andy Avalos (26)	Dec.	13	Tom Suazo (22)
Aug.	11	R.J. Brown (22)	Oct.	2	Kevin Cooney (19)	Nov.	10	*Dan Hawkins (47)	Dec.	19	Riar Geer (21)
Aug.	20	Gardner McKay (21)	Oct.	10	Greg Brown (50)	Nov.	11	Tyson DeVree (23)	Dec.	21	Conrad Obi (19)
Aug.	25	Josh Hartigan (18)	Oct.	13	*Mark Nolan (24)	Nov.	14	Kevin Moyd (20)	Dec.	23	Eric Lawson (21)
Aug.	31	Bret Smith (20)	Oct.	14	Jalil Brown (20)	Nov.	17	Miguel Rueda (36)	Dec.	29	Josh Smith (20)
Sept.	1	*Eugene Goree (18)	Oct.	14	Mile Iltis (19)	Nov.	18	Edwin Harrison (23)	Dec.	30	Lagrone Shields (20)
Sept.	8	*Jean Onaga	Oct.	15	Devin Shanahan (21)	Nov.	22	Jeff Smart (21)	Dec.	31	Stephone Robinson (23)
Sept.	18	Drew Hudgins (22)	Oct.	16	Jarrell Yates (21)	Nov.	24	Eric Kiesau (35)	Jan.	1	Justin Drescher (19)
Sept.	18	Lamont Smith (19)	Oct.	23	Joe Bever (27)	Nov.	28	Ethan Adkins (19)	Jan.	5	Lionel Harris (22)
Sept.	23	Jeff Grimes (39)	Oct.	27	*Erick Faatagi (21)	Nov.	28	Kevin Eberhart (22)	Jan.	6	Joel Adams (23)
Sept.	25	Kyle Black (20)	Oct.	28	Mark Helfrich (34)	Dec.	6	Tyler Ahles (19)	Jan.	6	Cody Crawford (22)
Sept.	25	Jashon Sykes (28)	Oct.	30	Alvin Barnett (22)	Dec.	6	Blake Behrens (19)			
Sept.	30	Daniel Dykes (22)	Nov.	3	*Nate Vaiomounga (18)	Dec.	11	Jake Duren (21)			

# ANATOMY OF THE SCORING STREAK

Colorado has more often than not extended its scoring streak rather quickly. In the 228-game run, CU has scored on its first possession 91 times, plus another three occasions where it scored on returns on its first touch of the game. The Buffs have scored in the first quarter 159 times during the streak, and had it extended by halftime 207 times. A closer look (\*—includes score on a kickoff return to start the 1998 Aloha Bowl; an interception return prior to the first offensive possession in the 2002 Alamo Bowl; and an interception return for a score on the first touch against Arizona State in 2007):

		Scored On/	/in:				Points	Scored-				Scored On	/in:				Points	Scored-	
Season	Games	1st Poss.	10	20	<b>3Q</b>	40	Wins	Losses	Tles	<u>Season</u>	Games	1st Poss.	10	<b>2Q</b>	30	<b>4Q</b>	Wins	Losses	Tles
1988	2	2	2	0	0	0	73			1999	12	4	6	3	1	2	313	92	
1989	12	7	9	2	1	0	452	6		2000	11	3	6	4	1	0	91	161	
1990	13	4	8	3	1	1	346	22	31	2001	13	7	10	3	0	0	367	45	
1991	12	3	7	5	0	0	250	60	19	2002	14	8*	10	1	2	1	335	63	
1992	12	3	6	4	2	0	287	29	24	2003	12	5	9	3	0	0	173	146	
1993	12	4	9	3	0	0	269	83	16	2004	13	3	11	0	1	1	245	59	
1994	12	7	11	0	1	0	432	7		2005	13	5	7	5	0	1	253	52	
1995	12	2	9	3	0	0	399	45		2006	12	7	10	0	1	1	63	133	
1996	12	5	9	3	0	0	327	25		2007	6	3*	4	1	0	1	143	20	
1997	11	4	7	3	1	0	183	117		Totals	228	94	159	48	12	9	5249	1219	90
1998	12	3*	9	2	Ο	1	248	54											

Colorado has a **148-76-4** record during the scoring streak, averaging **35.5** points in the wins and **16.0** points in the losses (and 23.5 the four tied games). The Buffs have had only nine occasions where it extended the streak in the fourth quarter. The most recent came last week in a 16-6 loss to Florida State on September 15, where it marked the latest in a game CU scored to maintain the streak; it was also the only fourth quarter touchdown in the streak that took place on fourth down. Here's a look at those occasions (\*—denotes in Denver):

<u>Date</u>	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
Sept. 15, 2007	225	FLORIDA STATE	Tyson DeVree 11 pass from Cody Hawkins	3:39	L 6-16

There have been **16** 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 16 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 Johnson9 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
Sept. 15, 2007	225	FLORIDA STATE	Tyson DeVree 11 pass from Cody Hawkins	3:39, 4Q	L	6-16

The One-Scorers (16): Crosby 6, Bloom 2, Brougham 1, DeVree 1, Hagan 1, Hill 1, C.Johnson 1, Lesley 1, Salaam 1, Wheatley 1 (eight field goals, four rushing touchdowns, 2 receiving touchdowns, one interception return, one punt return)

#### SCORING DUEL JUST 25 MILES APART

Colorado has scored in 228 straight games dating back to 1988; down the road, the NFL **Denver Broncos** have scored in 234 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 462 straight games. Many traits are eerily similar; the Broncos have extended it on their first possession 91 times, in the first quarter 154 times and by halftime on 224 occasions, although have had to wait to extend it in the fourth quarter just once. And if you count in the Air Force Academy's streak of 174 games, the Front Range trio has a 636 game streak going among them.

#### STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- → 30+. In its history, Colorado is 290-11-1 when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of 207-3 with 35-plus points and 192-2 with 36-plus, 169-1 with 38-plus and 108-0 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 1,106 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 8-15-1 in its last 24 games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is 14-29-2 against top 10 schools and 41-50-2 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 in 2006 (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 94-43-3 in its last 140 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 104 of its last 226 games, posting a 97-6-1 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 156 of these 226 games, dating to the start of 1989, going 126-28-2 (CU is 20-48-2 when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- → CU has allowed 381 touchdowns in the last 735 times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other 354 times have yielded 179 field goals as well as 175 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. Under Dan Hawkins, the opponent has penetrated the CU red zone 59 times, with 37 touchdowns, 10 field goals and 12 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 90 touchdowns out of 213 drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just 123 scores overall, meaning 90 non-scores). In 2007, the opponent has seven scores (7 TD) out of 14 drives started in CU territory; over the last four-plus seasons, CU's allowed just 82 scores (63 TD/19 FG) in 136 drives started from the 50 on into CU territory.
- → CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in 48 of its last 123 contests (twice thus far in 2007, after one time in '06), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In 177 games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards 84 times (47 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in 42 of the 177 games since the '93 season opener (24%)... and remember CU has played 74 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. 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). 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 is averaging 5.4 per first down play in 2007, still trying to find some consistency, gaining five or more yards just 68 times in 193 tries.

- → 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 39 scores by return in their last 102 games. Since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has 60 scores by return in 153 games (53 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- → 200/200. Colorado reached 200 yards both rushing and passing against Miami-Ohio as CU has accomplished the 200 "double-double" 12 times in the last 103 games (and 33 times in the last 176, 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 33-2 since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. Prior to '93, CU bad accomplished the feat only 19 times in its first 929 games in its bistory.
- → Grass. Colorado is 59-48-1 in its last 108 games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (56-41 in the last 97, including a 31-18 mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999.
- → Artificial Turf. Colorado is 91-30-3 in its last 124 games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a 58-23-3 in conference games. CU is 1-0 on the fake stuff in 2007 after going 0-3 in 2006 (but 2-0 in '05 and 3-1 in '04).
- → CU quarterbacks have traditionally taken care of the football, as Buff slingers have thrown just 169 interceptions in 5,394 attempts since the start of the 1993 season, an interception rate of just 3.13 percent (or one every 31.9 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). In 2005, that number was down a bit to **10.2** on the 73 conversions, but jumped to **12.0** in 2006 (**1,022** yards on the **85** conversions).
  - → The trend is still continuing into '07, as in six games, opponents have **364** yards on 27 makes (**13.5** per), and just 66 on 61 misses (1.1).
- → Second Down "Conversions." The Colorado defense has some pretty good numbers in an interesting category: opponents are just 31-of-128 earning first downs on second down plays (24.2%; down from 26.1 a year ago). Only 20 of those tries have come from four yards or less as well (12 makes). By comparison, CU is a tad better at 39-of-148 overall (26.4%), with 27 tries from four yards or shorter (14 makes).
- → 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%). CU is 4-of-7 on 3rd-&-1 in 2007
- 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-79 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-70 when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- → Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in 47 of 72 quarters (65 percent) and 3 of 4 overtime periods. All told, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in 516 of 688 quarters (75%). Those numbers include 17 of 24 quarters this season, including seven in a row and 12 of the last 13 since a six-quarter dry spell that covered the Arizona State and Oklahoma games.

#### NFL SCOUT WATCH

Colorado has 17 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 2007, 25 total scouts (representing 17 teams) from Arizona, Atlanta, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Miami, Minnesota, New England, St. Louis, Seattle and Tampa Bay have been in attendance at games thus far; in 2006, 52 scouts from 26 teams saw the Buffs in person on game day. It's the norm, as in 2005, 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 (312 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 77-34 in its last 111 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 63-23-1 in its last 87 games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- □ Colorado is 73-17-2 before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (75-55-2 with 50,000-plus);
- Colorado is 516-238-25 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 pick 31 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 six games in 2007, the longtime radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 425 CU games in his career, including 162 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 327, including the last 285 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 285 in all (134 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 226 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 272 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 in June 2006, 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'd seen 453 all told at the time he left CU). 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 l	On The Big 12 Road											
School	W	L	Pct.									
Texas	28	10	.737									
Oklahoma	26	14	.650									
Nebraska	25	19	.568									
Kansas State	25	20	.556									
Texas A&M	23	21	.523									
Colorado	22	23	.489									
Texas Tech	19	26	.422									
Missouri	13	31	.295									
Oklahoma State	13	31	.295									
Iowa State	10	36	.217									
Kansas	7	38	.156									
Baylor	2	43	.044									

Nalisas	- 1	50	. 100
Baylor	2	43	.044
Does not include ner	utral	site	games
OU-UT, '96 OSU-TTU	J or	1 86'	NU-OSU

THIGL-DIVISION	(MOLf	пvs	. Ծսևա
School	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska	20	13	.606
Colorado	20	15	.571
Kansas State	19	15	.559
Missouri	18	15	.545
Iowa State	9	25	.265
Kansas	5	28	.152
Inter-Division	(Sout	h vs	. North
<u>School</u>	W	L	Pct.
Texas	27	7	.794
Oklahoma	23	11	.676
Texas A&M	20	13	.606
Texas Tech	18	16	.529
Oklahoma State	15	18	.455
Baylor	8	26	.235
(does not include			
tuoca not include	title ga	mes)	

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

Oklahoma	5	2	2	1	0
Texas	5	2	2	1	0
Colorado	4	0	3	1	0
Nebraska	4	2	0	2	0
Oklahoma State	4	0	2	2	0
Texas A&M	4	0	2	1	1
Kansas State	3	1	1	1	0
Baylor	2	0	0	0	2
Missouri	2	0	0	2	0
Texas Tech	2	0	1	1	1
Iowa State	1	0	0	0	1
Kansas	1	0	1	0	0

rs. Ranked N	lon-L	eag	gue	Te	ams	
(AP, since 199	10; by	gan	ies	pla	yed)	
School	G	W	L	7	Pct.	
Colorado	27	13	13	1	.500	
exas	23	8	13	2	.364	
lebraska	14	8	6	0	.571	
Oklahoma	13	6	7	0	.462	
exas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333	
exas Tech	12	0	12	0	.000	
Baylor	10	2	8	0	.200	
∕lissouri	9	1	8	0	.111	
owa State	9	1	8	0	.111	
Cansas	6	0	6	0	.000	
)klahoma State	6	0	6	0	.000	
annan Ctata	1	- 1	2	Λ	222	

(regular season; does not include bowls)

#### **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 "Whitzer" 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.
- 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. The latter, played on October 22, drew a then-record 52,022 in attendance for any sporting event in the state of Colorado.
- 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.
- 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.

#### **BUFFS AGAINST THE BEST**

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

	All-Time	1989-07	Dan Hawkins	
Games	Record	Record	Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5	12-48-2	8-16-1	1-0	5 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 10	25-83-3	14-28-2	1-1	8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney
versus Top 15	37-100-3	20-33-2	1-1	10 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 25	67-131-3	41-50-2	1-5	20 / Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 12-year old league owns a **28-71** 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 8-6, Texas 5-6, Kansas State 2-5, Oklahoma 2-2, Baylor 1-4, Iowa State 1-8, Texas Tech 1-8, Kansas 0-2, Missouri 0-5 Oklahoma State 0-5, and Texas A&M 0-9. CU has played 17 of the 91 games, with Nebraska next with 12 followed by Texas (11).

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 41-7, Kansas State 38-7, Oklahoma State 31-10, Texas 36-10, Oklahoma 34-11, Missouri 31-11, Texas A&M 32-13, Kansas 29-11, Texas Tech 33-14, Iowa State 28-15, Baylor 23-16 and **Colorado 25-21** (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).

# 2007 NCAA RULES CHANGES

The NCAA Football Rules Committee approved several changes this past April; here are 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.

## PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS

There are **26** former Colorado Buffaloes on National Football League rosters as of October 8. There were 29 CU alums on the final 2006 rosters, which was second in the Big 12 behind Nebraska (32); Oklahoma had 27, Texas 25, Kansas State 2 and Oklahoma State 11. CU has continually been one of the top 20 producers for the last 18 years of NFL talent, and at one time in the late 1970's had the most active players (47) of any school in the nation. Last year, CU was 19th with the 29 former Buffs playing on Sundays; The last time Colorado was in the top 10 was in 2002, coming in 10th, ironically with the same number (29) as were playing last year. 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 active list (#—denotes starter/first-team performer in 2006; \$\tau\$—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; 2R—denotes second-year rookie; **i**—denotes on injured reserve; **p**—denotes practice squad):

<u>Player</u>	Pos.	<u>Team</u>	Exp.	<u>Player</u>	<u>Po</u>	s. <u>Team</u>		<u>Exp.</u>
#Tom Ashworth	OT	Seattle Seahawks	6	<b>p</b> -Sam Wilder	OT	Indianapo	olis Colts	3R
#Justin Bannan	DT	Baltimore Ravens	6	Abraham Wright	DE	Miami Do	lphins	R
#Tyler Brayton	DT	Oakland Raiders	4	In Commo But Ma				
Chad Brown	OLB	New England Patriots	14	In Camps But Wai		o Toom		Evn
Chris Brown	RB	Tennessee Titans	4	<u>Player</u>	<u>Po</u> DT		on Bodokino	<u><b>Exp.</b></u> 2R
ช-Brian Calhoun	RB	Detroit Lions	2	Vaka Manupuna		0	on Redskins	∠r. R
Mason Crosby	PK	Green Bay Packers	R	Thaddaeus Washi	ngton ile	B Buffalo B	IIIS	ĸ
<b>p</b> -Brian Daniels	OG	Minnesota Vikings	R	COACHES				
<b>p</b> -Mark Fenton	OG	Denver Broncos	R	Name	Pos.	Team	Tie To Colorado	
Christian Fauria	TE	Jacksonville Jaguars	12	Mike Barry	OL	Detroit	Asst. Coach, 19	87-92
#Daniel Graham	TE	Denver Broncos	5	Ronnie Bradford	DB	Denver	Player, 1989-92	2
#Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	5	Eric Bieniemy	RB	Minnesota	Player, 1987-90	) & AC
#D.J. Hackett	WR	Seattle Seahawks	3	Tom Cable	OL	Oakland	Asst. Coach, 19	98-99
ਰੇ-Marques Harris	DE	San Diego Chargers	2	Jim Caldwell	AHC/QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 19	82-84
Brian Iwuh	OLB	Jacksonville Jaguars	2	Jon Embree	TE	Kansas City	Player, 1983-86	& AC
#Joe Klopfenstein	TE	St. Louis Rams	2	David Gibbs	DB	Kansas City	Player, 1987-90	)
#Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	10	Vance Joseph	DB	San Francisco	Player, 1990-94	ŀ
#Michael Lewis	SS	San Francisco 49ers	5	Steve Marshall	OL	Cleveland	Asst. Coach, 20	00-01
i-Matt McChesney	OG	New York Jets	2R	Rick Neuheisel	OC/QB	Baltimore	Head Coach, 19	95-98
#Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	10	Rod Perry	DB	Indianapolis	Player, 1973-74	į
Hannibal Navies	LB	San Francisco 49ers	8	Kennedy Pola	RB	Jacksonville	Asst. Coach, 19	97-98
Donald Strickland	CB	San Francisco 49ers	4	Vernon Stephens	Str/Cond	San Diego	Asst. S&C Coacl	1, 2003-06
#Quinn Sypniewski	TE	Baltimore Ravens	2	NFL Europe	•	J		
Lawrence Vickers	RB	Cleveland Browns	2	Donnie Holmes	WR	Cologne	Player, 1979	
				Kanavis McGhee	DL	Amsterdam	Player, 1987-90	)

**BY TEAM (18 of 32)**—Denver 3, San Francisco 3, Baltimore 2, Jacksonville 2, Seattle 2, Cleveland 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Green Bay 1, Indianapolis 1, Miami 1, Minnesota 1, Oakland 1, New England 1, Philadelphia 1, San Diego 1, St. Louis 1, Tennessee 1.

AND IN CANADA? One former Buff is making his living north of the border in the Canadian Football League, as C Marwan Hage is in his fifth year with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

**COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL COACHES:** Several former Buffaloes are serving as high school head coaches in the state. Here's the list of eight who head prep programs: **Jim Bratten** (Holy Family), **Spencer Colter** (Boulder), **Dave Logan** (Mullen), **Mike Marquez** (Northglenn), **Bill Mondt** (Eaton), **Tom Tesone** (Bishop Machebeuf), **Ron Woolfork** (Denver East) and **Scott Yates** (Kent Denver).

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.

**ALL-TIME CU PRO 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 Stoltenberg, 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, 21 of 28 players who started at least two years on the Buff offensive line were either drafted or signed as free agents. The list is impressive (with three others who started just one season):

		Full Years				Full Years	
<u>Player</u>	Pos	As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)	<u>Player</u>	Pos	As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)
Brian Daniels	G	(4) 2003-06	Minnesota (FA)	Chris Naeole	G	(3) 1994-95-96	New Orleans (1)
Mark Fenton	С	(3) 2004-06	Denver (FA)	Heath Irwin	G	(3) 1993-94-95	New England (4)
Clint O'Neal	T	(2) 2004-05	Washington (FA)	Bryan Stoltenberg	С	(4) 1992-93-94-95	San Diego (6)
Sam Wilder	T	(2) 2003-04	Dallas (FA)	Derek West	Τ	(3) 1992-93-94	Indianapolis (5)
Marwan Hage	G/C	(3) 2001-02-03	Jacksonville (FA)	Tony Berti	Τ	(2) 1993-94	San Diego (6)
Wayne Lucier	G/C	(2) 2001-02	N.Y. Giants (7)	Jay Leeuwenburg	С	(3) 1989-90-91	Kansas City (9)
Justin Bates	T/G	(3) 2000-01-02	Dallas (7)	Mark VanderPoel	Т	(3) 1988-89-90	Indianapolis (4)
Andre Gurode	G/C	(3) 1999-00-01	Dallas (2)	Joe Garten	G	(4) 1987-88-89-90	Green Bay (6)
Victor Rogers	T	(3) 1999-00-01	Detroit (7)	One-Year Starters:			
Brad Bedell	G	(2) 1998-99	Cleveland (6)	Tom Ashworth	Τ	(1) 2000	New England (FA)
Shane Cook	Т	(2) 1998-99	New Orleans (FA)	Ben Nichols	G	(1) 1998	Atlanta (FA)
Ryan Johanningmeier	G/T	(3) 1997-98-99	Atlanta (FA)	Ariel Solomon	Т	(1) 1990	Pittsburgh (10)
Melvin Thomas	G/T	(3) 1995-96-97	Philadelphia (7)				

# ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS

RUS	SHING						Net
Rk	Player (Seasons)			Att.	Yards	Av	
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)			699	3,940	5.0	_
2	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)			486	3,057	6.5	
3	Bobby Purify (2000-04)			595	3,016	5.0	
4	Charlie Davis (1971-73)			538	2,958	5.5	
5 6	Chris Brown (2001-02) James Mayberry (1975-78)			465 546	2,690 2,544	5.1 4.0	
7	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)			568	2,487	4.	
8	Bob Anderson (1967-69)			568	2,367	4.	
9	Lee Rouson (1981-84)		. !	581	2,296	3.9	95 10
10	Lamont Warren (1991-93)			488	2,242	4.	
11	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)			445	2,199	4.9	
12 13	Kayo Lam (1933-35) Merwin Hodel (1949-51)			313 502	2,140	6.8	
14	J.J. Flannigan (1987-89)			328	2,102 2,096	4. 6.:	
15	Hugh Charles (2004-07)			396	2,021	<b>5.</b> 1	
16	Darian Hagan (1988-91)			489	2,007	4.	
17	Carroll Hardy (1951-54)			291	1,999	6.8	37 23
18	John Bayuk (1954-56)			367	1,943	5.	
19	Tony Reed (1975-76) Bob Stransky (1955-57)			421	1,938	4.0 5.1	
20 <b>92</b>	Byron Ellis (2004-07)	•••••		328 <b>149</b>	1,868 <b>449</b>	3.0	
32	Dylon Lins (2004-01)	••••••		170	110	J.(	,1 1
PAS	SSING						
Rk	Player (Seasons)	Att-Com-		Pct.	Yards	TD	Rating
1	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	1095-666-3		60.8	7,375	44	124.63
2	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	785-456-		58.1	6,481	33	136.47
3 4	Koy Detmer (1992-96) Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	594-350-2 607-366-		58.9 60.3	5,390 4,797	40 33	148.95 138.36
5	John Hessler (1994-97)	627-347-		55.3	4,788	34	129.09
6	Steve Vogel (1981-84)	688-309-		44.9	3,912	27	96.03
7	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	424-213-	19	50.2	3,801	27	137.59
8	Craig Ochs (2000-02)	453-265-		58.5	3,325	16	125.19
9	Gale Weidner (1959-61)	480-218-3		45.4	3,033	18	97.76
10	Randy Essington (1980-82)	496-247-	26 	49.8	2,773	10	92.95
21	Cody Hawkins (2007)	219-126-		57.5	1,457	10	120.33
24	Bernard Jackson (2004-06)	221-110-	•	49.8	1,357	7	105.47
REC	CEIVING (Receptions)						
Rk	Player (Seasons)		No.	Ya	ards	Avg.	TD
1	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)				,548	15.3	19
2	Phil Savoy (1994-97)				,176	14.3	14
3 4	Javon Green (1997-2000) Rae Carruth (1992-96)				,031 ,540	14.9 18.8	17 20
5	Derek McCoy (2000-03)				,038	15.2	20
6	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)				,447	19.3	15
7	Monte Huber (1967-69)				,436	12.9	5
8	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)				,543	14.6	11
9	Christian Fauria (1991-94)				,058	10.8	11
10	Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98)		. 97	I	,199	12.4	6
1.1	D.J. Hackett (2002-03)		93	1	,194	12.8	9
11	D.J. Hackett (2002-05)				,057	11.6	2
12	Dave Hestera (1981-83)				,		
12 <b>13</b>	Dave Hestera (1981-83) Dusty Sprague (2004-07)		. 89	1,	,113	12.5	4
12 <b>13</b> 14	Dave Hestera (1981-83) <b>Dusty Sprague (2004-07)</b> Lee Rouson (1981-84)		<b>89</b>	1,	<b>113</b> 699	<b>12.5</b> 8.1	4
12 <b>13</b> 14 15	Dave Hestera (1981-83)		. <b>89</b> . 86 . 80	1, 1	, <b>113</b> 699 ,223	8.1 15.3	4 10
12 13 14 15 15	Dave Hestera (1981-83)		<b>89</b> . 86 . 80	1, 1 1	,113 699 ,223 ,166	8.1 15.3 14.6	4 10 5
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12 13 14 15 15 15	Dave Hestera (1981-83)		<b>89</b> . 86 . 80 . 80 . 79	1, 1 1	,113 699 ,223 ,166 937	8.1 15.3 14.6 11.7	4 10 5 12
12 13 14 15 15 15 18 19 20	Dave Hestera (1981-83)		<b>89</b> . 86 . 80 . 80 . 79 . 78	1, 1 1	,113 699 ,223 ,166 937 971 ,107 903	8.1 15.3 14.6 11.7 12.3 14.2 13.1	4 10 5 12 6 8 5
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12 13 14 15 15 15 18 19 20 21 21	Dave Hestera (1981-83)		<b>89</b> . 86 . 80 . 80 . 79 . 78 . 69 . 68	1, 1 1	,113 699 ,223 ,166 937 971 ,107 903 ,078 546	8.1 15.3 14.6 11.7 12.3 14.2 13.1 15.9 8.0	4 10 5 12 6 8 5 4 3
12 13 14 15 15 15 18 19 20 21 21 23	Dave Hestera (1981-83)		<b>89</b> . 86 . 80 . 80 . 79 . 78 . 69 . 68	1, 1 1 1	,113 699 ,223 ,166 937 971 ,107 903 ,078 546 680	12.5 8.1 15.3 14.6 11.7 12.3 14.2 13.1 15.9 8.0 10.3	4 10 5 12 6 8 5 4 3 3
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12 13 14 15 15 15 18 19 20 21 21 23	Dave Hestera (1981-83)		<b>89</b> . 86 . 80 . 80 . 79 . 78 . 68 . 68 . 66 . <b>65</b>	1, 1 1 1	,113 699 ,223 ,166 937 971 ,107 903 ,078 546 680	12.5 8.1 15.3 14.6 11.7 12.3 14.2 13.1 15.9 8.0 10.3	4 10 5 12 6 8 5 4 3 3

DE	CEIVING (Yards)				
Rk		No	Vordo	Aud	TD
<b>RK</b>	Player (Seasons) Michael Westbrook (1991-94)	<b>No.</b> 167	<b>Yards</b> 2,548	<b>Avg.</b> 15.3	<b>TD</b> 19
2	Rae Carruth (1992-96)	135	2,540	18.8	20
3	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)	127	2,447	19.3	15
4	Phil Savoy (1994-97)	152	2,176	14.3	14
5	Derek McCoy (2000-03)	134	2,038	15.2	20
6	Javon Green (1997-2000)	136	2,031	14.9	17
7	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
8 9	Monte Huber (1967-69) Mike Pritchard (1987-90)	111 47	1,436 1,241	12.9 26.4	5 10
10	Marcus Stiggers (1996-99)	80	1,223	15.1	10
11	Ron Brown (1981-85)	57	1,217	21.4	8
12	Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98)	97	1,199	12.4	6
13	D.J. Hackett (2002-03)	93	1,194	12.8	9
14	Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5
15	Dusty Sprague (2004-07)	89	1,113	12.5	4
16	Loy Alexander (1983-85)	78 69	1,107	14.2	8
17 18	Dave Logan (1972-75) Christian Fauria (1991-94)	68 98	1,078 1,058	15.9 10.8	4 11
19	Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2
20	John Minardi (1998-2001)	79	971	12.3	6
21	James Kidd (1993-96)	58	944	16.3	9
22	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	80	937	11.7	12
30	Kazell Pugh (1977-79)	42	709	16.9	4
40	Patrick Williams (2005-07)	65	642	9.9	1
45	Ken Blair (1960-62)	47	591	12.6	3
50	Merwin Hodel (1949-51)	48	540	11.3	4
60 <b>69</b>	Walter Stanley (1980-81) Hugh Charles (2004-07)	28 <b>49</b>	490 <b>436</b>	17.5 <b>8.9</b>	3 <b>1</b>
	Alvin Barnett (2005-06)	38	363	9.6	1
	12.11.2.11.0.1 (2000 00)	•	0.00	0.0	-
ALL	-PURPOSE YARDS				
Rk	Player (Seasons) Rush	Rec	KOR	PR	Total
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	380	31	0	4,351
2	Byron White (1935-37)	234	506	973	3,577
3	Herchell Troutman (1994-97) 2,487	725	240	91	3,543
4	Bobby Purify (2000-04)	508	0	0	3,524
5 6	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94) 3,057 Charlie Davis (1971-73) 2,958	412 131	13 75	0 0	3,482 3,164
7	Carroll Hardy (1951-54)	38	853	225	3,115
8	Kayo Lam (1933-35)	111	331	530	3,112
9	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93) 82	2,447	217	261	3,007
10	Lee Rouson (1981-84) 2,296	699	0	0	2,995
15	D'II- W- 44- (1079.70) 1.597		0.40		0.007
15 20	Billy Waddy (1973-76)	475 432	849 0	26 0	2,887 2,674
21	Mike Pritchard (1987-90) 585	1,241	693	<b>-</b> 6	2,513
22	Cliff Branch (1970-71)	665	755	733	2,507
23	Hugh Charles (2004-07) 2,021	436	47	0	2,504
24	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001) 137	680	914	752	2,483
30	J.J. Flannigan (1987-89) 2,096	64	68	0	2,228
35	Jeff Campbell (1986-89)	802	0	904	2,145
	Stephone Robinson (2004-07) 31	75	857	646	1,609
ΥΔΕ	RDS FROM SCRIMMAGE				
Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rush		Rec	Total
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)			380	4,320
2	Bobby Purify (2000-04)			508	3,524
3	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94)	3,057		412	3,469
4	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	2,487		725	3,212
5	Charlie Davis (1971-73)			131	3,089
6	Lee Rouson (1981-84)			699	2,995
7	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)			691	2,890
8	Chris Brown (2001-02)		_	76 5.40	2,766
9	Rae Carruth (1992-96)		2,	540	2,736
10	James Mayberry (1975-78)			171	2,719
11 12	Lamont Warren (1991-93) Merwin Hodel (1949-51)			432 540	2,674 2,642
13	Michael Westbrook (1991-94)			548	2,632
14	Charles E. Johnson (1990-93)			447	2,529
15	Hugh Charles (2004-07)	. 2,021		436	2,457
16	Bobby Anderson 1967-69)			68	2,435

## ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS

1710	KOFF RETURNS					UARTERBACK SACKS, continued	
(	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Garry Howe (1989-90)	$13\frac{1}{2}$
	Ben Kelly (1997-99)	64	1,798	28.1	3	Four tied (A,Walker, Steed, Sykes, Brayton)	$12\frac{1}{2}$
2	M.J. Nelson (1986-89)		1,198	23.5	0	l Stuart Walker (1976-78)	12
3	Walter Stanley (1980-81)		1,172	23.9	1	Three tied (M.Harris, S.Rogers, D.Capra)	$11\frac{1}{2}$
4	Bill Symons (1962-64)		1,051	24.4	1	5 Jordon Dizon (2004-07)	11
5	Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)		937	24.7	0	9 Bud Magrum (1971-72)	10
6	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)	44	914	20.8	0		
7	Stephone Robinson (2004-07)		857	17.9	0	'ACKLES-FOR-LOSS	
8	Carroll Hardy (1951-54)		853	27.5	0	k Player (Seasons)	
9	Billy Waddy (1973-76)		849	26.5	2	1 Alfred Williams (1987-90)	
0	Howard Ballage (1976-78)		764	25.5	2	2 Ron Woolfork (1990-93)	
1	Cliff Branch (1970-71)	30	755	25.2	2	3 Greg Jones (1992-96)	
2	Mike Pritchard (1987-90)		693	23.1	0	4 Matt Russell (1993-96)	
	, ,					5 Leonard Renfro (1989-92)	
H	NT RETURNS					6 Curt Koch (1984-87)	
						7 Chad Brown (1989-92)	
K	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	7 Kanavis McGhee (1987-90)	
1	Charlie Greer (1966-68)		975	15.0	1	9 Laval Short (1976-79)	
2	Byron White (1935-37)		973	11.9	3	9 Bill Brundige (1967-69)	
3	Jeff Campbell (1986-89)		904	10.8	0	1 Arthur Walker (1986-89)	
4	Roman Hollowell (1998-2001)		752 752	15.3	3	2 Jashon Sykes (1998-2001)	
4	Jo Jo Collins (1984-88)		752	9.1	0	2 Greg Biekert (1989-92)	
6	Cliff Branch (1970-71)		733 <b>647</b>	16.7	6	4 Herb Orvis (1969-71)	
7	Stephone Robinson (2004-07)		647	8.3	2	5 Jordon Dizon (2004-07)	
8	Mike E. Davis (1976-79)		632	7.5	0	5 Joel Steed (1988-91)	
9 0	Jeremy Bloom (2002-03)		625 559	14.2	$\frac{2}{2}$	George Hypolite (2005-07)	
U	Dave McCloughan (1987-90)	34	333	16.4	2		
A(	KLES					NTERCEPTIONS	
k	Player (Position, Seasons)		UT	AT —	TOT	tk Player (Seasons) No. Yards	Av
1	Barry Remington (LB, 1982-86)			248 —	493	1 John Stearns (1970-72)	21
2	Matt Russell (LB, 1993-96)			164 —	446	2 Chris Hudson (1991-94)	13
3	Greg Biekert (LB, 1989-92)			161 —	441	3 Dick Anderson (1965-67)	10
4	Ted Johnson (LB, 1991-94)			156 —	409	4 Tim James (1987-90)	9
5	Laval Short (DL, 1976-79)			231 —	372	5 Deon Figures (1988-92)	8
6	Chad Brown (LB, 1989-92)			127 —	369	6 Steve Rosga (1992-96)	15
7	Jordon Dizon (LB, 2004-07)			129 —	364	6 Ben Kelly (1997-99)	8
8	Michael Jones (LB, 1986-89)			131 —	349	6 Terrence Wheatley (2003-07) 11 124	11
9	Thaddaeus Washington (LB, 2003-06)			136 —	338	8 Victor Scott (1980-83) 10 203	20
0	Michael Lewis (DB, 1998-2001)			111 —	336	8 Roy Shepherd (1950-52)	15.
1	Mickey Pruitt (DB, 1984-87)		201	131 —	332	8 Cullen Bryant (1970-72)	13
2	Jashon Sykes (LB, 1998-2001)			118 —	330	8 Boyd Dowler (1956-58) 10 75	7
3	J.J. Billingsley (DB, 2002-06)		211	96 —	307		
4	Steve Rosga (DB, 1992-96)			123 —	304	PASS DEFLECTIONS	
4	Don DeLuzio (LB, 1984-88)			129 —	304	k Player (Seasons)	
6	Brian Cabral (LB, 1974-77)			177 —	297	1 Marcus Washington (1995-97)	
6	Kanavis McGhee (LB, 1987-90)			118 —	297	2 Damen Wheeler (1996-99)	
-	Terrence Wheatley (CB, 2003-07)	•••••	105	<b>26</b> —	131	3 Ben Kelly (1997-99)	
						4 Donald Strickland (1999-2002)	
Ų	ARTERBACK SACKS					4 Lorenzo Sims (2003-06)	
	Player (Seasons)			No. Y	/ards	6 Mickey Pruitt (1984-87)	
	Alfred Williams (1987-90)			35	242	7 Phil Jackson (2000-03)	
	Ron Woolfork (1990-93)			33	241	8 Dalton Simmons (1992-96)	
3	Greg Jones (1992-96)			25	158	9 Deon Figures (1988-92)	
	Laval Short (1976-79)			$24\frac{1}{2}$	192	9 Terrence Wheatley (2003-07)	
•	Abraham Wright (2004-06)			21	151	1 Alfred Williams (1987-90)	
5	Herb Orvis (1969-71)			20	182	2 Victor Scott (1980-83)	
;	Dan McMillen (1982-85)			20	135	2 Gerett Burl (2004-05)	
,	Bill Brundige (1967-69)			19	151	4 Pat Murphy (1968-70)	
	C IZ1- (1004.07)			19	119	4 Michael Jones (1986-89)	
3	Curt Koch (1984-87)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			07	4 Chris Hudson (1991-94)	

## THIS-N-THAT

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> 12. The game at Arizona State was the 12th for Colorado in the state of Arizona; that ranks fourth among the seven states that border Colorado (*Kansas 66, Oklaboma 51, Utab 44, Nebraska 33, Arizona 12, Wyoming 6, New Mexico 2*).

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Chris Hudson (1991-94).....

- > 22. The Colorado State game marked 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 14-8 all-time in the Mile High city.
- > 400. Colorado has 399 combined wins in the seven different conferences it has lined up to play football in (one in 2007), thus the Buffs are now one victory 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.

Leonard Renfro (1989-92).....

#### CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below are the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2007 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in 853 games, with 251 starts. Recent past numbers entering a season have been 1,053 games played/295 started (2006), 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	<u>Player</u>	G GS						
ADAMS	15 0	CLARK	0 0	HARRISON	40 22	MELTON	1 0	SIPILI	12 2
ADKINS	0 0	COONEY	0 0	HARTIGAN	0 0	MEYER	0 0	SMART	17 3
AHLES	0 0	COPE	6 —	HAWKINS, C.	6 6	MILLER	3 0	SMITH, B.	3 0
BARR	0 0	CRAWFORD	18 3	HAWKINS, J.	0 0	MODROVSKY	0 0	SMITH, Jm.	6 0
BALLENGER	0 0	DANIELS	0 0	HEAD	9 7	MOYD	16 0	SMITH, Jo.	4 2
BARNETT	25 9	DEVENNY	2 0	HERROD	6 0	NABORS	1 0	SMITH, L.	0 0
BARRETT	35 8	DeVREE	16 4	HUDGINS	0 0	NELSON	2 0	SOLDER	6 1
BEATTY	2 0	DiLALLO	18 —	HYPOLITE	30 14	NICOLAS	18 17	SPRAGUE	41 18
BEHRENS, B.	0 0	DIZON	44 40	ILTIS	0 0	OBI	0 0	STENGEL	0 0
BEHRENS, J.	5 0	DRESCHER	18 0	JACKSON	24 11	PALAZZI	6 4	STEVENS	1 0
BISNOW	0 0	DUREN	5 1	JAFFEE	0 0	PERKINS	0 0	SUAZO	1 —
BLACK	0 0	DYKES	6 6	JAGORAS	18 3	PERRI	3 0	SUMLER	6 2
BRACE	16 0	EBERHART	13 —	JONES	31 17	POLUMBUS	41 21	TAU	0 0
BROWN, C.	18 7	ELLIS	40 9	KAYNOR	14 0	POREMBA	0 0	VAIOMOUNGA	1 0
BROWN, J.	6 0	ESPINOZA	0 0	LAWSON	1 0	ROBINSON	44 2	WALTERS	30 16
BROWN, R.	20 1	FAATAGI	0 0	LOCKRIDGE	3 0	SANDERS, D.	27 21	WHEATLEY	43 25
BURNEY	29 8	FRUECHTEL	0 0	LUCAS	25 11	SANDERS, J.	41 1	WILLIAMS	33 11
BURTON	22 1	GEER	18 12	MAIAVA	3 2	SANDERSFIELD	0 0	WRIGHT	0 0
CANTRELL	22 6	GOREE	0 0	McBRIDE	10 0	SHANAHAN	0 0	YATES	10 0
CELESTINE	6 1	HAM	0 0	McKAY	27 0	SHIELDS	0 0	TEAM	1176 383
CHARLES	42 19	HARRIS	40 6	McKNIGHT	6 3	SIMAS	0 0	2006 Final	1675 538

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: OG Kai Maiava, WR Josh Smith (2007); 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: QB Cody Hawkins, WR Scotty McKnight, OG Wes Palazzi, TE Nate Solder, TB Demetrius Sumler (2007); OT Paul Backowski, TE Riar Geer, OG Devin Head (2006); OG Daniel Sanders (2005); DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).

LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: TE Joe Sanders (2007); 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

**OT Tyler Polumbus** owns the longest starting streak on the team at **18** games, followed by **CB Terrence Wheatley** with 17 and **C Daniel Sanders** with 16. The only other players with more than a handful of consecutive starts are **ILB Jordon Dizon** (12), **SS Ryan Walters** (11) and **OLB Brad Jones** (10). Yes, CU is young, but this also is a result of what **Dan Hawkins** thinks of depth charts; he prefers the term contributors, so whatever play they want to run to open a game could feature virtually anyone that fits a particular play or scheme.

### TWENTY-SIX SEE FIRST CU ACTION THUS FAR IN 2007

A total of 26 players have stepped on to the field wearing a Colorado Buffalo uniform for the first time in 2007. Twelve players had their first taste of collegiate action in the opener against Colorado State, with three more hitting the field for the first time at Arizona State and two others in game three against Florida State. In game four, the floodgates opened again with seven players making their first appearance. In 2006, 19 players saw their first action, with 14 taking the field for the first time in the opener; 16 saw their first action in 2005 while 24 did so in both 2004 and 2003. The list of Buffs to hit the field for the first time in 2007 (\*—mainly special teams duty):

**TRUE FRESHMEN (7):** WR Kendrick Celestine, \*PK Tyler Cope, TB Brian Lockridge, OL Kai Maiava, OL Ryan Miller, WR Josh Smith, \*OLB Nate Vaiomounga

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (12): \*ILB B.J. Beatty, \*CB Jalil Brown, QB Cody Hawkins, \*DE Marquez Herrod, DT Eric Lawson, WR Scotty McKnight, \*TB Cory Nabors, OG Wes Palazzi, \*S Bret Smith, \*CB Jimmy Smith, TE Nate Solder, OL Keenan Stevens

SOPHOMORES (3): \*FB Jake Behrens, ILB Jake Duren, DE Chris Perri

JUNIORS (4): SS Daniel Dykes, WR Steve Melton, QB Nick Nelson, \*P Tom Suazo

SENIORS (0).

### THIRTEEN PLAYERS MAKE FIRST CAREER START IN 2007

Five players made their first career starts in the opener, four on offense: **QB Cody Hawkins**, **WR Scotty McKnight**, **OG Wes Palazzi** and **TB Demetrius Sumler** and one on defense, **SS Daniel Dykes**. At Arizona State in game two, **ILB Jake Duren** was in for the first play, and against Florida State in CU's home opener, **ILB R.J. Brown**, **TE Joe Sanders** and **WR Josh Smith** were out there for the first play. **ILB Jeff Smart** made his first start against Miami-Ohio in game four, just days after he was awarded a scholarship. WR **Kendrick Celestine** and OG **Kai Maiava** trotted out there for the first play against Oklahoma in game five, while **TE Nate Solder** did the same at Baylor .Twenty-four players made their first career starts in 2006, the third-most over the last 23 seasons (15 offense, nine defense). The 24 first-time starters in 2006 were the third-most over the last 23 seasons and were 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), 2006 (24), 2007 (13).

### 2007 Participation Chart

The participation chart for the 2007 Colorado Buffaloes; KEY: **S**—started; **J**—played; **DNP**—dressed, but did not play; **INJ**—injured; (—)—denotes did not dress; **SSP**—suspended; \*\*—saw first action as a Buffalo:

Player	CSU	<u>asu</u>	FSU	MIA	00	BAY	KSU	KU	πu	MU	ISU	NU
ADAMS	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	✓						
ADKINS	DNP	_	DNP	DNP	DNP	_						
AHLES	DNP	_	DNP	DNP	DNP	_						
BAHR	DNP	_	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP						
BALLENGER	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP						
BARRETT	S	S	S	S	S	S						
**BEATTY			DNP		DNP							
BEHRENS, B.	DNP			-								
BEHRENS, J.	DNP	J	1	1	J	1						
BISNOW	DNP	_	DNID	DNP	DNID	_						
BRACE		-	DIVI	DIVI	INI I	1						
		1	٧,	•	•	٠,						
BROWN, C.	<u>S</u>	٧,	√,	S	<u> </u>	<del>-/</del>						
**BROWN, J.	✓,	₹,	✓.	✓.	✓.	✓.						
BROWN, R.	✓.	1	S	INJ	INJ	INJ						
BURNEY	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	S	S	<u> </u>	S						
CANTRELL	✓.	1	1	1	✓	S						
**CELESTINE	✓	✓	1	1	S	1						
CHARLES	✓	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓						
CLARK	DNP	_	DNP	DNP	DNP	_						
COONEY	DNP	_	DNP	DNP	DNP	_						
**COPE	1	1	1	1	1	1						
CRAWFORD	J	1	J	J	J	1						
DANIELS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNIP	_						
DEVENNY	DNP				DNP	1						
DeVREE	DIVI		DINI	S	DIVI	INJ						
	1	٧,	1	1	٧,	_						
DILALLO	-	•	-	_	✓	<b>√</b>						
DIZON	S	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	S	<u> </u>	<u> </u>						
DRESCHER	✓,	1	1	✓,	✓,	1						
**DUREN	1	_	DNP	1	1	1						
**DYKES	<u> </u>	S	S	S	<u> </u>	<u> </u>						
EBERHART	✓	1	✓	1	1	✓.						
ELLIS	S	1	S	S	S	1						
ESPINOZA	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP						
FAATAGI	_	_	_	_	_	_						
FRUECHTEL	DNP	_	DNP	DNP	DNP	_						
GEER	1	S	S	1	1	S						
GOLDBERG	_	_		DNP	DNP							
GOREE	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	_						
HARRIS	1		INJ	1	1	1						
HARRISON	S	S	S	S	S	S						
HARTIGAN	DNP			DNP		J						
**HAWKINS. C.	S			S	S	S						
	S	<u>S</u> S	<u>S</u> S	S	s	S						
HEAD	٥	٥		٥	-	_						
**HERROD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
HYPOLITE	S_	S	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	S	S						
ILTIS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP						
JACKSON	_	_	_	_	_	_						
JAFFEE	INJ	INJ	DNP	DNP	DNP	_						
JAGORAS	1	1	1	S	1	1						
JENNINGS	_	_	_	DNP	DNP	_						
JONES	S	S	S	S	S	S						
				_								

Player	CSU	ASU	FSU	MIA	<b>0</b> U	BAY	KSU	KU	πυ	ΜU	ISU	NU
KAYNOR	SSP	_	DNP	_	DNP	1						
LAWSON	DNP	-	DNP	-		1						
**LOCKRIDGE		DNP			INJ	1						
LUCAS	S	S	s	1		s						
MAIAVA	_	_	DNP	1	s	Š						
McBRIDE	J			1	Ĭ	INJ						
McKAY	1	7	7	7	7	1						
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NABORS	DNP		DNP			DND						
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<u>Shanahan</u>	DNP	_	DNP	DNP	DNP	_						
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SIMAS	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	_						
SIMMONS	_	_	_	DNP	DNP	_						
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Inactive For 2007: Barnett (ineligible), Black (transfer), Burton (ineligible), Ham (injured), J.Hawkins (ineligible), Hudgins (injured), Sipili (suspended), L.Walters (ineligible)

## **EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS**

Upperclassmen started about two-thirds of CU's games in 2006, though seniors accounted 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 underclassmen accounted for 199 starts those 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:

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> 2007 starters ( 6 games): Seniors (42), Juniors (51), Sophomores (17), Freshmen (22: redshirts 17, true 5),
                                                                                                                  Upperclassmen:
                                                                                                                                    70%
> 2006 starters (12 games): Seniors (92), Juniors (84), Sophomores (71), Freshmen (17; redshirts 11, true 6).
                                                                                                                  Upperclassmen:
                                                                                                                                    67%
> 2005 starters (13 games): Seniors (116), Juniors (112), Sophomores (48), Freshmen (10; redshirts 4, true 5).
                                                                                                                  Upperclassmen:
                                                                                                                                    80%
> 2004 starters (13 games): Seniors (72), Juniors (103), Sophomores (100), Freshmen (11: redshirts 0, true 11).
                                                                                                                  Upperclassmen:
                                                                                                                                    39%
> 2003 starters (12 games): Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32: redshirts 14, true 18).
                                                                                                                  Upperclassmen:
                                                                                                                                    58%
> 2002 starters (14 games): Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9: redshirts 0, true 9).
                                                                                                                  Upperclassmen:
                                                                                                                                    93%
> 2001 starters (13 games): Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7: redshirts 7, true 0).
                                                                                                                  Upperclassmen:
> 2000 starters (11 games): Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33; redshirts 15, true 18).
                                                                                                                  Upperclassmen:
                                                                                                                                    71%
> 1999 starters (12 games): Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21: redshirts 20, true 1)
                                                                                                                  Upperclassmen:
                                                                                                                                    56%
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#### 2007 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Here's a look at the 2007 schedules and results for the teams on CU's regular season schedule:

COLORADO STATE (0-5)  28 Colorado (in Denver; 0T) 31  28 CALIFORNIA 34  28 at Houston 38  12 + at TCU 24  20 + SAIN DIEGO STATE 24  0 13 + AIR FORCE  0 20 + at Nevada-Las Vegas  0 27 + UTAH  N 3 + at Brigham Young  N 10 + at New Mexico  N 17 GEORGIA SOUTHERN  N 23 + WYOMING	MIAMI-OHIO (3-3)  14 ■ at Ball State 13  35 at Minnesota (20T) 41  10 CINCINNATI 47  0 at Colorado 42  17 SYRACUSE 14  20 ■ at Kent State 13  0 13 ■ BOWLING GREEN  0 20 ■ at Temple  0 27 at Vanderbilt  N 3 ■ BUFFALO  N 14 ■ AKRON  N 24 ■ at Ohio	KANSAS STATE (3-2)         13       at Auburn       23         34       SAN JOSE STATE       14         61       MISSOURI STATE       10         41       ◆ at Texas       21         24       ◆ KANSAS       30         0 13       ◆ COLORADO         0 20       ◆ at Oklahoma State         0 27       ◆ BAYLOR         N 3       ◆ at lowa State         N 10       ◆ at Nebraska         N 17       ◆ MISSOURI         N 24       at Fresno State	MISSOURI (5-0)  40 Illinois (in St. Louis) 34 38 at Mississippi 25 52 WESTERN MICHIGAN 24 38 ILLINOIS STATE 17 41 ◆ NEBRASKA 6 0 13 ◆ at Oklahoma 0 20 ◆ TEXAS TECH 0 27 ◆ IOWA STATE N 3 ◆ at Colorado N 10 ◆ TEXAS A & M N 17 ◆ at Kansas State N 24 ◆ Kansas (in Kansas City)
ARIZONA STATE (6-0)  45 SAN JOSE STATE 3  33 COLORADO 14  34 SAN DIEGO STATE 13  44 POREGON STATE 32  41 Pat Stanford 3  23 Pat Washington State 20  0 13 PWASHINGTON  0 27 PCALIFORNIA  N 3 Pat Oregon  N 10 Pat UCLA  N 22 PSOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  D 1 PARIZONA	OKLAHOMA (5-1)  79 NORTH TEXAS 10  51 MIAMI, FLA. 13  54 UTAH STATE 3  62 at Tulsa 21  24 ◆ at Colorado 27  28 ◆ Texas (at Dallas) 21  0 13 ◆ MISSOURI  0 20 ◆ at lowa State  N 3 ◆ TEXAS A & M  N 10 ◆ BAYLOR  N 17 ◆ at Texas Tech  N 24 ◆ OKLAHOMA STATE	KANSAS (5-0)  52 CENTRAL MICHIGAN 7  62 SE LOUISIANA 0  45 TOLEDO 13  55 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL 3  30 ◆ at Kansas State 24  0 13 ◆ BAYLOR  0 20 ◆ at Colorado  0 27 ◆ at Texas A & M  N 3 ◆ NEBRASKA  N 10 ◆ at Oklahoma State  N 17 ◆ 10WA STATE  N 24 ◆ Missouri (in Kansas City)	10WA STATE (1-5)  14 KENT STATE 23  13 NORTHERN IOWA 24  15 IOWA 13  35 at Toledo 36  17 ◆ at Nebraska 35  17 ◆ at Texas Tech 42  0 13 ◆ TEXAS  0 20 ◆ OKLAHOMA  0 27 ◆ at Missouri  N 3 ◆ KANSAS STATE  N 10 ◆ COLORADO  N 17 ◆ at Kansas
FLORIDA STATE (4-1)  18	BAYLOR (3-3)  0 at TCU 27  42 RICE 17  34 TEXAS STATE 27  34 at Buffalo 21  10 ◆ at Texas A & M 34  23 ◆ COLORADO 43  0 13 ◆ at Kansas  0 20 ◆ TEXAS  0 27 ◆ at Kansas State  N 3 ◆ TEXAS TECH  N 10 ◆ at Oklahoma  N 17 ◆ OKLAHOMA STATE	TEXAS TECH (5-1)  49 at SMU 9  45 TEXAS-EL PASO 31  59 at Rice 24  45 ◆ at Oklahoma State 49  75 NORTHWESTERN STATE 7  42 ◆ IOWA STATE 17  0 13 ◆ TEXAS A & M  0 20 ◆ at Missouri  0 27 ◆ COLORADO  N 3 ◆ at Baylor  N 10 ◆ at Texas  N 17 ◆ OKLAHOMA	NEBRASKA (4-2)  52 NEVADA 10 20 at Wake Forest 17 31 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 49 41 BALL STATE 40 35 ◆ IOWA STATE 17 6 ◆ at Missouri 41 0 13 ◆ OKLAHOMA STATE 0 20 ◆ TEXAS A & M 0 27 ◆ at Texas N 3 ◆ at Kansas N 10 ◆ KANSAS STATE N 23 ◆ at Colorado

KEY: 🔷 Big 12 Conference game; 🕨 Atlantic Coast Conference game; 📗 Mid-American Conference game; 🗣 Mountain West Conference game; 🖫 Pacific 10 Conference game

# **OPPONENTS IN 2007**

The 2007 Colorado schedule figured to (again) be one of the toughest in the nation (and is), as for the 10th time in 12 seasons, it arguably boasts the toughest non-conference slate in the Big 12 Conference. It features two BCS schools, Arizona State on the road (in no doubt triple figure temps) and Florida State, along with intra-state rival Colorado State and an almost always sound program in Miami-Ohio. Then of course the Big 12 slate follows, with the second year of the Baylor-Oklahoma-Texas Tech rotation in place. The Buffs do get to open Big 12 play at home for the first time since the 2002 season, as CU has opened at Missouri twice, Baylor and Oklahoma State; that's the good news... CU opens league play against top-10 ranked Oklahoma on Sept. 29. Colorado has seven '06 bowl teams on its 2007 schedule; all combined to go 76-76 (50.0%); the records including bowl games: Colorado State (4-8), Arizona State (6-6), Florida State (7-6), Miami-Ohio (2-10), Oklahoma (11-3), Baylor (4-8), Kansas State (7-6), Kansas (6-6), Texas Tech (8-5), Missouri (8-5), Iowa State (4-8) and Nebraska (9-5).

### OPPONENTS CORRALLED

Colorado allowed just **five** plays from scrimmage of 40 yards or longer in 2006 (three pass, two rush); those were the fewest since the 1987 season, when the Buffs surrendered just four (two rush, two pass). **In 2007, CU has allowed just three in five games** (all pass plays, distances of 62, 45 and 43 yards, an no two in the same game). Over the past 20 years, CU has limited the foe to six three other seasons (1991, 1994, 1995) and to seven 40-plus plays seven times, most recently in 2005. The 12 allowed over the last two seasons ties the second fewest over a two-year span, trailing the 11 over the 1987-88 seasons and matching the dozen in the '94 and '95 campaigns. The seven allowed in '05 were reduced from 14 in 2003 and 15 in 2004, as opponents had piled up 70 plays of 40 yards or longer from 1999-2004 after allowing just 83 between 1987 and 1998.

# CU ADDS WEST VIRGINIA, HAWAII TO FUTURE SCHEDULES; BUFF SLATES THROUGH 2013 BASICALLY COMPLETE

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 this past summer as the University of Colorado released its complete football schedules for the 2008 through 2010 football seasons.

The Mountaineers replaced North Carolina in 2008 and 2009, as North Carolina opted out of the series. 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 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 has agreed to play Hawaii in a four-game set, in 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2015. A game on Sept. 18, 2010, completed the 2010 schedule. The Buffs will return the game in 2011, with that date in the process of being finalized.

The only unknown over the next three years are the locations of the Colorado and Colorado State games in 2009 and 2010; in the schools' latest five-year deal, the first three games are set in Denver with the final two up to the schools. CU is the home team in '09 and Colorado State in '10. The two schools have yet to discuss games beyond 2010, but the Buffs are holding an opening for the Rams in each year through 2015.

CU does not have complete schedules to release beyond 2013, but previously announced home-and-home series after that year include Oregon (2014, 2017) and Washington (2015, 2016) and the back half of a second Arizona State series (2018 in Tempe).

CU's 2008 through 2010 schedules (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	0 2	GEORGIA
0 4	*TEXAS (H)	0 10	*at Texas	0 9	*at Missouri
0 11	*at Kansas	0 17	*KANSAS ( <b>fw</b> )	0 16	*BAYLOR ( <b>FW</b> )
0 18	*KANSAS STATE ( <b>FW</b> )	0 24	*at Kansas State	0 23	*TEXAS TECH ( <b>H</b> )
0 25	*at Missouri	0 31	*MISSOURI ( <b>H</b> )	0 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
	2011		2012		2013
at Haw	<b>2011</b> aii (date TBA)	S 1	<b>2012</b> TBA	A 31	<b>2013</b>
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	aii (date TBA)		TBA		TBA
S 10	aii (date TBA) CALIFORNIA	8 8	TBA at Minnesota	S 7	TBA Minnesota
S 10 S 17	aii (date TBA) CALIFORNIA HOME TBA	S 8 S 15	TBA at Minnesota LOUISIANA STATE	S 7 S 14	TBA Minnesota Arizona State
S 10 S 17 S 24	aii (date TBA) CALIFORNIA HOME TBA at Louisiana State	S 8 S 15 S 22	TBA at Minnesota LOUISIANA STATE UTAH	S 7 S 14 S 21	TBA MINNESOTA ARIZONA STATE at Utah
S 10 S 17 S 24 O 1	aii (date TBA) CALIFORNIA HOME TBA at Louisiana State *MISSOURI ( <b>FW</b> )	S 8 S 15 S 22 O 6	TBA at Minnesota LOUISIANA STATE UTAH *TEXAS (H)	S 7 S 14 S 21 O 5	TBA MINNESOTA ARIZONA STATE at Utah *at Texas
S 10 S 17 S 24 O 1 O 15	aii (date TBA) CALIFORNIA HOME TBA at Louisiana State *MISSOURI ( <b>FW</b> ) *at Baylor	S 8 S 15 S 22 O 6 O 13	TBA at Minnesota LOUISIANA STATE UTAH *TEXAS (H) *at Kansas	S 7 S 14 S 21 O 5 O 12	TBA MINNESOTA ARIZONA STATE at Utah *at Texas *KANSAS ( <b>FW</b> )
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S 10 S 17 S 24 O 1 O 15 O 22 O 29	aii (date TBA) CALIFORNIA HOME TBA at Louisiana State *MISSOURI ( <b>FW</b> ) *at Baylor *at Texas Tech *OKLAHOMA ( <b>H</b> )	S 8 S 15 S 22 O 6 O 13 O 20 O 27	TBA at Minnesota LOUISIANA STATE UTAH *TEXAS (H) *at Kansas *KANSAS STATE (FW) *at Missouri	S 7 S 14 S 21 O 5 O 12 O 19 O 26	TBA MINNESOTA ARIZONA STATE at Utah *at Texas *KANSAS (FW) *at Kansas State *MISSOURI (H)
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# NO CREAMPUFFS HERE

Colorado has the **19th** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**146-76-4**). Of these 226 games, Colorado has played **93** ranked teams (41%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 35 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **41-50-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-22** record *on the road*); CU is also **105-26-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 14 seasons (**71** of its last **168** 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, 0-5 in 2006 and 1-0 thus far in 2007. **NOTE:** In 1990, CU became only the second team in NCAA bistory 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.

#### USUALLY IN 'EM

Colorado's usually been in those games it's lost over the last 18 seasons, as of the 75 losses, 36 have been by eight points or less. Nebraska and Texas (five times), Oklahoma (four), Kansas State and Missouri (three) and Florida State (twice) 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

Colorado is 2-0 in "close calls" in 2007, defeating CSU in overtime and toppling Oklahoma at the final gun, improving to **13-6** when the final margin has been seven or fewer points dating back to the start of the 2003 season. That includes four setbacks last year (CSU, Georgia, Baylor, Kansas); starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, CU is **17-8** in seven point decisions.

### **CRADLE 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, two former CU players are collegiate head coaches: Stan Brock ('80) was named the head man this past summer at Army (where he had been an assistant), and Pete Shinnick ('88) served seven seasons as head coach at Azusa Pacific and is now in his second season as the head man at North Carolina-Pembroke.

## TWENTY-THREE SKIDOO

Colorado is one of just 23 schools in I-A/FBS history to be able to make the claim of winning (or sharing) a national championship and also having a Heisman Trophy winner. The criteria for national championship consideration included those crowned by the *Associated Press*, the coaches and the BCS; 30 total schools at one point in the past have been able to claim the throne. This prestigious short list:

School	National Championships	Heisman Trophies	School	National Championships	Heisman Trophies
		•			•
Army	1944-45	1945-46-58	Notre Dame	1943-46-47-49-66-73-77-88	1943-47-49-53-56-64-8
Auburn	1957	1971-85	Ohio State	1942-54-57-68-2002	1944-50-55-74-75-95-2
Brigham Young	1984	1990	Oklahoma	1950-55-56-74-75-85-2000	1952-69-78-2003
Colorado	1990	1994	Penn State	1982-86	1973
Florida	1996-2006	1966-96	Pittsburgh	1937-76	1976
Florida State	1993-99	1993-2000	Syracuse	1959	1961
Georgia	1980	1942-82	Texas	1963-69-70-2005	1977-98
Louisiana State	1958-2003	1959	Texas A& M	1939	1957
Miami, Fla.	1983-87-89-91-2001	1986-92	TCU	1938	1938
Michigan	1948-97	1940-91-97	UCLA	1954	1967
Minnesota	1936-40-60	1941	USC	1962-67-72-74-78-2003-04	1965-68-79-81-2002-04
Nebraska	1970-71-94-95-97	1972-83-2001			

Schools with national championships and no Heisman winner are Alabama (7 titles), Michigan State (2), Tennessee (2), Clemson (1), Georgia Tech (1), Maryland (1) and Washington (1).

## TWENTY-TWO SKIDOO

Colorado has not suffered back-to-back losing seasons since a six-year run between 1979 and 1984; thus, it has been 22 years since the Buffs have had two or more consecutive sub-.500 records. That ranks 18th among I-A/FBS schools who have been full-fledged division members in this time frame. Tennessee is the runaway leader (95 seasons), followed by Ohio State (82), Southern Miss (72) and Arizona State (59); CU's figure is third among Big 12 Conference schools, trailing Nebraska (45) and Texas A&M (33). After posting a 7-5 record in 1985, the Buffaloes have had just four seasons where it did not finish with a winning regular season record: 1997 (5-6), 2000 (3-8), 2003 (5-7) and 2006 (2-10). Those four teams along with the 1987 squad (7-4) are CU's only squads not to go bowling over the last 22 years. Take a closer look at the leading schools and the years that have passed since they last posted losing marks in two or more consecutive seasons (\*—denotes coming off a losing season in 2006):

School	Years	Last	<u>School</u>	Years	Last	School	Years	Last	School	Years	Last
Tennessee	95	1909-11	Georgia	43	1961-63	*Virginia	24	1980-82	Oklahoma State	e 5	1998-01
Ohio State	82	1922-24	Texas A & M	33	1968-73	*Colorado	22	1979-84	Missouri	4	1999-02
Southern Miss	72	1933-34	Clemson	30	1975-76	The rest of the	Ria 12.		Kansas	2	1996-04
Arizona State	59	1946-47	Florida State	30	1973-76	Texas Tech	21	1979-85	Kansas State	1	2004-05
*Alabama	49	1954-57	Miami, Fla.	29	1975-77	Texas	21 17	1988-89	*Baylor	0	1996-06
Nebraska	45	1956-61	*Toledo	28	1975-78	Oklahoma	8	1996-98			
USC	45	1960-61	Florida	27	1978-79	*Iowa State	7	1990-98			
Michigan	43	1962-63	West Virginia	27	1976-79	"IOWA State	1	1990-99			

## HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 118th season of competition with an all-time record of **656-414-36** in **1,106** 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 **284-137-10** in their 84th season on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **247-212-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

#### MONTHLY TAB

Dating back to 1989, Colorado is **48-24-2** in its last **74** October games, when conference play annually comes into full bloom. The Buffs are **46-23** in their last **69** September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **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). 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 4-4 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 (\*—denotes in Denver):

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Date	Opponent	Sco	ore	Regulation	Coin Toss	Choice	Offense	Defense	Notes
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 30T on Baylor INT
9-01-07	*Colorado State	W	31-28	28-28	Colorado	Defense	7	16	Eberhart kicks GWFG after Wheatley INT

#### RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM

Ten ranked, undefeated teams have lost their "0" in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The last was Oklahoma this season, as the Sooners rolled in ranked No. 3 and left with a 27-24 setback to the Buffs. That was the first time since 2002, when Kansas State 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 the 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 were both compensated for in the trophy count):

School	Players 7	Trophies	School	Players Tro	ophies	School	Players Tro	phies	School	Players Tro	phies	School	Players Tro	ophies
Ohio State	11	18	lowa	5	5	Pittsburgh	2	3	Baylor	1	2	Missouri	1	1
Florida State	7	15	Arizona	4	5	Virginia Tech	2	3	Maryland	1	2	N.C. State	1	1
Miami, Fla.	9	15	Notre Dame	4	5	Washington	2	3	North Carolina	1	2	Rutgers	1	1
Oklahoma	9	15	Brigham Young	2	5	California	2	2	Arkansas	1	1	Stanford	1	1
Michigan	7	13	Alabama	4	4	Georgia Tech	2	2	Auburn	1	1	Tulane	1	1
Penn State	7	11	UCLA	4	4	Illinois	2	2	Cincinnati	1	1	Virginia	1	1
Texas	6	11	Minnesota	3	4	Louisiana State	2	2	Colorado State	1	1	Wake Forest	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Tennessee	2	4	Memphis	2	2	Fresno State	1	1	Washington Stat	ie 1	1
Colorado	7	9	Northwestern	1	4	Oregon State	2	2	Hawai'i	1	1	West Virginia	1	1
USC	4	8	Kansas State	3	3	Texas A&M	2	2	Kentucky	1	1	Wyoming	1	1
Florida	3	8	Louisville	3	3	TCU	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1			
Wisconsin	4	7	Mississippi	3	3	Texas Tech	2	2	Marshall	1	1			
Georgia	3	6	Purdue	3	3	Arizona State	1	2	Michigan State	1	1			

## INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 19 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing three of those occasions, 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 14 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 19 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the** *Associated Press* **Preseason Poll, 1989-2007:** Florida State 19, Michigan 19, Ohio State 19, Tennessee 18, Miami, Fla. 17, Florida 16, Nebraska 16, Oklahoma 15, Penn State 15, Texas 15, Notre Dame 14, Auburn 13, **Colorado 12**, Alabama 12, Georgia 11, LSU 11, Virginia Tech 11.

# COLORADO'S TOP PRESEASON RANKINGS (AP & Coaches polls, only)

<b>ASSOCIATED</b>	PRESS			COACHES (UP	COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)						
Season	Rank	Record	Finish	Season	Rank	Record	Finish				
1972	No. 2	8-4-0	No. 16	1972	No. 2	8-4-0	No. 14				
1990	No. 5	11-1-1	No. 1	1990	No. 5	11-1-1	No. 2				
1996	No. 5	10-2-0	No. 8	1996	No. 5	10-2-0	No. 8				
2002	No. 7	9-5-0	No. 20	2002	No. 6	9-5-0	No. 21				
1994	No. 8	11-1-0	No. 3	1994	No. 7	11-1-0	No. 3				
1997	No. 8	5-6-0	NR	1997	No. 7	5-6-0	NR				
1967	No. 10	9-2-0	No. 14	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). The 143 consecutive polls still ranks as the seventh longest all-time in college football history. 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 (1989-2006): Florida St. 12, Miami 8, Nebraska 5, Ohio St. 5, USC 5, COLORADO 4, Florida 4, Oklahoma 4, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Notre Dame 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2006): Florida St. 12, Florida 11, Miami 9, Michigan 9, Nebraska 8, Ohio State 8, Tennessee 8, 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.

### 16 OUT OF 20

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 both 2004 and 2005 and 0-5 in 2006. But with the win over No. 3 Oklahoma in 2007, it's now 16 out of 20 years defeating at least one ranked program. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). The Buffs have defeated at least two in nine of the last 14 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons).

## TV LAND

Colorado has had **141** of its last **214** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes four games this year, seven in 2006, 10 in 2005, nine in 2004, seven in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **104** of CU's **141** 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 **24** of its last **29** 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. It's starting tog get a bit better, but CU and UT still blaze the trail. 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 23 (8-13-2), Nebraska 14 (8-6), Oklahoma 13 (6-7), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 12 (0-12), Baylor 10 (2-8), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 9 (1-8), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 6 (0-6) and Kansas State 4 (1-3).

## **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-gamehome 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 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 and1998. 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**

There was a three-way competition for the job in 2006 among James Cox, the initial winner, Bernard Jackson (who would start games two through 12) and Brian White (who quit after the first game). 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** dueled for starting honors; in 1976, Austin replaced **Jeff Knapple** on occasion after Knapple wrestled the starting job away from him; in 1979, **Charlie Davis** and **Bill Solomon** battled back and forth; in the early 1980s, **Steve Vogel** and **Randy Essington** alternated as starters for three years, with Vogel emerging as CU's all-time passing leader at the time. In the last 1980s, there was the run of **Sal Aunese** replacing **Mark Hatcher**, Hagan replacing Aunese, **Charles Johnson** and Joseph both subbing for an injured Hagan on occasion; Stewart replacing Hagan, and he himself being replaced by Detmer and Tobin due to injuries; and of course, Hessler subbing for Detmer after Detmer replaced Stewart. Perhaps the best example of this came 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.

### CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS

Here are the single-game career bests for those players who have regularly appeared in games through 2006 and are likely to see action in 2007:

#### **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

#### **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—4, at Baylor, 10/06/07

#### **JALIL BROWN, FS**

Total Tackles—N/A Solo Tackles—N/A Assisted Tackles—N/A Interceptions—N/A

#### R.J. BROWN, ILB

Total Tackles—6, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07 Solo Tackles—5, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07 Assisted Tackles—1, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)

#### **BENJAMIN BURNEY, S**

**Total Tackles**—8, at Arizona State, 9/08/07 **Solo Tackles**—5, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06 **Pass Deflections**—1, thrice (last: at Baylor, 10/06/07)

### **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)

## KENDRICK CELESTINE, WR

Receptions— 2, twice (last: at Baylor 10/06/07)
Receiving Yards— 37, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Reception— 37, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Receiving TDs—N/A

## **HUGH CHARLES, TB**

Rushing Attempts—24, vs. Oklahoma, 9/29/07 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) Receptiong 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

#### **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

#### TYSON DeVREE, TE

(at Colorado)

Receptions— 4, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)
Receiving Yards— 55, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Long Reception— 19, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Receiving TDs—1, 5 times (last: vs. Oklahoma, 9/29/07)

## **MATT DILALLO, P**

Punts— 8, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07 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—4, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

#### **JORDON DIZON, ILB**

Total Tackles—22, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07 Solo Tackles—17, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07 Third Down Stops—4, at Arizona State, 9/08/07 QB Sacks—2, vs. Missouri 11/5/05; 2, at Arizona State 9/08/07 Passes Broken Up—2, at Washington State, 9/11/04

#### **DANIEL DYKES. SS**

**Total Tackles**—11, at Arizona State, 9/08/07 **Solo Tackles**—7, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07

Assisted Tackles—5, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
OB Sacks—N/A

## **KEVIN EBERHART, PK**

Field Goals Attempted—6, at Baylor, 10/06/07 Field Goals Made—5, at Baylor, 10/06/07 Long Field Goal—54, at Baylor, 10/06/07 Long Field Goal Attempt—54, at Baylor, 10/06/07 PAT Attempts—6, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 PAT Made—6, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

#### **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

#### **RIAR GEER, TE**

Receptions—7, at Georgia, 9/23/06 Receiving Yards—71, at Georgia, 9/23/06 Long Reception—32, at Arizona State, 9/08/07 Receiving TDs—1, thrice (last: at Nebraska, 11/24/06)

#### **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)

#### **CODY HAWKINS, QB**

Pass Attempts—53, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07 Pass Completions—34, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07 Passing Yards—306, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07 Long Pass—65, at Baylor, 10/06/07 TD Passes—2, four times (last: at Baylor, 10/06/07)

# MARQUEZ HERROD, DE

Total Tackles—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 Solo Tackles—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 Assisted Tackles—1, at Baylor, 10/06/07 OB Sacks—N/A

#### **GEORGE HYPOLITE. DT**

Total Tackles—10, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07 Solo Tackles—8, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07) Third Down Stops—2, twice (vs. Florida State, 9/15/07) Tackles For Loss—3, thrice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07) OB Sacks—2, twice (vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)

## **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; at ASU, 9/08/07 **Solo Tackles**—8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06 **QB Sacks**—1/2, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06 **Interceptions**—1, at Kansas, 10/28/06

Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07)

## **BRIAN LOCKRIDGE, TB**

Rushing Attempts—14, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 Rushing Yards—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 Long Run—43, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 (TD) Rushing TDs—1, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

## **MAURICE LUCAS, DE**

**Total Tackles**—8, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07 **Solo Tackles**—6, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07 **OB Sacks**—2, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07

# SCOTTY McKNIGHT, WR

Receptions—8, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Receiving Yards—106, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Long Reception—32, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07, at ASU, 9/08/07

#### **KEVIN MOYD, TB**

Rushing Attempts—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 Rushing Yards— 9, twice (last: vs. Miami-Ohio 9/22/07) Long Run— 9, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07 Rushing TDs— N/A

#### **NICK NELSON, QB**

Pass Attempts—3, at Arizona State, 9/08/07 Pass Completions— 1, at Arizona State, 9/08/07 Passing Yards— 10, at Arizona State, 9/08/07 Long Pass— 10, at Arizona State, 9/08/07 TD Passes— N/A

#### **BRANDON NICOLAS, DT**

Total Tackles—9, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
Solo Tackles—5, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Assisted Tackles—5, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
Tackles For Loss—3, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)
Third Down Stops—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

## 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—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)

#### **JOE SANDERS, TE**

Receptions—3, at Arizona State, 9/08/07 Receiving Yards—35, at Arizona State, 9/08/07 Long Reception—14, at Arizona Stare, 9/08/07 Receiving TDs—N/A

## JOSH SMITH, WR

Receptions— 3, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 Receiving Yards— 103, at Baylor, 10/06/07 Long Reception— 65, at Baylor, 10/06/07 Receiving TDs—N/A

#### NATE SOLDER, TE

Receptions—3, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 Receiving Yards—50, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 Long Reception—23, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 Receiving TDs—N/A

# **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, four times (last: at Baylor, 10/06/07)

#### **DEMETRIUS SUMLER, TB**

Rushing Attempts—16, twice (last: at Arizona State 9/08/07)
Rushing Yards—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Run—30, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Rushing TDs— 2, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Receptions— 2, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Receiving Yards—16, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Long Reception—12, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Receiving TDs— 1, at Baylor, 10/06/07

## RYAN WALTERS, S

Total Tackles—16, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07 Solo Tackles—8, twice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07) Interceptions—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06 Pass Deflections—2, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

#### **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 Kickoff Returns—5, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

Kickoff Returns—5, at Arizona State, 9/08/07 Kickoff Return Yards—135, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07

## PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR

Receptions—5, thrice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07)
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

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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: Opponent:	Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards). Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards).
Interception Return For A Touchdown	Colorado:	Terrence Wheatley vs. Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007 (35 yards).
interception Return 101 is 100cma0 wit	Opponent:	Troy Nolan, Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007 (26 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).  Brandon Foster, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 ( <i>Big 12 Championsbip</i> ; 0 yards).
Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown	Opponent: Colorado:	Has not occurred.
District Tela Coal Retain For A Touchaswin	Opponent:	Has not occurred.
Blocked Punt	Colorado:	Vance Washington vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (Champs Sports Bowl).
24 4 4 2 2 2 2 4	Opponent:	Angela Fobbs-Valentino, Arizona State in Boulder, Sept. 16, 2006.
Blocked PAT Kick	Colorado: Opponent:	James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (Champs Sports Bowl). Brodney Pool, Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 25, 2003.
Blocked Field Goal	Colorado:	James Garee vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
Diversed Field Godf	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: Opponent:	Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991.
300 Yards Total Offense	Colorado:	Has not occurred. 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
III W ASIM SHOW	Opponent:	428, Blake Szymanski, Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
400 Yards Total Offense	Colorado:	424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003.
	Opponent:	428, Blake Szymanski, Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
100 Yards Rushing	Colorado:	109, Hugh Charles vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007 (19 carries).
200 Yards Rushing	Opponent: Colorado:	135, Kyle Bell, Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007 (40 carries). 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002.
200 Infus Rushing	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.
Four Touchdowns Rushing	Opponent: Colorado:	3, Vince Young, Texas at Austin, Oct. 15, 2005.  4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005.
Tour Tourist Rushing	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: Opponent:	Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970.  David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151), George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
300 Yards Passing	Colorado:	306, Cody Hawkins vs. Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007.
	Opponent:	410, Blake Szymanski, Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
400 Yards Passing	Colorado:	419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003.
Where Wards dames Descine	Opponent:	428, Blake Szymanski, Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
Three Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: Opponent:	4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. 3, Rudy Carpenter, Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007
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.
Three Interceptions Thrown	Opponent: Colorado:	5, Steve Stenstrom, Stanford at Palo Alto, Sept. 18, 1993. 3, Bernard Jackson vs. Baylor in Boulder, Oct. 7, 2006.
Three interceptions thrown	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.
100 Yards Receiving	Opponent: Colorado:	11, Brandon Whitaker, Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.  103, Josh Smith vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
100 Inrus Receiving	Opponent:	166, Brandon Whitaker, Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
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. 2, Michael Jones, Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007.
Three Touchdowns Receiving	Opponent: Colorado:	3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996.
	Opponent:	3, Kory Sperry, Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007.
Two 100-Yard Receivers	Colorado:	Derek McCoy (6-171) and D.J. Hackett (4-143) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003.
100 Yand Dual and Dual	Opponent:	Jayson Boyd (7-140) and Johnnie Higgins (7-122), UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (Houston Bowl).
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver	Colorado: Opponent:	Hugh Charles (19-109 rushing) & Josh Smith (2-103 receiving) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.  Kyle Bell (40-135 rushing) & Kory Sperry (8-103 receiving), Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver (same player)	Colorado:	Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001.
( Fy)	Opponent:	Has not occurred.

## The Last Time, continued...

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:	5, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
	Opponent:	5, Todd Pegram, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
50-Yard Field Goal	Colorado:	54, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
	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, D.J. Wolfe, Oklahoma in Boulder, Sept. 29, 2007.
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.
Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Opponent: Colorado:	4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946. 3 (for 26), Abraham Wright vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006.
Three Quarterback Sacks III A Game	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.
Your Quarterback Sacks in A dame	Opponent:	4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984.
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TEAM		
Shut Out (Defensive)	Colorado:	Game: 42-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
		Through 3rd Qtr: 35-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	Onnononte	At Half: 28-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.  Game: 0-7, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 5, 1988.
	Opponent:	Through 3rd Otr: 0-13, by Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007.
		At Half: 0-10, by Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007.
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. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007
30 First Downs In A Game	Colorado:	33, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	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:	6 vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
500 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
(00 v. 1 m + 10 % v. 10	Opponent:	532, by Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
600 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Opponent: Colorado:	639, by Missouri in Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984. 113, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
field chidel 200 failus fotal offense in A Game	Opponent:	139, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. (44 rush, 95 pass).
Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ).
The court is a second of the court of the co	Opponent:	74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
300 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	359, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
	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:	-27, by Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007.
400 Vanda Bassina In A Come	Opponent:	55, by Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
400 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado: Opponent:	401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. 410, by Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007.
500 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995.
700 101 00 1 000 III A UAIIIC	Opponent:	523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 (Aloha Bowl).
Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	39. vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	95, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
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:	2.79, by Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007 (73-204).
	Opponent:	2.84, by Miami-Ohio In Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (49-139).
Four Interception Game	Colorado:	4, vs. Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005.
E' - Intercenting Orange	Opponent:	4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999.
Five Interception Game	Colorado:	5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003. 5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.
Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles	Opponent: Colorado:	5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999.
roteca rive rost opponent rumpies	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.
on how oppositely tollione	Opponent:	6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975.
Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game	Colorado:	40:24, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007.
<u> </u>	Opponent:	42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997.
Turnover-Free Game	Colorado:	vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 24, 2006.
	Opponent:	by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007
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 Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007 (Jermaine Walters); 0-of-last-1.

## 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

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#### WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (x)

- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 200, Jr.\*\*
- 9 Josh Smith, 6-0, 180, Fr.
- 48 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 180, Jr.\*
- 80 Jarrell Yates, 5-11, 200, Soph.\*

## WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (z)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS
- **83** Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 195, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 5 Kendrick Celestine, 5-11, 180, Fr.

#### **LEFT TACKLE**

- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 300, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-7, 320, Fr.

#### **LEFT GUARD**

- 51 Kai Maiava, 6-0, 295, Fr.
- 65 Wes Palazzi, 6-1, 295, Fr.-RS

#### CENTER

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Jr.\*\*
- 56 Keenan Stevens, 6-3, 275, Fr.-RS
- 51 Kai Maiava, 6-0, 295, Fr.

#### **RIGHT GUARD**

- 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 295, Soph.\*
- **51** Kai Maiava, 6-0, 295, Fr.

#### **RIGHT TACKLE**

- **76** Edwin Harrison, 6-4, 300, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-7, 320, Fr.

#### **TIGHT END GROUPING**

- 87 Riar Geer, 6-3, 255, Soph.\*
- 84 Tyson DeVree, 6-5, 245, Sr.-5\*
- 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 235, Sr.-5\*\*
- 92 Nate Solder, 6-8, 270, Fr.-RS
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Soph.

#### **QUARTERBACK**

- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Fr.-RS
- 3 Nick Nelson, 6-1, 230, Jr.

#### **TAILBACK GROUPING**

- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Sr.\*\*\*
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 215, Fr.-RS
- 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 215, Sr.\*\*\*
- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 175, Fr.
- 22 Kevin Moyd, 5-7, 195, Soph.\*

#### **FULLBACK**

- 43 Samson Jagoras, 5-10, 220, Sr.-5\*
- 32 Maurice Cantrell, 6-0, 240, Jr.\*
- 41 Jake Behrens, 6-0, 230, Soph.

# DEFENSE

(4-3/Base)

#### **LEFT DEFENSIVE END**

- 91 Maurice Lucas, 6-4, 260, Jr.\*\*
- 90 Marquez Herrod, 6-2, 255, Fr.-RS

#### **DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

- 86 George Hypolite, 6-1, 285, Jr.\*\*
- 78 Jason Brace, 6-4, 265, Soph.\*
- 69 Eric Lawson, 6-3, 275, Fr.-RS

#### **NOSE TACKLE**

- 94 Brandon Nicolas, 6-3, 290, Jr.\*
- 99 Chris Perri, 6-3, 270, Soph.
- 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-4, 275, Soph.

#### RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

- 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 235, Sr.\*\*\*
- 99 Chris Perri, 6-3, 270, Soph.

### MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 45 Jeff Smart, 5-11, 210, Soph.\*
- 57 Jake Duren, 5-11, 230, Soph.
- (34 R.J. Brown, 6-1, 230, Jr. \* INJURED)

## **WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER**

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 220, Sr.\*\*\*
- 52 Bryan Stengel, 6-2, 215, Soph.

#### **SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER**

40 Brad Jones, 6-3, 225, Jr.\*\*
35 Nate Vaiomounga, 5-10, 195, Fr. OR
59 B.J. Beatty, 6-1, 220, Fr.-RS

#### LEFT CORNERBACK

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 175, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 6 Gardner McKay, 5-11, 160, Jr.\*\*
- 3 Jimmy Smith, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS

#### **FREE SAFETY**

- 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 200, Jr.\*\*
- 23 Jalil Brown, 6-1, 205, Fr.-RS

#### **STRONG SAFETY**

- **9** Daniel Dykes, 6-2, 210, Jr.
- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 195, Sr.\*\*
- **30** Joel Adams, 5-11, 185, Jr.\*

#### RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 190, Jr.\*\*
- **29** Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Soph.\*
- (N—denotes nickel back)



# **SPECIALISTS**

## PUNTER

- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 200, Soph.\* (L)
- 95 Tom Suazo, 5-11, 190, Jr.
- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5\*

#### PLACEKICKER

- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5\*
- 19 Tyler Cope, 6-1, 180, Fr. (KO#1)

#### KICKOFF RETURN

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 175, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 215, Sr.\*\*\*
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 195, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS

#### **PUNT RETURN**

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 195, Sr.-5\*\*\*
- 9 Daniel Dykes, 6-2, 210, Jr.
- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Soph.\*
- (38 Chase McBride, 5-7, 160, Sr.-5\* **INJURED**)

#### **HOLDER (PINNER)**

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS
- **83** Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Sr.-5\*\*\*

#### SHORT SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 235, Soph.\*
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Jr. \*\*

#### **LONG SNAPPER**

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- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 235, Soph.\*
- 50 Austin Bisnow, 6-0, 215, Fr.-RS
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Soph.

### OUT FOR EXTENDED TIME / SEASON

- **54** ★\_Marcus Burton, 6-0, 250, Jr.\*\* (academics)
- 61 Erick Faatagi, 6-2, 310, Jr. (academics)
- 86 ★\_Cameron Ham, 6-1, 195, Fr.-RS (leg)
- **49 ⁴**—Drew Hudgins, 6-4, 235, Jr. (Achilles)
- 10 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 200, Sr.-5\* (academics)
- 10 Michael Sipili, 6-1, 250, Soph.\* (suspended) \*—denotes out for season.
- (L)—throws or kicks left-handed/footed.

**Seniors (17):** Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (13); all others are fourth-year seniors (4).

**GROUPING** — indicates all listed will play and order of listing is not that significant.

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

**OR** — indicates status at that spot up for grabs.

Freshmen expected to redshirt not listed unless listed in the two-deep.

\*—denotes number of letters earned through 2006; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for extended time; probables listed as normal).* **CAPTAINS:** 77 Tyler Polumbus (offense), 44 Jordon Dizon (defense), 34 R.J. Brown (special teams).

# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

The Colorado alphabetical roster (as of October 8 a.m.):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	S	tatus
30	ADAMS, Joel	S	5-11	185	Jr.	1L	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat)	WO	2/2
63	ADKINS, Ethan	OL	6- 4	295	Fr.	HS	Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County)	S	5/4
58	AHLES, Tyler	ILB	6- 2	245	Fr.	HS	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon)	S	5/4
71	BAHR, Matthew	OL	6- 4	285	Fr.	HS	Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S	5/4
16	BALLENGER, Matt	QB	6- 4	225	Fr.	HS	Nampa, Idaho (Skyview)	S	5/4
47	BARRETT, Alonzo	DE	6- 3	235	Sr.	3L	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)	S	2/1
59	BEATTY, B.J.	OLB	6- 1	220	Fr.	RS	Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku)	S	4/4
66	BEHRENS, Blake	OL	6- 3	285	Fr.	HS	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)	S	5/4
41	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	6- 0	230	So.	VR	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	S	3/3
50	BISNOW, Austin	SN	6- 0	215	Fr.	RS	Washington, D.C. (Landon School)		4/4
78	BRACE, Jason	DT	6- 4	265	So.	1L	Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway Lake)	S	4/3
29	BROWN, Cha'pelle	CB	5- 7	175	So.	1L	La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos)	S	4/3
23	BROWN, Jalil	CB	6- 1	205	Fr.	RS	Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain)	S	4/4
34	BROWN, R.J.	ILB	6- 1	230	Jr.	2L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)	S	2/2
42	BURNEY, Benjamin	CB	5-11	190	Jr.	2L	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	S	3/2
32	CANTRELL, Maurice	FB	6- 0	240	Jr.	1L	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	S	2/2
5	CELESTINE, Kendrick	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Mamou, La. (Mamou)	S	5/4
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2	CHARLES, Hugh	TB	5- 8	190	Sr.	3L	Keller, Texas (Keller)		2/1 5/4
60	CLARK, David	OL	6- 4	300	Fr.	HS	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen)		
53	COONEY, Kevin	DE	6- 6	215	Fr.	HS	Arvada, Colo. (Faith Christian)		5/4
19	COPE, Tyler	PK	6- 1	180	Fr.	HS	Portland, Ore. (Jesuit)		5/4
48	CRAWFORD, Cody	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)		2/2
68	DANIELS, Shawn	OL	6- 3	270	Fr.	HS	Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen)	S	5/4
33	DEVENNY, Patrick	TE	6- 3	240	So.	VR	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S	3/3
84	DeVREE, Tyson	TE	6- 5	245	Sr.	1L	Hudsonville, Mich. (Hudsonville/Western Michigan)	S	1/1
14	DiLALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	200	So.	1L	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	S	3/3
44	DIZON, Jordon	ILB	6- 0	220	Sr.	3L	Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea)	S	2/1
70	DRESCHER, Justin	SN	6- 1	235	So.	1L	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)	S	4/3
57	DUREN, Jake	ILB	5-11	230	So.	TR	Littleton, Colo. (Mullen/Northern Colorado)		3/3
9	DYKES, Daniel (D.J.)	S	6- 2	210	Jr.	TR	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos/Idaho)	WO	2/2
39	EBERHART, Kevin	PK	5-11	195	Sr.	1L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	S	1/1
27	ELLIS, Byron	TB	6- 0	215	Sr.	3L	Culver City, Calif. (Venice)	S	2/1
37	ESPINOZA, Jason	FS	5- 8	180	Fr.	HS	Alamosa, Colo. (Alamosa)	WO	5/4
74	FRUECHTEL, Joe	OL	6- 3	285	So.	TR	Portland, Ore. (Jesuit/Army/Oregon State)	WO	3/3
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 3	255	So.	1L	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)	S	3/3
62	GOLDBERG, David	OLB	6- 1	230	Fr.	TR	Aspen, Colo. (Aspen/Penn State)	WO	5/4
98	GOREE, Eugene	DL	6- 2	285	Fr.	HS	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale)	S	5/4
25	HARRIS, Lionel	SS	6- 0	195	Sr.	2L	Manvel, Texas (Alvin)	S	1/1
76	HARRISON, Edwin	OL	6- 4	300	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Westbury)	S	1/1
55	HARTIGAN, Josh	OLB	6- 1	215	Fr.	HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast)	S	5/4
7	HAWKINS, Cody	QB	5-11	190	Fr.	RS	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly)	S	4/4
18	HAWKINS, Jonathan	CB	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde)	S	5/4
72	HEAD, Devin	OL	6- 4	295	So.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)	S	3/3
90	HERROD, Marquez	DE	6- 2	255	Fr.	RS	Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual)	S	4/4
86	HYPOLITE, George	DT	6- 1	285	Jr.	2L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)	S	3/2
64	ILTIS, Mike	OL	6- 2	290	Fr.	HS	Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)	S	5/4
25	JAFFEE, Arthur	TB	5-11	205	Fr.	HS	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)		5/4
43	JAGORAS, Samson	FB	5-11	220	Sr.	1L	Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Western New Mexico)	S	1/1
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40	JONES, Brad	OLB	6- 3	225	Jr.	2L	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)	S	2/2
97	KAYNOR, Taj	DT DE/DT	6- 4	275	So.	VR	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S	3/3
69	LAWSON, Eric	DE/DT	6- 3	275	Fr.	RS	Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County)	S	4/4
20	LOCKRIDGE, Brian	TB	5- 7	175	Fr.	HS	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo)	S	5/4
91	LUCAS, Maurice	DE	6- 4	260	Jr.	2L	Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)	S	3/2
51	MAIAVA, Kai	С	6- 0	295	Fr.	HS	Wailuku, Hawai'i (Baldwin)	S	5/4
38	McBRIDE, Chase	WR	5- 7	160	Sr.	1L	Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming)	S	1/1
36	McCUDDEN, Greg	ILB	6- 3	210	Fr.	HS	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)		4/4
6	McKAY, Gardner	CB	5-11	160	Jr.	2L	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)	S	3/2
21	McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	5-10	190	Fr.	RS	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)		4/4
85	MELTON, Steve	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	JC	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente/UCLA/Saddleback)		2/2
22	MEYER, Matt	SS	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Laguna Niguel, Calf. (Santa Margarita)	WO	5/4
73	MILLER, Ryan	OL	6- 7	320	Fr.	HS	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)	S	5/4
89	MODROVSKY, Daniel	DT	6- 6	255	Fr.	HS	Park City, Utah (Park City)	WO	5/4
22	MOYD, Kevin	TB	5- 7	195	So.	1L	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S	3/3

Colorado Alphabetical Roster, continued...

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	St	<u>tatus</u>
36	NABORS, Cory	TB	5- 9	185	Fr.	RS	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)	WO	4/4
3	NELSON, Nick	QB	6- 1	230	Jr.	JC	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Tesoro/Saddleback College)	S	3/2
94	NICOLAS, Brandon	DT	6- 3	290	Jr.	1L	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame)	S	2/2
93	OBI, Conrad	DE	6- 3	250	Fr.	HS	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	S	5/4
65	PALAZZI, Wes	OL	6- 1	295	Fr.	RS	Plano, Texas (Plano West)	S	4/4
46	PERKINS, Anthony	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	Northglenn, Colo. (Northglenn)	S	5/4
99	PERRI, Christopher	DL	6- 3	270	So.	JC	Alameda, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd/San Jose State/Laney College)	S	3/2
77	POLUMBUS, Tyler	OL	6-8	300	Sr.	3L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S	1/1
95	POREMBA, Tony	DE	6- 0	210	Fr.	HS	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	WO	5/4
1	ROBINSON, Stephone	WR	5- 8	195	Sr.	3L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S	1/1
75	SANDERS, Daniel	OL	6- 3	310	Jr.	2L	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)	S	2/2
13	SANDERS, Joe	TE	6- 3	235	Sr.	2L	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)	S	1/1
19	SANDERSFELD, Travis	FS	6- 0	190	Fr.	HS	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	WO	5/4
88	SHANAHAN, Devin	TE	6- 5	235	So.	VR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	WO	3/3
96	SHIELDS, Lagrone	DL	6- 2	265	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn. (Ridgeway)	S	5/4
6	SIMAS, Markques	WR	6- 2	195	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa)	S	5/4
82	SIMMONS, Justin	PK	6- 2	175	Fr.	HS	Memphis, Tenn. (Christian Brothers)	WO	4/4
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	5-11	210	So.	1L	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S	3/3
28	SMITH, Bret	S	5-11	200	Fr.	RS	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis)	WO	4/4
3	SMITH, Jimmy	CB	6- 2	195	Fr.	RS	Colton, Calif. (Colton)	S	4/4
9	SMITH, Josh	WR	6- 0	180	Fr.	HS	Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark)	S	5/4
31	SMITH, Lamont	DB	5-8	160	Fr.	HS	Penn Hills, Pa. (Pittsburgh Central Catholic)	S	5/4
92	SOLDER, Nate	TE	6-8	270	Fr.	RS	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)	S	4/4
83	SPRAGUE, Dusty	WR	6- 4	190	Sr.	3L	Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)	S	1/1
52	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB/OLB	6- 2	215	So.	VR	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO	3/3
56	STEVENS, Keenan	OL	6- 3	275	Fr.	RS	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)	WO	4/4
95	SUAZO, Tom	P	5-11	190	Jr.	VR	Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State)	WO	2/2
8	SUMLER, Demetrius	TB	5-10	215	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)	S	4/4
79	TAU, Sione	OL	6- 5	330	Fr.	HS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S	5/4
35	VAIOMOUNGA, Nate	OLB	5-10	195	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif. (Corona)	S	5/4
15	WALTERS, Ryan	FS	5-11	200	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S	2/2
26	WHEATLEY, Terrence	CB	5-10	185	Sr.	3L	Richardson, Texas (Plano East)	S	1/1
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	WR	6- 2	200	Jr.	2L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S	2/2
21	WRIGHT, Anthony	DB	6- 0	185	Fr.	HS	Compton, Calif. (Compton)	S	5/4
80	YATES, Jarrell	WR	5-11	200	So.	1L	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	S	3/3

**EXPERIENCE KEY:** #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2006; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2006; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of 2007 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

# **Inactive Roster Players** (*Injured/Ineligible*)

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)0 Reaso	n	<u>Status</u>
17	BARNETT, Alvin	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	2L	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Okla. A&M) Ineligible (Academics	) S	2/1
41	BLACK, Kyle	S	5-11	200	Fr.	TR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Thunder Ridge/Air Force) 4 YrTransfe	r W	O 4/4
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	250	Jr.	2L	Channelview, Texas (Channelview) Ineligible (Academics	) S	3/2
61	FAATAGI, Erick	OL	6- 2	310	Jr.	JC	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College) Ineligible (Acad	) S	2/2
13	GOODMAN, Aric	PK	5-11	175	So.	TR	Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Wyoming) 4 YrTransfe	r W	O 4/3
86	HAM, Cameron	WR	6- 1	195	Fr.	RS	Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun) Leg (Fibula	) W	O 4/4
49	HUDGINS, Drew	DE	6- 4	235	Jr.	JC	Spring Hill, Kan. (Spring Hill/Highland CC)  Achille	s S	3/2
10	JACKSON, Bernard	QB/WR	6- 0	200	Sr.	1L	Corona, Calif. (Santiago) Ineligible (Academics	) S	1/1
10	SIPILI, Michael	ILB	6- 1	250	So.	1L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial) Suspende	d S	4/3
81	WALTERS, Luke	TE	6- 3	240	So.	TR	Lakewood, Colo. (ThunderRidge/New Mexico) Transfe	r W	O 3/2

# **January Enrollment**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status Status
	JOHNSON, Devan	TE/HB	6- 1	230	Fr.	HS	Turtle Creek, Pa. (Woodland Hills)	S 5/4

# 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):

# **TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS** (1985-2006)

101	COLLEGE I COLDAND	ILL	OIUD	, (13	00-2000
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 30	Air Force	161 152	105	1 1	.605 .600
31	Southern Miss Utah	152	101 107	0	.584
32	lowa	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	Miami, Ohio (MAC)	92	49	4	.651
15	Auburn (SEC)	88	50	3	.635
16	Colorado State (WAC/MWC)	86	50	0	.632
17	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 30	LSU Syracuse	128 126	85 85	1 3	.600 .596
31	Air Force	120	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	Miami, Ohio	118	82	6	.587
36	UCLA	122	89	1	.578

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (18-14-1)

Year	Opponent	Result	Year	Opponent	Result
1987	Nebraska	L 7-24	2002	Kansas State	W 35-31
1988	Oklahoma	L 14-17		Baylor	W 34- 0
1990	Iowa State	W 28-12		Texas Tech	W 37-13
1991	Missouri	W 55- 7		Iowa State	W 41-27
1992	Oklahoma	T 24-24		<b>b</b> —Oklahoma	L 7-29
1993	Nebraska	L 17-21	2003	Oklahoma	L 20-34
1994	Oklahoma State	W 17- 3		Nebraska	L 22-31
1995	Missouri	W 21- 0	2004	Colorado State	W 27-24
	<b>a</b> —Oregon	W 38- 6		Texas	L 7-31
1996	Texas	W 28-24		Kansas State	W 38-31
	Kansas State	W 12- 0	2005	Nebraska	L 3-30
1997	Kansas	W 42- 6	2006	Texas Tech	W 30- 6
	Missouri	L 31-41		Kansas State	L 21-34
1998	Kansas State	L 9-16		Iowa State	W 33-16
1999	Nebraska (OT)	L 30-33	2007	c-Colorado St. (OT)	W 31-28
2000	Iowa State	L 27-35		Florida State	L 6-16
2001	Nebraska	W 62-36			

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