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2004 CU FOOTBALL: GAME 2—WASHINGTON STATE

Saturday, September 11 in Seattle (1:35 p.m. MDT; ABC/Regional)

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QUICKLY The **Colorado Buffaloes** (1-0, 0-0 Big 12) come off an emotional season opening victory and will travel to Seattle to take on the Washington State Cougars (1-0, 0-0 Pac-10) this Saturday, September 11, in a 1:35 p.m. kickoff at Qwest Field... ABC will televise the game regionally nationally to about 35% of the country, with Gary Thorn (play-by-play), Ed Cunningham (commentary) and Suzy Shuster (sidelines) calling the action... Westwood One will broadcast the game nationally on radio as well, with Chuck Cooperstein and Shea Walker behind the mikes... The Buffs and Cougars were set to play on September 15, 2001 in Pullman, but the terrorist attacks four days earlier cancelled all games that weekend; WSU filled the void that season with a 12th game against Montana State on Oct. 18, but Colorado didn't replace the game as the only open week the Buffs had access to the Saturday before the Nebraska game, which was set on a Friday... Colorado held off a fierce rally by in-state rival Colorado State last Saturday in winning 27-24, the game ending as time ran out after J.J. Billingsley and Lorenzo Sims stopped Tristan Walker for a 2-yard loss on 3rd-and-goal from the 1... CU has now scored 20 or more points in nine straight games, the most since a 10-game span over 1997-98... CU's website, www.CUBuffs.com features game day updates and live stats for all games, home and road.

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IN-THE-POLLS CU remains unranked in both the *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today*/ESPN (coaches) polls, having not received a single vote to date in two ballots by each. The Buffs were last ranked on Sept. 7 of last year, having climbed to No. 17 in both after opening 2-0, and prior to the 47-26 loss to Washington State. Dating back to the preseason 1989 polls, CU has been ranked in **182** of the last **249** polls (*AP*: 74%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (79), trailing Florida (85), Florida State (84) and Michigan (83).

STAT OF THE WEEK Colorado really clamped down on the Colorado State rushing game, as the Rams netted just 44 yards on 28 attempts. The figure wasn't "deflated" by sacks either, as the number rises to just 45 yards on 27 tries taking out the one sack, and goes to only 51 yards on 26 attempts when lopping a 6-yard loss on a reverse where the CSU receiver simply slipped and fell. That works to 1.96 yards per true rushing try, with only four of 26 plays netting five or more yards, with a long of seven; in fact, 20 netted three yards or less and 18 two or fewer yards. The 44 yards were the fewest by an opponent since UCLA's 38 in game two last year, and was the sixth time the Buffs allowed under 50 yards rushing during Gary Barnett's tenure as head coach (CU is 6-0 in those games).

➔ Also, CSU did not earn a rushing first down, only the fifth time in CU history the opponent had zero and just the second time in the last 43 seasons. The only other time since 1961 came against Oklahoma in Boulder in 1999 when CU held the Sooners to none.

OBSCURER NOTE OF THE WEEK One would think a final score of 27-24 in football, as was the case with CU-CSU last week, is pretty common. But believe it or not, it was just the second time in 1,063 games that Colorado participated in a game with that final score. The only other time came in 1999, when Nebraska held off a late CU rally as the Buffs trailed at one point, 27-3.

GOAL LINE STAND AT THE GUN The Buff defense holding off CSU at the goal line as time expired is fairly rare but not unique in CU history. In 1985, Oregon faced a fourth-and-goal at the CU3 with nine seconds left, but the threat ended when Mickey Pruitt sacked Duck QB Chris Miller as time expired, preserving a 21-17 Colorado win.

2004 COLORADO SCHEDULE (1-0, 0-0 BIG 12)

Date	CU*	Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That
SEPT. 4	NR	COLORADO STATE	NR	FSN	W 27-24	0-1	56-18-2	Purify rambles for 189, Billingsley/Sims slam door at end
Sept. 11	NR	Washington State (at Seattle)	NR	ABC	1:35 p.m.	1-0	3- 2-0	Make-up game from week of September 11 in 2001
SEPT. 18		NORTH TEXAS		TBA	5:05 p.m.	0-1	0- 0-0	First game versus Sun Belt member since '95 (NE La.)
Oct. 2	+	at Missouri		TBA	TBA	1-0	30-35-3	Barnett 5-0 versus alma mater (CU 17-2 in last 19)
OCT. 9	+	OKLAHOMA STATE (H)		TBA	TBA	1-0	25-16-1	Colorado 10-1 vs. OSU since '89 (won 22-19 in '01)
OCT. 16	+	IOWA STATE (FW)		TBA	TBA	1-0	45-12-1	Buffs lead series by 18-1 since '84 (8-1 in Boulder)
Oct. 23	+	at Texas A & M		TBA	TBA	0-1	4- 1-0	CU 2-0 at Kyle Field (24-10 in '96, 26-19 in 2000)
OCT. 30	+	TEXAS		TBA	TBA	1-0	7- 6-0	First meeting since '01 Big 12 title game (CU, 39-37)
Nov. 6	+	at Kansas		TBA	TBA	1-0	39-21-3	CU owns 16-3 edge since '85 (KU 2-1 in last 3 at home)
NOV. 13	+	KANSAS STATE		TBA	TBA	1-0	41-17-1	First November meeting since '99 (KSU, 20-14)
Nov. 26	+	at Nebraska		ABC	10:00 a.m.	1-0	16-43-2	Ninth straight post-Thanksgiving Friday meeting
Dec. 4		Big 12 Championship Game		ABC	6:00 p.m.		(at Kansas City, Mo.)	

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

MEDIA SERVICES

- Coach Gary Barnett holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Barnett beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 7-14-28, Oct. 5-12-19-26, Nov. 2-9-22 (Monday)-30, Dec.TBA (bowl). NOTE that there are no organized press luncheons on Sept. 21 and Nov. 16 (Tuesdays of bye weeks).
- The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on www.CUBuffs.com (in the Buffs Backstage Pass area); media can watch and listen by contacting David Plati in advance for free access codes (david.plati@colorado.edu).
- Barnett can be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. mountain time. All coaches participate weekly; please call 913/981-5507 for access (this number is intended for media only). The teleconference is replayed later in the day, and is available by calling 402/222-9912 after 3 p.m. mountain time.
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available Tuesdays on the Big 12 Conference's satellite highlights package, which can be found at Galaxy 3C, Transponder 2 (C-band), 4100 MHz vertical, standard audio 6.2-6.8 MHz between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. MT from Aug. 31 through Dec. 7 (trouble number: 972/868-1861 or 1446). Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed to all members of the media after games; following the customary 10-minute cooling off period, players will be made available (a list of players will be solicited immediately following the game).
- Colorado's regular season **football practices** will be closed to the public and media in 2004, however, every preseason practice between August 10 and 27 are open to all. The first 20 minutes of practice are open for photography (video) needs from the end zones and sidelines.
- This year's tentative **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (off); Monday (2:00-3:30; 3:30-6:00); Tuesday (2:15-3:30/3:30-6:00), Wednesday (2:15-3:30/3:30-6:00), Thursday (2:15-3:30/3:30-5:30), Friday (5:30-6:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed both pre- and post-practice on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (the cutoff moves up to post-Tuesday practice for Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all three days in both time slots. Interviews on Sundays are at the discretion of the player, as it being the standard player day off (no meetings/practice), CU can't arrange due to NCAA rules.

CU ON THE INTERNET

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Log on to the official site for CU athletics at **www.CUBuffs.com** for the latest information, releases, game notes and broadcasts of press conferences. Buffs Backstage Pass offers the opportunity to listen to press conferences live, as well as to listen and/or watch live game action of several CU athletic teams.

ON-THE-AIR

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his first year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. Larry Zimmer will handle the analysis duties, as he is in his 31st season broadcasting Colorado football (he handle play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** in his 28th season on the broadcasts, doing pre- and postgame shows and providing coverage from the sidelines. Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the *Gary Barnett Show* originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program.
- **FOX Sports Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. New FSN college reporter **Dave Benz** is the host of the program; the first show airs September 3 and it will run weekly through the week following the end of basketball season for the men and/or women.

IMPORTANT ROSTER INFORMATION *(Number Changes, etc., from media guide)*

Note: Weights that appear on the depth chart and rosters are from August physicals current; those in the media guide were post-spring.

Number Changes: Paul Creighton (#30, from 87), Edwin Harrison (#76, from 61), Cory Reid (#23, from 1), Joe Sanders (#13, from 84), Ryan Walkers (\$15, from #5).

Position Change: Stephone Robinson (CB, from WR). Note: John Guydon (will play both DT and OL).

Pronunciation Change: Jordon Dizon (correct pronunciation is dye-zonn).

Transferred: DE Chadd Evans (to Tulsa), DE Josh Hunt (to Eastern Michigan). **Reinstatement Request Rejected By NCAA:** WR/KR Jeremy Bloom.

DUPE NUMBERS: Colorado has several duplicate numbers; those who appear below are the ones most likely to see action (CU jerseys DO have names across the shoulders; A—African-American, C—Caucasian, H—Hispanic):

Offense/Kicker

- 3 Brian White (C)
- 4 Ron Monteilh (A)
- 7 Bernard Jackson (A)
- 9 Blake Mackey (A)

Defense/Kicker

- 3 Tyrone Henderson (A)
- 4 Chris Russell (A)
- 7 Vance Washington (A)
- 9 Tom Hubbard (C)

Offense/Kicker

- 13 Erik Greenberg (C)
- 22 Byron Ellis (A)
- 31 Isaiah Crawford (A)
- 82 Evan Judge (C)

Defense/Kicker

- 13 Joe Sanders (A)
- 22 Lorenzo Sims (A)
- 31 Gerett Burl (A)
- 82 James Garee (C)

COLORADO FOOTBALL / PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaches/Staff

Dave **BORBELY** (boar-bull-E)
 Brian **CABRAL** (cuh-browl)
 Mike **HANKWITZ** (hank-wits)
 John **WRISTEN** (wrist-N)

Players

Terrance **BARREAU** (buh-row)
 Walter **BOYE-DOE** (boy-doe)

GERETT Burl (jair-it)
 Nick **CLEMENT** (cluh-ment)
 Chad **CUSWORTH** (cuss-worth)
 Brandon **DABDOUB** (dab-doob)
 Akarika **DAWN** (ock-ah-reek-ah)
 Jordon **DIZON** (dye-zonn)
 Mike **DUREN** (durr-N)
 James **GAREE** (gary)
 Dan **GOETTSCHE** (getch)

John **GUYDON** (guy-dunn)
 Brian **IWUH** (E-woo)
 Joe **KLOPFENSTEIN** (Klof-N-stein)
 Alex **LIGON** (lee-gone)
VAKA MANUPUNA (vah-kuh
 man-ah-poon-ah)
 Matt **MCCHESNEY** (muh-chez-knee)
 Ron **MONTEILH** (mon-tay)
 Tyler **POLUMBUS** (as in Columbus)

Bobby **PURIFY** (pure-if-eye)
STEPHON Robinson (steff-on)
 Brendan **SCHAUB** (shawb)
 Quinn **SYNIEWSKI** (sip-new-ski)
 David **VEIKUNE** (vay-koo-nay)
 Sam **WILDER** (wild-er)

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are CU's starters for the 2004 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	ST	SG	C	TG	TT	TE	QB	TB	FB
Colorado State	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Vickers
DEFENSE	DE	NT	DT	DE	ILB	ILB	OLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl

(N)—Nickel Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Wilder 24, Daniels 19, Garee 9, Klatt 8. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Wilder 24, Billingsley 18, Dabdoub 17. **PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Colorado State 94/56.

PLAYERS-OF-THE-GAME

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

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	Scout Team Offense	Scout Team Defense
Colorado State	TB Bobby Purify OT Sam Wilder	ILB Akarika Dawn OLB Brian Iwuh	P John Torp	FB Brendan Schaub	CB Corey Reid

VICTORY CLUB COUNT: Colorado State (25).

INJURY UPDATE

The Buffs suffered no significant injuries in the Colorado State. The injury list as of September 7 and status for Washington State:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status: Washington State
FS	J.J. Billingsley	knee (arthroscopic surgery)	Played about two-thirds of the CSU game as it was sore much of the week	PROBABLE
ILB	Walter Boye-Doe	ankle (sprain)	missed the CSU game	QUESTIONABLE
SS	Dominique Brooks	concussion (mild)	suffered during the CSU game, but did not miss any action	PROBABLE
TB	Brandon Caesar	knee (sprain)	injured the final week of camp and missed CSU game	QUESTIONABLE
ILB	Chris Hollis	foot (surgery)	chronic (also reinjured in conditioning in early July)	QUESTIONABLE
OLB	Brian Iwuh	shoulder (contusion)	finished the game w/o any problems	PROBABLE

OUT FOR THE SEASON: DT Nick Clement (torn pec muscle), OLB Chad Cusworth (torn ACL), PK J.T. Eberly (torn Achilles), CB Vance Washington (shoulder surgery).

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

SCHOLLY ADDS

Five walk-ons now have walk-on status no more, as **OL Terrance Barreau**, **PK J.T. Eberly** and **SN Greg Pace** were placed on full scholarship before or during fall camp, and are now on full scholarship. Joining them on September 1 were **ILB Kyle Griffith** and **FS Tom Hubbard**. Eberly suffered a torn Achilles tendon the first day of camp, had surgery on August 19 and is out for the year; a fifth-year senior, he will have to petition the NCAA for a sixth-year if he's so interested.

CAPTAINS

The team selected its captains after the last camp scrimmage on August 27, with the four for the 2004 season being seniors **DT Matt McChesney**, **TB Bobby Purify** and **OT Sam Wilder** and junior **QB Joel Klatt**. Purify was originally selected as a captain last year, but his year was cut short with a season-ending injury against Washington State the third game of the season; he makes a little history, as he becomes only the fourth player to serve as a Colorado team captain in multiple seasons. The last was linebacker **Barry Remington**, who was selected by his teammates in both 1985 and 1986; the other two were in the 1890s, as **Pat Carney** was team captain for the 1891, 1892 and 1893 seasons and **Harry Gamble** the choice in 1894 and 1896. Klatt is technically the first junior since 2002, when QB Craig Ochs was selected, but he is not officially recognized since he quit the team two games into the season; the last juniors to serve the full season were **Ben Kelly** in 1999 and Remington in '85. Wilder makes it six straight seasons that an offensive lineman has been selected.

'04 ANNIVERSARIES

The 2004 season marks several anniversaries. **Folsom Field** celebrates its 80th anniversary season, as it was christened on October 11, 1924 when Colorado defeated Regis, 39-0. It's the 10th anniversary of Colorado's first and only Heisman Trophy, as **TB Rashaan Salaam** rushed his way to the award by leading the nation in rushing (2,055 yards) and scoring (144 points); **CB Chris Hudson** won the Thorpe Award that season, **QB Kordell Stewart** set the Big Eight total offense record, and **Bill McCartney** resigned after 13 seasons as head coach. One hundred years ago, on October 8, 1904, CU defeated Nebraska in Boulder, 6-0, deemed the school's biggest win at the time as it was one of the first played against a team from outside the state's borders. 2004 also will mark 30 years since CU and Air Force met on the football field (CU won 28-27 at the USAFA), and 70 years since CU's first-ever national statistical champion, as **Kayo Lam** led the nation in rushing in 1934 with 906 yards. On a sadder note, it will also mark the 20th anniversary of the injury to **TE Ed Reinhardt**, as a blood clot on his brain burst late in a September 15 game at Oregon. He had surgery that afternoon, was in a coma for a month and endured years of rehabilitation; he lives in Littleton with his parents.

CU-NORTH TEXAS KICKOFF, FIREWORKS SET

CU has set a 5:05 p.m. kickoff time for its football game on September 18 against the University of North Texas, with the game to feature a Folsom Field first. Following the game, the first-ever fireworks display will take place at Folsom, capping the evening and the special promotion for both the CU campus and city of Boulder communities. Athletic Director Dick Tharp cited the fact that during this time of year, plenty of youth sports are still in progress in the morning and afternoon, and this will give them a chance to attend the game. Tickets at special discounted rates will go on sale this Sunday through King Soopers and TicketsWest. The game is part of the 80th anniversary celebration of Folsom Field.

CU vs. WASHINGTON STATE Colorado leads the all-time series by a 3-2 count, with this meeting in Seattle the make-up contest from 2001; CU and WSU were scheduled to play on September 15, but the events of September 11 canceled the game. Thus, the order of the home-and-home was switched, and Washington State decided to move the game to Seattle (the '01 game would have been in Pullman). The series between the pair began in 1981, with Washington State "stealing" a 14-10 win over the Buffaloes by scoring a pair of touchdowns in the final two minutes after two Buff punt mistakes. CU won the following year in Spokane, grabbing a 12-0 win on four Tom Field field goals. The last three games in the series have been in Boulder, a 26-17 CU win in '87, a 37-19 Buff victory in '96 and WSU's 47-26 conquest last season. CU coach Gary Barnett is 0-1 against WSU, while Bill Doba is 1-0 against Colorado.

Series Did You Know? — The 12-0 win at Spokane in 1982 was the first of what would amount to 93 victories by CU's all-time winningest coach, Bill McCartney. It was the second game of his "Era," which had opened the previous week with a 31-17 loss to California in Boulder.

Conference Comparison — The Buffs are 37-32-1 all-time against members of the Pacific 10 Conference, losing the last time out, which was last year's WSU contest. The Cougars are 10-24 against Big 12 Conference schools, going 2-0 last year with the win over the Buffs in the regular season and a Holiday Bowl victory over Texas. Those were WSU's first wins over a Big 12 team since the 1994 Alamo Bowl, when it toppled Baylor, 10-3.

CU-WASHINGTON STATE BY THE NUMBERS Here's a look at some numbers-related trivia in the Colorado-WSU series:

- 5 The number of rushing yards Washington State had in the 1996 game;
- 33-13-1 The passing line for WSU then-sophomore Ryan Leaf in the '96 game (163 yards);
- 33-20-0 The passing line for CU senior Koy Detmer in the '96 game (254 yards);
- 35 The number of possessions by both teams in the 2003 game (CU 18, WSU 17).
- 67 The average number of plays Washington State has run in the series (five games, 335 plays).
- 89 The most plays run by either team in the series, CU's total in 2003 (for 445 yards).
- 135 The number of combined points scored in the previous four games of the series (or just under 34 per);
- 138 The combined length of the four field goals Tom Field made in the '82 game (31, 39, 44 and 24);
- 185 Rushing yards in '87 by CU quarterback Sal Aunese after replacing an injured Mark Hatcher late in the first quarter;
- 756 The number of miles between Boulder, Colorado, and Pullman, Washington.
- 2945 The difference in elevation between Boulder (5,345) and Pullman (2,400).

SERIES TRENDS Here's a quick look at some team statistical trends in the five-game CU-Washington State series:

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU WSU	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	WSU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
Sept. 19, 1981	BOULDER	L 10-14	35,277	— —	23	57 205 1	24-14-1 154 0	81 359	14	47 220 1	12- 4-0 39 0	59 259	
Sept. 18, 1982	Spokane	W 12- 0	30,923	— —	16	58 241 0	15- 2-0 20 0	73 261	14	43 107 0	27- 9-1 75 0	70 182	KWGN (I)
Sept. 26, 1987	BOULDER	W 26-17	43,527	— —	21	70 425 2	5- 1-0 30 0	75 455	22	34 79 0	52-28-2 264 2	86 343	
Aug. 31, 1996	BOULDER	W 37-19	51,481	5 —	23	46 192 1	40-22-1 278 3	86 470	9	21 5 1	33-13-1 163 1	54 168	ABC (r)
Sept. 13, 2003	BOULDER	L 26-47	48,146	17 —	21	34 97 0	55-32-2 348 3	89 445	16	33 153 1	33-17-1 310 3	66 463	PPV

THE SET-UP Colorado is **16-3** in the second game of the year after winning the season opener, dating back to 1970, but only four of those games have been on the road. CU is **3-1** in these games: a 24-21 win at Iowa in 1988, a 57-38 win at Baylor in 1992, a 48-34 win at Colorado State in 1996 and a 27-3 loss at Michigan in 1997. In all five years of the Barnett Era at Colorado, the Buffs have allowed fewer points in the second game of the year than it surrendered in the opener (94 as compared to 147 overall); CU is **4-1** in game twos under Barnett and has outscored the opponent on average **34-19**. And the bizarre: CU is **4-4** all-time against members of the Pac-10 Conference in games following where it defeated a school now in the Mountain West Conference.

WSU LAST WEEK The Cougars rallied for a 21-17 win at New Mexico, as two interceptions and a fumble recovery paved the way for 14 fourth quarter WSU points in the rare Friday night game on Sept. 3. John Swogger completed 24-of-38 passes for 240 yards and three touchdowns (with two interceptions), and threw a 4-yard TD Troy Bienemann with 7:10 remaining for the winning score (Bienemann is related to KCNC-TV anchor Jim Bienemann, incidentally). The game was a scoreless draw at halftime, but both teams scored touchdowns on their first drive of the third quarter. New Mexico had 415 yards on offense (186 rush, 229 pass), as the Lobos had both a 100-yard rusher (DonTrell Moore, 24-167) and 100-yard receiver (Hank Baskett, 9-165), while WSU amassed 271 yards (240 pass, 31 rush).

IN BUFF HISTORY: SEPTEMBER 11 The Buffaloes own a 3-2 record in games played in their history on **September 11**. Since college football went to the second Saturday in September for a start date in 1971 when it added an 11th game and then to the first weekend of the month 14 years later, there are fewer games played historically on dates preceding September 15. Though CU's played just five times on the date, two of them hold some historical significance for the program. In **1971**, CU's first-ever game on the date, the Buffs went on the road and toppled No. 9 Louisiana State, 31-21, to begin their run to a 10-2 season and No. 3 final national ranking. In **1982**, California visited Boulder and left with a 31-17 rain-soaked victory; it was the first game of the Bill McCartney Era at Colorado. CU's won the last two times out on 9/11 in convincing fashion, 45-21 over Baylor in **1993** and 63-35 over San Jose State in **1999**.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a comparative look at Colorado and Washington State in several statistical categories (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

Category	Colorado	Washington State
Overall Record, 2004.....	1-0	1-0
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	0-0	0-0
Overall Record, 1989-current.....	126-53-4 (8)	94-81-0
Versus Ranked Teams.....	40-37-2	NA
In Conference Play.....	80-30-3 (7)	55-65-0
Players On NFL Rosters (as of Sept. 7).....	26	20
Rushing Offense.....	255.0 (20)	31.0 (91)
Average Per Rush	5.67	1.00
Passing Offense	117.0 (86)	240.0 (33)
Completion Percentage	52.0	63.2
Average Per Attempt.....	4.68	6.32
Passing Efficiency	83.3 (86)	131.8 (43)
Total Offense.....	372.0 (51)	271.0 (76)
Average Per Play	5.31	3.93
Scoring Offense.....	27.0 (43)	21.0 (55)
Rushing Defense.....	44.0 (13)	186.0 (66)
Average Per Rush	1.57	4.33
Passing Defense	403.0 (94)	229.0 (62)
Average Per Attempt.....	9.60	7.39
Pass Efficiency Defense	160.6 (81)	94.3 (27)
Total Defense	447.0 (75)	415.0 (66)
Average Per Play	6.39	5.61
Scoring Defense.....	24.0 (59)	17.0 (37)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed	1 / 0	3 / 5
Net Punting.....	46.7 (6)	44.4 (13)
Punt Returns	7.5 (51)	11.7 (28)
Kickoff Returns	19.0 (49)	22.3 (27)
Turnovers.....	1	3
Turnover Margin.....	0.00 (43)	+1.00 (30)

THE LAST TIME

WASHINGTON STATE 47, COLORADO 26

(September 13, 2003)

BOULDER—It was one of those plays that could have stood out as the most important of the game, a gutsy 4th-and-1 pass that produced a 46-yard touchdown from Erik Greenberg to Derek McCoy. At the time, it got No. 17 Colorado seemingly back into the battle against Washington State, as the score cut the WSU lead to 20-13 early in the second quarter.

Except that the Cougars had different ideas, and would score 27 unanswered points in an 8:16 span over the second and third quarters, riding that spree to a 47-26 win over the Buffaloes.

In one of the more bizarre games at Folsom Field in some time, Washington State, smarting from an overtime loss the previous week at Notre Dame, used the long play to take over the game. Three plays over 74 yards were just how long. WSU used third down conversion passes of 74 and 77 yards from Matt Kegel to Sammy Moore and Scott Lunde, respectively, for its first two scores, and then a Jason David 41-yard interception return for a score off a Greenberg errant throw had the Cougars ahead, 20-6, entering the second quarter.

Greenberg had come in for Joel Klatt, who aggravated a shoulder injury he initially hurt the previous week against UCLA. He would soon atone for his interception, as the Buffs needed a score to get back into the game and he threw a perfect pass to a streaking McCoy on a fourth down call that surprised everyone and got the Buffs back within a touchdown.

WSU's scoring flurry started with a Drew Dunning 43-yard field goal late in the first half, and concluded with a 39-yarder from Dunning that upped the score to 47-13 with 8:21 left in the third quarter. But what probably broke CU's collective back was a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Moore to open the second half, and typical of a kick that a return man fumbles, he picked it up and then slid around the pursuing coverage to race the length of the field for the score.

The Buffs did eat into the margin a bit; Greenberg threw short touchdown passes to Derek McCoy and Joe Klopfenstein that cut the deficit to three touchdowns. WSU only outgained CU by 18 yards, but the non-offensive scores and five CU turnovers helped the Cougars to their second win ever over a Colorado team, the last of which had come in 1981.

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

Washington State—Moore 74 pass from Kegel (Dunning kick)	0- 7	10:11	1Q
COLORADO—Klopfenstein 3 pass from Klatt (kick blocked)	6- 7	8:50	1Q
Washington State—Lunde 77 pass from Kegel (kick failed)	6-13	2:09	1Q
Washington State—David 41 interception return (Dunning kick)	6-20	0:45	1Q
COLORADO—McCoy 46 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick)	13-20	13:23	2Q
Washington State—Dunning 43 FG	13-23	1:37	2Q
Washington State—Moore 97 kickoff return (Dunning kick)	13-30	14:45	3Q

Washington State—Smith 26 run (Dunning kick)	13-37	10:53	3Q
Washington State—Darling 12 pass from Kegel (Dunning kick)	13-44	10:33	3Q
Washington State—Dunning 39 FG	13-47	8:21	3Q
COLORADO—McCoy 1 pass from Greenberg (kick failed)	19-47	2:40	3Q
COLORADO—Klopfenstein 2 pass from Greenberg (Eberhart kick)	26-47	5:56	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WASHINGTON STATE
First Downs	21	16
Rushes—Net Yards	34-97	33-153
Passing Yards	348	310
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	55-32-2	33-17-1
Total Offense	445	463
Punts: No-Average	8-38.0	7-53.9
Fumbles: No-Lost	5-3	3-0
Penalties/Yards	7/39	13/125
Time of Possession	31:07	28:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 17-56, Calhoun 11-36, Griffith 1-6, Greenberg 4-3, Klatt 1-minus 4.
Washington State: Smith 11-73, Green 9-41, Bruhn 6-26, Kegel 4-16, Swogger 1-minus 1, Team 2-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 25-13-0, 149, 1 td; Greenberg 30-19-2, 199, 3 td. **Washington State:** Kegel 33-17-1, 310, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 11-131, Hackett 7-63, Donahoe 3-53, Klopfenstein 3-12, Purify 2-20, Monteilh 2-12, Vickers 2-12, Bloom 1-33, Calhoun 1-12. **Washington State:** Darling 4-74, Green 3-11, Moore 2-96, Smith 2-25, Bienemann 2-11, Jordan 2-10, Lunde 1-77, Boyd 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 8-38.0 (53 long, 4 In20). **Washington State:** Basler 7-53.9 (62 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Bloom 3-49. **Washington State:** Moore 2-minus 3.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Bloom 4-88, Billingsley 2-52, M.Moore 1-18. **Washington State:** Moore 3-132, Smith 1-10.

Interceptions—Colorado: Moorer 1-23. **Washington State:** David 1-41, Coleman 1-14.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Billingsley 5,4—9; Moorer 7,1—8; T.Washington 3,4—7; Jackson 6,0—6; Nyenhuis 5,1—6; Brooks 3,1—4; McChesney 3,1—4; Sims 3,1—4; Tufts 1,3—4. **WSU:** Paymah 8,2—10; Coleman 5,5—10; Davis 6,2—8; Jackson 4,4—8; J.Williams 3,5—8.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Washington State:** Jackson 1-4, Acholonu 1-3.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Jackson 3, Brooks 2, Billingsley, Ligon. **Washington State:** V.Williams 2, Jackson, Shavies.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of September 5:

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
7th	20th	RUSHING OFFENSE.....	255.0	4th	13th	RUSHING DEFENSE.....	44.0	7th	51st	PUNT RETURNS.....	7.5
10th	86th	PASSING OFFENSE.....	117.0	12th	94th	PASSING DEFENSE.....	403.0	6th	49th	KICKOFF RETURNS.....	19.0
10th	51st	TOTAL OFFENSE.....	372.0	10th	75th	TOTAL DEFENSE.....	447.0	2nd	6th	NET PUNTING.....	46.7
6th	43rd	SCORING OFFENSE.....	27.0	9th	59th	SCORING DEFENSE.....	24.0	5th	43rd	TURNOVER MARGIN.....	0.00

- ♦ **PK Mason Crosby:** 9.0 points per game kick scoring (4th/Big 12); 2.00 field goals per game (2nd/Big 12, 9th/NCAA).
- ♦ **QB Joel Klatt:** 83.3 rating (12th/Big 12); 117.0 passing yards per game (10th/Big 12, 85th/NCAA); 131.0 total offense per game (15th/Big 12, 101st/NCAA).
- ♦ **TB Bobby Purify:** 189.0 rushing yards per game (3rd/Big 12, 4th/NCAA); 189.0 total offense per game (10th/Big 12, 55th/NCAA); 203.0 all-purpose yards per game (3rd/Big 12, 9th/NCAA).
- ♦ **CB/KR Stephone Robinson:** 7.5 punt return average (5th/Big 12; 41st/NCAA).
- ♦ **P John Torp:** 52.3 punting average (1st/Big 12, 1st/NCAA).
- ♦ **CB/KR Terrence Wheatley:** 19.0 kickoff return average (5th/Big 12; 46th/NCAA).

THE SCHEDULE Colorado again played one of the nation's toughest schedules in 2003, as according to the NCAA formula, the Buffs' slate ranked 13th among the 117 Division I-A schools. It's shaping up to be no different in 2004, as CU's schedule has been rated the nation's second-toughest going into the season by *The Sporting News*.

CHART WATCH Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts one game into the 2004 season (note Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history):

- ⇒ **QB ERIK GREENBERG** is for 31st in passing yards (737), and is tied for 24th in touchdown passes (6).
- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** is 84th in total tackles (164), and is tied for 43rd in solo tackles (118).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is 14th in field goals made (9) and is 85th in scoring (61).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is 10th in passing yards (2,731), is eighth in completions (246), is 10th in attempts (384), is seventh in touchdown passes (21), is fourth in efficiency rating (137.8) and is 18th in total offense (2,654).
- ⇒ **WR RON MONTEILH** is tied for 56th in career receptions (33), and is 103rd in career receiving yards (261).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is tied for 11th in rushing yards (2,188), is tied for 43rd in receptions (39), is 20th in all-purpose yards (2,565) and is tied for 56th in scoring (78).
- ⇒ **P JOHN TORP** is sixth in career punting average (42.27), and is tied for 15th in punts inside-the-20 (21).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is sixth in games coached (63), tied for sixth in wins (35) and is sixth in conference wins (25).

ROAD-SWEET-ROAD The Buffs have enjoyed more a lot of success on the road over the last 15 seasons. CU has been victorious 53 of the last 79 times in enemy stadiums and is **61-31-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 66.1 winning clip). During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games (between 1994 and 1996), before the streak ended in the '96 regular season finale at Nebraska, 17-12 (it bested the old mark of eight straight set between 1922 and 1924). Over the last 15 seasons, Colorado is **52-25-1** away from home (a 67.3 winning percentage), which stands eighth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **42-18-1** mark in their last 61 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Oklahoma State, Missouri and Texas; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **17-15** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (1-3 in 2003). 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 (1988-2003)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	65	18	0	.783
Florida State	59	17	0	.776
Tennessee	54	18	2	.743
Nebraska	53	21	1	.713
Michigan	54	21	3	.712
Ohio State	51	22	2	.693
Florida	44	20	1	.685
Colorado	52	25	1	.673
Alabama	50	25	0	.667
Notre Dame	47	27	2	.632
Penn State	47	30	1	.609

EIGHTH BEST SINCE '89 Colorado has the nation's eighth best record over the last 15-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **126-53-4** record. Over the last 19-plus years, Colorado's **154-72-4** mark is 14th nationally, from the time then-coach Bill McCartney reversed CU's fortunes by switching to the wishbone on offense (CU had the 10th best record in the 1990s, 87-29-4, .742, for teams that were Division I-A the entire decade). The best Division I-A records from the start of the 1989 season through games of Sept. 6:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2004
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida State	187	157	29	1	.842	84	60-23-1	0-0
2	Nebraska	189	156	32	1	.828	57	32-24-1	1-0
3	Miami, Fla.	181	149	32	0	.823	66	41-25-0	0-0
4	Tennessee	187	147	37	3	.794	70	41-26-3	1-0
5	Florida	188	145	42	1	.774	85	49-35-1	0-0
6	Michigan	184	140	41	3	.769	83	50-31-2	1-0
7	Ohio State	187	140	44	3	.757	76	40-33-3	1-0
8	COLORADO	183	126	53	4	.699	79	40-37-2	1-0
9	Kansas State	184	128	55	1	.698	45	17-27-1	1-0
9	Penn State	184	128	55	1	.698	66	32-34-0	1-0
(11)	Texas A & M	185	127	56	2	.692	58	25-32-1	0-1

ROSTER CHANGES

There are a few changes from the final spring roster. Six players left the program with the intent of transferring (for assorted reasons): **TB Brian Calhoun**, **DE Chadd Evans**, **DE Marques Harris**, **CB Sammy Joseph**, **OL Del Scales** and **OL Fredrick Staugh**. Three walk-ons also did not return: **S Justin Fallhowe**, **WR Jarrad Jackson** and **FB James Owens**.

Added to the list of incoming recruits was **CB Terry Wilson** (Chino, Calif.); he was added in the late spring and was recruited by Shawn Simms (his bio does appear in the 2004 media guide). Two others did not qualify academically, **S Reggie Foster** (Long Beach, Calif.) and **DL Chris Todd** (Tulsa, Okla.). A third recruit, **DE Josh Hunt** (Jackson, Mich.) reported but returned home after 10 days in camp for family reasons; he was initially set to return in the spring, but was homesick and decided to transfer to Eastern Michigan.

Four transfers have been added to the team: **DB Charlie Aweida** (6-0, 180) did not play as a true freshman last year Adams State and played his prep ball at Boulder Fairview; **WR Chase McBride**, a Broomfield High product who redshirted last fall at Wyoming; **ATH Lenny Miles**, who prepped at Adams City High School and was on the basketball team as a true freshman at New Mexico last year; and **OL Carl Zoellner** attended Wisconsin-Milwaukee last year and did not participate in athletics, but played high school ball in Georgetown, Texas with CU sophomore PK Mason Crosby. Zoellner could play this season as UWGB does not sponsor football.

POSITION CHANGES

Only one major change, as redshirt frosh **Stephone Robinson** moved from wide receiver to cornerback to help create some depth at the position. Junior **John Guydon** returned to defense, sort of, from the offensive line, where he was listed both at split guard (second) and center (third) following spring practice. However, the coaches plan on practicing as well as utilizing him both ways. He had moved to offense for the spring, as he practiced exclusively at defensive tackle last fall. Since defensive depth in the middle was in bad need of some bolstering, switching Guydon back (or sharing him) made sense since he had previous career game experience at the position.

SECOND CHANCE AT BEING A SENIOR

Two players were injured as fourth-year seniors in 2003 and received medical hardships for the season and return with a second chance at being seniors in 2004. **TB Bobby Purify** (high ankle sprain) and **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (turf toe) played less than the NCAA maximum for appealing for a medical redshirt; a third player, DE Marques Harris, would also have been back but will transfer to a yet-to-be decided Division I-AA school. Purify and Sypniewski are believed to be the second and third players in CU history (and definitely since 1978) to be injured as fourth-year seniors and received hardships; in 2001, **ILB Jashon Sykes** received a special ruling and would have had a second chance at a senior season in 2002 had he not opted for the NFL draft; also in 2001, **WR John Minardi** played in one game too many and was denied. Three others redshirted their fourth-year senior seasons: **ILB Don DeLuzio** (suffered torn knee ligaments in August camp in 1987), **ILB Alan Chríte** (suspension, 1983) and **WB Melvin Johnson** (academics, 1976).

➤ **DID YOU KNOW:** Only three players in modern CU history have posted statistics in five different seasons? **ILB Barry Remington** (1982-86), **WR/KR Jo Jo Collins** (1984-88) and **TB Marlon Barnes** (1994-98) all played as true freshmen and suffered in-season ending injuries either their sophomore or junior seasons. Both Purify and Sypniewski can join this select group this fall.

BLOOM DONE

An independent appeals committee upheld an NCAA staff ruling of August 16 that denied a request for reinstatement for CU junior-to-be **Jeremy Bloom**, thus ending his collegiate football career. A two-time letterman at wide receiver and kick returner, Bloom also is a member of the U.S. Olympic ski team and competes in freestyle moguls. Bloom, the reigning World Cup moguls champion started accepting endorsement money last winter to be able to fund his skiing career, as there are no salaries in the sport, but that action is an NCAA violation and the organization would not make an exception for him. Bloom practiced the first five days with the team (Aug. 9-13), and then joined his U.S. ski teammates for a three-week training camp just outside of Santiago, Chile. He returned to Colorado to watch his former football teammates open the season against CSU, and was recognized between the third and fourth quarters in a final tribute.

THREE AND COUNTING?

CU has not only played but has also hosted at Folsom Field the last three Heisman Trophy winners (all quarterbacks): **Eric Crouch** (Nebraska, 2001), **Carson Palmer** (USC, 2002) and **Jason White** (Oklahoma, 2003). So, if Colorado QB Joel Klatt or TB Bobby Purify should be denied the award, could the '04 winner be on the roster of one of the six teams headed to Boulder: Colorado State, North Texas, Oklahoma State, Iowa State, Texas or Kansas State? (*KSU TB Darren Sproles is one of the preseason favorites.*)

2004 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (E)						overall-----						#
School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up	
Kansas State (#12/#12)	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	27	13	S 4	FRESNO STATE
Nebraska	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	56	17	S 11	SOUTHERN MISS
Missouri (#18/#17)	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	52	20	S 9	at Troy State
COLORADO	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	27	24	S 11	at Washington State
Kansas	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	21	3	S 11	TOLEDO
Iowa State	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	23	0	S 11	NORTHERN IOWA
South Division (E)						overall-----						#
School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up	
Oklahoma (#2/#2)	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	40	24	S11	HOUSTON
Texas (#7/#8)	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	65	0	S 11	at Arkansas
Oklahoma State	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	31	20	S 11	TULSA
Texas Tech	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	27	13	S 11	TCU
Texas A & M	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	21	41	S 11	WYOMING
Baylor	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	14	56	S 11	TEXAS STATE

NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

Research by the University of Houston SID office shows that Oregon State has the toughest non-conference schedule in the nation (opponent winning percentage last year was .829, as LSU, Boise State and New Mexico combined to go 34-7). The Buffs rank eighth on the list, as CSU, Washington State and North Texas were a combined 27-12 (.692) last fall. The top 16 (*—includes one I-AA opponent):

.829 Oregon State (34-7)	.730 *Georgia Tech (27-10)	.680 BYU (34-16)	.650 Oklahoma (26-14)
.789 *Iowa State (30-8)	.718 Houston (28-11)	.679 Arizona (36-17)	.649 Army (24-13)
.769 Cincinnati (30-9)	.718 SMU (28-11)	.667 *Colorado State (34-17)	.647 Louisiana Tech (33-18)
.755 Arkansas State (40-13)	.692 Colorado (27-12)	.652 Idaho (43-23)	.641 Ball State (25-14)
			.641 Rice (25-14)

OLYMPIANS

The University of Colorado was well represented at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. One-time CU skier **Tyler Hamilton** won a gold medal in the individual road time trial, the first U.S. gold in cycling since 1984, as he covered the 29.8 mile course in 57:31.4 in winning by almost 19 seconds. Former CU student **Deirdre Demet-Barry** also fared well in cycling, as she won a silver medal in the women's individual time trial. Assistant track coach **Casey Malone** (CU's throws coach and a CSU letterman) placed sixth in the discus. **Alan Culpepper** finished 12th in the marathon, one of the final events in Athens on August 29. Two other Buffs competed, **Shayne Wille-Culpepper** (women's 5,000-meter run) and Dathan Ritzenhein (10,000-meter run; he did not finish as he was nursing an injured foot).

HESSLER TO BE HOMECOMING MARSHALL

Former University of Colorado quarterback **John Hessler** will be this year's honorary homecoming parade marshal on October 9, when the Buffs play host to Oklahoma State. It will be just 10 days shy of one year when a hit-and-run accident on Denver's Interstate 76 placed him in a life-threatening situation and a 33-day coma; not unlike the comeback he engineering against Texas A&M in 1995, doctors initially had little hope that Hessler would survive, and since he awoke, he's continued to make great strides in his attempt to resume a normal life.

STUDENT SEASON TICKETS

Colorado sold out of its 12,000 student season ticket allotment on August 23, the first time since 1992 that the number allocated completely sold out before being broken apart to sell as individual game tickets. Last year, students purchased 11,321 tickets; the all-time high is 14,442 in 1972 (after a 10-2 season with a No. 3 final ranking), with the low of 4,091 coming in 1981 (following a 1-10 year). CU dedicates the third most student season tickets in the Big 12 and is tied for the 16th most in the NCAA. Here's a look at the 2004 student ticket allotments in the Big 12 Conference and from around the nation (% indicates percent of capacity dedicated to students in the conference):

BIG 12			OTHER NATIONAL OVER 7,000					
Texas A & M.....	30,000	(36.3)	Ohio State	29,000	#South Carolina ...	13,000	Notre Dame	10,000
Texas.....	20,000	(25.0)	Florida.....	21,500	#Bowling Green	12,000	Texas El-Paso	10,000
Colorado.....	12,000	(22.3)	Penn State	21,000	USC.....	12,000	#Virginia	10,000
#Texas Tech	11,622	(21.9)	Michigan	20,000	Washington State ..	12,000	#Rutgers	9,000
Baylor.....	10,000	(20.0)	Georgia	17,500	#West Virginia	11,500	UCLA	9,000
*Missouri	10,000	(14.6)	#Florida State	16,000	Clemson	11,000	Arizona	8,500
Oklahoma State...	9,758	(20.1)	Purdue	15,172	#Maryland	11,000	#TCU	8,000
Kansas State.....	9,000	(18.0)	Brigham Young....	15,000	Kentucky	10,500	#Georgia Tech.....	7,500
Nebraska	8,200	(11.1)	LSU	14,700	Michigan State.....	10,347	#South Florida	7,500
Oklahoma	8,000	(9.9)	North Carolina....	14,000	East Carolina	10,095	Mississippi	7,200
+Kansas	7,064	(14.1)	Wisconsin.....	14,000	%Arkansas.....	10,000	Washington	7,200
Iowa State	7,000	(15.9)	Minnesota	13,000	Colorado State.....	10,000	!Miami, Fla.	7,000

(*—if demand dictated, could go as high as 12,000; +—football/basketball combo ticket; #—students admitted free as part of athletic fee or other arrangement; %—3,800 at games in Little Rock; !—8,000 for Florida State game; ALL—Navy; UNLIMITED NUMBER WHILE IN NO SELLOUT SITUATION—Arizona State, Arkansas State, Illinois, Louisiana-Lafayette, Syracuse.)

V-BACK

What's a **V-Back**, you ask? In short, it stands for "versatile" back, which applies to the two players CU lists at VB on the roster, junior **Lawrence Vickers** and sophomore **Daniel Jolly**. The two were asked to come up with a name for what they felt they brought to their position, as they had previously been listed No. 1 and 2 at fullback and that sort of "pigeonholed" what they can really do. Since they not only block like fullbacks, run like tailbacks and can play like receivers, "V-Back" fits them perfectly. "We pride ourselves on having a multitude of people who can do numerous things as far as running, catching and blocking," Jolly said. "What's asked of the position is that the players have to be very versatile and fill a number of roles, and we want to excel at each and every one of those," Vickers said. Coach **Gary Barnett** joked that Vickers liked it because it can also stand for "Vickers-Back."

MISSED IT BY THAT MUCH

Colorado had at least one touchdown pass in **12** consecutive games (every game last year), which was just one away from tying the school record. But alas, CU scored its touchdowns via rushing and return against Colorado State and missed tying the mark of 13 was set between October 28, 1995 and November 9, 1996.

JK-TO-JK

The combination of **Joel Klatt** to **Joe Klopfenstein** was good for three touchdowns in 2003. Believe it or not, it was the first time two players with the same initials hooked up on a touchdown pass in CU history (how's that for research?)!

COACH GARY BARNETT

Gary Barnett is in his sixth season as head coach of the Colorado program, and his 15th year as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **35-28** record at Colorado, along with a **70-73-1** record in 12-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **75-84-2** including two years at NAIA Fort Lewis (Durango, Colo.). This is his second stint at Colorado, as he was an assistant in Boulder under Bill McCartney for eight years between 1984 and 1991. During that span, CU was 59-34-2 in 95 games, including a 30-5-2 mark the last three years, when CU won three Big Eight titles and the 1990 national championship. Northwestern hired Barnett as head coach on Dec. 18, 1991 to replace Francis Peay, and he would take just four years to turn a dismal program into one of the nation's top teams. Barnett led Northwestern to back-to-back Big Ten championships in 1995 and 1996, earning berths in the Rose and Citrus bowls; he was the national coach of the year for '95 as selected by 18 different organizations. He was the third McCartney assistant to land a head coaching position, following Gerry DiNardo (Vanderbilt) and Lou Tepper (Illinois), both of whom started their careers in 1991. In 2001, he was selected as the *Associated Press* Big 12 Coach-of-the-Year when he became just the fourth man to ever coach two different teams to the NCAA Most Improved Team title.

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Barnett at Colorado.....	35-28	19-10	12-12	4- 6	11-15	24-13	9-12	26-16	1- 2
Career (NCAA I-A)	70-73-1	38-29-1	28-34	4-10	20-35-1	50-38	21-24-1	26-16	1- 4

♦ **Barnett** is no stranger to lining up across the sideline from ranked teams. In his 81 games at Northwestern, the Wildcats faced 30 ranked opponents (posting a 9-20-1 record). In his eight years as an assistant at Colorado, the Buffaloes played 34 ranked teams in 95 contests. As CU head coach, he's seen **26** in **63** games (going 11-15); so in his 20 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **90** ranked opponents in **239** games, better than one in every three (38%).

♦ In an October 2000 Bloomberg Information Service poll of Division I-A head coaches, **Gary Barnett** ranked sixth in a listing of the best coaches in college football. Eighty-eight (or roughly 72%) of the 114 head coaches responded in the poll, which ranked Penn State's Joe Paterno first (20½ votes) and Florida State's Bobby Bowden second (19). The rest of the top 10 at the time: 3. Bill Snyder, Kansas State (12); 4. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech (10½); 5. Steve Spurrier, Florida (5½); 6 (tie). **Gary Barnett, Colorado**, and Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin (3); 8. LaVell Edwards, BYU (2½); 9 (tie). Dennis Erickson, Oregon State, and Lloyd Carr, Michigan (2).

♦ **Barnett** first got to Colorado in a very matter-of-fact manner. He "road-tripped" from Missouri in the winter of 1971 with a friend, as both were hunting for teaching jobs. He didn't hear anything back from the interviews, and started his coaching career by helping out on Dan Devine's staff at Missouri, his alma mater. He had been selling insurance in Columbia while his wife, Mary, was finishing up her degree. He was soon offered a teaching and assistant coaching position at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs (at \$8,500 a year). He accepted, and he and Mary headed west to begin their love affair with the state of Colorado.

♦ **Barnett** grew up in the small town of Mexico, Missouri (where his mother returned to live after the family moved to St. Louis when he was in the ninth grade; she still resides there). He used to chase down softballs at the adults' fast-pitch softball games, as every ball turned in was worth a nickel, and three would net him a Coke (at 15 cents), the going rate in the mid-1950s.

♦ **Barnett** did something extremely rare after he accepted the CU job on January 20, 1999. He made it a goal to meet the parents and families of all players on the CU roster. He pretty much pulled it off, visiting with all but three families of the returning players (all in obscure, hard to reach locations) by the end of the '99 season. He did it to find out more about the players on his team and to talk with the parents about promises that were kept or not met by the previous coaching staff. He says if you get a beat on what kind of environment each player grew up in, which gives a good indication on how you have to deal with each individually.

♦ **Barnett** figured he would never get a crack at the Colorado job. After Rick Neuheisel emerged as the internal hire following Bill McCartney's surprising retirement in November 1994, Barnett thought that with Rick being so young, the CU job would never even be an option. He was linked to many a job opening, but the only one he ever interviewed for was the Notre Dame position; not the Detroit Lions, Texas Longhorns, Oklahoma Sooners or UCLA Bruins as rumors had led many to believe.

♦ **Barnett** enjoyed many happy as well as sad moments in his first stop in Boulder between 1984 and 1991. Emotions ran the gamut from winning the national championship (1990) and three Big Eight Conference titles (1989-90-91), along with coaching a Heisman Trophy candidate (Darian Hagan) and a Rhodes Scholarship finalist (Eric McCarty) to dealing with the life-threatening injury to tight end Ed Reinhardt (1984), the death of quarterback Sal Aunese (1989, from stomach cancer) to his own son Clay being seriously injured when he was on the CU sidelines during a game. Another high included Charles S. Johnson being named the MVP of the 1991 Orange Bowl, supplanting the low that he had to replace an injured Hagan in that game. And in his final year at Colorado in 1991, he tutored a young true freshman by the name of Kordell Stewart, who went on to become the Big Eight's all-time total offense leader.

♦ **Barnett's** top six goals for the CU program each year are listed as: 6) Winning the Big 12 Conference championship; 5) Winning the Big 12 Conference North Division; 4) Winning a bowl game; 3) Have a winning season; 2) To be a relentless team; and 1) Attitude and Chemistry. They are displayed prominently on the wall in the team's main meeting room (which was renamed for Tom McMahon in 2003).

♦ **Barnett's** first game at Northwestern was against Notre Dame at Chicago's Soldier Field—deemed a neutral site. His first game at CU was against Colorado State at Denver's Mile High Stadium, also a neutral site. How many coaches had their first games with two different schools classified in this manner? Barnett was probably the first—the research would be most time consuming!

♦ **Barnett** replaced Francis Peay at Northwestern, and other finalists included Earle Bruce (at Colorado State at the time), Paul Schudel and Gary Darnell. The president who hired Barnett at Northwestern, Arnold Weber, was the president of CU when it hired Bill McCartney in 1982. The parallels between McCartney and Barnett number many, right down to the record in their first three years as head coaches: Mac was 7-25-1 at Colorado (1982-84), Barnett 8-24-1 at Northwestern (1992-94), with exactly 10 years separating each, both their first career head coaching jobs.

- ♦ **Barnett's** active off the field with several charities, most notably the Lupus Foundation and the Colorado ALS Association. Every October, he participates in Boulder's "Walk to d'feet ALS," a fundraiser to combat ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.
- ♦ **Barnett** enters 2004 having been a head coach for **143** Division I-A games (69-73-1); he will coach in his 150th on October 23 at Texas A&M. His 12 seasons as a D I-A head coach rank 27th among active coaches, as are his 143 games coached.
- ♦ **Barnett** is again one of the 61 Division I-A coaches voting in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll in 2004 (the sixth straight year he is a voter and the 18th straight year CU's head coach has participated).

THE CLASS OF '99 In 1999, 19 programs hired new coaches, including Colorado; 13 remain with those programs. Here's a look at the entire class and their records through games of September 6 (includes bowls; *—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.	Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	56	11	.836	*Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	33	29	.532	*Rick Neuheisel, Washington	33	16	.674
*Terry Hoepfner, Miami-Ohio	41	20	.672	*Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech	28	32	.467	*Dennis Erickson, Oregon State	31	17	.646
*David Cutcliffe, Mississippi	40	23	.635	Lou Holtz, South Carolina	28	32	.467	*Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe	8	28	.222
June Jones, Hawai'i	40	26	.606	John Robinson, UNLV	26	34	.433	*Kevin Steele, Baylor	9	36	.200
Tommy Bowden, Clemson	39	24	.619	Chris Scelfo, Tulane	26	35	.426	*Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette	6	27	.182
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn	39	24	.619	Randy Walker, Northwestern	24	36	.400	*Carl Franks, Duke	7	45	.135
Gary Barnett, Colorado	35	28	.556					(+—has since resigned or was fired.)			

COACH "RETRO" Defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz** has been given the nickname of "Coach Retro" by the players, as he is now in his second stint at CU. During his first tour between 1985 and 1994, he spent the last seven seasons as CU's defensive coordinator and directed some of the best defenses in school history. Upon his return, he didn't exactly return the Buffs to the 3-4 he succeeded with during those years, but there are enough similarities to merit the throwback term.

EXPERIENCE The 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective 154 seasons in Division I-A (includes 13 head coach seasons, 12 by **Gary Barnett** and one by **Mike Hankwitz**). The 10 have combined to coach in **1,850** games entering the 2004 campaign. Barnett is the elder statesman at 58, followed by Hankwitz (57) **Craig Bray** (52) and then **Brian Cabral** (48); it's believed to be the first time that three 50-plus year olds have been on the Colorado staff. In fact, Barnett's the oldest head football coach in CU history by some four years (Bill McCartney was 54 when he retired in 1994; Dallas Ward's the only other to pilot the Buffs after his 50th birthday as he was 52 when he was not retained after the 1958 season).

EXPERIENCE II Initial research by the University of Maryland SID office and then CU's indicates that the staff trifecta of head coach **Gary Barnett**, offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson** and defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz** are the 14th most experienced "politburo" in Division I-A (the fourth in the Big 12), when adding up the combined years full-time in the coaching profession. Here's a closer look at those with 70-plus years experience (count includes all seasons as a *full-time* assistant and/or head coach in the college or pro ranks only):

Rk	School	Years	Head Coach	Years	Offensive Coordinator	Years	Defensive Coordinator	Years
1	Penn State	114	Joe Paterno	54	Galen Hall	35	Tom Bradley	25
2	UNLV	101	John Robinson	43	Bruce Snyder	37	Mike Bradeson	21
3	Florida State	98	Bobby Bowden	44	Jeff Bowden	17	Mickey Andrews	37
4	Air Force	94	Fisher DeBerry	36	Chuck Petersen	16	Richard Bell	42
4	Kentucky	94	Rich Brooks	37	Ron Hudson	32	Mike Archer	25
4	Maryland	94	Ralph Friedgen	31	Charlie Taaffe	29	Gary Blackney	34
7	Rice	83	Ken Hatfield	38	*Scott Wachenheim	14	Roger Hinshaw	31
8	Kansas State	82	Bill Snyder	30	Del Miller	26	Bob Elliott	26
8	Syracuse	82	Paul Pasqualoni	28	George DeLone	34	Steve Dunlap	20
8	South Carolina	82	Lou Holtz	42	Rick Minter	25	Skip Holtz	15
11	Texas	81	Mack Brown	29	Greg Davis	26	#Greg Robinson/Duane Akina	26
12	Oregon	73	Mike Bellotti	31	Andy Ludwig	16	Nick Aliotti	26
12	Texas A & M	73	Dennis Franchione	26	Les Koenning	19	Carl Torbush	28
14	COLORADO	72	Gary Barnett	22	Shawn Watson	19	Mike Hankwitz	31

(*—worked one year, 1991, as a graduate assistant at Colorado; #—average of co-coordinators)

GAME DAY The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. For 2004, in the box will be offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson**, tight ends coach **John Wristen**, secondary coach **Craig Bray**, defensive line coach **Chris Wilson**, and graduate assistants **Jason Eck** and **Lee Goldstein**. Head coach **Gary Barnett** wears a headset on the sideline (he's on with the coordinators), along with defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz**, inside linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, offensive line coach **Dave Borbely**, receivers coach **Ted Gilmore** and running backs coach **Shawn Simms**. The receivers or running backs shuttle in plays, as sideline signals are an option Barnett won't utilize often.

Watson concentrates on the offensive play calling, while **Hankwitz** makes the defensive call from the sidelines. **Barnett** does what he calls, "managing the game," determining if what's called is the best for the long run. He might make the play call in a critical situation (third-and-long, red zone strategizing, etc.).

TOPS In **Shawn Watson's** first game as offensive coordinator in 2000, CU gained 532 yards against Colorado State, the most ever by a Buff team in its first game with a new offensive pilot. The old record was 530 in 1993 (vs. Texas, Elliot Uzelac's first game). The all-time opponent low in the first game with a new CU defensive coordinator were the 177 yards gained by Fresno State in 1988—**Mike Hankwitz'** first game as DC (also the third fewest yards ever allowed overall by CU in any season opener).

OLD-TIMER Assistant head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. He is now tied for third all-time in years coached as a full-time member of the staff, as he trails two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both who assisted for 18 years each, and has pulled even with one his mentors in life, the late Dan Stavely, who coached 15 seasons in two stints. A closer look:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 3. Dan Stavely 15 (1958, 1963-76), and **Brian Cabral 15 (1990-current)**; 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 8. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), Mike Hankwitz 10 (1985-94) and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

WRISTEN ADDS RECRUITING COORDINATOR TITLE TO DUTIES Tight ends coach **John Wristen** is now officially CU's recruiting coordinator, moving into the role to serve as the main contact for prospect identification and inquiries. The last CU coach to hold the title was **Gregg Brandon** in 2000; only coaches are permitted to make phone calls and contacts, whereas administrators are not. **David Hansburg**, the director of football operations, will continue to handle the administrative side of recruiting, including budget and staffing.

50-1-1 That is Colorado's record since 1989 when rushing for 250 or more yards in a game, as the 50th win came last week when the Buffs racked up 255 in the win over Colorado State (and are 73-4-1 dating back to the start of 1985 campaign). CU outgained the Rams on the ground by 255-44, upping its record in the same span to **102-5-3** when putting more rushing yards than the foe into the books.

TURNAROUND What a difference a year makes, as **OT Sam Wilder** was thrown to the wolves as a junior, switching to offense two weeks before the season opener. He played admirably, but did surrender team highs of seven quarterback sacks and 27 pressures, really expected of a first-year linemen playing in a conference like the Big 12 for a team that was heavy into passing. Fast-forward to the 2004 season opener against Colorado State, and you find that Wilder did not allow a sack or a pressure, had a touchdown block, performed extremely well in mimicking the line techniques made famous by the just-down-the-road Denver Broncos (including cut blocks), and graded out to 88.4 percent for the game. That's the fifth-highest single game grade awarded in two-plus seasons by offensive line coach Dave Borbely, and was the best OL grade in a season opener in at least a decade.

PURIFY TOPPLES 2,000 The 189 yards by senior **TB Bobby Purify** were more than enough to make him the 15th player in Colorado history to reach the 2,000-yard plateau. He needed just one yard, as he entered the season with 1,999, tied for 15th with the great Carroll Hardy. He finished the game with 2,188 career yards, which now ranks 11th all-time at Colorado as during the CSU game he passed **Darian Hagan** (2,007), **J.J. Flannigan** (2,096), **Merwin Hodel** (2,102) and **Kayo Lam** (2,140). Purify has also taken care of the ball in his CU career: he has 451 touches (412 rushes, 39 receptions) and has six fumbles, or one for every 75.2 touches,

I CAN KICK 55 Okay, Sammy Haggard didn't pen this lyric, but it applies to sophomore **PK Mason Crosby**, who kicked a 55-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to tie the fourth longest in CU history (as well as the third longest at Folsom Field). Was it close? Well, the kick not only split the uprights, but it landed between the second "O" and the "R" on the COLORADO at the south end of Folsom. It was the first 50-plus yard field goal made by a Buff since Sept. 25, 1993, when Mitch Berger made a 54-yard kick against Miami, Fla., in Boulder.

THIS-N-THAT

- Colorado did not play in a bowl game in 2003, only the fourth time over the last 19 seasons that the Buffs did not go bowling; in fact since 1985, CU is tied for eighth nationally in the most appearances with 15, trailing only Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska (all with 19), Tennessee (18), Miami, Fla. (17) and Ohio State and Penn State (16). Washington is tied with the Buffs at 15.
- Since 1978, CU is one of just nine Division I-A schools to play all of its games in its division (no I-AA or II opponents; '78 is when the current setup came into vogue); joining CU are California, Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Ohio State, USC, UCLA and Washington.
- Colorado played 10 bowl teams in 2003, tied for the most in the nation (with Illinois and Texas A&M). Of the 11 teams on its 2004 schedule, nine participated in bowl contests last year: all three of CU's non-Big 12 foes were in the postseason (CSU, Washington State and North Texas), as are six league foes on the slate: Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma State and Texas.
- The loss to Nebraska to end 2003 was only the second to a fellow Big 12 North Division team in three seasons, as the Buffs are **13-2** since the start of the 2001 league season against North Division teams (the other loss coming at Kansas State, also in 2003).
- An incredible streak came to an end in 2003 as well, as the Buffaloes did not have a first-team all-conference performer (*Associated Press* or by the league coaches) for the first time since 1964; thus, a 38-year streak of having at least one all-conference performer came to an end (a few players earned first-team mention from some newspapers from around the league, but those do not officially count).
- Of the 29 Colorado players on NFL rosters in 2003, 17 made the playoffs, seven advanced to the league championship games, and four won Super Bowl rings with New England: **OT Tom Ashworth**, **TE Christian Fauria**, **TE Daniel Graham** and **LB Ted Johnson**.
- CU played five ranked teams in 2003, marking the fourth straight year (and ninth in the last 11) that it played at least that many.

COACH'S CORNER/WITH GARY BARNETT

Comments from Colorado head coach Gary Barnett following CU's 27-24 win over Colorado State:

General: *"First of all I want to say I really admire Sonny Lubick on that last series. I admire his decisions to do it (to go for the final play). He went for the win. That was coaching without fear. I tip my hat to him. That call took a lot of guts and showed a lot of faith and confidence in his players. I would hope that I would do the same. It was a heck of a game. They found spots to take advantage of our defense. We sort of got flat. They did some things to cause that and I didn't make some adjustments. You never feel at ease in a CU-CSU game. It was exciting for me. I enjoyed every minute of it."*

On CU's Run Defense: *"Our run defense was pretty effective. We knew coming in, that would be our strength and the inexperience in the secondary would be a weakness."*

On Colorado Receivers: *"I don't know if we ever gave them a chance to get going."*

On The 55-Yard Field Goal: *"Mason (Crosby) has been kicking those in practice and he had the wind with him. The CSU time out gave me a chance to reconsider and the players were telling me to give Mason a chance."*

On Bobby Purify: *"Bobby had an outstanding game. We were a little more explosive when he was in there. Bobby was the guy we could go to and rely on and it felt like we had an advantage in the run game and that's why we stuck with it."*

On Frosh Linebacker Jordon Dizon: *"(Dizon) Just gets to the ball. He has a feel for the ball. He wants to get to the ball."*

On CSU's Last Series: *"We were trying to get away, to pressure the quarterback, but their protections weren't letting us get the pressure. There was a sense that we were going to do it, stop them, in that last series."*

On Brian Iwuh's Interception: *"We hadn't forced a turnover in the game until that point, and it was something we emphasized a lot in camp; we need to force more while taking care of the ball on our end. I was happy he ran it back and got it in the end zone."*

On Emotion: *"I tend to deal with it (emotion) season by season. Every game you play or win are emotional but this one is a little more special because of what we've been through this past year. The fans were outstanding. We might not have won this if we'd played at Invesco."*

On CSU QB Justin Holland: *"Justin was just what he was advertised to be. He's just what we were expecting. He had a slow start, I think. They did a good job finding plays for him. He's such a good player and he catches the ball so well."*

PLAYER QUOTES

Some comments from select players following the win over Colorado State:

PK MASON CROSBY

ON HIS 55-YARD FIELD GOAL: *"I'm happy that they let me try it. It shows that they have the confidence in me after I missed the first one. 'I didn't get to see the end of it because I ran off the field. After I took one look at it, I ran off the field to start celebrating."*

OLB BRIAN IWUH

GENERAL: *"All off-season we talked about bending and not breaking, and that's what we did."*

ON INTERCEPTION RETURN TD: *"The quarterback looked at the receiver right away and I read it. I tried to go north and south with it. The game was coming down to who was playing harder and coach was saying, 'get a turnover, get a turnover,' and I was able to make a play. It really lifted up the team and gave us the momentum."*

FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY

ON FINAL PLAY OF GAME: *"I was just reading my keys and I had Coach Brays in my head saying, 'read the keys, read the keys.' We practiced against that play all week and that play is one that stuck in my head and I was able to make the play. To tell you the truth I heard cheering because we were so close to the CSU fans that I didn't know what happened. I thought they scored, but then all of the sudden I turned around and saw (Tristan Walker) on the ground. I guess I got the first part of the hit and then Dominique (Brooks) cleaned it up."*

ON IMPROVING DEFENSE: *"We'll short it up. We'll look at film. We know what we did wrong and now we have to make plays and keep improving. We're going to fix a lot of things and be ready for Washington State University next week."*

TB BOBBY PURIFY

ON IMPROVEMENT OF OFFENSIVE LINE: *"You can see the improvement. I wasn't getting hit until seven to eight yards down the field and I was in the secondary. The offensive line, wide receivers and tight ends did a great job."*

ON IMPROVEMENT OF THE TEAM: *"This win is leading us in the right direction. We're just taking it step by step."*

ON FEELING UNSTOPPABLE: *"No, never. I never felt unstoppable. The offensive line and wide receivers were just doing a great job of opening up the field. But the minute you think you're invincible is when you get shut down."*

ON RIVALRY WITH CSU: *"I don't think too much of the rivalry because I take every week the same. No opponent is bigger than another."*

ON OFF-SEASON: *"With everything that happened and everything we've been through, we had a lot to prove."*

ON HELPING THE TEAM WIN: *"It's very satisfying, I don't care if I run for negative five yards, as long as I'm helping my team win."*

ON HIS EYE INJURY: *"On the tackle, my helmet came down and blurred my vision. You can't really run with out seeing."*

PLAYER QUOTES continued...**QB JOEL KLATT**

ON CSU DEFENSE: *"They did a really nice job of making some adjustments. We were able to run the ball and get them on their heels. They got us out of our rhythm."*

ON LAST PLAY: *"I've never seen anything like that in all my years of playing football. I just hoped that our defense was ready to make a play and J.J. (Billingsley) did."*

ON RUNNING GAME: *"Our offensive line did a tremendous job and Bobby (Purify) just did a tremendous job. You can see the results of his working in the off-season."*

ON WIN: *"With everything that happened in the off-season and us not going to a bowl game, I can't even put it in to words. This was a full team victory. I can't put it in to words how I feel."*

ON EMOTION OF GAME: *"The only other time I can remember the emotion being this high was in 2001 against Nebraska."*

DT MATT McCHESNEY

ON EMOTION OF GAME: *"I don't know, we put so much into winning this game. We either stop them and we win, or they kick a field goal and they go to overtime. I can't describe the emotion."*

ON LAST DEFENSIVE HUDDLE: *"They had to get it in (the end zone) to beat us, and we weren't going to let them get in."*

ON DEFENSIVE MENTALITY: *"There is always down moments but we pride ourselves on picking each other up."*

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION A running list of major notes and/or accomplishments the Buffaloes have had in 2004:**Colorado State**

- ◆ **ATTENDANCE.** The **54,954** in attendance established a Folsom Field record, as the sellout crowd bested the previous mark of 54,215 set against Oklahoma on October 25 of last year.
- ◆ **BACK IN BLACK:** Colorado wore all black uniforms for the 25th time, and now owns a **14-10-1** record in the outfit (snapping a string of three straight losses). CU last donned all black against both Oklahoma and Nebraska last season (*complete list later in these notes*). It marked the first time that CU wore all black in a season opener, and only second time in a non-conference game (the other was the 38-6 win over Oregon in the Cotton Bowl).
- ◆ **TB Bobby Purify.** He became the 15th player in Colorado history to run for 2,000 career yards (he entered the game with 1,999, tied for 15th place with the great Carroll Hardy). Purify rushed a career high 26 times for 189 yards, second only to 191 yards he had against the Rams in 2001. It was the sixth 100-plus yard game of his career (tied for 15th most at CU). The 189 yards were the second most rushing yards in a season opener in CU history; Mike Pritchard's 217 vs. Tennessee is the standard.
- ◆ **First Score.** Colorado last scored on the opening possession of a game just two games earlier, in game 11 of the 2003 season at Iowa State. The last time CU scored on its first possession of the year came in 1998, when Jeremy Aldrich kicked a 34-yard field goal against CSU in Denver to start a 42-14 CU victory. And the last time the Buffs opened the season with a touchdown drive on their first possession was against CSU in 1997, when Herchell Troutman scored from a yard out in CU's 31-21 win, ironically the last time these two teams met on campus (in Boulder).
- ◆ CU held just two teams to **one score or less** in the first half a year ago: UCLA scored one TD in its 16-14 loss to the Buffs, and Iowa State was shutout in its eventual 44-10 defeat to Colorado. CSU had just the late touchdown in the first half.
- ◆ **Other Colorado Firsts:** **WR Evan Judge** (Jr.) had his first career reception (*20 yards on and 3rd-and-8 from Joel Klatt*); **WR Blake Mackey** (Soph.) had his first career reception (*16 yards on from Joel Klatt*); **OLB Brian Iwuh** (Jr.) had his first career interception, returning it 37 yards for a touchdown; he is the 10th Buffalo in the last 13 seasons to return his first career pick for a touchdown.

DIZON PAGES '04 FROSH The 6-0, 220-pounder from Kauai, Hawaii, became just the sixth true freshman to start a season opener in Colorado history when he was out there from the get-go against Colorado State. He's the first true frosh inside linebacker to start a season opener, and just the third defender overall. The last player to start the season lid-lifter was **OG Clint Moore** in 1991 (against Wyoming); others include **TB Billy Waddy** (1973 at LSU), **CB Victor Scott** and **OLB Scott Hardison** (both 1980 at UCLA) and **HB Eric Bieniemy** (1987 vs. Oregon). How did Dizon fare? He tied for the team lead in tackles with eight, led the Buffs in solo stops with six, caused an interception, racked up a touchdown save when he stuffed CSU's Marcus Houston for no gain on second-and-goal from the CU 1 with 30 seconds left in the game; and added a pass deflection, a third down stop and a quarterback pressure.

LOST AT THE END Perhaps lost late in CU's 27-24 victory over Colorado State was the 61-yard punt that junior **John Torp** launched to get the Buffs out of a hole at their own 16 yardline with 4:30 left to play. Last year, Torp owned a 42.5 average on 63 punts, but surprisingly, it was a bit lower, 42.1, for 21 punts inside-the-Buff 25. He opened strong, averaging 52.3 for three punts, a number that after just one week lead both the Big 12 Conference as well as the NCAA.

SCOUT WATCH CU's senior class numbers just 12 this season (and one is out for the season with an injury), but nine scouts representing eight NFL teams have already scouted CU: Buffalo, Cleveland, Denver, Green Bay, Indianapolis, N.Y. Giants, Oakland and Washington. The Colorado Crush of Arena Football was also at the season opener.

GAME #1—COLORADO 27, COLORADO STATE 24*(September 4; Boulder, Colo.)*

BOULDER — Coming in, it seemed impossible to top what happened last year between these two in-state rivals in their 75th meeting, won by Colorado is a classic college football shootout 42-35. CU went ahead with 40 seconds left and CSU's final drive stalled at midfield; this time around, the Buffs held off CSU again, but this time after the Rams had a first and goal at the CU 1 with under a minute remaining en route to a thrilling 27-24 win.

Though Colorado led for 50 minutes and 27 seconds of the game, it certainly appeared that the Rams were going to steal it away with a TD in the final seconds and take their only lead of the night when it counted most. Justin Holland connected with receiver David Anderson for the ninth time in the game on an 11-yard pass that set CSU up with a first down at the CU 1 with time ticking down to the 30 second mark, which is where it stood after Holland spiked the ball to stop the clock.

On second-and-goal, one-time Buffalo Marcus Houston was stuffed for no gain by CU freshman inside linebacker Jordon Dizon. With the Rams out of time outs, CSU head coach Sonny Lubick decided to go for all the marbles, and with the clock running and under 10 seconds to go, a pitch to back Tristan Walker was sniffed out by CU safety J.J. Billingsley, who stopped him at the CU 3 with corner Lorenzo Sims finishing the tackle as time ran out on the Rams.

The Buffs snapped a 17-17 tie with 6:43 remaining, as Mason Crosby drilled a 55-yard field goal right down the middle, with at least 10 yards to spare, to put the Buffs up 20-17. It was the first 50-plus yard field goal by a Colorado player in 11 years, and it served to also fire up the CU defense. On the first play of CSU's next possession, Brian Iwuh picked off a Holland pass and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown and built the Buff lead back up to 27-17.

Colorado raced to a 17-0 lead with 4:44 left in the first half on the strength of first quarter 1-yard touchdown runs by Bobby Purify and Joel Klatt and a 31-yard field goal by Crosby. The Rams got on the board with 23 seconds left before the half on a 1-yard pass from Holland to tight end Matt Bartz, and would finally catch the Buffs with 11:42 left in the fourth quarter after a 1-yard scoring run by Houston and a 26-yard field goal by Jeff Babcock.

The Buffs held the Rams to just 44 yards rushing, though Holland did pierce the CU defense for 403 through the air. CU countered with 255 rushing yards, its most since late in the 2002 season.

Colorado State.....	0	7	7	10	—	24
COLORADO.....	14	3	0	10	—	27

COLORADO — Purify 1 run (Mason Crosby kick)	7-	0	10:26	1Q
COLORADO — Klatt 1 run (Mason Crosby kick)	14-	0	2:55	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 31 FG	17-	0	4:44	2Q
Colorado State — Bartz 1 pass from Holland (Babcock kick)	17-	7	0:23	2Q

Colorado State — Houston 1 run (Babcock kick)	17-14	8:43	3Q
Colorado State — Babcock 26 FG	17-17	11:42	4Q
COLORADO — Crosby 55 FG	20-17	6:43	4Q
COLORADO — Iwuh 37 interception return (Crosby kick)	27-17	6:25	4Q
Colorado State — Walker 31 pass from Holland (Babcock kick)	27-24	4:35	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO STATE
First Downs.....	20	23
Third Down Efficiency.....	6-13	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-0	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards.....	45-255	28-44
Passing Yards.....	117	403
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	25-13-1	42-29-1
Total Offense.....	372	447
Return Yards.....	67	17
Punts: No-Average.....	3-52.3	5-39.4
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards.....	7/53	6/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	1-1	0-0
Time of Possession.....	30:54	29:06

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 26-189, Jolly 13-42, Klatt 2-14, Monteilh 1-7, Vickers 2-4.

CSU: Houston 20-44, Walker 5-6, Jaunaraiz 1-1, Holland 1-minus 1, Hill 1-minus 6.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 25-13-1, 117, 0 td. **CSU:** Holland 41-29-1, 403, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Purify 3-14, Monteilh 3-13, Wallace 2-29, Vickers 2-17, Judge 1-20, Mackey 1-16, Klopfenstein 1-8. **CSU:** Anderson 9-156, Walker 6-74, Osborn 5-78, Dreessen 4-26, Bartz 3-21, Morton 1-50, Hill 1-minus 2.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 3-52.3 (61 long, 2 In20). **CSU:** Babcock 5-39.4 (54 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-30. **CSU:** Anderson 3-17.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 2-38. **CSU:** Anderson 2-46.

Interceptions—Colorado: Iwuh 1-37. **CSU:** Kochevar 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 6,2—8; Dawn 5,3—8; Iwuh 5,3—8; Sims 4,2—6; Ligon 3,3—6; Brooks 4,1—5; McChesney 3,2—5; Henderson 3,1—4; Garee 2,2—4. **CSU:** Stratton 7,5—12; Herbert 9,2—11; Hall 5,5—10; Adkins 5,3—8; Jones 5,3—8; Lancisero 5,3—8.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: McChesney 1-0. **CSU:** None.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Burl 3, Brooks, Dawn, Dizon, Ligon. **CSU:** Herbert 2, Stratton 1.

TRENDS Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 154-72-4, the 14th best record nationally in this span). In these 230 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	95-14-2	♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	74- 6-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	48- 4-0	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	78-11-1
♦ when leading in time of possession	102-18-3	♦ when leading after three quarters (<i>126-9-3 in last 138</i>)	130-11-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	98-24-1	♦ when leading at halftime (<i>112-11-2 in last 125</i>)	128-13-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	61- 6-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	125-16-2
♦ when punting three or fewer times	57-10-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	151-46-4
♦ when scoring first	97-18-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-26-0
♦ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>26-6-2 with zero</i>)	111-32-2	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	58-45-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	94-14-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	86-12-2

TRENDS II Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's eighth best overall record at 126-53-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (183 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	73-20-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	108-18-2
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>42-4 with 500-plus</i>)	81-14-2	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	70- 4-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	82- 5-1	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	50- 1-1
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>45-37-1 when not</i>)	81-16-3	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	85-21-1	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	29- 2-0
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	47- 5-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	64-29-2
➤ when scoring first (<i>64-9-1 the last 74 times</i>)	75-12-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>9-0-1 400-plus</i>)	22- 9-1
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>20-6-2 with zero</i>)	93-26-2	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	58-45-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	70- 7-1	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	68-11-2
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	58- 6-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	98-15-1
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	57- 6-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent (<i>63-3 the last 66</i>)	102- 5-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>23-2 40+</i>)	89-22-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	98-19-2

TRENDS III Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 35-28 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (63 games, including bowls):

➤ when scoring 30 or more points	25-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	30-10
➤ when taking a lead after trailing (<i>15-4 last 19</i>)	20-10	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	18-2
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>11-17 when not</i>)	24-11	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	16-0
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>3-3 with zero</i>)	12-7	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	8-0
➤ when turnover margin for CU is plus or even	30-12	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	18-4
<i>last 24 games when plus or even</i>	<i>21-3</i>	➤ with a 100-yard rusher (<i>18-3 last 21</i>)	21-8
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	10-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	7-1
➤ when scoring first (<i>9-23 when not</i>)	26-5	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	22-9
➤ when leading at halftime	28-5	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	14-2
➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>1-2 when tied</i>)	6-21	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	29-3
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	15-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	26-10
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	16-5	➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game	11-7
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	10-2		

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS CU started all upperclassmen in almost every game in 2002, and for the season, juniors and seniors started 93% of the time. But in 12 games in '03, that percentage dropped to 58.3%, and after one game in '04, 15 of 22 are juniors and seniors, or 68.1%. The 2003 numbers were close to those in 2000, which set up CU's '01 Big 12 title run. Going into 2004, 56 players on the roster had seen previous game experience in their careers, with 32 making at least one start (21 had made at least three starts). It's 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:

- **2004 starters (1 game):** Seniors (5), Juniors (9), Sophomores (7), Freshmen (1: redshirts 0, true 1).
- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32: redshirts 14, true 18).
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9: redshirts 0, true 9).
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7: redshirts 7, true 0).
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33: redshirts 15, true 18).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21: redshirts 20, true 1).

UNDERCLASSMEN ROLE In 2002, when CU finished 9-5 in the school's only ever 14-game season, underclassmen started a total of 23 games (14 sophomore/9 freshmen). Fast-forward to 2003, and that total was surpassed after just four games (25), with the underclassmen start count for the year at **110 (78 sophomore/32 freshmen)**. In CU's Big 12 championship year in 2001, 90 underclassmen made starts, with the 71 starting in 2000 and 107 in 1999 during the Barnett era. Including the two kicking spots (P, PK), the 2003 numbers remained 23 out of a possible 336 starts (6.5%) by underclassmen; the 2003 numbers jumped to **134 (90 soph/44 frosh)** out of **288**, or **46.5%**.

USUALLY IN 'EM Colorado's usually been in those few games it has lost over the last 15 seasons. Of the 56 losses, 31 have been by eight points or less (including 13 of the 28 losses in the Barnett Era). Teams that have defeated CU by more than eight are Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas State (three times), Kansas, Missouri and Texas (twice), Baylor, Colorado State, Florida State, Michigan, Notre Dame, Oregon, Texas Tech, USC and Washington State. CU has really been dominated from the start only four times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game) and 2002 vs. USC, while K-State ('00), Texas ('01), WSU ('03) and Florida State ('03) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

40 RANK 6TH CU's 40 wins over *Associated Press* ranked team since the start of the 1989 season are tied for the sixth most in the nation in this span. Florida State has the most with 60, followed by Michigan (50), Florida (49), Tennessee (41), Miami, Fla. (41), **Colorado (40)**, and Ohio (40). As for the Big 12, after CU, the next schools on this list are Nebraska (32), Texas (26), Texas A&M (25) and Oklahoma (23). *(The AP poll is used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.)*

WALK-ON RETURNS Colorado started two different quarterbacks in 2003, both with walk-on roots. **Joel Klatt** started the first three games before being sidelined with a shoulder sprain, and **Erik Greenberg** replaced him in the role for Florida State. Both joined the programs as walk-ons; Greenberg earned a scholarship prior to leaving for his Mormon Mission in 2001, while Klatt had walk-on status through 2003 but received a scholarship last January when he was first able to. The previous total of walk-on QBs who had started in school history, at least since 1973, prior to last season had been just one—Scott Kingdom, who made his first start at Iowa State in 1980. **In 2003, Klatt and Greenberg teamed for some impressive numbers: 282-of-450 for 3,351 yards and 27 touchdowns (with 13 interceptions).** That total was the highest in Colorado history for a single season, as the pair of former walk-ons toppled the old record of 3,338 set in 1996.

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 and 2002 seasons. The Buffs had an **854-417** edge in 2001 and an **803-607** lead in 2002 in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs. In 2003, the opponent held a 599-453 edge, but this year, CU is off to a good start owning a **67-17** edge after one game. Return yards are a staple of the Barnett Era at Colorado, as CU now has **3,496** in the 63 games he has coached, **836** more than the opponent. And the Buffs have **29** return touchdowns over the last five-plus seasons (25 regular season, four bowl game), the eighth most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through games of September 6:

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	0	1	42
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	0	1	39
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	0	1	35
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	0	0	34
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	0	3	31
Southern Cal	9	4	8	1	8	0	0	30
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	1	1	30

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	1	4	29
East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	0	3	28
Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	1	0	27
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	3	2	27
Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	0	1	27
San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	0	0	25
TCU	5	3	4	6	3	0	1	22

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

Games	All-Time Record	1989-03 Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	11-45-2	7-13-1	5 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	24-758-3	13-23-2	8 wins by Eddie Crowder/Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	36-94-3	19-27-2	10 wins by Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	66-118-3	40-37-2	20 wins by Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the nine-year old league owns a **21-51** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own eight of those wins. CU is **8-7** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 7-4, Texas 2-5, Kansas State 2-3, Baylor 1-3, Oklahoma 1-0, Kansas 0-2, Oklahoma State 0-3, Iowa State 0-5, Missouri 0-5, Texas Tech 0-6 and Texas A&M 0-8.

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 31-4, Kansas State 29-4, Oklahoma State 22-6, Oklahoma 23-8, Texas 23-9, Missouri 20-9, Texas A&M 22-10, Iowa State 19-9, Texas Tech 22-11, Kansas 18-9, **Colorado 18-13** and Baylor 15-12 (remember that traditionally, CU has played one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

SOPHS Sophomores led the Buffaloes in both rushing and passing in 2003, marking the eighth time that has happened in school history. The years: 1947, 1964, 1967, 1971, 1987, 1992, 1995 and 2003.

FROSH EXPERIENCE Colorado had eight true freshmen see regular action (two-deep and specialists), the second highest total in the Big 12 Conference in 2003. Baylor led the way with nine, followed by CU (8), Oklahoma State (6), Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech (all 5). CU, Baylor, ISU, OSU and Tech started the most true frosh—two players.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2004 Colorado Buffaloes. Twenty-three players are gone that accounted for 749 games played and 321 starts, with the 100 players on the opening day active roster collectively have played in 761 games, with 182 starts, making this the most inexperienced team that Gary Barnett will begin a season with in his six years in Boulder. The 2001 team was the most experienced, as it entered the year with 924 games played with 326 starts; similar numbers were 845/239 (2003), 883/278 (2002), 694/223 (2000) and 790/229 (1999). The list (includes bowls):

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ACKERMANN	11	0	CROSBY	13	—	GRIFFITH	22	0	MACKEY	3	0	SYNIEWSKI	40	11
ADAMS	0	0	CUSWORTH	0	0	GUYDON	1	0	MANUPUNA	24	3	TILMON	5	0
ANDERSON	0	0	DABDOUB	37	17	HAMMOND	1	0	MARTIN	0	0	TIPTON	3	0
BARREAU	1	1	DAME	0	0	HARRIS	1	0	MCCHESNEY	32	13	TORP	15	—
BARRETT	1	0	DANIELS	12	10	HARRISON	0	0	MONTEILH	25	3	VEIKUNE	0	0
BILLINGSLEY	27	18	DAWN	27	6	HEATON	0	0	MOORE	19	1	VICKERS	23	7
BOYE-DOE	11	3	DIZON	1	1	HENDERSON	1	1	NEWMAN	0	0	WALLACE	28	7
BROOKS	11	4	DUREN	13	0	HOLLIS	15	2	O'NEAL	18	5	WASHINGTON, T.	12	1
BROWN, C.	0	0	EBERLY	3	—	HOLZ	1	0	PACE	25	0	WASHINGTON, V.	24	0
BROWN, R.	0	0	EBERHART	5	—	HUBBARD	7	0	POLUMBUS	0	0	WHEATLEY	13	2
BURL	1	1	ELLIS	1	0	IWUH	25	7	PURIFY	36	6	WHITE	0	0
CAESAR	9	0	ENGLISH	0	0	JACKSON	0	0	REID	0	0	WILDER	35	24
CANTRELL	0	0	ENRIGHT	0	0	JOLLY	8	0	ROBINSON	1	0	WILLIAMS	1	0
CARPENTER	0	0	FENTON	11	1	JONES, B.	0	0	RUSSELL	1	0	WILSON	0	0
CHARLES	0	0	FORD	0	0	JONES, M.	4	0	SANDERS, D.	0	0	WRIGHT	1	0
CLEMENT	1	0	GARDEN	0	—	JOSEPH	1	0	SANDERS, J.	1	0	ZOELLER	0	0
COLLINS	0	0	GAREE	20	9	JUDGE	27	1	SCHAUB	1	0	TEAM	817	204
COX	2	0	GOETTSCH	0	0	KLATT	15	11	SHERMAN	0	0	2003 Final	1510	503
CRAWFORD, C.	0	0	GOETZ	0	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	19	11	SIMS	5	2			
CRAWFORD, I.	0	0	GONZALES	0	0	LIGON	12	2	SPRAGUE	1	0			
CREIGHTON	12	0	GREENBERG	7	2	LITTLEHALES	6	0	STEMRICH	22	11			

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: 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); G Marwan Hage, DE Marques Harris, TB Marcus Houston, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Synniewski, ILB Sean Tufts (2000).
LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT QUARTERBACK: Craig Ochs (2000), Koy Detmer (1992). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Has not occurred.
LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).
LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddeus Washington (2003).
LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: 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), WR Matt Brunson (2001), DE Anwawn Jones (2000).

OUT THERE FROM THE GET-GO

OT Sam Wilder currently owns the longest starting streak on the team at 24 (with the first 11 of those coming at DT). OG Brian Daniels is next with 10, followed by DE James Garee (9) and QB Joel Klatt (8). Wilder's 24 total also leads the team in career starts, followed by FS J.J. Billingsley (18) and DT Brandon Dabdoub (17), while TE Quinn Synniewski has played in a team-high 40 career games.

NINETEEN "SEASONED" TO DATE 2004

After just one game, 19 players have been on the field for the very first time as a Colorado Buffalo. In 2003, 24 players had their first taste of action in a CU football uniform, including two scholarship kickers making CU likely the first team in the nation in a very long time that had two freshmen scholarship kickers play in the first game of the year. The list (*—mainly special teams duty to date only):

TRUE FRESHMEN (5): DE Alonzo Barrett, ILB Jordon Dizon, TB Byron Ellis, WR Reggie Joseph, WR *Patrick Williams.
REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (6): SS Lionel Harris, OL Tyler Polumbus, CB/KR Stephone Robinson, CB Chris Russell, OLB Joe Sanders, WR Dusty Sprague.
SOPHOMORES (4): CB Gerett Burl, FS Tyrone Henderson, WR *Nick Holz, DE Abraham Wright.
JUNIORS (3): DT John Guydon, SN *Matt Hammond, FB *Brendan Schaub.
SENIORS (1): OG Terrance Barreau.

SIX FIRST STARTS

In 2003, the fourth most players, 20, since 1984 made their first career starts in a CU uniform in 2003; in 2004, the number appears as it will drop as just six started for the first time in the opener against Colorado State: OG Terrance Barreau, CB Gerett Burl, ILB Jordon Dizon, C Mark Fenton, FS Tyrone Henderson and WR Evan Judge (last year, eight made their first start in the '03 opener). In 2002, 16 players made their first career starts, and the most first starts in recent memory came in 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. It was the most since 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1984:

ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS: 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16), 2003 (20) and 2004 (6).

STARTING SHUFFLE In 1998, Colorado had a plethora of injuries, and it meant different starting lineups on a weekly basis; it was the start of an incredibly unique streak. That year, CU started 12 different lineups on offense and 11 on defense, or 23 different starting lineups when combining offense and defense for the 12 games, the most in CU history until 1999 and 2000, when CU did not start the same lineup two weeks in succession the entire year. The previous high since 1971 (the start of 11-game seasons) was in 1991, when CU used 13 (seven on offense and six on defense). A closer look:

- ⇒ In **1999**, CU started 20 different lineups (12 offense, 8 defense), due to personnel and formations in about half of the instances and to injuries for the rest. The 20 were the second most in team history to the 1998 count. In **2000** and now **2001**, the numbers continued to grow.
- ⇒ CU had started different lineups on offense for 41 consecutive games, starting in mid-1997 until the start of 2001. On defense, the Buffs started a different 11 for 30 straight contests until having the same starting lineup in there for games two and three in 2001 (CSU, San Jose State).
- ⇒ CU used 21 different lineups (11 offense, 10 defense) in **2002** and 21 different lineups in 12 games in **2003** (CU started the same 11 on both offense and defense just twice in '03).
- ⇒ In **2004**, CU obviously opened with two new 11s, and thus has now utilized **124 different starting lineups in its last 76 games**, or just 28 under the maximum.

DINOSAURS Through one game in 2004, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** has worked 407 CU football games, including a current run of 390 in a row (217 of which are at home; he's seen 427 all told). The radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 382 games in his career, including 122 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). SID **Dave Plati** has worked 284, including the last 242 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 242 in all (92 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 183 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 229 CU games. **Gary Barnett** has now coached in 158 Buffalo games (95 as an assistant), while **Mike Hankwitz**, in his second tour as a CU assistant, has coached in 121. Equipment man **Mike Smith** has now worked 110 straight, 159 overall including his time as a student manager, grounds crew member and Ralphie runner. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 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. 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.

THEFTS AND SCORES CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, **10** Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. After a two-year hiatus from adding to this list, **OLB Brian Iwuh** did it off the bat in 2004 when he made his first career pick and returned it 37 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown. Two did it in 2001: sophomore **Medford Moorer** picked off his first career pass and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, while junior **Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the Colorado State game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a touchdown against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first career interception in CU's win over Colorado State in 1997, and he returned it 26 yards for a touchdown, which rallied the Buffs into a 14-14 tie a little over a minute into the second half. Barnes became the fourth Buffalo in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a touchdown—**Marcus Washington** had a 95-yard theft for a score in the '96 Cotton Bowl against Oregon; **Vili Maumau** had a 33-yard interception for six (and a Hula dance) at Colorado State in 1996; and **Nick Ziegler** stole one for a 31-yard score against Washington in the '96 Holiday Bowl. The only Buff in that time frame whose first career interception didn't go for a score was **Damen Wheeler**—and it appeared did score against K-State in 1996, but he was called for stepping out of bounds. **Ben Kelly** didn't do with an interception, but he did take his first career punt return back for a TD (against Utah State). In 1992, **Dwayne Davis** returned one 31 yards for a TD in a 21-20 win at Minnesota to start this amazing run.

LEAGUE CHARTS A look at how Big 12 Conference teams stack up in some categories since the league's birth in 1996:

On The Big 12 Road

School	W	L	Pct.
Kansas State	22	10	.688
Texas	19	9	.679
Nebraska	20	11	.645
Oklahoma	16	12	.571
Colorado	17	15	.531
Texas A&M	16	16	.500
Texas Tech	14	18	.438
Oklahoma State	10	21	.323
Missouri	9	23	.281
Iowa State	7	25	.219
Kansas	4	28	.125
Baylor	0	32	.000

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

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

School	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska	17	7	.708
Kansas State	16	8	.667
Colorado	15	9	.625
Missouri	14	10	.583
Iowa State	6	18	.250
Kansas	5	19	.208

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

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

(does not include title games)

2004 Network TV Appearances

School	Tot	ABC	Fox	Oth
Colorado	1	0	1	0
Oklahoma	1	1	0	0
Oklahoma State	1	1	0	0
Texas A&M	1	0	0	1
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Texas	0	0	0	0
Missouri	0	0	0	0
Kansas State	0	0	0	0
Texas Tech	0	0	0	0
Iowa State	0	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0	0
Baylor	0	0	0	0

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

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams (Since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	24	13	10	1	.563
Texas	20	6	12	2	.350
Nebraska	12	8	4	0	.667
Oklahoma	12	6	6	0	.500
Texas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333
Texas Tech	11	0	11	0	.000
Baylor	9	2	7	0	.222
Missouri	9	1	8	0	.111
Iowa State	6	0	6	0	.000
Kansas	6	0	6	0	.000
Oklahoma State	5	0	5	0	.000
Kansas State	2	1	1	0	.500

(regular season; does not include bowls)

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

1 Stephone Robinson	Midway through fall camp he was switched to cornerback from wide receiver; he's learning fast, but will crack playing time on special teams first, as he's the prime guy to replace Jeremy Bloom on punt and kickoff returns.
3 Tyrone Henderson	He's in the mix for a lot of playing time, as he can play both safety positions; he also had plenty of reps with the first unit when Billingsley was out with a knee injury, and he got the start in the season opener with Billingsley still a tad gimpy. He'll be the first man in off the bench for the nickel defense.
4 Ron Montellh	He is the only receiver on the roster (there are 13) who had a collegiate reception coming into the year, and is just one of two seniors at the spot but is the perfect leader. He is very involved in community service off the field, having worked as a volunteer bereavement counselor and with at-risk teens.
5 J.J. Billingsley	Entered the 2004 season having started the most games (18) and played the most snaps (1,271) of any returning player on defense. Underwent arthroscopic surgery on August 19 to clean up a knee injury and returned to practice just six days later (August 25). A likely add to the Jim Thorpe Award watch list at the end of September.
8 Daniel Jolly	The short-yardage go-to guy last year (he earned nine first downs on 15 third or fourth down attempts), as well as scoring five TDs in his first 18 carries as a collegian. He has close to tailback speed and will bowl people over.
9 Blake Mackey	Had an 80-yard reception for a touchdown in the team's final scrimmage, as it appears he's overcome a lower leg injury that hampered him most of 2003. One of the top WR recruits in the nation, a breakout year is possible.
10 James Cox	He was in the mix for the starting job a year ago, but with Klatt firmly planted in the starting role, he worked hard to ascend into the No. 2 spot. He is considered the most pure passer of all the quarterbacks.
12 Akarika Dawn	He can bounce between the will and mike positions, as he's practiced extensively at both, and played earlier in his career as a strong safety. He speaks fluent Spanish (his fiancé is Colombian).
13 Erik Greenberg	Tabbed by <i>The Sporting News</i> as one of the top five backup quarterbacks in America... He was slowed during camp after suffering a torn tendon in the pinkie of his throwing hand, but is progressing nicely (but slowly).
14 Joel Klatt	He played two-plus seasons in the San Diego Padres organization (A-ball, 2000, 2001 some of 2002). Some of his teammates back then are approaching stardom, topped by Padres ace Jack Peavy (<i>11-4, 2.21 ERA as of Sept. 6</i>). Others include Tagg Bozied (Portland, AAA affiliate of San Diego) and Josh Barfield (Mobile Bay, AA/Padres, son of former major leaguer Jesse). Klatt is only the fourth junior elected captain since 1964 (end of the platoon era).
16 Mason Crosby	He has to have one of the strongest legs in college football, and he's proven it out of the gate with a 55-yard field goal in the opener (that split the uprights and cleared with 10-12 yards to spare), and by booting four of six kick-offs through the end zone. Barnett has said the Buffs could very well be in field goal range some 60 yards out.
17 Lawrence Vickers	The most versatile player on the team, and likely one of the most versatile in all of college football. An all-around weapon, he has good speed, is a solid blocker and has good hands; thus, he's a threat at tailback, fullback and receiver (and so was born the new CU depth chart moniker: V-Back.)
18 Dominique Brooks	"DB the DB," he's the first letterman to play in the secondary where his initials match the position... The coaches call him "The Voice of Reason," because as Shawn Watson puts it, "He usually has the answers, he calls it like he sees it, and he'll be a natural for television." Only the third player to have a two INT game as a true frosh at CU.
23 Tyler Littlehales	Has worked his way into CU's rotation at wide receiver, but the coaches also love his strong leg which has him second on the depth chart at punter. He punted in high school but only recently started to get more reps in.
26 Terrence Wheatley	One of the fastest players on the team with legit 4.3 speed, he became the first true freshman to start at the cornerback position in seven seasons. Had his spring cut short due to a dislocated wrist but is ready to go.
27 Brian Iwuh	He was moved to the new position in CU's new defensive scheme—Buff (outside) linebacker—and has adjusted very well. He's constantly the tackles leader in scrimmages, and the 4-3 defense should allow him to prosper. He had a rough 2003, as he lost his stepfather (Oct. 4) and older brother (Oct. 8) both to cancer.
29 John Torp	He had the tough job of replacing '02 Ray Guy Award winner Mark Mariscal last year, and now, he's a candidate himself for the award. He averaged 42.5 per punt a year ago, placing 16 inside-the-20 with only 49% returned.
31 Gerett Burl	He returned to CU after a one-semester hiatus, and his return was welcomed. A natural cornerback, he's got the "lock-down" trait desired by coaches and constantly makes the heady play.

LINER NOTES continued:

42 Bobby Purify	He's the 15th player at CU to reach 2,000 career rushing yards, and next up is to join the five who have topped the 2,500 mark... He is quite skilled in sign language, learning it in high school. Uncles' James and Bobby Purify were a big Motown recording duo in the 1960s, including the top 10 Hit, "I'm Your Puppet."
44 Jordon Dizon	He became the first true freshman since 1991 and just the sixth-ever to start a season opener at Colorado, the first to do so at inside linebacker. He lived up to his billing, tying for the team lead with 8 tackles, to go with a caused interception, pass broken up, TD save and third down stop. His given Hawaiian name, Kainalu (pronounced kye-ah-na-loo) means "ocean wave."
45 Quinn Synlewski	A nagging turf toe suffered in 2002 eventually required surgery last year, ending his true senior year; but with a redshirt year available, he opted to gear toward this season and figures heavily in the tight end rotation.
51 Alex Ligon	Thrown into a more prominent role when Marques Harris was lost for the season in 2003, he responded with consistent play while learning all the nuances. Now seasoned and bigger (up 15 pounds), he has a huge role.
52 Derek Stemrich	He's missed the last two spring practices due to knee surgeries, and he still is hampered by soreness at times. He can play guard and center, and he'll likely rotate in and out of the lineup to save wear and tear on the knee.
58 Mark Fenton	He got the attention of the coaching staff during CU's 2002 Alamo Bowl practices, as that's when he first got an extensive look at the position. CU's had a long line of all-conference centers, and he's just a sophomore.
59 Greg Pace	He approached long snapping like a financial analyst plots strategies; he started attending special team camps as a prep, and through hard work and dedication, was awarded a scholarship this fall. He plays no other position.
60 Matt McChesney	He can and will play both tackle and (rush) end, something he's done most of his CU career. He and fellow D-lineman James Garee lead the team in unique tattoos; their arms are worthy of being classified Picassos.
66 Brian Danieles	He started the most games—9—as a true freshman at CU since Eric Bieniemy started 11 at halfback in 1987; that number also tied for the fourth most starts by a true frosh in school history.
73 Clint O'Neal	His weight is hovering around 300, his peak as a Buffalo as he's found it difficult to gain and keep it on. He has been as low as 270 pounds during his CU career, but now that he's bulked up, he could be a force on the O-line.
74 Sam Wilder	He had an outstanding year at DT in 2002, but was shifted to offense a week into '03 fall camp. Though he won a starting tackle job just 10 days after making the transition, he still suffered the expected growing pains over the course of the year. But now, a year later, he's one of the anchors of the O-line who should contend for honors.
78 Terrance Barreau	He has proven versatile in practice, shining at both guard and center. He transferred to CU from the U.S. Air Force Academy where he played for Fisher DeBerry; he alluded at a banquet to Barnett that CU was getting a good one.
79 Gary Moore	Has played both guard and tackle during his CU career and thus could see time at both. His physique has been completely overhauled, as he's down between 315-320 pounds, some 50-60 pounds lighter than his true freshman year. An accomplished singer, he sang God Bless America the first home game following 9/11.
82 James Garee	Garee weighed 205 when he signed with Colorado in the winter of 2001, and he's progressively bulked up to 265. He was named a starter for the '03 Big 12 opener and has a lock on the spot, as he is an all-Big 12 candidate.
82 Evan Judge	He had a tremendous spring, and always seems to have a big play every scrimmage. Originally a walk-on, he was rewarded with a scholarship a year ago and has worked hard to crack the starting rotation.
86 Jesse Wallace	He played a lot as a junior after blooming a bit as a sophomore, is now a regular in the rotation and has the confidence of the quarterbacks as he seems to grab on to anything thrown his way.
89 Joe Klopfenstein	"Klop" enjoyed a fine breakout season in '03, and returns as one of the top tight ends in the Big 12 Conference. He runs well, has honed his blocking skills, and has great hands as he is a favorite target of the quarterbacks.
93 Vaka Manupuna	Take your pick: blossomed, developed, matured, ripened, come of age. A spot player as a sophomore while coping with his mother's death back in Hawaii, he's battling for a starting spot as a junior and will be in the rotation regardless.
98 Brandon Dabdoub	He didn't get a chance to defend his team bench press title (442 pounds in 2003), as he suffered a torn pec muscle in winter conditioning. A second-team freshman <i>Sporting News</i> All-American in 2001, he is interested in Broadcast journalism off the field: he interned this past summer at Fox Sports Net Rocky Mountain in Denver.

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored 102 times in 155 tries that the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 66 percent of the time). CU opened strong in this area in 2003, as the Buffs scored twice in as many tries in the season opener against Colorado State, registering a TD at the end of the first half and the game-winning score at the end of the game—CU's first in the two-minute drill since 1999. Lo and behold, the Buffs did it again in the offense the following week, putting the game winning score on the board with 2:15 left against UCLA. CU also had a game-tying field goal to send the Kansas game into overtime and overall, was 5-of-8 for 2003. The Buffs were just 1-of-4 in 2002, scoring a TD in the first half against Texas Tech, and were 5-of-9 in 2001 and 6-for-10 in the drill in 2000, when it posted a 3-8 record. One of the most prolific years in the drill came in 1994, when CU was 7-of-8; that included two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade. Between 1988 and 1994, Colorado was an amazing 61-of-81 in the two-minute offense, with 44 touchdowns. The chart showing CU's scores:

2-Min. Offense/Scores	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Totals	Pct.
Total.....	10-13	11-11	11-14	8-12	6-12	8-11	7- 8	5- 8	4- 6	6-11	3- 5	6-13	6-10	5- 9	1- 4	5- 8	0- 0	102-155	65.8
First Half.....	6- 7	10-10	6- 7	4- 5	4- 9	6- 7	4- 4	4- 6	4- 6	1- 3	2- 3	5- 8	4- 5	4- 7	1- 2	2- 4	0- 0	67- 93	72.0
TDs/FGs.....	4/2	7/3	2/4	3/1	2/2	5/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	0/1	0/2	2/3	2/2	4/0	1/0	2/0	0/0	43/24	
Second Half.....	4- 6	1- 1	5- 7	4- 7	2- 3	2- 4	3- 4	1- 2	0- 0	5- 8	1- 2	1- 5	2- 5	1- 2	0- 2	3- 4	0- 0	35- 62	56.5
TDs/FGs.....	4/0	1/0	4/1	4/0	1/1	2/0	2/1	1/0	0/0	5/0	0/1	1/0	1/1	1/0	0/0	2/1	0/0	29/ 6	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	16	

TIME SPENT IN THE LEAD

The below chart indicates the amount of time Colorado has spent in the lead (or behind, for that matter), since joining the Big 12 Conference (*—denotes bowl game):

1996	In Lead (Behind)
WASHINGTON ST.	51:20
COLORADO ST.	43:18 (8:17)
MICHIGAN	17:08 (32:21)
TEXAS A & M	59:47
OKLAHOMA ST.	51:02
KANSAS	54:44
TEXAS	8:50 (45:25)
MISSOURI	36:42 (4:32)
IOWA STATE	43:50 (8:53)
KANSAS STATE	53:54
NEBRASKA	5:36 (51:20)
*WASHINGTON	31:50 (18:27)

Time Spent In The Lead: 458:01

Time Opp. In The Lead: 169:15

Games Held Lead In: 12

Games Trailed In: 7

2000	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	19:29 (31:37)
USC	0:00 (12:59)
WASHINGTON	16:43 (29:13)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (57:03)
TEXAS A & M	36:03 (11:17)
TEXAS	0:00 (44:20)
KANSAS	2:32 (47:09)
OKLAHOMA ST.	56:47
MISSOURI	57:58
IOWA STATE	30:37 (26:01)
NEBRASKA	9:46 (41:17)
(no bowl game)	

Time Spent In The Lead: 229:55

Time Opp. In The Lead: 300:56

Games Held Lead In: 8

Games Trailed In: 9

2004	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	50:27
WASHINGTON ST.	
NORTH TEXAS	
MISSOURI	
OKLAHOMA ST.	
IOWA STATE	
TEXAS A & M	
TEXAS	
KANSAS	
KANSAS STATE	
NEBRASKA	

Time Spent In The Lead: 50:27

Time Opp. In The Lead: 0:00

Games Held Lead In: 1

Games Trailed In: 0

1997	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	35:31 (5:11)
MICHIGAN	0:00 (54:28)
WYOMING	15:44 (34:53)
TEXAS A & M	18:41 (30:51)
OKLAHOMA ST.	35:22 (18:01)
KANSAS	43:08 (2:29)
TEXAS	49:42 (4:15)
MISSOURI	10:11 (45:34)
IOWA STATE	6:19 (48:33)
KANSAS STATE	4:06 (44:21)
NEBRASKA	0:00 (49:16)
(no bowl game)	

Time Spent In The Lead: 218:44

Time Opp. In The Lead: 337:52

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 11

2001	In Lead (Behind)
FRESNO STATE	0:00 (51:23)
COLORADO ST.	59:04
SAN JOSE ST.	53:21
KANSAS	24:55 (11:41)
KANSAS STATE	50:11
TEXAS A&M	35:04 (8:32)
TEXAS	0:00 (54:09)
OKLAHOMA ST.	21:33 (29:31)
MISSOURI	30:02 (5:28)
IOWA STATE	40:41 (16:16)
NEBRASKA	57:17
TEXAS	44:24 (7:35)
*OREGON	2:38 (43:13)

Time Spent In The Lead: 419:10

Time Opp. In The Lead: 227:48

Games Held Lead In: 11

Games Trailed In: 9

1998	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	50:02 (3:15)
FRESNO STATE	17:56 (35:47)
UTAH STATE	48:28 (4:33)
BAYLOR	48:29 (4:31)
OKLAHOMA	41:11 (12:56)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (49:25)
TEXAS TECH	48:12
KANSAS	9:22 (30:01)
MISSOURI	0:00 (56:00)
IOWA STATE	57:41
NEBRASKA	8:23 (26:29)
*OREGON	59:43

Time Spent In The Lead: 389:07

Time Opp. In The Lead: 222:57

Games Held Lead In: 10

Games Trailed In: 9

2002	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	3:19 (47:33)
SAN DIEGO STATE	49:03
USC	0:00 (54:56)
UCLA	30:23 (1:16)
KANSAS STATE	50:35
KANSAS	55:34 (0:45)
BAYLOR	58:57
TEXAS TECH	37:11 (7:35)
OKLAHOMA	0:00 (55:32)
MISSOURI	46:27 (8:33)
IOWA STATE	27:22 (17:26)
NEBRASKA	30:29 (9:25)
OKLAHOMA	0:00 (50:29)
*WISCONSIN	36:01 (7:55)

Time Spent In The Lead: 425:21

Time Opp. In The Lead: 261:28

Games Held Lead In: 11

Games Trailed In: 11

1999	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	0:00 (54:10)
SAN JOSE ST.	58:57
KANSAS	54:03
WASHINGTON	7:33 (12:36)
MISSOURI	36:56 (20:19)
TEXAS TECH	0:00 (39:53)
IOWA STATE	35:35 (17:59)
OKLAHOMA	46:14 (10:15)
KANSAS STATE	0:00 (46:53)
BAYLOR	54:08
NEBRASKA	0:00# (56:46)
*BOSTON COLL.	56:05

Time Spent In The Lead: 349:31

Time Opp. In The Lead: 258:51

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 8

2003	In Lead (Behind)
COLORADO ST.	33:36 (10:25)
UCLA	21:58 (12:53)
WASHINGTON ST.	0:00 (55:11)
FLORIDA STATE	0:00 (54:27)
BAYLOR	16:56 (26:20)
KANSAS	12:33 (32:01)
KANSAS STATE	5:51 (48:31)
OKLAHOMA	0:00 (56:49)
TEXAS TECH	36:57 (22:46)
MISSOURI	55:58
IOWA STATE	53:54
NEBRASKA	18:16 (28:31)

Time Spent In The Lead: 255:59

Time Opp. In The Lead: 347:54

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 10

#—led in overtime. In 98 games over the last eight-plus seasons, CU has led in 80 of them; the Buffs have also had a lead in 55 of 66 Big 12 games.

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **275-10-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **199-3** with 35-plus points and **184-2** with 36-plus, **160-1** with 38-plus and **105-0** 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 **1,063** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- ➔ Colorado is **7-12-1** in its last **20** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-24-2** against top 10 schools and **40-37-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **88** of its last **183** games, posting an **82-5-1** record. The losses were at Stanford, 41-37 in 1993, to Missouri in Boulder in 1997, 41-31, and twice to Nebraska (in Boulder in 1999, 33-30, in overtime; and 34-32 at Lincoln in 2000) and at Baylor in 2003 (42-30). The tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **135** of these **183** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **109-24-2** (CU is **17-29-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed only **293** touchdowns in the last **579** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **286** times have yielded **149** field goals as well as **137** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 25% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 50% of the time, which are astonishing numbers.
- ➔ Since the middle of the 1998 season, the Buffalo "D" has rose to the occasion when the opponent has started a drive inside CU territory. Going back to the last six games in 1998 to the present, CU has allowed just **58** touchdowns in **143** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **79** scores overall, meaning **64** non-scores). In 2003, the opponent had 18 scores (14 TDs, 4 FG) out of 32 drives started in plus territory, similar to 2002, when opponents had just 18 scores (14 TD, 4 FG) on 33 drives started inside CU territory, and had 11 TDs in 24 instances in 2001.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **38** of its last **81** contests (four times in 2003, five times in 2002), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **134** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **74** times (55 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **38** of the **134** games since the '93 season opener (28%)... and remember CU has played **60** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ In 2003, the Buff defense was practically in an all or nothing mode. The opponent ran **866** plays, with **370** going for five yards or more (43%) and **300** for zero or minus yardage (35%). Ironically, it was almost the same for the Buffs: CU ran **887** plays, **346** for five-plus yards (39%) and **321** for zero or minus yards (36%).
- ➔ Colorado had seven touchdowns by returns in 2001 (4 interception, 2 punt, 1 fumble), a school record; but guess what? The 2002 team matched it (3 fumble, 2 interception, 2 punt). Dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, and including the eight total in 2002 (one came in the bowl), and one in '03, the Buffs have **29** scores by return in their last **59** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **49** scores by return in its last **110** games (42 regular season, seven bowl), or one almost every two games.
- ➔ CU has allowed a touchdown pass in **19** straight games, and had had one in 12 straight itself until coming to an end in the opener vs. CSU.
- ➔ **200/200.** The last time Colorado rushed and passed for over 200 yards was against Missouri in 2002. The Buffs have accomplished the 200 "double-double" **eight** times in the last **62** games, and have recorded the feat **29** times in their last **133** games (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 **29-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only eight times in its previous 140 games.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **45-29-1** in its last **75** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**42-22** in the last **64**, including an **19-10** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **85-26-3** in its last **114** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **53-19-3** in conference games. CU was 0-2 on artificial surfaces in 2003.
- ➔ Colorado has allowed **301** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for **180** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **301** sacks allowed for **4,368** pass plays called, or one for every **14.5** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **127** interceptions in **4,067** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.12** percent (one every **32.1** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs were an enigma on **third down** defensively 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.
- ➔ **Quick Strike.** Colorado has made a habit of scoring quickly the past two seasons. In 2003, CU had **15** scoring drives, 13 for touchdowns, under 2:00 in length (out of **50** total). In fact, eight of those took under 1:00 and three plays or less, though four covered 77 yards *or more*. In the season opener against CSU, three were a combined 237 yards in length (80, 77, 80) and took 56, 51 and 52 seconds, respectively (and throw in a fourth drive—the game-winner—that took 1:10 and covered 75 yards). In 2002, the Buffs had 23 out of 54 scoring drives take less than two minutes, including 18 TD marches, with 11 of those drives 56 yards or *longer*, and 16 of CU's scoring drives were four plays *or less*. It was no different in the '03 opener, as CU had three TD drives under one minute.
- ➔ Colorado is **81-30-3** in its last **114** league games, and has the ninth fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- ➔ 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 on Sept. 25, 1993, opponents are just **1-of-57** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 last Sept. 6. CU has started a new streak, now at **five** (in the same span, the CU offense has converted **4-of-45** times when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus, converting its last time when in the situation).
- ➔ CU has scored in **3** of **4** quarters in 2004 after scoring in **33** of **48** quarters in 2003 (and the one OT period), and scored in 39 of 56 quarters in '02 (and in one of two overtime sessions). In the Barnett Era, the Buffs have scored in **177** of **252** quarters (70 percent), as well as in four of five overtime periods. All tolled, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **403** of its last **528** quarters (77%).

SAFELY AHEAD The Buffaloes have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 28 years. Going back to start of the 1976 season (330 games), Colorado has blown a two-or-more score lead only 12 times, losing nine and tying three. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

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

Colorado has lost only 15 games (and was tied twice) dating back to 1980 when leading by *any* margin at any point in the fourth quarter or overtime. The most recent losses have been to Wisconsin in the Alamo Bowl (losing 31-28 in overtime after leading 28-21 late in the game), to Colorado State in the '02 opener (19-14 after briefly leading 14-13 with 9:39 left), and two games in 2000: to Colorado State in the opener (losing 28-24 after leading 24-14) and at Nebraska (lost 34-32 on a field goal at the final gun after leading 24-21 early in the fourth and 32-31 with 47 seconds left). In conference play, only Kansas (1984), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001) and Oklahoma State (1997) have rallied in the fourth to topple CU in this span. The ties came against Tennessee in 1990 (31-31, after leading 31-17) and Kansas State in 1993 (16-16 after taking a late 16-13 lead).

- In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 27 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The most recent wins of this variety came last year against UCLA and Kansas.
- Colorado has won **75** of its last **79** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead (**3** in a row); a 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 19-game winning streak in such situations (and one of 26 straight on the road), and two games later, Texas Tech mustered a similar comeback. A streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).

DOMINATION Colorado has only **17** losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl), Stanford (1991), Missouri (1997), Kansas (1998), CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999), CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000), Fresno State (2001), CSU and Wisconsin (2002), and Washington State and Baylor this year. BYU reappeared in the '88 final rankings; Stanford went 7-1 after CU to crack the top 20; in '97, MU almost beat Nebraska the following week and made its way into polls for the first time in 14 seasons; CSU appeared at No. 24 after defeating CU in '99; in '01, Fresno toppled No. 10 Oregon State the next week and zoomed into the rankings; in '02, CSU climbed as high as No. 13; and WSU cracked the polls after its win in Boulder in 2003. The Buffs are **68-14-2** in their last 84 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record **99-16-2** in the last 117. The Buffs are **137-54-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (7-7 in bowls); **95-38-3** in Big 8/12 games (including two league title games) and **42-16-1** 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 23 occasions. It's happened six times over the last four seasons, and amazingly, three games in a row late in 2001, including the first time the same player had 100 yards in both in the same game (**TB Cortlen Johnson** at Iowa State: 172 rushing and 105 receiving); Johnson and **TE Daniel Graham** did it against Missouri, Graham and **TBs Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. Colorado is 18-5 in games when this occurs. *A game-by-game look at this unique accomplishment can be found on page 171 of the 2004 CU football media guide.*

SPECIAL TEAMS INVITE How important does the coaching staff view special teams? Barnett started this tradition while at Northwestern, and has continued it at CU: the coaches of the four major special team units (punt, punt return, kickoff and kickoff return) personally hand out invitations to the players to attend the inaugural meetings of those units during camp. While some starters appear on all units, all feature traditional role players who have found a home with dedication to special teams work.

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2003 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

Aug. 8	Gerrett Burl (21)	Sept. 20	Brian White (20)	Oct. 15	Abraham Wright (20)	Nov. 19	Chad Cusworth (21)
Aug. 9	Dusty Sprague (20)	Sept. 21	Shawn Watson (45)	Oct. 17	J.T. Eberly (23)	Nov. 28	*Kevin Eberhart (20)
Aug. 11	R.J. Brown (19)	Sept. 21	Charlie Aweida (20)	Oct. 18	Garrett Collins (19)	Dec. 12	Derek Stemrich (23)
Aug. 14	Chris Russell (20)	Sept. 22	Reggie Joseph (19)	Oct. 20	Ty Littlehales (21)	Dec. 12	David Veikune (19)
Aug. 18	John Guydon (21)	Sept. 22	V. Washington (21)	Oct. 31	Brian Daniels (20)	Dec. 14	Mike Hankwitz (57)
Aug. 19	John Torp (22)	Sept. 24	Blake Mackey (21)	Nov. 4	Ryan Enright (21)	Dec. 16	Brandon Caesar (23)
Aug. 20	Jesse Wallace (22)	Sept. 25	Casey Brown (19)	Nov. 6	*Matt McChesney (23)	Dec. 17	Tim Ridder (28)
Aug. 25	Alex Ligon (20)	Oct. 1	David Hansburg (36)	Nov. 9	Joe Klopfenstein (21)	Dec. 18	Craig Bray (53)
Aug. 30	Lorenzo Sims (19)	Oct. 2	*Erik Greenberg (24)	Nov. 14	Mark Fenton (21)	Dec. 19	Bobby Purify (23)
Sept. 3	Mason Crosby (20)	Oct. 2	*Evan Judge (22)	Nov. 14	Gary Moore (22)	Dec. 28	Ben Carpenter (21)
Sept. 3	Daniel Jolly (20)	Oct. 3	Walter Boye-Doe (20)	Nov. 14	Eric McCready (27)	Dec. 29	James Cox (21)
Sept. 15	Terry Wilson (18)	Oct. 6	Brandon Dabdoub (23)	Nov. 16	J.J. Billingsley (21)	Dec. 31	Stephone Robinson (20)
Sept. 16	Mike Duren (23)	Oct. 10	T. Washington (21)	Nov. 18	Edwin Harrison (20)		

PLAYING ON SUNDAY There are 26 Colorado Buffaloes on 2004 National Football League opening day rosters (as of Sept. 6); in 2003, CU had 29 players in the NFL, tied for second most in the Big 12 behind Texas A&M (33). Colorado was 13th nationally for the most produced, as Florida and Notre Dame led with 40 (CU was 10th in 2002, also with 29). The Buffs had 31 report to camps this past summer, down from 42 in 2003 (which had led the Big 12 Conference). CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was third in 2000 and 2001 and second in 2002 and 2003. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2004 list (2R—denotes second-year rookie):

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.	Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
Tom Ashworth	OT	New England Patriots	3	#Jashon Sykes	LB	Denver Broncos	2
Justin Bannan	DT	Buffalo Bills	3	Sean Tufts	LB	Carolina Panthers	R
Brad Bedell	OG	Green Bay Packers	3	(#—starter/first-team in '03)			
#Mitch Berger	P	New Orleans Saints	11	In Camps But Waived			
#Tyler Brayton	DT	Oakland Raiders	1	Marwan Hage	OL	Jacksonville Jaguars	R
#Chad Brown	OLB	Seattle Seahawks	11	Brody (Heffner) Liddiard	LS	Minnesota Vikings	4
Chris Brown	RB	Tennessee Titans	1	Mark Mariscal	P	New Orleans Saints	2R
Koy Detmer	QB	Philadelphia Eagles	7	Derek McCoy	WR	St. Louis & Arizona	R
#Christian Fauria	TE	New England Patriots	9	Gabe Nyenhuis	DE	Seattle Seahawks	R
Daniel Graham	TE	New England Patriots	2	Retired			
#Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	1	#Sam Rogers	OLB	Atlanta Falcons	10
D.J. Hackett	WR	Seattle Seahawks	R	#Greg Biekert	LB	Minnesota Vikings	11
Darius Holland	DT	Denver Broncos	9	COACHES			
Ted Johnson	LB	New England Patriots	9	Name	Pos.	Team	Tie To Colorado
Fred Jones	OLB	Kansas City Chiefs	4	Ronnie Bradford	ST	Denver	Player, 1989-92
#Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	7	Greg Brown	CB	New Orleans	Asst. Coach, 1991-93
#Michael Lewis	SS	Philadelphia Eagles	2	Jim Caldwell	QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
#Wayne Lucier	C	New York Giants	1	David Gibbs	DB	Denver	Player, 1987-90
#Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	7	Steve Marshall	OL	Houston	Asst. Coach, 2000-01
#Hannibal Navies	LB	Green Bay Packers	5	Rod Perry	DB	Carolina	Player, 1973-74
Victor Rogers	OT	Detroit Lions	2				
#Tom Rouen	P	Seattle Seahawks	12				
#Kordell Stewart	QB	Baltimore Ravens	9				
#Donald Strickland	CB	Indianapolis Colts	1				

BY TEAM (18 of 32)—New England 4, Seattle 3, Denver 3, Green Bay 2, Jacksonville 2, Philadelphia 2, Baltimore 1, Buffalo 1, Carolina 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Indianapolis 1, Kansas City 1, Miami 1, New Orleans 1, N.Y. Giants 1, Oakland 1, Tennessee 1.

AND IN CANADA? For the second straight year, no Buffaloes are playing in the Canadian Football League this summer.

DECADE NUMBERS: Colorado had 46 players drafted between 1993 and 2002, the seventh most in the nation and second most in the Big 12. Tennessee led the way with 60, followed by Florida State (58), Nebraska (53), Ohio State (52), Florida (48), Miami, Fla. (47) and then Colorado.

NOTE: How good was CU's 1994 offense? Ten of the 11 starters were drafted into the NFL (Tony Berti, Rae Carruth, Fauria, Irwin, Naeole, Rashaan Salaam, Stewart, Bryan Stoltzberg, Derek West and Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played, and three remain on NFL rosters some 10 years later.

OL PIPELINE In recent times, CU has been a solid conduit to the National Football League when it has come to linebackers, encroaching a bit on the title justifiably thrown Penn State's direction. However, some research has indicated CU may very well be the place to go if an offensive lineman wants to take it to the next level. Dating back to the 1991 NFL draft, or the '87 recruiting class, 17 of 23 players who started at least two years on the Buff offensive line were either drafted or signed as free agents. The list is impressive (with three others who started just one season):

Full Years				Full Years			
Player	Pos	As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)	Player	Pos	As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)
Marwan Hage	G/C	(3) 2001-02-03	Jacksonville (FA)	Bryan Stoltzberg	C	(4) 1992-93-94-95	San Diego (6)
Wayne Lucier	G/C	(2) 2001-02	N.Y. Giants (7)	Derek West	T	(3) 1992-93-94	Indianapolis (5)
Justin Bates	T/G	(3) 2000-01-02	Dallas (7)	Tony Berti	T	(2) 1993-94	San Diego (6)
Andre Gurode	G/C	(3) 1999-00-01	Dallas (2)	Jay Leeuwenburg	C	(3) 1989-90-91	Kansas City (9)
Victor Rogers	T	(3) 1999-00-01	Detroit (7)	Mark VanderPoel	T	(3) 1988-89-90	Indianapolis (4)
Brad Bedell	G	(2) 1998-99	Cleveland (6)	Joe Garten	G	(4) 1987-88-89-90	Green Bay (6)
Shane Cook	T	(2) 1998-99	New Orleans (FA)	One-Year Starters:			
Ryan Johanningmeier	G/T	(3) 1997-98-99	Atlanta (FA)	Tom Ashworth	T	(1) 2000	New England (FA)
Melvin Thomas	G/T	(3) 1995-96-97	Philadelphia (7)	Ben Nichols	G	(1) 1998	Atlanta (FA)
Chris Naeole	G	(3) 1994-95-96	New Orleans (1)	Ariel Solomon	T	(1) 1990	Pittsburgh (10)
Heath Irwin	G	(3) 1993-94-95	New England (4)				

THE AVERAGE BUFF The 104 players on the 2004 opening week roster (active and inactive, as of Aug. 29) were 7,646 inches in height and weighed 23,205 pounds, or an average of 6-1½, 223 pounds per player (very similar to last four averages: 6-2¼, 226 in 2003, 6-2¼, 227 in 2002 and 6-2, 227 in both 2000 and 2001). The 7,646 inches translate roughly into 637 feet or 212 yards (or a pro's 8-iron at The International at Castle Pines), while the weight of 23,205 pounds is about the equivalent of 2,774 gallons of water (at room temperature), just a little more than is required to produce four brand new tires (say what?). Here's a look at position-by-position averages; the biggest changes over a year ago are that the fullbacks are eight pounds heavier and two inches taller on average, while the cornerbacks are two inches shorter and seven pounds lighter (LW—denotes lettermen):

Position	Players	LW	Height	Weight	Position	Players	LW	Height	Weight
Cornerbacks	10	3	5-10	177	Quarterbacks	6	2	6-3	198
Defensive Ends	5	2	6-4	246	Safeties	8	2	6-1	196
Defensive Tackles	7	4	6-2½	287	Special Teams Snappers	2	1	6-1	225
Fullbacks	2	1	6-4½	243	Tailbacks	7	1	5-11	199
Inside Linebackers	12	5	6-1½	227	Tight Ends	6	3	6-4	239
Kickers/Punters	6	3	6-1	193	V-Backs (Versatile)	2	2	6-1	238
Offensive Linemen	13	6	6-4	293	Wide Receivers	14	2	6-1	195
Outside Linebackers	4	1	6-1½	215	Team	104	38	6-1½	223

The most popular letter to begin surnames are the letters C (12 each), followed by W (10), H (9) and then G and S (8); three last names are similar, but none are brothers (Jones, Sanders, Washington). The most popular first names are DANIEL (Goettsch, Goetz, Jolly, Sanders) and JOHN (Guydon, Martin, Torp). The more unique ones include Akarika, Dusty, McKenzie, Thaddaeus and Vaka.

AROUND THE NATION Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (76 percent of the entire roster—79 of 104 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado 39, California 21, Texas 19, Hawai'i 4, Iowa 3, Louisiana 3, Illinois 2, Michigan 2, Tennessee 2, Alabama 1, Arizona 1, Kansas 1, Minnesota 1, Missouri 1, Nebraska 1, Oklahoma 1 and Oregon 1. That's 17 states plus Canada (one player) that produced the make-up of this year's team.

2004 TEAM MAKEUP The 104 players listed on the opening roster as of August 29 breaks down into 12 seniors, 25 juniors, 30 sophomores and 37 freshmen (including 13 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

Lettermen Returning: 38 (17 offense, 17 defense, 4 specialists)
Scholarship Players: 77

Lettermen Lost: 22 (11 offense, 10 defense, 1 specialist)
Walk-On Players: 27

Starters Returning (11)—Offense 6 (OG Brian Daniels, QB Joel Klatt, TE Joe Klopfenstein, OG Derek Stemrich, FB Lawrence Vickers, OT Sam Wilder); **Defense 5** (WS J.J. Billingsley, DT Brandon Dabdoub, ILB Akarika Dawn, DE James Garee, DL Matt McChesney. *(Calculated by those who had six or more starts in 2003 OR were starting at the end of the year.)*)

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (7; three or more career starts)—ILB Walter Boye-Doe, S Dominique Brooks, S Brian Iwuh, OT Clint O'Neal, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Sypniewski, TE Jesse Wallace).

Others Returning With Significant Scrimmage Experience (7; two or fewer career starts)—QB Erik Greenberg, DE Chris Hollis, DE Alex Ligon, DT Vaka Manupuna, WR Ron Monteilh, ILB Thaddaeus Washington, CB Terrence Wheatley).

Starters Lost (11)—Offense 5 (OT Karl Allis, TB Brian Calhoun, WR D.J. Hackett, C Marwan Hage, WR Derek McCoy); **Defense 6** (CB Phil Jackson, CB Sammy Joseph, FS Medford Mooror, DE Gabe Nyenhuis, S Clyde Surrell, ILB Sean Tufts).

Others Lost With Significant Starting Or Special Teams Experience (3)—WR/KR Jeremy Bloom, WR John Donahoe, DT DeAndre Fluellen.

Specialists Returning (4)—PK Mason Crosby, PK Kevin Eberhart, SN Greg Pace, P John Torp.

Specialists Lost (1)—SN Jake Jones.

SENIOR ANALYSIS Colorado has 12 seniors on its roster, with all but three in the two-deep on the depth chart as the season opens: **OG Terrance Barreau**, **DT Brandon Dabdoub**, **DL Matt McChesney**, **WR Ron Monteilh**, **TB Bobby Purify**, **OG Derek Stemrich**, **TE Quinn Sypniewski**, **TE Jesse Wallace** and **OT Sam Wilder**. **WR Mike Duren** is in the receiver rotation and might return kicks, while **DT McKenzie Tilmon** is listed third at nose tackle. The 12th senior, **PK J.T. Eberly**, is out for the season with a torn Achilles tendon.

GRADUATION STAT(U)S There are 12 seniors on the Colorado roster, one of whom graduated last Friday (August 7): **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (journalism/news-editorial). Six others are on the course for this December: **DT Brandon Dabdoub** (communication), **WR Mike Duren** (communication), **PK J.T. Eberly** (business/double major in finance and marketing), **TB Bobby Purify** (sociology), **OL Derek Stemrich** (architecture) and **OT Sam Wilder** (economics). Four others are set to march next May: **OL Terrance Barreau** (business/finance), **WR Ron Monteilh** (economics), **DT Matt McChesney** (history) and **TE Jesse Wallace** (double major in communication and political science). The 12th, **DT McKenzie Tilmon** (ethnic studies), will likely be done in December '05.

► **NOTE:** Over the last two years, Colorado has had 51 of its 56 seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to a 91.1 percent rate (with three of the five non-grads still in school and looking to all graduate by next May). The 2002 and 2003 rates won't be calculated by the NCAA for a couple of years yet, but don't look for the same numbers; the NCAA doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate (i.e., Wayne Lucier in '02), 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. *Take for example the most recent figure released, for the '96 freshmen class:* CU's figure was 53 percent (10 of 19; four transferred, while four others pursued professional football starting their last semesters. Six of the nine left in good academic standing, meaning they were on course to graduate; and six transfers into the program, five of which graduated, do not count at all. Simply allowing for transfers to count both ways, CU's rate rises to 76 percent).

TOP CONDITIONED BUFFS The top Buffaloes from spring and summer testing; the only test prior to camp was the 300-yard shuttle, as the other results are from the spring (true freshmen won't be tested until next spring):

300-Yard Shuttle: J.J. Billingsley 44.16, Blake Mackey 44.54, Stephone Robinson 44.71, Marcus Gonzales 44.75, Tom Hubbard 44.89.

Bench Press: Brandon Dabdoub 428, Jack Tipton 420, Derek Stemrich 411, Joe Klopfenstein 409, Sam Wilder 399.

40-Yard Dash: Terrence Wheatley 4.38, Blake Mackey 4.39, Vance Washington 4.47 (Jeremy Bloom is a sub 4.4 as well, but did not test).

Power Clean: James Garee 335, Akarika Dawn 330, Joe Klopfenstein 325, five tied at 315.

Vertical Jump: Vance Washington 41-¼, Blake Mackey 39-0, Terrence Wheatley 38, Joe Klopfenstein 36-½.

Champions: Vance Washington (*Speed/RB-DB-WR-K/P-QB*); Joe Klopfenstein (*Explosion/TE-FB-LB-DS*); James Garee (*Power/OL-DL*).

STREAKING Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 17 major schools. The list: 5—Air Force, Missouri; 4—San Jose State; 3—Iowa State, Kansas, Minnesota, Utah State; 2—California, Colorado State, Iowa, Northeast Louisiana, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, UCLA, Texas A&M and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by Louisiana State (4) and Michigan State and Oklahoma (3 each).

SCORING STREAKS The Buffs have scored in a school record **185** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the second longest streak in the Big 12 behind Texas), last being shutout on Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **101** 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 **73** consecutive road games (**94** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **116** straight league games (all **66** in Big 12 play, including the 2001 and 2002 title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **109** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to Louisiana State on Sept. 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at home over the course of the last **239** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **417** games (dating to Oct. 5, 1968), but only four schools have done it: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through games of September 4):** Texas 279, **Colorado 185**, Nebraska 103, Kansas State 94, Texas Tech 81, Oklahoma 69, Oklahoma State 40, Kansas 16, Missouri 14, Baylor 5, Iowa State 4, Texas A&M 3. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

SCORING STREAKS II The school record **185** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **eighth** longest active streak in the nation. The list of the 11 Division I-A schools that have scored in every game since at least the start of the 1993 season, through games of September 6:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Texas	279	Nov. 22, 1980 at Baylor (0-16)	Florida	196	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)
Washington	265	Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31)	Colorado	185	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Michigan	229	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Nevada	140	All games: joined Div I-A in 1993
Washington State	228	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	TCU	140	Nov. 16, 1992 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	221	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Air Force	135	*Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida State	197	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	(*—Liberty Bowl)		

OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS Some out of the ordinary records by the Buffs in some unique situations:

- ❑ Colorado is **62-21** in its last **83** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **62-12** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **54-15-1** in its last **70** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **17-8** since 1986 against teams ranked between Nos. 20 and 25 in the AP poll (**8-2** in the last 10; five of the last six);
- ❑ Colorado is **60-9-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**13-2** last 15; **68-42-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **62-24-2** in games where the starting quarterback had the letter "K" in his first or last name (dating to 1992: **Kordell** Stewart, **Duke** Tobin, **Koy** Detmer, **Mike** Moschetti, **Joel Klatt**, **Erik** Greenberg).

SCHEDULE HISTORY CU's 2003 schedule included 10 bowl teams, meaning the Buffs have played 42 bowl teams over the last five seasons. The formula to calculate schedule strength by the NCAA calls for combined record of all opponents, minus wins against non-Division I teams and the results (wins & losses) against the school the research is figured for. Colorado's 12 opponents in 2003 under this formula posted an 84-57 log, a .596 winning percentage, making it the seventh toughest schedule in school history. In fact, CU's last four schedules all rank in the top nine in CU annals, with the 2004 slate more than likely to join them. The 1997 schedule holds down the No. 1 slot (.669), with the 1971 slate second at a .641 percentage. That schedule included national champion Nebraska (13-0), No. 2 Oklahoma (11-1), No. 11 Louisiana State (9-3) and Iowa State (8-4). The 1990 Buffaloes remain one of just two teams (with Penn State in '82) to have won national championships while playing the nation's toughest schedule; opponents that season were 72-43-3 (.623), Colorado's fifth toughest all-time. The 1997 team played eight games against teams with winning records, with all eight having won at least seven games (five with nine-plus wins and four won 10 or more), and seven went to bowls, including the eventual co-national champions, Nebraska (13-0) and Michigan (12-0). CU also faced seven bowl teams in both 2000 and 2001, when it played the NCAA's fourth and second toughest schedules.

CU'S TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

Year (Wins)	W	L	T	Pct.
1997 (5)	81	40	-	.669
1971 (10)	79	44	1	.641
1962 (2)	59	34	2	.632
2001 (10)	83	49	-	.629
1990 (11)	72	43	3	.623
2000 (3)	74	46	-	.617
1996 (10)	77	52	-	.597
2003 (5)	84	57	-	.596
2002 (9)	100	68	-	.595
1989 (11)	73	51	1	.588
1986 (6)	74	52	0	.587
<u>1951 (7)</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>.584</u>
2004 (1)	7	2	-	.778

OPPONENTS IN 2004 Colorado has nine bowl teams on its 2004 schedule, the third straight year CU has that many on the slate. This year's 11 foes combined for an **87-56** record in 2003, a winning percentage of 60.8; five teams won 10 or more games (Washington State, North Texas, Texas, Kansas State and Nebraska), while only three did not have a winning record (Iowa State, Texas A&M and Kansas). CU's been a mainstay near the top of the toughest schedule standings this century, as the Buffs played the nation's 13th toughest schedule last year, after playing the 12th hardest in 2002, the fourth in 2001 and second in 2000. The roll call of 2004 opponents and their 2003 records: Colorado State (7-6), Washington State (10-3), North Texas (10-3), Missouri (8-5), Oklahoma State (9-4), Iowa State (2-10), Texas A&M (4-8), Texas (10-3), Kansas (6-7), Kansas State (11-4) and Nebraska (10-3).

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE Colorado has the **eighth** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**126-53-4**). Of these 183 games, Colorado has played **79** ranked teams (43%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 23 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **40-37-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-15** record *on the road*); CU is also **86-16-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 10-plus years (**59** of its last **133** contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000, 5-2 in 2001, 2-3 in 2002 and 2-3 in 2003. **NOTE:** *In 1990, CU became only the second team in NCAA history to win the national championship after playing the nation's toughest schedule (opponents won 63% of their games; Penn State was the first to accomplish the feat, in 1982). CU also played the nation's toughest (it's toughest-ever) in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games.*

'03 BOWL TEAMS Research by the Oklahoma SID office shows that the Buffaloes and Sooners have the most 2003 bowl teams on their '04 schedules with nine. Nine other schools will play eight, including Kansas and Texas Tech from the Big 12, along with Arizona, Arizona State, Miami-Fla., North Carolina, Northwestern, Notre Dame and Penn State.

2004 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS Here's a look at the schedules and results for the 11 teams on Colorado's regular season schedule:

COLORADO STATE (0-1)

24	at Colorado	27
S 11	at Southern California	
S 18	MINNESOTA	
S 25	MONTANA STATE	
O 2	✚BRIGHAM YOUNG	
O 9	✚at San Diego State	
O 22	✚WYOMING	
O 30	✚NEW MEXICO	
N 6	✚at Utah	
N 13	✚UNLV	
N 20	✚at Air Force	

WASHINGTON STATE (1-0)

21	at New Mexico	17
S 11	COLORADO (<i>in Seattle</i>)	
S 18	IDAHO	
S 25	✚at Arizona	
O 9	✚OREGON	
O 16	✚STANFORD	
O 23	✚at Oregon State	
O 30	✚SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
N 6	✚at UCLA	
N 13	✚at Arizona State	
N 20	✚WASHINGTON	

NORTH TEXAS (0-1)

0	at Texas	65
S 11	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	
S 18	at Colorado	
S 25	at Baylor	
O 2	►MIDDLE TENN. STATE	
O 9	►at Utah State	
O 23	►NEW MEXICO STATE	
O 30	►LOUISIANA-MONROE	
N 5	►at Louisiana-Lafayette	
N 13	►IDAHO	
N 18	►at Arkansas State	

MISSOURI (1-0)

52	ARKANSAS STATE	20
S 9	at Troy State	
S 18	BALL STATE	
O 2	◆COLORADO	
O 9	◆at Baylor	
O 16	◆at Texas	
O 23	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	
O 30	◆at Nebraska	
N 6	◆KANSAS STATE	
N 20	◆KANSAS	
N 27	◆at Iowa State	

OKLAHOMA STATE (1-0)

31	at UCLA	20
S 11	TULSA	
S 18	SOUTHERN METHODIST	
O 2	◆IOWA STATE	
O 9	◆at Colorado	
O 16	◆TEXAS A & M	
O 23	◆at Missouri	
O 30	◆OKLAHOMA	
N 6	◆at Texas	
N 13	◆BAYLOR	
N 27	◆at Texas Tech	

IOWA STATE (1-0)

23	NORTHERN IOWA	0
S 11	at Iowa	
S 18	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
O 2	◆at Oklahoma State	
O 9	◆TEXAS A & M	
O 16	◆at Colorado	
O 23	◆at Baylor	
O 30	◆KANSAS	
N 6	◆NEBRASKA	
N 20	◆at Kansas State	
N 27	◆MISSOURI	

TEXAS A & M (0-1)

21	at Utah	41
S 11	WYOMING	
S 18	CLEMSON	
O 2	◆KANSAS STATE	
O 9	◆at Iowa State	
O 16	◆at Oklahoma State	
O 23	◆COLORADO	
O 30	◆at Baylor	
N 6	◆OKLAHOMA	
N 13	◆TEXAS TECH	
N 26	◆at Texas	

TEXAS (1-0)

65	NORTH TEXAS	0
S 11	at Arkansas	
S 25	RICE	
O 2	◆BAYLOR	
O 9	◆Oklahoma (<i>at Dallas</i>)	
O 16	◆MISSOURI	
O 23	◆at Texas Tech	
O 30	◆at Colorado	
N 6	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	
N 13	◆at Kansas	
N 26	◆TEXAS A & M	

KANSAS (1-0)

21	TULSA	3
S 11	TOLEDO	
S 18	at Northwestern	
S 25	◆TEXAS TECH	
O 2	◆at Nebraska	
O 9	◆KANSAS STATE	
O 23	◆at Oklahoma	
O 30	◆at Iowa State	
N 6	◆COLORADO	
N 13	◆TEXAS	
N 20	◆at Missouri	

KANSAS STATE (1-0)

27	WESTERN KENTUCKY	13
S 11	FRESNO STATE	
S 18	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	
O 2	◆at Texas A & M	
O 9	◆at Kansas	
O 16	◆OKLAHOMA	
O 23	◆NEBRASKA	
O 30	◆TEXAS TECH	
N 6	◆at Missouri	
N 13	◆at Colorado	
N 20	◆IOWA STATE	

NEBRASKA (1-0)

56	WESTERN ILLINOIS	17
S 11	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	
S 18	at Pittsburgh	
O 2	◆KANSAS	
O 9	◆at Texas Tech	
O 16	◆BAYLOR	
O 23	◆at Kansas State	
O 30	◆MISSOURI	
N 6	◆at Iowa State	
N 13	◆at Oklahoma	
N 26	◆COLORADO	

KEY: ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ✚—Mountain West Conference game; ✚—Pacific 10 Conference game; ►—Sun Belt Conference game.

HISTORICALLY Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 115th season of competition with an all-time record of **636-391-36** in **1,063** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 21st in all-time winning percentage (.615). 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 **272-129-10** in 80-plus seasons on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **234-198-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB Colorado is **39-15** in its last **54** games played in September, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule the Buffs annually play, and is **41-16-2** in its last **59** October games. Colorado is **44-16-1** in its last **61** November games, including 15 straight wins between 1991 and 1996; CU is **40-8** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, and is 4-8-1 against NU in turkey month). CU is **5-3** in December games since 1993, and with this year's win over CSU, is **2-2-1** in the only August games in its history.

OVERTIME Colorado became the 84th team in Division I-A to play an overtime game when it played its first ever extra session affair against Missouri in 1999. Here's a chart summarizing the Buffs in overtime:

Date	Opponent	Score	Regulation	Coin Toss	Choice	---Total Yards---		Notes
						Offense	Defense	
10-09-99	MISSOURI	W 46-39	39-39	Missouri	Defense	25	13	Ends with Kelly INT
11-26-99	NEBRASKA	L 30-33	27-27	Nebraska	Defense	9	25	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

RANKED “UNDEFEATEDS” FALL AT FOLSOM Nine ranked, undefeated teams have lost their “0” in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The last was Kansas State in 1992, which came to Boulder ranked No. 13 at 4-0 and lost, 35-31. Two bit the dust in 2001: Nebraska (11-0, No. 1 in the BCS and No. 2 in the polls) dropped a 62-36 game to the Buffs, as did Texas A&M (5-0, No. 20), 31-21. In 1998, No. 22 Texas Tech (6-0) fell to CU 19-17; in 1995, No.3 Texas A&M (2-0) lost, 29-21; in 1994, No. 10 Wisconsin (2-0) was crushed, 55-17; and in 1990, No. 12 Washington (3-0) left a 20-14 loser. In 1989, No. 10 Illinois (2-0) lost 38-7 and No. 3 Nebraska (8-0) fell, 27-21.

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 14 seasons, which is the seventh most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Miami (9), Nebraska (8) and Oklahoma (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 and Hendricks awards. The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2003 (players only):

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Florida State	7	15	Tennessee	2	4	Texas A&M	2	2	Louisville	1	1
Miami, Fla.	9	15	Northwestern	1	4	TCU	2	2	Marshall	1	1
Oklahoma	8	12	Alabama	3	3	Texas Tech	2	2	Memphis	1	1
Ohio State	7	12	Georgia	3	3	Arizona State	1	2	Michigan State	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Kansas State	3	3	Maryland	1	2	Minnesota	1	1
Michigan	4	10	Notre Dame	3	3	North Carolina	1	2	Missouri	1	1
Colorado	7	9	Purdue	3	3	California	1	1	N.C. State	1	1
Penn State	4	8	UCLA	3	3	Cincinnati	1	1	Stanford	1	1
Florida	3	8	Pittsburgh	2	3	Colorado State	1	1	Tulane	1	1
Wisconsin	3	6	Virginia Tech	2	3	Fresno State	1	1	Washington State	1	1
Arizona	4	5	USC	2	3	Georgia Tech	1	1	Wyoming	1	1
Brigham Young	2	5	Washington	2	3	Kentucky	1	1			
Texas	1	5	Illinois	2	2	Louisiana State	1	1			
Iowa	5	5	Mississippi	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1			

CRADLE OF COACHES There are five current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado. The most obvious is **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 and was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98. Others include: **Gerry DiNardo**, Vanderbilt/LSU and now of Indiana (at Colorado from 1982-89); **Les Miles**, Oklahoma State (1982-86), **Gregg Brandon**, Bowling Green (1999-2000) and **Karl Dorrell**, UCLA (1992-93, 1995-97). 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). **Lou Tepper** (1983-87) was head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State. All were assistants under Bill McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94). And former Buff **OG Peter Shinnick**, is a sixth-year head coach at a small college in Minnesota. Five others who assisted under McCartney have also worked as head coaches: **Jim Caldwell**, Wake Forest (at CU from 1982-84), **Steve Logan**, East Carolina (1985-86), **Rick Neuheisel**, at CU and Washington (1994), **Bob Simmons**, Oklahoma State (1988-94) and **Ron Vanderlinden**, Maryland (1983-91). **Tom Cable** (1998-99) was head coach for four seasons at Idaho, as he coached under Rick Neuheisel and Barnett. Dorrell is the only one above to coach as an assistant under both McCartney and Neuheisel.

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 15 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing two of the times, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in 2003). CU had appeared in every AP preseason ballot between 1989 and 1997, ranked in the top 15 each year, before not gaining mention in the '98 poll following a 5-6 season. The Buffs reappeared in the '99 poll at No. 15, and rose to No. 14 prior to the season-opening loss to CSU. Only CU, Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska have been ranked 15th or higher at least 11 times in these 15 years, and CU is one of only 10 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 16 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2004:** Florida State 16, Michigan 16, Ohio State 16, Miami, Fla. 15, Tennessee 15, Nebraska 14, Notre Dame 13, Penn State 13, **Colorado 12**, Alabama 12.

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

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Season	Rank	Record	Finish
1972	No. 2	8-4-0	No. 16
1990	No. 5	11-1-1	No. 1
1996	No. 5	10-2-0	No. 8
2002	No. 7	9-5-0	No. 20
1994	No. 8	11-1-0	No. 3
1997	No. 8	5-6-0	NR
1967	No. 10	9-2-0	No. 14

COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)

Season	Rank	Record	Finish
1972	No. 2	8-4-0	No. 14
1990	No. 5	11-1-1	No. 2
1996	No. 5	10-2-0	No. 8
2002	No. 6	9-5-0	No. 21
1994	No. 7	11-1-0	No. 3
1997	No. 7	5-6-0	NR
1991	No. 10	8-3-1	No. 20

CUMULATIVE RANKINGS In the 1990s, the Buffaloes were the *Associated Press*' consensus No. 10 team, with only Nebraska ranked higher (No. 3) from the Big 12 Conference.

LONG STAY Colorado was one of only two teams to be ranked in every poll (both the *Associated Press* and Coaches, be it UPI or USA Today/CNN-ESPN) from the 1989 preseason through Oct. 4, 1997 (143 AP polls, 138 coaches). Only Nebraska could also make that claim (CU was second only to the Huskers, as Nebraska had been ranked in 265 straight polls when CU hit the 143 mark). In this span, NU held the top spot 16 times and CU seven, with NU winning two national titles and Colorado one.

Associated Press Poll

MOST TOP 5 FINISHES (1989-2003): Florida State 12, Miami 8, Nebraska 5, **COLORADO 4**, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Florida 3, Notre Dame 3, Ohio State 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2003): Florida State 12, Florida 10, Miami 9, Michigan 8, Nebraska 8, Tennessee 8, **COLORADO 6**, Kansas State 6, Ohio State 6, Alabama 5.

AND THE RETURN CU was out of the polls for an 11-week period ('97-98), but came back with a vengeance. When Colorado reappeared in both the AP and USAT/ESPN polls at No. 16 on Sept. 6, 1998 it marked the third highest debut in a poll since the AP ballot expanded to 25 teams in 1989. CU went from receiving votes to No. 16, the second highest CU has ever debuted after not being ranked in the preseason; back in 1971, the Buffs went into Baton Rouge and defeated No. 9 LSU, 31-21. CU appeared at No. 8 in the UPI-Coaches poll and at No. 12 on the AP ballot.

15 OUT OF 16 Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State for the latter half of the span. Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with a vengeance as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU 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. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). CU has defeated at least two in nine of the last 11 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons).

TV LAND Colorado has now had **112** of its last **171** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (65.5 percent). That includes one game this year, seven games in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **75** of CU's **98** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 77 percent. Nationally, CU is likely in the top 10 in national/regional appearances in this time frame, but official records are not tracked.

CARRYING THE TV TORCH Colorado and Texas started carrying the torch in the 1990s when it came to scheduling regular season games against traditionally ranked opponents, games most likely to be selected for TV and making the conference some revenue. Here are the counts (and records) of Big 12 schools since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (not including bowls): **Colorado 24** (13-10-1), Texas 20 (6-12-2), Nebraska 12 (8-4), Oklahoma 12 (6-6), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 11 (0-11), Baylor 9 (2-7), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 6 (0-6), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5) and Kansas State 2 (1-1).

FOLSOM FIELD ACCOLADE The Sports Turf Management Association named Folsom Field as its 2002 "Football Field of the Year," the first time CU has ever earned this prestigious award. **Jason DePaepe**, CU's athletic turf manager, officially accepted the award in San Antonio. Those who judge the competition were impressed with DePaepe and his staff's aggressive maintenance program, as the field is easily one of the best in college football, if not all sports.

BUFF BLEMISHES Colorado has inflicted a few blemishes on some of the teams who had the best home records in the 1990s. The top five home records last decade (1990-99) belonged to Florida State (55-1-1), Nebraska (62-3), Florida (57-4), Texas A & M (55-4-1) and Kansas State (57-5-1). That's a combined 287-17-3; but of those 20 losses or ties, CU was responsible for five of them. CU won at Nebraska in 1990, at Texas A & M in 1996, and was 2-2-1 at Kansas State in the 90s (wins in 1991 and 1995 and a tie in 1993). The Buffs added to their mystique by returning to A & M in 2000 and snapping the Aggies 22-game home winning streak—started later in the 1996 season (after losses to CU then Texas Tech). And in 2001, CU won at Kansas State, snapping a 58-game home winning streak by the Wildcats against unranked teams, and was only the second KSU home loss in a 29 game span.

16/19 The Buffs have 16 winning (regular) seasons in the last 19 years, matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The only exceptions came in 1997, 2000 and 2003; in 1986, CU was 6-5 in the regular season but finished 6-6 after losing to Baylor in the Bluebonnet Bowl. CU has been invited to bowls in 15 of the previous 19 years, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000 and last year.

OFFENSE/DEFENSE Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball. The last to try this was **DT Sam Wilder**, who caught a 9-yard pass against Kansas State in 2002. **DT Justin Bannan**, did the same, catching a 12-yard TD pass on his only play (at Missouri in 2000). **CB Ben Kelly** tried tailback in 1999 at Texas Tech; he finished with three yards on one carry (though a nice 5-yard run was wiped out by a penalty). In the last 12 years, several Buffs have played on both sides of the ball; in 1998 **OG Brad Bedell** played some goal-line defense. That's been a trend at CU, having one of the "big uglies," as Keith Jackson would say, come over to defense for goal line or short yardage defense—**OG Heath Irwin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole** and **OT Melvin Thomas** all did the same in the mid-90s. 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 **WR Michael Westbrook**, who played four snaps at strong safety against Baylor in 1993.

WHY CU, NOT UC A question often asked of many former Big Eight schools: Why is it the University of Colorado, but the moniker is CU and not UC? (The same applies at Kansas—KU, Missouri—MU, Nebraska—NU and Oklahoma—OU). "Midwestern casualness," says CU historian Fred Casotti. It has always been this way at Colorado, for whatever reason, and at the other four listed above—but seemingly nowhere else in the USA. In the 1950s, there was a concerted effort to eliminate the use of "CU" on the Boulder campus, both as a symbol and in speech, but Casotti said that no one would buy into it. "Nobody would change," he said. "It's easier to say than U of C, UC sounds like slang or something (as in 'you see'), and it was traditional. By trying to eliminate it, they reinforced it."

WALK-ONS & SCHOLARSHIPS A lot of factors go into a walk-on earning a scholarship, but one of the lesser-known components is that often a player has to establish residency for two years for his scholarship not to be counted against those awarded for the year he entered school. If he's been in the program for two years, his scholarship only counts toward the 85 total; if he's been in for less than two years, then it also counts against the class of the year he enrolled. If the school is already at the maximum of 25, he can't be placed on scholarship until establishing two years of residency. Such was the case with QB Joel Klatt.

QUARTERBACK HISTORY LESSON The competition for the starting quarterback job in 2003 was only the fourth real battle in just over a decade at Colorado. The last was in 2000, when the competition between **Zac Colvin** and **Bobby Pesavento** raged from the start of spring ball to the final week of August camp. Colvin was named the opening game starter on Aug. 27; four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and never relinquished the role. There was no battle for starting quarterback in 1999, as senior **Mike Moschetti** was entrenched as the starter. However, the battle for the starting job in 1998 was the first in some six years; Moschetti, junior **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won on Aug. 24, when then-head coach Rick Neuheisel named him as the starter (Weisinger subsequently asked for and received a release from his scholarship and transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety). Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91.

AND MORE—In looking back at CU history, the Buffs have usually had a capable backup quarterback that has become a household name. As far back as 1971, when 5-foot-7 **Joe Duenas** subbed for an injured **Ken Johnson** to lead CU to a 56-13 win over Wyoming in the second game of the season, Colorado second-team signal callers have made names for themselves. Two years later, **David Williams** and **Clyde Crutchmer** dueled for starting honors; in 1976, Austin replaced **Jeff Knappe** on occasion after Knappe wrestled the starting job away from him; in 1979, **Charlie Davis** and **Bill Solomon** battled back and forth; in the early 1980s, **Steve Vogel** and **Randy Essington** alternated as starters for three years, with Vogel emerging as CU's all-time passing leader at the time. In the last 1980s, there was the run of **Sal Aunese** replacing **Mark Hatcher**, Hagan replacing Aunese, **Charles Johnson** and Joseph both subbing for an injured Hagan on occasion; Stewart replacing Hagan, and he himself being replaced by Detmer and Tobin due to injuries; and of course, Hessler subbing for Detmer after Detmer replaced Stewart. Perhaps the best example of this came just last year in 2001, when **Bobby Pesavento** took over for an injured **Craig Ochs** for the second half of the season, and he helped lead the Buffs to their first Big 12 Conference title. That run included Pesavento steering the Buffs to wins over No. 2 Nebraska and No. 3 Texas. And in 2002, **Robert Hodge** has had to replace Ochs, after Ochs suffered the third concussion of his CU career and eventually left the team.

CHART-MANIA The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the last 19 football seasons, through all games of 2003 (includes bowls; those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 19 years):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2003)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Miami, Fla.	193	36	0	.843
2	Florida State	195	38	2	.834
3	Nebraska	196	41	1	.826
4	Michigan	178	50	5	.775
5	Tennessee	177	51	6	.769
6	Florida	173	59	2	.744
7	Ohio State	168	60	5	.732
8	Alabama	161	71	2	.723
9	Penn State	163	66	1	.711
10	Texas A & M	163	67	2	.707
11	Oklahoma	158	67	3	.700
12	Notre Dame	155	71	2	.684
13	Auburn	152	69	5	.684
14	Colorado	153	72	4	.677
15	Washington	150	73	3	.670
16	Georgia	151	74	3	.669
17	Syracuse	149	74	4	.665
18	Brigham Young	160	81	2	.663
19	Fresno State	150	78	3	.656
20	Clemson	145	79	3	.645
21	Air Force	148	84	1	.637
22	Texas	144	82	2	.636
23	Virginia Tech	140	81	3	.632
24	Southern California	142	84	5	.626
25	UCLA	136	84	3	.617
26	Virginia	140	87	1	.616
27	Oregon	135	87	0	.608
28	Southern Miss	130	88	1	.596
29	West Virginia	128	91	4	.583
30	North Carolina State	130	94	4	.579
31	Kansas State	130	95	2	.577
32	Iowa	123	90	5	.576
33	Mississippi	125	94	2	.570
34	Arizona	123	94	5	.565
35	Arizona State	122	95	3	.561

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TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2003)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	98	19	0	.838
2	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	93	19	1	.827
3	Michigan (Big Ten)	95	24	2	.793
4	Tennessee (SEC)	90	25	2	.778
5	BYU (WAC/MWC)	85	29	1	.743
6	Ohio State (Big Ten)	87	30	3	.738
7	Colorado (Big 8/12)	80	30	3	.721
8	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	83	33	0	.716
9	Washington (Pac-10)	84	35	1	.704
10	Texas A & M (SWC/B-12)	80	34	2	.698

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 (1989-2003)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	157	29	1	.842
2	Nebraska	155	32	1	.827
3	Miami, Fla.	149	32	0	.823
4	Tennessee	146	37	3	.793
5	Florida	145	42	1	.774
6	Michigan	139	41	3	.768
7	Ohio State	139	44	3	.755
8	Colorado	125	53	4	.698
9	Kansas State	127	55	1	.697
9	Penn State	127	55	1	.697
11	Texas A & M	127	55	2	.696
12	Notre Dame	125	55	2	.692
13	Washington	122	56	1	.684
14	Alabama	125	58	1	.682
15	Virginia Tech	120	57	2	.676
16	Toledo	115	55	3	.673
17	Texas	120	60	2	.665
18	Georgia	118	60	1	.662
19	Brigham Young	123	64	2	.656
20	Auburn	115	60	3	.654
21	Oklahoma	116	61	3	.653
21	Syracuse	116	61	3	.653
23	Virginia	116	66	1	.637
24	Air Force	116	67	1	.633
25	Oregon	113	66	0	.631
26	Colorado State	113	68	1	.624
27	Clemson	111	67	1	.623
28	Fresno State	114	69	2	.622
29	Southern California	111	67	4	.621
30	Mississippi	105	71	0	.597
31	Georgia Tech	104	73	1	.587
32	Southern Miss	101	72	1	.583
33	Wisconsin	101	76	4	.569
34	UCLA	99	75	1	.569
35	North Carolina	98	78	1	.556

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (14-10-1)

Season	Score
1987	Nebraska 24, COLORADO 7
1988	Oklahoma 17, COLORADO 14
1990	COLORADO 28, Iowa State 12
1991	COLORADO 55, Missouri 7
1992	COLORADO 24, Oklahoma 24 (tie)
1993	Nebraska 21, COLORADO 17
1994	COLORADO 17, Oklahoma State 3
1995	COLORADO 21, Missouri 0
	COLORADO 38, Oregon 6 (Cotton Bowl)
1996	COLORADO 28, Texas 24
	COLORADO 12, Kansas State 0
1997	COLORADO 42, Kansas 6
	Missouri 41, COLORADO 31
1998	Kansas State 16, COLORADO 9
1999	Nebraska 33, COLORADO 30 (overtime)
2000	Iowa State 35, COLORADO 27
2001	COLORADO 62, Nebraska 36
2002	COLORADO 35, Kansas State 31
	COLORADO 34, Baylor 0
	COLORADO 37, Texas Tech 13
	COLORADO 41, Iowa State 27
	Oklahoma 29, COLORADO 7 (Big 12 Championship @Houston)
2003	Oklahoma 34, COLORADO 20
	Nebraska 31, COLORADO 22
2004	COLORADO 27, Colorado State 24

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER (z)

- 4 Ron Monteilh, 6-0, 200, Sr.**
- 23 Tyler Littlehales, 6-4, 200, Soph.
- 81 Mike Duren, 5-9, 190, Sr.
- 88 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 195, Fr.
- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 185, Soph.

WIDE RECEIVER (x)

- 82 Evan Judge, 6-2, 205, Jr.**
- 9 Blake Mackey, 6-3, 200, Soph.
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Fr.-RS
- 47 Marcus Gonzales, 6-4, 195, Jr.
- 6 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 185, Fr.

SPLIT TACKLE

- 74 Sam Wilder, 6-5, 295, Sr.***
- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 275, Fr.-RS
- 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 290, Soph.

SPLIT GUARD

- 78 Terrance Barreau, 6-1, 295, Sr.
- 52 Derek Stemrich, 6-6, 285, Sr.**
- 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 290, Soph.

CENTER

- 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 290, Soph.*
- 78 Terrance Barreau, 6-1, 295, Sr.
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 300, Fr.

TIGHT GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-5, 300, Soph.*
- 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Jr.**
- 68 Carl Zoellner, 6-2, 290, Fr.

TIGHT TACKLE

- 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 300, Jr.**
- 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Jr.**
- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-5, 300, Fr.-RS

TIGHT END

- 89 Joe Klopfenstein, 6-6, 250, Jr.** AND
- 45 Quinn Sypniewski, 6-7, 255, Sr.***
- 86 Jesse Wallace, 6-3, 245, Sr.**
- 46 Dan Goettsch, 6-5, 240, Soph.

QUARTERBACK

- 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 205, Jr.**
- 10 James Cox, 6-3, 215, Soph.
- 3 Brian White, 6-5, 210, Fr.-RS
- 13 Erik Greenberg, 6-2, 195, Jr.*
- 7 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS

TAILBACK

- 42 Bobby Purify, 6-0, 215, Sr.****
- 31 Isaiah Crawford, 5-9, 190, Fr.-RS
- 22 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 195, Fr.
- 25 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 185, Fr.
- (21 Brandon Caesar, 6-0, 215, Soph.—injured)

V-BACK (FB's & TB's)

- 17 Lawrence Vickers, 6-2, 240, Jr.**
- 8 Daniel Jolly, 6-0, 235, Soph.*

FULLBACK

- 30 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 245, Soph.*
- 43 Brendan Schaub, 6-4, 240, Jr.

DEFENSE

(4-3 Pro Style)

DEFENSIVE END

- 51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 240, Soph.*
- 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 235, Soph.
- 56 Greg Newman, 6-4, 235, Fr.

NOSE TACKLE

- 93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 285, Jr.**
- 98 Brandon Dabdoub, 6-1, 290, Sr.***
- 99 McKenzie Tilmon, 6-3, 310, Sr.*

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 60 Matt McChesney, 6-4, 290, Sr.*** (also DE)
- 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 290, Jr.
- 96 Marcus Jones, 6-4, 290, Soph.

DEFENSIVE END (rush)

- 82 James Garee, 6-6, 265, Jr.**
- 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 240, Fr.
- 94 David Veikune, 6-2, 245, Fr.

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-1, 230, Jr.**
- 49 Thaddaeus Washington, 5-11, 240, Soph.*
- 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 235, Soph.*
- 50 Chris Hollis, 6-1, 230, Jr.**

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 220, Fr.
- 55 Jason Ackermann, 6-1, 220, Soph.
- 28 Kyle Griffith, 6-2, 220, Jr.**

BUFF (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 27 Brian Iwuh, 6-0, 220, Jr.**
- 19 Ben Carpenter, 6-3, 220, Soph. AND
- 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 220, Fr.-RS
- 40 Brad Jones, 6-4, 210, Fr.

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 22 Lorenzo Sims, 5-11, 180, Soph.*
- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 170, Soph.*
- 4 Chris Russell, 6-2, 205, Fr.-RS

FREE SAFETY

- 5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 190, Jr.**
- 3 Tyrone Henderson, 5-10, 180, Soph.
- 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 195, Fr.

STRONG SAFETY

- 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-1, 195, Soph.*
- 9 Tom Hubbard, 6-5, 215, Jr.
- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Soph.
- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 170, Soph.*
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER

- 29 John Torp, 6-2, 205, Jr.*
- 23 Tyler Littlehales, 6-4, 200, Soph.
- 41 J.P. Heaton, 6-1, 195, Soph.

PLACEKICKER

- 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 200, Soph.*
- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-10, 185, Soph.*
- 13 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Fr.

KICKOFF RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS
- 42 Bobby Purify, 6-0, 215, Sr.***
- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 170, Soph.*
- 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Soph.

PUNT RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS
- 81 Mike Duren, 5-9, 190, Sr.
- 4 Ron Monteilh, 6-0, 200, Sr.**
- 6 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 185, Fr.

HOLDER

- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 185, Soph.
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Fr.-RS

SNAPPER (Long & Short)

- 59 Greg Pace, 5-11, 240, Jr.**
- 90 Matt Hammond, 6-3, 210, Jr.
- 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 290, Jr.

INJURED (Out For Extended Time)

Nick Clement, Sr., DT (torn pec muscle)
 ✱—Chad Cusworth, Soph., OLB (torn ACL)
 ✱—J.T. Eberly, Sr., PK (torn Achilles)
 ✱—Vance Washington, Jr., CB (shoulder)
 (✱—Out for the season.)

Fifth-Year Seniors: All but one of the 12 seniors on the roster are fifth-year seniors (Tilmon is the lone fourth-year senior).



*—denotes number of letters earned; *Players listed in italics are injured (status as questionable or doubtful; probables listed as normal).*

CAPTAINS: 14 Joel Klatt QB; 60 Matt McChesney DT; 42 Bobby Purify TB; 74 Sam Wilder, OT.