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# 2006 COLORADO FOOTBALL: GAME 2 — COLORADO STATE

Saturday, September 9 in Denver (3:00 p.m. MDT; CSTV)

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### QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The **Colorado Buffaloes** (0-1, 0-0 Big 12) will look to rebound after a disappointing season opening defeat last weekend this Saturday, September 9, against Colorado State (1-0, 0-0 Mountain West) in the **Qwest Rocky Mountain Showdown presented by Dr Pepper** is at INVESCO Field at Mile High in Denver... Kickoff time will be shortly after 3:00 p.m. ... CSTV will televise the game with **Tom Hart** (play-by-play), **Trev Alberts** (analyst) and **Anne Marie Anderson** (sidelines) behind the mikes; while technically a national game, viewers can only see if they subscribe to their local providers expanded digital package... This will be the seventh time CU and CSU will play in Denver, having done so between 1998 and 2003; two of the games were sellouts ('98, '01), but this one is close as each school has about 2,000 tickets remaining... CU opened the year with a 19-10 loss at home to Montana State, dropping its season lid-lifter for the first time since 2002; MSU was ranked No. 22 in the Sports Network I-AA poll to open the year and used the win to zoom up 11 spots into No. 11... The loss marked the 12th time in the last 13 occasions (dating back to 1935) that the Buffs have lost the debut game of a new head coach; the only two that did it in bad weather the day before or day of the game were Eddie Crowder and Bill McCartney, who appeared on the media guide cover with Hawkins (it rained most of Friday and into early Saturday, though had no bearing on the game)... Colorado has lost five straight games dating back to last season; that last happened over 1985-86, in reverse fashion (one to end '85, four start '86); the Buffs have not dropped six straight since beginning 0-7 in 1980... CU's website, [www.CUBuffs.com](http://www.CUBuffs.com) features game day updates and live stats for all games.

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### ROAD TRIPPER EXTRAORDINAIRE

**Steve Koreivo** of Stanhope, N.J., will be attending this week's CU-CSU game in Denver. "So what?" one might first ask. Koreivo was profiled in Lindy's annual football preview magazine last year, as he had just reached seeing 100 different I-A football teams play at least one game in person. CU officials, noticing that both CU and CSU were on his list of teams he had not yet seen, contacted Koreivo and invited him as their guest to this year's contest; CU and CSU will be the Nos. 108 and 109 teams out of the 119 I-A schools that he will have seen in person (he will be attending the UTEP-San Diego State game this weekend for schools 106 and 107). Anyone interested in contacting him for further details can reach Steve on his cell phone: 862/266-1520.

### STAT OF THE WEEK

Well, the NCAA rule makers got what they wanted, at least in week 1. Colorado (54) and Montana State (70) combined for just 124 plays, only the **11th** time in CU's last **234** games that fewer than 125 plays were run. Last year, CU's 12 regular season games averaged 3 hours and 34 minutes in length, while the MSU game took just 3:04, CU's fastest game since November 6, 2004, when a 30-21 took just 2:55 to play. The fewest combined plays in a CU game over the last two decades came in the 1997 season opener against Colorado State, when the Buffs (59) and Rams (55) had just 114 in a 31-21 CU win. The only other sub-120 play game since 1986 came in 1999 in a 20-14 loss at Kansas State: CU (53) and KSU (62) totaled 115.

### OBSCURER NOTE OF THE WEEK

Colorado has now played **1,089** games in its history, and the only two contests that have ended in **19-10** scores have been played back-to-back. CU ended the 2005 season with a 19-10 setback to Clemson in the Champs Sports Bowl, and opened the '06 campaign with the 19-10 loss to Montana State. There has also been one other occasion in CU annals where it opened a season with the same exact score it ended the previous one; in 1949, the Buffs lost 14-7 to Colorado State at home, and opened 1950 at Iowa State losing by the same score.

## 2006 COLORADO SCHEDULE (0-1, 0-0 Big 12)

						2006			
Date	CU* Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That		
SEPT. 2	NR MONTANA STATE	NR	none	<b>L 10-19</b>	1-0	1-3-0	Offense can't get rolling in CU's first game vs. I-AA opponent		
Sept. 9	NR Colorado State (Denver)	NR	CSTV	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	1-0	57-18-2	Rivalry returns to Denver; last four games decided by 18 pts		
SEPT. 16	ARIZONA STATE		TBS	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	1-0	0-0-0	Only D-IA school within 600 mi. radius CU has not played		
Sept. 23	at Georgia		TBA	<b>TBA</b>	1-0	0-0-0	First meeting with SEC foe since '91 Blockbuster Bowl (Ala.)		
Sept. 30	at Missouri		TBA	<b>TBA</b>	1-0	31-36-3	Buff's to open Big 12 play on road for third straight year		
OCT. 7	at BAYLOR (H)		TBA	<b>TBA</b>	0-1	8-5-0	10 of 13 games in series decided by 12 or more points		
OCT. 14	at TEXAS TECH (FW)		TBA	<b>TBA</b>	1-0	3-4-0	Home teams undefeated in series (CU 3-0, TTU 4-0)		
Oct. 21	at Oklahoma		TBA	<b>TBA</b>	1-0	16-38-2	Buffaloes 5-1 in Norman since 1989 (Pts-CU 157, OU 99)		
Oct. 28	at Kansas		TBA	<b>TBA</b>	1-0	41-21-3	CU's five straight wins second best streak in series (CU: 10)		
NOV. 4	at KANSAS STATE		TBA	<b>TBA</b>	1-0	43-17-1	Last two games decided with :04, :06 left (both CU wins)		
NOV. 11	at IOWA STATE		TBA	<b>TBA</b>	1-0	46-13-1	ISU takes '05 affair but CU still leads 20-2 since '84 game		
Nov. 24	at Nebraska		ABC	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	1-0	17-45-2	Road team has won for four straight years		
Dec. 2	Big 12 Championship Game		ABC	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>		(at Kansas City)	CU has appeared in four of last five league title games		

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

## MEDIA SERVICES

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

## THE BUFFALOES ON THE INTERNET

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

## THE BUFFALOES ON THE AIRWAYS

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his third year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Larry Zimmer** (analysis) is in his 33rd season broadcasting Colorado football (he handled play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** in his 30th season on the broadcasts (pre- and postgame shows/sidelines) and is replaced by **Charles Johnson** those games he has business conflicts with.
- Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the **Dan Hawkins Show** originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Mark Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program.
- **Satellite Radio:** Sirius Satellite Radio is home to Big 12 broadcasts (airs the home team's network); the CU-Colorado State broadcast will air on channel 144.
- **FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. (adjusted when the Colorado Rockies are playing in September). Former CU quarterback and current assistant AD **Charles Johnson** hosts the program; the show will air August 24 through the end of basketball season for the men and/or women. A new program, "CU All Access," debuts Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.; it will air Tuesdays at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. throughout the season (all times mountain). It will take a behind the scenes look at the overall CU football program.

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

**Number Changes:** None. **Suspended For Year:** S Tyrone Henderson (transferred to Montana State). **Quit Football:** C Zach Jones.

**Position Changes:** Maurice Cantrell (FB, from ILB).

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

### Offense/Kicker

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

### Defense/Kicker

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

### Offense/Kicker

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

### Defense/Kicker

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

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

### Coaches/Staff

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

### Players

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

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

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

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

**2006 NEW FACES**

Almost all the entire football staff is new due to the head coaching change; those who are back in 2006 from the 2006 staff include long-time linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, running backs coach **Darian Hagan**, the technical assistants, **Mike Babcock** (offense) and **Donnell Leomiti** (defense), and the operations director, **David Hansburg**. Changes since the end of spring included **Jeff Pitman** replacing **Greg Finnegan** as strength and conditioning coach, along with **Miguel Rueda** named as head trainer after **Steve Willard** left the program to enter private business. Biographies on all the new coaches can be found in the 2006 CU football media guide between pages 38-49.

**AND ONE OLD FACE AS WELL**

**ILB Jashon Sykes** (1998-2001) has returned to CU as a part-time administrative assistant in the football office, mainly helping with recruiting. Sykes, who is 10th all-time at Colorado with 330 tackles, played two seasons with the Denver Broncos and had signed with the Washington Redskins late last fall before being cut this May. In a side note, **WR Jeremy Bloom** had planned on returning this fall for what would have been his senior year, but his well-documented dream of skiing for the U.S. Olympic Team and playing college football was cut short for good in September 2004 with a final NCAA ruling on the subject.

**CLOSE CALLS GOING CU'S WAY**

Colorado is **11-2** in its last 13 games where the final margin has been seven or fewer points, dating back to the start of 2003. That included two games in 2005, the season opening 31-28 victory over Colorado State and a 23-20 win at Kansas State, both thanks to the foot of **PK Mason Crosby**. And starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, CU is **15-4** in seven point decisions.

**IN THE POLLS**

Colorado was not ranked in the *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* polls of September 5, and were not in the preseason (the Buffs received one point in the coaches' ballot); CU was also not in the final 2005 rankings. Last year, the Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the November 5 coaches' ballot (No. 22 in the AP and Harris Interactive), but dropped out after the loss at Iowa State. CU was ranked three times last season, reaching No. 18 in the BCS Standings at one point (Nov. 6). CU returned to the polls after a 25-month hiatus on October 9. Dating back to the 1989 preseason, CU has been ranked in **185** of the last **281** polls (*AP*; 66%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). CU has been ranked **292** times in its history, the 21st most all-time. Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (87), trailing Florida (95), Florida State (92) and Michigan (91).

**COLORADO IN THE POLLS – 2006 WEEKLY**

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

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

**GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS**

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

OFFENSE	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	TB	FB
Montana State	<b>Williams</b>	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	Fenton	<b>Head</b>	Harrison	<b>Geer</b>	Cox	Charles	<b>Jagoras</b>
DEFENSE	LE	DT	NT	RE	MLB	WLB	SLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Montana State	Wright	<b>Hypolite</b>	<b>Nicolas</b>	Boye-Doe	Th. Washington	Dizon	<b>B. Jones</b>	Sims	<b>Burney</b>	Billingsley	Wheatley

**CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Fenton 27, Billingsley 14, Wright 14, Th. Washington 12, Daniels 11. **CAREER STARTS**—Daniels 34, Billingsley 32, Sims 26, Dizon 24, Th. Washington 24.

**PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played):** Montana State 91/54.

**INJURY UPDATE**

A couple of players incurred maladies in the Montana State game; the injury picture as of September 4:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status/Colorado State
TB	Hugh Charles	elbow	injured against Montana State	DAY-TO-DAY
DL	Alex Ligon	knee	suffered in game prep practices in late August	DAY-TO-DAY
CB	Gardner McKay	ankle	injured against Montana State	DAY-TO-DAY
OG	Daniel Sanders	hamstring	suffered in game prep practices late August	PROBABLE
CB	Vance Washington	knee	some soreness as he completes rehabilitation	DAY-TO-DAY

**OUT FOR SEASON:**

S Dominique Brooks (*knee surgery rehab*); OL Erick Faatagi (*knee surgery*); WR Michael Kachmer (*knee surgery*); TE Devin Shanahan (*knee surgery*).

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

## REUNIONS

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

- **September 15-16:** the 30-year reunion of CU's 1976 Big Eight champion football team;
- **October 6-7:** the annual gathering of those alumni who lettered 50 years ago;
- **October 12-14:** Hall of Fame Weekend, featuring the induction of this year's class (TBA) as well as honoring Bobby Anderson, the fourth CU player to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. The 1966 football seniors will also hold their own 40th class reunion.

## 2006 NCAA RULES CHANGES

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

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

## THIS-N-THAT

- **300.** Colorado comes into the 2006 season with a 177-116-5 all-time record in games played on artificial surfaces, thus the Buffaloes will hit a milestone of sorts this year. CU will play its 299th game on the fake stuff at Missouri on Sept. 30, and then number 300 on Oct. 28 at Kansas.
- **400.** Colorado enters 2006 with 395 combined wins in the seven different conferences it has lined up to play football in. Thus, five victories would give the Buffaloes 400 all-time wins in conference play, dating back to the Colorado Football Association in the 1890s.
- **1100.** The Nov. 24 game at Nebraska will be the 1,100th in school history; the Huskers were also CU's opponent for the school's 100th game in football annals, as CU defeated NU 6-0 back in 1904, deemed one of the school's biggest wins ever at the time.
- **Mirror Images.** Here's a goofy scheduling quirk: on September 16, the Buffaloes host Arizona State, while the Colorado Rockies play at the Arizona Diamondbacks (both based in the Phoenix area); a week later on September 23, the Buffs play at Georgia, while the Rockies host the Atlanta Braves. It was close to a trifecta, as on September 30 when the Buffs play at Missouri, the Rox are at the Chicago Cubs, just up the road from St. Louis.
- **TSN Players Poll.** The first-ever Players Top 25 will be conducted this fall with the weekly results to be included in *The Sporting News*. Unlike the other polls, the players will not be identified and will be known only to the schools. Colorado has agreed to be one of the schools to participate in the experimental balloting; the selected player(s) won't be identified until after the season has concluded.



**SERIES HISTORY—CU vs. COLORADO STATE**

Colorado leads the all-time series by a **57-18-2** count, as the Buffaloes have won the last three (by a combined 10 points, all coming down to the final minute if not seconds). The teams split the first go-round of games in Denver (1998-2003) with the next three also contracted for the Mile High City (with an option for through 2010). Colorado has won six straight over CSU at Folsom Field, and owns a 30-9-1 overall edge in games played in Boulder; CSU's last win at Folsom Field was a 23-7 verdict in 1986. CU outgained the Rams, 396-396, last year as the defenses were both improved; in the two previous games, the Rams had outgained CU (447-372 in 2004 and 585-504 in 2003), the first times CSU had topped the Buffaloes in total offense since 1988 (CU had won that battle for 10 straight games). This is the third straight game in the series where neither team is ranked, though between 1989 and 2003 at least one team was ranked. This is CU coach **Dan Hawkins'** first ever game against CSU, while CSU coach **Sonny Lubick** is 3-8 against Colorado.

**Series Did You Know?**—The 1910 game, listed for years as a 10-0 CSU win, was actually never played? CU refused to travel to Fort Collins to play because CSU had a player who had previously played professionally (whatever that meant in the pre-NFL days).

**SERIES FAST FACTS**

**CU Largest Margin of Victory**—64, in 1893 (70-6)

**CSU Largest Margin of Victory**—42, in 1919 (49-7)

**Current Series Streak**—3, by Colorado

**CU Most Points**—70, in 1893 (modern: 61, in 1952)

**CSU Most Points**—49, in 1919 (modern: 41, in 1999)

**CU Fewest Points**—0, 5 times (last: 1955).

**CSU Fewest Points**—0, 22 times (last: 1957).

**Most Points, Both Teams**—82, in 1996 (CU, 48-34).

**Fewest Points, Both Teams**—0, in 1906 (0-0 tie).

**CU-COLORADO STATE BY THE NUMBERS**

Here's a look at some numbers-related trivia in the Colorado-CSU series:

- 7-5** Colorado's record against Colorado State when the Rams are their first opponent of the season;
- 9** Times in 75 games that both teams have scored at least 20 points (eight of the last 14);
- 11** The number of turnovers by Colorado in the six Denver games (nine in its three losses);
- 12** The number of turnovers by Colorado State in the six Denver games (five in its three wins, seven in its two losses);
- 12** The most games won by one team in a row in the series (Colorado, 1934 through 1947);
- 15** The number of consecutive games both teams have scored at least 14 points;
- 23** Times in 77 games that both teams have scored at least 10 points;
- 78** The number of games in the series between the two, including 2005; CU has played no other team on more occasions, while Colorado State has played only Wyoming more (95 times);
- 3:04** The amount of time Colorado led the 2005 game (CSU led for 43:01 and the other 13:55 the teams were tied, at 0-0, 21-21 and 28-28);
- 50:27** The amount of time Colorado led the 2004 game (the other 9:33 the teams were tied, at 0-0 and 17-17);

**CU-COLORADO STATE SERIES TRENDS**

Here's a quick look at some team statistical trends over the last 11 games in the CU-CSU series (the two have played every year since 1995):

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU CSU	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	CSU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
Sept. 9, 1995	Boulder (N)	W 42-14	52,848	10 —	21	45 200 4	28-19-0 261 1	73 461	20	29 25 0	52-22-3 306 2	81 331	ESPN
Sept. 7, 1996	Fort Collins (N)	W 48-34	36,371	5 —	33	47 281 4	42-31-0 364 2	89 645	17	25 81 1	29-16-1 312 2	54 393	ESPN2
Sept. 6, 1997	Boulder	W 31-21	53,416	8 24	17	31 122 1	28-18-1 223 2	59 345	14	33 70 0	22-14-2 215 3	55 285	FOX (r)
Sept. 5, 1998	Denver (N)	W 42-14	76,036	— 15	23	35 147 1	32-21-0 257 3	67 404	19	38 78 1	28-13-0 124 1	66 202	ESPN
Sept. 4, 1999	Denver (N)	L 14-41	73,438	14 —	23	36 82 0	49-30-4 291 2	85 373	12	38 227 3	18-10-0 109 1	56 336	FOX
Sept. 2, 2000	Denver	L 24-28	67,466	23 —	29	45 224 2	39-25-0 308 1	84 532	17	28 65 0	30-19-2 327 4	58 392	ESPN2
Sept. 1, 2001	Denver	W 41-14	75,022	— 24	21	54 315 3	19-15-0 95 0	73 410	18	29 108 0	40-18-4 186 2	69 294	ABC
Aug. 31, 2002	Denver	L 14-19	75,531	7 —	19	48 170 1	27-14-1 199 0	75 369	17	38 152 3	24-11-1 168 0	62 320	ESPN2
Aug. 30, 2003	Denver (N)	W 42-35	76,219	— 23	17	43 102 2	34-21-0 402 4	77 504	24	39 246 2	40-18-1 339 3	79 585	ESPN
Sept. 4, 2004	Boulder (N)	W 27-24	54,954	— —	20	45 255 2	25-13-1 117 0	70 372	23	28 44 1	42-29-1 403 2	70 447	FSN
Sept. 3, 2005	Boulder	W 31-28	54,972	— —	19	29 113 3	33-22-1 283 0	62 396	21	34 95 1	43-28-4 291 3	77 386	TBS

**BUFFALOES & RAMS ALL-TIME ACROSS THE BOARD**

This will be the **700th** time (documented) that Colorado and Colorado State will hook up in a head-to-head competition (games, matches or duals; tournaments or invitationals not included if other schools participated). A look at how many times the two have met across the board and the results (\*—records prior to 1947-48 not available; #—prior to 1946-47 not available):

Sport	CU	CSU	Ties	Sport	CU	CSU	Ties	Sport	CU	CSU	Ties
Baseball	86	35	1	*Men's Gymnastics	25	13		Women's Swimming	0	4	
Men's Basketball	86	32		Women's Gymnastics	5	2		Men's Tennis	57	2	
Women's Basketball	27	10		*Men's Indoor Track	13	1	1	Women's Tennis	25	0	
Football	57	18	2	Women's Indoor Track	1	1		Wrestling	19	32	1
*Men's Cross Country	2	1		*Men's Outdoor Track	22	9		Volleyball	11	19	
Women's Cross Country	1	0		Women's Outdoor Track	2	0		<b>Totals</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>8</b>
*Men's Golf	29	9	1	#Men's Swimming	18	17	2				

**TALE OF THE TAPE**

Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Colorado State** in several statistical categories in 2005 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis, and the NCAA includes bowl games):

Category	Colorado	Colorado State
Overall Record, 2005.....	7-6	6-6
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	0-4	0-1
Overall Record, 1989-current.....	140-65-4 (14)	124-81-1 (29)
Versus Ranked Teams.....	40-45-2	14-27
In Conference Play.....	89-37-3 ( 9)	85-43 (11)
Roster Counts: Overall/From Colorado.....	102/31	108/45
Starters (including P/PK, out of 24).....	6	10
Alumni On NFL Rosters (as of September 4).....	23	6
Rushing Offense.....	110.3 (97)	121.7 (89)
Average Per Rush.....	3.4	3.5
Passing Offense.....	222.8 (59)	286.3 (16)
Completion Percentage.....	58.5	61.7
Average Per Attempt.....	6.4	8.6
Passing Efficiency.....	119.6 (72)	146.6 (15)
Total Offense.....	333.1 (87)	408.0 (38)
Average Per Play.....	4.9	6.0
Scoring Offense.....	23.5 (78)	26.8 (58)
Rushing Defense.....	100.2 (11)	222.8 (115)
Average Per Rush.....	2.8 ( 8)	5.1
Passing Defense.....	248.9 (87)	206.0 (39)
Average Per Attempt.....	6.7	8.1
Pass Efficiency Defense.....	118.9 (43)	138.7 (96)
Total Defense.....	349.2 (41)	428.8 (99)
Average Per Play.....	4.8	6.2
Scoring Defense.....	23.6 (45)	30.8 (91)
Third Down Conversion Offense.....	33.9 (94)	40.8 (42)
Third Down Conversion Defense.....	37.4 (54)	40.8 (81)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed.....	27 / 21	18 / 25
Net Punting.....	39.1 ( 4)	34.7 (45)
Punt Returns.....	10.4 (44)	10.8 (39)
Punt Return Yardage Defense.....	7.9 (39)	11.4 (85)
Kickoff Returns.....	19.4 (83)	20.2 (68)
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense.....	23.3 (100)	18.6 (27)
Turnovers.....	21 (48)	22 (60)
Turnover Margin.....	+0.15 (53)	+0.42 (35)

**COLORADO STATE NOTES**

Colorado State is 1-0, opening the season with a **30-6** drubbing of I-AA Weber State. The Rams set the tone early, taking a 13-0 first quarter lead and never looking back. CSU led 16-3 at halftime and 23-6 after three quarters.

- ➔ CSU limited Weber State to just 9 first downs and 86 total yards, including minus-38 on the ground (that total included seven sacks for 52 yards; Weber had 17 true rushing plays for 14 yards). The Rams had 361 yards (149 rush, 212 pass), and committed the only two turnovers in the game.
- ➔ Colorado State head coach **Sonny Lubick** is in his 14th season with the Rams, owning a 102-57-0 mark in Fort Collins; he is 123-76 overall including four seasons at Montana State (1978-81).
- ➔ Junior **TB Kyle Bell**, CSU's leading rusher in 2005, suffered a torn knee ligament as preseason practices were winding down and is lost for the season.
- ➔ **SPORTS INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Ozzello, Associate AD/Media Relations: 970/491-5050 (ramsid@lamar.colostate.edu).

**IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: SEPTEMBER 9**

Colorado is **4-1** all-time on **September 9**, having first played on the date in **1972** when the Buffs opened as the No. 2 in the nation in the Associated Press poll, its highest preseason ranking ever. CU defeated California 20-10 that year, and won the next three times it played on the date. **1978**—The Buffs defeated Oregon 24-7 in the season opener, the first of five straight games the Buffs allowed seven points in opening 5-0. **1989**—The first of two meetings with CSU on the date, as the Buffs won 45-20 en route to an 11-0 regular season record. **1995**—In the first home game of the Rick Neuheisel Era at Colorado, the Buffaloes easily defeated the Rams, 42-14, with the game featuring the longest non-scoring pass in school history, an 89-yard play from Koy Detmer to Herchell Troutman. **2000**—The Buffs lost 17-14 at USC, as the No. 11 Trojans won on a 24-yard David Newberry field goal with 13 seconds left.

**SEPTEMBER 9 COLORADO MVP:** Eric Bieniemy. In the 45-20 win over Colorado State in 1989, he had 23 carries for 156 yards and three touchdowns, including a 44-yard run in the second quarter to tie the game at 14-14, and a 6-yard run just before halftime that put the Buffs ahead for good at 24-17. Darian Hagan added 103 yards on 14 tries as CU had 452 yards rushing, then the eighth most in a single game in school history (still stands as the 10th highest total).

**A CLOSER LOOK**

CU leads the series by a 14-4 count since it was resumed after a 25-year dormancy in 1983. The Buffs have outscored the Rams by 555-384 in those games; CU has held the lead in 16 games, CSU in 11 games, and in nine of the 18 games both teams owned a lead. Out of 1,080 minutes of game time, CU has led for 623:01 (58% of the time), CSU for 280:45 (26%; well over half of the Rams time ahead came in their three wins in Denver in 1999, 2000 and 2002 and last year: 176:21). Colorado is 6-0 when rushing for 250 or more yards, and is 8-1 when holding the Rams under 100.

**CONFERENCE CALL**

- ➔ **Colorado** is 137-54-7 all-time versus Mountain West Conference schools (198 games), playing only members of its own Big 12 Conference more (472 games). In addition to the 57-18-2 mark against the Rams, CU is 12-4 versus Air Force, 8-3-1 against BYU, 6-3 versus New Mexico, 1-0 against San Diego State, 30-24-3 against Utah and 23-2-1 versus Wyoming.
- ➔ **Colorado State** is 22-81-2 all-time versus Big 12 Conference schools: 18-57-2 vs. Colorado, 1-4 vs. Iowa State, 0-4 vs. Kansas, 1-5 vs. Kansas State, 1-1 vs. Missouri, 0-6 vs. Nebraska, 1-1 vs. Oklahoma State, 0-1 vs. Texas and 0-2 vs. Texas Tech.

**THE SET-UP**

Colorado has not opened a season 0-2 since 2000, and has just started with two or more consecutive losses just 16 times in its previous 116 years of intercollegiate football. Prior to an 0-4 start in 2000, the Buffs had not lost its opening pair of games since 1986; CSU inflicted the first loss of the season on the Buffs both those years. This will be the third time Colorado will face Colorado State in its history after opening with a loss; the previous two times yielded CU victories: in 1893, after CU opened with a 14-0 loss to the Denver Athletic Club, Colorado defeated CSU, 44-0 in Boulder; and in 1983, after losing 23-17 at Michigan State to open the year, the Buffs defeated CSU 31-3 in Boulder in what was the first meeting between the two in 25 years.

**THE LAST TIME: COLORADO 31, COLORADO STATE 28 (September 3, 2005)**

**BOULDER** — It is always said that things often come in threes, and that is certainly the case with the CU-Colorado State football series.

For the third straight year, the outcome wasn't known until the final play of the game, and for the Buffaloes, all three times have been charms as this time CU rallied from an 11-point fourth quarter deficit to topple the Rams, 31-28, before a record Folsom Field crowd of 54,972.

Mason Crosby, arguably America's best kicker, drilled a 47-yard field goal with four seconds remaining to provide the winning points; that kick came just 148 seconds after he made a 48-yard kick that tied the game at 21. In-between, there were plenty of fireworks that amounted to a classic shootout between in-state rivals.

After Crosby's tying kick, the Rams took over at their own 20. On second-and-10, Justin Holland was flushed to his left and pressured by Alex Ligon to throw on the run, where downfield Gerett Burl picked off his pass at the CSU 37 and returned it 14 yards. On CU's very first offensive play, Hugh Charles put a couple of nifty moves on the Ram defense and went 23 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with just 1:30 left.

But Holland, being the competitor that he is, would not be denied, as he marched his team 80 yards in eight plays and in just 54 seconds to tie the game at 28. In completing six passes on the drive (for all 80 yards), he used throws of 23 and 22 yards to David Anderson to pick up real estate in chunks before finding Kory Sperry in the end zone on a 9-yard scoring toss with only 36 seconds remaining.

CSU opted to squib kick the ensuing kickoff, but the plan backfired to a degree thanks to Stephone Robinson's muffing the football. As he scooted over to pickup the ball, many on the coverage team were now out of position, enabling him to break free for a 30-yard return to the Buff 40. Joel Klatt hit Patrick Williams with a 22-yard pass on the first play from scrimmage, and after an incompletion, he found Dusty Sprague on the right side for eight more to set Crosby up for his winning kick from the Ram 30.

CSU had built its lead to 21-10 after Holland threw a 1-yard touchdown pass, via defender tip, to Matt Bartz with 5:04 left in the third quarter.

CSU got on the board first on a 1-yard touchdown run by Jimmy Green after the Rams recovered a Dusty Sprague fumble at the Buff 28. CU scored the next 10 points on a 32-yard Crosby field goal and a 1-yard run by Lawrence Vickers on a fourth-and-goal play to cap off an 11-play, 73-yard drive. CSU took a 14-10 halftime lead when Holland and Anderson hooked up on a 1-yard TD pass with 33 seconds left before intermission.

The Buffs held the Rams to just 95 yards rushing, the sixth time in the last 10 games CSU failed to reach 100 against CU. Colorado had a slight edge in total offense by 396-386, but saw 90 additional yards and a touchdown called back due to six offensive penalties.

Colorado State.....	7	7	7	7	—	28
COLORADO.....	0	10	0	21	—	31

Colorado State — Green 1 run (Mark kick)	0- 7	2:39	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 32 FG	3- 7	12:22	2Q
COLORADO — Vickers 1 run (Crosby kick)	10- 7	2:39	2Q
Colorado State — Anderson 1 pass from Holland (Mark kick)	10-14	0:33	2Q
Colorado State — Bartz 1 pass from Holland (Mark kick)	10-21	5:04	3Q
COLORADO — Charles 29 run (Judge pass from Klatt)	18-21	13:32	4Q
COLORADO — Crosby 32 FG	21-21	2:32	4Q
COLORADO — Charles 23 run (Crosby kick)	28-21	1:30	4Q
Colorado State — Sperry 9 pass from Holland (Mark kick)	28-28	0:36	4Q
COLORADO — Crosby 47 FG	31-28	0:04	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO STATE
First Downs .....	19	21
Third Down Efficiency .....	3-10	7-16
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards .....	29-113	34-95
Passing Yards .....	283	291
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	33-22-1	43-28-4
Total Offense .....	396	386
Return Yards .....	37	45
Punts: No-Average .....	4-52.0	4-45.2
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	5-2	1-0
Penalties/Yards .....	9/87	9/73
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-5	4-20
Time of Possession .....	27:32	32:28

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Charles 15-101, V.Washington 1-14, Vickers 3-4, Ellis 3-1, Klatt 7-minus 7.

**CSU:** Bell 14-66, Green 11-30, Ohaeri 7-16, Holland 1-minus 5, Kaylor 1-minus 12.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 33-22-1, 283, 0 td. **CSU:** Holland 43-28-4, 291, 3 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Sprague 5-61, Klopfenstein 4-76, Williams 3-38, Charles 3-34, Sypniewski 2-44, Judge 2-23, Vickers 2-1, Barnett 1-6. **CSU:** Anderson 12-119, Sperry 7-62, Bartz 3-36, Walker 3-10, Hill 1-33, Osborn 1-19, Roberts 1-12.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 4-52.0 (72 long, 3 In20). **CSU:** Kaylor 4-45.2 (53 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 2-16. **CSU:** Osborn 1-12.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 1-30. **CSU:** Herbert 2-58, Hill 2-46.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Burl 1-14, Dawn 1-5, Sims 1-2, Billingsley 1-0. **CSU:** Kochevar 1-33.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Th.Washington 9,3—12; Billingsley 7,4—11; Henderson 8,2—10; Sims 8,0—8; Burl 4,0—4; Hubbard 4,0—4; Iwuh 3,1—4; Dawn 1,3—4. **Colorado State:** Herbert 9,0—9; Hall 4,4—8; Kochevar 6,1—7; C.Jones 6,1—7; Horinek 3,4—7.

**QB Sacks—Colorado:** Wright 1-5. **CSU:** Kochevar 1-10, Parke 1-5, Nadling 1-4, B.Smith 1-1.

**PRESEASON HONORS**

The list of honors accumulated by the Buffaloes in both the preseason magazines as well as from national award committees:

**PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA**

**PK MASON CROSBY (first-team:** *Athlon, ATS Consultants, CBS SportsLine.com, collegefootballnews.com, Lindy's Big 12 Football, Football.com, Football News, Nationalchamps.net, Phil Steele's College Football, Playboy, Rivals.com, The Sporting News, Sports Illustrated, Street & Smith's*)  
**OG BRIAN DANIELS (second-team:** *collegefootballnews.com, Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**C MARK FENTON (first-team:** *Street & Smith's; second-team:* *Nationalchamps.net; third-team:* *Football.com*)  
**PR STEPHONE ROBINSON (honorable mention:** *Nationalchamps.net*)  
**ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON (third-team:** *Football.com, Nationalchamps.net*)  
**FWAA Preseason Checklist (293 players):** FS J.J. Billingsley, TB Hugh Charles, PK Mason Crosby, OG Brian Daniels, C Mark Fenton, ILB Thaddaeus Washington, DE Abraham Wright

**ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE**

**FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY (first-team:** *Athlon, collegefootballnews.com, Lindy's Big 12 Football, USA Today Sports Weekly; second-team:* *Huskers Illustrated, The Sporting News*)  
**TB HUGH CHARLES (second-team:** *The Sporting News; fourth-team:* *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**PK MASON CROSBY (first-team:** *Athlon, ATS Consultants, Big 12 Summer Media Poll, CBS SportsLine.com, collegefootballnews.com, Huskers Illustrated, Lindy's Big 12 Football, Phil Steele's College Football, The Sporting News, Street & Smith's, USA Today Sports Weekly*)  
**OG BRIAN DANIELS (first-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football; second-team:* *Huskers Illustrated, The Sporting News; third-team:* *Athlon*)  
**ILB JORDON DIZON (first-team:** *Street & Smith's; second-team:* *Athlon; third-team:* *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**C MARK FENTON (first-team:** *Athlon, ATS Consultants, Big 12 Summer Media Poll, CBS SportsLine.com, collegefootballnews.com, Huskers Illustrated, Lindy's Big 12 Football, Phil Steele's College Football, The Sporting News, Street & Smith's, USA Today Sports Weekly*)  
**OT EDWIN HARRISON (fourth-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**KR STEPHONE ROBINSON (first-team:** *CBS SportsLine.com; second-team:* *Athlon, Huskers Illustrated, The Sporting News*)  
**CB LORENZO SIMS (third-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON (first-team:** *Athlon, ATS Consultants, Big 12 Summer Media Poll, CBS SportsLine.com, collegefootballnews.com, Huskers Illustrated, Lindy's Big 12 Football, The Sporting News, USA Today Sports Weekly; second-team:* *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**KR TERRENCE WHEATLEY (first-team:** *Phil Steele's College Football*)

**NATIONAL TOP 63 PLAYER RATINGS**

**Center:** Mark Fenton (No. 5, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*; No. 6, *Phil Steele's College Football, The Sporting News*)  
**Cornerback:** Lorenzo Sims (No. 31, *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**Inside Linebacker:** Thaddaeus Washington (No. 5, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*; No. 13, *Phil Steele's College Football*; No. 15, *The Sporting News*)  
**Offensive Guard:** Brian Daniels (No. 4, *Phil Steele's College Football*; No. 17, *The Sporting News*)  
**Offensive Tackle:** Edwin Harrison (No. 48, *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**Outside Linebacker:** Jordon Dizon (No. 23, *Phil Steele's College Football*; note: Dizon plays ILB and has never played OLB)  
**Placekicker:** Mason Crosby (No. 1, *Lindy's Big 12 Football, Phil Steele's College Football, The Sporting News*)  
**Return Specialist:** Stephone Robinson (No. 9, *The Sporting News*)  
**Running Back:** Hugh Charles (No. 63, *Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**Safety:** J.J. Billingsley (No. 9 Free, *The Sporting News*; No. 16, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*; No. 35, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

**PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS**

**Dick Butkus Award** (top linebacker): ILB Jordon Dizon, ILB Thaddaeus Washington (two of 65 on official watch list)  
**Lou Groza Award** (top placekicker): PK Mason Crosby (2005 runner-up; one of 30 on official watch list)  
**Heisman Trophy:** TB Hugh Charles (No. 74 candidate by *collegefootballnews.com*)  
**Ted Hendricks Award** (top defensive end): DE Abraham Wright (one of 42 on official watch list)  
**Rotary Lombardi Award** (top down lineman within 5 yards of ball): C Mark Fenton, ILB Thaddaeus Washington (two of 101 on official watch list)  
**Bronko Nagurski Trophy** (top defensive player): ILB Thaddaeus Washington (one of 56 on official watch list)  
**Dave Rimington Award** (top center): C Mark Fenton (one of 40 on official watch list)  
**Outland Trophy** (top interior lineman): OG Brian Daniels, C Mark Fenton (two of 54 on official watch list)  
**Doak Walker Award:** TB Hugh Charles (one of 50 on official watch list)

**NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS**

**Defensive Backs:** No. 7 (*Lindy's Big 12 Football*), No. 15 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**Linebackers:** No. 15 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)  
**Special Teams:** No. 4 (*Phil Steele's College Football*)

**PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS**

Publication	National	Big 12 North	Publication	National	Big 12 North	Publication	National	Big 12 North
Collegefootballnews.com	No. 26	...	CBS SportsLine.com CFB	No. 48	4th	Football News	.....	3rd
ATS Consultants	No. 32	t-1st	<i>USA Today</i> (coaches)	No. 51	...	Gold Sheet Football Annual	.....	3rd
Nationalchamps.net	No. 37	...	Lindy's Big 12 Football	No. 57	4th	USA Today Sports Weekly	.....	3rd
Sports Illustrated	No. 37	3rd	The Sporting News	No. 68	5th	Athlon Sports	.....	5th
Scripps Howard	No. 39	...	DC Texas Football	.....	1st	Huskers Illustrated	.....	5th
Football.com	No. 40	...	Surefire Scouting	.....	2nd	Street & Smith's	.....	5th
Phil Steele's College Football	No. 46	2nd	Big 12 Summer Media Poll	.....	3rd			



## PRESEASON MAGAZINE NOTES

*The Sporting News* had a hit and a miss in its preseason magazine. First, it must have inadvertently left **PK Mason Crosby** off its list of Best Clutch Players For A Game Winning Kick (Mason's 12-of-13 in the fourth quarter and 10-of-10 with 8½ minutes or less remaining). However, it did rate Colorado as having the only "A+" for a coaching hire in **Dan Hawkins**: "The former Boise State coach is a proven motivator and winner—a guy whose entertaining style puts fannies in the seats and has recruits standing in line to play for him." TSN also selected **ILB Thaddeaus Washington** as the Big 12's hardest-hitting linebacker, and again cited the Buffaloes for playing the toughest schedule (and the fourth toughest in the nation).

*Street & Smith's*, however, did rate Crosby as being the best under pressure in the conference, and tabbed Washington's sidekick, **ILB Jordan Dizon**, as the league's hardest hitter and **TB Hugh Charles** as the Big 12's best athlete (he's a long jumper in track in addition to his football skills).

*Lindy's Big 12 Football* tabbed CU's secondary as the seventh-best unit in the nation, its special teams as the tops in the Big 12 and listed Crosby No. 10 on its list of 2007 NFL Draft Day talent. The magazine also selected its all-Big 12 team of the last two decades (1986-2005), with CU players nailing down five first-team selections (**WR Michael Westbrook**, **OG Joe Garten**, **DE Alfred Williams**, **CB Deon Figures**, **P Barry Helton**) and seven second-team choices (**TB Rashaan Salaam**, **TE Daniel Graham**, **C Jay Leeuwenburg**, **OG Chris Naeole**, **PK Mason Crosby**, **ILB Matt Russell**, **CB Chris Hudson**); in all, the Buffs had 12 of the 52 players selected, easily the most on the team, followed by Oklahoma (9), Nebraska (8), Texas (7), Baylor (3), Kansas State (3) and Oklahoma State (3) with the other five schools all with one. "The Catch" (CU's 27-26 win at Michigan in 1994) was selected as the most unforgettable moment.

Meanwhile, over on *collegefootballnews.com*, it ranked **Dan Hawkins** as the No. 17 coach nationally on a list of head coaches "you'd want to hire to run your program for the next few years." It stated, "Lots of schools wanted a piece of the Hawk the last couple of years, and the Buffs are thrilled to have caged him. It was only a matter of time before Hawkins out grew Boise, where he took the house Dirk Koetter started building and actually added a few impressive extensions. He's an energetic, no-nonsense type disciplinarian, whose teams are always well-prepared and sound in the fundamentals. Hawkins is well-respected and well-liked by the players and the community, and has an unusually voracious appetite for success." Number one on the list was Pete Carroll.

## 82-3-44

Of the 1,417 rushing yards by the Buffs in 2005, **1,159** were put in the books by players back this fall, or 82 percent; however, returning players accounted for only **93** passing yards (3 percent, all by James Cox). There were **1,218** receiving yards provided by those back in the fold, or 44 percent (and as standard CU policy, the bowl game is not included; if it was, the numbers adjust to **82-7-43** as Cox and Brian White combined for 107 yards against Clemson).

## STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA in 2005 (both include bowl games; will be updated for 2006 once two games into season):

TEAM											
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
9th	97th	RUSHING OFFENSE .....	110.3	3rd	11th	RUSHING DEFENSE .....	100.2	7th	44th	PUNT RETURNS .....	10.4
6th	59th	PASSING OFFENSE .....	222.8	11th	87th	PASSING DEFENSE .....	248.9	8th	83rd	KICKOFF RETURNS .....	19.4
8th	87th	TOTAL OFFENSE .....	333.1	7th	41st	TOTAL DEFENSE .....	349.2	2nd	4th	NET PUNTING .....	39.1
9th	78th	SCORING OFFENSE .....	23.5	7th	45th	SCORING DEFENSE .....	23.6	6th	53rd	TURNOVER MARGIN .....	+0.15
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 In conference)											
Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Evan Judge .....	17th	.....	44.9	Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm
Hugh Charles .....	11th	84th	66.0	Dusty Sprague .....	25th	.....	36.3	Mason Crosby.....	7th	49th	7.5
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Joe Klopfenstein .....	26th	.....	36.0	Lawrence Vickers.....	23rd	.....	5.1
Joel Klatt.....	4th	41st	224.7	Receiving Yards/TE's	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating	Joe Klopfenstein .....	4th	25th	36.0	Mason Crosby.....	4th	t-26th	7.6
Joel Klatt.....	5th	63rd	124.4	All-Purpose Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Hugh Charles .....	13th	.....	85.4	Mason Crosby.....	1st	11th	1.69
Joel Klatt.....	6th	53rd	224.9	Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Hugh Charles .....	19th	.....	66.0	John Torp .....	3rd	5th	45.2	Marcus Burton .....	19th	.....	0.18
Receptions	Big 12	NCAA	No./Gm	Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Passes Defended	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Dusty Sprague .....	23rd	.....	3.4	Stephone Robinson ..	6th	39th	9.9	Lorenzo Sims.....	1st	6th	1.38
Evan Judge .....	25th	.....	3.2	Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Tackles	CU uses coaches video; numbers don't match		
Receiving Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Stephone Robinson ..	9th	.....	17.7				

## CAREER CHART WATCH

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

- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** is tied for 19th in total tackles (263, the sixth most by a defensive back), and is 10th in solo tackles (187).
- ⇒ **TB HUGH CHARLES** is 50th in rushing yards (926).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is tied for first in field goals made (48), second in PAT kicks made (91), second in field goal attempts (62), first in PAT attempts (99), and is second in scoring (first in kick scoring—234 points).
- ⇒ **KR STEPHONE ROBINSON** is 11th in punt return yards (513) and is sixth in punt returns (61).
- ⇒ **CB LORENZO SIMS** is tied for 27th in interceptions (6) and is tied for sixth in pass deflections (29).
- ⇒ **WR DUSTY SPRAGUE** is tied for 22nd in receptions (66) and is 27th in receiving yards (748).
- ⇒ **ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON** is 34th in total tackles (240), and is tied for 21st in solo tackles (147).

**ROAD-SWEET-ROAD: BUFFS EIGHTH BEST IN ENEMY STADIUMS SINCE '88**

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 18 seasons. CU has been victorious 57 of the last 88 times in enemy stadiums and is **57-30-1** overall away from home (a 65.3 winning percentage). That stands eighth nationally (sixth in raw wins) and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. Going back 21 seasons (to 1985), CU is **65-36-1**, a 64.9 winning clip. During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games between 1994 and 1996. The Buffaloes own a **46-22-1** mark in their last 68 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **21-19** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (2-2 in 2005). 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 (1988-2005)**

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	73	20	0	.785
Florida State	65	22	0	.747
Tennessee	60	21	2	.735
Michigan	60	24	3	.707
Nebraska	59	25	3	.695
Ohio State	56	26	2	.679
Notre Dame	55	28	2	.659
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.653</b>
Florida	47	25	1	.651
Alabama	54	29	0	.651
Texas	54	33	0	.621

**12TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989**

Colorado has the nation's 14th best record over the last 17 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **140-65-4** record. From opening 1-0 in '89, through the 10th game of the 2005 season, the Buffs owned one of the top 10 overall records in the nation (**247 consecutive weeks**); that was snapped with a loss to Nebraska late last year. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through games of September 4:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2006
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida State	213	175	37	1	.824	92	65-26-1	1-0
2	Miami, Fla.	206	167	39	0	.811	78	49-29-0	0-1
3	Nebraska	212	169	42	1	.800	61	34-26-1	1-0
4	Tennessee	211	162	46	3	.775	82	47-32-3	1-0
5	Florida	213	162	50	1	.763	95	53-41-1	1-0
6	Michigan	208	156	49	3	.757	91	55-34-2	1-0
7	Ohio State	211	158	50	3	.756	85	46-36-3	1-0
8	Texas	208	145	61	2	.702	72	33-37-2	1-0
9	Virginia Tech	206	142	62	2	.694	55	25-29-1	1-0
10	Penn State	207	143	63	1	.693	77	38-39-0	1-0
11	Notre Dame	207	141	64	2	.686	81	39-40-2	1-0
14	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.679</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>40-45-2</b>	<b>0-1</b>

**THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12**

The Big 12 Conference is now in its 11th season, and the Buffaloes are tied with Oklahoma and Texas in the number of division titles won with four. Just half of the schools in the conference have won a division title. A closer look:

- ➔ **Big 12 Division Titles (including 2005):** Colorado 4, Oklahoma 4, Texas 4, Kansas State 3, Nebraska 3, Texas A&M 2.
- ➔ **Big 12 Championship Game Records:** Oklahoma 3-1, Nebraska 2-1, Texas 2-2, **Colorado 1-3**, Texas A&M 1-1, Kansas State 1-2.

**CU VS. THE BIG 12 NORTH:** Colorado owns the best record in intra-division competition going back to the start of the 2001 season against Big 12 North Division rivals, as the Buffaloes are **20-5** in this time frame. Other records in the same span: Kansas State 16-9, Nebraska 14-11, Iowa State 10-15, Missouri 8-17 and Kansas 7-18. The Buffs are **11-2** at home in this stretch, the only losses to Nebraska (2003 & 2005).

**2006 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS**

North Division (E)											
School (AP/Coaches Rank)	conference-----					overall-----					Next Up
Iowa State (RV/RV).....	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
Iowa State (RV/RV).....	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	45	43	S 9 UNLV
Kansas .....	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	49	18	S 9 LOUISIANA-MONROE
Kansas State.....	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	24	23	S 9 FLORIDA ATLANTIC
Missouri.....	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	47	7	S 9 MISSISSIPPI
Nebraska (#20/#22) .....	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	49	10	S 9 NICHOLLS STATE
<b>COLORADO .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>S 9 Colorado State (Denver)</b>
South Division (E)											
School (AP/Coaches)	conference-----					overall-----					Next Up
Oklahoma (#5/#10) .....	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
Oklahoma (#5/#10) .....	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	24	17	S 9 WASHINGTON
Oklahoma State .....	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	52	10	S 9 at Arkansas State
Texas (#3/#2) .....	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	56	7	S 9 OHIO STATE
Texas A & M (RV/RV) .....	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	35	3	S 9 LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE
Texas Tech (#25/#25) .....	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	35	3	S 9 at Texas-El Paso
Baylor.....	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	7	17	S 9 NORTHWESTERN STATE

**COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2006**

- 63** The length of a Mason Crosby field goal attempt with 1:11 left against Montana State, only the fourth attempt of 60 yards or longer in school history (he has the only make from that distance, 60 yards against Iowa State in 2004).
- 211** Colorado scored in its 211th consecutive game, adding to the sixth longest active streak in the nation.

**COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2005**

- 1** Player rushed for 100-plus yards against Colorado—Clemson freshman James Davis in the Champs Sports Bowl (150; otherwise the high was 66).
- 2** Times Colorado has won back-to-back games in Big 12 Conference play by 20 or more points: in 2002 (53-29 at Kansas, 34-0 versus Baylor, 37-13 versus Texas Tech) and in 2005 (34-0 at Oklahoma State, 41-20 versus Texas A&M).
- 3.9** The Colorado defense limited the opponent to 3.9 yards on first down plays the second half of the season.
- 11-2** The Buffaloes are 11-2 in games decided by seven or fewer points dating back to the 2003 season opener.
- 13** **PK Mason Crosby** made a field goal in all 13 games (17 in a row dating back to 2004).
- 13** The first-team CU defense allowed only 13 touchdowns over a nine-game span (games two through 10).
- +14** Colorado had 23 offensive scores from the 20-yard line on out, compared to just nine by the opponent; that included a 10-5 edge in touchdowns.
- 20-5** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 20-5.
- 44** Senior **QB Joel Klatt** set 44 school records, trailing only **Byron "Whizzer" White's** 51 for the most set in any sport at Colorado.
- 49.7** Opponents started 49.7 percent of their drives (81 of 163) either inside or at the 20-yard line for the season.
- 55** The back-to-back wins over OSU (34-0) and A&M (41-20) totaled 55 points, bettered only by the 58 Colorado defeated both Kansas (53-29) and Baylor (34-0) and then Baylor and Texas Tech (37-13) by in 2002.
- 58** **PK Mason Crosby's** 58-yard field goal at Miami, Fla., is the longest at sea level without a tee in NCAA Division I-A history.
- 1,000** Long-time voice of the Buffaloes, Larry Zimmer, did his 400th CU broadcast in 2005 (at Texas on Oct. 15); by pure chance, it was also the 1,000th of his career counting other colleges and the NFL.

**BIG 12 BOWL TIE-INS ALTERED BEGINNING IN 2006**

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

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

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

Insight (vs. Big 10)

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

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

Independence (vs. SEC)

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

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

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

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

**INSTANT REPLAY SUMMARY**

Instant replay is now the norm in college football. In the first year of the implementation in 2005, Colorado had just 12 plays reviewed (in six total games), with just two being overturned. Here's the roll call of instant replay situations (where play was stopped for further review) for Colorado games in 2006:

Date	Opponent	Team	Play Reviewed	Result	Length	Notes
Sept. 2	Montana State	MSU	Rolovich 9 pass to Jefferson, Wright 23 fumble return	Overturned	2:12	Ruled an incomplete pass, no possession
Sept. 2	Montana State	MSU	Carpenter pass to Groves, stopped short of TD	Upheld	0:41	Player broke plane of EZ, ball did not

**40 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS SEVENTH BEST SINCE '89**

CU's 40 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season rank as the seventh most in the nation in this time frame. Florida State has the most with 65, followed by Michigan (55), Florida (52), Miami, Fla. (49), Tennessee (47), Ohio State (46) and **Colorado (40)**. Notre Dame (39), Penn State (38) and Alabama and Nebraska (34 each) round out the top 10. As for the Big 12, after CU and NU, the next schools on this list are Texas (32), Oklahoma (28), Texas A&M (18) and Texas Tech (17). All-time, Colorado's 63 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history. (*AP polls used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

**"OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS"**

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

- ❑ Colorado is **73-28** in its last **101** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **70-15** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **61-18-1** in its last **80** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **17-10** since 1986 against teams ranked between Nos. 20 and 25 in the AP poll (**8-4** in the last 12);
- ❑ Colorado is **70-13-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**20-6** last 25; **73-49-2** with 50,000-plus);

## HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

**Dan Hawkins** is in his first season as head coach of the Colorado program, his sixth year as a Division I-A head coach, and his 11th season as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **0-1** record at Colorado, along with a **53-12** record in the Division I-A ranks (all at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **92-24-1** including five years at NAIA Willamette (Ore.) College. In his final year at Willamette (1997), his team posted a 13-1 record, falling in the NAIA Championship game, before moving on to Boise State where he was the assistant head coach along with coaching the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting. When Dirk Koetter left BSU for Arizona State after the 2000 season, Hawkins was promoted to head coach. He took the Broncos to four bowl games in five years, with his 2004 team compiling an 11-0 regular season mark and ascending to No. 10 in the national polls; in the most anticipated non-BCS bowl game to date, Boise dropped a thriller to No. 7 Louisville (44-40). In the modern history of Division I-A football, only three coaches won more games in their first five games than Hawkins (53: bested by Bob Pruett, Marshall; Bob Stoops, Oklahoma; and Pete Carroll, USC).

➔ In 10 seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have never been shutout, have never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (and that's happened just three times), and have won at least eight games seven times (10-plus four times). **Hawk's Handiwork:**

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
<b>Hawkins at Colorado .....</b>	<b>0- 1</b>	<b>0- 1</b>	<b>0- 0</b>	<b>0- 0</b>	<b>0- 0</b>	<b>0- 1</b>	<b>0- 1</b>	<b>0- 0</b>	<b>0- 0</b>
<b>Career (NCAA I-A) .....</b>	<b>53-12</b>	<b>31- 3</b>	<b>21- 8</b>	<b>1- 1</b>	<b>2- 5</b>	<b>51- 7</b>	<b>16- 9</b>	<b>1- 0</b>	<b>2- 2</b>

- ♦ **Hawkins** has been a head coach for **117** games (92-24-1), with that record and 79.1 winning percentage tops in the nation for active coaches with 100 or more games coached for their career.
- ♦ **Hawkins** is one of the 63 Division I-A coaches voting in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches poll in 2006 (the sixth straight year he is a voter and the 20th straight year CU's head coach has participated).

## HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST

Dan Hawkins has one of top records among all active Division I-A coaches; in fact, he is sixth entering 2006 and is listed among some of the top names in the profession. A closer look through games of September 4:

<b>Coach, School</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
Pete Carroll, USC .....	55	10	0	.846
Larry Coker, Miami, Fla. ....	53	10	0	.841
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma.....	76	16	0	.826
Urban Meyer, Florida.....	49	11	0	.817
Mark Richt, Georgia.....	53	13	0	.803

<b>Coach, School</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
<b>Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.791</b>
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee .....	129	37	0	.777
Bobby Bowden, Florida State .....	360	107	4	.769
Steve Spurrier, South Carolina.....	150	45	2	.766
Lloyd Carr, Michigan .....	103	33	0	.757

## THE CLASS OF '06

For 2006, 10 programs hired new head coaches, including Colorado. Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" through games of September 4 (\*—denotes first college head coaching job):

<b>Coach, School</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin .....	1	0	1.000
*Chris Peterson, Boise State.....	1	0	1.000
*Ron Prince, Kansas State.....	1	0	1.000
*Turner Gill, Buffalo .....	1	0	1.000
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tenn. St....	1	0	1.000

<b>Coach, School</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
*Al Golden, Temple .....	0	1	.000
*Todd Graham, Rice .....	0	1	.000
Dennis Erickson, Idaho.....	0	1	.000
<b>Dan Hawkins, Colorado .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.000</b>
*Chuck Long, San Diego State.....	0	1	.000

Hawkins is in his first season at CU



## EXPERIENCE

Colorado's 2006 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. Entering 2006, the 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective 76 seasons in Division I-A and have combined to coach in **952** games through the 2005 season (with a record of **613-335-4**, **.646**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 399 years, thus making the average age **39.9**, one of the younger staffs in the nation. Linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** is the elder statesman at 50, followed by secondary coach **Greg Brown** (48); five of the coaches are over 40, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (45), with five under, with offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** the youngest (32). Helfrich is the fifth-youngest offensive coordinator in the Division I-A ranks; the only four who are younger include Major Applewhite, Rice (27), Brian Harsin, Boise State (29), Lane Kiffin, USC (30) and Ramon Flanigan, North Texas (31). A closer look:

### YOUNGEST COORDINATORS (as of September 4, 2006)

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Age</b>
Major Applewhite	Rice	Offensive	July 26, 1978	28	Tyrone Nix	South Carolina	Defensive	Sept. 30, 1972	33
Charlie Jackson	Buffalo	Defensive	Nov. 4, 1976	29	Danny Langsdorf	Oregon State	Offensive	June 28, 1972	34
Raheem Morris	Kansas State	Defensive	Sept. 3, 1976	30	Dan Mullen	Florida	Offensive	April 27, 1972	34
Brian Harsin	Boise State	Offensive	?	30	Patrick Nix	Georgia Tech	Offensive	April 7, 1972	34
Justin Wilcox	Boise State	Defensive	?	30	James Franklin	Kansas State	Offensive	Feb. 2, 1972	34
Lane Kiffin	Southern Cal	Offensive	May 9, 1975	31	Dave Doeren	Wisconsin	Co-Defensive	Dec. 3, 1971	34
Mike Elston	Central Michigan	Co-Defensive	Nov. 1, 1974	31	Dana Holgorsen	Texas Tech	Co-Offensive	June 21, 1971	35
Ramon Flanigan	North Texas	Offensive	Sept. 19, 1974	31	Todd Orlando	Connecticut	Defensive	March 24, 1971	35
Dave Fipp	San Jose State	Co-Defensive	Aug. 8, 1974	32	Rob Ambrose	Connecticut	Offensive	July 30, 1970	36
Manny Diaz	Middle Tennessee	Defensive	March 3, 1974	32	Steed Lobotzke	Wake Forest	Offensive	June 4, 1970	36
<b>Mark Helfrich</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Offensive</b>	<b>Oct. 28, 1973</b>	<b>32</b>	Ricky Logo	Troy	Co-Defensive	May 6, 1970	36
Jeremy Rowell	Troy	Co-Defensive	Nov. 21, 1973	32	Brent Pry	Louisiana-Lafayette	Defensive	April 1, 1970	36
Rod Smith	South Florida	Offensive	Feb. 22, 1973	33	Mike Locksley	Illinois	Offensive	Dec. 25, 1969	36



**COACHES ON GAME DAY**

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

**OLD-TIMER**

Assistant head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. In his 17th season, he is now third all-time in years coached as a full-time member of the staff, as he trails two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both who assisted for 18 years each. A closer look:

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

**THE SIMULATOR**

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

**CAPITAL RETURNS**

CU's success often correlates directly with if it owns a hefty margin in return yards, as was the case in the 2001, 2002 and 2004 seasons—when the Buffs won the Big 12 North. The Buffs had advantages of **854-417** (2001), **803-607** (2002) and **574-499** (2004) in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs. And the Buffs have **37** return touchdowns over the last seven seasons (33 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the seventh most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through games of September 4:

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Bowls	Total	School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Bowls	Total
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	8	3	0	3	55	N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	5	2	0	1	36
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	6	0	2	52	Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	0	0	34
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	2	0	45	Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	7	0	3	33
Texas	2	6	6	6	9	2	7	1	3	42	Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	6	0	2	32
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	3	0	1	41	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	0	0	32
Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	0	0	38	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	3	0	1	32
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>37</b>	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	3	0	0	3	31
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	4	0	3	37	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	3	0	1	26
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	6	0	2	36											

**2005 LEADERS (includes bowls):** Boise State 8, Fresno State 7, Texas 7, UCLA 7, Virginia Tech 7, four tied with 6.

**SENIOR ANALYSIS**

Colorado has 24 seniors on its 2006 roster, 17 of which are starters or practically co-starters in the rotation or on special teams: **SS J.J. Billingsley**, **QB James Cox**, **TE Paul Creighton**, **PK Mason Crosby**, **OG Brian Daniels**, **C Mark Fenton**, **TE Dan Goettsch**, **TB Mell Holliday**, **WR Nick Holz** (holder), **DE Alex Ligon**, **WR Blake Mackey**, **CB Lorenzo Sims**, **OG Jack Tipton**, **DE Walter Boye-Doe**, **CB Terry Washington**, **ILB Thaddeus Washington** and **DE Abraham Wright**. Most of the others have some kind of role, and the last, **S Dominique Brooks**, is recovering from knee surgery and quite possibly will redshirt this fall.

**GRADUATION STAT(U)S**

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

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

**MASON CROSBY 2005 CONSENSUS FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN, RUNNER-UP FOR LOU GROZA AWARD**

**PK Mason Crosby** was the consensus **All-American** placekicker 2005, as the *Associated Press*, FWA, *The Sporting News* and Walter Camp afforded him the honor. He finished as the runner-up for the **Lou Groza Award**, losing out to Oregon State's Alexis Serna by just six points (out of 175-plus ballots). He made his debut as a freshman in 2003, but really burst on the scene in 2004 with an assault on the school's field goal records, the crown jewel being a school and Folsom Field record **60-yard** kick against Iowa State. He then opened his junior season in grand style on his 21st birthday (Sept. 3), scoring 11 points (3-3 FG, 2-2 PAT) in the 31-28 win over Colorado State. Those included a 48-yard field goal to tie the score at 21-21 with 2:32 left, and a game-winning 47-yard boot with 0:04 on the clock. A first-team all-Big12 performer in both 2004 and 2005, he is CU's first-ever first-team All-American at placekicker as he has continued to rewrite the CU record book.

His first entry in the books in **2005** was when he set the record for consecutive field goals made, and tied the school mark for the longest field goal on the road with a 58-yard field goal at Miami, the longest kick without a tee at sea level in NCAA history. Feel free to proceed if you want to be impressed:

- ➔ He set four school records in 2004, to go with his record for points by a freshman (52) he established in 2003. He added four more in 2005, and has positioned himself nicely for many career marks, as he added three alone in the season opener against Montana State.
- ➔ He established the school consecutive field goal made streak with 10, dating back to the final three games of 2004 before a 55-yard try went wide left on him in the New Mexico State game. The old mark had been nine (*reminder: he was 4-of-6 in the 2004 Houston Bowl 2004, but CU does not count bowl stats into its records as they are separated out*).
- ➔ The **60-yarder** against Iowa State in 2004 was the longest in the NCAA last year as well as the longest in Division I-A since 1999. It was just the 10th field goal of 60 yards or more in the NCAA since 1988, when tees were no longer allowed; no kicker has made two.
- ➔ His **58-yard** field goal at Miami not only preserved CU's scoring streak at 200 games, it is the longest field goal in NCAA history at sea level without the use of a kicking tee (*see chart on next page*). That kick is also tied for the longest in the NCAA in 2005.
- ➔ He had five field goals of 50 yards or longer as a sophomore in 2004, which was not only a CU single season record (several had two), it set a career mark as the old best had been three, by both Dave DeLine and Jim Harper. Including the Houston Bowl, when he had a 54-yarder, he had six 50-plus for the year which led the nation, topping Ohio State's Mike Nugent, the Groza Award winner (the NCAA record is eight).
- ➔ He has five 50-plus yard kicks again in 2005, again tops in the nation, with four coming *on the road* (58 at Miami; 52 and 50 at Kansas State; 57 at Iowa State).
- ➔ He was **19-of-23** in 2004 in FGs, with the 19 makes covering 725 yards, an average of **38.2** yards per kick (his four misses: **46.3**).
- ➔ He was **21-of-28** in 2005 in FGs, with the 21 makes covering 865 yards, an average of **41.2** yards per kick (his seven misses: **44.1**).
- ➔ He is **47-of-60** in field goals in his career (51-of-66 including bowls), **23-of-25** inside 40 yards and a most respectable **24-of-35** from 41 yards or longer in the regular season. He is second in career field goals made and tied for first in kick scoring (**231 points**).
- ➔ He has made four field goals in a game three times (Iowa State, Nebraska and UTEP in the Houston Bowl, all in 2004).
- ➔ He made four of the 10 longest field goals in the NCAA in 2004 (60, 55, 54, 54), including the only one longer than 50 yards in bowls; his 55-yard kick against CSU in the opener was CU's first from 50-plus yards in 11 seasons. He has three of the six longest in the NCAA in 2005.
- ➔ The average field position for the opponent after his kickoffs the **22**, as **110** of his **157** career kicks have gone for touchbacks; 12 of the 45 returned against him have not been brought back beyond the 20; only nine have gone beyond the 30 and just one none beyond the 40 and 50 (on his 156th career kickoff).
- ➔ Perhaps his best kick ever was also in the 2004 Iowa State game--an **87-yard** kickoff for a touchback after he had to boot it from the 20-yard line following a penalty. *"I didn't even expect that. I was just trying to get it up in the air to give the coverage team time to get down there,"* Crosby said.
- ➔ He has been selected the **Big 12 Conference's** Special Teams Player-of-the-Week **seven** times in his career (CSU, Miami, Kansas State and Missouri this year; for Iowa State and Nebraska in 2004; and for KU in 2003). That puts Crosby in select company: the seven is tied for the most in a career with two other players in Big 12 history: **RB Ricky Williams** (Texas, 1996-98) and **QB Eric Crouch** (NU, 1998-2001). Williams was recognized five times in 1998 (Heisman season); Crosby ('05) and Texas Tech **QB Kliff Kingsbury** ('02) are the only others to be honored at least four times in a season.
- ➔ The **Lou Groza Award Committee** has named him one of its three "Stars of the Week" on four occasions (Iowa State in '04; CSU, Miami and K-State in '05).
- ➔ **ACTIVE NCAA KICKING RANKINGS** (*includes his Houston and Champs Sports bowl stats, which CU does not include*): **Field Goals Made** (t-2nd/53); **FG Made/Game** (t-2nd/1.4); **FG Accuracy** (10th/76.8); **Scoring** (4th/254 points).
- ➔ **Late Game Heroics.** Crosby has made a name for himself in the clutch, as he is **12-of-14** in the fourth quarter, including 10-of-11 in the final 8½ minutes with eight kicks of 41 yards or longer and seven of them with the score of the game within six points; his only miss was a 63-yard try against Montana State as CU tried to rally in the waning minutes; it fell just short. A closer look:

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

**TAKE THIS ALTITUDE ARGUMENT AND SHOVE IT**

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

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

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

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

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

**Other college under 200 feet:**

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

**TOP FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN COLORADO HISTORY**

(29 overall, top 13 listed through 2005)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
60	<b>Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004</b>
58	<b>Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, September 24, 2005</b>
58	Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, October 24, 1981
57	Dave DeLine vs. Nebraska in Boulder, October 25, 1986
57	<b>Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State at Ames, November 12, 2005</b>
56	<b>Mason Crosby vs. Missouri in Boulder, November 5, 2005</b>
55	Fred Lima vs. California in Boulder, September 9, 1972

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

\*Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Career: **Mason Crosby 10**; Dave DeLine 3, Jim Harper 3, Mitch Berger 2, Pat Blottiaux 2, Tom Field 2, Fred Lima 2.

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

**50-YARD PLUS FIELD GOALS IN NCAA DIVISION I-A IN 2006 (3)**

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
53	Jason Ricks, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri State in Manhattan, September 2
52	John Vaughn, Auburn vs. Washington State in Manhattan, September 2
52	Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State vs. Illinois State in Manhattan, September 2

NOTE: Mason Crosby has the longest FGA attempt in the NCAA this season (63 vs. MSU).

Most 50-Yard Field Goals By Kicker: Three tied with 1.

**CROSBY CAREER STATS**

KICKOFFS												SCORING/FIELD GOALS											
Season	Total	Ret.	FC	MF	NA	TB	In20	EZ+	OB	O/Sq	Opp. OSY	ASY	PAT	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	FG-FGA	Pct.	Long	PTS
2003	37	10	0	0	0	26	2	17	1	(1)	847	023	31-37	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	7- 9	77.8	44	52
2004	59	17	1	0	0	41	6	26	0	(1)	1215	021	28-30	1-1	5-5	5-5	3-5	4-6	1-1	19-23	82.6	60	85
2005	61	18	0	0	0	43	4	33	0	(3)	1357	022	31-31	0-0	3-4	5-6	8-11	5-7	0-0	21-28	75.0	58	94
2006	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	(0)	63	021	1- 1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1- 2	50.0	24	4
TOTALS	160	46	1	0	0	112	12	76	1	(5)	3482	022	91-99	1-1	13-14	10-11	14-20	9-14	1-2	48-61	78.7	60	235

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

**COLORADO ALL-TIME SCORING LEADERS (all 200-point scorers)**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	TD	2Pt	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	PTS
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90)	42	1-1	0-0	0-0	254
2	<b>Mason Crosby (2003-05)</b>	0	0-0	91-99	48-62	235
3	Jeremy Aldrich (1996-99)	0	0-0	87-95	48-64	231
4	Bobby Anderson (1967-69)	35	1-2	0-0	0-0	212
5	Chris Brown (2001-02)	34	0-0	0-0	0-0	204

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

**COACHES CORNER / WITH DAN HAWKINS**

Comments from Colorado head coach Dan Hawkins following the 19-10 loss to Montana State:

**General:** *"We got outplayed, we got out coached and we've got to give a lot of credit to Montana State. They came in and they played better than we did and it showed. If you can't understand how to deal with losing, you'll never know how it is to win. It's only devastating if you let it be that way. We understand that most people here will jump on our loss, but we all find out about ourselves when we're losing, and in some respect it might be a blessing. We've got to work a little bit harder and come together a little bit more. It's only devastating if you let it be devastating."*

**On Team Youth:** *"Those guys are obviously learning, and in the situation and where we're at, and I've said it before, we find out where we're at, at this point. Everybody wants to win and we also know that sometimes you lose. When you're a young team, you're sometimes looking for answers, and sometimes will rely on other instances to spark us and get us going. And when we don't have enough of those with our team, it can be kind of difficult. We just don't have those established guys."*

**On Moving On:** *"We need to take this to heart and come out and solve those issues. For us it's a multiplier. These guys have not gone through a loss with us before and they need to come out and understand how to handle it. Come out tomorrow, work hard, and get better. We need to learn from this and then bury it. That's how we do it."*

**On Momentum:** *"It was hard to get momentum when we needed it. We had a few position issues. Whether it was a throw, or a run or the defense failing to come up with a big stop or a kickoff return. It's interesting when you go back and look at those critical moments in a game, you know maybe the one that doesn't get called back sparks the big run to the touchdown. There are little things that you have to capitalize on and our guys need to continue learning that and get better and move on."*

**On James Cox's Production:** *"When you come out and you're not exactly productive it's not exactly like you're moving backwards, we need to go back and look at guy's routes and protections and other issues. Clearly you'd love your quarterback to be more productive, at some point he's got a little bit of a learning curve too. He'll have to come back and look at it. To some degree the nature of the quarterback is to throw."*

**PLAYER QUOTES**

Some select player comments after the Buffs' 19-10 loss to Montana State:

**QB JAMES COX**

**GENERAL**—"We went out there and had a lot of plays but our protection broke down. I threw a bad ball and a couple of guys dropped bad balls. It was just one thing after another every drive. But we will work on it and get the team's chemistry back. It was a tough day, a tough situation both offensively and defensively. We just need to keep our heads up, watch the film and take the positives and come back next week ready to go and make good plays."

**ON WHAT CU NEEDS TO WORK ON**—"We just didn't finish, it's definitely something we've got to fix. We need to work on finishing better, and we've got to find positives and build off those."

**ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON**

**ON LOOKING AHEAD**—"I think this is a new start for us, not necessarily a bad start. It will be just as successful to overcome this obstacle and we will keep going on and looking ahead. This is now in the past and we have to keep looking forward to the future. You have to go on and flush it; all of our goals are still in sight and we just have to go after them."

**SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION**

A running list of major notes and/or accomplishments from the postgame notes of all games in 2005:

**Montana State**

- ◆ **QUICKLY.** The 19-10 loss snapped a 3-game winning streak in season openers for the Buffaloes... Colorado scored in its **211th** consecutive game this afternoon, adding to the 13th longest streak of all-time (sixth longest active streak)... Tickets distributed for the game were **45,513**, though CU officials estimated around 2,500-3,000 no shows, likely due to the weather... CU has opened 0-2 only two times in its history (117 seasons), last doing so in 2000 and 1986... the 216 yards of total offense were the fewest in a season opener since 1979, when the Buffs had 211 in Chuck Fairbanks' first game at Colorado... the 288 allowed by CU was the fewest since 2001 (Fresno State had 287), the 11th time the last 20 the opponent has failed to reach 300.
- ◆ **Inaugural Jinx.** For whatever reason, CU has now dropped the first game in a new coaches' tenure for the 12th time in the last 13 debuts (dating back to 1935). Small consolation is that two of the most revered coaches in CU history, Eddie Crowder and Bill McCartney, did the same (ironically with rain the day before and of the game, the only two instances of bad weather for a CU coaching debut prior to today).
- ◆ **Series Stuff.** Montana State has now won three straight in the series to take a 3-1 lead, though the two last met in 1927 when Babe Ruth slugged 60 home runs on hot dogs and beer as opposed to needles and pills.
- ◆ **First Play of the Year.** The 42-yard pass from **James Cox** to **Patrick Williams** was the longest first offensive play of the season in Colorado history. The old best was a 31-yard pass from Kordell Stewart to Erik Mitchell against Colorado State in Boulder in the 1992 opener. The 42 yards almost equaled the total of the 13 season opening plays since (50 yards total); the only other one over 20 yards came in 1984 (a Steve Vogel pass to Loy Alexander for 21 yards against Michigan State). —The play decimated the previous best **first offensive play under a new head coach**, the last eight of which totaled all of 13 yards, the longest being a 4-yard pass from Koy Detmer to Matt Lepsis at Wisconsin in Rick Neuheisel's first game in 1995; defensively, CU forced the third incompleteness in the last four coach openers on that side of the ball.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby (1-2 FG: 24, 63s; 1-1 PAT; 4 points).** He became CU's all-time leading kick scorer in today's game, as he entered the contest tied with Jeremy Aldrich with 231 points; with 235 points, he is now second all-time in overall scoring, trailing only Eric Bieniemy, who scored 254 points between 1987-90. He tied Aldrich for the most field goals in a CU career with 48; the 63-yard attempt in the fourth quarter was also a school record for the longest field goal attempt in school history, besting two previous 62-yard tries: Fred Lima vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater (Sept. 30, 1972) and Ken Culbertson vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1988.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTES—The loss ended a run of 20 season openers CU had won when scoring first... Crosby also tied Jeremy Aldrich for the most field goals made in a CU career with 48; he had broke the tie with Aldrich to assume all-time kick scorer status... MSU held CU to just 48 yards on 22 plays once the Buffs crossed the 50... Cox hit Patrick Williams with a 42-yard pass on CU's first offensive play of the game, the longest first play of the year in school history... MSU's 288 yards on offense marked the 11th time in 20 years the opponent failed to reach 300 in the season opener against Colorado.

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

COLORADO — Crosby 24 FG	3- 0	10:39	1Q
Montana State — Hastings 35 FG	3- 3	5:58	1Q
Montana State — Hastings 44 FG	3- 6	14:08	2Q
COLORADO — Cox 1 run (Crosby kick)	10- 6	9:20	2Q

Montana State — Jefferson 10 pass from Carpenter (Hastings kick)	10-13	10:36	3Q
Montana State — Hastings 19 FG	10-16	5:12	4Q
Montana State — Hastings 41 FG	10-19	2:58	4Q

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

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

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Colorado:** Holliday 12-50, Charles 5-35, Ellis 4-12, Williams 1-7, Robinson 1-6, Jackson 1-5, Cox 8-minus 9. **Montana State:** Groves 23-58, Jefferson 2-17, Carpenter 6-minus 26, Team 4-minus 9.

**Passing—Colorado:** Cox 22-8-0, 110, 0 td. **Montana State:** Carpenter 31-23-0, 229, 1 td; Rolovich 4-1-0, 9, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Williams 2-51, Ellis 2-13, Geer 1-24, Charles 1-14, Barnett 1-6, Sprague 1-2. **Montana St:** Jefferson 10-87, Wheaton 4-44, Groves 4-9, Lewis 3-65, Bostick 2-22, Toliver 1-11.

**Punting—Colorado:** Crosby 1-43.0 (0 In20), DiLallo 2-40.5 (41 long, 1 In20), Garden 4-34.8 (41 long, 1 In20). **Montana State:** Rolovich 3-35.0 (47 long, 0 In20), Force 1-32.0.

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

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

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

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Th.Washington 5,4—9; Billingsley 6,2—8; Dizon 3,5—8; Walters 5,2—7; Nicolas 5,1—6; Burney 3,3—6; B.Jones 2,3—5; Wright 2,3—5; Te.Washington 4,0—4. **MSU:** Daly 8,2—10; Fuller 5,1—6; Austin 4,2—6; LeBlanc 3,3—6; Lowe 3,3—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Wright 1-5, Dizon ½-6, Boye-Doe ½-5, Th.Washington ½-3, Wheatley ½-3. **Montana State:** Daly 1-11, Lowe 1-9.

**RECORD WATCH**

The list of records that have been set to date in 2006; **PK Mason Crosby** had the first official entry when he became the school's all-time leading kick scorer with a 24-yard field goal against Montana State. Crosby is in position to set numerous records, school, conference and possibly NCAA. Crosby already owns or shares 14 records early in his senior year and has several more just ahead of him. *NOTE: A reminder that when it comes to records, CU did not adopt the NCAA 2002 policy of adding bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.*

**INDIVIDUAL**

**Longest Field Goal Attempt—** 63, Mason Crosby vs. Montana State in Boulder, Sept. 2, 2006

**RECORD**

*Old Record: 62, Fred Lima vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Sept. 30, 1972 and Ken Culbertson vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1988.*

**TEAM**

**Points Scored In Consecutive Games—** 211, November 19, 1998 to current.

**RECORD****COLORADO RECORDS WITHIN REACH****INDIVIDUAL**

**Most Points Scored, Career—** 235, Mason Crosby, 2003-05

**NEEDS 20**

*Record: 254, Eric Bieniemy, 1987-90.*

**Most Points Scored By Kicking, Career—** 235, Mason Crosby, 2003-05

**RECORD**

*Old Record: 231, Jeremy Aldrich, 1995-98.*

**Most Field Goals Made, Career—** 48, Mason Crosby, 2003-05

**TIED RECORD**

*Record: 48, Jeremy Aldrich, 1995-98.*

**Most Field Goals Attempted, Career—** 62, Mason Crosby, 2003-05

**NEEDS 3**

*Record: 64, Jeremy Aldrich, 1995-98.*

**Most Extra Points Made, Career—** 91, Mason Crosby, 2003-05

**NEEDS 5**

*Record: 95, Neil Voskeritchian, 1994-95.*

COLORADO RECORDS CROSBY SET PRIOR TO 2006 *(Updated where applicable)*

<b>Most Extra Points Attempted, Career</b> — 99, Mason Crosby, 2003-05	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Consecutive Field Goals Made</b> — 10, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Sept. 10, 2005 (five games)	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Consecutive Game Kicking A Field Goal</b> — 11, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Oct. 15, 2005 (last five games in 2004, first six in 2005).	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Field Goals Made, Season</b> — 21, Mason Crosby, 2005	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Longest Field Goal Made, Road</b> — 58, Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005.	<b>TIED RECORD</b>
<b>Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Game</b> — 2, Mason Crosby vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005, and vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Oct. 16, 2004	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Season</b> — 5, Mason Crosby, 2004 and 2005.	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Career</b> —10, Mason Crosby, 2003-05.	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Game (min. 3 made)</b> — 48.0, Mason Crosby vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005 (52, 42, 50)	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Season (min. 10 made)</b> — 41.2, Mason Crosby (21 field goals, 865 yards)	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Career (min. 10 made/season)</b> — 38.6, Mason Crosby (47 field goals, 1815 yards)	<b>RECORD</b>
<b>Most Kickoffs Through End Zone, Season</b> — 33, Mason Crosby <i>(matched record set by Mitch Berger, 1992)</i>	<b>TIED RECORD</b>

**Note:** The NCAA record for 50-yard plus field goals made in a season is 8, and for a career is 20 (Crosby has 10 regular season and 1 postseason for 11 total).

## THE BUFFS AGAINST THE BEST

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

<b>Games</b>	<b>All-Time Record</b>	<b>1989-05 Record</b>	<b>Dan Hawkins Record</b>	<b>Coach With The Most Wins</b>
versus Top 5.....	11-48-2	7-16-1	0-0	5 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	24-82-3	13-27-2	0-0	8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	36-99-3	19-32-2	0-0	10 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	66-126-3	40-45-2	0-0	20 / Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 10-year old league owns a **28-59** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own eight of those wins. CU is **8-9** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 8-4, Texas 4-5, Kansas State 2-3, Oklahoma 2-1, Baylor 1-3, Iowa State 1-7, Kansas 0-2, Oklahoma State 0-4, Missouri 0-5, Texas Tech 1-7 and Texas A&M 0-9. CU has played 17 of the 87 games, with Nebraska next with 12 (no one else has played 10).

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 36-5, Kansas State 34-5, Oklahoma State 27-7, Texas 30-9, Oklahoma 28-10, Kansas 23-10, Iowa State 25-11, Texas A&M 26-12, Texas Tech 27-13, Missouri 24-11, **Colorado 23-16** and Baylor 19-13 (remember traditionally CU plays one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

**TRENDS**

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **168-84-4**, the 16th best record nationally in this span). In these 256 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	100-16-2	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	82-13-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	50- 5-0	♦ when leading at halftime ( <i>121-13-2 in last 136</i> )	137-15-2
♦ when leading in time of possession	109-21-3	♦ when leading after three quarters ( <i>137-10-3 in last 150</i> )	141-12-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	103-27-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	136-17-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	65- 7-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	165-50-4
♦ when punting three or fewer times	60-11-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-34-0
♦ when scoring first	108-22-1	♦ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	12- 0-0
♦ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>30-7-2 with zero</i> )	121-38-2	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	70-57-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	100-15-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	91-14-2
♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	85- 8-1		

**TRENDS II**

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 12th best overall record at **140-65-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (209 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	77-23-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	73- 4-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense ( <i>45-5 with 500-plus</i> )	86-16-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	50- 1-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	92- 5-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time ( <i>52-45-1 when not</i> )	88-19-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	31- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	90-24-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	74-33-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	51- 6-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards ( <i>10-0-1 400-plus</i> )	25-11-1
➤ when scoring first ( <i>75-13-1 the last 89 times</i> )	86-16-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	70-57-2
➤ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>24-7-2 with zero</i> )	103-32-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	73-13-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	76- 8-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	111-18-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	69- 8-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	11- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	61- 8-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent ( <i>74-5 the last 79</i> )	113- 7-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ ( <i>23-2 40+</i> )	100-26-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	105-23-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	117-19-2		

**TRENDS III**

Some trends of new Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **65** games including bowls (**53-12**); the Broncos were 53-11 under his guidance in five seasons:

Category	At CU	Overall	Category	At CU	Overall
➤ when scoring 20 or more points ( <i>0-6 when not</i> )	0- 0	53- 6	➤ when leading after three ( <i>6-10 trailing ,2-0 tied</i> )	0- 0	45- 1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	0- 0	47- 2	➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	0- 1	32- 3
➤ when scoring 40 or more points	0- 0	35- 2	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense	0- 1	24- 1
➤ when scoring 50 or more points	0- 0	19- 0	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	0- 0	32- 0
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	0- 0	29- 0	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards ( <i>6-0 300-plus</i> )	0- 0	22- 0
➤ in games decided by 7 points or less	0- 0	10- 5	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	0- 0	18- 1
➤ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>7-0 with zero</i> )	0- 1	38- 9	➤ with a 100-yard rusher	0- 0	27- 0
➤ when turnover margin was plus or even	0- 0	39- 7	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	0- 0	25- 0
➤ when scoring first ( <i>17-8 when not</i> )	0- 1	36- 4	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense ( <i>40-0 last 40</i> )	0- 0	44- 2
➤ when leading at halftime	0- 1	43- 4	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense ( <i>5-0 with 600-plus</i> )	0- 0	23- 1
➤ when trailing at halftime ( <i>4-0 when tied</i> )		6- 8			

**TURNOVERS ARE COSTLY**

**Dan Hawkins** falls in line with most, if not all, head coaches when it comes to turnovers, and that they are one of the single most important factors in winning or losing ball games. He has penalties and rewards daily in the practice dependent on the number of turnovers committed or forced. Gary Barnett drilled home to his teams the importance of taking care of the football. Statistics back up the argument, as the below will show that it is definitely better to take than to give over the last 17 seasons, in which CU owns the nation's 14th best overall record:

	Turnovers Committed	Turnovers Forced	+/-	Scoring Off Turnovers		+/-
				PF	PA	
140 WINS	235	358	+123	1,198	456	+742
65 LOSSES (& 4 TIES)	178	111	- 67	262	585	-323
17-SEASON TOTAL (208 Games)	413	469	+56	1,460	1,041	+419

# EIGHT QUICK QUESTIONS

We polled the veterans last spring on eight quick questions; here's what they told us:

Student-Athlete	What is your cell phone ring tone?	Players in a foursome (1, 2 or 3)	Favorite TV show growing up	Favorite snack	Song you like nobody knows about	What was your first concert?	Who would you like to be for a day?	Iraq: Get out or finish the mission?
Justin Adams	Ballin' On a Budget	Kyle Frey Dion Rabouin Michael Askew	Cosby Show	Oatmeal Cookies	<i>Day Off</i> - Canton Jones	Boyz II Men	George Bush's Advisor Advisor	Complete Mission #
Paul Backowski	Sweet Home Alabama	Tiger Woods Phil Mickelson Jesus	Full House	Twix	<i>Jungle Love</i> - Steve Miller		President	Complete Mission
Alvin Barnett	It's Goin' Down Yung Joc		The PJ's	Fruit	<i>In The Sky</i> - T.I.	Nelly	Myself	Get Out
Alonzo Barrett	In The Club	Brother Chris Rock Mike Epps	Good Times	Fried Okra	Sweet Home Alabama	Outkast	Jay-Z	Get Out
Jake Behrens	Standard		Fresh Prince of Bellaire	Chips & Salsa		311	President	Complete Mission
J.J. Billingsley	Claremont Lounge	Pringles Man Tiger Woods Dr. Pepper		Fruit Snacks		Bone Thugs	My Daughter	
Walter Boye-Doe			Different Strokes	Fruit Snacks				Get Out
Dominique Brooks	What You Know About That	Michael Jordan J-Lo Lil' Wayne	Family Matters	Sour Skittles	<i>This Love</i> - Maroon 5	Vanilla Ice	Kobe Bryant	Get Out
R.J. Brown	Ashes - Pepper	John Morris Kainea Higgins Jeremy Kort	Simpson's	Reesen's	<i>Mr. Sun Cho Lee</i> - Pure Heat	Pepper	President	Complete Mission
Benjamin Burney	Swing Low Sweet Chariot	Brother Megan Good Spike Lee	Thundercats	Fruit Rollups	<i>Come Away With Me</i> - Norah Jones	Earth, Wind, & Fire	God	Get Out
Marcus Burton	Bell Ring	Michael Jordan Ray Lewis Lawrence Taylor	WWE	Oranges	<i>Love</i> - Musiq	Musiq & Soul Child	Coach Hawk	Get Out
Maurice Cantrell	Poppin' My Collar	Michael Jordan Ray Lewis MLK, Jr.	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Chocolate		Krunktoberfest	Malcolm X	Complete Mission
Hugh Charles	Vibrate	Colt Michael Jordan Tiger Woods	Family Matters	Cheese-Its	<i>Turn Off the Lights</i> - Teddy Pendagrath	David Allen Co.	Omar Epps	Get Out
James Cox	Stay Fly	Anna Kournikova Hugh Hefner Jesus	Fresh Prince	Cookies	<i>Don't Take the Girl</i> - Tim McGraw	Slightly Stupid	Kobe Bryant	Get Out
Cody Crawford	My Hood	Michael Jordan Lawrence Taylor Troy Polamalu	Sports Center	Donuts			Bill Gates	Complete Mission
Paul Creighton	Regular Ring	Michael Jordan John Elway George Bush	Saved by the Bell	Twinkies	<i>Sail Away</i> - STYX	Foo Fighters	Bill Gates	Complete Mission
Mason Crosby	God Bless America	Tiger Woods Charles Barkley Michael Jordan	Seinfeld	Gushers	<i>Where Is Your Heart</i> - Kelly Clarkson	Ninja Turtles Live	Tiger Woods	Complete Mission
Chad Cusworth	Highway to Hell	J-Tip Paul Creighton Joe Klopfenstein	Dinosaurs	Ice Cream Shakes	<i>I Can't Dance</i> - Phil Collins	Metallica	No One	Complete Mission
Brain Daniels	Ring, Ring	Bill Romanowski George Bush Dick Buttkus	Roadrunner	Queso	<i>Stairway to Heaven</i> - Pink Floyd	Eagles	Bill Gates	Complete Mission
Patrick Devenny	King Without a Crown	Tiger Woods Phil Mickelson Vince Vaughn	Ninja Turtles	In-N-Out		Dave Matthews	Ben Harper	
Tyson DeVree	What Came with the Phone	Tiger Woods Phil Mickelson John Daly	American Gladiator	Ice Cream	<i>Margaretville</i> - Jimmy Buffet	Brooks & Dunn	Roger Clemens	Complete Mission
Matt DiLallo	Quote from Tommy Boy	Jim Carrey My Dad Mike Wilkinson	Power Rangers	Teddy Grahams	<i>Just to be Closer to You</i> - Lionel Richie	Aerosmith	The Pope	Get Out
Jordan Dizon	People Get Ready	Tiger Woods Phil. Mickelson Davis Love III	Fresh Prince of Bellaire	Pizza			Tiger Woods	Complete Mission
Kevin Eberhart	Loud		Myth Busters	Pudding		Goo Goo Dolls		Complete Mission
Byron Ellis	DJ Play a Love Song	Matt Frank David	Family Matters	Macaroni & Cheese	<i>Without You</i> - Mary J. Blige		Usher	Get Out



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Student-Athlete	What is your cell phone ring tone?	Players in a foursome (1, 2 or 3)	Favorite TV show growing up	Favorite snack	Song you like nobody knows about	What was your first concert?	Who would you like to be for a day?	Iraq: Get out or finish the mission?
Mark Fenton	Office Ring	Mike Epps Dr. Dre Martin Lawrence	Martin	Lunch	<i>Boulevard of Broken Dreams</i> – Green Day	Snoop Dogg	President	Get Out
Reggie Foster	Dre Day	Halle Berry Lisa Raye Beyonce	Martin	PB&J	<i>Waiting for the Moment</i> – Bootsy Collins	Earth, Wind & Fire	Snoop Dogg	
Isaac Garden	Vibrate	Aaron Garder Mom My Dad	Wayan's Brothers	Taco Bell	<i>Since You've Been Gone</i> – Kelly Clarkson	Warped Tour	King of Morocco	Complete Mission
Riar Geer	Re-Align	Tiger Woods Phil Mickelson Dad	South Park	Cookies	The Temptations	Static-X & American Headcharge	Bill Gates	Complete Mission
Dan Goettsch	Hockey Hair	Tiger Woods Phil Mickelson Michael Jordan	Double Dare	Cereal	<i>Soul Survivor</i> – Young Jazzy	George Strait	Walker: Texas Ranger	Get Out
Tom Grubin	Slow Motion	Tiger Woods Arnold Palmer Bob Barker	Seinfeld	Snickers	<i>In the Summertime</i> – Mungo Jerry	Pat Green	Bill Gates	Complete Mission
Lionel Harris	Lean Wit It, Rock Wit It	Michael Jordan Bernard Dominique Wilkins	Martin	Cookies	<i>Don't Take the Girl</i>		Trump	Complete Mission
Edwin Harrison	Normal Ring	Jeff Edward Puff Daddy	Martin	Everything	<i>Use Me</i> – Bill Withers	Cash Money & Rough Riders	Russell Simmons	Get Out
Jeremy Hauck	Just What I Needed	Jon Arbezni Matt Bronan Carmen Electra	Simpson's	Pizza	<i>Hot Blooded</i> – Foreigner	Jimmy Buffet	Jimmy Buffet	Get Out
Devin Head	I Did My Time	Jimmy Buffet Toby Keith Tom Head	Simpson's	Snack Pack Pudding	<i>Standing Outside the Fire</i> – Garth Brooks	Journey/ Foreigner	John Belushi	Complete Mission
Mell Holliday	Come Get This Money	Stacey Dash Halle Berry Christina Milian	Family Matters	Strawberry Shortcake	<i>Kiss</i> – Prince	Never Have	Bill Gates	Get Out
Nick Holz	Basic One	Fred Couples Cal Ripken Jr. Bill Walsh	Saved By The Bell	Parmesan Goldfish	<i>Private Eyes</i> – Hall and Oates	Pat Green	Air Force Pilot	Complete Mission
George Hypolite	Go Crazy	Alicia Keys Eva Mendez Naomi Campbell	Ninja Turtles	Candy	<i>Complicated</i> – Avril LaVigne	M.C. Hammer	President	Get Out
Bernard Jackson						50 Cent		
Samson Jagoras	Stay Fly		Punky Brewster		Cemetery Gates	MxPx		Complete Mission
Brad Jones	The Humpty Dance	Hoops Lisa Ray Beyonce	Family Matters	Cup-A-Noodles		Earth, Wind & Fire	Aqua Man	
Marcus Jones	Big Poppa	Donald Trump Bill Gates Ed McMahon	Martin	Ice Cream		Never Been	Governor of Colorado	Get Out
Reggie Joseph	Lil' Wayne		Martin, Fresh Prince	Ice Cream	<i>Waiting in Vain</i> – Bob Marley	M.C. Hammer	Deion Sanders	Get Out
Mike Kachmer	Sevendust	Adam Sandler Dane Cook Butters	Wonder Years	Orange Chicken	<i>Cum on Feel the Noize</i> – Quiet Riot	Sum 41	Tony Jaa from Ong Bak	What Mission?
Taj Kaynor	Fireman	Eva Mendez DMX Eva Longoria	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Taquitos	<i>So Hard to Say Goodbye</i> – Boys II Men	LL Cool J	Will Smith	Complete Mission
Alexander Ligon	Laguna Beach Theme	Mike Jackson Mike Tyson George Bush	All My Children	Pizza	<i>Like a Virgin</i> – Madonna	50 Cent	Oprah	Get Out
Maurice Lucas	Normal	Jaczek Diddy Britney Spears	Dragon-Ball Z	Twinkies	Scat Man			Get Out
Blake Mackey	Players Ball – Outkast	Beyonce Janet Jackson Tyra Banks	Wayan's Brothers	Kit Kat	<i>Don't Tell My Heart</i> – Billy Ray Cyrus	Summer Jam		Complete Mission
Bryce MacMartin	Regular	Steve Young Bill Clinton Barry Bonds	Simpson's	Queso	<i>Weather Report</i> – Birtland	Beastie Boys	Mason Crosby	Get Out
Chase McBride	It's usually on vibrate	John Elway Reggie Miller Jesus	Friends, SportsCenter	Chips		DMX	Jesus, Carmelo Anthony	Complete Mission
Gardner McKay	Spit Yo Game	Halle Berry Alicia Keys Beyonce	Jamie Foxx	Honey Buns	<i>Song Cry</i>	Never Been	Bin Laden	Get Out
Kevin Moyd	Oh Yes by Juelz Santana	Jeff Jeremy Bloom Tiki Barber	Martin		<i>Perfect</i> – Simple Plan	Never Been	Myself	Get Out

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Student-Athlete	What is your cell phone ring tone?	Players in a foursome (1, 2 or 3)	Favorite TV show growing up	Favorite snack	Song you like nobody knows about	What was your first concert?	Who would you like to be for a day?	Iraq: Get out or finish the mission?
Brandon Nicolas	Jack Johnson	Michael Jordan Tiger Woods Phil Mickelson	Guts	Smoothies	<i>Welcome to Jamrock</i> - Damian Marley	The next one	Tiger Woods	Complete Mission
Tyler Polumbus	Kenny Chesney	George Bush Jesus John Elway	Dennis: the Menace	Chocolate Cake		Jimmy Buffet	Michael Jordan	Complete Mission
Stephone Robinson	Everyday I'm Hustlin' – Rick Ross	Steve Smith Selma Hayek Jesus	Seinfeld	Fruit Snacks	<i>Feel Good Inc.</i> - Gorillaz	Boys II Men	T.J.	Get Out
Daniel Sanders	So Fresh, So Clean – Outkast	Hulk Hogan Brett Favre Mike Piazza	Charles in Charge	Queso	<i>Waiting in Vain</i> – Bob Marley	Weird Al Yankovic	A Billionaire	Get Out
Joseph Sanders	Poppin' My Collar	Tiger Woods Michael Jordan Vijay Singh	Fresh Prince	Gummy Worms	<i>Kung Fu Fighting</i> – Foo Fighters	Biggie Smalls Puff Daddy Busta Rhymes	Jay-Z	Get Out
Devin Shanahan	Monday Night Football	John Elway George Bush Michael Jordan	Simpson's	Peanut Butter	<i>Dream Big</i> - Ryan Shupe	Tim McGraw	President	Complete Mission
Charlie Sherman	Sexual Healing	Pamela Anderson Carmen Electra Jenna Jameson	America's Funniest Videos	Ice Cream	Classic Rock	Aerosmith	Famous Rock Star	Complete Mission
Lorenzo Sims	Regular	Tiger Woods Jesus	Family Matters	Starburst			Michael Jordan	Get Out
Jeff Smart	Georgia	Ryan Peters Charles Barkley Michael Jordan	Simpson's	Rice Krispie Treats			George W. Bush	Complete Mission
Dusty Sprague	On vibrate	FDR Ed McCaffrey Grandfather	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Wheat Thins & Cream Cheese	<i>Foggy Day in London Town</i> – Michael Buhle	Sawyer Brown	A Person in a Third World Country	Get Out
Bryan Stengel	Freak On A Leash	Chris Farley Vince Vaughn Jessica Alba	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Gushers	<i>Tangerine</i> – Led Zeppelin	Metallica	Laird Hamilton	Get Out
Jack Tipton	Standard	Tiger Woods Phil Mickelson John Daly	Married With Children	Anything	<i>Wish You Were Here</i> – Pink Floyd	Metallica	Bill Gates	Get Out
Ryan Walters		Michael Jordan Tiger Woods Jesus	Fresh Prince			D'Angelo	Tiger Woods	Get Out
Terry Washington	Money on My Mind	God Jesus Jay-Z	Martin	Cheetos	<i>Thousand Miles</i> - Venessa Carlton	Hotboys & Nelly	President	Complete Mission
Thaddaeus Washington	Regular		None	Any candy	<i>When I See Jesus</i>		Myself	Get Out
Vance Washington	What You Know – T.I.	Michael Jordan Tiger Woods Gary Barnett	Trans-formers	Anything		Mike Franks	T.O.	Complete Mission
Terrence Wheatley	Welcome to Jamrock	Tiger Woods Phil Mickelson Vijay Singh	Batman	Fruit Snacks	<i>The Panama Cat</i> – Acoustic Achemy	Never Been	President	Get Out
Brian White	Ups and Downs	Joe Montana Dan Marino Brett Favre	Saved by the Bell			Slightly Stoopid	Bill Gates	Complete Mission
Patrick Williams	Lean Wit It Rock Wit It	Alicia Keys Beyonce Mya	Simpson's	Chips	<i>Mother Be Good to Your Daughters</i>	Alicia Keys	Will Smith	Complete Mission
Terry Wilson	Feliz Navidad	Jesus Kobe Bryant Beyonce	Family Matters	Starburst (Tropical)	<i>Wake Me Up When September Ends</i> - Green Day	Bone Thugs and Harmony	Shaq	Get Out
Abraham Wright	Usually on vibrate	Charles Stanley Joel Osteen Jesus	Fresh Prince	Anything	Tim McGraw	Can't remember	Myself	No Comment
Jarrell Yates	Rodeo by Juvenile	Simpson's	Chips	<i>American Idiot</i> – Green Day		R.Kelly	Hugh Hefner	Complete Mission

**CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART**

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2006 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in 1,053 games, with 273 starts, not too far off from last year's numbers (1,080 and 314, respectively), which was the most experienced overall since the late 1990's. Recent past numbers entering the year: **1,080/314** (2005), **761/182** (2004), **845/239** (2003), **883/278** (2002), **694/223** (2000) and **790/229** (1999). The list (includes bowls):

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ACKERMANN	20	0	CHARLES	26	13	GRUBIN	0	0	MACKEY	15	2	SOLDER	0	0
ADAMS, Jo.	0	0	COX	16	3	HAM	0	0	MacMARTIN	9	0	SPRAGUE	24	11
ADAMS, Ju.	1	0	CRAWFORD	1	0	HARRIS	24	0	McBRIDE	1	0	STENGEL	0	0
ASSAEL	0	0	CREIGHTON	38	0	HARRISON	23	8	McKAY	12	0	STEVENS	0	0
BACKOWSKI	1	0	CROSBY	39	—	HAUCK	0	0	McKNIGHT	0	0	SUAZO	0	0
BARNETT	14	2	CUSWORTH	13	0	HAWKINS	0	0	MOYD	0	0	SUMLER	0	0
BARRETT	19	2	DANIELS	36	34	HEAD	1	1	NABORS	0	0	TIPTON	21	4
BEATTY	0	0	DEVENNY	0	0	HERROD	0	0	NICOLAS	1	1	WALTERS	14	0
BEHRENS	0	0	DeVREE	0	0	HOLLIDAY	1	0	NONU	0	0	WASHINGTON, Te	14	2
BILLINGSLEY	42	32	DILALLO	1	0	HOLZ	27	0	PALAZZI	0	0	WASHINGTON, Th.	38	24
BORDERS	0	0	DIZON	27	24	HYPOLITE	13	1	PEREZ	0	0	WASHINGTON, V.	36	0
BOYE-DOE	35	4	DRESCHER	1	0	JACKSON	13	0	POLUMBUS	24	4	WHEATLEY	26	8
BRACE	1	0	EBERHART	7	—	JAGORAS	1	1	ROBINSON	27	0	WHITE	3	0
BROOKS	32	14	ELLIS	23	1	JONES, B.	14	1	SANDERS, D.	10	4	WILLIAMS	16	1
BROWN, C.	1	0	FAATAGI	0	0	JONES, M.	10	0	SANDERS, J.	24	0	WILSON	0	0
BROWN, J.	0	0	FENDRY	0	0	JOSEPH	18	0	SHANAHAN	0	0	WRIGHT	28	17
BROWN, R.	7	0	FENTON	37	27	KACHMER	0	0	SHERMAN	0	0	YATES	0	0
BURNEY	12	1	FOSTER	0	0	KAYNOR	1	0	SIMS	30	26	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>1057</b>	<b>295</b>
BURTON	14	0	GARDEN	1	—	LAWSON	0	0	SIPILI	1	0	<b>2005 Final</b>	<b>1772</b>	<b>600</b>
CANTRELL	4	0	GEER	1	1	LIGON	35	16	SMART	0	0			
CARPENTER	16	0	GOETTSCH	7	0	LUCAS	9	6	SMITH	0	0			

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START:** DE Maurice Lucas (2005); ILB Jordon Dizon (2004); ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, DB Lorenzo Sims (2003); J.J. Billingsley, TB Brian Calhoun, DB Brian Iwuh (2002).

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

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

**LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START:** TE Riar Geer, OG Devin Head (2006); OG Daniel Sanders (2005); CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).

**LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR:** WR Mike Duren, OG Terrance Barreau (2004); WR D.J. Hackett (2003); DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster, QB Robert Hodge, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002), WR Matt Brunson (2001), DE Anwawn Jones (2000).

**STARTING STREAKS**

**C Mark Fenton** owns the longest starting streak on the team at 27 games, dating back to the first game of his sophomore season in 2004. But after him, the next players are **SS J.J. Billingsley** and **DE Abraham Wright**, both with 14, followed by **ILB Thaddaeus Washington** (12) and **OG Brian Daniels** (11). Daniels owns the most career starts with 34 (he was sidelined for a game with broken ribs early in 2005), followed by Billingsley (32), **CB Lorenzo Sims** (26) and **ILB Jordon Dizon** and Washington (24).

**FOURTEEN "SEASONED" IN 2006 SEASON OPENER**

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

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

**REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (5):** \*OT Paul Backowski, \*P Matt DiLallo, TE Riar Geer, OL Devin Head, DT Taj Kaynor

**SOPHOMORES (3):** \*TE Justin Adams, WR Cody Crawford, \*P Isaac Garden

**JUNIORS (1):** FB Samson Jagoras

**SENIORS (1):** TB Mell Holliday

**EIGHT MAKE FIRST CAREER STARTS AGAINST MONTANA STATE**

Seven players started for the first time in their careers in the Montana State game: **S Benjamin Burney**, **TE Riar Geer**, **OG Devin Head**, **DT George Hypolite**, **FB Samson Jagoras**, **OLB Brad Jones**, **DT Brandon Nicolas** and **WR Patrick Williams**. Last year, 11 players made their first career starts in a CU uniform (all returned this fall). In 2003, 20 players made their first career starts, the most first starts in since 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. Those were 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), 2004 (12), 2005 (11) and 2006 (8).

**2006 PARTICIPATION CHART**

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

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

Player	MSU	CSU	ASU	UGA	MU	BAY	TTU	OU	KU	KSU	ISU	NU
JACKSON	✓											
*JAGORAS	S											
JONES, B.	S											
JONES, M.	✓											
JOSEPH	DNP											
*KAYNOR	✓											
LAWSON	DNP											
LIGON	INJ											
LUCAS	✓											
MACKEY	DNP											
MacMARTIN	DNP											
McBRIDE	DNP											
McKAY	✓											
McKNIGHT	DNP											
MOYD	DNP											
NABORS	DNP											
NICOLAS	S											
NONU	DNP											
PALAZZI	DNP											
PEREZ	DNP											
POLUMBUS	S											
ROBINSON	✓											
SANDERS, D.	INJ											
SANDERS, J.	✓											
SIMS	S											
*SIPILI	✓											
SMART	DNP											
SMITH	DNP											
SOLDER	DNP											
SPRAGUE	✓											
STENGEL	DNP											
STEVENS	DNP											
SUAZO	DNP											
SUMLER	DNP											
TIPTON	DNP											
WALTERS	✓											
WASHINGTON, Te	✓											
WASHINGTON, Th.	S											
WASHINGTON, V.	INJ											
WHEATLEY	S											
WHITE	DNP											
WILLIAMS	S											
WILSON	DNP											
WRIGHT	S											
YATES	—											
<b>TEAM</b>												
<b>DRESSED</b>	<b>91</b>											
<b>PLAYED</b>	<b>54</b>											

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

**EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS**

In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (**25.1**) since the 1995 team (which had only seven seniors), while **38.8** percent of the starts were made by underclassmen. That showed the youth of the team, especially since underclassmen also had **41.7** percent of the starts in 2003. Fast-forward to 2005, and for 13 games, **80** percent of the starters were seniors (116) and juniors (112), with sophomores starting in all but 10 of the other 58 slots. In 2002, the numbers were flopped as well: upperclassmen started **93** percent of the games. It's basically 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:

- **2006 starters (1 game):** Seniors (6), Juniors (7), Sophomores (5), Freshmen (2; redshirts 2, true 0).
- **2005 starters (13 games):** Seniors (116), Juniors (112), Sophomores (48), Freshmen (10; redshirts 4, true 5).
- **2004 starters (13 games):** Seniors (72), Juniors (103), Sophomores (100), Freshmen (11; redshirts 0, true 11).
- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32; redshirts 14, true 18).
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9; redshirts 0, true 9).
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7; redshirts 7, true 0).
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33; redshirts 15, true 18).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21; redshirts 20, true 1).

**Upperclassmen:** 68%  
**Upperclassmen:** 80%  
**Upperclassmen:** 39%  
**Upperclassmen:** 58%  
**Upperclassmen:** 93%  
**Upperclassmen:** 69%  
**Upperclassmen:** 71%  
**Upperclassmen:** 56%



## A BAKER'S DOZEN OF THEFTS & SCORES

CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, 13 Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. The latest was one of the most spectacular of the lot: **ILB Marcus Burton** returned a pick 99 yards at Oklahoma State, preserving CU's shutout in the waning seconds of the game. Three did it along in 2004: **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 against Colorado State; a week later, he was injured early against Washington State, and his sub, **Joe Sanders**, plucked off a ball and raced 51 yards for six, snapping a 3-3 deadlock in the process. Against Texas, **CB Terrence Wheatley** plucked one off and race 37 yards for six with his first theft. Two did it in 2001: **S Medford Moorer** picked off his first career pass and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, while **CB Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the CSU game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a TD against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first one in CU's win over CSU in 1997, returning it 26 yards for a score, rallying the Buffs into a 14-14 tie early in the second half. Barnes was the fourth Buff in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a TD—**Marcus Washington** had a 95-yard theft for a score in the '96 Cotton Bowl against Oregon; **Vili Maumau** had a 33-yard interception for six (and a Hula dance) at Colorado State in 1996; and **Nick Ziegler** stole one for a 31-yard score against Washington in the '96 Holiday Bowl. **Ben Kelly** didn't do with an interception, but he did take his first career punt return back for a TD (against Utah State). In 1992, **Dwayne Davis** returned one 31 yards for a TD in a 21-20 win at Minnesota to start this amazing run.

## BUFFALO DINOSAURS

Through one game in 2006, the radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 408 games in his career, including 145 in a row (he's only missed three bowl games, two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts, and three regular season games due to travel conflicts); his 400th at CU was also the 1,000 of his professional career. **SID Dave Plati** has worked 310, including the last 268 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 268 in all (118 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 209 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 255 CU games. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. Senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** who retired this past June, is next as he worked 432 CU football games, including a closing run of 415 in a row (229 of which were at home; he's seen 453 all told). And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw *every* CU home game (394 of 'em) from 1921 until 1999, when he passed away at the age of 94.

## CONFERENCE CHARTS

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

### On The Big 12 Road

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	26	9	.743
Oklahoma	22	13	.629
Kansas State	23	17	.575
Nebraska	22	17	.564
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>.525</b>
Texas A&M	19	21	.475
Texas Tech	17	23	.425
Oklahoma State	12	27	.308
Missouri	12	28	.300
Iowa State	10	30	.250
Kansas	5	35	.125
Baylor	1	39	.025

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	19	11	.633
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>.567</b>
Missouri	17	13	.567
Kansas State	16	14	.533
Iowa State	9	21	.300
Kansas	5	25	.167

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

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	25	5	.833
Oklahoma	20	10	.667
Texas A&M	18	12	.600
Texas Tech	16	14	.533
Oklahoma State	13	17	.433
Baylor	5	25	.167

(does not include title games)

### 2006 Network TV Appearances

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

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

### vs. Ranked Non-League Teams (AP, since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.540</b>
Texas	21	7	12	2	.381
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	8	1	7	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)

**TWO-MINUTE WARNING**

Colorado has scored **110** times in **171** tries, including **18** game winning or tying scores, when the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 65 percent of the time). The Buffs were 0-of-2 in the Montana State game. In 2005, CU was 4-of-9: the Buffs were 1-for-2 against CSU, including the game winning field goal, 1-of-1 with a first half TD march against New Mexico State, 0-of-1 at Miami, 1-of-1 at OSU (first half field goal), 1-of-1 at Texas (first half TD) and 0-of-1 at Iowa State, versus Nebraska and against Clemson in the bowl. CU was 4-for-5 in 2004, including a second half go-ahead score at Texas A&M and the game winning touchdown versus Kansas State. In 2003, the Buffs scored twice in as many tries in the season opener against Colorado State, registering a TD at the end of the first half and the game-winning score at the end of the game—CU's first in the two-minute drill since 1999. Lo and behold, the Buffs did it again in the offense the following week, putting the game winning score on the board with 2:15 left against UCLA. One of the most prolific years in the drill came in 1994, when CU was 7-of-8; that included two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade. Between 1988 and 1994, Colorado was an amazing **61-of-81** in the two-minute offense, with 44 touchdowns. The chart showing CU's scores:

2-Min. Offense/Scores	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Totals	Pct.
Total.....	10-13	11-11	11-14	8-12	6-12	8-11	7-8	5-8	4-6	6-11	3-5	6-13	6-10	5-9	1-4	5-8	4-5	4-9	0-2	110-171	64.3
First Half.....	6-7	10-10	6-7	4-5	4-9	6-7	4-4	4-6	4-6	1-3	2-3	5-8	4-5	4-7	1-2	2-4	2-2	3-5	0-1	72-101	71.3
TDs/FGs.....	4/2	7/3	2/4	3/1	2/2	5/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	0/1	0/2	2/3	2/2	4/0	1/0	2/0	1/1	3/0	0/0	47/25	
Second Half.....	4-6	1-1	5-7	4-7	2-3	2-4	3-4	1-2	0-0	5-8	1-2	1-5	2-5	1-2	0-2	3-4	2-3	1-3	0-1	38-70	54.3
TDs/FGs.....	4/0	1/0	4/1	4/0	1/1	2/0	2/1	1/0	0/0	5/0	0/1	1/0	1/1	1/0	0/0	2/1	2/0	0/1	0/0	31/7	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	18	

**SAFELY AHEAD**

The Buffs have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 30 seasons. Since 1976 (game 1), CU has protected a two-score lead **203** of **216** times, losing 10 and tying three when it blew the lead. A closer look (\*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

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

Colorado has lost only 16 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 loss came at Texas A&M last year, where the Buffs led 19-10 entering the quarter and regained the lead 26-23 after falling behind 23-19. In conference play, only Kansas (1984), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001), Oklahoma State (1997) and Texas A&M (2004) 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 29 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The two most recent wins of this variety came against Texas-El Paso in the 2004 Houston Bowl and in the season opener against CSU this season (rallying from 9 and 11 points down, respectively).
- Colorado has won **87** of its last **92** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—the current streak is **9** (and **14** of the last **15**)—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 **20** losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl), Stanford (1991), Missouri (1997), Kansas (1998), CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999), CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000), Fresno State (2001), CSU and Wisconsin (2002), Washington State, Baylor and Kansas State (2003), Missouri (2004), Iowa State and Nebraska (2005) and Montana State 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 **82-18-2** in their last 102 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **113-20-2** in the last 134. The Buffs are **150-65-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-8 in bowls); **104-47-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **46-18-1** in non-conference regular season action.

**LITTLE KNOWN RARITY**

In CU history, the Buffaloes have had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game on **26** occasions (and is **20-6** in games when this occurs). It's happened nine times over the last six-plus seasons, three times in 2004: at Texas A&M (**TB Bobby Purify/WR Dusty Sprague**), versus Kansas State (Purify/WR **Ron Monteilh**) and at Nebraska (Purify/WR **Blake Mackey**). It happened three games in a row late in 2001, including the first time the same player had 100 yards in both in the same game (**TB Cortlen Johnson** at Iowa State: 172 rushing and 105 receiving); Johnson and **TE Daniel Graham** did it against Missouri, Graham and **TB's Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. *A closer look at this unique list can be found on page 171 of the 2004 CU football media guide (yes, last year's book; thanks again, NCAA).*

## STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **285-10-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **205-3** with 35-plus points and **190-2** with 36-plus, **167-1** with 38-plus and **107-0** with 43 or more tallies. The three losses with 35 more points came to Air Force (58-35 in 1968), Oklahoma (82-42 in 1980) and Stanford (41-37 in 1993). Colorado has played **1,089** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- ➔ Colorado is **7-15-1** in its last **23** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-28-2** against top 10 schools and **40-45-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado is **14-4** (in-season) following a loss to a top 10 team since the middle of 1993. That includes two games in 2005, when CU bested Kansas, 44-13, after dropping a 42-17 decision at No. 2 Texas in October, and the losses at the end of the year to No. 2 Texas in the Big 12 title game and to Clemson in the bowl.
- ➔ Colorado is **90-37-3** in its last **130** 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 has scored 30 or more points in **98** of its last **209** games, posting a **92-5-1** 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 **146** of these **209** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **120-26-2** (CU is **20-39-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed only **345** touchdowns in the last **679** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **334** times have yielded **171** field goals as well as **163** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 24% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 49% of the time, which are astonishing numbers. In Dan Hawkins' first year, the opponent penetrated the CU red zone 4 times, with 1 touchdown, 2 field goals and 1 non-score.
- ➔ 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 **76** touchdowns out of **187** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **107** scores overall, meaning **80** non-scores). In 2006, the opponent has **3** scores (0 TD, 3 FG) out of **3** drives started in CU territory; over the last four seasons, CU's allowed just **62** scores (47 TD/15 FG) in **106** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **45** of its last **107** contests (twice in 2005, five times in '04), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **160** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **82** times (52 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **41** of the **160** games since the '93 season opener (26%)... and remember CU has played **68** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong Colorado team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. In 2005, CU averaged well over six yards nine games into the year, finishing at **5.7** yards on first down plays; the last time the Buffs averaged six or more for a season was 2001, their Big 12 Championship year. Colorado did it six times between 1989 and 1997, including a team record best of 7.2 in both 1989 and 1994.
  - ✦ Colorado averaged **4.4** per rush and **7.4** per pass play on first down in 2005, and topped the opponent in 20-plus yard gains (28-22), 10-plus (69-58) and 5-plus (154-133).
- ➔ 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). In 2004, the Buffs had six; dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **37** scores by return in their last **85** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **58** scores by return in **136** games (51 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado topped 200 yards both rushing and passing once in 2005 (against New Mexico State) as CU has accomplished the 200 "double-double" **10** times in the last **88** games (and **31** times in the last **160**, 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 **31-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only 19 times in its first 929 games in its history.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **54-40-1** in its last **95** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**51-33** in the last **84**, including a **27-14** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **90-27-3** in its last **120** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **57-20-3** in conference games. CU is 2-0 this year on artificial surfaces (and was 3-1 in 2004).
- ➔ Colorado has allowed **346** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for **203** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **346** sacks allowed for **5,280** pass plays called, or one for every **15.3** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **152** interceptions in **4,936** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.08** percent (one every **32.3** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs were an enigma on **third down** defensively in 2003 and 2004. In 2003, while opponents converted at an ordinary 34.6 percent clip (56-of-162), it's what they accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents gained 966 yards on those 56 makes, or an average of 17.3 per play; otherwise, CU allowed just 61 yards on the other 106 plays, or just 0.6 per. In 2004, opponents were 92-of-205 (44.9%), but gained 1,300 yards on the 92 conversions (14.1 per) and had just 171 yards on 113 misses (1.5). *(For comparison, CU had 660 yards on 59 conversions, 11.2 per, and 222 on 112 misses for 2.0.)*  
 -- In 2005, that number was down a bit to **10.2** on the 73 conversions (748 yards total; eight big plays: 40, 38, 37, 33, 24, 22, 21 and 20). On the 124 failures by the opponent, CU has allowed just 180 yards, or **1.5** per try.  
 --In 2006, through one game, CU has allowed **82** yards on the **seven** conversions, or **11.7** per.
- ➔ **No Turns Or Sacks.** Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **12-0** in games when not allowing a sack or committing a turnover. CU did neither in its 41-20 conquest of Texas A&M, and came back two weeks later and did the same in the 44-13 win over Kansas. CU had last done it in 2001, as it played turnover-free ball twice in allowing no sacks versus San Jose State (51-15) and Nebraska (62-36). In these 12 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **474-207**, with only one game decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993).
- ➔ Colorado rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder in 1993, opponents are just **3-of-70** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 in 2003 (WSU converted on a 3rd-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 in 2004). The CU offense is **5-of-63** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in **2** of **4** quarters (50 percent), as all tolled, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **471** of its last **624** quarters (76%). Those numbers included **32** of **48** in 2005.

**SCORING STREAKS**

The Buffs have scored in a school record **211** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the longest streak in the Big 12), last being shutout on November 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **113** 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 **83** consecutive road games (**108** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **134** straight league games (all **84** in Big 12 play, including the four title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **117** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at home over the course of the last **251** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **443** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only four schools have done it: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through Sept. 3): Colorado 211**, Nebraska 126, Kansas State 116, Texas Tech 105, Oklahoma 94, Kansas 39, Missouri 37, Iowa State 28, Texas A&M 26, Texas 21, Oklahoma State 8, Baylor 3. CU is the last team to shutout both Kansas State (12-0 in 1996) and Oklahoma State (34-0 in 2005).

**SCORING STREAKS II**

The school record **211** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **sixth** longest active streak in the nation. The list of the nine Division I-A schools that have scored in every game since at least the start of the 1993 season, through games of September 4:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	263	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)</b>
Washington State	250	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	TCU	165	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	245	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Nevada	163	*—All games: joined Div I-A in 1992
Florida State	224	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	Air Force	156	#—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	217	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)			(*—305 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl)

**211 AND COUNTING**

Colorado's 211-game scoring streak currently stands as the 13th longest in Division I-A college history:

School	Streak	Dates	Ended By	School	Streak	Dates	Ended By
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/95	Colorado State
Washington	271	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	Florida State	224	9/10/1988 - present	.....
Michigan	263	10/27/1984 - present	.....	Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
Washington State	250	10/22/1984 - present	.....	Florida	217	11/05/1988 - present	.....
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>11/19/1988 - present</b>	.....
Oregon	245	10/05/1985 - present	.....	Virginia	195	9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000	Georgia Tech

The streak of 211 games started on November 19, 1988; here's a look at some of things in the news that day and week CU began its record scoring run:

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

**IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS**

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

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



## 2006 OPPONENT SCHEDULES &amp; RESULTS

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

**MONTANA STATE (1-0)**

10	at Colorado	19
S 9	CHADRON STATE	
S 16	UC-DAVIS	
S 23	■EASTERN WASHINGTON	
S 30	■at Northern Arizona	
O 7	■PORTLAND STATE	
O 14	■at Sacramento State	
O 21	■at Idaho State	
O 28	■WEBER STATE	
N 4	■NORTHERN COLORADO	
N 18	■at Montana	

**COLORADO STATE (1-0)**

30	WEBER STATE	6
S 9	Colorado (Denver)	
S 16	at Nevada	
S 30	at Fresno State	
O 7	✚UNLV	
O 12	✚at Air Force	
O 21	✚at Wyoming	
O 28	✚NEW MEXICO	
N 4	✚BRIGHAM YOUNG	
N 11	✚at Utah	
N 25	✚TCU	
D 2	✚at San Diego State	

**ARIZONA STATE (1-0)**

35	NORTHERN ARIZONA	14
S 9	NEVADA	
S 16	at Colorado	
S 23	✚at California	
S 30	✚OREGON	
O 14	✚at Southern California	
O 21	✚STANFORD	
O 28	✚at Washington	
N 4	✚at Oregon State	
N 11	✚WASHINGTON STATE	
N 18	✚UCLA	
N 25	✚at Arizona	

**GEORGIA (1-0)**

48	WESTERN KENTUCKY	12
S 9	►at South Carolina	
S 16	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	
S 23	COLORADO	
S 30	►at Mississippi	
O 7	►TENNESSEE	
O 14	►VANDERBILT	
O 21	►MISSISSIPPI STATE	
O 28	►Florida (at Jacksonville)	
N 4	►at Kentucky	
N 11	►at Auburn	
N 25	GEORGIA TECH	

**MISSOURI (1-0)**

47	MURRAY STATE	7
S 9	MISSISSIPPI	
S 16	at New Mexico	
S 23	OHIO	
S 30	◆COLORADO	
O 7	◆at Texas Tech	
O 14	◆at Texas A&M	
O 21	◆KANSAS STATE	
O 28	◆OKLAHOMA	
N 4	◆at Nebraska	
N 18	◆at Iowa State	
N 25	◆KANSAS	

**BAYLOR (0-1)**

7	TCU	17
S 9	NORTHWESTERN STATE	
S 16	at Washington State	
S 23	ARMY	
S 30	◆KANSAS STATE	
O 7	◆at Colorado	
O 14	◆at Texas	
O 21	◆KANSAS	
O 28	◆TEXAS A&M	
N 4	◆at Texas Tech	
N 11	◆at Oklahoma State	
N 18	◆OKLAHOMA	

**TEXAS TECH (1-0)**

35	SMU	3
S 9	at Texas-El Paso	
S 16	at TCU	
S 23	SE LOUISIANA	
S 30	◆at Texas A&M	
O 7	◆MISSOURI	
O 14	◆at Colorado	
O 21	◆at Iowa State	
O 28	◆TEXAS	
N 4	◆BAYLOR	
N 11	◆at Oklahoma	
N 18	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	

**OKLAHOMA (1-0)**

24	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	17
S 9	WASHINGTON	
S 16	at Oregon	
S 23	M.TENNESSEE STATE	
O 7	◆Texas (at Dallas)	
O 14	◆IOWA STATE	
O 21	◆COLORADO	
O 28	◆at Missouri	
N 4	◆at Texas A&M	
N 11	◆TEXAS TECH	
N 18	◆at Baylor	
N 25	◆at Oklahoma State	

**KANSAS (1-0)**

49	NORTHWESTERN STATE	18
S 9	UL-MONROE	
S 15	at Toledo	
S 23	SOUTH FLORIDA	
S 30	◆at Nebraska	
O 7	◆at Texas A&M	
O 14	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	
O 21	◆at Baylor	
O 28	◆COLORADO	
N 4	◆at Iowa State	
N 18	◆KANSAS STATE	
N 25	◆at Missouri	

**KANSAS STATE (1-0)**

24	ILLINOIS STATE	23
S 9	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	
S 16	MARSHALL	
S 23	LOUISVILLE	
S 30	◆at Baylor	
O 7	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	
O 14	◆NEBRASKA	
O 21	◆at Missouri	
O 28	◆IOWA STATE	
N 4	◆at Colorado	
N 11	◆TEXAS	
N 18	◆at Kansas	

**IOWA STATE (1-0)**

45	TOLEDO (OT)	43
S 9	UNLV	
S 16	at Iowa	
S 23	◆at Texas	
S 30	NORTHERN IOWA	
O 7	◆NEBRASKA	
O 14	◆at Oklahoma	
O 21	◆TEXAS TECH	
O 28	◆at Kansas State	
N 4	◆KANSAS	
N 11	◆at Colorado	
N 18	◆MISSOURI	

**NEBRASKA (1-0)**

49	LOUISIANA TECH	10
S 9	NICHOLLS STATE	
S 16	at Southern California	
S 23	TROY	
S 30	◆KANSAS	
O 7	◆at Iowa State	
O 14	◆at Kansas State	
O 21	◆TEXAS	
O 28	◆at Oklahoma State	
N 4	◆MISSOURI	
N 11	◆at Texas A&M	
N 24	◆COLORADO	

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

## OPPONENTS IN 2006

The 2006 Colorado schedule is once again one of the toughest in the nation, and for the ninth time in 11 seasons, boasts the toughest non-conference slate in the Big 12 Conference. Though the Buffs open with Montana State, their first-ever I-AA opponent, the next three, in order, are comprised of Colorado State, one of the nation's most underrated rivalries, followed by two opponents, both ranked in the preseason, that CU has never played before in Arizona State and Georgia. The Buffs then open league play on the road for the fourth straight year. Colorado has nine '05 bowl teams on its 2006 schedule (Arizona State, Colorado State, Georgia, Iowa State, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas Tech) with this year's 12 foes combining overall for a 76-56 record in 2005, a winning percentage of 57.6. Two others just missed out on the postseason after recording 5-6 marks (Baylor, Kansas State), with Montana State a co-champion of the Big Sky Conference in I-AA play. The roll call of 2006 opponents and their 2005 records: **Montana State** (7-4), **Colorado State** (6-6), **Arizona State** (7-5), **Georgia** (10-3), **Missouri** (7-5), **Baylor** (5-6), **Texas Tech** (9-3), **Oklahoma** (8-4), **Kansas** (7-5), **Kansas State** (5-6), **Iowa State** (7-5) and **Nebraska** (8-4).

➤ **Twos Are Wild.** Colorado will have two consecutive home games and two in a row on the road twice in 2006; that hasn't happened on a CU docket since 1974, when the Buffs opened at LSU and Michigan, closed at Oklahoma State and Kansas State, and along the way had back-to-back home games with Iowa State and Oklahoma and then Nebraska and Kansas.

➤ **Two In A Row.** For the second straight year, CU finishes up non-league play on the road and then opens Big 12 action the very next week also away from home. It also happened in 2003, though there was an open week between playing at Florida State and then at Baylor. It hasn't occurred that frequently in CU history, just eight times since 11-game schedules came into vogue in 1971: 1972, 1979, 1981, 1987, 1994, 2003, 2005 and this year (though in 1975 in happened in reverse, with the first conference game at Oklahoma a week ahead of the last non-league game at Miami, Fla.).



**PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS**

There are 23 Colorado Buffaloes on the 2006 National Football League opening rosters as of September 4. That's the same number CU had on the rosters at the end of the 2005 season, which tied for third in the Big 12, trailing Nebraska and Texas A&M (both 27); Oklahoma also had 23, Kansas State (20) and Texas (19). Nationally in 2005, CU was tied for the 17th most players produced—Florida State led with 42, followed by Tennessee (37), Georgia and Ohio State (35), Michigan (34) and Miami, Fla. (33); CU was 12th in 2004 with 27, tied for 13th in 2003 with 29, and was 10th in 2002, also with 29). The Buffs had 42 report to camps in 2003, which led the Big 12 Conference. CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was second in 2002 and 2003, and was third in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2006 list (p—denotes on the practice squad; #—denotes starter/first-team member in 2005; †—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; I—on injured-reserve; 2R—denotes second-year rookie; p—practice squad):

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

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

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

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

**NOTE:** How good was CU's 1994 offense? Ten of the 11 starters were drafted into the NFL (Tony Berti, Rae Carruth, Christian Fauria, Heath Irwin, Chris Naeole, Rashaan Salaam, Kordell Stewart, Bryan Stoltzenberg, Derek West and Michael Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played, and three remain on NFL rosters some 11 years later. And six of the '94 defensive starters wound up playing professionally as well.

**O-LINEMEN PIPELINE?**

In recent times, CU has been a solid conduit to the National Football League when it has come to linebackers, encroaching a bit on the title justifiably thrown Penn State's direction. However, some research has indicated CU may very well be the place to go if an offensive lineman wants to take it to the next level. Dating back to the 1991 NFL draft, or the '87 recruiting class, 19 of 25 players who started at least two years on the Buff offensive line were either drafted or signed as free agents. The list is impressive (with three others who started just one season):

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

**SKED AHEAD**

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

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

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

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

**USUALLY IN 'EM**

Colorado's usually been in those few games it has lost over the last 18 seasons, as of the 65 losses, 32 have been by eight points or less. Texas (five times), Nebraska (four) and Oklahoma and Kansas State (three each) are the only ones who have handled the Buffs by nine or more points more than twice since 1989. CU has really been dominated from the start only seven times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game), 2002 vs. USC, 2004 in the Big 12 title game with Oklahoma, and twice in 2005, both against Texas. K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03), Oklahoma State ('04), Miami and Nebraska ('05) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

**NO CREAMPUFFS HERE**

Colorado has the **12th** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**140-65-4**). Of these 209 games, Colorado has played **87** ranked teams (42%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 32 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **40-45-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-18** record *on the road*); CU is also **100-19-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 12 years (**66** of its last **155** contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000, 5-2 in 2001, 2-3 in 2002, 2-3 in 2003, 0-4 in 2004 and 0-4 in 2005. **NOTE: In 1990, CU became only the second team in NCAA history to win the national championship after playing the nation's toughest schedule (opponents won 63% of their games; Penn State was the first to accomplish the feat, in 1982). CU also played the nation's toughest in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games as the Buffs played both co-national champions, Michigan and Nebraska.**

**2007 & 2009 SCHEDULES COMPLETED AS CU-MIAMI, OHIO AGREE TO HOME-AND-HOME SERIES**

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

- CU has also scheduled a home-and-home series with Oregon, as the Buffs and Ducks played four straight years in the mid-1980s and have played three times in the postseason; the two will meet in Eugene in 2014 and in Boulder in 2017. **Colorado's immediate future football schedules:**

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
S 1 Colorado State (Denver)	A30 Colorado State (Denver)	S 5 #Colorado State	S 4 #Colorado State	S 3 #Colorado State
S 8 at Arizona State	S 6 HOME TBA	S12 at Miami, Ohio	S11 at California	S10 CALIFORNIA
S15 FLORIDA STATE	S13 NORTH CAROLINA	S19 WYOMING	S18 HOME TBA	S17 TBA
S22 MIAMI, OHIO	S20 at Florida State	S26 at North Carolina	O 2 GEORGIA	S 24 TBA
S29 *OKLAHOMA (H)	<b>Big 12 Games</b>	<b>Big 12 Games</b>	<b>Big 12 Games</b>	<b>Big 12 Games</b>
O 6 *at Baylor	(October 4-on; dates TBA)	(October 3-on; dates TBA)	(October 9-on; dates TBA)	(October 1-on; dates TBA)
O13 *at Kansas State	IOWA STATE	KANSAS	BAYLOR	KANSAS
O20 *KANSAS (FW)	KANSAS STATE	MISSOURI	IOWA STATE	MISSOURI
O27 *at Texas Tech	OKLAHOMA STATE	NEBRASKA	KANSAS STATE	NEBRASKA
N 3 *MISSOURI	TEXAS	TEXAS A& M	TEXAS TECH	OKLAHOMA
N10 *at Iowa State	at Kansas	at Iowa State	at Kansas	at Baylor
N23 *NEBRASKA	at Missouri	at Kansas State	at Missouri	at Iowa State
	at Nebraska	at Oklahoma State	at Nebraska	at Kansas State
	at Texas A & M	at Texas	at Oklahoma	at Texas Tech

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

**BEHIND THE COVER: GENERATIONS MEET FOR 2006 MEDIA GUIDE PHOTO SHOOT**

New football coach **Dan Hawkins** was joined by two of the most significant figures in CU football history on the cover of this year's football media guide, **Eddie Crowder** and **Bill McCartney**.

Crowder coached the Buffaloes from 1963-73, and after stepping down, continued on as athletic director through the summer of 1984. In 1982, he hired McCartney, who had built an impressive resume as the defensive coordinator at the University of Michigan.

**Byron "Whizzer" White** is often, and correctly, credited with putting CU football on the map in the 1930s. Coach **Dal Ward** led the Buffalo athletic program in its next step to prominence, into the Big Seven Conference in 1948, where his teams often gave national powerhouse Oklahoma fits during its supreme reign in the 1950s.

One of the Sooners' quarterbacks was Crowder, an All-American in 1952. Little did he know at the time that 11 years later at the age of 32 he would be the man called upon to right Colorado's football ship. Not only did he restore respectability and national respect to the program, he took the Buffaloes to new heights, as his 1971 team finished No. 3 in the nation—behind Big Eight rivals Nebraska and Oklahoma, to this day still the only occasion one conference has boasted the top three teams in the final rankings.

Crowder, who also assumed the AD duties in 1965, retired from coaching two years later and saw his program to continue to achieve decent success under **Bill Mallory** between 1974-78. He then hired **Chuck Fairbanks** as head coach following the '78 season, but Fairbanks couldn't muster the same kind of success that he enjoyed in his six years as Oklahoma's coach (1967-72) before moving on to the NFL. After three seasons, he left Boulder for the fledgling USFL.

McCartney wasn't on many people's radar back in 1982, but Crowder knew of his pedigree. A surprise hire to some as he was an unknown outside of Big Ten circles, Coach "Mac" laid out a plan upon his hiring of what it would take for Colorado to return to national prominence.

- "I promise you a program based on integrity and honesty, with the top priority graduating students. That's how we're going to measure success."
- "I see Colorado as being a lot like Michigan in being able to attract the superior student-athlete. Our standards here are better than most, but that has to be looked at as an advantage."
- "You achieve what you emphasize. Until you set specific goals, you're liable to miss opportunities that come up along the way. We will know what our goals are from the start."
- "I can only predict how Colorado will play: with enthusiasm, togetherness and tenacity. Every single squad that I coach here will be team-oriented."
- "We need to enhance our reputation here (in Colorado). You make your living at home first. We want the high school players and coaches to develop loyalties to us, not out-of-state schools. We need to reach out to the communities in the state, then we'll work on other areas of the country."
- My family and I want to sink roots in this place. We took a vote on coming here, and I told them where I stood but that everybody's vote counted the same. It was 6-0. We plan on being here as long as you want us."

Those were seven of his statements made in the first few days of his tenure, and all seven came true. In fact, the above list was included in a book written about CU's national championship season (*now out of print*). McCartney became CU's winningest all-time coach (93-55-5), surpassing stadium namesake **Fred Folsom** (77-23-2) and Crowder, the man who hired him (67-49-2).

Among his many top players, Crowder landed Boulder's **Anderson** brothers, **Dick** and **Bobby**, now both members of the College Football Hall of Fame with Bobby's coming induction this December. McCartney recruited the most eventual All-Americans to CU, as well as the most future NFL stars. And not among those was perhaps the best player in CU history, or number 1A if White is considered one, was **Darian Hagan**, the quarterback who made CU's option offensive attack downright explosive. White put the Buffs on the map; Hagan and Co. took the school to the pinnacle with three straight Big Eight titles and the national crown in 1990.

Hawkins is a humble guy, and while the trio posed in a variety of formations, he has insisted that the photo that makes the cover be in proper chronological order: Crowder, McCartney and then himself. "They are THE guys," he said. "I haven't done anything yet. It's a privilege to be in the same photo with Coach Ed and Coach Mac." It was actually Hawkins' idea to share the spotlight with the men before him.

Crowder appeared on CU's media cover just once—his first season in 1963; McCartney also appeared his first year (1982), and subsequently graced the cover in 1983, 1985 and 1986.

**CRADLE OF COACHES**

There are three current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado, and all three have enjoyed great success. **Les Miles** had a good run at Oklahoma State and is running the show at LSU (at Colorado between 1982-86); **Gregg Brandon** is the head man at Bowling Green (1999-2000) while **Karl Dorrell** has the reins at UCLA (two CU stints: 1992-93, 1995-97). Since **Bill McCartney** took over the program in 1982, CU has sent many an assistant coach into the head coaching ranks; **Gerry DiNardo** was the first, as after his CU stint between 1982-89 he went on to coach Vanderbilt, LSU and Indiana. **Lou Tepper** (CU: 1983-87), head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State; **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98 and then at CU from 1999 through 2005; **Jim Caldwell**, Wake Forest (at CU from 1982-84), **Steve Logan**, East Carolina (1985-86), **Rick Neuheisel**, at CU and Washington (1994), **Bob Simmons**, Oklahoma State (1988-94) and **Ron Vanderlinden**, Maryland (1983-91). All were assistants under McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94). In 2003, **Mike Hankwitz**, served as Arizona's interim head coach for the last two months of the season; he was at CU for 10 years (1985-94). **Tom Cable** (1998-99) was head coach for four seasons at Idaho, as he coached under Neuheisel and Barnett. Dorrell is the only one above to coach as an assistant under both McCartney and Neuheisel. In addition, former CU player **Pete Shinnick** ('88) served seven seasons as head coach at Azusa Pacific and took a new position for 2006 as the head man at North Carolina-Pembroke.

**HISTORICALLY**

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 116th season of competition with an all-time record of **650-403-36** in **1,089** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 22nd in all-time winning percentage (.614; 20th for those schools with at least 50 seasons in Division I-A). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **280-133-10** in their 83rd season on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **244-206-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

**MONTHLY TAB**

Dating back to 1989, Colorado is **43-17** in its last **60** September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays. The Buffs are **46-21-2** in their last **69** October games when conference play annually blooms, and are **48-18-1** in their last **67** November games (**43-9** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-9-1 against NU in turkey month). CU is **5-6** in December games since 1993, including bowls, and is **2-2-1** in August games in its history.

**OVERTIME**

Colorado is **3-3** all-time in overtime games; the Buffs became the 84th team in Division I-A to play an overtime game when it played its first ever extra session affair against Missouri in 1999. Here's a chart summarizing the Buffs in overtime:

Date	Opponent	Score	Regulation	Coin Toss	Choice	---Total Yards---		Notes
						Offense	Defense	
10-09-99	MISSOURI	W 46-39	39-39	Missouri	Defense	25	13	Ends with Kelly INT
11-26-99	NEBRASKA	L 30-33	27-27	Nebraska	Defense	9	25	CU trailed 27-3 early in 4th
11-09-02	at Missouri	W 42-35	35-35	Missouri	Defense	25	18	Ends with Mossoni FR
12-28-02	Wisconsin	L 28-31	28-28	Wisconsin	Defense	-2	5	Alamo Bowl
10-11-03	KANSAS	W 50-47	44-44	Colorado	Defense	25	7	Calhoun 3-25 rushing in OT
10-23-04	at Texas A & M	L 26-29	26-26	Colorado	Defense	14	33	First CU turnover in OT ends it

**RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM**

Nine ranked, undefeated teams have lost their “0” in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The last was Kansas State in 2002, which came to Boulder ranked No. 13 at 4-0 and lost, 35-31. Two bit the dust in 2001: Nebraska (11-0, No. 1 in the BCS and No. 2 in the polls) dropped a 62-36 game to the Buffs, as did Texas A&M (5-0, No. 20), 31-21. In 1998, No. 22 Texas Tech (6-0) fell to CU 19-17; in 1995, No. 3 Texas A&M (2-0) lost, 29-21; in 1994, No. 10 Wisconsin (2-0) was crushed, 55-17; and in 1990, No. 12 Washington (3-0) left a 20-14 loser. In 1989, No. 10 Illinois (2-0) lost 38-7 and No. 3 Nebraska (8-0) fell, 27-21.

**STREAKING**

Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 15 Division I-A schools. The list: **5**—Air Force, Kansas; **4**—San Jose State; **3**—Colorado State, Minnesota, Utah State; **2**—California, Iowa, Kansas State, Louisiana-Monroe, Notre Dame, Oregon State, UCLA and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by LSU and Oklahoma (both 4) and Michigan State and Texas (3 each).

**THE BUFFS & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HARDWARE**

Colorado is in an elite group when it comes to claiming college football's prestigious trophies dating back to the 1990 season. A proliferation of awards has emerged since the late 1980s, and the Buffs are near the top of the list when it comes to collecting these statues. CU has had seven different players win nine trophies over the last 15 seasons, which is the ninth most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Miami (9), Ohio State (9), Oklahoma (9) and Nebraska (8) top the Buffs' seven. The postseason “hardware” includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O'Brien, Unitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Doak Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik, Mackey, Tatupu, Ray Guy, Rimington, Hendricks and ARA Sportsmanship awards (on-field player awards only—if the Draddy Award was included, the Buffs would have one more on each list). The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2005 (players only; LSU and Michigan players split the 2004 Rimington Award and thus got ½ in the trophy count):

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Florida State	7	15	Iowa	5	5	Oregon State	2	2	Hawai'i	1	1
Miami, Fla.	9	15	Alabama	4	4	Texas A&M	2	2	Kentucky	1	1
Oklahoma	9	15	UCLA	4	4	TCU	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1
Ohio State	9	14	Tennessee	2	4	Texas Tech	2	2	Marshall	1	1
Michigan	6	11½	Northwestern	1	4	Arizona State	1	2	Michigan State	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Kansas State	3	3	Maryland	1	2	Minnesota	2	3
Penn State	6	10	Notre Dame	3	3	North Carolina	1	2	Missouri	1	1
Texas	5	10	Purdue	3	3	Louisiana State	2	1½	N.C. State	1	1
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	Pittsburgh	2	3	Auburn	1	1	Stanford	1	1
USC	4	8	Virginia Tech	2	3	Baylor	1	1	Tulane	1	1
Florida	3	8	Washington	2	3	California	1	1	Virginia	1	1
Georgia	3	6	Illinois	2	2	Cincinnati	1	1	Wake Forest	1	1
Wisconsin	3	6	Louisville	2	2	Colorado State	1	1	Washington State	1	1
Arizona	4	5	Memphis	2	2	Fresno State	1	1	Wyoming	1	1
Brigham Young	2	5	Mississippi	2	2	Georgia Tech	1	1			



**INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS**

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 18 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing three of the times, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in both 2003 and 2005). CU had appeared in every AP preseason ballot between 1989 and 1997, ranked in the top 15 each year, before not gaining mention in the '98 poll following a 5-6 season. The Buffs reappeared in the '99 poll at No. 15, and rose to No. 14 prior to the season-opening loss to CSU. Only CU, Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska have been ranked 15th or higher at least 11 times in these 15 years, and CU is one of only 10 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 17 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2006:** Florida State 18, Michigan 18, Ohio State 18, Miami, Fla. 17, Tennessee 17, Nebraska 15, Notre Dame 14, Penn State 14, **Colorado 12**, Alabama 12.

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

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

**COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)**

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

**LONG STAY**

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

**Associated Press Poll**

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

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

**...AND THE RETURN**

CU was out of the polls for an 11-week period once departing after 143 weeks ('97-'98), but came back with a vengeance. When Colorado reappeared in both the AP and USAT/ESPN polls at No. 16 on Sept. 6, 1998 it marked the third highest debut in a poll since the AP ballot expanded to 25 teams in 1989. CU went from receiving votes to No. 16, the second highest CU has ever debuted after not being ranked in the preseason; back in 1971, the Buffs went into Baton Rouge and defeated No. 9 LSU, 31-21. CU appeared at No. 8 in the UPI-Coaches poll and at No. 12 on the AP ballot.

**15 OUT OF 18**

Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State for the latter half of the span. Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with purpose as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU then defeated two ranked teams in both 2002 and 2003 to make it 15 out of 16 years with at least one win over a ranked opponent, but the smaller run ended as the Buffs went 0-4 in both 2004 and 2005. 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 12 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons).

**TV LAND**

Colorado has now had **130** of its last **197** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes 10 games in 2005, nine games in 2004, seven games in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **93** of CU's **124** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 76 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in that time frame). In addition, CU has had **18** of its last **22** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

**CARRYING THE TV TORCH**

Colorado and Texas started carrying the torch in the 1990s when it came to scheduling regular season games against traditionally ranked opponents, games most likely to be selected for TV and making the two hits of league revenue that come with it. Here are the counts (and records) since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (*not including bowls*): **Colorado 25** (13-11-1), Texas 21 (7-12-2), 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 8 (1-7), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5) and Kansas State 2 (1-1).

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



**BUFF BLEMISHES**

Colorado has a history of inflicting blemishes on some of the teams who have traditionally fared well at home. The top five home records last decade (1990-99) belonged to Florida State (55-1-1), Nebraska (62-3), Florida (57-4), Texas A & M (55-4-1) and Kansas State (57-5-1). That's a combined 287-17-3; but of those 20 losses or ties, CU was responsible for five of them. CU won at Nebraska in 1990, at Texas A & M in 1996, and was 2-2-1 at Kansas State in the 90s. The Buffs also snapped the Aggies 22-game home winning streak—started late in 1996, after losses to CU then Texas Tech. And in 2001, CU won at Kansas State, snapping a 58-game home winning streak by the Wildcats against unranked teams, and was only the second KSU home loss in a 29 game span.

**18 OF 21**

The Buffs now have 18 winning (regular) seasons in the last 21 years, including 2005, matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The 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 17 of the previous 21 seasons, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000 and 2003.

**OFFENSE & DEFENSE**

Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball. **DT John Guydon** was the latest to do so, seeing action on defense (13 snaps at tackle) and offense (3 snaps at guard) at Texas on October 15, 2005; it was the first time it happened for a complete series with no gimmicks or special situations since **WR Michael Westbrook** played a series at safety against Baylor in 1993. **DE James Garee** also trotted in on offense in 2005, catching a pass as an end at Miami. **DT Sam Wilder** had been the last before 2005, as he caught a 9-yard pass against Kansas State in 2002. **DT Justin Bannan**, did the same, catching a 12-yard TD pass on his only play at Missouri in 2000. **CB Ben Kelly** tried tailback in 1999 at Texas Tech; he finished with three yards on one carry (a nice 5-yard run was wiped out by a penalty). Between 1994 and 2005, several Buffs played on both sides of the ball, as offensive linemen often played on the goal line or short yardage defense units—**OG Heath Irwin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole**, **OT Melvin Thomas** and **OG Brad Bedell** all did it at one time or another between 1993 and 1998. In 1990, **OLBs Alfred Williams** and **Kanavis McGhee** played some tight end in a 64-3 win over Kansas State (Williams caught a pass for 17 yards, McGhee didn't catch the one thrown his way). The last offensive skill player to swing over and try some defense was Westbrook (four snaps at strong safety) against Baylor in 1993.

**WHY CU AND NOT UC?**

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

**HISTORY OF THE "COLORADO"**

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

**QUARTERBACK HISTORY LESSON**

The three-way competition for the starting quarterback job this year was only the fifth real battle in the last 15 years at Colorado. The last time had been in 2003, when walk-on **Joel Klatt** earned the nod; in 2000, the competition between **Zac Colvin** and **Bobby Pesavento** raged from the start of spring ball to the final week of August camp. Colvin was named the opening game starter but four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and did not relinquish the role the remainder of the season. In 1998, the first real battle in six years, juniors **Mike Moschetti** and **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won the job and Weisinger subsequently transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety. Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91.

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

**THE AVERAGE BUFF**

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

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

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

**AROUND THE NATION**

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

**ORIGINAL 2006 TEAM MAKE-UP**

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

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

**Scholarship Players:** 83

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

**Walk-On Players:** 20

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THREE SENIORS NAMED 2006 CAPTAINS**

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

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

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

➤ **WASHINGTON**, a fifth-year senior from Marrero, La., has 231 career tackles, and like many before him who learned under the guidance of another former CU captain, linebacker coach **Brian Cabral**, he has his sights set on passing his coach's career tackle total (Cabral had 297 for CU between 1975-78). He is also bidding to become the first linebacker to lead the Buffaloes in tackles in back-to-back seasons since 1993-94, when Butkus Award runner-up **Ted Johnson** accomplished the feat.

## CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS

Here are the single-game career bests for those players who have regularly appeared in games (or likely will in 2006):

**ALVIN BARNETT, WR**

Receptions—7, at Miami, 9/24/05  
 Receiving Yards—59, at Miami, 9/24/05  
 Long Reception—19, at Miami, 9/24/05

**ALONZO BARRETT, DE**

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

**J.J. BILLINGSLEY, S**

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

**WALTER BOYE-DOE, DE**

Total Tackles—6, vs. Oklahoma, 10/25/03  
 Solo Tackles—5, vs. Oklahoma, 10/25/03  
 Assisted Tackles—3, twice (last: at Kansas, 11/6/04)

**DOMINIQUE BROOKS, S**

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

**MARCUS BURTON, ILB**

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

**HUGH CHARLES, TB**

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

**JAMES COX, QB**

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

**CODY CRAWFORD, WR**

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

**PAUL CREIGHTON, TE**

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

**MASON CROSBY, PK**

Field Goals Attempted—6, vs. UTEP (Houston Bowl), 12/29/04; *Regular Season:* 4, twice.  
 Field Goals Made—4, three times (last: UTEP, 12/29/04)  
 Long Field Goal—60, vs. Iowa State, 10/16/04  
 Long Field Goal Attempt—62, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 PAT Attempts—7, vs. North Texas, 9/18/04  
 PAT Made—7, vs. North Texas, 9/18/04

**MATT DILALLO, P**

Punts—2, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 Average (*min. 5 punts*)—40.5, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 Long Punt—41, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 50-Plus—N/A  
 Inside-the-20—1, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06

**TYSON DeVREE, TE**

(at Colorado)

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

**JORDON DIZON, ILB**

Total Tackles—13, at Washington State, 9/11/04  
 Solo Tackles—9, at Washington State, 9/11/04  
 Third Down Stops—3, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 QB Sacks—2, vs. Missouri 11/5/05  
 Passes Broken Up—2, at Washington State, 9/11/04

**BYRON ELLIS, TB**

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

**ISAAC GARDEN, P**

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

**MELL HOLLIDAY, TB**

Rushing Attempts—12, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 Rushing Yards—50, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 Long Run—9, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 Receptions—0  
 Receiving Yards—N/A  
 Long Reception—N/A

**GEORGE HYPOLITE, DT**

Total Tackles—3, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 Solo Tackles—2, twice (last: vs. Montana State, 9/02/06)  
 Third Down Stops—2, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05  
 Interceptions—none.

**BERNARD JACKSON, QB**

Pass Attempts—1, twice  
 Pass Completions—1, twice  
 Passing Yards—41, vs. Kansas State, 11/13/05  
 Long Pass—41, to Blake Mackey vs. KSU, 11/13/05  
 TD Passes—0.  
 Rushing Attempts—3, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/1/05  
 Rushing Yards—8, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/1/05  
 Long Rush—7, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/1/05

**BRAD JONES, OLB**

Total Tackles—7, at Texas, 10/15/05  
 Solo Tackles—5, at Texas, 10/15/05  
 QB Sacks—0.  
 Third Down Stops—1, twice (last: vs. Texas, 12/3/05)

**ALEX LIGON, DE**

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

**MAURICE LUCAS, DE**

Total Tackles—7, at Kansas State, 10/29/05  
 Solo Tackles—4, vs. Texas, 12/3/05  
 QB Sacks—none.

**BLAKE MACKEY, WR**

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

**SCOTTY McKNIGHT, WR**

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

**STEPHON ROBINSON, WR/KR**

Receptions—5, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05  
 Receiving Yards—50, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05  
 Receiving TDs—none  
 Long Reception—14, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05  
 Kickoff Returns—5, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/05  
 Kickoff Return Yards—92, v s. Oklahoma, 12/4/04  
 Long Kickoff Return—33, vs. Colorado State, 9/3/05  
 Punt Returns—4, three times (last: at Kansas, 11/6/04)  
 Punt Return Yards—103, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05  
 Long Punt Return—81, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05 (TD)

**LORENZO SIMS JR., CB**

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

**DUSTY SPRAGUE, WR**

Receptions—9, at Miami, 9/24/05  
 Receiving Yards—101, at Texas A&M, 10/23/04  
 Long Reception—62, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05 (TD)  
 Receiving TDs—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)

**RYAN WALTERS, S**

Total Tackles—7, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 Solo Tackles—5, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 Interceptions—none.  
 Pass Deflections—1, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06

**TERRY WASHINGTON, CB**

Total Tackles—5, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05  
 Solo Tackles—5, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05  
 Interceptions—none.  
 Pass Deflections—2, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05  
 Kickoff Returns—4, at Miami, 9/24/05  
 Kickoff Return Yards—64, at Miami, 9/24/05  
 Long Kickoff Return—32, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05

**THADDAEUS WASHINGTON, ILB**

Total Tackles—14, twice (last: vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05)  
 Solo Tackles—10, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/04  
 Total Tackles—14, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05  
 Tackles For Loss—3, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05  
 QB Sacks—1, on 5 occasions (last vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05)  
 Third Down Stops—2, thrice (last vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)  
 Interceptions—2, at Nebraska, 11/26/04.

**TERRENCE WHEATLEY, CB**

Total Tackles—8, at Baylor, 10/4/03  
 Solo Tackles—6, twice (last: vs. Kansas State, 11/13/04)  
 Interceptions—1, four times (last vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/04)  
 Pass Deflections—2, at Kansas State, 10/18/03.

**BRIAN WHITE, QB**

Pass Attempts—12, vs. Clemson (Champs Sports Bowl), 12/27/05; *Regular Season:* 1, vs. OSU, 10/9/04.  
 Pass Completions—7, vs. Clemson (Champs Sports Bowl), 12/27/05; *Regular Season:* 1, vs. OSU, 10/9/04.  
 Passing Yards—81, vs. Clemson (Champs Sports Bowl), 12/27/05; *Regular Season:* 10, vs. OSU, 10/9/04.  
 Long Pass—26, to Blake Mackey, vs. Okla. St., 10/9/04  
 TD Passes—1, vs. Clemson (Champs Sports Bowl), 12/27/05)

**PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR**

Receptions—5, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05  
 Receiving Yards—51, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 Long Reception—42, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06  
 Receiving TDs—none

**ABRAHAM WRIGHT, DE**

Total Tackles—5, twice (last: vs. Montana State, 9/02/06)  
 Solo Tackles—4, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05  
 Tackles For Loss—2, twice (last: vs. Montana State, 9/02/06)  
 QB Sacks—2, at Kansas, 11/6/04  
 Interceptions—1, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05

**THE LAST TIME****INDIVIDUAL**

Kickoff Return For A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (88 yards).
	<b>Opponent:</b> Sammy Moore, Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003 (97 yards).
Punt Return For A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards).
	<b>Opponent:</b> Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards).
Interception Return For A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Marcus Burton vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005 (99 yards).
	<b>Opponent:</b> Brent Curvey, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Dominique Brooks vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 6, 2004 (41 yards).
	<b>Opponent:</b> Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards).
	<b>Opponent:</b> Brandon Foster, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> , 0 yards).
Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Has not occurred.
	<b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.
Blocked Punt	<b>Colorado:</b> Vance Washington vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 ( <i>Champs Sports Bowl</i> ).
	<b>Opponent:</b> Brian Robinson, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ).
Blocked PAT Kick	<b>Colorado:</b> James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 ( <i>Champs Sports Bowl</i> ).
	<b>Opponent:</b> Brodney Pool, Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 25, 2003.
Blocked Field Goal	<b>Colorado:</b> James Garee vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b> Michael Griffin, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ).
Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown	<b>Colorado:</b> Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone).
	<b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.
Defensive Two-Point Conversion	<b>Colorado:</b> Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991.
	<b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.
300 Yards Total Offense	<b>Colorado:</b> 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 408, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005.
400 Yards Total Offense	<b>Colorado:</b> 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 408, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005.
100 Yards Rushing	<b>Colorado:</b> 132, Hugh Charles vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 150, James Davis, <b>Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>)</b> .
200 Yards Rushing	<b>Colorado:</b> 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 247, Jamario Thomas, North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004.
300 Yards Rushing	<b>Colorado:</b> 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002.
	<b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred (record is 268).
Three Touchdowns Rushing	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 3, Vince Young, Texas at Austin, Oct. 15, 2005.
Four Touchdowns Rushing	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997.
Two 100-Yard Rushers	<b>Colorado:</b> Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002.
	<b>Opponent:</b> Ell Roberson (21-178) and Darrin Sproles (16-121), Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002.
Three 100-Yard Rushers	<b>Colorado:</b> Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970.
	<b>Opponent:</b> David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151), George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
300 Yards Passing	<b>Colorado:</b> 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 392, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005.
400 Yards Passing	<b>Colorado:</b> 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 403, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004.
Three Touchdowns Passing	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 3, Vince Young, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ).
Four Touchdowns Passing	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 4, Joey Harrington, Oregon at Tempe, Jan. 1, 2002 ( <i>Fiesta Bowl</i> ).
Five Touchdowns Passing	<b>Colorado:</b> 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 5, Steve Stenstrom, Stanford at Palo Alto, Sept. 18, 1993.
Three Interceptions Thrown	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 6, 2004.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 3, Jason Swanson, Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005.
Four Interceptions Thrown	<b>Colorado:</b> 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 4, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005.
10 Receptions	<b>Colorado:</b> 11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 10, Michael Jefferson, Montana State in Boulder, Sept. 2, 2006.
100 Yards Receiving	<b>Colorado:</b> 108, Evan Judge vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 102, Limas Sweed, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ).
200 Yards Receiving	<b>Colorado:</b> 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996.
Two Touchdowns Receiving	<b>Colorado:</b> 2, Joe Klopfenstein vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 2, Limas Sweed, Texas at Austin, Oct. 15, 2005.
Three Touchdowns Receiving	<b>Colorado:</b> 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996.
	<b>Opponent:</b> 3, Justin Armour, Stanford at Palo Alto, Sept. 18, 1993.
Two 100-Yard Receivers	<b>Colorado:</b> Derek McCoy (6-171) and D.J. Hackett (4-143) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003.
	<b>Opponent:</b> Javson Boyd (7-140) and Johnnie Higgins (7-122), UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 ( <i>Houston Bowl</i> ).
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver	<b>Colorado:</b> Bobby Purify (22-130 rushing) & Blake Mackey (8-116 receiving) vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 26, 2004.
	<b>Opponent:</b> Adrian Peterson (28-172 rushing) & Mark Clayton (8-106 receiving), Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004. ( <i>Big 12 Ch.</i> )
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver ( <i>same player</i> )	<b>Colorado:</b> Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001.
	<b>Opponent:</b> Has not occurred.



### The Last Time, continued...

Four Touchdowns In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush).
Four Field Goals In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	4, Mason Crosby vs. UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 ( <i>Houston Bowl</i> ).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	5, Todd Pegram, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
50-Yard Field Goal	<b>Colorado:</b>	57, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (Home: 56, Crosby vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	51, Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State at <b>Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005.</b>
Two Interceptions In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	2, Thaddeus Washington vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 26, 2004.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	2, Charles Gordon, Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 6, 2004.
Three Interceptions In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	3, Victor Scott vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 16, 1982.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002.
Four Interceptions In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	Has not occurred.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946.
Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	3 (for 26), Alex Ligon vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	3 (for 20), Adell Duckett, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984.

### TEAM

Shut Out (Defensive)	<b>Colorado:</b>	<b>Game:</b> 34-0, vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005. <b>Through 3rd Qtr:</b> 24-0, vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005. <b>At Half:</b> 10-0, vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	<b>Game:</b> 0-13, by Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005. <b>Through 3rd Qtr:</b> 0-16, by Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005. <b>At Half:</b> 0-28, by Oklahoma in Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ).
Safety	<b>Colorado:</b>	vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	by Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (punt blocked out of end zone).
Held To No Offensive Touchdowns	<b>Colorado:</b>	by Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005..
30 First Downs In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	34, vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Held Under 10 First Downs	<b>Colorado:</b>	3, Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	7, by New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
500 Yards Total Offense In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	559, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	532, by Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
600 Yards Total Offense In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	767, vs. San Jose State in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	639, by Missouri in Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	124, Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 ( <i>Champs Sports Bowl</i> ).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	181, by New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
300 Yards Rushing In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	331, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	326, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004.
400 Yards Rushing In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987.
500 Yards Rushing In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	17, vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 ( <i>Champs Sports Bowl</i> ).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	50, Montana State in Boulder, Sept. 2, 2006.
400 Yards Passing In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	403, by Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004.
500 Yards Passing In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 ( <i>Aloha Bowl</i> ).
Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	50, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	71, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004.
Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play	<b>Colorado:</b>	8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	8.62, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (68-586).
Held Under Three Yards Per Play	<b>Colorado:</b>	1.05, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (44-46; <i>Big 12 Championship</i> ).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	2.80, by Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 6, 2001 (70-196).
Four Interception Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	4, vs. Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999.
Five Interception Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.
Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles	<b>Colorado:</b>	5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980.
Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles	<b>Colorado:</b>	6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975.
Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	40:14, vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997.
Turnover-Free Game	<b>Colorado:</b>	vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 ( <i>Champs Sports Bowl</i> ).
	<b>Opponent:</b>	by Montana State in Boulder, Sept. 2, 2006.
Did Not Punt	<b>Colorado:</b>	vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1994.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 22, 1983.
Recovered Own Onside Kick	<b>Colorado:</b>	vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999 (Damen Wheeler); 0-of-last 5.
	<b>Opponent:</b>	Nebraska in Lincoln, Nov. 26, 2004 (Lance Brandenburg); 0-of-last-2.



**CHART-MANIA**

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the 21 football seasons between 1989 through 2005 (*includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 21 seasons; does not include 2006 results*):

**TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2005)**

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Miami, Fla.	211	42	0	.834
2	Florida State	212	46	2	.819
3	Nebraska	209	51	1	.803
4	Michigan	194	58	5	.765
5	Tennessee	192	60	6	.756
6	Florida	189	67	2	.736
7	Ohio State	186	66	5	.733
8	Oklahoma	178	72	3	.709
9	Penn State	178	74	1	.706
10	Auburn	174	72	5	.703
11	Texas A & M	175	78	2	.690
12	Alabama	177	79	2	.690
13	Georgia	171	79	3	.682
14	Notre Dame	170	80	2	.679
15	Texas	168	83	2	.668
<b>16</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.667</b>
17	Southern California	167	85	5	.660
18	Fresno State	167	86	3	.658
19	Virginia Tech	161	86	3	.650
20	Brigham Young	171	93	2	.647
21	Clemson	159	88	3	.642
22	Syracuse	156	90	4	.632
23	Washington	153	92	3	.623
24	Air Force	157	97	1	.618
25	Virginia	155	96	1	.617
26	UCLA	152	92	3	.621
27	Oregon	150	95	0	.612
28	West Virginia	147	96	4	.603
29	Southern Miss	144	97	1	.597
30	Iowa	140	97	5	.589
31	Utah	142	102	0	.582
32	North Carolina State	142	105	4	.574
33	Arizona State	138	103	3	.572
34	Kansas State	139	108	2	.562
35	Mississippi	132	109	2	.547

**TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2005)**

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	107	26	0	.805
2	Michigan (Big Ten)	107	28	2	.796
3	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	100	28	1	.779
4	Tennessee (SEC)	99	31	2	.758
5	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	98	34	0	.742
6	Toledo (MAC)	97	34	0	.740
7	Ohio State (Big Ten)	98	35	3	.732
8	BYU (WAC/MWC)	94	35	1	.727
<b>9</b>	<b>Colorado (Big 8/12)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.702</b>
10	Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12)	88	42	2	.674
11	Colorado State (WAC/MWC)	85	43	0	.664
12	Southern Cal (Pac-10)	88	44	3	.663
13	Oklahoma (Big 8/12)	83	44	2	.651
14	Alabama (SEC)	86	47	0	.647
15	Washington (Pac-10)	85	50	1	.629

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 (1989-2005)**

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	174	37	1	.823
2	Miami, Fla.	167	38	0	.815
3	Nebraska	168	42	1	.799
4	Tennessee	161	46	3	.774
5	Florida	161	50	1	.762
6	Michigan	155	49	3	.756
7	Ohio State	157	50	3	.755
8	Texas	144	61	2	.700
9	Virginia Tech	141	62	2	.693
10	Penn State	142	63	1	.692
11	Notre Dame	140	64	2	.684
<b>12</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.683</b>
13	Auburn	137	63	3	.682
14	Alabama	141	66	1	.680
15	Toledo	133	62	3	.679
16	Georgia	138	65	1	.679
17	Texas A & M	139	66	2	.676
18	Oklahoma	136	66	3	.671
19	Southern California	136	68	4	.663
20	Kansas State	136	68	1	.666
21	Brigham Young	134	76	2	.637
22	Virginia	131	75	1	.635
23	Oregon	128	74	0	.634
24	Fresno State	131	77	2	.629
25	Washington	125	75	1	.624
26	Clemson	125	76	1	.621
27	Syracuse	122	77	3	.611
28	Air Force	125	80	1	.609
29	Colorado State	123	81	1	.602
30	Wisconsin	120	82	4	.592
31	Georgia Tech	118	83	1	.587
32	Southern Miss	115	81	1	.586
33	UCLA	115	83	1	.580
34	Mississippi	112	86	0	.566
35	North Carolina	109	90	1	.548

**COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (15-12-1)**

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

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

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## DEPTH CHART

A note about CU's depth: in-season, depth charts reflect change and generally do not announce it unless there are long-term injuries.

## OFFENSE

(Multiple)

## WIDE RECEIVER (x)

- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 200, Soph.\*  
 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-11, 185, Fr.  
 48 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 175, Soph.  
 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 180, Sr.-5\*\*  
 38 Chase McBride, 5-8, 160, Jr.

## WIDE RECEIVER (z)

- 17 Alvin Barnett, 6-0, 185, Jr.\*\*  
 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 190, Jr.\*\*  
 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 195, Jr.\*\*  
 9 Blake Mackey, 6-3, 200, Sr.-5\*  
 80 Jarrell Yates, 6-0, 185, Fr.-RS

## LEFT TACKLE

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

## LEFT GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-4, 300, Sr.\*\*\*  
 65 Wes Palazzi, 6-1, 285, Fr.

## CENTER

- 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 295, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 57 Bryce MacMartin, 6-2, 285, Sr.\*

## RIGHT GUARD

- 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 290, Fr.-RS **OR**  
 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Soph.\*

## RIGHT TACKLE

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

## TIGHT END

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

## QUARTERBACK

- 10 James Cox, 6-3, 220, Sr.-5\*\*  
 3 Brian White, 6-5, 220, Jr.\*  
 7 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 200, Jr.

## TAILBACK

- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Jr.\*\* **AND**  
 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 210, Jr.\*\* **AND**  
 37 Mell Holliday, 5-8, 205, Sr.-5  
 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-11, 215, Fr.  
 23 Kevin Moyd, 5-8, 190, Fr.-RS  
 31 Thomas Perez, 6-1, 210, Jr.

## FULLBACK

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

## DEFENSE

(4-3/Base)

## LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 245, Sr.-5\*\*  
 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 235, Jr.\*\*  
 51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 275, Sr.-5\*\*\* (*also DT*)

## DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 86 George Hypolite, 6-2, 285, Soph.\*  
 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-5, 275, Fr.-RS

## NOSE TACKLE

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

## RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

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

## MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

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

## WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

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

## SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

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

## LEFT CORNERBACK

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

## FREE SAFETY

- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 190, Soph.\* **AND**  
 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 200, Soph.\*  
 20 Terry Wilson, 5-11, 200, Soph.  
 30 Joel Adams, 5-11, 190, Soph.

## STRONG SAFETY

- 5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 190, Sr.-5\*\*\*  
 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 190, Jr.\*  
 36 Reggie Foster, 5-11, 195, Fr.-RS

## RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr.\*\*  
 6 Gardner McKay, CB, 5-11, 160, Soph.\*  
 21 Vance Washington, 5-10, 190, Sr.-5\*\*

## SPECIALISTS

## PUNTER

- 90 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Jr. **OR**  
 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 200, Fr.-RS  
 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 215, Sr.\*\*\*  
 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-10, 190, Jr.\*

## PLACEKICKER

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

## KICKOFF RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 190, Jr.\*\*  
 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Jr.\*\*  
 6 Gardner McKay, CB, 5-11, 160, Soph.\*  
 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 165, Fr.

## PUNT RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 190, Jr.\*\*  
 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 165, Fr.  
 26 Terrence Wheatley, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr.\*\*

## HOLDER (PINNER)

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

## SHORT SNAPPER

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

## LONG SNAPPER

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

## INJURED (for extended time)

- 18 \*—S Dominique Brooks, Sr.\*\* (*knee*)  
 13 \*—WR Michael Kachmer, Fr.-RS (*knee*)  
 88 \*—TE Devin Shanahan, Fr.-RS (*knee*)

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

**AND** — indicates those listed all play/rotate;  
**OR** — indicates first-team status up for grabs.  
 Freshmen expected to redshirt not listed.



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

**ALPHABETICAL ROSTER**

The Colorado alphabetical roster (as of August 29 a.m.):

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

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
21	McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)	WO 5/4
23	MOYD, Kevin	TB	5- 8	190	Fr.	RS	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 4/4
32	NABORS, Cory	TB	5- 8	180	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)	WO 5/4
94	NICOLAS, Brandon	DT	6- 3	275	So.	TR	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame)	S 3/3
99	NONU, Justin	ILB	6- 2	300	Fr.	HS	Vista, Calif. (Oceanside)	S 5/4
65	PALAZZI, Wes	OL	6- 1	285	Fr.	HS	Plano, Texas (Plano West)	S 5/4
31	PEREZ, Thomas	TB	6- 1	210	Jr.	JC	Compton, Calif. (Lynnwood/Compton CC)	S 3/2
77	POLUMBUS, Tyler	OL	6- 8	285	Jr.	2L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 2/2
1	ROBINSON, Stephone	WR	5- 9	190	Jr.	2L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S 2/2
75	SANDERS, Daniel	OL	6- 3	310	So.	1L	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)	S 3/3
13	SANDERS, Joe	OLB	6- 3	215	Jr.	1L	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)	S 2/2
22	SIMS, Lorenzo, Jr.	CB	5-11	185	Sr.	3L	Fresno, Calif. (Edison)	S 2/1
98	SIPILI, Michael	ILB	6- 1	235	Fr.	HS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 5/4
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	6- 0	205	Fr.	RS	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	WO 4/4
35	SMITH, Jimmy	CB	6- 2	195	Fr.	HS	Colton, Calif. (Colton)	S 5/4
92	SOLDER, Nate	TE	6- 8	245	Fr.	HS	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)	S 5/4
83	SPRAGUE, Dusty	WR	6- 4	195	Jr.	2L	Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)	S 2/2
52	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB	6- 2	215	Fr.	RS	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 4/4
74	STEVENS, Keenan	OG	6- 2	280	Fr.	HS	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)	WO 5/4
95	SUAZO, Tom	P	5-11	180	So.	TR	Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State)	WO 3/3
8	SUMLER, Demetrius	TB	5-11	215	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)	S 5/4
63	TIPTON, Jack	OL	6- 3	295	Sr.	2L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 1/1
15	WALTERS, Ryan	S	5-11	200	So.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 3/3
10	WASHINGTON, Terry	CB	5-10	195	Sr.	1L	St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City CC)	S 2/1
49	WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus	ILB	5-11	245	Sr.	3L	Marrero, La. (John Ehret)	S 1/1
21	WASHINGTON, Vance	CB	5-10	190	Sr.	2L	Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook)	S 1/1
26	WHEATLEY, Terrence	CB	5-10	180	Jr.	2L	Richardson, Texas (Plano East)	S 2/2
3	WHITE, Brian	QB	6- 5	220	Jr.	1L	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Trabuco Hills)	S 2/2
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	WR	6- 2	200	So.	1L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 3/3
20	WILSON, Terry	CB	5-11	200	So.	VR	Chino, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 3/3
53	WRIGHT, Abraham	DE	6- 3	245	Sr.	2L	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 1/1
80	YATES, Jarrell	WR	6- 0	185	Fr.	RS	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	S 4/4

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

### Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
18	BROOKS, Dominique	S	6- 1	190	Sr.	2L	Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite)	knee rehab	S 2/1
---	DYKES, Daniel	S	6- 2	205	Jr.	TR	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos/Idaho)	transfer	WO 3/2
57	DUREN, Jake	LB	6- 0	230	So.	TR	Littleton, Colo. (Mullen/Northern Colorado)	transfer	WO 4/3
73	FAATAGI, Erick	OL	6- 3	335	Jr.	JC	Carson, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College)	injured (knee)	S 3/2
13	KACHMER, Michael	WR	6- 0	180	Fr.	RS	Wheaton, Ill. (St. Francis)	injured (knee)	WO 4/4
88	SHANAHAN, Devin	TE	6- 5	220	Fr.	RS	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	injured (knee)	WO 4/4

### January Enrollment

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

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