

# 2004 COLORADO FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

## 2004 Schedule

		<u>time (MT)</u>	<u>series</u>
S 4	COLORADO STATE	tba	55-18-2
S 11	at Washington State (at Seattle)	tba	3- 2-0
S 18	NORTH TEXAS	tba	0- 0-0
O 2	*at Missouri	tba	30-35-3
O 9	*OKLAHOMA STATE ( <i>Homecoming</i> )	tba	25-16-1
O 16	*IOWA STATE ( <i>Family Weekend</i> )	tba	45-12-1
O 23	*at Texas A & M	tba	4- 1-0
O 30	*TEXAS	tba	7- 6-0
N 6	*at Kansas	tba	39-21-3
N 13	*KANSAS STATE	tba	41-17-1
N 26	*at Nebraska (ABC)	10:00a	16-44-2

D 4 Big 12 Championship (*at Kansas City*; ABC, 6:00p)

\*—Big 12 Conference game; OPEN WEEKS: Sept. 25, Nov. 20.

## 2003 Results (Won 5, Lost 7; 3-5 Big 12 North)

A 30	Colorado State (Denver)	W	42-35	76,219
S 6	UCLA	W	16-14	48,584
S 13	WASHINGTON STATE	L	26-47	48,146
S 20	at Florida State	L	7-47	83,294
O 4	*at Baylor	L	30-42	23,147
O 11	*KANSAS (ot)	W	50-47	50,477
O 18	*at Kansas State	L	20-49	51,536
O 25	*OKLAHOMA	L	20-34	54,215
N 1	*at Texas Tech	L	21-26	52,908
N 8	*MISSOURI	W	21-16	47,722
N 15	*at Iowa State	W	44-10	36,977
N 28	*NEBRASKA	L	22-31	53,444

**Head Coach:** Gary Barnett (Missouri '69)

**Record at Colorado:** 34-28 (five seasons)

**Career Record:** 77-84-2 (14 seasons)

**Office Telephone:** 303/492-5330

**Nickname:** Buffaloes

**Colors:** Silver, Gold & Black

**Enrollment:** 27,954

**Stadium:** Folsom Field (53,750; natural grass/opened in 1924)

**2003 Record:** 5-7-0

**Big 12:** 3-5-0 (t-4th/6, North Division)

**Nat'l Rankings:** NR

**Bowl:** None

**President:** Dr. Elizabeth Hoffman (Smith '68)

**Chancellor:** Dr. Richard Byyny (Southern California '60)

**Athletic Director:** Dick Tharp (DePauw '70)

**Asst. AD/Media Relations:** David Plati (303-492-5626)

**Program Quick Notes:** Colorado has been ranked in the preseason top 25 (*Associated Press*) for 12 of the last 15 years (lone exceptions coming in 1998, 2001 and 2003); CU was in the top 15 in 11 of those 12 years... CU has defeated at least one ranked team in 15 of the last 16 seasons... Colorado's 125-53-4 record dating back to the start of the 1989 season is the eighth best in the nation over the last 15 years... The Buffs have played the nation's toughest schedule two times in these 15 seasons (1990, 1997) and played the second toughest in 2001 (eight bowl teams), fourth hardest in 2000 (seven bowl foes), eighth toughest in 2003 (10 bowl teams) and 13th toughest in 2002 (nine bowl teams)... CU owns the nation's ninth best road record since 1988 (52-25-1)... In 2003, Colorado had the 12th most alumni active in the NFL (29 players), tied for the second most in the Big 12 (17 participated in the NFL playoffs, four in the Super Bowl)... The Buffs have scored in 184 straight games, the eighth longest active streak in the NCAA.

**Lettermen Returning:** 42 (19 offense, 19 defense, 4 specialists)

**Lettermen Lost:** 18 (9 offense, 8 defense, 1 specialist)

**Starters Returning (14)—Offense 7** (TB Brian Calhoun, OG Brian Daniels, QB Joel Klatt, TE Joe Klopfenstein, OG Derek Stemrich, FB Lawrence Vickers, OT Sam Wilder); **Defense 7** (WS J.J. Billingsley, DT Brandon Dabdoub, ILB Akarika Dawn, DE James Garee, DE \*Marques Harris, CB Sammy Joseph, DL Matt McChesney. (*Calculated by those who had six or more starts in 2003 OR were starting at the end of the year; \*-2002/03 starter until lost for year with leg injury*))

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

**Others Returning With Significant Scrimmage Experience (8; two or fewer career starts)—**WR Jeremy Bloom, QB Erik Greenberg, DE Chris Hollis, DE Alex Ligon, DT Vaka Manupuna, WR Ron Monteilh, ILB Thaddeaus Washington, CB Terrence Wheatley).

**Starters Lost (9)—Offense 4** (OT Karl Allis, WR D.J. Hackett, C Marwan Hage, WR Derek McCoy); **Defense 5** (CB Phil Jackson, FS Medford Moorer, DE Gabe Nyenhuis, S Clyde Surrell, ILB Sean Tufts).

**Others Lost With Significant Starting Experience (2)—**WR John Donahoe, DT DeAndre Fluellen.

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

**Specialists Lost (1)—**SN Jake Jones.

**Base Spring Roster (87 players/67 scholarship)—**13 seniors, 27 juniors, 30 sophomores, 15 redshirt freshmen, 2 true freshmen (*numbers do not include WR Jeremy Bloom, who is skiing on the World Cup moguls tour*).

**Offensive Formation:** Multiple (*Colorado in 2003: 372.8 ypg; rushing: 45% plays/31% yards; passing: 55% plays/69% yards*).

**Defensive Formation:** TBA (*Opponents in 2003: 366.5 ypg; rushing: 50% plays/38% yards; passing: 50% plays/62% yards*).

**STAT RANKINGS...** A look where CU ranked statistically as a team in 2003 in both the Big 12 and NCAA:

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
12th	113th	RUSHING OFFENSE.....	93.3	4th	53rd	RUSHING DEFENSE.....	150.8	7th	24th	PUNT RETURNS.....	11.7
3rd	18th	PASSING OFFENSE.....	279.3	12th	114th	PASSING DEFENSE.....	281.2	6th	32nd	KICKOFF RETURNS.....	22.4
9th	66th	TOTAL OFFENSE.....	372.8	9th	97th	TOTAL DEFENSE.....	432.1	10th	82nd	NET PUNTING.....	34.3
8th	63rd	SCORING OFFENSE.....	26.6	8th	98th	SCORING DEFENSE.....	33.2	10th	100th	TURNOVER MARGIN.....	-0.58

# Spring Schedule



## Calendar *(dates, times subject to change)*

MARCH	18—	PRO TIMING DAY (9:00 a.m., Dal Ward Center/Balch Fieldhouse; assorted tests, sprints and drills)	
MARCH	20—	Spring Break (through March 28)	
APRIL	2—	Practice # 1 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:15-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>shorts</i>
APRIL	3—	Practice # 2 (11:30 a.m. meetings , 12:30-3:00 practice)	<i>shorts</i>
APRIL	4—	Practice # 3 (11:30 a.m. meetings , 12:30-3:00 practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	5—	Practice # 4 (7:00 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	7—	Practice # 5 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:15-5:30 p.m.)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	9—	Practice # 6 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:15-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	10—	Practice # 7 (meetings and practice TBA) <b>Coaches Clinic</b>	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	12—	Practice # 8 (7:00 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	14—	Practice # 9 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:15-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	16—	Practice #10 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:15-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	17—	Practice #11 (meetings and <b>scrimmage</b> TBA)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	19—	Practice #12 (7:00 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:30-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	21—	Practice #13 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:15-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>pads</i>
APRIL	23—	Practice #14 (2:15 p.m. meetings, 3:15-5:45 p.m. practice)	<i>shorts</i>
APRIL	24—	Practice #15 (1:00 spring game; morning meeting and breakfast with alumni)	<i>pads</i>

- **Interviews** available before and after all practices (other than April 2 and scrimmage days—after only).
- **Times** listed are tentative; confirm daily with the CU athletic media relations office.
- **Pro-Timing Day** (March 18: morning session with last year's seniors) is open to the media, not the public; afternoon tests with current players are a team-only event.
- All practices at this time are closed; photography needs will be addressed on a per request basis (note: the first 20 minutes of the April 2 practice will definitely be open for media needs).
- As of now, the April 17 **scrimmage** will be **open to the media**.
- The spring game (April 24) is open to all (free admission for the public).

## 2004 Expanded Schedule

Date	Opponent	TV	Time	2003			
				Record	Meeting (Last)	Series (Last 10)	
SEPT. 4	COLORADO STATE	tba	tba MDT	7-6	76th (2003)	55-18-2	(7-3)
Sept. 11	Washington State (at Seattle)	tba	tba MDT	10-3	6th (2003)	3- 2-0	(.....)
SEPT. 18	NORTH TEXAS	tba	tba MDT	10-3	1st (.....)	0- 0-0	(.....)
Oct. 2	*at Missouri	tba	tba MST	8-5	69th (2003)	30-35-3	(8-2)
OCT. 9	*OKLAHOMA STATE ( <i>H</i> )	tba	tba MDT	9-4	43rd (2001)	25-16-1	(9-1)
OCT. 16	*IOWA STATE ( <i>FW</i> )	tba	tba MST	2-10	58th (2003)	45-12-1	(9-1)
Oct. 23	*at Texas A&M	tba	tba MDT	4-8	6th (2001)	4- 1-0	(.....)
OCT. 30	*TEXAS	tba	tba MDT	10-3	14th (2001)	7- 6-0	(7-3)
Nov. 6	*at Kansas	tba	tba MDT	6-7	64th (2003)	39-21-3	(7-3)
NOV. 13	*KANSAS STATE	tba	tba MDT	11-4	60th (2003)	41-17-1	(5-5)
Nov. 26	*at Nebraska	ABC	10:00 a.m. MST	10-3	63rd (2003)	16-44-2	(2-8)
Dec. 4	Big 12 Championship Game	ABC	6:00 p.m. MST	(at Kansas City, Mo.)			

**OPEN WEEKENDS:** Sept. 25, Nov. 20. \*—Big 12 Conference game; (*H*)—Homecoming; (*FW*)—Family Weekend. tba—to be announced (games on the selection menu of ABC and/or FOX Sports Net/TBS; those networks have contracts with the Big 12 Conference which allow them to announce their plans up to 12 days in advance (and two times a year, six days in advance), and those games not selected will likely not be televised). **RADIO:** All games broadcast locally on the Colorado Football Network. National broadcasts in 2004 to be selected (Westwood One and/or Sports USA Radio Network).

## 2004 COLORADO FOOTBALL STAFF

### Head Coach

Gary Barnett (Missouri '69) **ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE**

### Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks

Shawn Watson (Southern Illinois '82)

### Offensive Line

Dave Borbely (DePauw '81)

### Receivers

Ted Gilmore (Wyoming '91)

### Running Backs

Shawn Simms (Bowling Green '86)

### Tight Ends

John Wristen (Southern Colorado '84)

### Assistant Head Coach/Inside Linebackers

Brian Cabral (Colorado '78) **INTERIM HEAD COACH**

### Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers

Mike Hankwitz (Michigan '70)

### Secondary

Vance Joseph (Colorado '94)

### Defensive Line

Chris Wilson (Oklahoma '92)

### Offensive Graduate Assistant

Tim Ridder (Notre Dame '99)

### Defensive Graduate Assistant

Hunter Hughes (Middle Tennessee State '91/'99)

### Coordinator of Football Operations

David Hansburg (Amherst '90)

## 2004 COLORADO FOOTBALL LETTERMEN PICTURE

Colorado has 43 lettermen scheduled to return for the 2004 season, including 21 on offense, 18 on defense and four specialists. CU loses nine starters from the 2003 team, as the Buffs will have 14 starters back, a number that includes DE Marques Harris, who had 31 career starts before suffering a season-ending leg injury against UCLA last fall (the second game of the season). Returning starters are listed in bold, and (\*\*) denotes letters earned primarily on special teams. The breakdown:

### OFFENSE

Position	Returning (21)	Lost (8)
WR (z)	Ron Monteilh, Jeremy Bloom	<b>Derek McCoy</b> , Daniel Gonzales
WR (x)	**Evan Judge	<b>D.J. Hackett</b> , John Donahoe **Barry Kunkel
ST	<b>Sam Wilder</b>	
SG	<b>Brian Daniels</b>	
C	Mark Fenton	<b>Marwan Hage</b>
TG	<b>Derek Stemrich</b> , Gary Moore	
TT	Clint O'Neal	<b>Karl Allis</b>
TE	<b>Joe Klopfenstein</b> , Quinn Synniewski, Jesse Wallace, Paul Creighton	
QB	<b>Joel Klatt</b> , Erik Greenberg	
TB	<b>Brian Calhoun</b> , Daniel Jolly, Bobby Purify	
FB	<b>Lawrence Vickers</b> , **Kyle Griffith	**Chad Gardner, J.P. diZerega,

### DEFENSE

Position	Returning (18)	Lost (8)
DE	<b>James Garee</b> , Alex Ligon	<b>Gabe Nyenhuis</b>
DT	<b>Matt McChesney</b> , Vaka Manupuna	DeAndre Fluellen
DT	<b>Brandon Dabdoub</b> , McKenzie Tilmon	
DE	<b>Marques Harris</b> (from '02), Chris Hollis	
MLB	Thaddaeus Washington	<b>Sean Tufts</b>
WLB	<b>Akarika Dawn</b> , Walter-Boye-Doe	
SS	Brian Iwuh	<b>Clyde Surrell</b> , **Omar Stewart
WS	<b>J.J. Billingsley</b> , Lorenzo Sims	
FS	Dominique Brooks	<b>Medford Mooror</b>
CB	<b>Sammy Joseph</b>	
CB	Terrence Wheatley, **Vance Washington	<b>Phil Jackson</b> , **Marcus Moore

### SPECIALISTS

Position	Returning (4)	Lost (1)
P	<b>John Torp</b>	
PK	<b>Mason Crosby</b> , Kevin Eberhart	
SN	Greg Pace	Jake Jones

## Returning Statistical Leaders

### RUSHING

Player	G	Att	Gain	Loss	NET	—avg. per—		TD	Long	10+	5+	High Game
						att.	game					
Brian Calhoun .....	12	195	872	62	810	4.2	67.5	5	49	19	74	135
Bobby Purify .....	3	52	179	12	167	3.2	55.7	3	18	5	14	80
Daniel Jolly .....	8	47	120	11	109	2.3	13.6	6	10	2	8	28
Lawrence Vickers.....	11	28	105	5	100	3.6	9.1	1	19	4	8	27
Jeremy Bloom .....	12	10	63	11	52	5.2	4.3	0	19	3	4	19
Brandon Caesar .....	9	8	27	6	21	2.6	2.3	0	9	0	4	16

### PASSING

Player	G	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	—avg. per—		TD	Long	Sacked
					att.	comp.			
Joel Klatt .....	11	358-233-10	65.1	2,614	7.3	11.2	21	82t	29/188
Erik Greenberg	6	92-49-3	53.3	737	8.0	15.0	6	81t	7/35

### RECEIVING

Player	G	No.	Yards	rec.	—avg. per—		TD	Long	20+	10+	rec yards	High
					game	game						
Brian Calhoun .....	12	32	266	8.3	22.2	1	49	3	11	7	2-58	
Jeremy Bloom .....	12	22	356	16.2	29.7	1	81t	6	13	5	5-97	
Joe Klopfenstein.....	11	20	190	9.5	17.3	4	48t	1	7	5	3-63	
Ron Monteilh .....	10	18	153	8.5	15.3	0	20	1	10	5	5-45	
Lawrence Vickers...	11	15	123	8.2	11.2	1	29	1	6	4	2-42	
Jesse Wallace .....	12	12	70	5.8	5.8	0	12	0	2	3	3-16	

### OFFENSIVE LINE

Pos Player	G	Plays	KB	TDB	PRS	SkA	Pen	Grading-----			High Game
								Plus	Minus	Average	
OG Brian Daniels.....	11	631	14	5	4	2	2	471	160	<b>74.6</b>	85.7/Washington State
C/G Derek Stemrich .....	11	717	22	2	12	3	1	523	194	<b>72.9</b>	84.4/Kansas
OT Sam Wilder.....	12	791	12	1	27	7	3	575	216	<b>72.7</b>	80.5/Colorado State
OT Clint O'Neal.....	11	343	1	1	9	3½	2	234	109	<b>68.2</b>	86.7/Kansas

### DEFENSIVE

Pos Player	G	Plays	Tackles-----				----For Loss--		Miscellaneous-----						
			UT	AT	—	TOT Avg.	Sacks	Other	3DS	QBP	QCD	FR	FF	PBU	
DB J.J. Billingsley.....	12	802	69	25	—	94	7.8	1- 6	7-31	6	6	1	2	0	3
DB Sammy Joseph .....	12	848	45	10	—	55	4.6	0- 0	3- 4	7	0	0	0	0	5
LB Akarika Dawn .....	12	448	33	15	—	48	4.0	1-12	3-20	7	2	0	0	2	2
DE James Garee.....	12	518	23	9	—	32	2.7	4-30	3-15	3	4	1	0	1	0
DB Brian Iwuh .....	10	329	24	8	—	32	3.2	0- 0	3- 5	1	1	0	1	1	1
DL Matt McChesney .....	12	565	19	7	—	26	2.2	2-17	2- 3	2	4	0	1	0	0
LB Thad Washington .....	9	123	18	8	—	26	2.9	0- 0	2- 2	3	0	0	0	0	0
DB Dominique Brooks....	10	326	20	4	—	24	2.4	1- 7	2- 7	8	1	2	0	0	5
DB Terrence Wheatley...	6	268	19	5	—	24	4.0	0- 0	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	5

### INTERCEPTIONS

Player	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Medford Moorer.....	12	2	95	47.5	72	0
Sammy Joseph.....	12	2	17	8.5	17	0
J.J. Billingsley.....	12	2	8	4.0	6	0
Dominique Brooks.....	10	2	6	3.0	5	0

(Colorado does not count bowl games stats into its season statistics.)

## All-Star Candidates

Looking ahead to this fall, there are a few Colorado players who should be in the mix for some individual honors. Though there is no established frontrunner at this point for a particular award, two definite contenders will include **DE Marques Harris** (*Hendricks, Lombardi*) and **TB Bobby Purify** (*Doak Walker*). The Buffs always have a candidate for the *Jim Thorpe Award*, as **S J.J. Billingsley** very well could be on the preseason list. **QB Joel Klatt** is one of the top returning signal callers in the nation, with quarterback eligible for several trophies. **TE Joe Klopfenstein** had a breakout season and could make some noise for the *John Mackey Award*, or at least set things up for his senior year. **P John Torp** quietly had a decent season replacing 2002 *Ray Guy Award* winner Mark Mariscal, and might be in line for that watch list. Obviously things are up in the air with **WR Jeremy Bloom** now that he has signed an endorsement to deal to help offset his ski expenses, but if he returns, he'd join other players to watch including **TB Brian Calhoun**, **DT Brandon Dabdoub**, **DE James Garee**, **DT Matt McChesney** and **WR Ron Monteilh**, any of whom could contend for a trophy, All-American or All-Big 12 honors.

# COLORADO SPRING DEPTH CHART

as of April 2 a.m.

## OFFENSE

(Multiple)

- WR ---** 4 Ron Monteilh, 6-1, 190, Sr.\*\*  
*(z)* 6 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 175, Fr.-RS  
 23 Tyler Littlehales, 6-4, 200, Soph.  
 48 Nick Holz, 5-11, 185, Soph.  
*(15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 175, Jr.\*\*—skiing)*
- WR ---** 9 Blake Mackey, 6-3, 195, Soph.  
*(x)* 82 Evan Judge, 6-2, 205, Jr.\*\*  
 81 Mike Duren, 5-9, 190, Sr.  
 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 180, Fr.-RS  
 47 Marcus Gonzales, 6-4, 185, Jr.  
 34 Jarrad Jackson
- ST ---** 74 Sam Wilder, 6-5, 285, Sr.\*\*\*  
*(split)* 78 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 275, Fr.-RS
- SG ---** 66 Brian Daniels, 6-5, 300, Soph.\*  
*(split)* 63 Jack Tipton, 6-4, 285, Soph.  
 65 Del Scales, 6-6, 295, Soph.
- C ----** 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 295, Soph.\*  
 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 290, Jr.
- TG ---** 79 Gary Moore, 6-7, 340, Jr.\*\*  
*(tight)* 78 Terrance Barreau, 6-3, 320, Sr.  
 75 Fredrick Staugh, 6-5, 295, Soph.  
*(52 Derek Stemrich, 6-6, 285, Sr.\*\*—injured)*
- TT ---** 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 285, Jr.\*\*  
*(tight)* 61 Edwin Harrison, 6-5, 300, Fr.-RS
- TE ---** 89 Joe Klopfenstein, 6-5, 240, Jr.\*\*  
 45 Quinn Sypniewski, 6-7, 255, Sr.\*\*\*  
 86 Jesse Wallace, 6-3, 245, Sr.\*\*  
 84 Joe Sanders, 6-4, 210, Fr.-RS  
 46 Dan Goettsch, 6-5, 225, Soph.
- QB ---** 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 200, Jr.\*\*  
 13 Erik Greenberg, 6-2, 200, Jr.\*  
 10 James Cox, 6-3, 215, Soph.  
 7 Bernard Jackson, 6-2, 190, Fr.-RS  
 3 Brian White, 6-5, 220, Fr.-RS  
 5 Ryan Walters, 6-0, 190, Fr.
- TB ---** 2 Brian Calhoun, 5-10, 185, Jr.\*\*  
 42 Bobby Purify, 6-0, 220, Sr.\*\*\*\*  
 21 Brandon Caesar, 6-2, 210, Soph.  
 31 Isaiah Crawford, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS  
 36 Ryan Enright, 5-10, 200, Fr.-RS
- FB ---** 17 Lawrence Vickers, 6-2, 230, Jr.\*\* *(also TB)*  
 8 Daniel Jolly, 6-0, 220, Soph.\* *(also TB)*  
 87 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 245, Soph.\*  
 43 Brendan Schaub, 6-4, 240, Jr.  
 44 James Owens, 6-5, 245, Jr.

## DEFENSE

(4-3 Pro Style)

- DE ---** 30 Marques Harris, 6-2, 235, Sr.\*\*\*\*  
 51 Alex Ligon, 6-4, 240, Soph.\*  
 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 235, Soph.  
 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 240, Fr.
- NT ---** 93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 275, Jr.\*\*  
 95 Nick Clement, 6-2, 265, Jr.  
*(98 Brandon Dabdoub, 6-1, 290, Sr.\*\*\*—injured)*
- DT ---** 60 Matt McChesney, 6-4, 285, Sr.\*\*\*  
 99 McKenzie Tilmon, 6-4, 305, Sr.\*  
 96 Marcus Jones, 6-5, 290, Soph.
- DE ---** 82 James Garee, 6-5, 255, Jr.\*\*  
*(rush)* 95 Chad Evans, 6-4, 265, Fr.-RS
- MLB --** 49 Thaddaeus Washington, 6-0, 235, Soph.\*  
 50 Chris Hollis, 6-1, 240, Jr.\*\*  
 56 John Martin, 6-4, 235, Fr.-RS
- WLB --** 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-2, 230, Jr.\*\*  
 55 Jason Ackermann, 6-2, 215, Soph.  
 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 230, Soph.\*  
 28 Kyle Griffith, 6-2, 200, Jr.\*\*
- BLB --** 27 Brian Iwuh, 6-1, 220, Jr.\*\*  
 19 Ben Carpenter, 6-4, 210, Soph.  
 37 Chad Cusworth, 6-0, 205, Soph.
- FS ---** 5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 185, Jr.\*\*  
 16 Tom Hubbard, 6-5, 210, Jr. AND  
 3 Tyrone Henderson, 6-0, 180, Soph.  
 46 Justin Fallhowe, 6-0, 185, Jr.
- SS ---** 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-2, 195, Soph.\*  
 4 Chris Russell, 6-3, 195, Fr.-RS  
 25 Lionel Harris, 6-1, 195, Fr.-RS
- CB ---** 1 Sammy Joseph, 6-1, 180, Soph.\*  
 7 Vance Washington, 5-9, 180, Jr.\*\*  
 21 A.J. Anderson, 6-0, 175, Jr.
- CB ---** 26 Terrence Wheatley, 6-0, 175, Soph.\*  
 22 Lorenzo Sims, 5-11, 185, Soph.\* AND  
 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Soph.

## SPECIALISTS

- P ----** 29 John Torp, 6-2, 200, Jr.\*  
 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 195, Soph.\*  
 37 J.P. Heaton, 6-2, 200, Soph.
- PK ---** 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 195, Soph.\*  
 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-10, 175, Soph.\*  
 35 J.T. Eberly, 6-1, 195, Sr.
- KOR --** Pool of: J.Billingsley, S.Robinson, T.Wheatley  
*(15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 175, Jr.\*\*—skiing)*
- PR ---** Pool of: M.Duren, S.Robinson, D.Sprague  
*(15 Jeremy Bloom, 5-9, 175, Jr.\*\*—skiing)*
- HLD --** 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 200, Jr.\*\*  
 48 Nick Holz, 5-11, 185, Soph.
- SN ---** 59 Greg Pace, 6-0, 235, Jr.\*\*  
 90 Matt Hammond, 6-3, 210, Jr.

\*—denotes number of letters earned; *Italics—indicate injury status as questionable or doubtful; probables listed as normal.*  
**CAPTAINS:** to be named in August



# 2004 Colorado Football / Alphabetical Roster

April 5, 2004

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
55	ACKERMANN, Jason	ILB	6- 2	215	So.	VR	Louisville, Colo. (Boulder Fairview)	S 3/3
21	ANDERSON, A.J.	CB	6- 0	175	Jr.	VR	Omaha, Neb. (Central)	WO 2/2
78	BARREAU, Terrance	OL	6- 3	320	Sr.	VR	Aurora, Colo. (Gateway/Air Force Prep/Air Force)	WO 1/1
47	BARRETT, Alonzo	DE	6- 3	240	Fr.	HS	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)	S 5/4
5	BILLINGSLEY, J.J.	S	5-11	185	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)	S 3/2
15	BLOOM, Jeremy	WR	5- 9	175	Jr.	2L	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)	S 3/2
33	BOYE-DOE, Walter	ILB	6- 2	230	So.	1L	Keller, Texas (Keller)	S 4/3
18	BROOKS, Dominique	S	6- 2	195	So.	1L	Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite)	S 4/3
31	BURL, Gerett	CB	5-10	160	So.	JC	Libertyville, Ill. (Libertyville/Garden City CC)	S 4/3
21	CAESAR, Brandon	TB	6- 2	210	So.	VR	Broussard, Quebec CANADA (Old Farms Prep, Avon, Conn.)	S 3/3
2	CALHOUN, Brian	TB	5-10	185	Jr.	2L	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)	S 3/2
19	CARPENTER, Ben	OLB	6- 4	210	So.	VR	Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling)	WO 3/3
95	CLEMENT, Nick	DT	6- 2	265	Jr.	VR	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Cheyenne Mountain)	WO 2/2
10	COX, James	QB	6- 3	215	So.	VR	Simi Valley, Calif. (Royal)	S 3/3
31	CRAWFORD, Isaiah	TB	5-10	190	Fr.	RS	Vista, Calif. (Vista)	S 4/3
87	CREIGHTON, Paul	FB	6- 5	245	So.	1L	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)	S 3/3
16	CROSBY, Mason	PK	6- 2	195	So.	1L	Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)	S 4/3
37	CUSWORTH, Chad	OLB	6- 0	205	So.	VR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Thunder Ridge)	WO 3/3
98	DABDOUB, Brandon	DT	6- 1	290	Sr.	3L	Metairie, La. (Archbishop Rummel)	S 1/1
66	DANIELS, Brian	OL	6- 5	300	So.	1L	Evergreen, Colo. (Mullen)	S 4/3
12	DAWN, Akarika	ILB	6- 2	230	Jr.	2L	Sugarland, Texas (Kempner)	S 3/2
81	DUREN, Mike	WR	5- 9	190	Sr.	VR	Arvada, Colo. (Arvada West/Nebraska)	S 1/1
39	EBERHART, Kevin	PK	5-10	175	So.	1L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	S 4/3
35	EBERLY, J.T.	PK	6- 1	195	Sr.	VR	Littleton, Colo. (Mullen)	WO 1/1
36	ENRIGHT, Ryan	TB	5-10	200	Fr.	RS	Silt, Colo. (Rifle)	WO 4/4
13	EVANS, Chadd	DE	6- 4	265	Fr.	RS	Tulsa, Okla. (Booker T. Washington)	S 4/4
46	FALLHOWE, Justin	S	6- 0	185	Jr.	TR	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Cheyenne Mountain/Arizona State)	WO 2/2
58	FENTON, Mark	OL	6- 4	295	So.	1L	Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)	S 2/2
82	GAREE, James	DE	6- 5	255	Jr.	2L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Mitchell)	S 2/2
46	GOETTSCH, Dan	TE	6- 5	225	So.	VR	Austin, Minn. (Austin)	WO 3/3
47	GONZALES, Marcus	WR	6- 4	185	Jr.	VR	Grand Junction, Colo. (Central/Scottsdale CC)	WO 2/2
13	GREENBERG, Erik	QB	6- 2	200	Jr.	1L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Rampart)	S 2/2
28	GRIFFITH, Kyle	ILB	6- 2	200	Jr.	2L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	WO 3/2
62	GUYDON, John	OL	6- 2	290	Jr.	VR	Yorba Linda, Calif. (El Dorado/Fullerton CC)	S 2/2
90	HAMMOND, Matt	WR	6- 3	210	Jr.	VR	Sherwood, Ore. (Jesuit)	WO 2/2
25	HARRIS, Lionel	S	6- 1	195	Fr.	RS	Manvel, Texas (Alvin)	S 4/4
30	HARRIS, Marques	DE	6- 2	235	Sr.	4L	Grand Junction, Colo. (Grand Junction)	S 1/1
61	HARRISON, Edwin	OL	6- 5	300	Fr.	RS	Houston, Texas (Westbury)	S 4/4
37	HEATON, J.P.	P	6- 2	200	So.	VR	Novato, Calif. (Marin Catholic)	WO 3/3
3	HENDERSON, Tyrone	S	6- 0	180	So.	RS	Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds)	S 3/3
50	HOLLIS, Chris	ILB	6- 1	240	Jr.	2L	Denver, Colo. (Aurora Hinkley)	S 3/2
48	HOLZ, Nick	WR	5-11	185	So.	VR	Danville, Calif. (De La Salle)	WO 3/3
16	HUBBARD, Tom	S	6- 5	210	Jr.	VR	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	WO 2/2
27	IWUH, Brian	OLB	6- 1	220	Jr.	2L	Houston, Texas (Worthing)	S 3/2
7	JACKSON, Bernard	QB	6- 2	190	Fr.	RS	Corona, Calif. (Santiago)	S 4/4
34	JACKSON, Jarrad	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Denver, Colo. (East/Front Range CC)	WO 5/4
8	JOLLY, Daniel	FB/TB	6- 0	220	So.	1L	San Antonio, Texas (John Marshall)	S 4/3
96	JONES, Marcus	DT	6- 5	290	So.	VR	Klein, Texas (Klein)	S 3/3
1	JOSEPH, Sammy	CB	6- 1	180	So.	1L	Marrero, La. (Archbishop Shaw)	S 3/3
82	JUDGE, Evan	WR	6- 2	205	Jr.	2L	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)	S 2/2
14	KLATT, Joel	QB	6- 1	200	Jr.	2L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 3/2
89	KLOPFENSTEIN, Joe	TE	6- 5	240	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 3/2
51	LIGON, Alex	DE	6- 4	240	So.	1L	Torrance, Calif. (North Torrance)	S 3/3
23	LITTLEHALES, Tyler	WR	6- 4	200	So.	VR	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	S 3/3
9	MACKEY, Blake	WR	6- 3	195	So.	VR	Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield)	S 3/3
93	MANUPUNA, Vaka	DT	6- 1	275	Jr.	2L	Kaneohe, Hawai'i (St. Louis)	S 2/2
56	MARTIN, John	ILB	6- 4	235	Fr.	RS	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	WO 4/4
60	McCHESNEY, Matt	DT	6- 4	285	Sr.	3L	Longmont, Colo. (Niwot)	S 1/1
4	MONTEILH, Ron	WR	6- 1	190	Sr.	2L	Beverly Hills, Calif. (Beverly Hills/Oregon State)	S 1/1
79	MOORE, Gary	OL	6- 7	340	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Colo. (Overland)	S 2/2
73	O'NEAL, Clint	OL	6- 6	285	Jr.	2L	Weatherford, Texas (Weatherford)	S 2/2
44	OWENS, James	FB	6- 5	245	Jr.	TR	Nuremburg, Germany (Overland/CU-Denver)	WO 2/2
59	PACE, Gregory	SN	6- 0	235	Jr.	2L	Hinsdale, Ill. (Central)	WO 3/2
77	POLUMBUS, Tyler	OL	6- 8	275	Fr.	RS	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 4/4
42	PURIFY, Bobby	TB	6- 0	220	Sr.	4L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Palmer)	S 1/1

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6	ROBINSON, Stephone	WR	5- 9	175	Fr.	RS	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S 4/4
4	RUSSELL, Chris	S	6- 3	195	Fr.	RS	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)	S 4/4
84	SANDERS, Joe	TE	6- 4	210	Fr.	RS	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)	S 4/4
65	SCALES, Del	OL	6- 6	295	So.	VR	Flower Mound, Texas (Flower Mound)	S 3/3
43	SCHAUB, Brendan	FB	6- 4	240	Jr.	TR	Aurora, Colo. (Overland/Whittier)	WO 2/2
22	SIMS, Lorenzo	CB	5-11	185	So.	1L	Fresno, Calif. (Edison)	S 4/3
83	SPRAGUE, Dusty	WR	6- 4	180	Fr.	RS	Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)	S 4/4
75	STAUGH, Fredrick	OL	6- 5	295	So.	VR	Flower Mound, Texas (Flower Mound)	S 3/3
52	STEMRICH, Derek	OL	6- 6	285	Sr.	2L	Hesperia, Calif. (Sultana)	S 1/1
45	SYNIEWSKI, Quinn	TE	6- 7	255	Sr.	3L	Granger, Iowa (Johnston)	S 1/1
99	TILMON, McKenzie	DT	6- 4	305	Sr.	1L	Irving, Texas (MacArthur/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 2/1
63	TIPTON, Jack	OL	6- 4	285	So.	VR	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 3/3
29	TORP, John	P	6- 2	200	Jr.	1L	Louisville, Colo. (Monarch)	S 2/2
17	VICKERS, Lawrence	FB/TB	6- 2	230	Jr.	2L	Houston, Texas (Forest Brook)	S 3/2
86	WALLACE, Jesse	TE	6- 3	245	Sr.	2L	Kansas City, Mo. (Blue Valley Northwest)	S 1/1
5	WALTERS, Ryan	QB	6- 0	190	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 5/4
49	WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus	ILB	6- 0	235	So.	1L	Marrero, La. (John Ehret)	S 3/3
7	WASHINGTON, Vance	CB	5- 9	180	Jr.	2L	Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook)	S 3/2
26	WHEATLEY, Terrence	CB	6- 0	175	So.	1L	Richardson, Texas (Plano East)	S 4/3
3	WHITE, Brian	QB	6- 5	220	Fr.	RS	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Trabuco Hills)	S 4/4
74	WILDER, Sam	OL	6- 5	285	Sr.	3L	Dallas, Texas (First Baptist Academy)	S 1/1
53	WRIGHT, Abraham	DE	6- 3	235	So.	JC	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 3/3

**EXPERIENCE KEY:** #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2003; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2003; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

### Inactive Roster Players

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None								

**TEAM CAPTAINS:** To be named in August.

# 2004 Colorado Football / Quoting The Coordinators

## Offensive Coordinator Shawn Watson

### **General Comments On The Offense (Multiple)**

"We run the west coast offense, which means we're going to run an assortment of personnel groups into the game. We feel going into spring practice that our pro personnel, our two-back, one tight end, two wide receiver sets might be our best personnel group simply because of our tailback depth, and that using Lawrence Vickers and Daniel Jolly as fullbacks also gives us flexibility to move the tailbacks out to create a one-back set with guys who can play either position. Our second group, the tiger group, which is two tight ends and two receivers and one back, in which we can play any combination with a tailback or fullback, and then thirdly, the zebra group, is three wide receivers, one tight end and one back with the same kind of flexibility in the backfield. And we also have groups of three receivers and two backs and four receivers and one back, but we need to see how our receiver corps develops before we see how many multiple receiver groups we get into."

### **On The Depth Up and Down The Offense**

"To begin with, a year ago, everybody was wringing their hands because they were so concerned about quarterback, whereas today that might be our strongest position on the football team. We're really pleased with how Joel (Klatt) developed and played last year, and with Erik (Greenberg) and James (Cox). Now having Bernard Jackson, Brian White and Ryan Walters just up the ante. At receiver, we like what we have in depth, but after Ron Monteilh, and depending on the Jeremy Bloom situation, no one else has any experience. At tight end, we might be as good as we've been since 2001. We feel Joe Klopfenstein is a big-time tight end, one of the best in the country, and we've got Quinn Sypniewski and Jesse Wallace right behind him and Joe Sanders who is a great talent, so we're really happy with the depth there. At tailback, we feel really good about the depth there with both Bobby Purify and Brian Calhoun returning, and at the same time, Isaiah Crawford had a great fall for us, showed great signs and we can't wait to see what he can do in the offense, plus two freshman coming in that will raise the stakes at that position as well. That will give us the flexibility to play both Lawrence Vickers and Daniel Jolly at a fullback-slash-tailback position because they both are good ball carriers. We're going to develop our offensive system that's flexible to account for that, where they can line up and carry the ball. So we're excited about our backs because of their experience and depth. We also now have experience and depth in the offensive line, so now it's a matter of developing those guys in terms of their efficiency."

### **On The Offense's Strengths And Areas Of Concern**

"Our strength would probably be in our quarterback, running back and tight end positions in that it lends itself to all the multiplicity we can get into and the different things we can do with those guys. It allows us to be creative. As far as a concern, maybe it's not so much that as is just seeing what develops at receiver because we are losing two tremendous players that brought a lot to the table for us. So that's the one spot we need to concentrate on."

### **On Challenges Facing The CU Offense This Season**

"The challenge for us is to get back to the identity that we want to have, and that's to be an efficient, effective rushing team. At the same time, we want to maintain the efficiency we created and have as a passing team. Last year at this time, we set out to become a better passing team and we accomplished that goal. We want to improve on that level because you never want to stay the same, but most importantly, we want to get our running game back to where it has been."

### **On What One or Two Questions Need To Be Answered The Most**

"First, I go right back to the running game. Our offensive line, using their experience and their development, they've had an enormous winter, and become of that mindset. The attitude of your football team starts with your offensive line. It affects obviously your offense, but your defense as well. If we're tough and two-fisted, we're going to rush the football and that's going to help your defense. And that's also what we need to do, because championships are won because you're able to rush the ball. A second question would be the development of the receivers and to see where we are heading into the fall."

## Defensive Coordinator Mike Hankwitz

### **General Comments On The Defense (4-3 Pro Style)**

"Being that we were a four-man front last year, we thought this could keep some consistency since there would be less transition, and that we could keep guys in the same positions as much as possible. We're running a 4-3 so we can play more four-deep secondary, give us more disguise, more flexibility in our coverage and the ability to zone-pressure, man-pressure with the same look."

### **On The Change In Defensive Schemes As It Relates To CU's Personnel**

"Overall, I don't think it will be a drastic change for the majority of people. At the end of the (2003) season, they were playing more zone coverage and did some zone blitzes, played some two deep things, so what they evolved into is closer to what we're going to be, and that will provide some carryover from what they did. I think the biggest change will be going from a predominantly three-deep to a four-deep secondary look."

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## **Hankwitz, continued**

### **On The Defense's Strengths And Areas Of Concern**

"The strength would be that we had a lot of young players see action at a lot of positions, particularly in the secondary, where a lot of young guys played extensively. So why that can be a sometimes-frustrating learning process while it's going on, the upside is when you have youth with that kind of game experience under their belts. We also have Marques Harris coming back, and due to his injury, that helped create some depth because other guys got to play. The question mark would be at linebacker with Sean Tufts graduating. We played a lot of guys in there, and we have the ability, so it's a matter of having to emerge. But we're going to have excellent competition because we have a number of guys who have played, and that's brings out the best in everybody and it also creates depth. As for concerns, really just depth issues at a couple of positions, but the players have a great attitude about embracing what we want to do."

### **On Challenges Facing The CU Defense This Season**

"The challenge will be to adjust to the new system, because it will be different at times, and to develop some mental and physical toughness. We want to really focus on fundamental concepts, being fundamentally sound before we move into our pressures and the zone blitzes, so there's going to be some adjustment time. We're also going to see if we have everyone in what we think is the best position for them and can do what we ask them to do. But we believe that they can, we've worked hard to find the right people for the right spot, but we still have to see it on the field and have them embrace it. Our goal is to get our personnel in the best position to make them the most effective and collectively make us more effective on defense."

### **On What One or Two Questions Need To Be Answered The Most**

"There will be a learning curve, even though the defense will be doing a lot of the things they've been doing the last couple of years. The intricacies and the change in the responsibilities at some of the positions is something that we'll teach, coach and analyze and hopefully get the response and results we're looking for."

### **On Returning To Colorado**

"I'm excited. I had a great experience here before, working with the people here, we won a lot of football games and took great pride in what we had built. And since I've been gone, I've respected what they've accomplished in winning the Big 12 title one year and the north division the next, and compiling the best record in the Big 12 in that span. So the opportunity to return to coach in a program with that kind of tradition and pride, and the chance to make us a top defense again, really excites me."

## **Interim Head Coach Brian Cabral**

### **On The Spring In General**

"There's a lot of excitement. They're very excited about the gains that they've made through the winter. Our players feel like they're farther ahead than they were at this time last year. So there's a lot of excitement because of that for one, but secondly, I think there's a lot of desire to go practice and to get away from everything and just go play some ball."

### **On If Missing A Bowl Game By The Loss To Nebraska Gives The Team Something To Prove**

"I think that's been overshadowed of what we've been going through. They have something to prove because of all that's been going on. If none of this would have happened, then that might have well have been the case, but they've got a greater motivation. The coordinators and I came up with a great plan that the players feel really good about in terms of about how we're going to practice and what we're going to get out of practice. And that enthusiasm has carried over to our coaching staff as well, so there's equal excitement and enthusiasm between the coaches and players as well."

### **On Being Named Interim Head Coach**

"Coach Barnett is on administrative leave, so I'm officially on administrative assignment. These coaches (his fellow assistants) and our players have all taken this as a tremendous challenge, and we have something to prove. We want to win back the confidence of the University, the community, the alumni and former players in our program."

# 2004 Colorado Players-To-Watch

April 2, 2004

## J.J. Billingsley, SS

**5-11, 185, Jr., 2L...** He started all 12 games as a sophomore, finishing third on the team in both tackles (94) and scrimmage snaps on defense (802)... His 69 solo stops ranked second on CU, as did his eight tackles for loss... He had two interceptions (both against Texas Tech), with six third down stops, two fumble recoveries and three pass deflections... Had a season-high 14 tackles in the win over Missouri (and had 13 against Kansas State)... An honorable mention All-Big 12 performer... A Freshman All-American in 2002 (*The Sporting News*), he had 67 tackles that season, a number that not only ranked eighth in the nation by all true freshmen, but set a CU record for the most by a true frosh... He also set the frosh mark for tackles in a game with 15 against San Diego State, which came in his first career start.

## Jeremy Bloom, WR/KR

**5-9, 175, Jr., 2L...** His status is up in the air, as he announced on January 19 that he needed to start accepting endorsement money in his pursuit of a medal in mogul skiing at the 2006 Olympics. He signed two deals in February and thus would be ineligible, pending an appeal CU has filed with the NCAA... He was an all-around weapon in 2003, as he had 80 touches for 1,286 yards, or 16.1 per touch. Most of those came on kick returns, as he led the Big 12 in total kick return yards with 878, ranking fifth in the league in kickoff returns (30th NCAA) and sixth in punt returns (21st NCAA)... He caught 22 passes for 356 yards (16.2 per reception), with one touchdown, an 81-yard catch and run at Florida State... He has five career plays of 75 yards or longer.

## Brian Calhoun, TB

**5-10, 185, Jr., 2L...** He had 1,076 yards rushing and receiving as a sophomore in 2003, as he led the team in rushing (810) and scored six touchdowns overall in starting 10 games... He had two 100-yard games (118 at Florida State, 135 versus Kansas), as he had 19 runs of 10 yards or longer and 74 of five or more (out of 195)... He caught 32 passes for 266 yards, third in the Big 12 for receptions and yards by a running back... As a sophomore, he came to the forefront when injuries hit CU's top two tailbacks (Chris Brown, Bobby Purify) and had back-to-back 100-yard games against Nebraska and Oklahoma... He is the fastest (sub 4.4 speed) and shifتيest of all the tailbacks in the CU arsenal.

## Brian Daniels, OG

**6-5, 300, Soph., 1L...** He forged his way into the starting lineup the fourth game of the season (at Florida State), and remained there the remainder of the year... He graded out as the third top lineman on the team (74.6), and allowed just two sacks, four pressures (both team lows) and was called for only two penalties... He earned Freshman All-America honors from collegesportsreport.com (first-team) and *The Sporting News* (second-team), and was named the team's outstanding freshman... Only the seventh true frosh to start on the offensive line since 1973, he started nine games, the most ever in school history on the offensive line by a true freshman.

## James Garee, DE

**6-5, 255, Jr., 2L...** He worked his way into the starting lineup by the conference season (game five) and remained there through the rest of the year... In 518 snaps from scrimmage, he had 32 tackles (23 solo), tying for the team lead in quarterback sacks (4), with four hurries, three third down stops and a forced fumble... Had a season-high of six tackles (all solo) in the overtime win over Kansas, and had a monster game in the 21-16 win over Missouri with five tackles, three for losses, including two sacks.

## Marques Harris, DE

**6-2, 235, Sr., 4L...** He had started 29 consecutive games at defensive end, but in the final minute of CU's 16-14 win over UCLA in the second game of 2003, he suffered a broken leg (fibula and tibia) and was lost for the remainder of the season. He received a medical redshirt for the season and returns as a fifth-year senior this fall... He played 99 snaps, with six tackles, two for losses, before getting hurt; he did play enough to letter a fourth time... As a junior, in playing 755 snaps, he posted 68 tackles (48 solo) including a team-high 14 tackles for losses... He added 11 quarterback pressures, five near-sacks and four actual sacks, seven third down stops and an interception... One of the quickest defensive ends in college football, he causes problems for opponent offenses, as he is hard to contain on the perimeter... Founded Baseline Kids, a group he personally works with to reach out to underprivileged middle school students... He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the Big 12 Coaches as a junior in 2002.

## Brian Iwuh, OLB

**6-1, 220, Jr., 2L...** CU's new position in the defense is just perfect for him, as he has the skills to play both linebacker and safety... In the starting lineup by the end of his freshman year, he endured two deaths in his family just days apart to still play an important role defensively last year, as he had 32 tackles (24 solo), with three for losses, a forced fumble and a recovery... Had a season-high of seven tackles on two occasions, in the opener against Colorado State, and in his native Texas against Baylor.

## Joel Klatt, QB

**6-1, 200, Jr., 2L...** Entering 2003, he had all but eight snaps as college quarterback, but out of the gate he proved that didn't matter, earning national player of the week honors for his 402-yard, 4-TD effort in CU's opening win over Colorado State... The Colorado Newcomer of the Year (by the NFF/CFHOF), he passed for 2,614 yards and 21 TDs (65.1 completion rate) with just 10 interceptions... Had a rating of 140.2 in setting 16 school records... An honorable mention all-Big 12 selection by the league coaches... After just one year (and 10 games) as a starter, he's already 10th in passing yards (2,614), eighth in completions (233), 13th in attempts (359), seventh in touchdown passes (21), third in efficiency rating (140.0) and 23rd in total offense (2,523) on CU's all-time lists.

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## Joe Klopfenstein, TE

**6-5, 240, Jr., 2L...** He had a breakout season, ascending to the top of the depth chart in fall camp and starting 10 games on the season (missing two starts due to a virus)... He caught 20 passes for 190 yards and four touchdowns, including a 48-yard to get the Buffs on the scoreboard in the 50-47 overtime win over Kansas... His other three scoring catches totaled 11 yards in all, the reason he averaged under 10 yards per reception overall... He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 Conference honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches... Had a season/career high of five catches against UCLA, and had eight third down receptions on the year, six earning first downs

## Ron Monteilh, WR

**6-1, 190, Sr., 2L...** One of just two senior receivers on the roster, he'll be turned to for leadership in addition to likely being the go-to guy at the Z position... He caught 18 passes for 153 yards last year, with a career-high of five in the overtime win over Kansas... With D.J. Hackett and Derek McCoy snaring 141 passes between them, there weren't many other balls to go around but it could very well be his turn this season for a breakout campaign... He was slowed a bit by injury in 2002, but was voted the most improved offensive player the following spring... transferred to CU after attending Oregon State on scholarship as a true freshman.

## Bobby Purify, TB

**6-0, 220, Sr., 4L...** He earned a medical redshirt for 2003, as he was injured against Washington State (severe high ankle sprain), one that eventually required surgery after it proved slow to heal. He rushed for 167 yards, still second on the team, with three scores, including the game-winner against Colorado State... He has been second on the team in rushing in each of the last three seasons (916 yards in 2001, 739 in 2002), and was second on the team in receiving in '02 as well (21 catches, 224 yards)... Is perhaps the best receiving-running back in the Big 12... He had a pair of 100-yard games as a junior, coming back-to-back at Missouri (119) and Iowa State (174)... He was third on the team in first downs earned with 46 (33 via rush)... He had over 100 all-purpose yards on four occasions, all against quality opponents (UCLA, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa State)... Has just five fumbles in 366 career touches (334 rushes, 32 receptions)... Named honorable mention All-Big 12 as a sophomore (*Associated Press*) and junior (league coaches)... He enters his senior year tied for 15th in all-time rushing yards at Colorado (1,999), as well as 48th in receptions (36) and 26th in all-purpose yards (2,362), despite the fact that he's started only five times in 35 career games.

## John Torp, P

**6-2, 200, Jr., 1L...** He had the task of replacing Ray Guy Award winner Mark Mariscal last fall, and did a respectable job in averaging 42.5 yards per punt, placing 16 of his 63 kicks inside-the-20 (eight inside-the-10) with 14 carrying 50 yards or longer (four 60+)... He owned a personal net average of 37.4, but the team marked suffered due to four blocks, none traced on his behalf, however... Owned a 44.0 average on kicks on CU's side of the 50, while 31 of his punts were not returned (with only four touchbacks).

## Sam Wilder, OT

**6-5, 285, Sr., 3L...** Asked to switch sides of the ball midway through fall camp in 2003, he answered the call and started all 12 games at split-side tackle... He graded out to 72.7 percent for the year, and while having some struggles, he was flagged for just three penalties and learned the position well enough to set the table for potentially a big senior season... At his old position of defensive tackle, he worked his way into the starting lineup for the fourth game of the 2002 season (at UCLA) and was a fixture in it the remainder of the season... He had 38 tackles, with 26 solo including 10 for losses (five quarterback sacks, the second most on the team)... He was moved inside from the end position, and once he adjusted, he made an easy transition into the starting lineup.

## Others To Keep An Eye On

Several other players have the opportunity to stand out for the Buffaloes in 2004, and some could easily wind up contending for All-Big 12 honors or better. These include:

**PK Mason Crosby** (6-2, 195, *Soph.*, 1L) established a CU single-season scoring record for a freshman with 52 on the strength of 31-of-37 PAT kicks and 7-of-9 field goals... His long field goal was 44, coming in the last game against Nebraska, while he opened with five consecutive makes, the second best streak to open a career in Buff history... An outright weapon on kickoffs, as only 10 of his 37 kickoffs were returned, with 26 going for touchbacks including 17 sailing beyond the end zone.

**DT Brandon Dabdoub** (6-1, 290, *Sr.*, 3L) He started nine games in 2003 (career: 36 games/17 starts), as he was in on 20 tackles in 514 snaps from scrimmage last fall... He had nine pressures, four third down stops and three tackles for loss.

**ILB Akarika Dawn** (6-2, 230, *Jr.*, 2L) could have a breakout year now that he's done switching between the secondary and linebacker... A ferocious hitter, he made five starts a year ago and played 448 snaps, finishing sixth on the team in tackles with 48 (33 solo), adding seven third down stops, four tackles for losses, two forced fumbles and an interception.

**CB Sammy Joseph** (6-1, 180, *Soph.*, 1L) He started all 12 games at cornerback a year ago, finishing tied for fourth on the team in tackles with 55 (45 solo)... He added seven third down stops, five pass deflections and two interceptions as he played more snaps from scrimmage (848) than anyone else on the squad.

**DT Matt McChesney** (6-4, 285, *Sr.*, 3L) In starting 10 games in 2003 (eight at tackle, two at end), he bounced between both positions in playing 565 snaps all told... He had 26 tackles, including two sacks, one a big one against No. 1 Oklahoma... He sandwiched his season with six tackles in the opener against Colorado State and the finale against Nebraska.

**TE Quinn Sypniewski** (6-7, 255, *Sr.*, 3L) Earned a medical redshirt for 2003, as he's been troubled by a bothersome toe over the last year-and-a-half... He has 11 career starts at tight end, and had the benefit of playing with the 2001 John Mackey Award winner (Daniel Graham) for two seasons... he has basically blocked first and caught balls second in his career.

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## Offense

**Quarterback** A year ago, this was the position with the most question marks and the least experience; but fast-forward to 2004, and it may very well be the deepest single position on the team. Junior **Joel Klatt**, who entered 2003 with all of eight snaps as a collegiate quarterback, had a breakthrough season in passing for 2,614 yards and 21 touchdowns with a 140.2 rating, all top five marks in CU history. Junior **Erik Greenberg** saw action in six games, starting two (his first career start came at Florida State), and threw for 737 yards and six scores in proving he was a solid backup. Sophomore **James Cox** got into a couple of games but was in the hunt for the starting job with Klatt and Greenberg and is now a seasoned veteran. The Buffs have three talented youngsters in the mix, redshirt freshmen **Bernard Jackson** and **Brian White**, and true frosh **Ryan Walters**, who graduated early and enrolled at CU in January. Thus, the Buffs have six scholarship players all with differing talents as the Buffs are well stocked with signal callers.

**Running Back** The Buffs remain fairly loaded at the position, boasting two career 1,000-yards runners at the position. Senior **Bobby Purify**, who suffered a nasty high ankle sprain three games into the 2003 season, was awarded a medical redshirt for the injury that required postseason surgery. He brings 1,999 career yards to the table, and teams with junior **Brian Calhoun** (1,108, including 810 last fall) to form a solid 1-2 punch. Both are excellent receivers, with Calhoun third in the Big 12 among all running backs in receiving in 2003 as well as being one of the five fastest players on the team. Sophomore **Brandon Caesar** saw some playing time a year ago and thus brings some experience to the position, while redshirt frosh **Isaiah Crawford** turned heads in practice and scrimmages last fall and will get an opportunity to show what he can do. Another redshirt freshman, walk-on **Ryan Enright**, fills out depth at the position.

➤ **Fullback** The beauty of this position is that the top two on the spring depth, junior **Lawrence Vickers** and sophomore **Daniel Jolly**, are combo tailback-fullback type players who can get the job done at either position. Vickers blossomed his sophomore year, and also emerged as a solid option in the passing game, while Jolly found himself the go-to guy in many short yard situations his true freshman year. Sophomore **Paul Creighton** and junior transfer **Brendan Schaub** are both converted tight ends who will lineup at fullback; Creighton, a former walk-on, impressed the coaches to earn a scholarship and played several scrimmage snaps at tight end in 2003, while Schaub was moved to the position during practices while he sat out the season after transferring from Whittier. **James Owen**, a spring walk-on with great size (6-5, 245), rounds out the depth.

**Offensive Line** The line experienced growing pains in 2003, but it was expected as the previous two seasons produced four NFL draft picks and only two seniors dotted the offensive line roster. The difference this year is that while players who took only 22 percent of the snaps returned for last fall, that figure increases to 64 percent in 2004 (or 2,851 snaps of experience). Three starters return, led by senior **Sam Wilder** and sophomore **Brian Daniels**. Wilder, who was moved to the offensive line midway through fall drills, had some of the expected struggles in making the conversion but held his own and the end result is that he's a likely all-star candidate this season. Daniels was thrust into a starting role for the first time at Florida State (of all places), and would go on to make nine starts in all, the most ever at Colorado on the offensive line by a true frosh. That pair figures to anchor the split side of the line, while the third returning starter, **Derek Stemrich**, is out this spring recovering from knee surgery but figures to line up at tight guard in fall camp. O-line coach **Dave Borbely** figures to try a lot of people in different places to come up with the proper chemistry he desires, but sophomore **Mark Fenton** and junior college transfer **John Guydon** figure to duke it out for the top spot at center. Fenton got some game experience in last fall, while Guydon practiced as a defensive tackle, his JUCO position, before agreeing to switch to offense after the season (Stemrich also has game experience at center). Occasional regulars **Gary Moore** and **Clint O'Neal**, both juniors, are atop the depth chart in spring on the tight side, at guard and tackle, respectively. Those who should compete for spots high on the depth chart, if not starting roles, includes a wide array of potentials: senior **Terrance Barreau** (a one-time starter at Air Force); sophomores **Jack Tipton**, **Del Scales** and **Fredrick Staugh**, and redshirt freshmen **Edwin Harrison** and **Tyler Polumbus**. Moore is the only real "swing" player in that he can play both tackle and guard; Borbely wants all to settle in at either guard or tackle and hone their skills at one or the other.

**Receiver** The strongest position on the Buffs in 2003, there is still a bevy of talent here, but experience is what's missing from a group that has to try to replace 141 combined receptions by graduates D.J. Hackett and Derek McCoy. And that's not including 22 more by junior **Jeremy Bloom**, as CU is awaiting the results of an appeal filed to the NCAA to allow him to accept endorsement deals to support his bid to ski in the 2006 Winter Olympics. Bloom's return would be a boon to the Buffs, as the only other returning receiver who caught a pass last fall is senior **Ron Monteilh** (18 for 153 yards). Monteilh has the talent to replace Hackett or McCoy, and the leadership to help bring along others at the position. Sophomores **Blake Mackey** and **Tyler Littlehales** and redshirt freshmen **Stephone Robinson** and **Dusty Sprague** are the lead candidates to work their way into the rotation, which last year basically featured five receivers (including the four aforementioned plus grad John Donahoe). There are others who could break through, though, including senior **Mike Duren**, juniors **Evan Judge** and **Marcus Gonzales** and sophomore **Nick Holz**; all four are walk-ons, but Duren and Judge have been awarded scholarships. **Jarrad Jackson** is a spring walk-on at the position.

**Tight End** Junior **Joe Klopfenstein** enjoyed a fine season, proving a threat as a receiver (20 catches, four touchdowns) while improving as a blocker as the season progressed. Two seniors will also fit into the rotation, as **Quinn Sypniewski** earned a medical redshirt as he battled a toe injury that required surgery, and **Jesse Wallace** (12 catches, solid blocker) will combine with Klopfenstein to form a most formidable trio. Redshirt freshman **Joe Sanders**, who did not practice last fall as he recovered from shoulder surgery, and sophomore walk-on **Dan Goettsch**, are the other tight ends on the roster and will provide depth.



## Defense

**Defensive Front** A group that would have been strong regardless will benefit from the return of senior **Marques Harris**, who was lost for the season with a broken leg after just two games in 2003. He received a medical hardship, and thus should anchor one of the defensive end spots this fall. Harris, with 40 games played including 31 starts in his career, isn't the only veteran in the bunch, as the unit returns players who have seen action in 130 games combined in their Buffalo days, with 40 starts. It all adds up to a unit that should be one of CU's strengths. Junior **James Garee**, who really came on the second half of the '03 campaign, and sophomore **Alex Ligon** will be the spring starters at defensive end as Harris completes his rehab, with JC transfer **Abraham Wright** (a sophomore in eligibility), redshirt frosh **Chadd Evans** and true freshman **Alonzo Barrett** stocking CU well at the position. Garee and Evans figure to man the rush end slot, but others will get a look-see as well. On the inside, seniors **Brandon Dabdoub** (out this spring with a town pec muscle) and **Matt McChesney**, with 29 career starts between them, are expected to anchor the trenches, with junior **Vaka Manupuna**, senior **McKenzie Tilmon** and sophomore **Marcus Jones** looking to find their spot in the regular rotation. Line coach **Chris Wilson** prefers to utilize a six-to-eight man rotation among the ends and tackles to keep his players fresh, as well as play off on other aspects of the Buff defense, so there's plenty of room for players to crack the rotation. Junior **Nick Clement**, a walk-on, is also capable of doing just that.

**Inside Linebacker** There's not a single senior listed inside on the CU roster, but the talent and experience is plentiful as juniors **Akarika Dawn** and **Chris Hollis** and sophomores **Thaddaeus Washington** and **Walter Boye-Doe** made 10 starts among them in 2003. The regulars will likely emerge out of this foursome, though sophomore **Jason Ackermann** could bid for playing time as well. All five are the kind of linebackers veteran coach **Brian Cabral** loves to have play on the inside: good run stoppers who have faired well when they drop into coverage. It's also a versatile group, as Dawn has bounced between linebacker and safety in his Buff career, while Hollis has played some defensive end. Junior **Kyle Griffith**, a key special teams performer, and redshirt freshman **John Martin**, both walk-ons, round out the players listed at the position (Martin aspires to be like his father, Rocky, a dominant middle linebacker for the Buffs in the late 1960s).

**Outside Linebacker** Officially called the "Buff Linebacker" position, the return of an outside linebacker in CU's defense will usually lineup on the strong side, but also might be asked to play some as a low safety. Junior **Brian Iwuh** figures to anchor the new position; at 6-1, 220, he's closer to a linebacker in size but has played primarily strong and weak safety in his CU career to date. Sophomores **Ben Carpenter**, a former quarterback, and **Chad Cusworth**, who moved over from safety, will also practice at the position this spring.

**Secondary** The return to a 4-3 base defense means the elimination of one of the safety positions that has occupied the depth chart the last two seasons (the weak side slot). Three regulars depart, and their absence creates some openings, as the trio of Medford Moorer, Phil Jackson and Clyde Surrell accounted for 28 starts, 206 tackles, 15 pass deflections, 16 third down stops and five forced fumbles a year ago. However, this is the area of the team that has quite a bit of young talent, with some already experienced and can entrench themselves for several years. Junior **J.J. Billingsley** (free safety) and sophomores **Sammy Joseph** and **Terrence Wheatley** (cornerbacks) and **Dominique Brooks** (strong safety) are the players returning with the most game-quality experience. Billingsley is a two-year starter, while the soph trio sewed their oats so-to-speak by playing 1,442 snaps last year. Wheatley sports a team 4.37 best in the 40-yard dash so there is some speed in the secondary. At cornerback, add into the mix junior **Vance Washington**, mainly a special teams performer to date but a burner (4.48), and sophomore **Lorenzo Sims**, who did see some game action as a true frosh in 2003. Also back is sophomore **Gerett Burl**, who attended Garden City Community College last year after his freshman season at Colorado; the coaches were high on him then and remain excited about his prospects now. Two redshirt freshmen, **Chris Russell** and **Lionel Harris**, figure to work their way into the safety rotation and other pass coverage packages, as does sophomore **Tyrone Henderson**, who attended Front Range Community College while serving a suspension for violating team rules. Junior **A.J. Anderson** rounds out the depth at cornerback, while at safety, juniors **Justin Fallhove** and **Tom Hubbard** do the same. Hubbard saw special teams action last fall, and the others stand a good chance of doing the same.

## Kicking Game/Special Teams

Special teams more often than not have been a strong suit for the Buffaloes, but in 2003, the Buffs were all over the map. Ranging from **Jeremy Bloom** ranking in the top 30 in both punt and kickoff returns to six missed PAT kicks and an 82nd rank nationally in net punting, life was at the very least always interesting when the offense and defense were off the field. The good news is that the Buffs have a solid corps of returning kickers with a lot of experience under their belts and could make the kicking game one of the bread-and-butter portions of the game in 2004. Junior **John Torp** averaged a healthy 42.5 yards per punt last fall, but four blocked kicks (two for touchdowns) and another returned for a score soured the unit as a whole. Sophomore placekickers **Mason Crosby** and **Kevin Eberhart** both played as true freshmen, a rarity at their position in college ball, with Crosby handling the bulk of the chores (31-37 PAT, 7-9 FG). Both kicked off, with 26 of Crosby's 37 going for touchbacks (and nine of 24 by Eberhart). Crosby also is the backup punter, with sophomore J.P. Heaton providing depth, with senior **J.T. Eberly** the third kicker on the roster. Bloom's eligibility pending an NCAA ruling will greatly affect CU's return game; others in the mix regardless will include senior **Mike Duren**, junior **J.J. Billingsley**, sophomore **Terrence Wheatley** and redshirt freshmen **Stephone Robinson** and **Dusty Sprague**. **Joel Klatt** was the holder a year ago, with snapper **Greg Pace** also returning (he'll likely handle both the long and short roles).



# 2004 Colorado Football Outlook

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Looking back to last fall and the day after Thanksgiving, when Colorado saw Nebraska rally with 10 fourth quarter points and post a 31-22 win, ending CU's hopes of becoming bowl eligible, the expected disappointment and frustration was there as the Buffs finished with just their third losing record (5-7) in the past 19 seasons.

What has transpired in the off-season has made the above a distant memory. Allegations raised about the CU football program's recruiting practices in conjunction with three Title IX lawsuits eventually led to head coach **Gary Barnett** being placed on paid administrative leave until an independent investigative panel completes an in-depth report, which is currently due April 30.

In his absence, Barnett cannot direct any aspect of the program, thus University officials named assistant head coach **Brian Cabral** as the interim head coach on February 20. Cabral considers himself on "administrative assignment" and has tried his best to take over the reins of a program that is excited to get back on the field and prove that the 2003 season was an aberration following the school's 2001 Big 12 Conference title and 2002 North Division crown.

"There's a lot of excitement," Cabral said. "They're very excited about the gains that they've made through the winter. Our players feel like they're farther ahead than they were at this time last year. So there's a lot of excitement because of that for one, but secondly, I think there's a lot of desire to go practice and to get away from everything and just go play some ball."

CU returns 42 lettermen and 14 starters from last season, which started off well enough with an exciting 42-35 win over rival Colorado State. It was a coming out party for sophomore quarterback **Joel Klatt**, who was named the national player of the week for his 402-yard, 4-TD effort in the game, which saw **Bobby Purify** score the game winning score on a 9-yard run in the game's final minute. The Buffs followed that win with a 16-14 triumph over UCLA in Boulder to go to 2-0 on the season.

But things went sour shortly thereafter, as CU struggled on defense, allowing 42 or more points in five straight games as the Buffs dropped six of their next seven games. A late-season turnaround produced convincing wins over Missouri and Iowa State, after battling No. 1 Oklahoma and then Texas Tech to the wire, but the year came to a sudden close with the loss to Nebraska.

Barnett made one change in his coaching staff, bringing back former CU assistant **Mike Hankwitz** in his old role of defensive coordinator, one he held for seven years in Boulder between 1988 and 1994.

The biggest change for the Buffs in 2004 will be the return to a 4-3 base defense (pro style), as CU had been running a 4-2-5 the last two seasons, one that had success at times but overall didn't produce the results Barnett & Co. desired.

The biggest challenge might well lie on the offensive side of the ball. "The challenge for us is to get back to the identity that we want to have, and that's to be an efficient, effective rushing team," offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson** said. "At the same time, we want to maintain the efficiency we created and have as a passing team. Last year at this time, we set out to become a better passing team and we accomplished that goal. We want to improve on that level because you never want to stay the same, but most importantly, we want to get our running game back to where it has been."

Colorado has the nucleus for an explosive offense, based on the depth at quarterback, running back and tight end. Klatt has five talented players behind him who all want his job, raising the ante at the position as Watson has stated, and coaches love that kind of competition, especially for the most important position on the team. Quarterback is the deepest position on the team, with tight end right there with the likes of junior **Joe Klopfenstein** and seniors **Quinn Sypniewski** and **Jesse Wallace**. But what might prove to be the most intriguing situation is how the roles at tailback and fullback play out.

Purify, a senior, is back after being granted a medical redshirt for 2003, as he suffered a nasty high ankle sprain in the third game of the year against Washington State, one that eventually required surgery. Pair him with junior **Brian Calhoun**, one of the team speedsters, and that's a heckuva 1-2 punch as the duo has combined for 3,107 career rushing yards. But it gets better, as junior **Lawrence Vickers** and sophomore **Daniel Jolly** will line up 1-2 at fullback, with the twist being that both can and will play some tailback as well. Add to that mix a talented redshirt freshman in **Isaiah Crawford** and two incoming recruits, there's almost no end to the creativity the offensive coaches can employ this fall. On one condition, that is.

The graduation of receivers D.J. Hackett and Derek McCoy, who combined for 141 catches, 1,896 yards and 18 touchdowns last fall, combined with the unknown status of junior **Jeremy Bloom**, has left a void at the position. (Bloom has started accepting endorsements to finance his pursuit of a medal in moguls skiing in the 2006 Olympics, at present not allowed by the NCAA but an appeal has been filed in his behalf.) While the coaches know they have a lot of raw talent at receiver, experience is lacking for most, other than senior **Ron Monteilh**, who will likely become a go-to guy for the quarterbacks and be called upon to provide leadership for the younger guys. If the group can develop as hoped, the coaching staff will have what it needs to incorporate the creativity they want for a bevy of multiple sets and formations.

The offensive line will of course play an integral role if the offense is to succeed, and it had its struggles a year ago as the Buffs battled through a nasty schedule with just one returning starter from its two-year run of dominating the nation in rushing yards gained out of the tailback position. The difference this time around is that three starters are back, along with a total of 2,851 snaps of experience, almost four times the figure at this time last year.

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Senior **Sam Wilder**, who switched from defense to offense just two weeks before the season opener in 2003, and super soph **Brian Daniels** figure to anchor a maturing group of linemen who are looking to become the force they were as recent as two years ago.

Defensively, the switch to the 4-3 should produce only some short-term growing pains as much of what the players will be asked to do will resemble what was installed late last year, when the Buffs started to play some pretty good defense, beginning with a 34-20 loss to top-ranked Oklahoma.

“Overall, I don’t think it will be a drastic change for the majority of people,” Hankwitz said. “At the end of the (2003) season, they were playing more zone coverage and did some zone blitzes, played some two deep things, so what they evolved into is closer to what we’re going to be, and that will provide some carryover from what they did. I think the biggest change will be going from a predominantly three-deep to a four-deep secondary look.”

As with Purify, senior defensive end **Marques Harris** was awarded a medical redshirt after he suffered a broken leg (both fibula and tibia) late in the UCLA win and was lost for the remainder of the year. It’s no coincidence that CU’s defensive troubles last year started when he was out of the lineup, but the bonus is that he has another shot for a great senior year, and those playing in his place picked up valuable experience.

The front four are fairly loaded with the likes of junior end **James Garee** and senior tackles **Matt McChesney** and **Brandon Dabdoub**. But much needs to be determined as far as the depth chart is concerned on defense, especially at inside linebacker, where the graduation of Sean Tufts creates an opportunity for one of the younger guys to step up.

The secondary also has the potential to be loaded. Sophomore cornerbacks **Sammy Joseph** and **Terrence Wheatley** are now seasoned, and the talent is pretty deep at safety, with junior **J.J. Billingsley** and sophomore **Dominique Brooks** leading the way. Bolstering the group is the return of a pair of former Buffs, as sophomores **Gerett Burl** and **Tyrone Henderson** are back in good standing and add immediate competition to the field.

Special teams had bright spots as well as low spots in 2003. Several long returns, including two for scores, missed PAT kicks and four blocked punts overshadowed Bloom’s efforts in leading the conference in kick return yards, a solid gross punting average by junior **John Torp**, and a freshman scoring record for kicker **Mason Crosby**. If Bloom returns, there is a distinct possibility that all three could be in the hunt for postseason honors, as CU’s special team efforts should reach a greater level this fall.

The schedule was a bear in 2003, but the Buffs have been used to that for a while, playing one of the nation’s top 15 toughest for four straight years. As to if it will be easier in 2004, perhaps only because college football returns to an 11-game schedule instead of a dozen. North Texas is in and UCLA and Florida State out in the non-conference portion, but in league play, it’s time for the bi-yearly swap of South Division opponents as Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A&M replace Baylor, Oklahoma and Texas Tech.

And now, the annual refresher: when Barnett returned to CU as head coach in 1999, he coined the phrase, “Return to Dominance” (or RTD). The proclamation included a list of things he felt would accomplish the mission. CU came very close to fulfilling all of them in its run to the 2001 Big 12 championship, as well as in defending its North Division title the following year. The “report card” for 2003:

- **Install a balanced offense and bringing back the constant threat of the big play.** The offense was fairly well balanced the first three of the Barnett years, especially in play selection. In 2002, the scales tipped to rushing mainly because of injuries and what CU felt it could do in the passing game, and in 2003, it swung the other way. CU rushed 45% of the time for 31% of its yards, meaning passing accounted for 55% of the calls for 69% of the yards. The long plays were there for the most part with 47 of 20 yards or longer, but 42 of those came through the air.
- **Being able to run the football for a first down on third-and-short.** The Buffs converted at a 40 percent clip on third downs, actually better than ’02 (38%), and were 67 percent (34-of-51) on third-and-short (one, two or three yards). On rushing tries alone, CU was 25-of-50 overall on third downs (50%, in line with the average the two previous seasons). And the Buffs have converted on 61 percent of its fourth down tries in the last 54 games (53-of-87), many of which were good, old-fashioned smashmouth power running plays.
- **Inspiring awe and fear into the opponent.** Always hard to gauge, but with a running game that was inconsistent and the run of five 40-plus 40-point games allowed, the Buffs had enough of their own concerns before instilling the aforementioned into their opponent on most occasions.
- **Game day discipline, as in cutting down on the number of penalties and correctable mistakes.** Many of the penalties could be traced to youthful mistakes, as for example, there were 42 offensive penalties compared to just 23 the previous year. CU allowed 15 opponent plays (all passes) of 40 yards or longer, but has allowed exactly that many in the previous 27 games prior to 2003. Opponents blocked seven kicks last year, after CU allowed just four to be swatted away the prior 38 games.
- **Dictating the game against unranked and lesser opponents.** From start to finish, CU dictated the action three, perhaps four times in 2003, with the most dominant outing against Iowa State. But the schedule didn’t provide for much opportunity for that to happen.
- **Returning as a mainstay in the national polls, similar to CU’s consecutive 143-week run between 1989 and 1997.** The Buffs opened the year unranked, and appeared briefly for two weeks, with a high ranking of No. 17 after opening 2-0.
- **Playing games in November, December and January that have significant meaning.** CU only was fortunate enough to play in November, and the Buffs went 2-1 in pursuit of becoming bowl eligible. But it wasn’t the kind of meaningful that is desired.

The Big 12 remains as tough as ever. The North might be wide open, especially with the charging Missouri Tigers, and the South Division has wrestled dominance away from the North, at least during the regular season until Kansas State’s dramatic and convincing title game win over OU.

## 2003 Game Summaries

### GAME #1—COLORADO 42, COLORADO STATE 35

(August 30; Denver, Colo.)

DENVER—The 75th meeting between in-state rivals Colorado and Colorado State was televised nationally on ESPN, and the network dubbed it an "instant classic" after the pass-happy Buffaloes defeated the No. 23 Rams, 42-35.

In a game that had everything from more than the usual bulletin board material pregame to heavy rains and a 28-minute lightning delay in-game, CU sophomore quarterback Joel Klatt and the Buff receivers stole the show. Colorado amassed 402 yards passing, its most in almost four years, and Klatt's mastery of the two-minute offense enabled the Buffaloes to snap a four-game losing streak in season openers.

CSU took an early 7-0 lead, but the Buffs stormed back with 28 second quarter points, on the strength of a Bobby Purify 6-yard run and three Klatt touchdown passes that covered 137 yards. The first was 82 yards to Derek McCoy on a 3rd-and-12 play call following the series that CSU went back up by 14-7; the second went for 10 yards to D.J. Hackett, who made an acrobatic grab at the 2-yard line and somehow landed and then plowed into the end zone dragging a couple of defenders; and the third covered 45 yards to John Donahoe, with just 29 seconds left in the half. Hackett and McCoy would combine for 14 catches, 295 yards and three scores.

Stifled to three plays and out the first four drives of the second half, and with CSU having closed the gap to 28-21, Klatt and McCoy hooked up on a 78-yard touchdown pass to put the Buffs back ahead by two scores at 35-21. But the Rams fought back, tying the game with just 1:50 left when quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt scored on a 30-yard run around the right side. Van Pelt accounted for 416 yards of total offense, the second player to ever top the 400-yard mark against CU and the first during the regular season.

But Klatt came right back and marched the Buffaloes 75 yards in six plays, similar to a Van Pelt engineered drive in 2002 that rallied the Rams to a 19-14 win (that possession covered 84 yards in seven plays). Klatt completed all four of his passes on the drive, the first covering 25 yards to McCoy and the last 33 yards to Jeremy Bloom, which set CU up at the Ram 4-yard line. After an illegal shift call on the Buffs, Purify scampered in with the game-winning touchdown with 40 seconds left in the game. CSU's last-ditch effort stalled at midfield as time ran out.

The teams combined for 741 passing yards, as the Rams gained 585 overall and CU 504. Heavy rains drenched fans and spectators alike in the third quarter; an impressive flash of lightning struck right when Klatt threw the ball to McCoy for CU's third quarter score, as the storm had settled over the stadium and led to a 28-minute suspension, sending the teams to the lockerroom.

COLORADO.....	0	28	7	7	—	42
Colorado State.....	7	7	7	14	—	35

Colorado State—Van Pelt 10 run (Babcock kick)	0- 7	8:22	1Q
COLORADO—Purify 6 run (Crosby kick)	7- 7	13:53	2Q
Colorado State—Pittman 32 pass from Van Pelt (Babcock kick)	7-14	12:15	2Q

COLORADO—McCoy 82 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	14-14	11:19	2Q
COLORADO—Hackett 10 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	21-14	4:46	2Q
COLORADO—Donahoe 45 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	28-14	0:29	2Q
Colorado State—Pittman 38 pass from Van Pelt (Babcock kick)	28-21	12:28	3Q
COLORADO—McCoy 78 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	35-21	3:11	3Q
Colorado State—Anderson 33 pass from Van Pelt (Babcock kick)	35-28	14:51	4Q
Colorado State—Van Pelt 30 run (Babcock kick)	35-35	1:50	4Q
COLORADO—Purify 9 run (Crosby kick)	42-35	0:40	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO STATE
First Downs.....	17	24
Rushes—Net Yards.....	43-102	39-246
Passing Yards.....	402	339
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	34-21-0	40-18-1
Total Offense.....	504	585
Punts: No-Average.....	10-40.8	7-45.3
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-1	3-2
Penalties/Yards.....	6/55	6/40
Time of Possession.....	30:09	29:51

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Calhoun 13-69, Purify 13-31, Bloom 2-12, Vickers 1-0, Klatt 14-minus 10.  
**CSU:** Houston 15-104, VanPelt 13-77, Sanders 7-44, Walker 2-15, Pittman 1-7, Wynn 1-minus 1.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 34-21-0, 402, 4 td. **CSU:** Van Pelt 38-18-1, 339, 3 td; Team 2-0-0, 0.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Hackett 10-103, McCoy 4-192, Vickers 2-3, Donahoe 1-45, Bloom 1-33, Calhoun 1-20, Klopfenstein 1-3, Purify 1-3. **CSU:** Pittman 7-144, Dreessen 5-42, Anderson 4-142, Hill 1-6, Bartz 1-5.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 10-40.8 (50 long, 2 In20). **CSU:** Babcock 7-45.3 (62 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 4-28, Donahoe 1-5. **CSU:** Wynn 5-65, Hill 1-24.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Billingsley 1-24, Bloom 1-21. **CSU:** Wynn 3-64, Anderson 1-7.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Joseph 1-0. **CSU:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Moorer 8,6—14; Billingsley 5,4—9; Iwuh 5,2—7; Tufts 5,2—7; Jackson 5,1—6; McChesney 5,1—6; Joseph 4,1—5; Hollis 4,0—4; Dawn 2,2—4. **CSU:** Pauly 7,6—13; Stratton 5,4—9; Wynn 4,3—7; Mastropaolo 5,1—6; Wood 2,4—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Harris 1-6. **CSU:** Adkins 1-9, Mann 1-8, Pauly 1-8.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Jackson 3, Billingsley 2, Joseph. **CSU:** Wynn 2, Pauly, Stratton.

### GAME #2—COLORADO 16, UCLA 14

(September 6; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER—Colorado went through the 2000, 2001 and 2002 seasons without a late victory thanks to its historical success in the two-minute drill. But in 2003, the Buffaloes did it for the second straight week as No. 24 CU rallied for a 16-14 win over UCLA.

In the lowest scoring game at Folsom Field in six seasons, Colorado saw leads of 7-0 and 10-7 disappear, but a sophomore "JK" combination would save the day and propel the Buffs to their first 2-0 start in five years.

Drew Olson's 13-yard touchdown pass to Mercedes Lewis, moments after the two hooked up for 38 yards on a 3rd-and-30 situation, enabled the Bruins to take a 14-10 lead into the fourth quarter. The Buffs used the first five minutes of the period to run 11 plays but could drive no closer than the UCLA 47. The Bruins took over after a John Torp punt pinned them at their own 11, and were able to run over four minutes off the clock in working the ball out to the 36. But a 27-yard shanked punt would put CU in business at its own 37.

UCLA, playing in its first game of the season, on the road, in altitude for a new head coach, was ripe to be taken advantage of with exactly five minutes showing on the clock. The Buffs worked diligently downfield in their two-minute offense, picking up consistent short gains in the 4-to-8 yard range while a tired UCLA tried to catch its breath. Following a 3rd-and-3 play that saw Klatt hit D.J. Hackett for 10 yards and a first down at the CU 7, the Buffs scored two plays later when Klatt drilled a pass to Joe Klopfenstein, who scored the winning points. The PAT kick was blocked, and with 2:15 remaining, a field goal could still win it for the Bruins.

But freshman Kevin Eberhart thwarted UCLA's comeback attempt at the roots... his high, arching kick was fumbled by Maurice Drew at the goal line, with Drew picking the ball up but only carrying it to the Colorado 10. After four straight incomplete passes, the Buffs took over and knelt down to end the game.

In the defensive struggle, CU just edged UCLA in yardage (245-243), with the 488 combined yards less than CU had recorded or allowed in the season-opening win over CSU.

UCLA.....	0	7	7	0	—	14
COLORADO.....	7	3	0	6	—	16

COLORADO—Purify 1 run (Crosby kick)	7- 0	2:21	1Q
UCLA—Bragg 42 pass from Olson (Medlock kick)	7- 7	13:04	2Q
COLORADO—Crosby 40 FG	10- 7	0:34	2Q
UCLA—Lewis 13 pass from Olson (Medlock kick)	10-14	0:08	3Q
COLORADO—Klopfenstein 6 pass from Klatt (kick blocked)	16-14	2:15	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	UCLA
First Downs.....	21	13
Rushes—Net Yards.....	47-88	26-38
Passing Yards.....	157	205
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	31-21-0	30-17-0
Total Offense.....	245	243
Punts: No-Average.....	5-40.6	5-41.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-1	3-1
Penalties/Yards.....	9/60	12/107
Time of Possession.....	35:14	24:46

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 22-80, Calhoun 11-22, Bloom 1-19, Hackett 1-minus 9, Klatt 9-minus 19, Team 3-minus 5. **UCLA:** Ebell 18-47, Olson 6-2, Drew 1-minus 2, Moore 1-minus 9.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 30-21-0, 157, 1 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **UCLA:** Olson 23-13-0, 164, 2 td; Moore 7-4-0, 41, 0 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Hackett 6-65, Klopfenstein 5-25, McCoy 3-26, Monteilh 2-16, Donahoe 1-11, Purify 1-4, Sypniewski 1-4, Bloom 1-3, Wallace 1-3. **UCLA:** Lewis 6-96, Bragg 4-63, Smith 3-24, Taylor 2-8, Kezirian 1-8, Ebell 1-6.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 4-43.3 (47 long, 1 In20); Team 1-30.0. **UCLA:** Kluwe 5-41.0 (47 long, 2 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** none. **UCLA:** Bragg 3-42.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 1-20. **UCLA:** Drew 1-10.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **UCLA:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Jackson 5,3—8; Tufts 1,6—7; Billingsley 4,2—6; Moorer 4,2—6; Hollis 4,1—5; Nyenhuis 4,1—5; Iwuh 4,0—4; McChesney 4,0—4; M.Harris 3,1—4; Dawn 2,2—4. **UCLA:** Chillar 6,7—13; Emanuel 6,6—12; Leisle 7,2—9; Clark 7,1—8; Boschetti 6,1—7.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** McChesney 1-9, Garee 1-6. **UCLA:** D.Ball 2-11, Leisel 2-9, Chillar 1-9, Ohaeri 1-6.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Jackson, Joseph, Iwuh, Wheatley. **UCLA:** Chillar, Ware.

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### GAME #3—WASHINGTON STATE 47, COLORADO 26

(September 13; Boulder, Colo.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Washington State—Moore 74 pass from Kegel (Dunning kick)	0- 7	10:11	1Q
COLORADO—Klopfenstein 3 pass from Klatt (kick blocked)	6- 7	8:50	1Q
Washington State—Lunde 77 pass from Kegel (kick failed)	6-13	2:09	1Q
Washington State—David 41 interception return (Dunning kick)	6-20	0:45	1Q
COLORADO—McCoy 46 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick)	13-20	13:23	2Q
Washington State—Dunning 43 FG	13-23	1:37	2Q
Washington State—Moore 97 kickoff return (Dunning kick)	13-30	14:45	3Q
Washington State—Smith 26 run (Dunning kick)	13-37	10:53	3Q

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

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

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 17-56, Calhoun 11-36, Griffith 1-6, Greenberg 4-3, Klatt 1-minus 4.  
**Washington State:** Smith 11-73, Green 9-41, Bruhn 6-26, Kegel 4-16, Swogger 1-minus 1, Team 2-minus 2.  
**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 25-13-0, 149, 1 td; Greenberg 30-19-2, 199, 3 td. **Washington State:** Kegel 33-17-1, 310, 3 td.  
**Receiving—Colorado:** McCoy 11-131, Hackett 7-63, Donahoe 3-53, Klopfenstein 3-12, Purify 2-20, Monteilh 2-12, Vickers 2-12, Bloom 1-33, Calhoun 1-12. **Washington State:** Darling 4-74, Green 3-11, Moore 2-96, Smith 2-25, Bienemann 2-11, Jordan 2-10, Lunde 1-77, Boyd 1-6.  
**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 8-38.0 (53 long, 4 In20). **Washington State:** Basler 7-53.9 (62 long, 1 In20).  
**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 3-49. **Washington State:** Moore 2-minus 3.  
**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 4-88, Billingsley 2-52, M.Moore 1-18. **Washington State:** Moore 3-132, Smith 1-10.  
**Interceptions—Colorado:** Moorer 1-23. **Washington State:** David 1-41, Coleman 1-14.  
**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Billingsley 5,4—9; Moorer 7,1—8; T.Washington 3,4—7; Jackson 6,0—6; Nyenhuis 5,1—6; Brooks 3,1—4; McChesney 3,1—4; Sims 3,1—4; Tufts 1,3—4.  
**Washington State:** Paymah 8,2—10; Coleman 5,5—10; Davis 6,2—8; Jackson 4,4—8; J.Williams 3,5—8.  
**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** none. **Washington State:** Jackson 1-4, Acholonu 1-3.  
**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Jackson 3, Brooks 2, Billingsley, Ligon. **Washington State:** V.Williams 2, Jackson, Shavies.

### GAME #4—FLORIDA STATE 47, COLORADO 7

(September 20; Tallahassee, Colo.)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Chris Rix completed 30-of-39 passes helping Florida State to a regular season single-game record for passing yards allowed by a Colorado team as the No. 10 Seminoles slowly but surely pulled away from CU in posting a 47-7 verdict in the intersectional match-up.

The Buffs opened strong but couldn't maintain much momentum as the game wore on against a talented Florida State defense. CU took the opening kickoff and marched to the Seminole 5-yard line, but couldn't score a TD on a first-and-goal from the 5 and missed a chip-shot field goal. FSU came right back and scored on an 80-yard drive, with Rix hooking up with Craphonso Thorpe on a 37-yard TD pass on a 4th-and-3 play.

The Buffs would hang in, and after the first of four Florida State field goals, Erik Greenberg threw a perfect pass to a streaking Jeremy Bloom for an 81-yard touchdown catch and run, narrowing the FSU lead to 10-7. Trailing 13-7, CU was trying to get into field goal range, but a Brian Calhoun fumble after he picked up five yards and a first down on a third-and-1 run gave the ball back to the Seminoles. Six plays later, FSU closed with a field goal to take a 16-7 intermission lead.

Down but not out, the Buffs held FSU to a field goal the opening drive of the second half, stalling the Seminoles at the CU 12. Colorado went three-and-out on its next two drives, and the backbreaker for the Buffs came on FSU's next series. Taking over at the 34, Rix again found Thorpe for a long strike, this one covering 64 yards to up the lead to 26-7 with 6:05 left in the quarter.

FSU added a couple of touchdowns on a botched punt, taking over at the CU 12, and then returned a blocked punt for a score to go up 40-7 early in the fourth quarter. Curiously still passing well into the final minutes of the game, the Seminoles added a late score to add a little insult to injury in accounting for the 47-7 final.

Colorado had 236 yards of offense in the first half, but could only muster 39 in the second half against a deep and talented FSU defense. Rix threw for 394 yards, with his sub, Frank Walker, adding 64 to give the Seminoles 458 in the game, topping the previous regular season best against the Buffaloes (Kansas State had 439 in 1969).

Calhoun led all runners in the game with 118 yards rushing, while Erik Greenberg passed for 192 yards and a touchdown in his first collegiate start; he was 10-of-12 in the first half before going 4-of-18 in the second.

COLORADO.....	0	7	0	0	—	7
Florida State.....	7	9	10	21	—	47

Florida State—Thorpe 37 pass from Rix (Beitia kick)	0- 7	9:27	1Q
Florida State—Beitia 20 FG	0-10	8:19	2Q
COLORADO—Bloom 81 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick)	7-10	7:59	2Q
Florida State—Beitia 26 FG	7-13	2:13	2Q

Florida State—Beitia 27 FG	7-16	0:00	2Q
Florida State—Beitia 29 FG	7-19	12:33	3Q
Florida State—Thorpe 66 pass from Rix (Beitia kick)	7-26	6:05	3Q
Florida State—Jones 1 run (Beitia kick)	7-33	14:57	4Q
Florida State—Davis 14 blocked punt return (Beitia kick)	7-40	13:41	4Q
Florida State—Reynolds 3 run (Beitia kick)	7-47	3:10	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	FLORIDA ST.
First Downs .....	13	26
Rushes—Net Yards .....	38-93	24-93
Passing Yards .....	192	458
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	31-15-0	47-35-0
Total Offense .....	275	551
Punts: No-Average .....	9-38.4	4-46.3
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	4-2	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	9/70	7/75
Time of Possession .....	33:05	26:55

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Calhoun 21-118, Vickers 4-18, Caesar 3-5, Cox 1-minus 5, Bloom 1-minus 8, Torp 1-minus 14, Greenberg 6-minus 23, Team 1-minus 8. **FSU:** Reid 4-45, Jones 9-26, Rix 5-17, Napier 3-11, Reynolds 2-4, Thorpe 1-minus 10.  
**Passing—Colorado:** Greenberg 30-14-0, 192, 1 td; Cox 1-1-0, 0. **FSU:** Rix 39-30-0, 394, 2 td; Walker 7-5-0, 64, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.  
**Receiving—Colorado:** Hackett 6-46, McCoy 5-34, Bloom 1-81, Donahoe 1-14, Calhoun 1-12, Sypniewski 1-5. **FSU:** P. Sam 10-119, Thorpe 8-205, Reid 5-39, Davis 3-22, Jones 3-8, Robinson 2-27, L.Sam 1-27, Dean 1-6, Napier 1-4, Coleman 1-1.  
**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 8-43.3 (57 long, 1 In20), Team 1-0-0. **FSU:** Hall 1-50.0 (50 long); Stein 3-45.0 (51 long, 2 In20).  
**Punt Returns—CU:** none. **FSU:** Cha. Davis 1-14, Robinson 2-12, Chr.Davis 3-14, Team 1-17.  
**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Wheatley 2-57, Bloom 2-34, Billingsley 1-11. **FSU:** Thorpe 1-19.  
**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **FSU:** none.  
**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Surrell 10,3—13; Joseph 10,0—10; Moorer 6,3—9; Billingsley 6,1—7; Jackson 5,1—6; Tufts 3,2—5; T.Washington 3,2—5. **FSU:** Wimbley 6,2—8; Ward 4,1—5; Nicholson 2,3—5; McFadden 3,1—4; Augustin 2,2—4.  
**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** none. **FSU:** Wimbley 2-13, Emanuel 1-9, Augustin 1-6, Howard 1-5, Team 1-1.  
**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Moorer, Wheatley. **FSU:** Eight players with 1.



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### GAME #5—BAYLOR 42, COLORADO 30

(October 4; Waco, Texas)

WACO, Texas — Rashad Armstrong rushed for 166 yards and two touchdowns, with his second score putting the game out of the reach just over five minutes into the fourth quarter to lead Baylor to only it's second Big 12 Conference league win in 39 tries as the Bears defeated Colorado, 42-30.

Armstrong's 55-yard explosive run capped a 97-yard drive in the fourth quarter that flustered the Buffaloes, as it came on the heels of Baylor stopping CU on a 4th-and-goal from the 1. Trailing 35-30 and seemingly ready to grab momentum back to its side, Colorado had taken over on the Baylor 9 after recovering a fumble, BU's only turnover on the day. The Bear defense pinned a pair of three-yard rushing losses on CU, but on third and goal from the 15, Erik Greenberg completed a pass for 14.9 yards to Joe Klopfenstein, leaving the Buffs fourth and literally inches to go.

But Baylor's Justin Crooks and Maurice Lane threw Brian Calhoun for a 2-yard loss on fourth down, after he was forced to the outside on the short side of the field. Baylor took over and ran eight straight running plays and scored to extend its lead to 12. The Buffs would get no closer, though CU penetrated BU territory three more times and reached midfield a fourth in the final 9:36.

After a scoreless first quarter, Colorado scored first with a 28-yard yard Mason Crosby field goal in what would be a seesaw second stanza, as the changed hands four times in just over 12 minutes. Daniel Jolly scored a touchdown on his second career carry that put the Buffs up 10-7, and Greenberg found Derek McCoy, who had a big day, in the endzone on a perfectly executed fade pattern that gave CU a 17-14 halftime lead. Sandwiched in-between were Alex Karas TD passes to Robert Quiroga and Trent Shelton for the Bears.

The Buffs came out in the third quarter meaning business, marching 75 yards in seven plays with Calhoun scoring on a 3-yard run, his first career rushing touchdown. A 40-yard pass from Greenberg to D.J. Hackett had set the Buffs up at the Bear 3; but Crosby's PAT attempt hit the upright and left CU with a 23-14 edge.

Baylor answered CU's two-score lead with three straight TDs, scoring 35 points in 17 minutes overall. It started with a 74-yard drive, with Karas hitting Shane Williams on an 8-yard TD toss to cut the lead to 23-21. Just 82 seconds after that score, Jamaal Harper recovered a Greenberg fumble and ran it in from seven yards out to put Baylor ahead 28-23, and on the next drive, Greenberg fumbled once again, with the Bears driving just 21 yards in four plays to take a 35-23 edge. On the first play following a Baylor punt miscue, Greenberg hit a streaking McCoy over the middle for a 29-yard touchdown, the last of the scoring in a 34-point binge in the quarter.

Colorado had 399 yards passing in the game, its 10th most ever in a game, but Baylor countered by topping 200 yards in both rushing and passing,

COLORADO.....	0	17	13	0	—	30
Baylor.....	0	14	21	7	—	42

COLORADO—Crosby 28 FG	3- 0	13:12	2Q
Baylor—Quiroga 25 pass from Karas (Webb kick)	3- 7	7:49	2Q

COLORADO—Jolly 1 run (Crosby kick)	10- 7	5:22	2Q
Baylor—Shelton 26 pass from Karas (Webb kick)	10-14	2:19	2Q
COLORADO—McCoy 4 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick)	17-14	0:59	2Q
COLORADO—Calhoun 3 run (kick failed)	23-14	12:02	3Q
Baylor—Williams 8 pass from Karas (Webb kick)	23-21	8:49	3Q
Baylor—Harper 7 fumble return (Webb kick)	23-28	7:27	3Q
Baylor—Armstrong 3 run (Webb kick)	23-35	5:34	3Q
COLORADO—McCoy 29 pass from Greenberg (Crosby kick)	30-35	1:11	3Q
Baylor—Armstrong 55 run (Webb kick)	30-42	9:36	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	BAYLOR
First Downs .....	15	22
Rushes—Net Yards .....	27-57	56-203
Passing Yards .....	399	207
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	37-19-2	28-18-0
Total Offense .....	456	410
Punts: No-Average .....	3-45.3	7-45.6
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	3-3	2-1
Penalties/Yards .....	6/65	13/95
Time of Possession .....	22:44	37:16

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—CU:** Calhoun 19-56, Vickers 2-7, Jolly 2-1, Klatt 1-0, Greenberg 3-minus 7. **BU:** Armstrong 37-166, Kreig 7-29, Evans 4-13, Selpuveda 1-6, Roberts 1-2, Karas 5-minus 13, Team 1-0.

**Passing—CU:** Greenberg 29-16-1, 346, 2 td; Klatt 8-3-1, 53. **BU:** Karas 28-18-0, 207, 3 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** McCoy 6-17-1, Hackett 4-14-3, Donahoe 3-4-4, Vickers 2-15, Klopfenstein 1-14, Calhoun 1-9, Wallace 1-3, Bloom 1-0. **Baylor:** Quiroga 8-11-3, Shelton 2-32, Evans 2-31, Roberts 2-13, Williams 2-12, Thompson 2-6.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 3-45.3 (48 long, 2 In20). **Baylor:** Selpuveda 7-45.6 (54 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 6-107. **Baylor:** Andrews 1-3.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 5-143, Moore 2-34. **Baylor:** Andrews 4-109, Thompn 1-16.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Baylor:** Lingquist 1-8, Todd 1-minus 3.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Moorer 12,1—13; Tufts 7,6—13; Wheatley 6,2—8; Iwuh 3,4—7; Surrrell 6,0—6; Dawn 4,2—6; Nyenhuis 5,0—5. **Baylor:** Cash 9,0—9; Lane 2,5—7; Andrews 4,2—6; Crooks 4,1—5; Cravens 4,1-5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Dawn 1-12, Brooks 1-7. **Baylor:** Cash 1-8.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Brooks. **Baylor:** Andrews 2, Cash 2, Hampton, McLean, Todd.

### GAME #6—COLORADO 50, KANSAS 47 (OT)

(October 11; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Brian Calhoun dashed 12 yards up the middle for a touchdown on Colorado's third play in overtime, closing the book on a wild day of scoring as the Buffaloes rallied for a 50-47 win over the Kansas Jayhawks.

In snapping a three-game losing streak, the Buffs came back five different times to either tie the score or take the lead in the see-saw game, which saw both teams relinquish double digit leads, CU a 10-point first quarter edge and KU an 11-point halftime margin.

Colorado raced to a 17-7 lead, but left some points out there as the lead easily could have been 28-7. Unfazed, the Jayhawks came back to go on a 28-7 second quarter spree to take a 35-24 halftime lead, the last seven points coming on a 'Hail Mary' pass from Bill Whittemore to Charles Gordon as time expired in the first half. The Jayhawks had 372 yards by intermission, though the Buffs' total of 280 wasn't exactly shabby.

The Buffs would dominate the second half statistically, but KU hung on the best it could. CU forged a tie at 38 by the end of the third quarter, as quarterback Joel Klatt engineered a pair of smooth touchdown drives of 80 and 76 yards, both ending in Daniel Jolly touchdown runs.

Kansas again went head after a short Whittemore TD pass to Mark Simmons, but Vance Washington's block of Johnny Beck's PAT kick eventually paved the way for CU to pull even. Mason Crosby pulled KU to within three with a career long 41-yard field goal, and then sent the game into overtime when he nailed a 23-yard kick with 14 seconds left in regulation, which came after KU tried to freeze him by calling three straight timeouts.

Kansas was on offense first in the extra session, but the CU 'D' rose to the occasion and held KU to just the one series and a field goal. When CU's turn came, despite throwing for 419 yards, the Buffs decided to go old school and run the ball. Calhoun carried nine yards to the 16, then four yards to the 12 to set up his winning 12-yard scamper up the middle. He finished with a career-high 135 yards on 24 carries.

Klatt finished with school records for attempts (54) and completions (38) in a game, throwing for 419 yards, the fourth best passing day by a Buffalo. Kansas had 214 yards in the second half, but only seven first downs as the Buff defense allowed their second fewest second half points (12) all season. Colorado had 598 total yards, 318 after halftime, and rang up 35 first downs in the game, tied for the third most in school history.

Kansas.....	7	28	3	6	3	—	47
COLORADO.....	17	7	14	6	6	—	50

Kansas—Rideau 64 pass from Whittemore (Beck kick)	0- 7	13:13	1Q
COLORADO—Klopfenstein 48 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7- 7	10:04	1Q
COLORADO—Klatt 1 run (Crosby kick)	14- 7	3:24	1Q
COLORADO—Crosby 23 FG	17- 7	1:33	1Q
Kansas—Whittemore 7 run (Beck kick)	17-14	14:24	2Q
Kansas—Whittemore 1 run (Beck kick)	17-21	8:47	2Q
COLORADO—Hackett 25 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	24-21	5:27	2Q

Kansas—Green 9 run (Beck kick)	24-28	2:31	2Q
Kansas—Gordon 41 pass from Whittemore (Beck kick)	24-35	0:00	2Q
COLORADO—Jolly 2 run (pass failed)	30-35	10:03	3Q
Kansas—Beck 21 FG	30-38	4:26	3Q
COLORADO—Jolly 1 run (Hackett pass from Klatt)	38-38	0:40	3Q
Kansas—Simmons 5 pass from Whittemore (kick blocked)	38-44	8:55	4Q
COLORADO—Crosby 41 FG	41-44	5:24	4Q
COLORADO—Crosby 23 FG	44-44	0:14	4Q
Kansas—Beck 35 FG	44-47	.....	OT
COLORADO—Calhoun 12 run (no PAT attempt)	50-47	.....	OT

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs .....	35	20
Rushes—Net Yards .....	39-179	37-164
Passing Yards .....	419	422
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	54-38-1	31-20-0
Total Offense .....	598	586
Punts: No-Average .....	2-42.5	4-33.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	2-2	1-0
Penalties/Yards .....	6/33	6/57
Time of Possession .....	31:20	28:40

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—CU:** Calhoun 24-135, Jolly 6-17, Vickers 3-16, Bloom 1-14, Klatt 4-5, Monteilh 1-minus 8. **KU:** Green 17-103, Whittemore 15-45, Randle 2-12, Gordon 1-4, Nwabuisi 1-2.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 54-38-1, 419. **Kansas:** Whittemore 29-19-0, 422; Reid 1-1-0, 0; Gordon 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Hackett 8-93, McCoy 8-72, Bloom 5-97, Monteilh 5-45, Vickers 4-23, Calhoun 4-14, Klopfenstein 3-63, Wallace 1-12. **Kansas:** Simmons 6-152, Rideau 5-107, Green 4-72, Gordon 2-41, Latimore 2-41, M.Johnson 1-9.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 2-42.5 (53 long, 0 In20). **Kansas:** Ansel 3-44.0 (64 long, 1 In20), Team 1-0. **Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 2-23, McCoy 1-13, Johnson 0-1. **KU:** Gordon 1-4.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 3-70. **Kansas:** G.Heaggans 1-5.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Kansas:** Reid 1-25.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Tufts 5,3—8; Nyenhuis 6,1—7; Moorer 5,2—7; Garee 6,0—6; Billingsley 4,1—5; Fluellen 4,1—5; Brooks 3,1—4; Surrrell 3,1—4; Wheatley 3,1—4. **Kansas:** Reid 10,4—14; Lamb 8,5—13; R.Johnson 9,1—10; Stubbs 5,5—10; Floodman 5,4—9.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Nyenhuis 2-12. **Kansas:** Weekley 1-2.

**Passes Broken Up—CU:** Joseph 2, Moorer 2, Wheatley. **KU:** Amadi, R.Johnson, Weekley.



## 2003 Game Summaries

### GAME #7—KANSAS STATE 49, COLORADO 20

(October 18; Manhattan, Kan.)

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A quick glance at the stat sheet might indicate a game that went down to the wire, but a closer look reveals two blocked punts by Kansas State that led to 16 points as the Wildcats ended Colorado's 11-game winning streak against Big 12 Conference North Division opponents with a 49-20 victory.

The Buffs opened the game with an impressive drive, taking a 7-0 lead after marching 76 yards in 14 plays, with Daniel Jolly's 6-yard run opening the day's scoring. Quarterback Joel Klatt completed all six of his passes on the drive for 55 yards, and added seven yards rushing as well including a 1-yard sneak on fourth down that kept the drive alive. CU stuffed the Wildcats on their first possession, but the next time CU had the ball, Rashad Washington raced up the gut to block a John Torp punt at the CU14, the ball eventually going out of the end zone for a safety. Following the free kick, K-State drove 67 yards in eight plays to take the lead for good at 9-7.

The first half ended with a flurry, as KSU went ahead, 15-7, with 40 seconds remaining on a 40-yard TD pass from Eli Roberson to Davin Dennis, as the Wildcats drove 70 yards in just five plays and 125 seconds of possession time. But CU's Jeremy Bloom took the ensuing kickoff and outraced all in going 88 yards for a touchdown. Since CU's Brian Iwuh had blocked KSU's PAT kick, the Buffs tried to tie the game going into intermission but Klatt's two-point pass attempt failed. The Wildcats were able to put some distance between them and the Buffaloes early in the third quarter. After taking the second half kickoff and going 65 yards for a touchdown (the first of to Roberson to James Terry scoring passes), KSU kicked the second Torp punt of the game, this time with Joe Lawson recovering in the end zone for six and a 29-13 KSU lead. The Buffs were a bit down but not out, driving from their 20 to the K-State 15 on their next possession, but on a 3rd-and-7 play, Klatt threw just his third interception of the season as James McGill picked the ball off at the KSU 2 to end the threat.

The Wildcats scored 20 points in the fourth quarter, the last seven coming with 38 seconds left on a Roberson 1-yard dive. That came after the Buffs had cut the lead to 42-20 with 5:54 left on a 34-yard pass from Klatt to D.J. Hackett, who led all receivers in the game with seven catches for 106 yards.

Colorado outgained the 'Cats 422-384 and earned 25 first downs, but the game was decided by special teams. In addition to the blocked punts, a nearly 55-yard average punting by KSU's Jared Brite helped to keep the Buffaloes bottled deep in their own end. CU's average starting field position for the game was its own 18, as CU started five drives inside its own 20 and two others at the mark out of 11 possessions on the day. The Buffs also missed a pair of field goals in the first half, though they were hardly "gimmies" for Mason Crosby from 53 and 47 yards out.

COLORADO.....	7	6	0	7	—	20
Kansas State.....	9	6	14	20	—	49

COLORADO—Jolly 6 run (Crosby kick) 7- 0 9:22 1Q

Kansas State—Safety, punt blocked out of end zone	7- 2	6:05	1Q
Kansas State—Roberson 2 run (Rheem kick)	7- 9	3:31	1Q
Kansas State—Dennis 40 pass from Roberson (Rheem kick)	7-15	0:40	2Q
COLORADO—Bloom 88 kickoff return (pass failed)	13-15	0:30	2Q
Kansas State—Terry 10 pass from Roberson (Rheem kick)	13-22	11:54	3Q
Kansas State—Lawson recovered block punt in end zone (Rheem kick)	13-29	10:18	3Q
Kansas State—Terry 8 pass from Roberson (run failed)	13-35	13:46	4Q
Kansas State—Sproles 18 run (Rheem kick)	13-42	7:31	4Q
COLORADO—Hackett 34 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	20-42	5:56	4Q
Kansas State—Roberson 1 run (Rheem kick)	20-49	0:38	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS STATE
First Downs.....	25	23
Rushes—Net Yards.....	32-132	40-142
Passing Yards.....	290	242
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	45-29-1	28-20-0
Total Offense.....	422	384
Punts: No-Average.....	5-26.0	4-54.8
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	0-0	2-0
Penalties/Yards.....	9/59	6/51
Time of Possession.....	30:49	29:11

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Calhoun 19-87, Jolly 9-28, Klatt 4-17. **Kansas State:** Sproles 14-90, Roberts 23-49, Saba 1-4, Mann 1-1, Team 1-minus 2.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 45-29-1, 290, 1 td. **Kansas State:** Roberson 28-20-0, 242, 3 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Hackett 7-106, Calhoun 7-38, McCoy 5-52, Monteilh 3-33, Klopfenstein 2-23, Bloom 2-21, Donahoe 1-10, Wallace 1-6, Jolly 1-1. **Kansas State:** Terry 8-84, Polite 5-52, Dennis 4-73, Casey 1-16, Moriera 1-9, Hill 1-8.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 3-43.3 (51 long, 0 In20), Team 2-0. **Kansas State:** Brite 4-54.8 (69 long, 2 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 3-15. **Kansas State:** Washington 2-54, Sproles 2-13.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 4-136, Surrell 2-35. **Kansas State:** Mack 1-12.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Kansas State:** McGill 1-14.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Mooror 10,4—14; Billingsley 9,4—13; Tufts 2,5—7; Dawn 4,2—6; Hollis 4,2—6; Wheatley 5,0—5; Joseph 4,1—5, Boye-Doe 3,0—3. **Kansas State:** Berry 3,10—13; Buhl 4,8—12; Washington 5,3—8; McGill 5,2—7; Jordan 5,1—6; Hickman 4,2—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Mooror 1-9, Nyenhuis 1-8. **Kansas State:** none.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Wheatley 2, Nyenhuis, Tufts. **Kansas State:** Jordan 2, Washington 2, Montgomery.

### GAME #8—OKLAHOMA 34, COLORADO 20

(October 25; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — The stage was almost set for a comeback of the ages: down 20 early in the fourth quarter and playing before a Folsom Field record crowd of 54,215, Colorado had cut No. 1 ranked Oklahoma's lead to 27-20 and had the Sooners in a third-and-6 situation with 2:13 left. Hold OU, and the Buffs would get the ball back with a chance to perform some of the school's famous two-minute magic.

But the Sooners had different ideas, and Jason White read CU's blitz and dumped the ball off to Mark Clayton in the left flat. Clayton would out-run the CU defense and with the aid of an illegal pick that went unnoticed by the officials, raced 59 yards for the clinching score as the 8-0 Sooners escaped with a 34-20 win.

In the first half, the Buffaloes held their own against the nation's top ranked team. After spotting Oklahoma a quick 14-0 lead in the game's first nine minutes, CU settled down and answered the second score with a 56-yard march for a touchdown. Quarterback Joel Klatt hooked up with D.J. Hackett three times on the drive for 18, 10 and 3 yards, the last getting the Buffs on the board to cut the lead to 14-7.

After the three TD flurry to open the game, defense took over as both teams forced fumbles but couldn't convert them into points. OU did manage to add a Trey DiCarlo field goal with 4:15 left in the quarter, with the 17-7 score holding until the half.

OU came out and played like a number one team in the third quarter; in extending its lead to 27-7, the Sooners ran 24 plays to CU's 5, possessed the ball for 11:22, and outgained the Buffs 155-16. But anyone who knows about night games in Boulder knows CU wasn't about to lie down.

Klatt would throw two more touchdown passes, the first a short toss up the middle that Brian Calhoun snared and dodged defenders up the gut to cover 21 yards in making the score 27-14. On CU's next possession, the Buffs drove 61 yards in nine plays, with Derek McCoy hauling in a 9-yard throw from Klatt to cut the lead to 27-20 with 5:03 to play. OU blocked the PAT kick, however.

After the Sooners went back up by two scores, Colorado couldn't earn a first down, and turned the ball back to OU in the final minutes, with White taking a couple of knees to run out the clock.

OU had 434 yards, but the Buffs forced three turnovers to keep one of the nation's most prolific offenses in check. CU mustered 227, but had 112 in the fourth quarter before running out of time.

Oklahoma.....	14	3	10	7	—	34
COLORADO.....	7	0	0	13	—	20

Oklahoma—Jones 54 pass from White (DiCarlo kick) 0- 7 11:49 1Q

Oklahoma—Works 2 run (DiCarlo kick) 0-14 6:03 1Q

COLORADO—Hackett 3 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7-14	1:54	1Q
Oklahoma—DiCarlo 42 FG	7-17	4:15	2Q
Oklahoma—DiCarlo 20 FG	7-20	8:17	3Q
Oklahoma—Clayton 15 pass from White (DiCarlo kick)	7-27	1:37	3Q
COLORADO—Calhoun 21 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	14-27	11:41	4Q
COLORADO—McCoy 9 pass from Klatt (kick blocked)	20-27	5:03	4Q
Oklahoma—Clayton 59 pass from White (DiCarlo kick)	20-34	1:59	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs.....	15	24
Rushes—Net Yards.....	25-40	40-186
Passing Yards.....	187	248
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	33-24-1	28-19-0
Total Offense.....	227	434
Punts: No-Average.....	4-41.3	2-52.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-1	4-3
Penalties/Yards.....	5/51	4/31
Time of Possession.....	27:17	32:43

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Calhoun 10-24, Torp 1-20, Jolly 2-10, Vickers 3-7, Bloom 1-2, Klatt 8-minus 23. **Oklahoma:** Works 20-130, K.Jones 13-68, Hickson 3-3, White 2-minus 12, Team 2-minus 3.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 33-24-1, 187, 3 td. **Oklahoma:** White 28-19-0, 248, 3 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Hackett 7-64, McCoy 7-43, Calhoun 4-38, Monteilh 3-19, Klopfenstein 2-26, Bloom 1-minus 3. **Oklahoma:** Clayton 6-96, B.Jones 3-79, Rankins 3-31, K.Jones 3-23, Works 2-14, Wilson 1-11, Runnels 1-minus 6.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 4-41.3 (45 long, 0 In20). **OU:** Ferguson 2-52.0 (53 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 1-5. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 2-9.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 2-51, M.Moore 1-9, Surrell 1-4. **Oklahoma:** Perkins 2-21.

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

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Tufts 6,2—8; Boye-Doe 5,1—6; Surrell 5,1—6; Billingsley 4,2—6; Joseph 4,1—5; Nyenhuis 4,1—5; McChesney 3,2—5; Mooror 3,2—5; Garee 2,3—5. **Oklahoma:** Strait 6,2—8; Lehman 5,1—6; Perkins 5,0—5; Everage 4,0—4; Pool 4,0—4; Jackson 3,1—4.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** McChesney 1-8, Surrell 1-4. **Oklahoma:** Jackson 1-10, McGruder 1-7, Thibodeaux 1-6, Dvoracek 1-5, Birdine 1-4, Nicholson 1-3, Everage 1-1.

**Passes Broken Up—Colorado:** Dawn. **Oklahoma:** Perkins.

## 2003 Game Summaries

### GAME #9—TEXAS TECH 26, COLORADO 21

(November 1; Lubbock, Texas)

LUBBOCK, Texas — Things looked pretty good early for Colorado, especially since the Buffaloes scored the third quickest touchdown at the start of a game in their history and then went on to build a 14-0 lead over Texas Tech 11 minutes into the game.

But the nation's top ranked offense regrouped from four straight interceptions to open the game, and combined with an NCAA record eighth punt return touchdown from Wes Welker, the Red Raiders scored the game's next 26 points and then hung on for a 26-21 victory over a stubborn CU squad.

Joel Klatt and Derek McCoy hooked up on a 27-yard touchdown pass right after J.J. Billingsley intercepted his first of two B.J. Symons passes in the first quarter. The score came just 17 seconds into the game, the second quickest from scrimmage and third fastest ever in CU history. Tech's next drive ended with a Billingsley interception at the CU 36, and after Medford Moorer absconded with a Symons pass and raced 72 yards to the Tech 21, where six plays later, Daniel Jolly would crash over from the 1-yard line to give CU a commanding two touchdown lead—or so it seemed.

Tech has made a habit out of rallying from double digits all season, and this night would be no exception, but the Red Raiders used two punt returns by Welker instead of Symon's arm, as despite Tech's 490 yards on offense, it was amazingly still 125 yards below its average coming into the game.

Welker's NCAA record return, a 58-yard scamper, pulled TTU to within 14-9 with 5:45 left in the first half. Tech would pull to within two after Keith Toogood sandwiched Welker's feat with his second field goal of the half. That left CU with a 14-12 lead that would hold up until the middle of the third quarter, when the Red Raiders drove a modest 36 yards in five plays following a short John Torp punt into the wind. Symons hit Welker with a 13-yard TD throw, on a third-and-12 play, that would put Tech up for what proved to be good, 19-14. Later in the period, Tech mounted its only sustained drive of the night, marching 89 yards in eight plays and taking a 26-14 lead on a 10-yard run by Taurean Henderson.

CU still had some fight left, bouncing right back with a monstrous 17-play, 74 yard drive that ate up almost eight-and-a-half minutes off the clock. Klatt and McCoy teamed again for a touchdown, as CU cut the TTU lead to 26-21. The Buffs had one last gasp inside of them, taking over on their own 38 and marched to the Tech 24 before the drive stalled with 2:11 left. Klatt was intercepted by Vincent Meeks at the Tech 7 with 2:17 on the clock, and would not touch the ball again.

Both teams ran 74 plays, though Tech outgained CU 490-294. All told, CU forced Texas Tech into six turnovers, scoring touchdowns after three of them.

<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Texas Tech</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>26</b>

COLORADO—McCoy 27 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7- 0	14:43	1Q
COLORADO—Jolly 1 run (Crosby kick)	14- 0	4:11	1Q
Texas Tech—Toogood 37 FG	14- 3	7:29	2Q
Texas Tech—Welker 58 punt return (kick blocked)	14- 9	5:45	2Q
Texas Tech—Toogood 24 FG	14-12	1:40	2Q
Texas Tech—Welker 13 pass from Symons (Toogood kick)	14-19	7:46	3Q
Texas Tech—Henderson 10 run (Toogood kick)	14-26	2:07	3Q
COLORADO—McCoy 27 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	21-26	6:27	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs .....	17	32
Rushes—Net Yards .....	41-81	23-91
Passing Yards .....	213	399
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	33-18-3	51-30-5
Total Offense .....	294	490
Punts: No-Average .....	6-41.7	2-44.5
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards .....	8/58	2/20
Time of Possession .....	34:37	25:23

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Calhoun 16-76, Jolly 13-20, Torp 1-10, Vickers 1-2, Bloom 1-0, Klatt 9-minus 27. **Texas Tech:** Henderson 9-49, Welker 3-18, Francis 2-15, Symons 5-14, Mack 2-minus 2, Team 2-minus 3.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 33-18-3, 213, 2 td. **Texas Tech:** Symons 51-30-5, 399, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Hackett 4-54, Donahoe 3-37, Calhoun 3-16, Vickers 2-42, McCoy 2-35, Monteilh 2-18, Wallace 2-11. **Texas Tech:** Glover 6-73, Francis 6-66, Henderson 6-63, Welker 5-91, Fuller 2-44, Hicks 2-32, Peters 1-16, Hawkins 1-10, McGuire 1-4.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 6-41.7 (53 long, 1 In20). **Texas Tech:** Reyes 2-44.5 (47 long, 0 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 1-2. **Texas Tech:** Welker 4-102.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** none. **Texas Tech:** Meeks 1-14.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Billingsley 2-8, Moorer 1-72, Joseph 1-17, Dabdoub 1-0. **Texas Tech:** Meeks 1-38, R.Aycock 1-0, Stratton 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Moorer 5,6—11; Surrell 8,2—10; Joseph 7,0—7; Billingsley 5,1—6; Tufts 4,1—5; Jackson 4,0—4; Brooks 3,0—3; Manupuna 3,0—3; Dawn 2,1—3; Ligon 2,1—3. **Texas Tech:** R.Aycock 7,3—10; Stratton 6,1—7; Boyd 5,0—5; McGinnis 5,0—5; Saldi 3,2—5; Smith 3,2—5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Ligon 1-5, Garee 1-2. **Tech:** Duckett 3-20, Nitschmann 2-17.

### GAME #10—COLORADO 21, MISSOURI 16

(November 8; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Joel Klatt threw two touchdown passes and a trio of safeties combined for some incredible, if not game saving numbers, as Colorado snapped a three-game losing streak in defeating No. 22 Missouri, 21-16.

What started out with the appearance of being a high scoring game, as both the Buffaloes and Tigers scored on their first two possessions, turned into a battle of defensive wits, with Missouri stifling the Buffs and CU forcing four Tiger turnovers, three coming deep inside Buff territory.

The Buffs opened with an impressive 82-yard, nine-play drive that culminated with a 16-yard touchdown pass from Klatt to Derek McCoy. It was McCoy's 10th touchdown reception of the season, a CU single-season mark as he broke a tie with two other players. Missouri countered with a 19-yard field goal from Michael Matheny, the drive first kept alive by a roughing the punter penalty on CU after the Tigers appeared to go three plays and out. Then quarterback Brad Smith had first down runs of 12, 13 and 14 yards, but Mizzou couldn't punch it in the end zone, settling for three on the 19th play of the 8 minute and 22 second possession.

CU came back with an 80-yard march, with eight of the 11 plays netting five or more yards and ending with Lawrence Vickers scoring his first collegiate touchdown, which came on a 3-yard pass from Klatt. Undaunted, the Tigers answered with their own 80-yard drive, with Victor Sesay hauling in a 17-yard touchdown toss from Smith, who completed all five of his passes for 57 yards in addition to rushing for 18 more on the possession. Then the defenses took over.

Senior Clyde Surrell, sophomore J.J. Billingsley and true freshman Dominique Brooks combined for 23 tackles in the game, the tip of the iceberg in their efforts that factored heavily in the win.

Brooks made his first two collegiate interceptions, one at the end of the first half on a "Hail Mary" throw by Smith, and the other with 1:58 remaining to end any chance of a Mizzou comeback. Earlier in the fourth quarter, he helped stall another Tiger drive at the CU 40 when he deflected a pass at the line of scrimmage.

Surrell was in on eight tackles, seven solo including a tackle for loss, but his biggest play was when he stripped Smith of the ball and recovered it himself on the first play of the fourth quarter, ending that Mizzou scoring threat at the Buff 20. Billingsley had 14 tackles, 11 solo, with two for losses including a key one on Smith two plays prior to Brooks' pass breakup.

The Buffs had extended their lead to 21-9 by opening the second half with another 80-yard drive, with Brian Calhoun running it in from three yards out, but CU gained just 61 yards the remainder of the half as Mizzou stiffened. The Tigers finally got back into the end zone after the Surrell and Brooks heroics, as with exactly 5:00 remaining, Damien Nash took a short pass from Smith, broke three tackles and raced 48 yards into the end zone to cut the lead to 21-16. The Buffs mustered one first down on its next possession before punting back to the MU, with a season-best 61-yard

effort by John Torp pinning the Tigers at their own 20. Four plays later, Brooks sealed the win with his second interception.

<b>Missouri</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>21</b>

COLORADO—McCoy 16 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7- 0	10:58	1Q
Missouri—Matheny 19 FG	7- 3	2:36	1Q
COLORADO—Vickers 3 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	14- 3	12:43	2Q
Missouri—Sesay 17 pass from Smith (pass failed)	14- 9	9:04	2Q
COLORADO—Calhoun 3 run (Crosby kick)	21- 9	8:43	3Q
Missouri—Nash 48 pass from Smith (Matheny kick)	21-16	5:00	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs .....	19	27
Rushes—Net Yards .....	33-89	41-169
Passing Yards .....	187	278
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	26-19-0	42-29-2
Total Offense .....	276	447
Punts: No-Average .....	6-50.7	2-51.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	0-0	4-2
Penalties/Yards .....	3/35	7/56
Time of Possession .....	27:15	32:45

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Calhoun 22-65, Vickers 5-14, Bloom 1-12, Klatt 5-minus 2. **Missouri:** Bra. Smith 21-102, Abron 15-46, Nash 5-21.

**Passing—CU:** Klatt 25-19-0, 187, 2 td; Greenberg 1-0-0, 0. **MU:** Smith 42-29-2, 278, 2 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Hackett 5-84, Bloom 4-22, McCoy 3-31, Vickers 3-28, Calhoun 2-7, Monteilh 1-10, Wallace 1-5. **Missouri:** Coffey 6-47, Omboga 5-47, Abron 5-43, Nash 4-63,

Outlaw 3-42, McCoy 2-6, Sesay 1-17, Ekwerekwu 1-9, James 1-6, Viehmann 1-minus 2.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 6-50.7 (61 long, 3 In20). **Missouri:** Harvey 2-51.0 (62 long, 0 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 1-17. **Missouri:** James 3-59.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Surrell 1-20, Bloom 1-17. **Missouri:** none.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Brooks 2-6. **Missouri:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Billingsley 11,3—14; Tufts 7,6—13; Moorer 9,3—12; Dawn 7,2—9; Surrell 7,1—8; Garee 4,1—5; T.Washington 4,1—5; Boye-Doe 2,3—5. **Missouri:** Kinney 7,4—11; Williams 3,5—8; Ellison 4,1—5; Sweat 4,1—5; Barnes 3,2—5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Garee 2-22. **Missouri:** Bri. Smith 2-14.

## 2003 Game Summaries

### GAME #11—COLORADO 44, IOWA STATE 10

(November 15; Ames, Iowa)

AMES, Iowa — Colorado scored on six of its first seven possessions in building a 37-0 halftime lead as the Buffaloes finally didn't have a win come down to the wire in defeated host Iowa State, 44-10.

Joel Klatt passed for 288 yards and two touchdowns, while Brian Calhoun added 131 all-purpose yards with two scores as the Buffs led 14-0 after the first quarter before blitzing a fairly good Iowa State defense for 23 second quarter points.

The win, CU's second straight, improved the Buffs' record to 5-6 for the year, setting the stage for the annual Friday after Thanksgiving affair against rival Nebraska as a must win to become bowl eligible.

The Buffs opened strong, marching 69 yards in seven plays on their first possession in scoring a touchdown on its first drive for the third straight game and the fifth time in the last six games. Klatt completed all four of his throws on the drive, including a 42-yard strike to D.J. Hackett for the score. Later in the quarter, after a short 22-yard punt by Iowa State's Tony Yelk into a nasty wind that set the Buffs up at the ISU 42, Daniel Jolly took it in from the 2 for the two-score lead.

Another short Yelk punt of 30 yards and a 14-yard return by Jeremy Bloom had CU starting at the ISU 28 on its next drive. A sack and a holding penalty had the Buffs facing a 3rd-and-23 from the 41, but Klatt and Hackett worked their magic for a 37-yard gain to the ISU 4, where Brian Calhoun bounced outside on the next play to score to make it 21-0. Two drives later, Klatt hit John Donahoe with a 20-yard toss; Mason Crosby's PAT kick hit the upright, but when CU got the ball back, he made good on a 26-yard field goal to put the Buffs up 30-0.

After ISU turned the ball over deep in CU territory, with J.J. Billingsley picking up the fumble and taking it to the ISU 4, Calhoun would again take it in from 12 feet away and the Buffs exited the first half with a 37-point advantage.

The Colorado defense easily had its best of the year, if not several, as Iowa State had just 30 yards at halftime on 27 plays, with 29 of those coming in the final five plays of the half. CU's second-teamers played much of the second half, with the first-team defense coming out after allowing just 72 yards (on 41 plays). ISU ended CU's shutout bid on its first possession of the second half, as Adam Benike nailed a 31-yard field goal after driving to the CU 14 after a short CU punt into the fierce wind. CU countered with an 80-yard drive, with Lawrence Vickers' closing the Buffalo scoring on the day with a 1-yard run, as the first-team offense did not make another appearance after that score.

Colorado outgained Iowa State, 398-223, in a game that saw 20 penalties accepted with each team turning the ball over three times on a slick Jack Trice Stadium field. Early morning drizzle left the field a bit wet, but it didn't bother the Buffs as they won for the 10th straight time in Ames.

COLORADO.....	14	23	7	0	—	44
Iowa State .....	0	0	3	7	—	10

### GAME #12—NEBRASKA 31, COLORADO 22

(November 28; Boulder)

BOULDER — Cory Ross rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown with Jammal Lord accounting for two scores as No. 25 Nebraska ended Colorado's bid for postseason play with a 31-22 victory.

NU got on the board first, as tight end Matt Herian slipped behind the coverage for a 58-yard catch and run from Lord for a score. But the Buffs knotted the score on the next possession, with Joel Klatt hitting D.J. Hackett with a 33-yard touchdown pass. It was the first of nine receptions on the day for Hackett, who went on to set a CU single-season record with 78 for the year.

CU took the lead early in the second quarter, as Mason Crosby connected on a 44-yard field goal to cap a 13-play drive to give the Buffs a 10-7 edge. But on the ensuing kickoff, NU's Josh Davis returned Crosby's kickoff 64 yards to the CU 35, where Crosby made the tackle himself but got the facemask in the process to tack on 15 yards. From there, it took just three plays for Lord to score on a 5-yard keeper and put the Huskers back on top, 14-10. After stopping CU cold on the next drive, Nebraska got the ball back and marched 63 yards in 12 plays, capped by a 2-yard TD run by Ross for a 21-10 lead.

After the teams traded scoreless possessions, Hackett would come up big on two different ends. He blocked a Kyle Larson punt that set the Buffs up at the NU 8, and on third-and-goal, Klatt found him for a 6-yard touchdown play that brought the Buffs to within five (21-16) with 49 seconds left in the half. The Buffs went for two, but Klatt's pass to Hackett fell incomplete and the score stood at halftime. CU came out strong in the third quarter, forcing Nebraska into three plays and out, taking over at its own 42. Seven plays later, Klatt hit a streaking Derek McCoy with a 31-yard touchdown pass. The play put the Buffs back up, 22-21, and also tied McCoy for CU's all-time career touchdown reception with 20. The Buffs went for two again, but were intercepted.

NU took the lead for good at 24-22 with 8:30 remaining, as David Dyches made a 19-yard field goal after the CU defense stiffened inside its 5. Klatt was intercepted on the third play of the next drive by T.J. Hollowell, who returned the ball to the CU 6. The Buff defense was again tough, but Judd Davies went over from the 1 on fourth-and-goal to give the Huskers a two-score lead.

CU's comeback bid ended on its next drive, as after the Buffs drove to the NU 5, a Klatt pass intended for Hackett was picked off in the end zone by Pat Ricketts. With just 1:58 remaining, the Huskers were able to run out the clock as the Buffs were out of timeouts. Nebraska amassed 369 yards of total offense to Colorado's 333, as the Huskers played turnover-free ball to counter CU's success on third downs (11-of-20).

Nebraska .....	7	14	0	10	—	31
COLORADO.....	7	9	6	0	—	22

COLORADO—Hackett 42 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7- 0	8:54	1Q
COLORADO—Jolly 2 run (Crosby kick)	14- 0	2:18	1Q
COLORADO—Calhoun 4 run (Crosby kick)	21- 0	13:15	2Q
COLORADO—Donahoe 20 pass from Klatt (kick failed)	27- 0	6:23	2Q
COLORADO—Crosby 26 FG	30- 0	4:40	2Q
COLORADO—Calhoun 4 run (Crosby kick)	37- 0	3:40	2Q
Iowa State—Benike 31 FG	37- 3	10:32	3Q
COLORADO—Vickers 1 run (Crosby kick)	44- 3	6:36	3Q
Iowa State—Montgomery 28 pass from Terry (Benike kick)	44-10	11:58	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs .....	19	17
Rushes—Net Yards .....	45-110	32-102
Passing Yards .....	288	121
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	29-21-1	40-16-1
Total Offense .....	398	223
Punts: No-Average .....	3-37.0	6-38.7
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	3-2	2-2
Penalties/Yards .....	9/92	11/96
Time of Possession .....	32:02	27:58

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Calhoun 16-73, Vickers 6-27, Jolly 8-21, Caesar 5-16, Cox 1-2, Bloom 1-minus 3, Greenberg 1-minus 3, Kunkel 1-minus 5, Klatt 6-minus 18. **Iowa State:** Hicks 15-55, Terry 13-41, Wagner 3-7, Danielson 1-minus 1.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 27-21-1, 288, 2 td; Greenberg 2-0-0, 0. **Iowa State:** Terry 40-16-1, 121, 1 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** McCoy 6-45, Hackett 5-98, Wallace 3-16, Calhoun 2-58, Bloom 2-36, Donahoe 2-25, Klopfenstein 1-10. **Iowa State:** Montgomery 5-64, Danielson 4-36, Whitver 2-13, Young 2-8, Hicks 2-minus 4, Wagner 1-4.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 3-37.0 (44 long, 0 In20). **Iowa State:** Yelk 6-38.7 (60 long, 0 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 2-30. **Iowa State:** Wagner 1-12, Miller 1-6.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Surrell 1-20. **Iowa State:** Young 2-62, Banks-Burse 2-35, Woodley 1-13.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Dawn 1-0. **Iowa State:** Hobbs 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Sims 5,0—5; Billingsley 4,1—5; Joseph 4,1—5; Surrell 2,3—5; T.Washington 4,0—4; Brooks 3,1—4; Ligon 3,1—4; Nyenhuis 3,0—3. **Iowa State:** Berryman 7,1—8; Billups 5,3—8; Clewis 6,1—7; Carstens 5,1—6; Hobbs 5,0—5; Timmons 2,3—5.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** Ligon 2-15, Nyenhuis 1-10, Billingsley 1-6. **Iowa State:** Berryman 1-12, Curvey 1-8, Carstens 1-5, Hobbs 1-3.

Nebraska—Herian 58 pass from Lord (Dyches kick)	0- 7	10:15	1Q
COLORADO—Hackett 33 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7- 7	6:38	1Q
COLORADO—Crosby 44 FG	10- 7	13:10	2Q
Nebraska—Lord 5 run (Dyches kick)	10-14	12:10	2Q
Nebraska—Ross 2 run (Dyches kick)	10-21	6:01	2Q
COLORADO—Hackett 6 pass from Klatt (pass failed)	16-21	0:49	2Q
COLORADO—McCoy 31 pass from Klatt (pass failed)	22-21	10:46	3Q
Nebraska—Dyches 19 FG	22-24	8:30	4Q
Nebraska—Davies 1 run (Dyches kick)	22-31	5:48	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NEBRASKA
First Downs .....	19	18
Rushes—Net Yards .....	31-64	59-223
Passing Yards .....	269	146
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	44-26-2	18-8-0
Total Offense .....	333	369
Punts: No-Average .....	6-44.5	4-29.8
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	0-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards .....	7/60	5/45
Time of Possession .....	29:10	30:50

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—CU:** Calhoun 13-49, Jolly 7-12, Vickers 3-9, Bloom 1-4, Klatt 7-minus 10. **NU:** Ross 22-103, Lord 21-68, Davis 4-20, Davies 6-18, Huston 1-15, Kriewald 2-7, Home 1-minus 5.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 44-26-2, 269, 3 td. **Nebraska:** Lord 18-8-0, 146, 1 td.

**Receiving—CU:** Hackett 9-94, Calhoun 6-42, McCoy 3-51, Bloom 3-33, Klopfenstein 2-14, Wallace 2-14, Donahoe 1-21. **NU:** Herian 2-64, LeFlore 2-29, Pilkington 2-28, Fluellen 1-16, Liley 1-9.

**Punting—CU:** Torp 6-44.5 (69 long, 2 In20). **NU:** Larson 3-39.7 (56 long, 0 In20), Team 1-0.

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 1-13, Hackett 1-9. **Nebraska:** Davis 1-12.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 1-9. **Nebraska:** Davis 1-64.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** none. **Nebraska:** Hollowell 1-25, Ricketts 1-1.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Tufts 10,5—15; Billingsley 8,2—10; Moorer 5,4—9; Dabdoub 3,4—7; Nyenhuis 4,2—6; Joseph 3,3—6; McChesney 2,4—6; Dawn 3,2—5. **Nebraska:** Ruud 12,4—16; Williams 4,4—8; Hollowell 5,2—7; D.Bullocks 5,1—6; Bingham 4,2—6.

**Quarterback Sacks—Colorado:** none. **Nebraska:** Williams 1-10, Carniker 1-9.



# Know Colorado Football (2004)

**2003 Summary** Colorado opened the season with a 42-35 win over Colorado State, followed that up with a 16-14 win over UCLA to open 2-0 for the first time since 1998, but the success would be short-lived as the Buffs dropped six of their next seven to fall to 3-6 after nine games. Within that was a 50-47 overtime win over Kansas, and a hard fought, 34-20 loss to No. 1 Oklahoma, when the Buff defense started to come around a bit. CU played its best ball in mid-November, when the Buffs toppled No. 22 Missouri, 21-16, then went on the road and easily defeated an outmanned Iowa State team, 44-10. At 5-6, Colorado needed a win over No. 25 Nebraska to move to .500 for the year, and become bowl eligible. In a nip-and-tuck game, the Buffs pulled ahead 22-21 in the third quarter, only to see the Huskers rally for a 31-22 win, thus ending CU's season.

**Spring Roster** The Buffs have 87 players on the roster for spring drills: 67 scholarship players; 13 seniors, 27 juniors, 30 sophomores, 15 redshirt freshmen and two true frosh.

**Spring Practice Schedule** Spring practice begin Friday, April 2, and end with the spring game on Saturday, April 24. The dates are as follows: April 2-3-4-5-7-9-10-12-14-16-17-19-21-23-24. Schools are allowed 15 practices over 29 days; this marked the first time in seven years that CU will have all of spring ball following the school's spring break. How the practice sessions break down, per NCAA rules: three in shorts (no contact), four in pads (no tackling), four in pads (tackling allowed 50 percent or less of the time), four in pads (tackling allowed throughout).

**Staff Changes** Barnett announced one coaching staff change and some additional hires on February 2. **Mike Hankwitz**, a member of the Buffalo staff under Bill McCartney between 1985 and 1994, returned to Boulder in his old role of defensive coordinator. Hankwitz, 56, most recently was at Arizona where last fall he was defensive coordinator before being named interim head coach a month into the season. He held the role of defensive coordinator for seven years in his first stint at CU, tutoring defenses that won Big Eight Conference championships in 1989, 1990 and 1991, as well as the 1990 national title.

He will replace **Vince Okruch**, who has been either coordinator or co-coordinator since coming with Barnett to Boulder in 1999. The two had been together for 13 seasons, including seven years at Northwestern and six at CU, including all five years with Barnett as CU's head coach and one when Okruch was a grad assistant at CU in 1984 when Barnett first joined the CU staff as an assistant. Okruch was on four Barnett staffs that won two Big Ten titles, one Big 12 championship and one Big 12 North Division title.

Barnett decided in December to make a change at the coordinator position, and intended to demote Okruch but keep him on staff since a few other CU assistant coaches were being interviewed for either coordinator or head coaching positions. But none wound up moving on, and since no opening was created, Barnett had no other choice but to terminate Okruch.

"It was a very difficult thing to do, but I thought long and hard and I had to make a change," Barnett said. "Vince is a good man and a good football coach. It was a tough thing to do, especially since we've been together for 13 years."

As for Hankwitz, who went on to become defensive coordinator at Kansas, Texas A&M and Arizona after he left CU following the 1994 season, and the Wildcats' interim head coach for the last two-plus months of the 2003 season, Barnett said the two have remained in close contact throughout the years. "I knew his situation at Arizona and by my feeling that we needed to make a change, it (the timing) just worked out for us," Barnett said.

➤ It's also time for the Buffaloes to rotate in two new grad assistants; **Jason Eck** is now the full-time offensive line coach for the University of Idaho, while **Lee Goldstein** is hopeful of advancing to the next coaching level as well. CU has hired **Tim Ridder** to work as the grad assistant with the offense, specifically the offensive line where he will be reunited with Dave Borbely, his college coach his senior year at Notre Dame. Ridder played three seasons with the Indianapolis Colts (1999-2001) before suffering a career-ending knee injury. He spent last year as a grad assistant for Urban Meyer's staff at Utah. The new defensive grad assistant is **Hunter Hughes**, who was the defensive technical intern in 2003; that position has been filled by **Darian Hagan**, the quarterback of CU's three Big Eight champion teams between 1989 and 1991 and the '90 national championship team (CU was 20-0-1 in league play during his time as a starter). He returns to CU for the second time: before entering private business in Boulder, he worked three years (1996-98) as Alumni C-Club director after his a five-year professional career in the Canadian Football League came to an end. The technical intern positions involve video study, breakdown and scouting. The offensive position has been filled by another former Buff, as **Eric McCready** ('00) was hired in March in that capacity.

**Position Changes** As of now, there are three definite position changes, as **John Guydon** will move from defensive tackle to center; **Brian Iwuh** from the defunct weak safety spot to outside linebacker, and **Ben Carpenter** from quarterback to outside 'backer.. Some other experiments could be in the works, as is usually the case with spring ball.

**Injuries** Only a couple of players had postseason surgeries, so the Buffs go into the spring in pretty good shape; only two players are expected to miss drills as of now and all rehabs are going as or better as expected. The report as of April 2:

Pos	Player	Injury	When (opponent)	Status: Spring
OG	Terrence Barreau	knee surgery	chronic	PROBABLE
DT	Brandon Dabdoub	torn pectoral muscle	March conditioning	OUT
DE	Marques Harris	broken tibia & fibula	UCLA	LIMITED CONTACT
TB	Bobby Purify	ankle surgery (Nov. 21)	Washington State	PROBABLE
OG	Del Scales	shoulder surgery (Nov. 19)	chronic	LIMITED CONTACT
C	Derek Stemrich	knee (surgery)	chronic	OUT
TE	Quinn Sypniewski	toe	chronic	PROBABLE
FB	Lawrence Vickers	shoulder (surgery)	chronic	PROBABLE

## Coach Gary Barnett

Gary Barnett has now completed five seasons as head coach of the Colorado program, and his 14th year as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **34-28** record at Colorado, along with a **69-73-1** record in 11-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **77-84-2**. This is his second stint at Colorado, as he was an assistant in Boulder under Bill McCartney for eight years between 1984 and 1991. During that span, CU won 59-34-2 in 95 games, including a 30-5-2 mark the last three years, when CU won three Big Eight titles and the 1990 national championship. Northwestern hired Barnett as head coach on Dec. 18, 1991 to replace Francis Peay, and he would take just four years to turn a dismal program into one of the nation's top teams. Barnett led Northwestern to back-to-back Big Ten championships in 1995 and 1996, earning berths in the Rose and Citrus bowls; he was the national coach of the year for '95 as selected by 18 different organizations. He was the third McCartney assistant to land a head coaching position, following Gerry DiNardo (Vanderbilt) and Lou Tepper (Illinois), both of whom started their careers in 1991. In 2001, he was selected as the *Associated Press* Big 12 Coach-of-the-Year when he became just the fourth man to ever coach two different teams to the NCAA Most Improved Team title.

	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Ranked</i>	<i>Unranked</i>	<i>Non-league</i>	<i>Big 12</i>	<i>Bowls</i>
Barnett at Colorado...	34-28	18-10	12-12	4- 6	11-15	23-13	8-12	26-16	1- 2
<b>Career (NCAA I-A)....</b>	<b>69-73-1</b>	<b>37-29-1</b>	<b>28-34</b>	<b>4-10</b>	<b>20-35-1</b>	<b>49-38</b>	<b>20-24-1</b>	<b>26-16</b>	<b>1- 4</b>

## Bufs Played Second Most Frosh In Big 12

Colorado had eight true freshmen seeing regular action (two-deep and specialists), the second highest total in the Big 12 Conference in 2003. Baylor led the way with nine, followed by CU (8), Oklahoma State (6), Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech (all 5), Iowa State and Nebraska (both with 4), Kansas and Missouri (2 apiece) and Kansas State and Oklahoma (1 each). CU, Baylor, ISU, OSU and Tech are starting the most true frosh—two players.

## The Schedule

CU again played one of the nation's toughest schedules in 2003, as according to the NCAA formula through all regular season games (Dec. 6), CU's slate ranked eighth among the 117 Division I-A schools. CU's opponents, not counting games against the Buffs, were 76-52 combined (.594). Five Big 12 schools were in the top 20: No. 4 Texas A & M (79-46, .632), No. 5 Iowa State (73-45, .619); CU; Kansas State (No. 10, 74-52, .587); and Oklahoma (No. 18; 78-62, .557). Four others were in the top 50: Baylor (no. 30), Texas (No. 34), Texas Tech (No. 46) and Oklahoma State (No. 48). (*This is not the BCS' formula for schedule strength.*)

## Road-Sweet-Road

The Buffs have enjoyed more a lot of success on the road over the last 15 seasons. CU has been victorious 53 of the last 79 times in enemy stadiums and is **61-31-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 66.1 winning clip). During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games (between 1994 and 1996), before the streak ended in the '96 regular season finale at Nebraska, 17-12 (it bested the old mark of eight straight set between 1922 and 1924). Over the last 15 seasons, Colorado is **52-25-1** away from home (a 67.3 winning percentage), which stands eighth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **42-18-1** mark in their last 61 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Oklahoma State, Missouri and Texas; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **17-15** on the Big 12 road since 1996. (The Buffs were 1-4 on the road in 2003.) This does not include neutral site games, some of which were anything but neutral (i.e., Texas at Irving for the Big 12 title).

### ON THE ROAD (1988-current)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	65	18	0	.783
Florida State	59	17	0	.776
Tennessee	54	18	2	.743
Nebraska	53	21	1	.713
Michigan	54	21	3	.712
Ohio State	51	22	2	.693
Florida	44	20	1	.685
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.673</b>
Alabama	50	25	0	.667
Notre Dame	47	26	2	.640
Penn State	47	30	1	.609

(road only; neutral sites not included)

## Eighth Best Since 1989

Colorado has the nation's eighth best record over the last 15 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **125-53-4** record. Over the last 18-plus years, Colorado's **153-72-4** mark is 14th nationally, from the time then-coach Bill McCartney reversed CU's fortunes by switching to the wishbone on offense (CU had the 10th best record in the 1990s, 87-29-4, .742, for teams that were Division I-A the entire decade). The best Division I-A records from the start of the 1989 season through all games of 2003:

							vs. AP Ranked Teams			
Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	G	W- L-T	2003	
1	Florida State	187	157	29	1	.842	84	60-23-1	10-3	
2	Nebraska	188	155	32	1	.827	57	32-24-1	10-3	
3	Miami, Fla.	181	149	32	0	.823	66	41-25-0	11-2	
4	Tennessee	186	146	37	3	.793	70	41-26-3	10-3	
5	Florida	188	145	42	1	.774	85	49-35-1	8-5	
6	Michigan	183	139	41	3	.768	83	50-31-2	10-3	
7	Ohio State	186	139	44	3	.755	76	40-33-3	11-2	
8	COLORADO	182	125	53	4	.698	79	40-37-2	5-7	
9	Kansas State	183	127	55	1	.697	45	17-27-1	11-4	
9	Penn State	183	127	55	1	.697	66	32-34-0	3-9	
(11)	Texas A & M	184	127	55	2	.696	57	25-31-1	4-8)	



## Game-By-Game Starters

Here are CU's starters for the 2003 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	ST	SG	C	TG	TT	TE	QB	TB	FB
Colorado State	McCoy	<b>Hackett</b>	Wilder	Allis	<b>Stemrich</b>	Hage	<b>O'Neal</b>	<b>Klopfenstein</b>	<b>Klatt</b>	Purify	<b>Vickers</b>
UCLA	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Allis	Stemrich	Hage	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Wallace (TE)
Washington State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Allis	Stemrich	Hage	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Purify	Wallace (TE)
Florida State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	<b>Daniels</b>	Hage	Stemrich	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	<b>Greenberg</b>	Calhoun	Vickers
Baylor	Wallace (TE)	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Greenberg	Calhoun	Vickers
Kansas	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Wallace (TE)
Kansas State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Monteilh (WR)
Oklahoma	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Vickers
Texas Tech	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	<b>G. Moore</b>	Allis	Wallace	Klatt	Calhoun	Vickers
Missouri	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Wallace	Klatt	Calhoun	Vickers
Iowa State	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	<b>Bloom</b> (WR)
Nebraska	McCoy	Hackett	Wilder	Daniels	Hage	Stemrich	Allis	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Calhoun	Bloom (WR)
DEFENSE	DE	DT	DT	DE	MLB	WLB	SS	FS	WS	LCB	RCB
Colorado State	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	<b>Hollis</b>	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	<b>Joseph</b>	Jackson
UCLA	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Harris	Tufts	Hollis	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Washington State	Nyenhuis	Fluellen	Dabdoub	McChesney	Tufts	<b>Sims (D)</b>	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Florida State	Nyenhuis	Fluellen	Dabdoub	McChesney	Tufts	<b>T. Washington</b>	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Baylor	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	<b>Garee</b>	<b>Dawn</b>	<b>Brooks (D)</b>	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	<b>Wheatley</b>
Kansas	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Tufts	<b>Brooks (D)</b>	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Kansas State	Nyenhuis	Fluellen	<b>Manupuna</b>	Garee	Tufts	<b>Boye-Doe</b>	Dawn	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Wheatley
Oklahoma	Nyenhuis	Fluellen	Manupuna	Garee	Tufts	Dawn	Iwuh	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Texas Tech	<b>Ligon</b>	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Surrell (D)	Moorer	Brooks	Billingsley ( <b>N</b> )	Joseph	Jackson
Missouri	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Tufts	Boye-Doe	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Iowa State	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Tufts	Boye-Doe	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson
Nebraska	Nyenhuis	McChesney	Dabdoub	Garee	Tufts	Dawn	Surrell	Moorer	Billingsley	Joseph	Jackson

(D)—Dime Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Hage 39, Moorer 26, Wilder 23. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Hage 41, Jackson 38, McCoy 36, Harris 31, Tufts 30. **PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Colorado State 93/49; UCLA 94/54; Washington State 97/57; Florida State 70/62; Baylor 70/57; Kansas 92/54; Kansas State 69/53; Oklahoma 96/55; Texas Tech 66/52; Missouri 96/54; Iowa State 68/63; Nebraska 93/56.

## Career Games Played/Started Chart

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2003 Colorado Buffaloes. Though the players gone from last year's team accounted 803 games and 333 starts, this year's team is the third most experienced team heading into the season in head coach Gary Barnett's five years in Boulder. The 107 players on the opening day active roster collectively had played in 845 games, with 239 starts. The 2001 team was the most experienced, as it entered the year with 924 games played with 326 starts; similar numbers were 883 and 278 (2002), 694 and 223 (2000) and 790 and 229 (1999). The list:

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ACKERMANN	10	0	diZEREGA	38	1	HARRIS, L.	0	0	LITTLEHALES	5	0
<b>ALLIS</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>DONAHOE</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>	HARRIS, M.	40	31	MACKEY	2	0
ANDERSON	0	0	DUREN	12	0	HARRISON	0	0	MANUPUNA	23	2
BARREAU	0	0	EBERLY	3	—	HEATON	0	0	MARTIN, J.	0	0
BILLINGSLEY	26	18	EBERHART	5	—	HENDERSON	0	0	MARTIN, K.	0	0
BLOOM	25	2	EGAN	0	0	HOLLIS	15	2	McCHESNEY	31	12
BOYE-DOE	11	3	ENRIGHT	0	0	HOLZ	0	0	<b>McCOY</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>36</b>
BRENNAN	0	0	EVANS	0	0	HUBBARD	6	0	MONTEILH	24	2
BROOKS	10	3	FENTON	10	0	IWUH	24	6	MOORE, G.	18	1
CAESAR	9	0	<b>FLUELLEN</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>	JACKSON, B.	0	0	<b>MOORE, M.</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>
CALHOUN	26	11	<b>GARDNER</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>JACKSON, P.</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>MOORER</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>28</b>
CARPENTER	0	0	GAREE	19	8	JOLLY	7	0	<b>NYENHUIS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>
CLEMENT	1	0	GOETTSCH	0	0	<b>JONES, J.</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	O'NEAL	17	4
COX	2	0	<b>GONZALES, D.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	JONES, M.	4	0	PACE	24	0
CRAWFORD	0	0	GONZALES, M.	0	0	JOSEPH	12	12	POLUMBUS	0	0
CREIGHTON	11	0	GREENBERG	7	2	JUDGE	26	0	PURIFY	35	5
CROSBY	12	—	GRIFFITH, K.	21	0	KLATT	14	10	ROBINSON	0	0
CUSWORTH	0	0	GUYDON	0	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	18	10	RUSSELL	0	0
DABDOUB	36	17	<b>HACKETT</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>KUNKEL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>	SANDERS	0	0
DANIELS	11	9	<b>HAGE</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	LANDRY	0	0	SCALES	2	0
DAWN	26	5	HAMMOND	0	0	LIGON	11	1	SHADER	3	0
									<b>TEAM</b>	<b>1510</b>	<b>503</b>

**LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START:** ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, DB Lorenzo Sims (2003); J.J. Billingsley, TB Brian Calhoun, DB Brian Iwuh (2002); G Marwan Hage, DE Marques Harris, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Sypniewski, ILB Sean Tufts (2000).

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

**LAST TRUE FRESHMAN TO START AT RUNNING BACK:** Brian Calhoun (2002). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).

**LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START:** CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).

**LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR:** 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).

**Chart Watch** Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts through the 2003 season (note Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history):

- ⇒ **WR JEREMY BLOOM** is eighth in punt return yards (625), is tied for fifth in punt return touchdowns (2), is 11th in kickoff return yards (627), is 57th in receiving yards (458) and is 48th in all-purpose yards (1,792).
- ⇒ **TB BRIAN CALHOUN** is 41st in rushing yards (1,108), and is tied for 48th in receptions (36).
- ⇒ **QB ERIK GREENBERG** is for 31st in passing yards (737), and is tied for 24th in touchdown passes (6).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is 10th in passing yards (2,614), is eighth in completions (233), is 13th in attempts (359), is seventh in touchdown passes (21), is third in efficiency rating (140.0) and is 23rd in total offense (2,523).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is tied for 15th in rushing yards (1,999), is 48th in receptions (36), and is 26th in all-purpose yards (2,362).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is sixth in games coached (62), eighth in wins (34) and is sixth in league wins (25).

**Trends I** Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 153-72-4, the 14th best record nationally in this span). In these 229 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	95-14-2	♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	73- 6-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	48- 4-0	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	78-11-1
♦ when leading in time of possession	101-18-3	♦ when leading after three quarters ( <i>125-9-3 in last 137</i> )	129-11-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	97-24-1	♦ when leading at halftime ( <i>111-11-2 in last 124</i> )	127-13-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	61- 6-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	124-16-2
♦ when punting three or fewer times	56-10-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	150-46-4
♦ when scoring first	96-18-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-26-0
♦ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>26-6-2 with zero</i> )	110-32-2	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	58-45-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	94-14-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	86-12-2

**Trends II** Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's ninth best overall record at 125-53-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (182 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	73-20-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	107-18-2
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense ( <i>42-4 with 500-plus</i> )	81-14-2	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	69- 4-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	82- 5-1	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	49- 1-1
➤ when leading in possession time ( <i>45-37-1 when not</i> )	80-16-3	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	84-21-1	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	29- 2-0
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	47- 5-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	64-29-2
➤ when scoring first ( <i>63-9-1 the last 73 times</i> )	74-12-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards ( <i>9-0-1 400-plus</i> )	22- 9-1
➤ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>20-6-2 with zero</i> )	92-26-2	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	58-45-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	70- 7-1	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	68-11-2
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	57- 6-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	97-15-1
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total off.	57- 6-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent ( <i>62-3 the last 65</i> )	101- 5-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ ( <i>23-2 40+</i> )	89-22-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	97-19-2

**Trends III** Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 34-28 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (62 games, including bowls):

➤ when scoring 30 or more points	25-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	29-10
➤ when taking a lead after trailing ( <i>15-4 last 19</i> )	20-10	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	17-2
➤ when leading in possession time ( <i>11-17 when not</i> )	23-11	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	15-0
➤ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>3-3 with zero</i> )	11-7	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	8-0
➤ when turnover margin for CU is plus or even	29-12	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	17-4
➤ <i>last 23 games when plus or even</i>	20-3	➤ with a 100-yard rusher ( <i>17-3 last 20</i> )	20-8
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	10-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	7-1
➤ when scoring first ( <i>9-23 when not</i> )	25-5	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	22-9
➤ when leading at halftime	27-5	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	14-2
➤ when trailing at halftime ( <i>1-2 when tied</i> )	6-21	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	28-3
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	15-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	25-10
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	15-5	➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game	11-7
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	10-2		

**Experience Analysis** CU started all upperclassmen in almost every game in 2002, and for the season, juniors and seniors started 93% of the time; **in 12 games in '03, that percentage dropped to 58.3%**. The 2003 numbers are close to those in 2000, which set up CU's '01 Big 12 title run. Going into 2004, 56 players on the roster had seen previous game experience in their careers, with 32 making at least one start (21 had made at least three starts). It's a cyclical pattern, and that shows up when looking at the breakdown of the starters over the course of the season.

- **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 (39), Freshmen (32: redshirts 15, true 17).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (84), Freshmen (23: redshirts 23, true 0).

**Twenty Four Get First Taste** A total of 24 players saw their first taste of action in a CU football uniform in 2003. Nine played for the first time in the season opener against Colorado State, with four more getting their first play in each of the next three games (UCLA, Washington State and Florida State). Three scholarship freshmen played in the opener versus CSU, including two scholarship kickers; the Buffs are likely the first team in the nation in a very long time that had two freshmen scholarship kickers play in the first game of the year. The complete list (\*—special teams duty only to date):

**TRUE FRESHMEN (8):** ILB \*Walter Boye-Doe, S Dominique Brooks, PK \*Mason Crosby, OT Brian Daniels, PK \*Kevin Eberhart, TB Daniel Jolly, S Lorenzo Sims, CB Terrence Wheatley.

**REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (13):** ILB Jason Ackermann, TB Brandon Caesar, QB James Cox, TE \*Paul Creighton, C Mark Fenton, DT Marcus Jones, CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, WR Tyler Littlehales, WR Blake Mackey, OG Del Scales, OT Jack Tipton, ILB Thaddaeus Washington.

**SOPHOMORES (2):** DT Nick Clement, FS \*Tom Hubbard

**JUNIORS (1):** DT McKenzie Tilton

**Nineteen First Starts** The fourth most players in the last 20 seasons made their first career starts in a CU uniform in 2003. Nineteen started for the first time, including eight out of the gates in the opener against CSU: **WR D.J. Hackett**, **ILB Chris Hollis**, **CB Sammy Joseph**, **QB Joel Klatt**, **TE Joe Klopfenstein**, **OT Clint O'Neal**, **C Derek Stemrich** and **FB Lawrence Vickers**. **DB Lorenzo Sims** followed suit, starting against Washington State, also his first collegiate action. Three players made their first start at Florida State, **OG Brian Daniels**, **QB Erik Greenberg** and **ILB Thaddaeus Washington**, while three more did at Baylor: **S Dominique Brooks**, **ILB Akarika Dawn** and **DE James Garee**. Against Kansas State, two more started for the first time; **ILB Walter Boye-Doe** and **DT Vaka Manupuna**; **DE Alex Ligon** made his first start at Texas Tech; and **WR Jeremy Bloom** started for the first time at Iowa State. In 2002, 16 players made their first career starts, and the most first starts in recent memory came in 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. It was the most since 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1984:

**ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS:** 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16) and 2003 (19).

**True Freshman Participation** The below chart shows the participation of true freshmen at Colorado since 1986, when almost half the incoming recruits saw action. The speculation was that several members of this year's class would play; and through six games, eight have. The 11 who played in 2002 were the most true frosh to play in the last 18 seasons (and in at least the last half century). The only times over the last 18 seasons that over 40 percent of the rookies have seen action came most recently, as 11 of 23 played in 2002, along with 2000 (10 of 19 played). The list is solely scholarship frosh, and does not include Prop 48 sophomores (3 in 1987, 1 1991), or one partial qualifier in 1997 and 1998:

Season	Total	Played	Redshirted	Those Who Played (Walk-ons listed but not included in count)
1986	20	8	12	*J.CAMPBELL, P.HARSTON, T.JAMES, D.MUILENBURG, M.J.NELSON, D.C.OLIVER, J.PERAK, A.WALKER, M.WALTERS
1987	19	6	13	E.BIENIEMY, E.HANNAH, G.HEMINGWAY, K.MCGHEE, M.PRITCHARD, A.WILLIAMS
1988	20	5	15	D.ARTERBERRY, P.BLOTTIAUX, D.FIGURES, D.HAGAN, M.RELIFORD
1989	18	7	11	R.BRADFORD, D.CAMPBELL, D.COLLIER, D.DAVIS, M.ELDER, L.RENFRO, R.WOOLFORK
1990	11	2	9	C.JOHNSON, V.JOSEPH
1991	21	8	13	D.HOLLAND, D.JACKSON, T.JOHNSON, J.KNUTSON, C.MOORE, D.PRICE, K.STEWART, L.WARREN
1992	25	9	16	R.CARRUTH, S.CLAVELLE, K.DETMER, G.JONES, H.IRWIN, D.LEOMITI, S.ROSGA, R.SALAAM, D.SIMMONS
1993	19	2	17	D.DENNIS, A.WILBON
1994	16	6	10	C.ANDERSON, M.BARNES, T.E.DAVIS, L.HENRY, L.MERRITT, H.TROUTMAN
1995	23	4	19	J.ALDRIKH, D.CHIAVERINI, H.NAVIES, B.SOUTHWARD
1996	19	6	13	R.BARNES, S.JARNE, R.NUNEZ, M.STIGGERS, J.WARREN, D.WHEELER
1997	19	1	18	T.GREGORAK
1998	18	4	14	M.LEWIS, #M.MARISCAL, J.MINARDI, A.PEEKE, J.SYKES
1999	15	3	12	J.JOHNSON, &KILLION, MOSSONI
2000	19	10	9	GARDNER, M.HAGE, HARRIS, HOUSTON, McCHESNEY, OCHS, PURIFY, SURRELL, SYPNIEWSKI, TUFTS
2001	6	1	5	SHADER
2002	23	11	12	BILLINGSLEY, BLOOM, BURL, CALHOUN, DAWN, +K.GRIFFITH, HOLLIS, IWUH, +KLATT, KLOPFENSTEIN, +PACE, VICKERS, WARD, V.WASHINGTON
2003	21	8	13	BOYE-DOE, BROOKS, CROSBY, DANIELS, EBERHART, JOLLY, SIMS, WHEATLEY

(\*—originally a walk-on, earned a scholarship after his arrival on campus; not included in any counts); +—Invited walk-on, not included in count.

#—granted a medical hardship for a back injury and did not lose a year of eligibility; &—Killion enrolled in January, 1999, but was a member of the 1998 class.)

**NOTE: ONLY FOUR FRESHMAN WALK-ONS HAVE PLAYED IN THE LAST 17 SEASONS:** WR Jeff Campbell (1986), DE/LS Greg Pace (2002), SS Kyle Griffith (2002), QB Joel Klatt (2002).

**The First 2004 Poll** Ivan Maisel of ESPN.com put together the first poll of 2004 in early January, with the Buffs cracking his Top 25 at No. 25. It's preliminary, but better to be listed than not being remembered at all. Here it is:

- |                        |                  |                   |                  |              |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1. Southern California | 6. Florida State | 11. California    | 16. Oregon State | 21. Florida  |
| 2. Louisiana State     | 7. Michigan      | 12. West Virginia | 17. Tennessee    | 22. Nebraska |
| 3. Oklahoma            | 8. Maryland      | 13. Clemson       | 18. Auburn       | 23. Toledo   |
| 4. Georgia             | 9. Texas         | 14. Utah          | 19. Missouri     | 24. Purdue   |
| 5. Miami, Fla.         | 10. Iowa         | 15. Ohio State    | 20. Virginia     | 25. Colorado |

## 2004 Recruiting Class

Here's a list of Colorado's 2004 recruits, followed by some notes:

### High School (18)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
BARRETT, Alonzo.....	DL	6- 3	240	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)
CANTRELL, Maurice.....	ILB	6- 1	220	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)
CHARLES, Hugh.....	RB	5- 8	185	Southlake, Texas (Keller)
COLLINS, Garrett .....	OL	6- 4	260	Littleton, Colo. (Columbine)
DIZON, Jordon .....	ATH	6- 1	210	Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea)
ELLIS, Byron.....	RB	6- 1	190	Culver City, Calif. (Venice)
FOSTER, Reggie.....	S	5-11	190	Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan)
HUNT, Josh .....	DL	6- 5	260	Jackson, Mich. (Lumen Christi)
JONES, Brad .....	ILB	6- 4	215	Okemos, Mich. (East Lansing)
JOSEPH, Reggie.....	WR	6- 1	185	La Place, La. (East St. John)
NEWMAN, Greg .....	ILB	6- 4	235	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Westlake)
REID, Corey.....	CB	5-11	185	Detroit, Mich. (Thurston)
SANDERS, Daniel.....	OL	6- 4	295	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)
SHERMAN, Charlie III .....	ATH	6- 1	185	Sacramento, Calif. (Foothill)
TODD, Chris .....	DL	6- 3	275	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central)
VEIKUNE, David .....	DL	6- 3	230	Wahiawa, Hawai'i (Campbell)
WALTERS, Ryan .....	QB	6- 0	190	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)
WILLIAMS, Patrick.....	WR	6- 3	195	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)

### Junior College (1)

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown (High School/Previous)
WRIGHT, Abraham .....	DL	6- 3	250	So.	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)

**All-Americans** Colorado signed three high school seniors who earned some kind of All-American honor in 2003, one with multiple All-America accolades. The most All-Americans in any single CU recruiting class has been 20 (1992, 1995, 1996, 1997), with the most multiple choices being 17 in the 1995 class. And remember, it's all subjective, and there are no more Who's Who All-Americans or *USA Today* honorable mention selections that added to the count quite a bit (well over half of those years with 20 were honored by one or the other). There were seven in last year's class, as the two groups were consistent in racking up a bevy of state and regional honors. Here's a closer look at this year's All-America honors; all listings are first-team and are postseason, unless otherwise indicated (\*—selected a preseason team only):

<b>GARRETT COLLINS</b>	<i>PrepStar, SuperPrep</i>
<b>GREG NEWMAN</b>	<i>PrepStar</i>
<b>RYAN WALTERS</b>	<i>SuperPrep</i>

**More Importantly** Coaches are seeing more recruits in person in camps than relying solely on film than ever before, something no recruiting service or publication can take into account. This year, of the 18 new signees (one, DL Alonzo Barrett, originally signed in 2003 but counts in 2004 numbers), there were 10 that the Buff coaches saw in either CU's football camp and/or junior day, or at a NIKE combine: **ILB Maurice Cantrell**, **RB Hugh Charles**, **OL Garrett Collins**, **ATH Jordon Dizon**, **DL Josh Hunt**, **ILB Brad Jones**, **ILB Greg Newman**, **CB Corey Reid**, **OL Daniel Sanders** and **QB Ryan Walters**.

**Class Notes** Here are some quick tidbits about the 19 members of this year's recruiting class:

**LB Alonzo Barrett** was born in Denver and lived there through ninth grade, attending Thomas Jefferson as a freshman; he's been a Buff fans since he was eight, when he idolized Rashaan Salaam... **ILB Maurice Cantrell** has done volunteer work at a nursing home in Cedar Rapids, and has been active in his community with kids. As a junior in high school, he mentored elementary school youngsters, and as a senior, he was a member of student panels that worked with both elementary and middle school children as he enjoys being a role model for kids of all ages... **RB Hugh Charles** enjoys flying planes; he earned his solo license in a Cessna 172 as a sophomore in high school... **OL Garrett Collins** was the first commitment of CU's 2004 recruiting class, doing so on signing day in 2003 (Feb. 5); his father (Mike) was a collegiate line backer at Arkansas and Fort Lewis, playing for current CU coach Gary Barnett at the latter... **ATH Jordon Dizon** hails from Waimea high school, the westernmost high school in the United States; it's on the island of Kauai, the furthest west of the populated islands in the Hawaiian chain.

**RB Byron Ellis** was the valedictorian in the eighth grade (at Marina del Rey Middle School), and that was just the beginning of a stellar academic career which saw him take several advanced placement and honors classes his senior year as he owns a 4.0 grade point average as a prep... **S Reggie Foster** lived in Okanogan, Japan from ages 3-6 when his father was in the military reserve. His famous uncle, Ronnie Lott, had a tremendous NFL career with the 49ers, Raiders, Jets and Chiefs, and was recently enshrined in the NFL Hall of Fame... **DE Josh Hunt** became the first athlete in school history to play on three state championship teams; he is also a stellar basketball player, as he earned all-conference honors his junior year by averaging 16 points, 12 rebounds and two blocks a game... **ILB Brad Jones** was a first-team all-state performer by the *Detroit Free Press*, when the *Lansing State Journal* also named him the Defensive Player of the Year. He was the third player to commit in this class, doing so in June of 2003... **WR Reggie Joseph** brother (Ky) is a corner back at Tulane; a cousin (Dequincy Scott) played football and baseball at Southern Mississippi and is now a defensive tackle with the San Diego Chargers.



## FINAL 2003 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS



**Historically** Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes have concluded their 114th season of competition with an all-time record of **635-391-36** in **1,062** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 21st in all-time winning percentage (.615). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **271-129-10** in 79 seasons on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **234-198-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

**In-The-Polls** CU was unranked in both the final *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today/ESPN* (coaches) polls of Sunday, January 4. The Buffs had climbed to No. 17 in both after opening 2-0, and prior to the 47-26 loss to Washington State. CU opened the year unranked and received votes in each, but entered the rankings after the win over CSU in the opener. So, dating back to the preseason 1989 polls, CU has been ranked in **182** of the last **247** polls (*AP*; 74%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (79), trailing Florida (85), Florida State (84) and Michigan (83).

**Scoring Streaks** The school record **184** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **eighth** longest active streak in the nation; Utah's 3-0 win over BYU on Nov. 22 ended the Cougars' NCAA record streak at 361 games. The list of the 11 Division I-A schools that have scored in every game over at least the last 13 seasons, through all games of 2003:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Texas	278	Nov. 22, 1980 at Baylor (0-16)	Florida	196	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)
Washington	264	Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31)	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)</b>
Michigan	228	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Nevada	139	All games: joined Div I-A in 1993
Washington State	227	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	Texas Christian	139	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	221	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Air Force	134	*Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida State	197	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	(*—Liberty Bowl)		

**Statistically Speaking** Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through all games of 2003 (bowl games included):

B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
12th	113th	RUSHING OFFENSE.....	93.3	4th	53rd	RUSHING DEFENSE.....	150.8	7th	24th	PUNT RETURNS.....	11.7
3rd	18th	PASSING OFFENSE.....	279.3	12th	114th	PASSING DEFENSE.....	281.2	6th	32nd	KICKOFF RETURNS.....	22.4
9th	66th	TOTAL OFFENSE.....	372.8	9th	97th	TOTAL DEFENSE.....	432.1	10th	82nd	NET PUNTING.....	34.3
8th	63rd	SCORING OFFENSE.....	26.6	8th	98th	SCORING DEFENSE.....	33.2	10th	100th	TURNOVER MARGIN.....	-0.58

- ♦ **WR Jeremy Bloom:** 12.0 yards per punt return (6th/Big 12, 21st/NCAA); 24.5 yards per kickoff return (5th/Big 12, 30th NCAA); 107.2 all-purpose yards (11th/Big 12, 76th/NCAA); 878 kick return yards (P/KO; 1st/Big 12).
- ♦ **TB Brian Calhoun:** 67.5 rushing yards per game (13th/Big 12; 79th/NCAA); 89.7 all-purpose yards per game (18th/Big 12); 2.7 receptions per game (3rd/Big 12 among running backs); 22.2 receiving yards per game (3rd/Big 12 among running backs).
- ♦ **PK Mason Crosby:** 4.3 points per game kick scoring (10th/Big 12); 0.58 field goals per game (11th/Big 12; 100th/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR D.J. Hackett:** 84.4 receiving yards per game (5th/Big 12; 28th/NCAA); 6.5 receptions per game (2nd/Big 12, 16th/NCAA); 84.4 all-purpose yards per game (22nd/Big 12).
- ♦ **QB Joel Klatt:** 140.2 rating (5th/Big 12, 29th/NCAA); 237.6 passing yards per game (4th/Big 12); 21.2 completions per game (2nd/Big 12, 14th/NCAA); 229.4 total offense per game (6th/Big 12, 40th/NCAA); 12.2 points responsible for per game (6th/Big 12, 30th/NCAA).
- ♦ **WR Derek McCoy:** 73.6 receiving yards per game (10th/Big 12, 54th NCAA); 5.3 receptions per game (10th/Big 12, 54th/NCAA); 11 receiving touchdowns (5th/Big 12, 11th/NCAA); 74.7 all-purpose yards (31st/Big12); 5.5 points per game (24th/Big 12).
- ♦ **FS Medford Moorer:** 9.2 tackles per game (11th/Big 12).
- ♦ **SS Clyde Surrell:** 0.33 fumbles forced per game (t-1st/Big 12), 0.33 fumbles recovered per game (t-1st/Big 12).
- ♦ **P John Torp:** 42.5 punting average (4th/Big 12; 31st/NCAA).

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

#### On The Big 12 Road

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

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

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

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

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

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

(does not include title games)

#### Network TV Appearances (2003)

School	Tot	ABC	Fox	Oth
Oklahoma	11	6	1	4
Nebraska	11	6	3	2
Texas	10	6	3	1
Texas A&M	9	5	3	1
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Missouri	8	3	3	2
Kansas State	7	3	2	2
Oklahoma State	7	4	3	0
Texas Tech	6	2	3	1
Iowa State	4	2	1	1
Kansas	2	0	2	0
Baylor	2	0	2	0

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

#### vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(Since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.563</b>
Texas	20	6	12	2	.350
Nebraska	12	8	4	0	.667
Oklahoma	12	6	6	0	.500
Texas A&M	11	4	7	0	.364
Texas Tech	11	0	11	0	.000
Baylor	9	2	7	0	.222
Missouri	9	1	8	0	.111
Iowa State	6	0	6	0	.000
Kansas	6	0	6	0	.000
Oklahoma State	5	0	5	0	.000
Kansas State	2	1	1	0	.500

(does not include bowls)