

# THE 2007 SCHEDULE



Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time (MT)	Record	Rank	NCAA
<b>SUGAR BOWL CLASSIC</b>							
Friday	August 24	Tulane	New Orleans, La.	6 p.m.	15-11	NR	DNP
Saturday	August 25	Furman	New Orleans, La.	10 a.m.	19-11	NR	DNP
Saturday	August 25	TBA	New Orleans, La.	TBA			
<b>COLORADO INVITATIONAL</b>							
Friday	August 31	Central Florida vs. UNC Wilmington	BOULDER	11 a.m.			
Friday	August 31	California vs. Central Florida	BOULDER	4:30 p.m.			
Friday	August 31	UNC WILMINGTON	BOULDER	6:30 p.m.	8-25	NR	DNP
Saturday	September 1	UNC Wilmington vs. California	BOULDER	4:30 p.m.			
Saturday	September 1	CENTRAL FLORIDA	BOULDER	6:30 p.m.	5-24	NR	DNP
Sunday	September 2	CALIFORNIA	BOULDER	12 p.m.	22-10	13th	Third Round
<b>COORS CLASSIC</b>							
Thursday	September 6	Colorado State	Fort Collins, Colo.	7 p.m.	20-10	NR	First Round
Friday	September 7	Winthrop	Fort Collins, Colo.	5 p.m.	34-3	NR	First Round
Saturday	September 8	Miami (Ohio)	Fort Collins, Colo.	5 p.m.	13-19	NR	DNP
Wednesday	September 12	*at Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	6 p.m.	12-17	NR	DNP
Wednesday	September 19	*BAYLOR	BOULDER	6:30 p.m.	18-15	NR	DNP
Saturday	September 22	*KANSAS STATE	BOULDER	TBA	12-18	NR	DNP
Wednesday	September 26	*at Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	5:30 p.m.	28-6	12th	Third Round
Saturday	September 29	*at Texas	Austin, Texas	5:30 p.m.	24-7	7th	Region Finals
Wednesday	October 3	*MISSOURI	BOULDER	6:30 p.m.	18-13	21st	Second Round
Saturday	October 6	*NEBRASKA	BOULDER	6:30 p.m.	33-1	1st	Finals
Wednesday	October 10	*at Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	6 p.m.	10-19	NR	DNP
Saturday	October 13	*at Texas A&M	College Station, Texas	6 p.m.	12-16	NR	DNP
Wednesday	October 17	*IOWA STATE	BOULDER	6:30 p.m.	21-11	NR	Second Round
Saturday	October 20	*at Baylor	Waco, Texas	6 p.m.	18-15	NR	DNP
Wednesday	October 24	*OKLAHOMA	BOULDER	6:30 p.m.	28-6	12th	Third Round
Saturday	October 27	*TEXAS	BOULDER	6:30 p.m.	24-5	7th	Region Finals
Wednesday	October 31	*at Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	6 p.m.	21-11	NR	Second Round
Saturday	November 3	*TEXAS TECH	BOULDER	TBA	12-17	NR	DNP
Wednesday	November 7	*at Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	6 p.m.	33-1	1st	Finals
Saturday	November 10	*KANSAS	BOULDER	6:30 p.m.	10-19	NR	DNP
Saturday	November 17	*at Kansas State	Manhattan, Kan.	6 p.m.	12-18	NR	DNP
Wednesday	November 21	*TEXAS A&M	BOULDER	6:30 p.m.	12-16	NR	DNP
Saturday	November 24	*at Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	6 p.m.	17-13	21st	Second Round

\* - Big 12 Conference Match

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## TRAVEL PLANS

Opponent	Depart	Return	Hotel	Phone	Fax
Sugar Bowl Classic	A23	A26	TBA	TBA	TBA
Coors Classic	S6	S8	Hilton	970-482-2626	970-493-6265
Texas Tech	S11	S12	Embassy Suites	806-771-7000	806-771-7100
Oklahoma	S25	S27	LaQuinta	405-579-4000	405-579-4001
Texas	S27	S29	Hyatt	512-477-1234	512-651-3150
Kansas	O9	O10	Springhill Suites	785-841-2700	785-841-2700
Texas A&M	O12	O14	Hampton Inn	979-846-0184	979-268-5807
Baylor	O19	O21	Courtyard by Marriott	254-752-8686	254-752-1011
Iowa State	O30	O31	Country Inn & Suites	515-233-3935	515-233-1515
Nebraska	N6	N7	Country Inn & Suites	402-476-5353	402-476-5445
Kansas State	N16	N18	AmeriSuites	816-891-0871	816-891-3436
Missouri	N23	N25	Hampton Inn	573-886-9392	573-814-2001



# BUFF BITS

MEDIA

## UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO INFORMATION

Location	Boulder, Colo. (103,216)
Founded	1876
Enrollment	27,151
Colors	Silver, Gold and Black
Nickname	Buffaloes (Buffs)
Mascot	Ralphie IV, The Buffalo (live), Chip (costumed)
Home Arena (Capacity)	Coors Events/Conference Center (11,064)
Elevation	5,435 feet above sea level
NCAA Affiliation	Division I
Conference	Big 12, (Joined 1996)
President	Hank Brown
Chancellor	G.P. "Bud" Peterson
Athletic Director	Mike Bohn
Senior Woman Administrator	Ceal Barry

## VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach	Pi'i Aiu (Colorado 1989)
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Record at Colorado (years)	180-116 (10)
Collegiate Record (years)	180-116 (10)
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Volleyball Office	303/492-6141 (Fax: 303/492-1709)
2006 Record	17-12 (H, 12-4; A, 5-6; N, 0-2)
2006 Big 12 Record	12-8/t-4th
Postseason	NCAA Second Round
Final Ranking	24th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	11/4
Starters Returning/Lost	4+libero/3

## VOLLEYBALL HISTORY

First Season	1986
All-Time Record	391-247/613
All-Time Big 12 Record	133-87/605
All-Time Big 8/Big 12 Record	212-116/646
Best Big 12 Finish	2nd/1997
Best Big 8 Finish	1st/1993
NCAA Appearances	15 (1989, 1991-2001, 2003-06)
NCAA Record	9-16/.360
All-Time Post Season Record	19-24 (18 seasons)
Last NCAA Appearance/Result	2005/lost to Colorado State, 1-3
Best NCAA Finishes	Sweet 16 (1993, 1994 & 1997)
All-Time Weeks Ranked (AVCA)	106
All-Time Record While Ranked (AVCA)	154-78
All-Time Record Against Ranked Teams (AVCA)	43-147

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## RETURNING STARTERS (4)

**Alex Buth, 5-10, Jr., RS, East Grand Rapids, Mich. —**  
29-28 mp-s, 108 games, .191, 2.14 kpg, 1.97 dpg, 0.62 bpg  
*Was third on the team in kills and was second in assists and aces*

**Mallori Gibson, 5-11, So., OH, Bakersfield, Calif. —**  
29-19 mp-s, 103 games, .178, 3.41 kpg, 1.10 dpg, 0.33 sapg  
*Second on team in kills...led team in aces with 34...earned a medical hardship at the end of the 2006 season to be a sophomore in 2007*

**Amber Sutherland, 5-10, Sr., OH, Glenwood Springs, Colo. —**  
29-29 mp-s, 109 games, .172, 4.18 kpg, 2.86 dpg, 0.63 bpg  
*Named All-Big 12 honorable mention...Lead the team in kills and points and was fourth in the Big 12 in each...was second on the team in digs*

**Lauren Schaefer, 6-3, Jr., MB, Mountain View, Calif. —**  
28-23 mp-s, 99 games, .301, 2.28 kpg, 0.93 bpg  
*Team leader in blocks...second in hitting percentage and was 10th in Big 12 matches*

## STARTERS LOST (3)

**Lara Bossow, 6-0, MB —**  
24-19 mp-s, 75 games, .239, 2.00 kpg, 0.83 bpg, 2.67 dpg  
*9th on CU's all-time blocks list (264), 9th in career attack percentage (.2921) and was 29th in career kills (574)*

**Ashley Nu'u, 5-10, S —**  
29-29 mp-s, 108 games, .348, 1.11 kpg, 12.52 apg, 1.66 dpg, 0.59 bpg  
*AVCA Third All-American; Asics/Volleyball Magazine All-America honorable mention, First Team AVCA All-Central Region and All-Big 12 Conference...3rd in career assists (4,315), 14th in career blocks (243), 25th in career digs (573), 30th in career kills (541)*

**Austin Zimmerman, 6-0, MB —**  
25-16 mp-s, 78 games, .320, 1.90 kpg, 0.62 dpg, 0.91 bpg  
*8th in career hitting percentage (.2922), 11th in career blocks (252), 30th in career digs (451)*

## OTHER KEY LOSSES (1)

**Amber Nu'u, 5-11, OH —**  
19-2 mp-s, 41 games, 0.63 dpg, .907 reception percentage

## KEY RETURNEES (7)

**Kaitlyn Burkett, 6-1, So., S, Colorado Springs, Colo. —**  
7-0 mp-s, 8 games, .556, 0.62 kpg, 4.25 apg, 0.75 dpg, 0.38 bpg  
*Saw limited action as a freshman and should step into the starting setter role as a sophomore*

**Kristen Karlik, 5-7, Sr., DS/L, Colorado Springs, Colo.. —**  
28-0 mp-s, 105 games, .800, 4.21 dpg  
*Led the Buffs in digs and ranks third on the single season chart with 442...Ranked fourth in the Big 12*

**Kelsey Loop, 5-10, Jr., OH, Valley Center, Kan. —**  
5-0 mp-s, 7 games, .222, 0.71 kpg, 0.14 dpg, 0.14 bpg

**Emilee Sisco, 6-4, Fr., OH, Enumclaw, Wash. —**  
5-0 mp-s, 7 games, .000, 0.00 kpg, 0.00 dpg, 0.00 bpg

**Ashley VenHorst, 5-7, Jr., DS/L, Bettendorf, Iowa —**  
6-0 mp-s, 11 games, .000, 1.00 dpg, .889 reception percentage

**Therese Vinal, 5-8, Sr., DS/L, Santa Clara, Calif. —**  
5-0 mp-s, 8 games, .000, 0.88 dpg, 1.000 reception percentage

**Callie Webster, 5-10, Jr., DS/L, Mercer Island, Wash. —**  
29-9 mp-s, 98 games, .000, 0.01 kpg, 1.94 dpg, .953 reception percentage  
*Fifth on the team in digs*

## NEWCOMERS (7)

**Schylur Edelman, 6-1, Fr., MB/OH, Sterling, Colo. —**  
*All-American, All-Colorado team and 2006 Colorado 4A Player of the Year*

**Lauren Fanelli, 5-9, Fr., S, Pittsburgh, Pa. —**  
All-State First Team and team MVP

**Kristin Martell, 6-1, Fr., MB, The Woodlands, Texas —**  
Montgomery Country Player of the Year, District 14-5A Best Blocker of the Year

**Christan Schaefer, 6-0, Fr., OH, Mountain View, Colo. —**  
Team MVP, Three-time All-SCVAL First Team

**Rosie Steinhaus, 6-1, Fr., MB, Flagstaff, Ariz. —**  
*Three-time Grand Canyon Region First Team, Ranked 86 in the recruiting class of 2007 by prepvolleyball.com*

**Kirsten Wicks, 6-2, Fr., OH, Wheaton, Ill. —**  
Two-time All-State selection, owns school record in career kills and aces

**Ellen Henry, 5-6, Fr. DS/L, Long Beach, Calif. —**  
All-Moore League First Team, Scholar Athletic Award winner

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## Welcome to CU Volleyball

The University of Colorado Sports Information Service and volleyball head coach Pi'i Aiu would like to welcome you to the 2007 volleyball season. We encourage your involvement in CU volleyball and strive to provide the media with a professional atmosphere in which to cover our matches. For your benefit, please read through the following guidelines and give us a call at 303-492-5626 or pay us a visit in the Balch Fielhouse Annex located on the west side of Folsom Field if we can be of any assistance.

## Practices

Practices are generally held in the early afternoon at either Carlson Gymnasium or the Coors Events/Conference Center. All practices are open to the media. Please contact volleyball SID Linda Poncin at 303-492-5626 if you wish to attend practice.

## Interviews

All players and coaches are available for interviews throughout the week except on match days. All interviews must be made through volleyball SID Linda Poncin at 303-492-5626, preferably with at least 24 hours notice. The best time to interview players is after practice and matches.

## Media/Photo Credentials

Members of the media can gain admittance to matches only with the proper credentials. Credentials should be requested at least one day prior to the match through volleyball SID Linda Poncin at 303-492-5626. All sports season credentials will also be honored at volleyball matches and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Note: The above applies to all matches except NCAA Tournament matches.

## Coors Events/Conference Center

All matches are scheduled for the Coors Events/Conference Center near the southeast corner of the CU campus. See page 5 for directions. Parking is free. As you walk to the CECC, the media entrance is located near the garage door on the lower north side.

## During The Game

Statistics will be distributed after every game and at the end of every match. Phone lines are available both court side and in the media workroom. The press row number is 303-492-1552 and the media room is 303-492-0712 while the media room fax is 303-492-0711. The Coors Events/Conference Center is also equipped for wireless internet access.

## Updated Notes/Statistics

Updated statistics, player and team information, Big 12 Conference standings and upcoming opponent information will be available by Tuesday of each week. If you wish to receive notes or stats, please call volleyball SID Linda Poncin at 303-492-5626 or via e-mail at linda.poncin@colorado.edu. You can also download the release on the internet in .pdf format at CUBuffs.com

## On The Internet

All Colorado volleyball information can be viewed through the Buffs' comprehensive website at CUBuffs.com. All the latest information on coaches and players, as well as all the boxscores, latest statistics and weekly releases are available.

## Big 12 Services

For conference information, please contact the Big 12 office at 214-742-1212. The Big 12's website is www.big12sports.com, and the mailing address is 2201 Stemmons Freeway, 28th Floor; Dallas, TX 75207.



# MEDIA INFORMATION

MEDIA

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# MEDIA HOSPITALITY

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Broker Inn (30th & Baseline Road).....	303-444-3330
Marriott Hotel (2660 Canyon Blvd.).....	303-440-8877
Courtyard by Marriott (4710 Pearl East Circle).....	303-440-4700
Golden Buff (1725 28th Street).....	303-442-7450
Boulderado Hotel (2115 13th Street).....	303-442-4344
Boulder Outlook (800 28th Street).....	303-443-3322
Days Inn (5397 South Boulder Road).....	303-499-4422
Boulder Inn (770 28th Street).....	303-449-3800
Residence Inn (3030 Center Green Drive).....	303-449-5545

## Hotels (Outlying)

Omni Interlocken Resort (500 Interlocken Blvd., Broomfield).....	303-438-6600
Courtyard by Marriott (948 W. Dillon Road, Louisville).....	303-604-0007
Ramada Inn (8773 Yates Drive, Westminster).....	303-427-4000
Raintree Plaza (Diagonal Highway, Longmont).....	303-444-2882
Hyatt Regency (1750 Welton Street, Denver).....	303-295-1200
Marriott City Center (1701 California, Denver).....	303-297-1300
Westin Tabor Center (1672 Lawrence, Denver).....	303-572-9100
Stouffer Concourse (3801 Quebec Street, Denver).....	303-399-7500
Adam's Mark (1550 Court Place, Denver).....	303-893-3333
Marriott West (1717 Denver West Parkway, Golden).....	303-279-9100
Brown Palace (321 17th Street, Denver).....	303-297-3111

## Airlines

America West.....	800-235-9292	Frontier.....	800-432-1359
American.....	800-433-7300	Midwest Express.....	800-452-2022
ATA.....	800-435-9282	Northwest.....	800-225-2525
Continental.....	800-525-0280	U.S. Air.....	800-428-4322
Delta.....	800-325-1999	United.....	800-241-6522

## Automobile Rentals (Denver International Airport)

Advantage.....	800-777-5500	Enterprise.....	800-325-8007
Alamo.....	800-327-9633	Hertz.....	800-654-3131
Avis.....	800-331-1212	National.....	800-328-4567
Budget.....	800-527-0700	Payless.....	800-237-2804
Dollar.....	800-800-4000	Thrifty.....	800-367-2277

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Metro Taxi.....	303-333-3333
Yellow Cab (Denver Metro).....	303-777-7777
Zone Cab (Denver Metro).....	303-444-8888
Boulder Yellow Cab.....	303-442-2277

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Pasta Jay's (1001 Pearl Street).....	303-444-5800
Dolan's Midtown (2319 Arapahoe Avenue).....	303-444-8758
Boulder Chop House (947 Walnut Street).....	303-443-1188
C.B. & Potts (555 Zang Street, Broomfield).....	720-887-3383
Juanita's (1043 Pearl Street).....	303-449-5273
Rio Grande (1101 Walnut Street).....	303-444-3690
Broker Inn Restaurant (30th & Baseline).....	303-449-1752
Old Chicago (1102 Pearl Street).....	303-443-5031
Boulder Cork (3295 30th Street).....	303-443-9505
The House (2860 Arapahoe Avenue).....	303-442-4594
Fancy Moose (inside the Millennium Hotel).....	303-443-3850
Flagstaff House (Flagstaff Road).....	303-442-4640
Jax Fish House (928 Pearl Street).....	303-444-1811
Corner Bar/Q's (13th & Spruce).....	303-442-4560
Turley's (2350 Arapahoe Avenue).....	303-442-2800
West End Tavern (926 Pearl Street).....	303-444-3535
Walnut Brewery (1123 Walnut Street).....	303-447-1345
The Kitchen (1039 Pearl Street).....	303-544-5973

# COORS EVENTS/CONFERENCE CENTER



MEDIA

The University of Colorado Coors Events/Conference Center has been the home of Colorado volleyball since 1988. The Center was originally called the CU Events/Conference Center, but was renamed in September 1990 in honor of a \$5 million gift from the Adolph Coors Foundation. The Events Center is named after the Coors family in recognition of this gift and their generous support of the university.

The Events Center combines modern facilities with beauty, comfort and flexibility. The Center's versatility provides an ideal location for sporting events, educational conferences, seminars, meetings, conventions, concerts, trade shows and a myriad of other activities. It is truly multi-purpose in nature and design.

Located just north of the Kittredge student housing complex on the Boulder campus, the CECC seats 11,064 and offers the Buffaloes a great home court advantage. CU has a 204-71 home record in their 21 years with a 199-69 mark at the CECC (Matches in 1986 and most of 1987 were played in the Balch Fieldhouse). Colorado has recorded at least 10 home wins in a season in 14 of the past 19



seasons including a perfect 14-0 mark in 1993. CU has ranked nationally in attendance in 12 of the past 14 seasons, including a No. 19 ranking in 1989 and 20th in 1999.

There are three levels to the Events Center. The arena floor occupies 8,000 square feet, while the conference level takes up 15,000 square feet and houses two large conference rooms, one of which is tiered, and four smaller ones. All of the conference rooms are carpeted and air-conditioned. The concourse level contains the main entrances, concession areas, ticket offices and a first-aid room.

The \$7.7-million facility was financed by a combination of funds. State legislative appropriation, federal grants, private contributions and university funds all played a major part in the facility's construction revenue.

The CECC is within walking distance from all points of campus, and parking for Colorado basketball games is free to the public in the parking garage located just north of the arena. The southwest entrance faces the majestic flatirons, the mountains located west of campus, providing Colorado fans with one of most beautiful views in all of collegiate athletics when they arrive to the game.

Other events taking place at Coors include concerts and commencement for the fall semester. Bob Dylan, Jack Ingram and Juice Newton are just some of the artists who have taken the stage in the Events Center, providing an indoor venue for CU students and Boulder residents equipped to attract some of the best entertainers in the World.

## CU Home Record Year by Year

### Balch Fieldhouse

Year	Matches	Record	Pct.
1986	7	3-4	.429
1987	10	2-8	.200
Totals	17	5-12	.294

### Coors Events Conference Center

Year	Matches	Record	Pct.
1987	3	2-1	.667
1988	15	11-4	.733
1989	12	8-4	.667
1990	12	9-3	.750
1991	12	10-2	.833
1992	12	10-2	.833
1993	14	14-0	1.000
1994	17	13-4	.765
1995	13	10-3	.769
1996	17	11-6	.647
1997	14	12-2	.857
1998	16	12-4	.750
1999	14	10-4	.714
2000	13	8-5	.615
2001	14	12-2	.857
2002	14	8-6	.571
2003	12	10-2	.833
2004	15	10-5	.667
2005	13	7-6	.538
2006	16	12-4	.750
Totals	268	199-69	.743
Overall	285	204-81	.716



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# 2007 OUTLOOK

PLAYERS

Colorado's volleyball team has been a mainstay in the top half of the Big 12 and looks to continue that feat in 2007. The Buffaloes tied for fourth in the league with a 12-8 record and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the 16th time in school history. CU returns 10 letterwinners from the 2006 season and has added seven freshman (four recruits and three walk-ons) to the roster.

Here is the position-by-position breakdown for the 2007 Colorado Buffaloes:

**Outside Hitter:** Senior Amber Sutherland and sophomore Mallori Gibson started last year for the Buffs, but Sutherland will be taking a redshirt this season which leaves Colorado with some big shoes to fill as Sutherland was an All-Big 12 honorable mention selection in 2006. Gibson was second on the team with 351 kills. She averaged 3.41 kills per game and hit .178. Gibson was awarded a medical hardship for the 2005 season this past January.

Aiu will be looking to junior Kelsey Loop to step up as she did a couple of times last season. Loop played in seven games and recorded five kills. Emilee Sisco moved to outside hitter from right side after last season and had a good spring. Both Loop and Sisco should help add depth.

The incoming freshmen will also have a chance to earn a starting role on the team.

"Mal comes back from last year's squad and from there we have Kelsey Loop and Emilee Sisco. Kelsey and Emilee had a nice spring and Kelsey stepped in last year a few times which helped us. The freshmen who could step in are Kirsten Wicks, Rosie Steinhaus, Schylur Edelman and Christian Schaefer. I think that will be determined sometime during the preseason."

**Right Side:** Junior Alex Butth recorded 231 kills, the third highest amount on the team, in her first year starting at right side. She averaged 2.14 and hit .191. Butth should produce even better numbers this year, but will receive some competition from freshman Kirsten Wicks and Edelman.

"Kirsten Wicks could end up playing some on the right side as well as Schylur," Aiu said. "I think both of them will push Alex hard. Alex is going to have to play really well to hold off some of the freshmen. There are going to be some really good battles for positions on this team."

**Setter:** Ashley Nu'u will be a tough act to follow as CU's first ever AVCA All-American, but sophomore Kaitlyn Burkett is ready for the challenge. Burkett, who was listed as one of prepvolleyball.com's Top 50 in 2005, saw a little action in 2006, including some time against top five opponent Florida.

Lauren Fanelli, a walk-on freshman, will add depth for Colorado. Fanelli was the setter for one of the best club teams on the east coast and will be pushing Burkett this fall for the starting nod.

"I don't know that you ever replace a kid like Ashley Nu'u," Aiu said. "Obviously Kaitlyn Burkett is going to be playing her position and will bring her own brand of setting and leadership to the position. I think Kaitlyn is more than up to the task."

"Lauren will also push Kaitlyn hard this year. She is a great setter. Lauren is a dynamic athlete and will compete everyday in the gym. Kaitlyn has a spring behind her and with that comes court experience."

**Middle Blocker:** Colorado only returns one middle from last year's squad that had three. Junior Lauren Schaefer has led CU for the past two seasons in blocks, recording 92 last season (0.93 blocks per game). She also recorded 13 block solos and 79 block assists, both of which were team highs. Schaefer was an All-Big 12 honorable mention selection in 2006 and was one of two Buffs to hit above .300 (.301).

The Buffs will look to the freshman to fill in the remaining spot, but has some good options.

"I think it gives us a little bit of an anchor having Lauren at middle and Mallori at outside," Aiu said. "It gives us some stability as we go around the court. I think Lauren is going to have a big year. She needs to have a big year for us to be good."

"Steinhaus and Edelman will battle for the other middle position. I think we will probably have both of them train in the middle as well as the outside. We could have a lot of young kids playing for us this year."

**Defense/Libero:** Senior Kristen Karlik and junior Callie Webster led the Buff's defense last season. Karlik collected 442 digs to lead CU as its starting libero and Webster added 190.

Freshman Ellen Henry will join senior Therese Viñal and junior Ashley VenHorst for an opportunity to help CU defensively.

"We need Kristen and Callie to play well this year, especially with Sutherland out," Aiu said. "Those two and Sutherland were our ball control last year for the most part and so they are going to have to pick it up a lot. I think Ellen Henry will add to that mix as well. Karlik is going to have a big role on this team in terms of leadership. She is going to have to be the stability on the court."

**Schedule:** Colorado has a pretty full non conference schedule as the Buffs will play nine matches before starting the Big 12 schedule on Sept. 12 against Texas Tech. CU will play Tulane and Furman at the Sugar Bowl Classic to kick off the season on August 24 and 25.

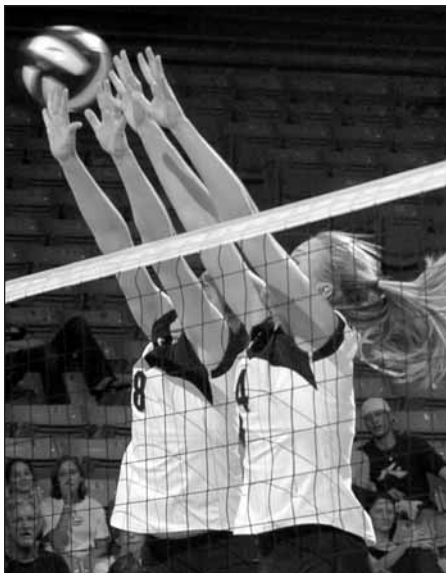
Colorado will host its annual Colorado Invitational the following weekend, August 31-Sept. 2. Central Florida, UNC-Wilmington

and perennial powerhouse California will be making the trip to Boulder. The Buffs will host the Bears to wrap up the weekend with a noon match on Sept. 2.

Rounding out the non conference schedule will be the Colorado State Tournament Sept. 6-8. Besides CSU, the Buffs will face Winthrop and Miami (Ohio).

"I think it (the schedule) looks really good," Aiu said. "We are going to have some battles especially being so young. We are going to have to fight hard to get out wins in the non-conference season. We have two great teams in Cal and CSU and I think we also have some real tough teams to play like UNC-Wilmington, which has been coming on strong in the last few years. Tulane is a good team and has some real experience. Winthrop has been in the NCAA in eight of the last 10 years."

"I think this is an opportunity for us. This is going to be a different team than we have seen in the last four years for sure. I think this is a great opportunity for some young kids to step up and for some of our veterans to have great seasons. I am really excited about this year."



Alex Butth and Lauren Schaefer

# 2007 ROSTERS



PLAYERS

## By State/Country

- Arizona**  
Rosie Steinhaus
- California**  
Mallori Gibson  
Ellen Henry  
Christan Schaefer  
Lauren Schaefer  
Therese Viñal
- Colorado**  
Kaitlyn Burkett  
Schylur Edelman  
Kristen Karlik  
Amber Sutherland
- Illinois**  
Kirsten Wicks
- Iowa**  
Ashley VenHorst
- Kansas**  
Kelsey Loop
- Michigan**  
Alex Buth
- Pennsylvania**  
Lauren Fanelli
- Texas**  
Kristin Martell
- Washington**  
Emilee Sisco  
Callie Webster
- By Position**
- Left Side Hitter**  
Mallori Gibson  
Kelsey Loop  
Christan Schaefer  
Emilee Sisco  
Amber Sutherland  
Kirsten Wicks
- Right Side Hitter**  
Alex Buth
- Middle Blocker**  
Schylur Edelman  
Kristin Martell  
Lauren Schaefer  
Rosie Steinhaus
- Setter**  
Kaitlyn Burkett  
Lauren Fanelli
- Def. Specialist/Libero**  
Ellen Henry  
Kristen Karlik  
Ashley VenHorst  
Therese Viñal  
Callie Webster
- By Height**
- 6-4** Emilee Sisco
- 6-3** Lauren Schaefer
- 6-2** Kirsten Wicks
- 6-1** Kaitlyn Burkett  
Schylur Edelman  
Kristin Martell  
Rosie Steinhaus
- 6-0** Christan Schaefer
- 5-11** Mallori Gibson
- 5-10** Alex Buth  
Kelsey Loop  
Amber Sutherland  
Callie Webster
- 5-9** Lauren Fanelli
- 5-8** Therese Viñal
- 5-7** Kristen Karlik  
Ashley VenHorst
- 5-6** Ellen Henry

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HS/Previous College)
22	Kaitlyn Burkett	S	6-1	So.	1L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (St. Mary's)
8	Alexandra Buth	RS	5-10	Jr.	2L	East Grand Rapids, Mich. (East Grand Rapids)
2	Schylur Edelman	MB	6-1	Fr.	HS	Sterling, Colo. (Sterling)
5	Lauren Fanelli	S	5-9	Fr.	HS	Moon Township, Pa. (Moon Area)
77	Mallori Gibson	OH	5-11	So.	1L	Bakersfield, Calif. (Foothill)
23	Ellen Henry	DS/L	5-6	Fr.	HS	Long Beach, Calif. (Wilson)
21	Kristen Karlik	DS/L	5-7	Sr.	1L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Colorado State/Rampart)
10	Kelsey Loop	OH	5-10	Jr.	1L	Valley Center, Kan. (Wyoming/Circle)
7	Kristin Martell	MB/RS	6-1	Fr.	HS	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)
3	Christan Schaefer	OH	6-0	Fr.	HS	Mountain View, Calif. (Los Altos)
4	Lauren Schaefer	MB	6-3	Jr.	2L	Mountain View, Calif. (Los Altos)
1	Emilee Sisco	OH	6-4	So.	1L	Enumclaw, Wash. (Enumclaw)
11	Rosie Steinhaus	MB	6-1	Fr.	HS	Flagstaff, Ariz. (Flagstaff)
12	Amber Sutherland	OH	5-10	Sr.	3L	Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs)
14	Ashley VenHorst	DS/L	5-7	Jr.	2L	Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)
16	Therese Viñal	DS/L	5-8	Sr.	3L	Santa Clara, Calif. (Presentation)
6	Callie Webster	DS/L	5-10	Jr.	1L	Mercer Island, Wash. (New Hampshire/Mercer Island)
9	Kirsten Wicks	OH	6-2	Fr.	HS	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton)

## Numerical Roster

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HS/Previous College)
1	Emilee Sisco	OH	6-4	So.	1L	Enumclaw, Wash. (Enumclaw)
2	Schylur Edelman	MB	6-1	Fr.	HS	Sterling, Colo. (Sterling)
3	Christan Schaefer	OH	6-0	Fr.	HS	Mountain View, Calif. (Los Altos)
4	Lauren Schaefer	MB	6-3	Jr.	2L	Mountain View, Calif. (Los Altos)
5	Lauren Fanelli	S	5-9	Fr.	HS	Moon Township, Pa. (Moon Area)
6	Callie Webster	DS/L	5-10	Jr.	1L	Mercer Island, Wash. (New Hampshire/Mercer Island)
7	Kristin Martell	MB/RS	6-1	Fr.	HS	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)
8	Alexandra Buth	RS	5-10	Jr.	2L	East Grand Rapids, Mich. (East Grand Rapids)
9	Kirsten Wicks	OH	6-2	Fr.	HS	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton)
10	Kelsey Loop	OH	5-10	Jr.	1L	Valley Center, Kan. (Wyoming/Circle)
11	Rosie Steinhaus	MB	6-1	Fr.	HS	Flagstaff, Ariz. (Flagstaff)
12	Amber Sutherland	OH	5-10	Sr.	3L	Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs)
14	Ashley VenHorst	DS/L	5-7	Jr.	2L	Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)
16	Therese Viñal	DS/L	5-8	Sr.	3L	Santa Clara, Calif. (Presentation)
21	Kristen Karlik	DS/L	5-7	Sr.	1L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Colorado State/Rampart)
22	Kaitlyn Burkett	S	6-1	So.	1L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (St. Mary's)
23	Ellen Henry	DS/L	5-6	Fr.	HS	Long Beach, Calif. (Wilson)
77	Mallori Gibson	OH	5-11	So.	1L	Bakersfield, Calif. (Foothill)

## How The Buffs Were Built

Freshman Recruits	
2004	Alex Buth Amber Sutherland
2005	Mallori Gibson Lauren Schaefer
2006	Kaitlyn Burkett Emilee Sisco
2007	Schylur Edelman Kristin Martell Rosie Steinhaus Kirsten Wicks
Walk-ons	
2004	Therese Viñal
2005	Ashley VenHorst
2007	Lauren Fanelli Ellen Henry Christan Schaefer
Transfers	
2006	Kristen Karlik Kelsey Loop Callie Webster

## Pronunciation Guide

Therese Viñal	Vin-y'all
Pi'i Aiu	P-E I-U
Kristen Karlik	car-LICK
Christan Schaefer	KRIS-tin
Schylur Edelman	sky-LUR ED-el-MAN
Lauren Fanelli	FA-nel-LI
Buff Birthdays	
Ashley VenHorst	January 29
Rosie Steinhaus	February 9
Mallori Gibson	February 23
Callie Webster	March 17
Emilee Sisco	March 24
Kristin Martell	April 3
Amber Sutherland	April 4
Kaitlyn Burkett	April 13
Lauren Fanelli	May 14
Kelsey Loop	May 31
Lauren Schaefer	June 2
Schylur Edelman	June 28
Christan Schaefer	August 16
Alex Buth	August 22
Kirsten Wicks	November 2
Ellen Henry	November 8
Therese Viñal	November 26
Kristen Karlik	December 31

## Club Teams

Name	Club
Burkett	Colorado Juniors
Buth	F.A.R. Out
Edelman	Club One
Fanelli	Renaissance
Gibson	Jamba/Kern River
Henry	Cal Juniors
Karlik	Colorado United
Loop	Wichita Jets
Martell	Willowbrook
C. Schaefer	City Beach 18 Green
L. Schaefer	Vision 18 Gold
Sisco	Puget Sand
Steinhaus	Arizona Grand Canyon Juniors
Sutherland	Defiance
VenHorst	Iowa Rockets
Viñal	Yahoo!
Webster	Seattle Puma
Wicks	1st Alliance