



2008 COLORADO BUFFALO FOOTBALL

SUMMER NOTES / 13th Annual Big 12 Conference Football Media Days (July 21-23, Kansas City)

QUICKLY

The Colorado Buffaloes open their 118th season of intercollegiate football on August 31, as the Buffs will square off against in-state rival Colorado State in the Qwest Rocky Mountain Showdown at Invesco Field in Denver; kickoff is set for 5:30 p.m. and the game will be televised nationally on Fox Sports Net... It will be the 24th time over the last 25 seasons that a CU season opener will be on some kind of local, regional or national television (the lone exception came in 2006 against Montana State, though that game was webcast)... The Buffaloes and Rams will be playing for the 80th time (CU owns a healthy 58-19-2 edge), and for the ninth time at a neutral site (all in Denver: the 1998-2000 threesome were played at old Mile High Stadium, with the 2001-2003 trio and the last two years at INVESCO Field at Mile High)... This is the third time CU will open its season on a Sunday, having done so in 1990 (a 31-31 tie with Tennessee in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic) and in 2001 (a 24-22 loss to Fresno State in Boulder in the Jim Thorpe Association Classic)... Colorado enters 2008 with a 658-419-36 all-time record (a .607 winning percentage), as the Buffaloes rank 17th all-time in the NCAA in wins and 23rd in winning percentage.

WHO'S HERE Head coach **Dan Hawkins** and three senior players, **DT George Hypolite**, **C Daniel Sanders** and **FS Ryan Walters**, are representing CU at this year's Big 12 Conference Media Day. Player bios are in the media guide but are also included in this information handout. There are two SID representatives here, associate AD **David Plati** (the fool is starting his 25th year as CU's SID, couldn't get a real job) and graduate assistant-to-be **Nick Bernal** (he gets the 'ol sheepskin in December).

2007 QUICK SUMMARY

Colorado had some memorable moments in 2007, though finishing with a 6-7 record, ending a run of 22 years where the Buffaloes did not suffer back-to-back losing seasons. That's the bad news; the good news is that it is obvious to all that the team made tremendous strides under second-year head coach Dan Hawkins. The season opener was a thriller, as it took overtime to knock out in-state rival Colorado State, 31-28. The Buffs then dropped tough non-league games at Arizona State and then at home to Florida State, before prepping for conference play with a 42-0 win over Miami, Ohio. The Buffs finished third in the Big 12 North, going 4-4 in league play, and that included a 3-0 mark against the Big 12 South, as the North schools ended years of domination by the South in the season series. Two of CU's most impressive outings of the season came against those rivals, none bigger than a 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma in Boulder; the Buffs fell behind 24-7, but clawed their way back and won on a Kevin Eberhart 45-yard field goal as time ran out. A month later, CU ventured into Lubbock where it had never won in four outings but would leave with a 31-26 win over Texas Tech. CU wrapped the regular season with a 65-51 win over Nebraska, earning an Independence Bowl bid in the process against Alabama. The Crimson Tide stormed to a 27-0 lead, but once CU collected itself, it outscored 'Bama 24-3 over the last two-and-a-half quarters (limiting Alabama to 115 yards in that stretch), but fell just short in losing, 30-24. Senior inside linebacker Jordon Dizon was a consensus All-American, and finished as the runner-up for the Butkus Award, while cornerback Terrence Wheatley and defensive tackle George Hypolite joined Dizon as first-team All-Big 12 performers.

COACHING STAFF INTACT

There were no changes in CU's full-time coaching staff this off-season, as the same 10 full-time coaches will return for the 2008 season. This is the first time since the 1989 season that the full-time coaching staff remained intact, as Colorado's '88 and '89 staffs were identical. At least one change occurred in every year between 1989 and 2007, for a variety of reasons: several assistants were named head coaches, others moved on to the National Football League, in two cases there were deaths (Ben Gregory, Tom McMahon), and of course the two head coaching changes in the period provided for the most overhaul.

The only change including support personnel came in the defensive technical intern position, where long-time NFL defensive back standout **Ashley Ambrose** replaced **Donnell Leomiti**, who left to coach the secondary at CSU-Pueblo (which as resurrected its program, as the school cut football in 1985).

2008 COLORADO SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Time	2007 Record	2008 Meeting (Last)	Series	(Last 10)
Aug. 31	Colorado State (<i>in Denver</i>)	FSN	5:30 p.m.	3-9	80th (2007)	58-19-2	(6-4)
SEPT. 6	EASTERN WASHINGTON	none	1:30 p.m.	9-4	1st (.....)	0-0-0	(.....)
SEPT. 18	WEST VIRGINIA	ESPN	6:30 p.m.	11-2	1st (.....)	0-0-0	(.....)
Sept. 27	Florida State (<i>at Jacksonville</i>)	tba	TBA	7-6	3rd (2007)	0-2-0	(.....)
OCT. 4	+TEXAS (H)	tba	TBA	10-3	17th (2005)	7-9-0	(5-5)
Oct. 11	+at Kansas	tba	TBA	12-1	68th (2007)	41-23-3	(6-4)
OCT. 18	+KANSAS STATE (FW)	tba	TBA	5-7	64th (2007)	43-19-1	(4-6)
Oct. 25	+at Missouri	tba	TBA	12-2	73rd (2007)	31-38-3	(6-4)
Nov. 1	+at Texas A & M	tba	TBA	7-6	8th (2005)	5-2-0	(.....)
NOV. 8	+IOWA STATE	tba	TBA	3-9	62nd (2007)	47-14-1	(8-3)
NOV. 15	+OKLAHOMA STATE	tba	TBA	7-6	45th (2005)	26-17-1	(8-2)
Nov. 28	+at Nebraska	ABC	1:30 p.m.	5-7	67th (2007)	18-46-2	(4-6)
Dec. 6	Big 12 Championship Game	ABC	6:00 p.m.	at Kansas City, Mo. (Arrowhead)			

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

OPEN WEEKENDS: Nov. 22. *—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 2008: West Virginia (Sports USA Radio).

TENTATIVE CAMP SCHEDULE

Here is the *tentative* schedule for CU's fall camp, leading up to the first game, but expect some tweaks, especially in times; for that reason, please do not publish until the final schedule is released the first week in August and use the below for your own planning purposes. NCAA practice rules state that there can be no days where back-to-back, two-a-day padded practices are permitted; thus days with two full practices often are followed by a day with a full practice and a walkthrough session. The schedule (*times are Mountain*):

AUGUST	4—	Players Report (by 12:00 p.m.; physicals, photos, equipment, dinner, meetings)	
AUGUST	5—	Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:45 newcomers, 4:30-6:30 veterans)	
AUGUST	6—	Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:45 newcomers, 4:30-6:30 veterans)	
AUGUST	7—	Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:45 newcomers; 4:30-6:30 veterans; 8:15-9:00 walkthrough for all)	MEDIA DAY (12:00 Lunch, 12:30-1:30 Players/Assistant Coaches, 1:30 Hawkins)
AUGUST	8—	Meetings, Practice (9:45-11:45 newcomers; 4:30-6:30 veterans)	
AUGUST	9—	Meetings, Practice (4:00-6:30*)	First Day In Pads (all players now combined)
AUGUST	10—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (3:00-5:00*, 8:00-10:00p)	
AUGUST	11—	Meetings, Practice (Scrimmage 12:00-3:00*)	Scrimmage is on practice fields
AUGUST	12—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (10:15-11:45, 4:00-6:00*)	
AUGUST	13—	Meetings, Practice (10:00-12:30*)	Interviews Post-Morning Practice Only (Team Function in p.m.)
AUGUST	14—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:30-11:30*, 7:00-9:00)	
AUGUST	15—	Meetings, Practice (Walkthrough 9:30-10:30, 4:00-6:30*)	
AUGUST	16—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:30-11:30*, 4:00-5:30)	
AUGUST	17—	Meetings, Practice (Walkthrough 2:00-2:45; Scrimmage 4:00-6:30*)	Scrimmage is on practice fields
AUGUST	18—	Meetings, Practice (1:00-2:15)	No Interviews (Team unity functions in and around practice)
AUGUST	19—	Meetings, Walkthrough (10:00-11:00; no availability pre- or post)	Interviews possible prior to weightlifting (3:30-4; team unity in a.m.)
AUGUST	20—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:30-11:30*, 7:00-9:00)	
AUGUST	21—	Meetings, Practice (Walkthrough 1:30-2:30, 6:00-8:00*)	GAME WEEK PREP BEGINS
AUGUST	22—	Two-A-Day Meetings, Practices (9:30-11:30*, 4:00-6:00)	STUDENT MOVE-IN DAY & GLOBAL JAM (Players help peers from 1-2)
AUGUST	23—	Meetings, Practice (Walkthrough 10:30-11:00; Closed Scrimmage 5:30-8:00*)	PHOTO DAY (team, private); Scholarship Luncheon
AUGUST	24—	Meetings, Practice (5:00-6:00)	
AUGUST	25—	No practice (team day off)	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES (No interviews)
AUGUST	26—	Meetings (2:15), Practice (4:30-6:30*)	
AUGUST	27—	Meetings (2:15), Practice (4:15-6:15*)	HAWKINS KOA RADIO SHOW (7-8 p.m.)
AUGUST	28—	Meetings (2:15), Practice (4:15-6:15)	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON (Noon, Balch Fieldhouse)
AUGUST	29—	Meetings (2:15), Practice (3:15-5:15)	DENVER LUNCHEONS (2); PEARL STREET STAMPEDE (7:00 p.m.)
AUGUST	30—	Meetings, Walkthrough (3:00-4:00, Folsom Field)	
AUGUST	31—	FIRST GAME: CU vs. Colorado State in Denver (5:30 p.m.)	
SEPTEMBER	1—	No practice (meetings, team day off)	LABOR DAY (No Interviews)

*—practices scheduled in pads. **INTERVIEWS (Camp):** 15-minute window post-practice only (on scrimmage days, post-scrimmage only); in-season refer to credential/ interview policies. **PRACTICES:** All practices through August 17 are open to the public, as are Sunday practices in-season (5:15-6:15). All others closed to the public. **OPEN PRACTICES (MEDIA & PUBLIC):** August 5-17 (no restrictions on media video or photography, other than standard guidelines); **CLOSED PRACTICES (PUBLIC):** August 18-on (first stretch and first 2 individual drills, roughly 0:10-0:30 into practice open for **MEDIA** photography needs).

THE STORY BEHIND THE MEDIA GUIDE COVER

Look closely, as you should be able to tell that it's not artwork; CU SID staff photographer Tim Benko headed up to good ol' exit 253 off Interstate 70 west of Denver and the legendary "Buffalo Herd Overlook." The initial plan was to get some kind of stampede simulation, but they never gathered. But the large bull on the cover approached where Tim was staked out; it got to within six feet of him and thus the awesome photo. He then adds some studio magic to the photo, taken with a 39 mega pixel camera (most really good cameras are 8), to create the look. *Six feet from the buffalo, you ask?* "Well, there was a fence between me and him, right next to a sign that read, 'If you can run this field in 9.5 seconds that's good, because the bulls can do it in 10.'"

ROSTER CHANGES

There have been a few changes since the end of spring ball:

TR Riar Geer, who appealed a suspension by CU's Office of Judicial Affairs for his involvement in an off-campus incident last winter, received "a suspension in abeyance" on July 16. That is CU's strictest probationary status, and meaning the suspension (usually a semester in length) can become active if any other issues arise. He is thus eligible to participate this fall after missing all of spring practice after being suspended from all football-related activity, though he was still allowed to attend class during the appeal process.

Three players will be academically ineligible based on the first term of summer school: **WR Markques Simas**, **OT Sione Tau** and **OLB Nate Vaionounga**. Two players, both walk-ons, have decided to quit football, **DT Daniel Modrovsky** and **TE Kyle Tompane**.

There are a handful of invited walk-ons who will join the team for August camp, with a couple others to come on board the first day of school (August 25).

IT IS FOR TACKLE AS WELL AS TALL

The projected starters at offensive tackle for the Buffs this fall, through spring practice, are sophomores **Ryan Miller** and **Nate Solder**. If that should occur, they will wind up being the tallest tackle combination in CU history, but by only an inch (as of now, both could still be growing). Solder is 6-8 and Miller 6-7, which adds to 13 feet, 3 inches. A look at the tallest tackle duos in CU history:

2008 (?)	Nate Solder (6-8), Ryan Miller (6-7)
1990	Mark Vander Poel (6-8), Ariel Solomon (6-6)
1992	Derek West (6-8), Jim Hansen (6-6)
1993-1994	Derek West (6-8), Tony Berti (6-6)
1997-1999	Shane Cook (6-7), Ryan Johanningmeier (6-7)
1978	Stan Brock (6-7), Matt Miller (6-6)

GAINING EXPERIENCE BUT STILL YOUNG

The Buffaloes were young a year ago, often having seven or eight freshmen in the game at the same time on offense (often as defined by around a third of the time the second half of the season). In the lineup were redshirts **QB Cody Hawkins**, **WR Scotty McKnight** and **TE Nate Solder** along with true frosh **WR Kevin Celestine**, **TB Brian Lockridge**, **OG Kai Maiava** (who supplanted redshirt OG Wes Palazzi), **OT Ryan Miller** and **WR Josh Smith**. Fast forward to 2008, and at the end of spring, 24 of the 48 two-deep positions (including P and PK) are freshmen (10) or sophomores (14); these numbers do not include any of the incoming freshman class, either. Nationally, in a complex experience rating published by *Phil Steele's College Football*, Colorado and Boise State are tied for the third youngest teams in the nation, with Florida and Texas the only schools younger.

SUMMER INJURY UPDATE

Head trainer **Miguel Rueda** expects most of the below to be healthy come the start of fall drills with the exception of **CB Benjamin Burney**, who is planning to redshirt this fall (he may also need additional surgery) and **S Bret Smith**. The injury list:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Expected Return
S	Joel Adams	shoulder surgery	(postseason) cleaned up chronic problems	AUGUST CAMP
CB	Benjamin Burney	knee surgery	(postseason: advanced scope) cleaned up chronic problems, more surgery a possibility	OUT/2009
DE	Drew Hudgins	ruptured Achilles	rehab nearly complete, participated on limited basis	AUGUST CAMP
TB	Brian Lockridge	hernia	diagnosed last week of spring ball, had surgery April 21	AUGUST CAMP
S	Bret Smith	knee (ACL)	injured in winter conditioning, surgery March 18	MID-TO-LATE SEPTEMBER
FS	Ryan Walters	shoulder surgery	(postseason) cleaned up chronic problems	AUGUST CAMP

HIPAA: The players listed above have signed waivers for their injury information to be released/discussed with the media.

HEAD IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Highly touted freshman **TB Darrell Scott** was selected as the Big 12 Conference's Newcomer of the Year in a preseason poll of league media. When informed of the honor he said, "Wow. That's flattering, but I haven't even put on any pads yet. It's too early."

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 1898** Colorado's first home, Gamble Field, was earmarked on the CU campus. It was named in honor of six-time letterman, **Harry Gamble**.
- 1938** The 70th anniversary of CU and seven of its Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference brethren forming the Mountain States Conference, also know as the old Skyline Conference and even the Big Seven.
- 1948** The 60th anniversary of Colorado leaving the Mountain States Conference to join Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma from the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association (also known as the Big Six) in officially forming the Big Seven.
- 1958** (Nov. 22) Colorado's 15-14 loss to Colorado State in Boulder was the last game between the two in-state rivals for what would be 25 years. After a 20-14 loss to Air Force the following week to close a 6-4 season, long-time coach **Dal Ward** was fired.
- 1963** Forty-five years ago, **Eddie Crowder** was named head coach of the Buffaloes, and he would assume the athletic director position two years later. CU rose to national prominence and remained there under his tenure.
- 1978** In what would be the final season for the original Ralphie, the Buffs open 5-0, allowing 7 points in each of those games, before finishing 6-5; head coach Bill Mallory is fired at the end of the season. (Oct. 28) Colorado rallies from a 27-7 deficit at No. 13 Missouri to win, 28-27; it remains to this day the largest comeback in school history.
- 1983** (Sept. 17) Colorado and Colorado State resume their long-standing rivalry after a 25-year dormancy; in Boulder, the Buffs get the best of the Rams, 31-3.
- 1988** (Sept. 17) Colorado picks up its most significant road win of the **Bill McCartney** Era, as the Buffs rally to defeat No. 19 Iowa in Iowa City, 24-21; it's CU's first road win over a ranked team in 10 seasons and snaps a 12-game losing streak in such situations.
- 1998** (Sept. 5) Colorado and Colorado State play on a neutral field for the first time in their 70-game history; the Buffs dominate in a 42-14 win over the Rams at Mile High Stadium in Denver.
- 2003** (Sept. 13) The last game CU played ranked in the top 20, as the No. 17 Buffaloes, after opening 2-0 with wins over Colorado State and UCLA, lose big at home to Washington State, 47-20.

REMINDER: CU PHOTOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The University of Colorado Sports Information Service has an **online photo database** available for the media. This database allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality headshots of all CU coaches and student-athletes as well as action shots of key players. Registration is easy: for a login and password, simply log on to **www.CUBuffs.com**, select "Sports Information" from the "Athletic Department" menu located on the left navigation bar and follow the instructions.

HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes wrapped up their 118th season of competition having played **1,113** games with an all-time record of **658-419-36**. CU currently stands 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.607; 21st for those schools with at least 50 seasons in Division I-A). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **285-139-10** in 84 seasons on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **249-216-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

CARRYING THE TV TORCH

Colorado and Texas started carrying the torch in the 1990s when it came to scheduling regular season games against traditionally ranked opponents, games most likely to be selected for TV and making the two hits of league revenue that come with it. It's starting to get a bit better, but CU and UT still blaze the trail. Here are the counts (and records) since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (*not including bowls*): **Colorado 27** (13-13-1), Texas 23 (8-13-2), Nebraska 14 (8-6), Oklahoma 13 (6-7), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 12 (0-12), Baylor 10 (2-8), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 9 (1-8), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 6 (0-6) and Kansas State 4 (1-3).

TV LAND

Colorado has had **148** of its last **221** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (67 percent). That included 11 games in 2007, seven in 2006, 10 in 2005, nine in 2004, seven in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **111** of CU's **148** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 75 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in that time frame). In addition, CU has had **24** of its last **29** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several Buffs are ranked on some of CU's all-time statistical charts heading into the 2008 season (*Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history*):

- ⇒ **QB CODY HAWKINS** is 11th in passing yards (**2,693**), is ninth in completions (**239**), is tied for 10th in attempts (**424**), is eighth in touchdown passes (**19**) and is tied for 17th in interceptions (**15**).
- ⇒ **WR SCOTTY MCKNIGHT** is 47th in receptions (**43**) and is 63rd in receiving yards (**488**).
- ⇒ **WR JOSH SMITH** is 69th in receiving yards (**451**).
- ⇒ **WR PATRICK WILLIAMS** is 20th in receptions (**74**) and is 28th in receiving yards (**748**).

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA in 2007 (includes bowl games):

TEAM											
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
8th	68th	RUSHING OFFENSE	144.2	5th	31st	RUSHING DEFENSE	128.0	4th	38th	PUNT RETURNS	10.3
10th	54th	PASSING OFFENSE	234.3	9th	103rd	PASSING DEFENSE	261.3	5th	29th	KICKOFF RETURNS	22.8
10th	72nd	TOTAL OFFENSE	378.5	6th	64th	TOTAL DEFENSE	389.3	6th	61st	NET PUNTING	34.9
10th	62nd	SCORING OFFENSE	27.3	7th	78th	SCORING DEFENSE	29.5	8th	83rd	TURNOVER MARGIN	-0.31
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)											
Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Receiving Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm
Hugh Charles	4th	45th	88.2	Josh Smith	23rd	.....	44.6	Kevin Eberhart	5th	49th	1.23
Demetrius Sumler	23rd	.....	27.9	Scotty McKnight	27th	.....	42.7	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Terrence Wheatley	2nd	24th	0.45
Cody Hawkins	8th	44th	231.9	Matt DiLallo	5th	72nd	39.8	QB Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating	Chase McBride	4th	43rd	9.6	George Hypolite	3rd	78th	0.50
Cody Hawkins	9th	80th	119.8	Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Jordon Dizon	16th	.....	0.31
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Hugh Charles	7th	45th	24.5	Tackles For Loss	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Cody Hawkins	10th	50th	230.5	Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Jordan Dizon	10th	.....	0.85
Hugh Charles	17th	.....	88.2	Kevin Eberhart	13th	96th	6.9	George Hypolite	10th	.....	0.85
All-Purpose	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Brandon Nicolas	10th	.....	0.85
Hugh Charles	4th	26th	148.4					Tackles			
Receptions	Big 12	NCAA	No./Gm					CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match			
Scotty McKnight	24th	.....	3.6								

THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12

The Big 12 Conference has wrapped its 12th season, and the Buffaloes are tied for the second most division titles won with four, trailing only Oklahoma's six. Just seven of the schools in the conference have won a division title, with Missouri the first "newbie" to do so in six years. A closer look:

- ➔ **Big 12 Division Titles (including 2007):** Oklahoma 6, **Colorado 4**, Nebraska 4, Texas 4, Kansas State 3, Texas A & M 2, Missouri 1.
- ➔ **Big 12 Championship Game Records:** Oklahoma 5-1, Nebraska 2-2, Texas 2-2, Texas A & M 1-1, Kansas State 1-2, **Colorado 1-3**, Missouri 0-1.

CU VS. THE BIG 12 NORTH: Colorado owns the best record in intra-division competition going back to the start of the 2001 season against Big 12 North Division rivals, as the Buffaloes are **22-13**; other records: Nebraska 21-14, Kansas State 19-16, Missouri 16-19, Kansas 14-21 and Iowa State 13-22. Colorado is **13-5** at home in this stretch versus the North, the only losses to NU (2003, 2005), KSU (2006) and KU and MU (2007).

CAPITAL RETURNS

CU's success often correlates directly with if it owns a hefty margin in return yards, as was the case in the 2001, 2002 and 2004 seasons—when the Buffs won the Big 12 North. The Buffs had advantages of **854-417** (2001), **803-607** (2002) and **574-499** (2004) in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs (in 2006, the opponent had the upper hand at **390-277**, but for 2007, CU had **677** and owned a **269-yard** edge on the enemy). And the Buffs have **41** return and/or non-offensive touchdowns over the last nine seasons (37 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the seventh most in the nation for this span. The overall list through games of 2007:

School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	Bowls	Total	School	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	Bowls	Total
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	6	5	8	3	66	Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	7	3	1	6	40
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	8	7	1	59	Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	4	0	3	3	40
Texas	6	6	6	7	9	2	7	8	5	3	59	Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	2	0	0	40
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	8	3	1	1	3	57	California	6	3	1	8	1	2	4	8	5	0	38
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	3	4	7	2	53	Hawaii	0	1	7	5	3	8	0	5	9	0	38
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	6	4	5	2	45	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	3	0	3	2	3	36
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	6	3	1	3	4	41	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	1	3	0	36
Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	4	3	0	41	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	3	2	1	1	35
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	5	2	2	3	1	41	Wake Forest	1	2	2	3	6	5	3	3	10	0	35
Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	6	4	4	3	41	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	3	3	5	1	34

2007 LEADERS: Wake Forest 10, Hawai'i 9, Connecticut 8, South Florida 8, Virginia Tech 8 (+1 Bowl), Cincinnati 7, Kansas State 7, Oklahoma 7, Troy 7, Army 6, Mississippi State 6, Missouri 6, UCF 6, UCLA 6; Texas 5 (+1 Bowl), nine others with 5: Arizona State, Arkansas, California, Fresno State, Kansas, Michigan State, Oregon State, Texas, TCU, Utah State.

THE VERTICAL GAME

Dan Hawkins noted that one thing missing from CU's offense his first season in 2006 that was prevalent of his past offenses at Boise State was the vertical passing game. "By the end of the season, we'd always be up in the 70s or 80s in the number of pass plays over 20 yards," he said. He was definitely on mark with his assessment. In 2006, CU had just **35** total, **18** rushing and **17** passing, the Buffs' fewest overall 20-yard plays since 2000 (38) as well as pass plays of 20 yards or more since 2002 (23, also the last time CU had a quarterback quit the team after the season began). Colorado did have 18 rushing plays of 20 yards or more, and while not an overly large number, it was its most since 2002 and higher than nine of the totals in the 13 season snapshot below. In 2007, CU had 58 plays of 20 yards or longer (66 percent more than last season, more than doubling the pass play count). Here's a look at CU's 20-plus plays in recent memory, going back to 1994, when CU had a high of 76 plays over 20-yards, almost equal in nature (37 rush, 39 pass):

Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass	Season	Total	Rush	Pass
1994	76	37	39	1998	40	11	29	2002	58	35	23	2006	35	18	17
1995	61	11	50	1999	57	12	45	2003	47	5	42	2007	58	18	40
1996	64	12	52	2000	38	8	30	2004	48	13	35				
1997	46	9	37	2001	58	21	37	2005	54	16	38				

CONFERENCE CHARTS

On The Big 12 Road

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	31	11	.738
Oklahoma	27	15	.643
Nebraska	25	22	.532
Kansas State	25	23	.521
Texas A&M	24	24	.500
Colorado	23	25	.479
Texas Tech	20	28	.417
Oklahoma State	15	32	.319
Missouri	15	32	.319
Iowa State	11	37	.229
Kansas	10	38	.208
Baylor	2	46	.042

*Does not include neutral site games
OU-UT, '96 OSU-TTU or '98 NU-OSU
or '07 KU-MU.*

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

School	W	L	Pct.
Colorado	21	15	.583
Kansas State	20	16	.556
Nebraska	20	16	.556
Missouri	19	17	.528
Iowa State	9	27	.250
Kansas	8	28	.222

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	29	7	.806
Oklahoma	25	11	.694
Texas A&M	21	15	.583
Texas Tech	19	17	.528
Oklahoma State	17	19	.472
Baylor	8	28	.222

(does not include title games)

2007 Network TV Appearances

School	Tot	ABC	FSN	ESPN	Oth
Oklahoma	13	6	5	1	1
Texas	12	6	3	2	1
Colorado	11	2	4	4	1
Missouri	10	3	4	2	1
Texas A&M	10	3	3	3	1
Kansas	9	3	3	2	1
Oklahoma State	9	3	3	2	1
Kansas State	8	1	2	3	2
Nebraska	8	4	1	2	1
Texas Tech	8	4	1	1	2
Baylor	6	0	3	0	3
Iowa State	6	1	2	0	3

*Does not include pay-per-view; does
include other packages (TBS, ESPN, etc.).
INCLUDES BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.*

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(AP, since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	27	13	13	1	.500
Texas	23	8	13	2	.364
Nebraska	14	8	6	0	.571
Oklahoma	13	6	7	0	.462
Texas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333
Texas Tech	12	0	12	0	.000
Baylor	10	2	8	0	.200
Missouri	9	1	8	0	.111
Iowa State	9	1	8	0	.111
Kansas	6	0	6	0	.000
Oklahoma State	6	0	6	0	.000
Kansas State	4	1	3	0	.333

(regular season; does not include bowls)

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

Dan Hawkins has completed two seasons as head coach of the University of Colorado football program, seven years overall as a Division I-A head coach and 13 as a collegiate head coach. He owns an **8-17** record at Colorado, along with a **61-28** record in the Division I-A ranks (53-11 at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **100-40-1** including five years at NAIA Willamette (Ore.) College. In his final year at Willamette (1997), his team posted a 13-1 record, falling in the NAIA Championship game, before he moved on to Boise State where he was assistant head coach under Dirk Koetter, coaching the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting. When Koetter left BSU for Arizona State after the 2000 season, Hawkins was promoted to head coach. He took the Broncos to four bowl games in five years, with his 2004 team compiling an 11-0 regular season mark and ascending to No. 10 in the national polls; in the most anticipated non-BCS bowl game to date, Boise dropped a thriller to No. 7 Louisville, 44-40. In the modern history of Division I-A football, only three coaches won more games in their first five seasons than Hawkins (53: bested by Bob Pruett, Marshall; Bob Stoops, Oklahoma; and Pete Carroll, USC). **Hawk's Handiwork:**



	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Hawkins at Colorado	8-17	5- 7	2- 8	1- 2	1- 7	7-10	2- 7	6-10	0- 1
Career (NCAA I-A)	61-28	36- 9	23-16	2- 3	3-12	58-16	18-15	7-10	2- 3

- ◆ **Hawkins** has been a head coach for **141** games (100-40-1), with that record and 71.3 winning percentage 10th in the nation for active coaches with 100 or more games coached for their career.
- ◆ In 13 seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have never been shutout, had never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (which happened just three times) until his first season at Colorado and had won at least eight games seven times (10-plus four times).
- ◆ A sample of what **Hawkins** tells his players: "You're in America, you're going to college, you live in Colorado. You have it better than 90 percent of the people in the world."
- ◆ Hawkins has used the term "conflama" when referring to some people's desire for conflict and drama (i.e., the reason someone like Jerry Springer and that lot is even on the air). He references the term when people on the outside of a program choose to look at the negative without choosing to understand why something may very well be the way it is.
- ◆ Hawk on depth charts: "To be honest, we really don't pay too much attention to depth charts, we run a lot of personnel in and out of there at several positions. For example, I view the defensive line like hockey; they're playing in shifts as we want them fresh." As a result, especially on offense at receiver, tight end and in the backfield, CU utilizes different "groupings" as opposed to following a depth chart.
- ◆ Hawk on the vertical passing game: "I love the long pass. As I've come along in this game, I've learned you've got to pound it and launch it."
- ◆ Hawk's philosophy on big wins, like CU's 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma: "You enjoy it on Saturday, but come Sunday, it's in the vapor trail."
- ◆ One of his beliefs is, "Once is a mistake; twice is a behavior." He applies it to football, whether for things on or off the field, and to life.
- ◆ Hawk's response about potential for disaster after the 0-3 start in 2006: "There's always potential. When you get in your car and get out on the freeway, there's potential for disaster. I knew when I left Boise State there was potential for disaster. That doesn't scare me... there's also the potential for greatness. So you can hide behind the shadow if you want, but that's not living."
- ◆ Versus' **Ron Thulin** on Hawkins' optimism: "His glass isn't half-full, it's overflowing. He's not going to change. He said they are going to keep fighting and doing the little things everyday. I think everyone on our crew was ready to put on a football helmet after talking to this man yesterday. He is excitable and he cares." Chimed in analyst **Charles Davis**: "I was looking to get taped and get out to practice that day. If you're around him long enough you can't help but be positive."
- ◆ As with many coaches, at the end of practice, the team will run for turnovers, mistakes, missed field goals, etc. One day in 2006 after **PK Mason Crosby** missed a kick within his range, Hawk felt a little bad as he wondered to himself, "How many coaches are making their kids run for a missed 64-yard field goal?"
- ◆ **Hawkins** is one of the 60 Division I-A coaches voting in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches poll in 2007 (the seventh straight year he is a voter and the 21st straight year CU's head coach has participated).

HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST

Dan Hawkins has one of the top records among all-active Division I-A (FBS) coaches. He owns the 12th best mark and is listed among some of the top names in the profession (10th for those with 100-plus games). A closer look through games of 2007:

Coach, School	W	L	T	Pct.
Pete Carroll, USC	75	14	0	.843
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	97	22	0	.815
Urban Meyer, Florida	70	16	0	.814
Mark Richt, Georgia	72	19	0	.791
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	147	45	0	.766
Bobby Bowden, Florida State	373	119	4	.756
Joe Paterno, Penn State	372	125	3	.747
Steve Spurrier, South Carolina	163	56	2	.742
Jim Tressel, Ohio State	208	73	2	.739
Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech	108	40	0	.730
Brian Kelly, Cincinnati	148	54	2	.730
Dan Hawkins, Colorado	100	40	1	.713
Gary Patterson, TCU	62	25	0	.713

THE CLASS OF '06

In 2006, 10 programs hired new head coaches, including Colorado (with Northwestern being the 11th to do so when head coach Randy Walker passed away unexpectedly in July '06). Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" and their record through games of 2007 (*—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Chris Peterson, Boise State	23	3	.885
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin	21	5	.808
*Ron Prince, Kansas State	12	13	.480
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee	12	13	.480
*Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern	10	14	.417
Dan Hawkins, Colorado	8	17	.320
*Turner Gill, Buffalo	7	17	.292
*Chuck Long, San Diego State	7	17	.292
*Al Golden, Temple	5	19	.208
No longer with same program:			
Todd Graham, Rice	7	6	.538
Dennis Erickson, Idaho	4	8	.333

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

Category	W	L	Category	W	L	Category	W	L	Category	W	L
Overall.....	61	28	Scoring 50+ Points.....	20	0	Non-Conference.....	18	15	Sunday.....	0	1
At Colorado.....	8	17	Scoring 20+ Points.....	61	11	At Colorado.....	2	7	Monday.....	0	0
At Boise State.....	53	11	Scoring <20 Points.....	0	17	7-Point Games Or Closer...	13	12	Tuesday.....	2	0
Home.....	36	9	Ranked Teams.....	3	12	Overtime.....	2	1	Wednesday.....	1	1
Boulder.....	5	7	No. 1.....	0	0	1 OT.....	1	0	Thursday.....	1	1
Boise.....	31	2	Top 5.....	1	0	2 OT.....	1	0	Friday.....	6	2
Road.....	23	16	Top 10.....	1	3	3 OT.....	0	1	Saturday.....	51	23
At Colorado.....	2	8	Unranked Teams.....	58	16	August.....	1	0	Eastern Time Zone.....	0	3
Neutral.....	2	3	As A Ranked Team.....	16	2	September.....	15	13	Central Time Zone.....	10	11
Bowl Games.....	2	3	Conference Games.....	43	13	October.....	24	6	Mountain Time Zone.....	42	11
Day Games.....	37	19	Home.....	24	4	November.....	18	6	Pacific Time Zone.....	6	3
Night Games.....	24	9	Big 12 Games.....	6	10	December.....	3	3	Hawaii-Aleutian Time Zone	3	0
Shutouts.....	2	0	Home.....	3	4	January.....	0	0	See Trends III for more Hawk numbers		

EXPERIENCE

Colorado's 2007 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. Through 2007, the 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective **83** seasons in Division I-A and have combined to coach in **1,156** games (with a record of **679-473-4, .589**). The aggregate age of the 10 is **415** years, thus making the average age **41.5**, one of the younger staffs in the nation. Linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** is the elder statesman at 52, followed by secondary coach **Greg Brown** (50); four of the coaches are over 40, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (47), and six under, with offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** the youngest (34). Helfrich is the fourth youngest offensive coordinator in the Division I-A ranks.

OLD-TIMER

Associate head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. In his 19th season, he is now the longest tenured assistant coach in any sport at Colorado. Here are the longest in football at Colorado:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Brian Cabral 18 (1990-current); 2. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 4. Dan Stavely 15 (1958, 1963-76); 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74), Mike Hankwitz 12 (1985-94, 2004-05) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 9. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

MOST IMPROVED OFFENSES

Colorado gained 1,027 more yards on offense in 2007 than it had in 2006; it was just the third time in school history the Buffs gained over 1,000 yards more on offense than the previous season, joining the 1957 and 1999 teams that also did so in the same number of games. The '57 team gained 1,167 more yards than the '56 team, and the '99 Buffaloes picked up 1,093 on the '98 squad. Nationally, it turned out to be not all that common, as just 20 teams turned the trick this past fall. Here's a look at teams that have to date gained over 1,000 yards than they did in 2006, provided they played as many or fewer games this season as last year (*—denotes one more game in 2006 than thus far in 2007):

School	Improvement	2007	2006	School	Improvement	2007	2006	School	Improvement	2007	2006
North Texas	2,115	4,901	2,786	San Diego State	1,285	4,519	3,234	Colorado	1,027	4,524	3,497
Tulsa	2,002	7,053	5,089	*Troy	1,275	5,434	4,159	Temple	1,022	3,610	2,588
Arizona	1,589	4,623	3,034	SMU	1,233	5,067	3,834	Colorado State	1,011	4,546	3,535
Toledo	1,458	5,381	3,923	*Nevada	1,219	5,867	4,648	Mississippi	1,006	4,143	3,137
Kansas	1,404	5,893	4,489	Stanford	1,087	3,870	2,783	<i>Played one more game in 2007 than 2006:</i>			
Northwestern	1,399	5,132	3,733	La.-Lafayette	1,074	4,885	3,811	Washington	1,264	5,125	3,861
Florida Atlantic	1,389	4,957	3,568	Boston College	1,071	5,675	4,604				
Memphis	1,334	5,369	4,035	Air Force	1,059	5,027	3,968				

MOST IMPROVED TEAMS

Colorado tied for the ninth most improvement in won-lost record between the 2006 and 2007 seasons, as the Buffs were plus-3½, going from 2-10 to 6-7. Here's a look at the top teams:

School	Improvement	2007	2006	School	Improvement	2007	2006
Illinois	+6½	9-4	2-10	Memphis	+4½	7-6	2-10
Kansas	+5½	12-1	6-6	Bowling Green	+3½	8-5	4-8
UCF	+5	10-4	4-8	Colorado	+3½	6-7	2-10
Air Force	+4½	9-4	4-8	Virginia	+3½	9-4	5-7
Connecticut	+4½	9-4	4-8	Miami-Ohio	+3½	6-7	2-10
Fresno State	+4½	9-4	4-8	Arizona State	+3	10-3	7-6
Mississippi State	+4½	8-5	3-9				

➤ **Dan Hawkins** matched the most improvement between a first and second season as head coach of the Buffaloes, similar to **Bill Mallory** 33 years earlier. Both were plus-4 at the conclusion of the regular season: Mallory's first team went 5-6 in 1974 and turned in a 9-2 regular season in '75 before losing to Texas, 38-21, in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl.

TRENDS**1985-2007**

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **176-100-4**, the 21st best record nationally in this span). In these 280 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	104-18-2	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	85-17-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	52- 5-0	♦ when leading at halftime	143-18-2
♦ when leading in time of possession	116-27-3	♦ when leading after three quarters (143-12-3 in last 158)	147-14-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	106-30-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	144-20-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	68- 8-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	173-58-4
♦ when punting three or fewer times	65-13-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-40-0
♦ when scoring first	115-30-1	♦ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	14- 0-0
♦ with zero turnovers (126-46-2 with two or fewer)	33-10-2	♦ when rushing for more yards than passing	103-35-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	103-18-1	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	73-65-2
♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	89-11-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	95-19-2

TRENDS II**1989-2007**

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 20th best overall record at **148-81-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (232 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	82-30-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	78- 5-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (47-5 with 500-plus)	90-18-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	53- 2-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	99- 6-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	31- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time (53-56-1 when not)	95-25-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	34- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	93-27-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	80-38-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	54- 7-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (10-0-1 400-plus)	25-13-1
➤ when scoring first (83-20-1 the last 104 times)	94-23-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	73-65-2
➤ with zero turnovers (109-43-2 with two or fewer)	27-10-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	77-18-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	79-11-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	118-21-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	73-11-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	13- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	63-12-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	120-13-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (26-2 40+)	109-34-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	112-29-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	124-28-2		

TRENDS III**HAWKINS**

Some trends of Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **89** games including bowls (**61-28**; the Broncos were 53-11 under his guidance in five seasons):

CategoryAt CU	Overall	CategoryAt CU	Overall
➤ when scoring 20 or more points (0-17 when not)	8- 5 61-11	➤ when leading after three (8-21 trailing ,2-2 tied)	6- 2 51- 3
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	7- 1 54- 3	➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	4- 4 36- 6
➤ when scoring 40 or more points	3- 0 38- 2	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense	2- 5 26- 5
➤ when scoring 50 or more points	1- 0 20- 0	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	5- 1 37- 1
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	3- 3 32- 3	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (7-0 300-plus)	3- 1 25- 1
➤ in games decided by 7 points or less	3- 7 13-12	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	5- 6 23- 7
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (10-2 with zero)	6-12 44-20	➤ with a 100-yard rusher	6- 3 33- 3
➤ when turnover margin was plus or even	6-10 45-17	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	3- 0 28- 0
➤ when scoring first (18-16 when not)	7- 9 43-12	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (44-2 last 46)	4- 2 48- 4
➤ when leading at halftime	6- 4 49- 7	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (6-0 with 600-plus)	2- 0 25- 1
➤ when trailing at halftime (4-0 when tied)	2-12 8-20		

TURNOVERS ARE INDEED COSTLY

Dan Hawkins falls in line with most, if not all, head coaches when it comes to turnovers, and that they are one of the single most important factors in winning or losing ball games. He has penalties and rewards daily in the practice dependent on the number of turnovers committed or forced. Gary Barnett drilled home to his teams the importance of taking care of the football, which he learned from the legendary Bill McCartney. Statistics back up the argument, as the below will show that it is definitely better to take than to give over the last 19 seasons, in which CU owns the nation's 20th best overall record:

	Turnovers Committed	Turnovers Forced	+/-	Scoring Off Turnovers PF	PA	+/-
148 WINS	247	376	+129	1,257	490	+767
HAWKINS ERA (8 WINS)	12	19	+ 7	59	34	+ 25
81 LOSSES (& 4 TIES)	208	139	- 69	322	683	-361
HAWKINS ERA (17 LOSSES)	31	28	- 3	60	101	- 41
19-SEASON TOTALS (233 Games)	455	515	+60	1,579	1,173	+404
HAWKINS ERA (25 Games)	43	47	+ 4	119	135	- 16

21ST BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989

Colorado has the nation's 21st best record over the last 19 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **148-81-4** record. From opening 1-0 in '89, through the 10th game of the 2005 season, the Buffs owned one of the top 10 overall records in the nation (**247 consecutive weeks**); that was snapped with a loss to Nebraska late in 2005. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through all games of 2007:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2007
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida State	238	188	49	1	.792	99	67-31-1	7-6
2	Miami, Fla.	230	179	51	0	.778	88	51-37-0	5-7
3	Nebraska	237	182	54	1	.770	71	36-34-1	5-7
4	Ohio State	236	180	53	3	.769	95	54-38-3	11-2
5	Florida	239	183	55	1	.768	105	59-45-1	9-4
6	Tennessee	237	180	54	3	.766	92	51-38-3	10-4
7	Michigan	233	175	55	3	.758	98	59-37-2	9-4
8	Texas	233	164	67	2	.708	78	37-39-2	10-3
9	Virginia Tech	232	162	68	2	.703	64	30-33-1	11-3
10	Auburn	229	157	69	3	.692	76	33-42-1	9-4
11	Penn State	232	160	71	1	.692	85	40-45-0	8-4
12	Georgia	230	158	71	1	.689	84	36-47-1	11-2
13	Oklahoma	233	158	72	3	.685	75	34-40-1	11-3
14	Southern Cal	234	158	72	4	.684	86	46-39-1	11-2
15	Texas A & M	233	155	76	2	.670	74	29-44-1	7-6
16	Notre Dame	231	153	76	2	.667	88	40-46-2	3-9
17	Alabama	234	154	79	1	.660	82	36-45-1	7-6
18	Brigham Young	238	156	80	2	.660	38	11-26-1	11-2
19	Toledo	222	143	76	3	.651	10	5- 5-0	5-7
20	Kansas State	230	148	81	1	.646	57	19-37-1	5-7
21	COLORADO	233	148	81	4	.644	95	41-52-2	6-7

41 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS EIGHTH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 41 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season is the eighth most in the nation in this time frame (19 seasons). Florida State has the most with 67, followed by Florida (59), Michigan (59), Ohio State (54), Miami, Fla., and Tennessee (51), Southern Cal (46), **Colorado (41)** and Notre Dame and Penn State (both with 40). Next up is Texas (47), then Alabama and Nebraska (36); as for the Big 12, after CU, UT and NU, the next schools on this list are Oklahoma (34), Texas A&M (29) and Texas Tech (19). All-time, Colorado's 64 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history. (*AP polls used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

- Colorado had dropped **14** straight games against ranked opponents until the 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma. CU's previous last win against a ranked team came in 2003, when the Buffs toppled No. 22 Missouri in Boulder, 21-16. CU has lost eight straight road games against ranked opponents, with the last win at UCLA 31-17 in 2002.

GRADUATION STAT(US)

Fourteen of CU's 17 seniors on the 2007 roster graduated by May 2008: **PK Kevin Eberhart** (Aerospace Engineering) and **TE Joe Sanders** (Ethnic Studies) graduated in May '07, with four earning their degrees in December: **TE Tyson DeVree** (Education), **OT Edwin Harrison** (Communication), **OT Tyler Polumbus** (Business Management), **WR Dusty Sprague** (Business Management). Eight more earned degrees in May '08: **DE Alonzo Barrett** (Sociology), **TB Hugh Charles** (Sociology), **ILB Jordon Dizon** (Economics), **TB Byron Ellis** (Integrative Physiology), **SS Lionel Harris** (Sociology), **FB Samson Jagoras** (Integrative Physiology), **WR Chase McBride** (Geography) and **WR Stephone Robinson** (double in Business Management & Sociology); and in addition, Eberhart earned his master's in Aerospace Engineering. **CB Terrence Wheatley** (Economics), **WR Alvin Barnett** (Ethnic Studies) and **QB Bernard Jackson** (Ethnic Studies) are candidates for next summer; Wheatley is very close, but took the semester off to train for the draft.

► **NOTE:** Over the last six years (2002-07), CU has had **110** of its **128** seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 85.9 percent (with six of the 18 non-grads still in school and looking to graduate within the next year, while four are in the NFL). NCAA numbers will not match these (it doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate, i.e., Wayne Lucier ('02), WR Mike Duren ('04) and DeVree, Jagoras and McBride in '07, but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. It's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially at tougher academic schools like Colorado.

ROAD-SWEET-ROAD: BUFFS 12TH BEST IN ENEMY STADIUMS SINCE '88

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 20 seasons. CU has been victorious 59 of the last 98 times in enemy stadiums with a **59-38-1** overall road record (a 60.7 winning percentage) since the start of the 1988 season. That stands 12th nationally (ninth in raw wins) and third among Big 12 Conference teams in this span; only 11 schools have won 60 percent of their away games in this time frame. During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games between 1994 and 1996. The Buffaloes own a **48-26-1** mark in their last 74 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—six losses at Nebraska, three at Kansas State, two at Iowa State, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **23-25** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (**2-2** in 2007). The chart to the right does not include neutral site games, despite some being anything but (i.e., Colorado vs. Texas at Irving for the '01 Big 12 title.)

ON THE ROAD (1988-2007)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	103	75	28	0	.728
Tennessee	93	66	25	2	.720
Florida State	96	68	28	0	.708
Michigan	96	67	26	3	.714
Ohio State	94	66	26	2	.713
Nebraska	97	63	31	3	.665
Florida	81	53	27	1	.660
Notre Dame	94	60	32	2	.649
Texas	96	61	35	0	.635
Southern Cal	109	68	39	2	.633
Alabama	92	56	36	0	.609
COLORADO	98	59	38	1	.607

SPRING GAME ATTENDANCE

It started in February when former CU head coach **Bill McCartney** challenged the 1,500-plus in attendance at CU's annual recruiting luncheon in Denver (Feb. 7) to help fill Folsom Field for the spring game. While filling Folsom didn't happen, the 17,800 in attendance did set a spring record. CU has now had 10,000 or more fans four times attend its final spring scrimmage/game, with the previous best prior to this year of 13,642 in 1989 when many came out to honor **Sal Aunese**, the CU quarterback stricken with stomach cancer the previous month. The next two games drew 11,336 and 10,382 respectively. The national average worked to **12,996**; take out the top 10 and the bottom 10, the 88 in the middle averaged **9,589**. Forty-two schools drew 10,000-plus, with 66 under that figure, and the median number 6,000. CU's crowd ranked 26th in the nation, as just over 1.4 million fans turned out to watch football in the spring. Below are the top five CU spring game crowds in the school's history (#—first team Varsity and Alumni were on the same team and wore black jerseys):

Year	Score	Attendance	Notes
2008	Black 28, Gold 17	17,800	A record crowd come out in answer to coaches Hawk and Mac's challenge to fill Folsom
1989	#White 38, Black 35	13,642	A then-record crowd for the spring game showed up to honor Sal Aunese, who fighting stomach cancer
1990	#White 27, Black 25	11,336	Coming of an 11-1 season, CU was in everyone's top five entering 1990
1991	#Black 21, White 17	10,382	Fans braved 49 degree weather with 17 mph winds and saw the late John Zisch ('48) score on a 53 yard run
1992	#Black 44, White 7	9,617	Perfect weather (61 degrees, sunny) come out after CU signs its top recruiting class in history

In Hawk's first two years, the spring game has attracted 6,400 (2006, cloudy skies, temperature in the low 50s, very windy) and **5,800** last year (perfect weather, 60 degrees, clear skies, just a bit windy at times).

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2007

- 0:00** The amount of time CU led against Oklahoma, as the Buffs won on the final play of the game.
- 1-4** Colorado's record against the North Division, opening 0-4 for the first time against North foes.
- 3-0** Colorado's record against the South Division, its first undefeated run against the division since 1998.
- 3** The number of seasons **TB Hugh Charles** led CU in rushing, just the seventh player to do so in school history.
- 3 & 115** The number of points and yards CU held Alabama to in the final 35 minutes after falling behind 27-0 in the Independence Bowl.
- 16** The number of tackles **FS Ryan Walters** had in the season opener, the third highest total in school history that did not lead the team in a game.
- 22-13** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 22-13.
- 22** The number of tackles in 83 defensive plays by **ILB Jordan Dizon** against Colorado State, the most tackles by a Buff defender in 10 seasons.
- 23** The number of tackles Dizon had against CSU when adding in one he had on special teams.
- 25** The number of years in-between CU players intercepting three passes in a game (Terrence Wheatley 2007, Victor Scott 1982).
- 28** Colorado made its 28th bowl appearance when it took the field against Alabama in the PetroSun Independence Bowl.
- 31.3** The number of points below its average coming in (50.3) that the Buffs held Kansas to on the scoreboard.
- 34.4** The completion percentage for Miami-Ohio (11-of-32), the first CU opponent to complete less than 40 percent of its passes in 39 games.
- 45.0** Terrence Wheatley's kickoff return average for three returns against Colorado State.
- 53.3** The school record for average kickoff return for a single game (minimum 3), set by Walter Stanley versus Oklahoma in 1980.
- 62** The number of punt return yards Colorado had in the 2007 season opener against Colorado State (1 over half of the total—123—CU had in '06).
- 65** The number of points Colorado scored against Nebraska, bringing the total scored on Nov. 23 this decade against the Huskers to **127**.
- 66** The number of combined yards **WR Patrick Williams** gained on the first plays of the year for 2005 and 2006 (42 on a reception against Montana State in 2006, 24 on a reverse against CSU in 2007; both are CU records for the longest gains on the first play of the year for both disciplines).
- 92** The number of consecutive PAT kicks made by Buff kickers until a miss in the Nebraska game (second longest streak in CU history; record: 111).
- 100** Dan Hawkins picked up his 100th career victory as a college coach with the 65-51 win over Nebraska.
- 106** The number of receiving yards by **WR Scotty McKnight** against Colorado State, the most ever by any CU player in his first career game.
- 112** The number of points scored by Colorado in games 4 through 6, the most in a three-game span since 2002.
- 171** The number of rushing yards by **TB Hugh Charles** against Kansas State, a career-high and the most by a Buff since 2004.
- 235** Colorado has scored in 235 consecutive games, the fifth longest active streak in the nation (and the 11th longest of all-time).
- 291** The number of receiving yards by **WR Scotty McKnight** in the first four games in 2007, which was 30 more than CU's 2006 leader (Riar Geer).
- 327** The number of all-purpose yards by **TB Hugh Charles** against Nebraska, sixth most in school history (169 rush, 33 receiving 125 return).
- 720** The number of days between field goal attempts in a game for senior **PK Kevin Eberhart** (last was Sept. 10, 2005 before this year's opener).
- 1027** The number of additional yards in the regular season on offense CU gained in 2007 as compared to 2006 (just one of 20 teams to do so).

IN THE POLLS

Colorado was not ranked in the final regular season *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* polls of 2007 and was last ranked in 2005, when the Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the November 6 coaches' ballot (No. 22 in the AP and Harris Interactive), but dropped out after a Nov. 12 loss at Iowa State. CU was ranked three times in 2005, reaching No. 18 in the BCS Standings at one point (Nov. 6) and had returned to the polls after a 25-month hiatus on October 9. Dating back to the 1989 preseason, CU has been ranked in **185** of the last **310** polls (*AP*; 60%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). CU has been ranked **292** times in its history, the 21st most all-time. Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (95), trailing Florida (105), Florida State (99) and Michigan (98).

3-0 VERSUS THE SOUTH

Un 2007, the Buffaloes had a season-sweep against the South Division, the third time CU has done so, as well as the eighth time in 12 years that CU won the season series with the South schools. Colorado is 21-15 all-time against the South in the regular season, the best mark of any North Division team. The Buffs also have won the season series against the South in 1996 (3-0), 1998 (3-0), 1999 (2-1), 2000 (2-1), 2001 (2-1), 2002 (2-1) and 2005 (2-1). Seems some had forgotten that the North was the dominant division in this league at the on-set, and these things are in fact cyclical; thanks to CU and Kansas (which also went 3-0), the North won the season series over the South by two games (10-8), its first claim on inter-division play since 2001.

SCORING STREAKS

The Buffs have scored in a school record **235** consecutive games, last being shutout on November 12, 1988 by Nebraska in Lincoln (7-0). CU has scored in **124** straight games at home (last shutout: a 28-0 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 15, 1986 in a game where the Sooners did not *attempt* a single pass). The Buffs have scored in **92** consecutive road games (**120** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **150** straight league games (all **100** in Big 12 play, including the four title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **125** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at Folsom Field over the course of the last **263** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **466** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only four schools have administered them: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through 2007): Colorado 235**, Nebraska 151, Kansas State 140, Texas Tech 130, Oklahoma 121, Kansas 63, Missouri 63, Iowa State 51, Texas A&M 51, Texas 46, Oklahoma State 33, Baylor 11. CU is the last team to shutout both Kansas State (12-0 in 1996) and Oklahoma State (34-0 in 2005).

SCORING STREAKS II

The school record **235** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **fourth** longest active streak in the nation. Since the start of the 1993 season, just six Division I-A/FBS schools have scored in every game. The list, through all games of the 2007 season:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	288	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Colorado	235	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Washington State	273	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	TCU	190	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Florida	243	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)	Air Force	181	#—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)

235 AND COUNTING

Colorado's **235**-game scoring streak is now the ninth longest in Division I-A college history; of the top 16 all-time, nine were started in the 1980s while the other five began in the 1970s. Here's that list: (*—329 games including I-AA games prior to joining I-A in 1992):

School	Streak	Dates	Ended By	School	Streak	Dates	Ended By
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Colorado	235	11/19/1988 - present	.....
Michigan	288	10/27/1984 - present	.....	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Florida State	232	9/10/1988 - 11/11/2006	Wake Forest
Washington State	273	10/22/1984 - present	.....	Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/1995	Colorado State
Washington	272	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
Oregon	267	10/05/1985 - 11/15/2007	UCLA	Virginia	195	9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000	Georgia Tech
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	TCU	190	11/23/1991 - present	.....
Florida	243	11/05/1988 - present	.....	*Nevada	187	9/05/1992 - 12/01/2007	New Mexico

ANATOMY OF THE SCORING STREAK

Colorado has more often than not extended its scoring streak rather quickly. In the **235**-game run, CU has scored on its first possession **94** times, plus another three occasions where it scored on returns on its first touch of the game. The Buffs have scored in the first quarter **163** times during the streak, and had it extended by halftime **213** times. A closer look (*—includes score on a kickoff return to start the 1998 Aloha Bowl; an interception return prior to the first offensive possession in the 2002 Alamo Bowl; and an interception return for a score on the first touch against Arizona State in 2007):

Season	Games	Scored On/In:				Points Scored-----		
		1st Poss.	10	20	30	40	Wins	Losses
1988	2	2	2	0	0	0	73	—
1989	12	7	9	2	1	0	452	6
1990	13	4	8	3	1	1	346	22
1991	12	3	7	5	0	0	250	60
1992	12	3	6	4	2	0	287	29
1993	12	4	9	3	0	0	269	83
1994	12	7	11	0	1	0	432	7
1995	12	2	9	3	0	0	399	45
1996	12	5	9	3	0	0	327	25
1997	11	4	7	3	1	0	183	117
1998	12	3*	9	2	0	1	248	54

Season	Games	Scored On/In:				Points Scored-----		
		1st Poss.	10	20	30	40	Wins	Losses
1999	12	4	6	3	1	2	313	92
2000	11	3	6	4	1	0	91	161
2001	13	7	10	3	0	0	367	45
2002	14	8*	10	1	2	1	335	63
2003	12	5	9	3	0	0	173	146
2004	13	3	11	0	1	1	245	59
2005	13	5	7	5	0	1	253	52
2006	12	7	10	0	1	1	63	133
2007	13	6*	8	3	1	1	239	92
Totals	235	97	163	50	13	9	5345	1315

Colorado has a **150-81-4** record during the scoring streak, averaging **35.6** points in the wins and **16.2** points in the losses (and 23.5 the four tied games). The Buffs have had only nine occasions where they were delayed extending the streak in the fourth quarter.

SCORING DUEL JUST 25 MILES APART

Colorado has scored in **235** straight games dating back to 1988; down the road, the NFL **Denver Broncos** have scored in **245** consecutive contests, the longest active streak in the professional ranks, one which dates back to 1992. Their fiercest rivals inflicted the last shutouts of each: Nebraska and the Raiders (then in L.A.). Combined, the pair has scored in **480** straight games. Many traits are eerily similar; the Broncos have extended it on their first possession **96** times, in the first quarter **161** times and by halftime on **233** occasions, although have had to wait to extend it in the fourth quarter just twice.

➤ And if you add in **Air Force's** streak of **181** games, the Front Range trio has a **661**-game streak going among them through games of the 2007 season.

CHART-MANIA

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the 23 football seasons between 1985 through 2007 (*includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 23 seasons*):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2007)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Miami, Fla.	223	55	0	.802
2	Florida State	226	58	2	.794
3	Nebraska	223	63	1	.779
4	Michigan	214	64	5	.765
5	Tennessee	211	68	6	.751
6	Ohio State	209	69	5	.747
7	Florida	211	72	2	.744
8	Oklahoma	200	78	3	.717
9	Auburn	194	78	5	.709
10	Penn State	196	82	1	.704
11	Georgia	191	85	3	.690
12	Texas A & M	191	88	2	.683
13	Texas	188	89	2	.677
14	Southern California	189	89	5	.677
15	Alabama	190	92	2	.673
16	Brigham Young	193	97	2	.664
17	Notre Dame	183	92	2	.664
18	Virginia Tech	182	92	3	.662
19	Fresno State	180	98	3	.646
20	Clemson	176	97	3	.643
20	LSU	176	97	3	.643
22	Colorado	176	100	4	.636
23	West Virginia	169	100	4	.626
24	Oregon	166	105	0	.613
25	Virginia	169	107	1	.613
26	UCLA	165	105	3	.610
27	Air Force	170	109	1	.609
28	Washington	162	108	3	.599
29	Syracuse	162	108	4	.599
30	Southern Miss	159	107	1	.597
31	Utah	159	111	0	.589
32	Arizona State	155	112	3	.580
33	Iowa	152	110	5	.579
34	Kansas State	151	121	2	.555
35	North Carolina State	150	121	4	.553

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2007)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	188	49	1	.792
2	Miami, Fla.	179	51	0	.778
3	Nebraska	182	54	1	.770
4	Ohio State	180	53	3	.769
5	Florida	183	55	1	.768
6	Tennessee	180	54	3	.766
7	Michigan	175	55	3	.758
8	Texas	164	67	2	.708
9	Virginia Tech	162	68	2	.703
10	Auburn	157	69	3	.692
11	Penn State	160	71	1	.692
12	Georgia	158	71	1	.689
13	Oklahoma	158	72	3	.685
14	Southern California	158	72	4	.684
15	Texas A & M	155	76	2	.670
16	Notre Dame	153	76	2	.667
17	Alabama	154	79	1	.660
18	Brigham Young	156	80	2	.660
19	Toledo	143	76	3	.651
20	Kansas State	148	81	1	.646
21	Colorado	148	81	4	.644
22	Oregon	144	84	0	.632
23	West Virginia	141	83	3	.628
24	Virginia	145	86	1	.627
25	Clemson	142	85	1	.625
26	Fresno State	144	89	2	.617
27	Wisconsin	141	87	4	.616
28	LSU	140	87	1	.616
29	Air Force	138	92	1	.600
30	Washington	134	91	1	.595
31	Southern Miss	131	91	1	.590
32	Georgia Tech	134	94	1	.587
33	Miami, Ohio	124	89	6	.580
34	Syracuse	128	95	3	.573
35	UCLA	128	96	1	.571
36	Colorado State	130	98	1	.570

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2007)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	119	30	0	.799
2	Michigan (Big Ten)	119	31	2	.789
3	Ohio State (Big Ten)	114	35	3	.760
4	BYU (WAC/MWC)	110	35	1	.757
5	Tennessee (SEC)	112	36	1	.755
6	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	108	36	1	.748
7	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	109	39	0	.736
8	Toledo (MAC)	103	44	0	.701
9	Southern Cal (Pac-10)	102	48	3	.676
10	Oklahoma (Big 8/12)	96	47	2	.669
11	Colorado (Big 8/12)	95	47	3	.666
12	Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12)	97	49	2	.658
13	Miami, Ohio (MAC)	97	51	4	.651
14	Auburn (SEC)	93	53	3	.634
15	Alabama (SEC)	92	57	0	.617
16	Colorado State (WAC/MWC)	88	56	0	.611

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (19-14-1)

Year	Opponent	Result	Year	Opponent	Result
1987	Nebraska	L 7-24	2002	Kansas State	W 35-31
1988	Oklahoma	L 14-17		Baylor	W 34- 0
1990	Iowa State	W 28-12		Texas Tech	W 37-13
1991	Missouri	W 55- 7		Iowa State	W 41-27
1992	Oklahoma	T 24-24		b —Oklahoma	L 7-29
1993	Nebraska	L 17-21	2003	Oklahoma	L 20-34
1994	Oklahoma State	W 17- 3		Nebraska	L 22-31
1995	Missouri	W 21- 0	2004	Colorado State	W 27-24
	a —Oregon	W 38- 6		Texas	L 7-31
1996	Texas	W 28-24		Kansas State	W 38-31
	Kansas State	W 12- 0	2005	Nebraska	L 3-30
1997	Kansas	W 42- 6	2006	Texas Tech	W 30- 6
	Missouri	L 31-41		Kansas State	L 21-34
1998	Kansas State	L 9-16		Iowa State	W 33-16
1999	Nebraska (OT)	L 30-33	2007	c —Colorado St. (OT)	W 31-28
2000	Iowa State	L 27-35		Florida State	L 6-16
2001	Nebraska	W 62-36		Nebraska	W 65-51

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

Note: The above includes records for only those schools that have been members of conferences (or Div. I-A) since **1989** and does not include league championship games.

PARTICIPATING PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

GEORGE HYPOLITE, DT

(#86), 6-1, 290, Sr., 3L, Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—Colorado's starting defensive tackle. He is on the official watch lists for five major awards that honor defensive players: the Lombardi Award (one of 54 preseason candidates); the Ronnie Lott Award (one of 42); the Chuck Bednarik Award (one of 75); Bronko Nagurski Award (one of 88); and the Outland Trophy (one of 70). A second-team preseason All-America choice by the *Sporting News*, *Lindy's Big 12 Football* and Nationalchamps.net, while *Athlon* named him to its third-team; he is also one of 47 defensive tackles on the Football Writer's Association of America preseason All-America checklist. *Lindy's* ranked him as the No. 4 DT in the nation, while *Phil Steele's College Football* tabbed him at No. 10. A unanimous choice for preseason first-team All-Big 12 honors across the board, including by *USA Today* and in the Big 12 Media summer poll.

2007 (Jr.)—He played in all 13 games, starting 12 including the Independence Bowl (all but the Nebraska game, when he was hampered a bit by a hamstring injury along with CU opening in a nickel defense). He earned first-team All-Big 12 Conference honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches, and picked up a very prestigious honor when he was one of 11 members named to the 2007 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team for his community service work. He was selected by the team's beat media for the Best Interview Award. In 684 snaps from scrimmage, he racked up 44 tackles (34 solo), the most by a lineman, and tied for the team lead with 11 tackles for loss. He had a team-best six quarterback sacks (8.5 for his career), the most sacks by a defensive tackle since 2002, when Tyler Brayton wrapped up his senior season with seven. He was third in the Big 12 and 77th nationally in sacks (0.5 per game), and he also tied for seventh in the Big 12 in tackles for loss. He also had seven hurries, six tackles for zero, five third down stops, an interception (the first of his career, it set up CU's touchdown against Missouri), a pass deflection and a near sack. The coaches selected him as the lineman of the week for the Colorado State game, when he had six tackles, three for losses including two sacks, and he was the CU Male Athlete of the Week for the Florida State game, when he had 10 tackles (8 solo), three behind the line, and a pair of third down stops. He also had eight tackles, seven solo, at Iowa State, yet another game where he had three tackles for loss. In the bowl game against Alabama, he had five tackles (two solo), with one for a loss and a quarterback hurry.

2006 (Soph.)—He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors by the league coaches, and was also an honorable mention All-Colorado performer as selected by the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation. He played in all 12 games, including eight starts at defensive tackle, and was in for 601 snaps from scrimmage. He had 50 tackles (31 solo), with his 13 tackles for loss the second most on the team; his two-and-a-half quarterback sacks tied for the third most. He also had seven hurries, four third down stops, two fumble recoveries, one caused, and three passes broken up. He was named CU's Athlete-of-the-Week for his efforts in the 14-13 setback at Georgia, when he had four tackles, three for losses including two quarterback sacks, a forced fumble and a recovery. Other top games include an overtime loss to Baylor, when he recorded a season- and career-high nine tackles (six solo), with three for losses, a pressure and a pass deflection. He also had six tackles against Missouri, and five tackles three other times, including the Oklahoma game, when three of the quintet were behind the line of scrimmage. He added 15 pounds to his frame between when he arrived on the Boulder campus and the start of his sophomore season.

2005 (Fr.)—He saw action in 12 games including the Champs Sports Bowl (no starts), playing for the first time against New Mexico State in the second game of the year. He saw most of his action at tackle, but he did play some at end, especially around midseason when the position was hit hard by injury. In playing 203 snaps from scrimmage, he was in on 10 tackles (five solo), with one for a loss; he also registered three third down stops, three quarterback hurries and a chasedown (near sack). He had two tackles against Missouri (both solo) and Iowa State (both assists), with a single stop in six other games. The coaching staff never considered redshirting him after the first impressions he made at the start of fall camp.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned *SuperPrep* All-Far West honors, ranked No. 96 overall in California, while *PrepStar* named him to its preseason All-West team, ranking him as one of the two top fullbacks in the west. Scout.com listed him as a member of its West Hot 100 list, ranking him No. 34 overall and as the fourth running back. He was a first-team all-Sierra League performer at defensive end. He also earned all-league honors as a junior (at fullback), when he also was named to the all-state Underclass team; it was the first year he played any organized football. As a senior, he started at both fullback and defensive end: he rushed 36 times for 520 yards and five touchdowns, also catching 12 passes for about 200 yards on offense; defensively, he was in on 45 tackles (25 solo), with 10 for losses including six quarterback sacks, along with 35 hurries, two forced fumbles and one recovery. As a junior, he played solely at fullback, carrying the ball 121 times for 669 yards and five touchdowns with seven receptions for close to 100 yards and two more scores. He had two 100-yard games in his career, as well as seven runs of 50 yards or longer. Top career games: in a 21-14 win over Long Beach Poly in the CIF title game his junior year, he rushed 10 times for 89 yards and several first downs, in addition to having one of his best blocking games of his career; also in a win over Esperanza that same season, he had six rushes for 102 yards and two scores; and in a 28-14 playoff win over Edison as a senior, he had nine rushes for 115 yards, including the long run of his career of 78 yards for a touchdown. Loyola was 11-3 his junior season, winning the Sierra League title as well as the CIF Division I championship, and was 9-3 his senior year, also claiming the league crown in reaching the state quarterfinals under coach Steve Grady. He lettered three times in basketball (F) and was a member of two CIF Division 1-A championship teams.

ACADEMICS—He is pursuing a double major in Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies at Colorado; he was on schedule to graduate in three years (May 2008) thanks to full semester course loads and almost three dozen summer school hours but decided to go for two majors instead of one. He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 team honors as a sophomore and picked up first-team honors as a junior for 2007. He earned a "free spirit" scholarship he utilized at Loyola, awarded to a student who embodies free spirit in academics. He owned a 3.28 grade point average in high school.

PERSONAL—Born August 1, 1987 in Los Angeles. Hobbies include working out, playing basketball and woodworking. He has been very active in community relations, as he logged between 300-400 hours the two straight summers preparing food for homebound AIDS patients, and worked extensively at a Los Angeles area shelter for battered women. He is very active with CU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), he worked this past summer in CU's sales and marketing office, helping sell season football tickets. He was also Colorado's 2007 nominee for the AFCA Good Works team. (*Last name is pronounced hip-pub-light.*)

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	— TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2005	11	203	5	5	— 10	1- 1	0- 0	3	3	0	0	1	0
2006	12	601	31	19	— 50	13-44	2½-18	4	7	2	1	3	0
2007	12	684	34	10	— 44	11-53	6-42	5	7	0	0	1	1
Totals	35	1488	70	34	— 104	25-98	8½-60	12	17	2	1	5	1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 1-6, 6.0 avg. (2007).

PARTICIPATING PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES, CONTINUED

DANIEL SANDERS, C*(#75), 6-3, 315, Sr., 3L, Vista, Calif. (El Camino)*

AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—Entrenched as CU's starting center, he is expected to contend for All-Big 12 honors as well as national accolades. He is once again on the Dave Rimington Award official watch list, as he is one of 42 preseason candidates vying for the nation's top center honor. *Phil Steele's College Football* selected him to its preseason fourth-team All-Big 12 squad, and ranked him as the No. 27 center in the nation. He has bulked up some 15 pounds over his playing weight as a junior (310) but will likely play this fall in the 315-320 range.

2007 (Jr.)—He started all 13 games including the Independence Bowl at center, playing 883 snaps in the regular season—all but 10 of the team's 893 total—and all 68 in the bowl game against Alabama. He led the team in knockdown blocks with 88.5 and tied for the team lead with five touchdown blocks; he did not allow a quarterback sack, allowed only five pressures and was called for just two penalties in grading out to 80 percent or higher eight times in 12 games. He peaked at 90 percent or higher three times, including a top game grade of 91 percent at Iowa State. His 14.5 knockdown blocks at Texas Tech were a team single-season high, and he had 10 or more three times. The only 10 snaps he did not play came late in the blowout win over Miami, otherwise he was in for every play during the conference season. The coaches tabbed him as the Offensive Player of the Week for the Miami game and the Lineman of the Week for the Baylor game. He was one of 54 players on the official watch list for the Dave Rimington Award, which honors the nation's top center.

2006 (Soph.)—He started 11 games, missing the season opener with Montana State due to a hamstring injury. He played all but six snaps the remainder of the year after the opener, as he was in for 655 on the season, the third most on the team. He allowed the fewest sacks (1) and pressures (3) of all the offensive linemen. He added another 37 snaps on CU's field goal/PAT unit. He bulked up some 20 pounds over his playing weight of 285-290 as a redshirt frosh.

2005 (Fr.-RS)—He played in 10 games, including four starts, missing two games with a partially torn hamstring in the middle of the year (Texas, Kansas). He also missed the Champs Sports Bowl against Clemson due to a severe knee sprain he suffered December 16 in bowl practices; the same injury hampered him a bit late in the year but he played through it. *The Sporting News* selected him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team. He played in nine games on offense, seeing action for 420 snaps, along with another 46 snaps on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams. He graded out to 2.49 for the season on a 0-4 point per play scale, with a high game grade of 2.74 versus Missouri. In getting his feet wet so-to-speak collegiately, he had two knockdown blocks, two touchdown blocks (tying for the team lead), he allowed five pressures and three sacks and was called for one penalty.

2004 (Fr.)—Redshirted; he did not see any action but practiced as an offensive lineman the entire fall. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Texas A&M game as selected by the coaching staff.

HIGH SCHOOL—A three-year letterman, he played all three positions on the offensive line during his prep career. He played both guard and center as a senior, when he led his team with 112 pancake blocks, as well as in cut blocks and big hits by an offensive lineman. He did not allow a quarterback sack, and the only penalty he was called for was an illegal procedure for rolling the ball over to grab the laces to snap it. As a junior, he played tackle in starting the five games he played in, but he missed seven others with a broken bone in his foot. He played guard as a sophomore, ascending into the starting lineup for the last three games of the year. Top games his senior year came in a 31-24 win over Valley Center, when he had 15 pancakes and three touchdown blocks in helping his team rush for 430 yards, and in a 29-28 loss to Carlsbad, when he switched off between center and guard the entire game in piling up 14 pancakes. El Camino was 3-7 his senior year, 6-6 his junior season and 7-4 his sophomore campaign under coach Herb Meyer. He lettered four times in track, participating in throws (career best of 50-1 in the shot put and 130-0 in the discus). He was seventh in the CIF meet in the shot put as a junior.

ACADEMICS—He graduated with his degree in Ethnic Studies in May 2008. A two-time member of the *San Diego Union-Tribune* All-Academic team as a junior and senior as well as a consistent member of the honor roll in high school with a 3.21 grade point average.

PERSONAL—He was born February 3, 1986 in Oceanside, Calif. Hobbies include playing basketball, working out and going to the beach. A cousin (Kurt Rubin) played football at Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo.

PARTICIPATING PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES, CONTINUED

RYAN WALTERS, FS

(#15), 6-0, 205, Sr., 3L, Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)

AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)—CU's starting free safety; he missed spring ball completing rehabilitation from off-season shoulder surgery to clean up some chronic problems. *Phil Steele's College Football* selected him to its preseason third-team All-Big 12 squad, and ranked him as the No. 20 free safety in the nation.

2007 (Jr.)—Started 12 games including the Independence Bowl, as he missed the Iowa State game while recovering from the adverse affects of a concussion. He was presented with the Tiger Bussey Award at CU's postseason banquet for his perseverance over adversity, injury and/or illness. He finished fifth on the team in tackles with 63 (31 solo), as he was in for 705 snaps from scrimmage. He had five pass deflections, four third down stops, three near-sacks, two forced fumbles, two pressures and a fumble recovery. He had a career-high 16 tackles in the season opener against Colorado State (8 solo), and had seven tackles in four other games, versus Arizona State, Texas Tech, Missouri and Nebraska. His one interception during the regular season was a big one, coming late in the third quarter against No. 3 Oklahoma; it led to a CU touchdown that cut the deficit to 24-17 in what would eventually be a 27-24 CU win. In the bowl against Alabama he had a big game, with eight tackles (seven solo, two for losses including a quarterback sack), two third down stops and an interception he returned 35 yards to the 'Bama 43, which set up CU's first touchdown and basically reversed the momentum the remainder of the game as the Tide were at midfield looking to build on a 27-0 lead. He was a preseason first-team All-Big 12 selection by both *Athlon* and *The Sporting News*.

2006 (Soph.)—He played in 11 games, including 10 starts, missing the Baylor game with a stinger. He tied for fifth on the team in tackles with 57 (41 solo, one for a loss), with four third down stops, three pass deflections, two chasedowns (near sacks), a forced fumble and a recovery. He earned Big 12 Conference defensive player of the week honors for his efforts in CU's 30-6 win over Texas Tech, as he had four tackles (two solo), two interceptions (the first pair of his career) and two third down stops. His 95-yard fumble return for a touchdown at Kansas was the second longest fumble (as well as miscellaneous) return in CU history, second only to a 96-yard one by Ben Kelly in 1999, also against Kansas; only 23 other plays in CU history were long (all returns). He was the only defensive player to score a touchdown for Colorado on the season. He had a season- and career-high 11 tackles (eight solo) in the Arizona State game, and also had eight versus Missouri and Kansas (six solo in both).

2005 (Fr.-RS)—He saw action in 12 games including the Champs Sports Bowl, as he missed the Kansas State game with a shoulder injury. In nine games from scrimmage during the regular season, he played 163 snaps from scrimmage in making 16 tackles (12 solo), with two quarterback hurries. He had a season-high four tackles, three unassisted, against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, and had three tackles against the Longhorns in the regular season and also against New Mexico State. On special teams, he logged three solo stops and two knockdown blocks in accumulating five points. He had a solo tackle in the bowl game against Clemson. He progressed rapidly during spring drills, and the coaching staff recognized his progress by naming him the recipient of the inaugural Dick Anderson Award as the most improved player on defense.

2004 (Fr.)—Redshirted; did not see any action though he practiced at free safety when healthy. He suffered a broken thumb in mid-September and missed seven weeks of practice before he could return. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Nebraska game as selected by the coaching staff. He had entered the fall as a reserve quarterback; he enrolled at CU in January after graduating from high school in December, but an illness prevented him from practicing for most of spring ball, though he got some limited non-contact work in toward the end of drills. He was moved to the secondary after fall camp began.

HIGH SCHOOL—As a senior, he earned honorable mention all-state honors from both the *Denver Post* and *Rocky Mountain News*, while earning second-team All-Centennial League accolades. *SuperPrep* named him to its All-America team, ranking him as the No. 18 quarterback in the nation, while *Prep Football Report* and *PrepStar* named him All-Midlands (PFR rate d him the No. 14 overall player in the region, and the fourth quarterback). A three-year starter at quarterback with over 4,000 career yards and a 36-to-11 touchdown-to-interception ratio, he was 13th in the state in passing yards with 1,549 (59.2 completion percentage, 14 TDs), limiting his running as he played hurt a good portion of the season as he played in just nine games. As a junior when he earned first-team all-state honors by the *Post* as an athlete (and second-team all-league honors), he piloted Grandview to a 7-0 mark before suffering season-ending shoulder and knee injuries. He had rushed for 660 yards and 12 scores, averaging 6.3 yards per rush, while completing 54-of-107 passes for 816 yards and seven scores. He threw for 1,570 yards and 15 touchdowns as a sophomore, rushing for 700 yards and six touchdowns, including the long play of his prep career, a 93-yard scoring run. As a freshman, he was the second-team quarterback and only saw spot action, but also played some wide receiver in catching four passes for 40 yards and a score while rushing for 55 yards and two touchdowns. Top games: in a win over Doherty as a sophomore, he rushed for 200 yards and three touchdowns along with passing for 200 and a score; in a wild 51-46 win over Boulder as a junior, he rushed for 200 yards and three TDs while passing for 250 and two scores; and as a senior in a last minute loss to Fairview, he threw for 340 yards and four touchdowns. One of his top high school moments came when he quarterbacked GHS to a win over Cherry Creek when he did not attempt a single pass due to an injured shoulder. Grandview was 8-3 his senior year, 7-4 his junior season, 9-2 and Grand Peaks League champions his sophomore campaign, and 7-3 his freshman year under coach Rocky Whitworth.

ACADEMICS—He is majoring in History at Colorado, while also earning a minor in Atmospheric Science; he is on schedule to graduate in May 2008. He was a December high school graduate and enrolled at CU early (for the 2004 spring semester). He was an honor roll student as a senior in high school with a 3.0 grade point average.

PERSONAL—He was born January 21, 1986 in Los Angeles, Calif. His father, Marc, played quarterback at CU between 1986-89, remarkably coming back at one point from a career-threatening knee injury; he owns a school record as he established the best single game passing rating (any amount of attempts) when he recorded a 353.3 at Kansas State in 1989. The younger Walters is active in his church, and was the second commitment of CU's 2004 recruiting class, pledging to sign with the Buffs on March 10, 2003.

TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT	— TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2005	9	163	12	4	— 16	0- 0	0- 0	0	2	0	0	5	0
2006	11	553	41	16	— 57	1- 3	0- 0	4	0	1	1	3	2
2007	11	705	31	32	— 63	0- 0	0- 0	4	2	1	2	5	0
Totals	31	1421	84	52	— 136	1- 3	0- 0	8	4	2	3	13	2

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-minus 2, -1.0 avg., 0 long (2006). Fumble Returns: 1-95, 95.0 avg., 95 long, 1 TD (2006). Special Team Tackles: 3-0—3 (2005).

PRESEASON HONORS

(as of July 19)

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA

DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (second-team: *Lindy's Big 12 Football*, *Nationalchamps.net*, *Sporting News*; third-team: *Athlon*)
FWAA Preseason Checklist (371 players): DT George Hypolite (one of 47 defensive tackles).

PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE

P MATT DiLALLO (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
SS DANIEL DYKES (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
PK ARIC GOODMAN (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (first-team: *Athlon*, *Big 12 Media Summer Poll*, *collegefootballnews.com*, *Huskers Illustrated*, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*, *Phil Steele's College Football*, *Sporting News*, *USA Today*)
OLB BRAD JONES (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
OT RYAN MILLER (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
DT BRANDON NICOLAS (second-team: *Huskers Illustrated*; third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
C DANIEL SANDERS (first-team: *Huskers Illustrated*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
TB DARRELL SCOTT (second-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
WR MARKQUES SIMAS (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
FS RYAN WALTERS (second-team: *Huskers Illustrated*; third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
NEWCOMER-OF-THE-YEAR: TB Darrell Scott (*Big 12 Media Summer Poll*, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*)
TOP IMPACT FRESHMAN: TB Darrell Scott (*Sporting News*)

NATIONAL TOP 50 PLAYER RATINGS

Center: Daniel Sanders (No. 27, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Defensive Tackle: George Hypolite (No. 4, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*; No. 10, *Phil Steele's College Football*); Brandon Nicolas (No. 26, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Free Safety: Ryan Walters (No. 20, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Offensive Tackle: Ryan Miller (No. 40, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Punter: Matt DiLallo (No. 17, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Strong Safety: Daniel Dykes (No. 27, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Tight End: Riar Geer (No. 32, *Phil Steele's College Football*)

PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

Chuck Bednarik Award (defensive player of the year): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 75 on official watch list)
Lombardi Award (top offensive/defensive lineman or linebacker): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 54 on official watch list)
Ronnie Lott Award (top defensive impact player): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 42 on official watch list)
Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 88 on official watch list)
Outland Trophy (best interior lineman): **DT George Hypolite** (one of 70 candidates on official watch list)
Dave Rimington Award (top center): **C Daniel Sanders** (one of 42 candidates on official watch list)

NATIONAL UNIT RATINGS

None

PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS

Publication	National	Big 12 North
Bankroll Sports	No. 21	...
Athlon Sports	No. 31	3rd
Rivals.com	No. 34	...
Lindy's Big 12 Football	No. 40	3rd
Pro Football Weekly (<i>CFB News</i>)	No. 42	t-3rd
Nationalchamps.net	No. 45	...
Phil Steele's College Football	No. 52	5th
USA Today Sports Weekly	.....	2nd
Sporting News	.....	3rd
Jim Feist's College FB	.....	3rd
Surefire Scouting	.....	3rd
Big 12 Media Summer Poll	.....	4th
Huskers Illustrated	.....	4th