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2006 COLORADO FOOTBALL: GAME 10 — KANSAS STATE

Saturday, November 4 in Boulder (1:40 p.m. MST; Fox Sports Net Regional)

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QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The **Colorado Buffaloes** (1-8, 1-4 Big 12) return home to Boulder after a rough two-game Midwestern swing to take on the **Kansas State Wildcats** (5-4, 2-3 Big 12) in a 1:40 p.m. MST kickoff at Folsom Field... Fox Sports Net will televise the game, with **Joel Meyers** (play-by-play), **Dave Lapham** (analyst) and **Jim Knox** (sideline reporter) to call the action. Fifteen of the FSN regional networks will carry the game live, as will Comcast Chicago; those include Arizona, Bay Area, Detroit, Florida, Midwest, New England, North, Northwest, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Rocky Mountain, South, Southwest and West... There are about 14,000 tickets remaining for the game, with a similar number left for next week's home finale against Iowa State... Saturday is **National College Football Day** (third annual); created by the Cotton Bowl, the group has partnered with V Foundation for Cancer Research to use the day to help increase awareness about men's cancers (information: www.NationalCollegeFootballDay.com)... Colorado's lost eight games by an average of 9.5 points, including four by five points or less, one of those last weekend at Kansas by a 20-15 margin... The Buffs led 9-0 at halftime and for the second time in 2006 could not hold on to a two-score lead, just the 15th time that has occurred in 219 games since the start of the 1976 season... CU remains mathematically alive, albeit seemingly as remote as the planet Pluto, for the Big 12 title and the Fiesta Bowl (it's BCS or bust for the Buffaloes: if CU wins out and wins the Big 12 North, it must win the title game to go bowling). See page 3 of these notes for the full picture... The Nov. 11 Iowa State at Colorado game was not selected for television and will kick off at 1:00 p.m. MST... CU's website, www.CUBuffs.com features game day updates and live stats for all games.

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STATS OF THE WEEK

Colorado is currently +0.78 in turnover margin, having committed 15 on the year while forcing 22; that's second in the Big 12 and 17th nationally. The plus-7 figure right now stands to be the best since 1993, when the Buffs were a healthy plus-13 (fourth best in the NCAA). There have been only eight seasons in school history where the number was better than a plus-six: 1951 (+8), 1956 (+18), 1960 (+10), 1967 (+17), 1972 (+11), 1976 (+16), 1989 (+12) and 1993 (+13).

➤ Colorado is **16th** in the nation in fewest penalties (42 in nine games, or 4.67 per); that's dramatic improvement over 2005, when CU was 115th in the nation, flagged for 123 times (9.46 per 13 games) for an NCAA-high 1,084 yards. CU is 26th in fewest yards penalized at 41.4 per outing. The Buffaloes have been penalized just 12 times over the last four games, the lowest count since a similar four-game count in 1966.

➤ **NOTE:** Speaking of statistics, a scoring change from last Saturday's CU-Kansas game that won't be changed by the Big 12 or NCAA until the next statistics updating cycle will have some numbers not matching. The 61-yard pass play at the end of the game when **QB Bernard Jackson** was over the line of scrimmage was correctly changed to a 1-yard rush (accepting the penalty was never an option presented to KU, as time had run out and CU could not have run another play; had time remained, the play would have been wiped out).

OBSCURE NOTE OF THE WEEK

This is the 19th time that Colorado will play the Sunflower State schools in back-to-back games, the sixth straight year at that. The Buffs have swept KU and KSU 10 times in this fashion while dropping both games just twice; the other six were split, with CU winning the front end five of those times. Thirteen of the previous 18 times, the order was identical to this year's, with the Jayhawks up first.

2006 COLORADO SCHEDULE (1-8, 1-4 BIG 12)

Date	CU*	Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	2006 Record	Series	This-N-That
SEPT. 2	NR	MONTANA STATE	NR	none	L 10-19	6-3	1-3-0	Offense can't get rolling in CU's first game vs. I-AA opponent
Sept. 9	NR	Colorado State (Denver)	NR	CSTV	L 10-14	4-4	57-19-2	CSU ends 3-game skid, last five games decided by 22 pts
SEPT. 16	NR	ARIZONA STATE	22	TBS	L 3-21	5-3	0-1-0	Buffs can't capitalize on 4 ASU turnovers; Charles 109 yards
Sept. 23	NR	at Georgia	9	LFS+	L 13-14	6-3	0-1-0	CU dominates game, but UGA rallies for win w/:46 left
Sept. 30	NR	at Missouri	25	FSN	L 13-28	7-2	31-37-3	Offense gets season highs to date but MU gets 4 TD passes
OCT. 7	NR	at BAYLOR (H)	NR	none	L 31-34 (3 OT)	4-5	8-6-0	First multiple session OT game in CU history goes to Baylor
OCT. 14	NR	at TEXAS TECH (FW)	NR	none	W 30-6	5-4	4-4-0	Hawkins gets No. 1, all phases (O-D-ST) dominate
Oct. 21	NR	at Oklahoma	20	FSN	L 3-24	6-2	16-39-2	Sooners limit CU to 113 total yards, late TD (:17) pads score
Oct. 28	NR	at Kansas	NR	none	L 15-20	4-5	41-22-3	Crosby boots CU to 9-0 lead, but KU frosh QB led comeback
NOV. 4	NR	at KANSAS STATE	NR	FSN	1:40 p.m.	5-4	43-17-1	Last two games decided with :04, :06 left (both CU wins)
NOV. 11		at IOWA STATE		none	1:00 p.m.	3-6	46-13-1	ISU takes '05 affair but CU still leads 20-2 since '84 game
Nov. 24		at Nebraska		ABC	1:30 p.m.	6-3	17-45-2	Road team has won for four straight years
Dec. 2		Big 12 Championship Game		ABC	6:00 p.m.		(at Kansas City)	CU has appeared in four of last five league title games

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

MEDIA SERVICES

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

THE BUFFALOES ON THE INTERNET

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

THE BUFFALOES ON THE AIRWAYS

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his third year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Larry Zimmer** (analysis) is in his 33rd season broadcasting Colorado football (he handled play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** (pre- and postgame shows/sidelines) is in his second year filling in for former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** (who did 29 years of broadcasts but is on sabbatical at present as he resides full-time in California tending to a new business venture).
- Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the **Dan Hawkins Show** originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Mark Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program.
- **Satellite Radio:** Sirius Satellite Radio is home to Big 12 broadcasts; the CU-Kansas State broadcast will air on channels 152 (CU/KOA radio network feed).
- **FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. (adjusted when the Colorado Rockies are playing in September). Assistant AD and former CU QB **Charles Johnson** hosts the program; the show will air August 24 through the end of basketball season for the men and/or women. FSN's "**CU All Access**" takes a behind the scenes look at the overall CU football program with the weekly show always airing on Tuesdays (10:00 p.m. on Sept. 19 and 26, with replays set for the following Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.—all times mountain).

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

Number Changes: None. **Suspended For Year:** S Tyrone Henderson (transferred to Montana State). **Quit Football:** C Zach Jones. **Quit Team:** QB Brian White (Sept. 10; transferred to Portland State). **Position Changes:** Maurice Cantrell (FB, from ILB). **Pronunciation Changes:** TE Tyson DeVree (duh-vray)

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

Offense/Kicker

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

Defense/Kicker

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

Offense/Kicker

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

Defense/Kicker

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

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaches/Staff

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

Players

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

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

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

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

BUFFS STILL MATHEMATICALLY ALIVE TO DEFEND NORTH TITLE

Colorado has won four of the last five Big 12 Conference North Division titles, and while admittedly on life support, CU has still not been mathematically eliminated from defending its title with three games remaining. Seemingly dead in 2004 with a 1-4 league mark entering November, CU needed just five things to happen as long as it won its last three to claim the crown; lo and behold, as if it were scripted, it played out that way and the Buffs won the division.

Fast-forward to 2006, and the Buffaloes are 1-4 in league play with three divisional games remaining. Here's the current state of the North Division:

Team	W	L	Pct.	CU	ISU	KU	KSU	MU	NU	DIV	Notes
Missouri	3	2	.600	W	N18	N25	W	-----	N 4	2-0	Trying to win first-ever division title
Nebraska	3	2	.600	N24	W	W	W	N 4	-----	3-0	Last won division title in 1999 (three total)
Kansas State	2	3	.400	N 4	W	N18	-----	L	L	1-2	Needs to sweep, plus MU & NU to lose two each
Kansas	1	4	.200	W	N 4	-----	N18	N25	L	1-1	Eliminated with one loss and one win by MU or NU
Colorado	1	4	.200	-----	N11	L	N 4	L	N24	0-2	Won division titles in 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005
Iowa State	0	5	.000	N11	-----	N 4	L	N18	L	0-2	Eliminated with one loss and one win by MU or NU

Colorado can win the North in only two scenarios, and granted they are long shots. In the *easier* one, CU must tie Nebraska with a 4-4 league record. The below must happen for that to occur, and then CU would own the tiebreaker due to a head-to-head win over the Huskers. The other one involves a three-way tie with CU, NU and K-State all at 4-4, but to list how that could happen would be like rewriting the forward from *War and Peace*. Here's the first scenario:

1) Colorado must win out.

If so, the Buffaloes are 4-4 in the North Division, and would eliminate Kansas State; the Wildcats need to sweep in any scenario for them since Missouri and Nebraska can't both finish 0-3 down the stretch (they play each other), and both have already defeated Kansas State. Iowa State is eliminated as well.

2) Nebraska must beat Missouri and lose to Texas A&M.

Nebraska would thus own a 4-4 league record if the above happens coupled with a loss to Colorado on Nov. 24.

3) Missouri must lose its three remaining games to Nebraska, Iowa State and Kansas.

Missouri would thus own a 3-5 league record and be 2-3 in divisional play if the above happens. If it wins one game, it would be 3-2 inside the division and thus own every possible tiebreaker at this time with CU.

4) Kansas must beat Missouri and lose to either Iowa State or Kansas State.

If Kansas joins the fray at 4-4, it owns the direct tiebreaker over CU but would also be 4-1 in division play, winning most tiebreakers in a multiple tie.

Thus, if the above happens, here's how the top of the North Standings would have to look for Colorado to win the North:

Team	W	L	Pct.	CU	ISU	KU	KSU	MU	NU	DIV	Notes
Colorado	4	4	.500	-----	W	L	W	L	W	3-2	CU would win due to H-T-H win over Nebraska
Nebraska	4	4	.500	L	W	W	W	W	-----	4-1	Division record advantage trumped by H-T-H loss
Missouri	3	5	.375	W	L	L	W	-----	L	2-3	
Kansas	3	5	.375	W	W/L	-----	W/L	W	L	3-2	

The remaining Big 12 Conference schedule for 2006:

November 4 Kansas State at Colorado
Baylor at Texas Tech
Kansas at Iowa State
Missouri at Nebraska
Oklahoma at Texas A&M
Oklahoma State at Texas

November 11 Iowa State at Colorado
Baylor at Oklahoma State

(Nov. 11, con't) Nebraska at Texas A&M
Texas at Kansas State
Texas Tech at Oklahoma

November 18 Missouri at Iowa State
Kansas State at Kansas
Oklahoma at Baylor
Oklahoma at State at Texas Tech

November 24 Colorado at Nebraska
Texas A&M at Texas

November 25 Kansas at Missouri
Oklahoma at Oklahoma State

CONFERENCE TIEBREAKERS

Here's a quick breakdown of Big 12 Conference football tiebreaker procedures from 2006 Big 12 Football Game Procedures and the Dr Pepper Championship Guide (Article 9.18):

- If two teams are tied, the winner of the head-to-head game between the two teams will be the representative;
- If three or more teams are tied, steps 1-7 will be followed until a determination is made; if only two teams remain tied after any step, the winner of the game between the two tied teams shall be the representative:
 - The record of the teams will be compared against each other;
 - The record of the teams within their division;
 - The record of the teams will be compared against the next highest placed teams in their division in order of finish (if three teams, against 4, 5 and then 6; if four teams, then against 5 and then 6, etc.).
 - The record of the teams will be compared against all common conference opponents;
 - If the teams remain tied, then the representative will be the highest-ranked team in the first Bowl Championship Series poll following the completion of Big 12 regular-season (intra-) conference play shall be the representative;
 - If the teams remain tied, then the team with the best overall winning percentage (excluding exempted games, which there were none in 2006), shall be the representative;
 - The representative will be chosen by draw.

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

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

OFFENSE	WR	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	TB	FB (Other)
Montana State	Williams	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	Fenton	Head	Harrison	Geer	Cox	Charles	Jagoras
Colorado State	Williams	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	Fenton	D.Sanders	Harrison	Geer	Jackson	Ellis	Goettsch (TE)
Arizona State	Sprague	Robinson	Polumbus	Daniels	Fenton	D.Sanders	Harrison	DeVree	Jackson	Ellis	Goettsch (TE)
Georgia	Williams	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	Fenton	D.Sanders	Harrison	Geer	Jackson	Ellis	Crawford (WR)
Missouri	Sprague	Robinson	Polumbus	Daniels	MacMartin	D.Sanders	Harrison	Geer	Jackson	Charles	Crawford (WR)
Baylor	Holz	Goettsch (TE)	Polumbus	Daniels	MacMartin	D.Sanders	Harrison	Geer	Jackson	Ellis	Cantrell
Texas Tech	Williams	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	MacMartin	D.Sanders	Harrison	Geer	Jackson	Charles	Cantrell
Oklahoma	Williams	Barnett	Polumbus	Daniels	MacMartin	D.Sanders	Harrison	Geer	Jackson	Charles	Cantrell
Kansas	Holz	Mackey	Polumbus	Daniels	MacMartin	D.Sanders	Backowski	Geer	Jackson	Charles	Cantrell
DEFENSE	LE	DT	NT	RE	MLB	WLB	SLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Montana State	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Sims	Burney	Billingsley	Wheatley
Colorado State	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Sims	Walters	Billingsley	Wheatley
Arizona State	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Sims	Walters	Billingsley	Wheatley
Georgia	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Sims	Walters	Billingsley	Te.Washington
Missouri	Wright	C.Brown (N)	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Sipili	Burton	B.Jones	Sims	Walters	Billingsley	Wheatley
Baylor	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	C.Brown (N)	Dizon	B.Jones	Sims	Burney	Harris	Wheatley
Texas Tech	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	C.Brown (N)	Te.Washington	Walters	Harris	Wheatley
Oklahoma	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Te.Washington	Walters	Harris	Wheatley
Kansas	Wright	Hypolite	Nicolas	Boye-Doe	Th.Washington	Dizon	B.Jones	Te.Washington	Walters	Harris	Wheatley

(N)—Nickel back. CONSECUTIVE STARTS—Wright 21, Daniels 18, Harrison 9, Polumbus 9. **CAREER STARTS**—Daniels 41, Billingsley 36, Sims 31, Dizon 30, Th. Washington 29.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Montana State 91/54; Colorado State 92/55; Arizona State 92/54; Georgia 65/56; Missouri 69/57; Baylor 90/53; Texas Tech 92/59; Oklahoma 70/58; Kansas 70/59.

IN THE POLLS

Colorado was not ranked in the *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* polls of October 15, and was not in the preseason (the Buffs received one point in the coaches' ballot); CU was also not in the final 2005 rankings. Last year, the Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the November 5 coaches' ballot (No. 22 in the AP and Harris Interactive), but dropped out after 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 **288** polls (*AP*; 65%), 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 (90), trailing Florida (98), Florida State (92) and Michigan (92).

COLORADO IN THE POLLS — 2006 WEEKLY

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

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

OUCH... THERE'S NO OTHER WORD FOR IT

Colorado may have opened 0-4, but there's plenty of misery around the Big 12 Conference when it came to facing ranked opponents in 2006. In non-league play, the league went a combined **0-9** against top 25 teams. Colorado, as is its standard fare, was the only school to play as many as two, while four faced none. The eight schools that ventured to play ranked foes were outscored 209-99; Colorado had two of the most respectable outings, losing 21-3 to Arizona State (ASU scored a cosmetic touchdown in the final two minutes), and perhaps had the best showing against any ranked team with the 14-13 loss at Georgia. Of course, the latter has to allow for the botched instant replay mess by the Pac-10 that cost Oklahoma a win at Oregon, as the Sooners' 34-33 "loss" is the only other contest besides CU-UGA decided by one score (eight points) or less.

INJURY UPDATE

Colorado came out of the Oklahoma game clean; no trips to the field by CU's training staff. The overall injury as of October 31:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status/Kansas State
S	J.J. Billingsley	knee	suffered a torn meniscus in practice (Oct. 3); surgery on Oct. 5, was back doing light stuff Oct. 17	PROBABLE
C	Mark Fenton	cracked fibula	injured at Georgia; surgery not necessary, trainers treated aggressively	PROBABLE
OT	Edwin Harrison	ankle	suffered a sprain in practice, saw limited action versus Oklahoma but nearing 100 percent	PROBABLE

OUT FOR SEASON: S Dominique Brooks (*knee surgery rehab*); QB James Cox (*thumb*); OL Erick Faatagi (*knee surgery*); WR Michael Kachmer (*knee surgery*); TE Devin Shanahan (*knee surgery*); CB Vance Washington (*knee surgery*).

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

SERIES HISTORY—COLORADO vs. KANSAS STATE

Colorado leads the all-time series by a 43-17-1 count, which includes a 26-4 edge in games played in Boulder (and a 17-13-1 mark at Manhattan). The Buffs own a 15-5-1 lead in the series since 1985, with wins four of the last five times out, though the last three have been by a total of 13 points. Kansas State won four straight between 1997 and 2000, but Colorado wins in 2001 and 2002 started CU's march to back-to-back Big 12 North Division titles: 16-6 in '01 at Manhattan and 35-31 in '02 in Boulder. The loser has scored 20 or more points in four straight games, a series first. Over the course of the last 10 games, they've either been defensive struggles (four produced a winner that scored 20 points or less (16 or less three times), while five of the other six games in this span have seen the teams average just over 65 points combined. Over the last 21 games, CU has outscored Kansas State 649-346 (including four shutouts), and the Buffs own a 8,814-to-5,833 edge in total offense (KSU has outgained the Buffs just twice in the last 21 games—in 1998 and 2002—see trends on next page). **Dan Hawkins** is 0-0 versus Kansas State; KSU's **Ron Prince** is 0-0 against Colorado.

SERIES DID YOU KNOW — CU used wins over Kansas State in 1976, 1989 and 1990 to polish off regular season Big Eight titles, and used a conference play opening wins in 2001 and 2002 to start its run to consecutive Big 12 North Division titles (and the '01 overall league crown).

SERIES SIGNATURE ANNIVERSARY GAME — 30th. In 1976, in the final game of the regular season, Colorado stood at 4-2 in the Big Eight Conference, and needed a win to secure the league title and the Orange Bowl berth that went with it. However, FIVE teams entered the last week of the season with 4-2 marks, making it the craziest final week in conference history, and though Kansas State entered at 1-9 overall and 0-6 in league play, the Wildcats gave the Buffs their best shot. CU could not shake K-State until the fourth quarter, as KSU led 14-7 after the first period with the game tied at halftime (14-14) and through three (21-21); **Jim Kelleher** scored on three touchdown runs for the Buffs, while Tony Brown did the same for the Wildcats. **Jeff Knapple** darted into the end zone untouched from five yards out on the first play of the fourth quarter to put CU up 28-21, capping a 67-yard drive. The game then turned on the very next series, when **Mike Spivey** recovered a Brown fumble at the Wildcat 20; six plays later, **Tony Reed** scored on a 2-yard run to give CU some breathing room at 35-21. KSU pulled back to within seven with 4:28 left on a 13-yard pass from Wendell Hendrickson to Paul Coffman and then forced CU to punt. A pass completion and a 27-yard pass interference penalty had the Wildcats knocking on the door at the CU 33 with a minute remaining, but a **Mike L. Davis** interception ended the threat and saved the game for the Buffs. KSU outgained CU, 328-233, but the Buffs forced eight turnovers (four fumbles, four interceptions) to frustrate the Wildcats and the 16,500 in attendance hoping for an upset. CU earned the Orange Bowl bid when Oklahoma beat Nebraska in Lincoln six days later, as the Sooners and Oklahoma State tied CU for the title.

BUFFS & WILDCATS BY THE NUMBERS

Here's a look at some numbers-related trivia or fun facts with **Colorado** and **Kansas State**:

- 6 The number of times two Colorado players have rushed for 100 or more yards in a game against Kansas State;
- 9 The consecutive streak of regionally or nationally televised games in the series that came to an end in 2003—with the next 3 not on TV;
- 16 Kansas State's total offense in the October 24, 1992 game (won by CU, 54-7), the fewest allowed in school history;
- 18 Points scored by Mitch Berger in the '92 game, doing so with four field goals and six PAT kicks;
- 40:25 Colorado's time of possession in the 1987 game, the last time the Buffs held on to the ball over 40 minutes;
- 50 The length of Mason Crosby's game winning field goal in 2005, the longest by a Buff in the last two minutes to win a game;
- 52 The number of passing attempts Colorado had in the 1982 game, setting a record at the time for the most in a game in CU history;
- 64 The distance of the game-winning touchdown pass (with :05 left) from Joel Klatt to Ron Monteilh to give CU a 38-31 win;
- 80 The distance of the game-winning drive engineering by John Hessler in the '95 game, rallying CU to a 27-17 victory in Manhattan;
- 94 The yards covered on a touchdown pass from Robert Hodge to Jeremy Bloom in 2002, the longest pass play in CU history;
- 95 The number of yards Emerson Wilson ran for a touchdown in 1954 against K-State, the longest play from scrimmage in CU history;
- 100 The number of yards Colorado's Billy Waddy took the opening kickoff in the Nov. 22, 1975 game;
- 105 The number of plays CU had in 1992, producing 514 total yards in the 54-7 win, the most plays in a game in CU history;
- 156 The number of rushing yards Darian Hagan had in the 1989 game, helping him to 1,000-yard rushing and passing totals that year;
- 167 Punt return yards that Deon Figures gained versus Kansas State in the 1992 game (on 10 returns), still a school record;
- 235.9 The passing rating for Robert Hodge in the 2002 game (13-of-20, 289 yards, 3 TDs), the sixth best single-game rating in CU history.

COLORADO-KANSAS STATE SERIES TRENDS

Here's a quick look at the last 12 games and some team statistical trends in the **Colorado-Kansas State** series:

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU KSU	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	KSU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
Oct. 22, 1994	Boulder (N)	W 35-21	52,955	2 19	21	52 339 5	18-10-1 136 0	70 475	21	31 72 3	41-24-2 363 0	72 435	ESPN
Nov. 18, 1995	Manhattan	W 27-17	42,454	9 7	27	41 212 0	42-24-2 314 2	83 526	17	38 81 1	30-16-1 222 0	68 303	ABC (r)
Nov. 16, 1996	Boulder (N)	W 12- 0	53,550	6 9	15	38 163 2	22-15-1 138 0	60 301	16	27 65 0	40-20-2 163 0	67 228	FOX
Nov. 15, 1997	Manhattan	L 20-37	43,981	— 10	21	34 198 0	38-17-1 208 2	72 406	20	58 203 3	15- 7-0 156 1	73 359	ABC (r)
Oct. 10, 1998	Boulder (N)	L 9-16	51,581	14 5	13	31 37 0	34-15-0 225 1	65 262	19	49 184 1	25- 9-1 148 0	74 332	FOX
Nov. 6, 1999	Manhattan	L 14-20	52,077	— 6	7	25 10 0	28-13-3 204 2	53 214	10	44 96 1	18- 6-2 101 1	62 197	FOX (r)
Sept. 30, 2000	Boulder	L 21-44	51,896	— 5	16	35 137 1	34-20-2 267 1	69 404	18	36 153 2	26-15-0 293 3	62 446	ABC (r)
Oct. 6, 2001	Manhattan	W 16- 6	51,101	— 12	16	45 196 0	16- 8-2 87 1	61 283	15	40 122 1	30-11-2 122 0	70 196	FOX (r)
Oct. 5, 2002	Boulder	W 35-31	52,584	— 13	15	44 194 2	20-13-0 289 3	64 483	15	44 320 4	14- 5-1 83 0	58 403	ABC (r)
Oct. 25, 2003	Manhattan	L 20-49	51,536	— —	25	32 132 1	45-29-1 290 1	77 422	23	40 142 3	28-20-0 242 3	68 384	none
Nov. 13, 2004	Boulder	W 38-31	46,502	— —	15	36 157 3	27-15-1 225 2	63 382	24	41 160 2	34-22-1 212 1	75 372	none
Oct. 29, 2005	Manhattan	W 23-20	43,890	— —	17	37 91 1	34-17-0 272 1	71 363	22	37 81 2	40-19-0 211 0	77 292	none

TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Kansas State** in several statistical categories in 2006 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis; includes games of October 21):

Category	Colorado		Kansas State	
Overall Record, 2006	1-8		5-4	
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	0-4		0-3	
Overall Record, 1989-current	141-72-4	(20)	96-119-1	
Versus Ranked Teams.....	40-49-2		17-32-1	
In Conference Play.....	90-41-3	(10)	45-96-1	
Alumni On NFL Rosters (as of October 30).....	26		20	
Rushing Offense.....	157.9	(37)	126.3	(73)
Average Per Rush	4.0		4.4	
Passing Offense.....	105.1	(117)	183.6	(74)
Completion Percentage.....	43.8		47.0	
Average Per Attempt.....	4.9		5.8	
Passing Efficiency	81.7	(119)	90.2	(117)
Total Offense.....	263.0	(112)	309.9	(88)
Average Per Play.....	4.3		5.5	
Scoring Offense.....	14.2	(109)	20.8	(84)
Rushing Defense.....	96.6	(22)	122.9	(47)
Average Per Rush	2.9	(18)	3.5	
Passing Defense	222.7	(87)	199.9	(62)
Average Per Attempt.....	6.6		6.4	
Pass Efficiency Defense	130.5	(76)	125.5	(66)
Total Defense.....	319.2	(55)	322.8	(57)
Average Per Play.....	4.8		4.9	
Scoring Defense.....	20.0	(48)	18.9	(42)
Third Down Conversion Offense.....	30.9	(109)	32.8	(98)
Third Down Conversion Defense.....	46.7	(110)	37.3	(62)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed.....	20 / 23	(51/94)	30 / 17	(7/59)
Net Punting	36.0	(49)	34.8	(71)
Punt Returns	5.1	(107)	10.1	(40)
Punt Return Yardage Defense.....	10.0	(77)	8.3	(58)
Kickoff Returns	18.1	(96)	29.1	(2)
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense.....	26.5	(116)	19.2	(42)
Turnovers	15	(51)	19	(92)
Turnover Margin.....	+0.78	(17)	+0.11	(59)

SERIES FAST FACTS

Some team and individual bests in the **Colorado-Kansas State** series:

TEAM			INDIVIDUAL		
Most Points			Most Yards Rushing		
CU:	64, on Nov. 17, 1990		CU:	246, J.J. Flannigan, Nov. 18, 1989	
KSU:	49, on Oct. 18, 2003		KSU:	178, Eli Roberson, Oct. 5, 2002	
Fewest Points			Most Yards Passing		
CU:	0, on Oct. 14, 1939		CU:	314, John Hessler, Nov. 18, 1995	
KSU:	0, on 10 occasions		KSU:	439, Lynn Dickey, Nov. 22, 1969	
Most First Downs			Most Receptions		
CU:	35, on Oct. 19, 1957		CU:	8, on three occasions.	
KSU:	28, on Nov. 19, 1983		KSU:	12, Mack Herron, Nov. 22, 1969	
Fewest First Downs			Most Yards Receiving		
CU:	6, on Oct. 23, 1948		CU:	137, Ron Brown, Nov. 19, 1983	
KSU:	3, on Oct. 24, 1992		KSU:	171, Mack Herron, Nov. 22, 1969	
Most Yards Rushing					
CU:	518, on Nov. 18, 1989				
KSU:	376, on Nov. 17, 1953				
Fewest Yards Rushing					
CU:	37, on Oct. 10, 1998				
KSU:	-24, on Oct. 24, 1992				
Most Yards Passing					
CU:	338, on Oct. 24, 1992				
KSU:	439, on Nov. 22, 1969				
Fewest Yards Passing					
CU:	5, on Nov. 20, 1954				
KSU:	0, on Oct. 17, 1953				
Most Total Plays					
CU:	105, on Oct. 24, 1992				
KSU:	91, on Nov. 22, 1969				
Fewest Total Plays					
CU:	33, on Oct. 14, 1939				
KSU:	40, on Oct. 1, 1960				
Most Yards Total Offense					
CU:	647, on Oct. 19, 1957				
KSU:	459, on Nov. 22, 1969				
Fewest Yards Total Offense					
CU:	-13, on Oct. 14, 1939				
KSU:	16, on Oct. 24, 1992				

THE SET-UP

Colorado and Kansas State are two of the most prolific teams over the last eight seasons when it comes to scoring non-offensive touchdowns. The Wildcats have a total of 50 and the Buffaloes 38, as the two rank third and seventh, respectively in the nation in this time frame.

KANSAS STATE NOTES

Kansas State is 5-4 overall and needs one win to become bowl-eligible in Ron Prince's first year as a Division I-A head coach. The Wildcats went 3-1 in non-conference play and are 2-3 in league action; two of the losses are to teams ahead of them in the division, Nebraska and Missouri. KSU is coming off a 31-10 win over Iowa State; after spotting ISU a 10-0 lead, the Wildcats scored four touchdowns over the final 34 minutes to cruise to the win. James Johnson rushed for 115 yards and the go-ahead score in the third quarter, as KSU forced three Iowa State turnovers in gaining 317 balanced yards (156 rush, 161 pass).

➔ Kansas State head coach **Ron Prince** is in his first season at the reins of the Wildcats, owning a 5-4 record.

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THE LAST TIME... COLORADO 23, KANSAS STATE 20**OCTOBER 29, 2005 (AT MAHATTAN)**

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Mason Crosby made a 50-yard field goal with ease with just six seconds remaining after Colorado recovered an opportunistic fumble in Kansas State territory as the Buffaloes defeated the Wildcats, 23-20, in a game played with classic gusting great plains winds.

Joel Klatt threw for 272 yards and a touchdown and in the process became CU's all-time passing yards leader, as the Buffs took over sole possession of first place in the Big 12 North Division with a 4-1 league mark while improving to 6-2 overall.

With the winds consistently gusting between 23 and 40 miles per hour all afternoon, CU started fast as a Hugh Charles 13-yard run on the game's first play and then a 64-yard pass from Klatt to Quinn Sypniewski to the Wildcat 1-yard line set up Lawrence Vickers touchdown run. It gave CU a 7-0 lead just 86 seconds into the game, but there was nothing easy after that.

K-State fought back and took a 10-7 lead on a Thomas Clayton 2-yard run to open the second quarter. Crosby came back and drilled 52- and 42-yard efforts to put CU back on top, 13-10. After the Buff defense pinned KSU at its own 6, a short punt had the Buffs starting at the KSU 36. Charles gained five on first down, and then Klatt hit a streaking Evan Judge for a 31-yard touchdown and CU seemingly had a safe two score lead, 20-10, at halftime.

The Wildcats, who won the opening toss, also elected to kickoff and take the wind in the third quarter in a slightly puzzling move, but it appeared to pay off as KSU scored 10 points in the period to tie the game at 20. Allan Evridge scored on a keeper, and Jeff Snodgrass nearly matched Crosby with a strong 51-yard field goal with just under three minutes left before the wind would go back in CU's favor.

KSU took a time out to force CU to punt against the wind from its own 32 with 22 seconds left in the period. But CU called for a fake, and punter John Torp rewarded the coaches' gutsy call by sprinting 17 yards for a first down.

The teams then traded punts for two possessions each in the fourth quarter, with the turning point to come with a minute to play. Torp boomed a 53-yard punt from his own 21 to the KSU 26, where Jermaine Moreira tried to pick it up after one bounce. But Vance Washington was there for Colorado to distract Moreira, causing him to fumble with Terry Washington recovering.

In a most unusual move, Klatt downed the ball twice of losses of seven yards, but Crosby was more than comfortable with the wind at his back and split the uprights with his 50-yard game winning kick. KSU ran one more offensive play, eventually losing 13 yards on a series of laterals and fumbles in trying to replicate the famous California kickoff return against Stanford in 1982.

Klatt finished the game with 6,579 career yards, as he passed Kordell Stewart, who accumulated 6,481 between 1991-94. Klatt got the record with a 20-yard pass to Joe Klopfenstein, late in the first half.

COLORADO	7	13	0	3	—	23
Kansas State	3	7	10	0	—	20

COLORADO—Vickers 1 run (Crosby kick)	7- 0	13:34	1Q
Kansas State—Snodgrass 48 FG	7- 3	11:43	1Q
Kansas State—Clayton 2 run (Snodgrass kick)	7-10	14:57	2Q
COLORADO—Crosby 52 FG	10-10	11:53	2Q
COLORADO—Crosby 42 FG	13-10	8:02	2Q
COLORADO—Judge 31 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	20-10	6:14	2Q
Kansas State—Evridge 2 run (Snodgrass kick)	20-17	6:17	3Q
Kansas State—Snodgrass 51 FG	20-20	2:51	3Q
COLORADO—Crosby 50 FG	23-20	0:06	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS STATE
First Downs	17	22
Third Down Efficiency	5-17	4-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	37-91	37-81
Passing Yards	272	211
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	34-17-0	40-19-0
Total Offense	363	292
Return Yards	4	4
Punts: No-Average	8-46.2	6-35.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	3-3
Penalties/Yards	11/116	8/60
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-23	3-30
Time of Possession	30:06	29:54

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—CU: Charles 14-67, Vickers 12-24, Torp 1-17, Ellis 2-5, Klatt 6-minus 15, Team 2-minus 7. **KSU:** Alsop 8-42, Mann 5-25, Clayton 8-21, Fisher 3-7, Saba 1-0, Evridge 12-minus 14.

Passing—CU: Klatt 34-17-0, 272, 1 td. **KSU:** Evridge 40-19-0, 211, 0 td.

Receiving—CU: Judge 6-108, Sypniewski 4-85, Sprague 3-26, Williams 2-30, Klopfenstein 1-20, Vickers 1-3. **KSU:** Moreira 6-85, Nelson 5-75, Norwood 3-27, Clayton 2-21, Dennis 1-24, Fisher 1-11, Mann 1-3, assorted laterals 0-minus 35.

Punting—CU: Torp 8-46.2 (65 long, 1 In20). **KSU:** Reyer 6-35.2 (44 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—CU: Robinson 2-4. **KSU:** Moreira 2-4.

Kickoff Returns—CU: Robinson 1-13. **KSU:** Figures 1-23. **Interceptions—CU:** none. **KSU:** none.

Tackle Leaders—CU: Th.Washington 7,5—12; Henderson 7,4—11; Billingsley 8,2—10; Manupuna 4,3—7; Lucas 2,5—7; Dizon 5,1—6; Burt 5,0—5; Iwuh 4,1—5. **KSU:** Watts 10,0—10; Mack 6,2—8; Sims 4,4—8; Echols 2,5—7; McKinney 5,0—5.

Quarterback Sacks—CU: Dizon 1-12, Garee 1-11. **KSU:** Archer 1-13, Sims 1-11, McKinney 1-6.

IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: NOVEMBER 4

Colorado is 12-4 all-time on **November 4**, which includes an 8-3 record at home; it's the first time CU and K-State will do battle on the date. The Buffs have won three straight, with significant games in program history occurring in 1961 and 1989. Some highlighted Nov.4 games: **1922**—Art Quinlan and Riley Hopper combine to return the opening kickoff for a touchdown, the only points of the game in a 7-0 win over then-Colorado A&M. **1944**—CU defeats New Mexico, 39-0, in the only game in program history played in Pueblo; the two meet about halfway apart as World War II have schools playing wartime schedules. **1961**—Colorado and Missouri entered their annual contest with high stakes, as the winner would have the inside track to the Big Eight title and the Orange Bowl berth; the Buffaloes entered with a 5-0 record and ranked No. 8, the Tigers at 5-0-1 and No. 10. CU took a 7-0 lead with just 32 seconds left in the first half, as **Gale Weidner** hooked up with **Bill Harris** on a 21-yard touchdown pass. Those points held up, but not without some nervous moments for the CU faithful. Mizzou pulled to within 7-6 when halfback Mike Hunter took a pitch from quarterback Ron Taylor and found Don Wainwright on a 10-yard scoring toss with 6:14 left in the game. Instead of going for the tie, MU tried the exact same play to the other side without success. After forcing CU to punt, the Tigers drove from their 25 to the CU 27, where Bill Tobin's 44-yard field goal was both a bit short and a bit wide. **1978**—Billy Sims' 59-yard touchdown run snaps a 7-7 halftime tie to lead No. 1 Oklahoma to a 28-7 win in Boulder, as the eventual Heisman winner ran for 221 yards. **1989**—J.J. Flannigan rushed for 96 yards and two touchdowns with Darian Hagan adding 86 and a score as No. 2 Colorado defeated No. 3 Nebraska, 27-21, in a battle between 8-0 teams. The win gave CU sole possession of the Big Eight lead in November for the first time since 1961. After Nebraska took a 7-0 lead on the first play of the game, CU evened the game on a 70-yard run by Flannigan, as he took a pitch from Hagan some 40 yards downfield and raced into the end zone. Hagan added a 1-yard run the next time CU had the ball, and the Buffs would not trail the rest of the game. Ken Culbertson's 49-yard field goal prior to halftime gave CU the lead for good at 17-14, and Flannigan's second score made it 24-14 in the third. CU withstood a pair of Nebraska fourth quarter threats as the win propelled CU to an 11-0 regular season mark and No. 1 ranking. **1995**—For the second time in the state of Oklahoma in just over a month, John Hessler threw five touchdown passes in a game to lead the Buffs to a 45-32 win over Oklahoma State. The game was tied with eight minutes left in the third quarter, but after CU took a 31-24 lead on a Hessler 5-yard TD pass to Phil Savoy, the defense held to set up the game breaking play: a 77-yard touchdown pass from Hessler to Rae Carruth broke the game open. **2000**—Colorado records a school and conference record 14 quarterback sacks in a 28-18 win at Missouri; 10 different Buffs got to the Tiger quarterbacks.

NOVEMBER 4 COLORADO MVP: QB John Hessler. In the '95 win over Oklahoma State, he completed 22-of-31 passes for 301 yards and the five touchdowns (with no interceptions).

BILLINGSLEY MAKES HISTORY

Senior **SS J.J. Billingsley** has **204** unassisted tackles in his career, as with six solo stops at Missouri, he became just the 10th player in school history to record 200 solo tackles. Only two defensive backs had previously broached the plateau, **Michael Lewis** (225, 1998-2001) and **Mickey Pruitt** (201, 1984-87); both were also safeties. Lewis (336) and Pruitt (332) rank eighth and ninth all-time in tackles at Colorado, but are positioned 1-2 in tackles by a defensive back. Billingsley is currently 15th all-time with **292**, which is the fourth DB; Steve Rosga, another safety, is in the third spot with 304 (181 solo). He unfortunately suffered a torn meniscus in practice the Tuesday (Oct. 3) following the Missouri game, underwent arthroscopic surgery, and has missed four games (Baylor, Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Kansas). He is probable this week for Kansas State.

CROSBY NOW CU'S ALL-TIME LEADING SCORER

When he opted to return to CU for his senior year instead of turning professional early, CU's all-time scoring mark was one of the records **PK Mason Crosby** had his eyes on. Well, that record is now his: with 56 points on the season (15 FG, 11 PAT), Crosby passed **TB Eric Bieniemy** into first place on the list with **287** points; Bieniemy scored 254 between 1987 and 1990. Crosby is not only bidding to reach the 300-point barrier, but is also trying to become just the third player to lead the Buffs in scoring three different years; he led the team in 2004 and 2005; Bieniemy did it thrice (1987, 1988, 1990) as did **PK Jeremy Aldrich** (1997, 1998 & 1999).

FANTASTIC FRESHMEN

Two Buff redshirt freshmen continue to have pretty good seasons.

➤ **TE Riar Geer** leads the team in receiving (21 catches for 229 yards; no other Buff has more than 11). No freshman, true or redshirt, has ever led the Buffs in receiving, and his 21 receptions are the most by a freshman tight end in school history, besting the 20 by **Brody Heffner Liddiard** in 1996. Liddiard also holds the yardage record at 288, well within striking range for Geer.

➤ **P Matt DiLallo** is second in the Big 12 behind Baylor's Daniel Sepulveda and 15th in the NCAA with a 43.3 average (he's 3.0 out of the league lead). Only two players have ever led CU in punting as a freshman, and neither (**Stan Koleski**, 38.2 in 1973; **Andy Mitchell**, 38.3 in 1994) was among the Buffs' six All-Americans at the position. He also rose to the occasion in the Baylor game and out-punted the defending Ray Guy Award winner Sepulveda in both gross (51.8 for four punts, to 49.8 for four) and in net (45.8 to 44.8). DiLallo had two inside the 20 (one inside the 10) with a long of 63 with an 11-man rush at the end of regulation. He struggled a bit in the gusting winds at Oklahoma, but still out-punted his Sooner counterpart, posting a 35.5 average on six punts, three of which were into the teeth of the wind, with a 35.7 net; OU's Michael Cohen had a 32.6 number on five boots (32.4 net). Mitchell's 38.3 average is the best ever posted by a CU freshman.

DEFENSE SHAPING UP TO BE CU'S BEST SINCE 1998

Colorado's defense showed marked improvement last season and was the best statistically since 1998. Well, guess what? This year's appears to be even better. The Buffs' rushing defense continues to be the strong suit, and there is improvement against the pass along with a sub-7 average per pass play figure. The 319.2 allowed per game stands to be the lowest since the Buffs surrendered 296.0 in 1998. Here's a look at CU's defensive numbers games every season since 1998 (final totals for all eight years—reminder, CU does NOT include bowl stats):

Season	Record	Rushing		Passing				Total				Opp. 3rd D	Scoring					
		Att.	Yards	Att.	Game	Att-Com-Int	Pct.	Yards	Att.	Game	Att.		Yards	Att.	Game	TFLs	Pts.	Avg.
1998	7-4	450	1623	4.6	147.5	290-138-11	47.8	1633	5.6	148.5	740	3256	4.4	296.0	85	63-170	199	18.1
1999	6-5	423	1887	4.5	171.5	316-155-14	49.1	1937	6.1	176.1	739	3824	5.2	347.6	69	40-152	283	25.7
2000	3-8	472	1926	4.1	175.1	350-208-11	59.4	2717	7.8	247.0	822	4643	5.7	422.1	80	66-161	284	25.8
2001	10-2	405	1545	3.8	125.5	433-231-17	53.3	2743	6.3	228.6	838	4288	5.1	357.3	63	60-177	280	23.3
2002	9-4	507	2188	4.3	168.3	429-242-14	56.4	2576	6.0	198.2	936	4764	5.1	366.5	104	80-206	294	22.6
2003	5-7	450	1810	4.0	150.8	416-247-10	59.4	3375	8.1	281.3	866	5185	6.0	432.1	74	56-162	398	33.2
2004	7-5	513	2064	4.0	172.0	410-240-14	58.5	3055	7.5	254.6	923	5119	5.6	426.6	88	92-205	304	25.3
2005	7-5	422	1143	2.7	95.3	455-261-13	57.4	3031	6.7	252.6	877	4174	4.8	347.8	72	73-197	288	24.0
2006	1-8	296	869	2.9	96.6	305-201-12	65.9	2004	6.6	222.7	601	2873	4.8	319.2	59	64-137	180	20.0

SUB-300 BECOMING THE NORM

That CU 1998 team held five opponents to fewer than 300 yards total offense, including a pair of top 15 teams. Between 1999 and 2002, 10 were held below that barrier, and in 2003-04, two didn't reach 300 (in 2004, all gained at least 342, with eight earned 400-plus on the Buffalo "D"). But starting in 2005, the 300 figure has been anything but automatic for the opponent: Colorado has held **10** of its last **21** opponents to under 300 yards total offense, with just four teams picking up over 400 (no team has hit 500 since Texas A&M racked up 532 on Oct. 23, 2004). Five have not reached CCC (that's 300 in roman numerals) this season, with just Arizona State (430) topping the CD mark (or 400).

SCHEDULE STRENGTH

Through games of October 28, Colorado is playing the nation's **67th** toughest schedule nationally (as calculated by the NCAA on cumulative opposition records for the season). Minnesota leads the pack, as its opponents are combined 54-29 for a 65.1 winning percentage; Connecticut (48-26, 64.9); Cincinnati (47-26, 64.4), Michigan (57-32, 64.0) and South Carolina (50-29, 63.3) round out the top five. CU's opponents are 38-40 (48.7), 67th on the list overall. Oklahoma State and Texas top the Big 12 list at present (both 11th, 48-32, 60.0), followed by Texas A&M and Texas Tech (tied for 26th), Oklahoma (31st), Baylor (36th), Nebraska (47th), Missouri (54th), Kansas State (60th), CU, Iowa State (73rd) and Kansas (97th).

BUFFS SPORT NATION'S NO. 22 DEFENSE IN STOPPING THE RUN

Colorado's defense against the run in 2005 was the best in school history. The Buffs allowed **95.3** yards per game, ninth nationally in the regular season (CU finished 11th including the bowl game). The school record for a season had been 114.2, set in 1990 and matched in 1994. Only two other years have the Buffs allowed fewer than 125, when the opponent had 115.5 in both 1965 and 1989. That same defense against the run has carried into the 2006 season, as the Buffs are ranked 22nd in the nation, allowing **96.6** yards per game, while allowing just **2.93** yards per rush (14th in the NCAA). CU is allowing between 14 and 36 yards per quarter (allowing between 18 and 29 a year ago). It all adds up to consistency. Prior to 2005, the Buffs had last finished in the top 20 in rushing defense in 1994, when they were 15th, also the highest a Colorado defense had ever finished against the run until last season. It's another indicator that CU is better than its 1-8 record might show:

RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED BY QUARTER							RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED BY GAME												
Quarter	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total	Opp.	MSU	CSU	ASU	UGA	MU	BAY	TTU	OU	KU	KSU	ISU	NU
Yards	242	133	162	327	5	869	Yards	50	15	182	54	100	110	31	166	161			
Avg./Game	26.9	14.8	18.0	36.3	---	96.6	Avg.	1.3	0.4	4.9	2.0	2.5	4.2	2.1	3.4	4.9			

- ➔ CU has held **13** of its last **22** opponents under 100 yards rushing, dating back to the 2004 Houston Bowl (a 13th, Missouri, had exactly 100, while Baylor had 110). Six of those times the opponent has failed to reach 50, including three games this season. Of the nine that have topped the century mark, no team has averaged over 4.9 yards per rush (Texas' average in the Big 12 title game, the only 200+ yard effort in the run), and only five topped 4.0 per.
- ➔ **Inside-the-20 Opponent Rushing:** Opponents have **59** rushing attempts in the red zone against the Buffs through eight games, for a net **97** yards (1.6 per try—and those are all true rushes). Nine have gone for losses, 11 for no gain and 11 others for a single yard. In addition, the opponent is **2-of-8** on 3rd-&-Goal from the 1 (one for six rushing, one of two passing).
- ➔ **Allowing For Sacks.** Deduct 20 sacks for 136 yards, which is applied to rushing in the NCAA, and the true running picture still isn't the greatest for the enemy: 1,005 yards or 111.70 per game.
- ➔ **Rushing TDs.** Colorado has allowed only seven on the season, the 23rd fewest in the nation (Louisville, Michigan & Ohio State have allowed the low--2).
- ➔ **Opponent Longs.** CU has allowed just five running plays over 20 yards this year (two over 40; the long of 63 was on a broken play by Kansas' Todd Reesing). Through nine games, **56** percent of opponent rushes (**165** of **296**) have gone for two yards or less. Dissecting the opponents **296** rushes on the year, you find these play counts: 20-plus: **5**. 10-plus: **30**. 5-Plus: **77**. 2-or-less: **165**. Zero: **38**. Minus: **58** (includes **20** sacks per NCAA calculation). In 2005, just under 52 percent (**218** of **422**) of rushes against CU gained two or fewer yards.

100 RUSHING YARDS TOUGH TO GET AGAINST THE BUFFALOES

CU has allowed just one opponent an individual 100-yard rushing game in 2006; Oklahoma's Allen Patrick had 110 yards, but needed 35 carries to get them (3.1 per carry, with 23 rushes for three yards or less). The last two to do it prior to Patrick were Clemson's James Davis (150) in the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl, and OU's Adrian Peterson in the 2004 Big 12 Championship game. CU became the 105th school to allow a 100-yard rusher this season; since 1950, there have only been three occasions where CU did not allow a 100-yard rusher over an entire season: in 1957, 1965 and 1967.

- The Buffs have allowed two 100-yard rushers over the last **22** games (since the start of the 2005 season). Only Kansas with zero has allowed fewer in the Big 12 Conference, while all other schools have allowed at least three (Kansas State, Texas Tech; the other eight have permitted four-plus).
- **ZERO 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES ALLOWED IN 2006 (10):** Boise State, Boston College, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana-Lafayette, LSU, Michigan, TCU, Utah, West Virginia.

SENIOR ANALYSIS

Colorado has 24 seniors on its 2006 roster, 15 of which are starters or practically co-starters in the rotation or on special teams: **SS J.J. Billingsley**, **TE Paul Creighton**, **PK Mason Crosby**, **OG Brian Daniels**, **C Mark Fenton**, **TE Dan Goettsch**, **TB Mell Holliday**, **WR Nick Holz** (holder), **DE Alex Ligon**, **WR Blake Mackey**, **CB Lorenzo Sims**, **DE Walter Boye-Doe**, **CB Terry Washington**, **ILB Thaddeus Washington** and **DE Abraham Wright**. **QB James Cox** and **OG Jack Tipton** are serving as back-ups at present, and most of the others have some kind of role, and the last, **S Dominique Brooks**, is recovering from knee surgery and will redshirt this fall.

GRADUATION STAT(U)S

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

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

2006 HONORS CANDIDATES

There are a few Colorado players worthy of consideration for national and conference honors as the second half of the season is now in full swing; more could be added to the below list. Those of you who participate in such ballots, please take a look at the below Colorado Buffaloes who we feel are worthy of consideration.

TB HUGH CHARLES**All-Big 12 Conference Candidate (Doak Walker Watch List)**

He has two 100-yard games on the season and has 358 yards in Big 12 Conference play, the 71.6 average ranking fifth in the conference... was sidetracked a bit at Oklahoma, getting just six carries for 2 yards... has been involved in 21 plays that have gained 10 or more yards.

PK MASON CROSBY**All-America, All-Big 12 Candidate (Lou Groza Award Watch List)**

See more on Crosby elsewhere in these notes (*pages 17-18*)... The consensus first-team All-American in 2005 and two-time first-team All-Big 12 Conference performer is again leading CU in scoring with 56 points, making all 11 of his PAT kicks and 15-of-21 field goals; his average make has been from 40.3 yards while his average miss is 49.7; his five misses include 63, 61, 57 and 56 yard attempts... He has the second longest field goal in NCAA Division I-A this fall (56 yards).

OG BRIAN DANIELS**All-American Candidate (Outland Trophy Watch List)**

He is one of two players to play every snap on offense (476)... His play has improved as of late and he is starting to come on... Has not allowed a quarterback sack (now just ½ a sack over the last three seasons) and has been called for just two penalties... An NFF Scholar-Athlete and finalist for the Vincent Draddy Award with a 3.53 GPA in Finance.

C MARK FENTON**All-American Candidate (Lombardi, Rimington Award List)**

He has missed the last five games, as in the second quarter at Georgia he suffered a broken fibula... He should return to practice full-time this week... Had seen action for CU's first 180 snaps of the season and had not allowed a sack or been flagged for a penalty... A finalist for the Rimington Award in 2005 (one of 6).

ILB JORDON DIZON**All-Big 12 Conference Candidate (Dick Butkus Award List)**

He is the team leader in tackles with 100 (59 solo), as he had a career-high 16 versus Texas Tech and came back with 15 at Oklahoma... Has 61 stops in Big 12 play... Has posted 10-plus tackles six times... Owns a team-best 15 third down stops to go with 2½ sacks, a forced fumble, two recoveries, a PBU and two TD saves.

ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON**All-American Candidate (Lombardi, Dick Butkus Award Lists)**

Second leading tackler on the team (90 stops, 49 unassisted)... Recorded a career high of 19 at Oklahoma, including four third down stops... Has five games with 10 or more tackles (also had 15 against Arizona State)... Has six tackles for loss, along with six third down stops, four passes broken up and a forced fumble and a TD save.

CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY**All-Big 12 Candidate**

The Big 12 leader in interceptions with five (and is 7th in the NCAA)... Has played all but one snap on defense (600 of 601); he is sixth on the team in tackles with 48 (37 solo)... He has nine pass deflections and eight third down stops to go with a pair of fumble recoveries and four touchdown saves.

DE ABRAHAM WRIGHT**All-American Candidate (Ted Hendricks Award List)**

He has racked up 49 tackles including 15 for losses (seventh in the NCAA) and 10 ½ sacks (fourth in the nation); it had been 14 seasons since a Buff recorded 10 or more sacks in a season; his sights are now on the single season record of 14. He also has 16 quarterback hurries (and two caused interceptions), eight third down stops, three passes broken up, two touchdown saves and a forced fumble in playing 560 snaps—93 percent of CU's total plays (601) on defense.

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN CONSIDERATION**P MATTHEW DILALLO**

Currently ranked second in the Big 12 and 15th in the nation in punting with a 43.3 average, he is the only freshman listed in the nation's top 30 at present. He has placed 13 punts inside-the-20 (four inside-the-10), has five longer than 50 yards with a long of 73, a CU freshman record, and has not recorded a touchback.

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN CONSIDERATION**TE RIAN GEER**

Bidding to become the first freshman, wide receiver or tight end, to ever lead CU in receiving, as he has 21 receptions for 229 yards and two touchdowns, with 13 earning first downs. He also has more catches and yards than any other freshman tight end in the Big 12 and the second most by any freshman in conference.

2006 HONORS TO DATE

The list of in-season honors claimed by Colorado players in 2006:

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; October 14 vs. Texas Tech: 3-3 FG, including 56 & 53-yarders, 3-3 PAT, five of seven kickoffs for touchbacks*)

FS RYAN WALTERS (*Defensive; October 14 vs. Texas Tech: 4 tackles (two solo), two interceptions, two third down stops*)

CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

DT GEORGE HYPOLITE (*September 18-24: vs. Georgia: 4 tackles, three for losses including two quarterback sacks, forced fumble*)

P MATTHEW DILALLO (*October 2-8: vs. Baylor: 4-51.8 punting, 2 In20*)

PK MASON CROSBY (*October 9-15: vs. Texas Tech: 3-3 FG, including 56 & 53-yarders, 3-3 PAT, five of seven kickoffs for touchbacks*)

ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON (*October 16-22: vs. Oklahoma: 19 tackles, 12 solo; four third down stops*)

MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICAN

DE ABRAHAM WRIGHT (*first-team: CollegeFootballNews.com/FoxSports.com*)

OTHER IN-SEASON HONORS

PK MASON CROSBY (*Lou Groza Award Top Three Stars of the Week vs. Texas Tech*)

OG BRIAN DANIELS (*Finalist: Draddy Award/National one of 17 Scholar-Athlete Award winners*)

DE ABRAHAM WRIGHT (*named to Mid-Season Watch List for the Ted Hendricks Award; one of 28 players named to the list*)

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA in 2006, through games of October 28:

TEAM														
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat			
7th	37th	RUSHING OFFENSE	157.9	2nd	22nd	RUSHING DEFENSE	96.6	12th	107th	PUNT RETURNS	5.1			
12th	117th	PASSING OFFENSE	105.1	9th	87th	PASSING DEFENSE	222.7	9th	96th	KICKOFF RETURNS	18.1			
12th	112th	TOTAL OFFENSE	263.0	6th	55th	TOTAL DEFENSE	319.2	7th	49th	NET PUNTING	36.0			
12th	109th	SCORING OFFENSE	14.2	7th	48th	SCORING DEFENSE	20.0	2nd	17th	TURNOVER MARGIN	+0.78			
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	7th	71st	64.9	Riar Geer	36th	.....	25.4	Mason Crosby	2nd	5th	1.67		
Bernard Jackson	15th	.....	54.1	Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm		
Mell Holliday	26th	.....	28.0	Matt DiLallo	2nd	15th	43.33	Terrence Wheatley	1st	16th	0.56		
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Ryan Walters	11th	.....	0.25		
Bernard Jackson	12th	.....	91.3	Stephone Robinson	11th	79th	5.1	QB Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm		
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating	Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Abraham Wright	1st	4th	1.17			
Bernard Jackson	11th	.....	90.7	Stephone Robinson	8th	94th	17.4	Tackles For Loss	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm		
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Abraham Wright	1st	t-7th	1.67			
Bernard Jackson	12th	92nd	145.4	Mason Crosby	10th	78th	6.2	George Hypolite	3rd	t-15th	1.44			
Hugh Charles	19th	.....	64.9	Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Tackles	CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match				
Receptions	Big 12	NCAA	No./Gm	Mason Crosby	5th	41st	6.2							
Riar Geer	34th	.....	2.3										

CAREER CHART WATCH

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

- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** is 16th in total tackles (292, the fourth most by a defensive back), is ninth in solo tackles (204) and is 23rd in tackles for loss (24).
- ⇒ **TB HUGH CHARLES** is 27th in rushing yards (1,475) and 98th in receiving yards (314).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is first in scoring (287 points), first in field goals made (62), first in PAT kicks made (101), first in field goal attempts (81) and first in PAT attempts (109).
- ⇒ **ILB JORDON DIZON** is 32nd in total tackles (243), and tied for 20th in solo tackles (152).
- ⇒ **KR STEPHONE ROBINSON** is ninth in punt return yards (593), fifth in punt returns (75), sixth in kickoff return yards (857) and fourth in KO returns (48).
- ⇒ **CB LORENZO SIMS** is tied for 28th in interceptions (6) and is tied for fifth in pass deflections (32).
- ⇒ **WR DUSTY SPRAGUE** is 19th in receptions (75) and is 22nd in receiving yards (911).
- ⇒ **ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON** is 11th in total tackles (311), is tied for 11th in solo tackles (186) and is tied for 18th in tackles for loss (25).
- ⇒ **CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY** is tied for 12th in interceptions (9) and tied for 21st in pass deflections (17).
- ⇒ **WR PATRICK WILLIAMS** is tied for 47th in receptions (40) and is tied for 73rd in receiving yards (420).
- ⇒ **DE ABRAHAM WRIGHT** is tied for fifth in quarterback sacks (20) and is tied for 20th in tackles for loss (28).

100 TACKLE DOUBLE?

The monster game against Oklahoma posted by the inside linebacker duo of **Thaddaeus Washington** (19 tackles) and **Jordon Dizon** (15) has set the pair up to be the Colorado's first pair of players to record 100-plus tackles in a season since 2002, and possibly the first pair of 'backers to do it since 1994. Dizon and Washington, both preseason candidates for the Butkus Award (neither advanced to the semifinalist stage, which was announced the Thursday *prior* to the OU game) rank 1-2 in tackles for the Buffaloes and are nearing the century mark. They hope to become the 19th tandem (one did it twice) to post triple digits in tackles the same season:

Season	Pos	Players	UT, AT—Total	Season	Pos	Players	UT, AT—Total	Season	Pos	Players	UT, AT—Total
1971	ILB	Randy Geist	37, 71—108	1986	ILB	Barry Remington	58, 69—127	1996	SS	Ryan Black	78, 76—154
	ILB	Bud Magrum	39, 65—104		SS	Mickey Pruitt	73, 33—106		ILB	Matt Russell	83, 54—137
	ILB	Billie Drake	34, 68—102	1987	ILB	Eric McCarty	88, 60—148		FS	Steve Rosga	71, 51—122
1975	ILB	Gary Campbell	59, 55—114		ILB	Michael Jones	74, 57—121	1997	FS	Ryan Sutter	98, 72—170
	DE	Troy Archer	60, 45—105		SS	Mickey Pruitt	63, 45—108		ILB	Hannibal Navies	85, 45—130
1979	ILB	Bill Roe	73, 89—162	1988	ILB	Michael Jones	73, 40—113	1999	ILB	Jashon Sykes	82, 52—134
	NT	Laval Short	66, 70—136		OLB	Kanavis McGhee	66, 36—102		FS	Rashidi Barnes	74, 34—108
1980	ILB	Steve Doolittle	38, 76—114	1990	ILB	Greg Biekert	105, 45—150	2000	SS	Michael Lewis	76, 41—117
	ILB	Bob Humble	35, 75—110		ILB	Chad Brown	72, 34—106		ILB	Jashon Sykes	78, 33—111
1983	ILB	Terry Irvin	58, 63—121	1991	ILB	Greg Biekert	78, 61—139	2002	CB	Donald Strickland	85, 24—109
	ILB	Don Fairbanks	49, 61—110		OLB	Chad Brown	70, 55—125		FS	Medford Moorer	75, 32—107
1984	ILB	Barry Remington	60, 63—123	1994	ILB	Ted Johnson	92, 55—147	2006	ILB	Jordon Dizon	59, 41—100
	DT	George Smith	61, 52—113		ILB	Matt Russell	63, 42—105	(?)	ILB	Thaddaeus Washington	49, 41— 90
1985	ILB	Barry Remington	83, 79—162	1995	ILB	Matt Russell	88, 31—119				
	ILB	Don DeLuzio	77, 64—141		FS	Steve Rosga	63, 41—104				

Dizon and Washington have now combined for 564 career tackles, approaching the most two players have simultaneously ever had while playing on the same team: 599 by Ted Johnson (409) and Matt Russell (190) at the end of the '94 season.

DIZON THE THIRD DOWN MAN

ILB Jordan Dizon is quietly sneaking up on another school record—through nine games, he has **15** third down stops, just three shy of the school record first set by **OLB Chad Brown** in 1992 and then equaled last year by **OLB Brian Iwuh**. An under appreciated statistic, one that CU may be the only school to track (starting in 1991 in earnest), Dizon has 27 in his career. That's well short of the career bests, but he could chase them down between the remaining games this year and 2007. **ILB Greg Biekert** holds the school record of 47, which he established between 1989 and 1992 (numbers were researched prior to it being tracked for all players); Brown ('89-92) and **ILB Matt Russell** are tied for second on the list with 45.

VERTICAL

Dan Hawkins has noted that the one thing missing from CU's offense that has been prevalent of his past offenses at Boise State is 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 on his radio show on Oct. 18. "I don't want to tell you how many we have this season." Except we have always publicized the count in our stat pages, and he is definitely on mark with his assessment. Through nine games, CU has just **22** total, **11** rushing and **11** passing, as the Buffs are on schedule to have their 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 does have 11 rushing plays of 20 yards or more, and while not an overly large number, is more in line with the number posted over the last decade. 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	2001	58	21	37	2004	48	13	35
1995	61	11	50	1999	57	12	45	2002	58	35	23	2005	54	16	38
1996	64	12	52	2000	38	8	30	2003	47	5	42	2006	22	11	11
1997	46	9	37												

QUARTERBACK-TAILBACK RUSHING

The duo of **QB Bernard Jackson** and **TB Hugh Charles** has emerged as a potent 1-2 punch, as the pair has combined for **1,071** yards this season (**991** the last seven games). Since the start of the 1989 season, when the Buffs transitioned from the wishbone to the I-bone, the Jackson-Charles combo has posted five of the top 32 yardage efforts by a quarterback and tailback. A closer look (minimum 50 yards by both the quarterback and tailback and 140 by the combo):

Date	Yards	Opponent	Players (*—denotes QB)	Date	Yards	Opponent	Players (*—denotes QB)
Nov. 18, 1989	402	at Kansas State	J.J. Flannigan (20-246), *Darian Hagan (28-156)	Nov. 13, 1993	204	KANSAS	Rashaan Salaam (19-130), *Kordell Stewart (12-74)
Nov. 19, 1994	348	IOWA STATE	Rashaan Salaam (29-259), *Kordell Stewart (13-89)	Nov. 11, 1989	197	OKLAHOMA ST.	J.J. Flannigan (23-143), *Darian Hagan (18-54)
Oct. 22, 1994	329	KANSAS STATE	Rashaan Salaam (28-202), *Kordell Stewart (22-127)	Nov. 17, 1990	193	KANSAS STATE	Eric Bieniemy (22-115), *Darian Hagan (7-78)
Oct. 21, 1989	296	KANSAS	J.J. Flannigan (10-178), *Darian Hagan (17-118)	Dec. 25, 1993	185	c-Fresno State	Rashaan Salaam (23-135), *Kordell Stewart (8-50)
Aug. 26, 1990	294	a-Tennessee	Mike Pritchard (20-217), *Darian Hagan (17-77)	Oct. 6, 2001	184	at Kansas State	Chris Brown (33-114), *Craig Ochs (4-70)
Sept. 3, 1994	268	NE LOUISIANA	Rashaan Salaam (24-184), *Kordell Stewart (6-84)	Sept. 4, 1989	182	TEXAS	*Darian Hagan (14-116), Eric Bieniemy (16-66)
Sept. 9, 1989	259	COLORADO ST.	Eric Bieniemy (23-156), *Darian Hagan (14-103)	Nov. 4, 1989	182	NEBRASKA	J.J. Flannigan (18-96), *Darian Hagan (25-86)
Sept. 6, 1990	252	STANFORD	Eric Bieniemy (32-149), *Darian Hagan (20-103)	Sept. 30, 2006	180	at Missouri	*Bernard Jackson (15-93), Hugh Charles (13-87)
Oct. 16, 1993	240	at Oklahoma	Lamont Warren (34-182), *Kordell Stewart (6-58)	Oct. 14, 2006	173	TEXAS TECH	Hugh Charles (17-119), *Bernard Jackson (14-54)
Jan. 2, 1995	226	b-Notre Dame	*Kordell Stewart (7-143), Rashaan Salaam (27-83)	Jan. 1, 1990	172	b-Notre Dame	*Darian Hagan (19-106), Eric Bieniemy (11-66)
Sept. 24, 1994	226	at Michigan	Rashaan Salaam (22-141), *Kordell Stewart (20-85)	Oct. 14, 1989	167	at Iowa State	Matt Bell (12-85), *Darian Hagan (8-82)
Oct. 7, 1989	222	MISSOURI	Eric Bieniemy (16-116), *Darian Hagan (15-106)	Oct. 7, 2006	165	BAYLOR	*Bernard Jackson (13-93), Hugh Charles (15-72)
Oct. 8, 1994	222	at Missouri	Rashaan Salaam (28-166), *Kordell Stewart (7-56)	Sept. 23, 2006	157	at Georgia	*Bernard Jackson (15-85), Hugh Charles (18-72)
Oct. 12, 1991	211	MISSOURI	Lamont Warren (10-110), *Darian Hagan (14-101)	Oct. 28, 2006	146	at Kansas	Hugh Charles (15-78), *Bernard Jackson (14-68)
Oct. 28, 1989	210	at Oklahoma	*Darian Hagan (21-107), J.J. Flannigan (25-103)	.....	141	(twice)	
Nov. 20, 1993	206	at Iowa State	*Kordell Stewart (13-113), Rashaan Salaam (18-93)				
Oct. 9, 1993	204	MISSOURI	Lamont Warren (17-137), *Kordell Stewart (7-67)				

(a—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim; b—Orange Bowl; c—Aloha Bowl)

CHARLES IS COLORADO'S 48TH TO 1,000

TB Hugh Charles rushed for 109 yards on 20 carries in the loss to Arizona State, becoming the **48th** player in Colorado history to have rushed for 1,000 or more yards in a career in the process. Research indicates that the Buffs are one of the all-time leaders in the number of players who have rushed for 1,000-plus yards for a career. Oklahoma currently tops the list with 64, followed by Nebraska and USC (both 54); still waiting to hear back from three prominent schools on their counts. Turns out CU is among the national leaders in the number of players who have reached the career 1K plateau:

Oklahoma	64	Texas	43	Iowa	36	Air Force	33	Michigan	TBA
Nebraska	54	West Virginia	39	Penn State	35	Miami, Fla.	33	Notre Dame	TBA
Southern Cal	54	Minnesota	38	South Carolina	35	Virginia	33	Ohio State	TBA
Colorado	48	North Carolina	37	Texas A & M	34	Georgia Tech	31		

FIVE QUESTIONS: CHA'PELLE BROWN

A quick pick "Q&A" with freshman CB **Cha'pelle Brown**:

Who is your favorite NFL player? "LaDanian Tomlinson."

Would you rather play in 90-degree heat or 20 degrees and snow? "Oh, the heat for sure."

What is your favorite home cooked meal? "Baked chicken."

What is your favorite sport to watch other than football? "Basketball. I loved watching M.J. growing up."

Monday is your day off from practice. If you're not in class what are you doing? "I'm either watching film or in study hall."

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

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 19 seasons. CU has been victorious 57 of the last 90 times in enemy stadiums and is **57-34-1** overall away from home (a 62.5 winning percentage). That stands 11th nationally (seventh in raw wins) and third among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. Going back 21 seasons (to 1985), CU is **65-39-1**, a 62.4 winning clip. During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games between 1994 and 1996. The Buffaloes own a **46-24-1** mark in their last 70 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **21-22** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (0-3 in 2006). 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 (1988-2006)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	74	22	0	.771
Tennessee	63	21	2	.744
Florida State	66	24	0	.733
Michigan	63	24	3	.717
Nebraska	61	27	3	.687
Ohio State	59	26	2	.690
Notre Dame	57	28	2	.667
Florida	48	26	1	.647
Texas	57	33	0	.633
Alabama	54	32	0	.628
Colorado	57	34	1	.625

20TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989

Colorado has the nation's 20th best record over the last 18 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **141-72-4** record. From opening 1-0 in '89, through the 10th game of the 2005 season, the Buffs owned one of the top 10 overall records in the nation (**247 consecutive weeks**); that was snapped with a loss to Nebraska late last year. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through games of October 28:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2006
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida State	220	178	41	1	.811	93	65-27-1	4-4
2	Miami, Fla.	213	172	41	0	.808	80	49-31-0	6-3
3	Nebraska	220	174	45	1	.793	63	34-28-1	6-3
4	Tennessee	218	168	47	3	.778	84	48-33-3	7-1
5	Florida	220	168	51	1	.766	98	55-42-1	7-1
6	Michigan	216	164	49	3	.766	93	57-34-2	9-0
7	Ohio State	219	166	50	3	.765	88	49-36-3	9-0
8	Texas	216	152	62	2	.708	75	35-38-2	8-1
9	Virginia Tech	213	147	64	2	.695	57	26-30-1	6-2
10	Notre Dame	214	147	65	2	.692	83	40-41-2	7-1
11	Penn State	215	148	66	1	.691	80	38-42-0	6-3
20	COLORADO	217	141	72	4	.659	91	40-49-2	1-8

THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12

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

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

CU VS. THE BIG 12 NORTH: Colorado owns the best record in intra-division competition going back to the start of the 2001 season against Big 12 North Division rivals, as the Buffaloes are **20-7** in this time frame. Other records in the same span: Kansas State 17-11, Nebraska 17-11, Iowa State 10-17, Missouri 10-17 and Kansas 8-19. The Buffs are **11-2** at home in this stretch, the only losses to Nebraska (2003 & 2005).

2006 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-10)						South Division (+10)					
School (AP/Coaches/Harris Rank)	conference					W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
Missouri (RV/#25/RV)	3	2	.600	136	106	7	2	.778	275	143	N 4 at Nebraska
Nebraska (RV/RV/RV)	3	2	.600	137	112	6	3	.667	308	157	N 4 MISSOURI
Kansas State	2	3	.400	89	116	5	4	.556	187	170	N 4 at Colorado
COLORADO	1	4	.200	92	112	1	8	.111	128	180	N 4 KANSAS STATE
Kansas	1	4	.200	137	153	4	5	.444	251	234	N 4 at Iowa State
Iowa State	0	5	.000	73	172	3	6	.333	179	279	N 4 KANSAS
School (AP/Coaches)	conference					W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	Next Up
Texas (#4/#4/#4)	5	0	1.000	185	106	8	1	.889	356	147	N 4 OKLAHOMA STATE
Texas A & M (#21/#21/RV)	4	1	.800	138	122	8	1	.889	297	170	N 4 OKLAHOMA
Oklahoma (#18/#18/#18)	3	1	.750	94	50	6	2	.750	247	121	N 4 at Texas A & M
Baylor	3	2	.600	139	163	4	5	.444	228	234	N 4 at Texas Tech
Oklahoma State (RV/-/RV)	2	2	.500	143	126	5	3	.625	303	185	N 4 at Texas
Texas Tech	2	3	.400	131	156	5	4	.556	269	206	N 4 BAYLOR

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2006

- 0** The number of Colorado turnovers in the first quarter this season;
- 2** The number of players who have rushed for 100-plus yards against CU in the last **23** games—Clemson's James Davis (150) in the Champs Sports Bowl and Oklahoma's Allen Patrick (110... though he needed 35 carries to do it).
- 4** The number of Colorado turnovers in the first half this season;
- 5.1** The number of yards **Matthew DiLallo** is averaging over the previous best by any frosh punter in CU history (43.4; Andy Mitchell averaged 38.3 in 1994).
- 18** The number of records Mason Crosby has set in his career, many of them falling into place this season.
- 20-7** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 20-7.
- 25.0** The conversion percentage for the opponent on 3rd-&-Goal from the Colorado 1 in 2006 (**2-of-8**).
- 30** The number of points CU has scored on its first possession in the nine games to date in 2006.
- 38** The number of second down plays the opponent has had with just 1 to 4 yards needed for a first down (out of **200**).
- 9-43** The raw third down conversion number for opponents on 3rd-and-10 or longer in 2006 (CU is 5-of-28 in similar circumstances).
- 41.0** Opponents are starting **41.0** percent of their drives (**43 of 105**) either inside or at the 20-yard line for the season; that number was **49.7** in 2005.
- 63** The length of a Mason Crosby field goal attempt with 1:11 left against Montana State, the fourth attempt of 60 yards or longer in school history (he has the only make from that distance, 60 yards against Iowa State in 2004).
- 219** Colorado scored in its 219th consecutive game, adding to the sixth longest active streak in the nation (and tied for the 11th longest of all-time).
- 504** The number of rushing yards CU had in its two-game "homestand" versus Baylor (276) and Texas Tech (228); the most in back-to-back games by the Buffs since the end of the 2002 season.
- 564** The combined number of career tackles from CU starting linebackers Thaddeaus Washington (**321**) and Jordon Dizon (**243**); the most two players simultaneously have had while playing on the same team were **599** by Ted Johnson (409) and Matt Russell (190) at the end of the '94 season.
- 508** The number of total offensive yards Bernard Jackson amassed on CU's two-game road trip to Georgia and Missouri (178 rush, 330 pass);
- 1600** The mileage in each direction Ralphie IV traveled to appear at the Georgia game, her first regular season appearance outside of Colorado since 1989.
- 92746** The third largest crowd CU has ever played before, coming at Georgia's Sanford Stadium.

BIG 12 BOWL TIE-INS ALTERED BEGINNING IN 2006

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

BCS/Tostitos **Fiesta** (vs. BCS)MasterCard **Alamo** (vs. Big 10)

Insight (vs. Big 10)

AT&T **Cotton** (vs. SEC)*Toyota **Gator** (vs. ACC)**Independence** (vs. SEC)Pacific Life **Holiday** (vs. Pacific 10)*Vitalis **Sun** (vs. Pacific 10)Ev1.net **Houston** (vs. Big East)

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

INSTANT REPLAY SUMMARY

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

Date	Opponent	Team	Play Reviewed	Result	Length	Notes
Sept. 2	Montana State	MSU	Rolovich 9 pass to Jefferson, Wright 23 fumble return	Overturned	2:12	Ruled an incomplete pass, no possession
Sept. 2	Montana State	*MSU	Carpenter pass to Groves, stopped short of TD	Upheld	0:41	Player broke plane of EZ, ball did not
Sept. 9	Colorado State	*CSU	Jackson fumble and CU recovery	Upheld	2:43	Involved fumble pile, replay couldn't change
Sept. 16	Arizona State	ASU	ASU's Carpenter fumbles out of bounds inside the CU 1	Overturned	1:47	fumble hit pylon, ruled TB/possession to CU
Sept. 16	Arizona State	CU	Jackson fumble into end zone, ASU recovery and return	Upheld	2:15	Seeing if he had broken the plane first
Sept. 23	Georgia	CU	CU possession after punt (ruled did not touch CU player)	Confirmed	1:20	Two CU players avoided touching ball
Sept. 30	Missouri	CU	Cha'pelle Brown interception	Confirmed	0:31	Checked to see if ball hit ground; it did not
Sept. 30	Missouri	*CU	Wheatley apparent interception ruled incomplete	Upheld	3:30	Appeared to have control and be in bounds
Oct. 7	Baylor	BU	Corey Ford interception	Upheld	0:45	CU's Sprague pulled ball away after tackle
Oct. 14	Texas Tech	TTU	Holliday 12 touchdown run late in game	Overturned	1:30	Ball re-spotted at the 1-yard line
Oct. 28	Kansas	CU	Jackson fumble (pulled ball back down) and CU recovery	Confirmed	0:45	Checked to see if it was an incomplete pass

40 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS SEVENTH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 40 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season is tied for the seventh most in the nation in this time frame. Florida State has the most with 65, followed by Michigan (57), Florida (54), Miami, Fla. (49), Ohio State (49), Tennessee (48), **Colorado (40)** and Notre Dame (40). Penn State (38) and Alabama, Nebraska and Texas (34 each) round out the top 10. As for the Big 12, after CU, NU and UT, the next schools on this list are Oklahoma (29), Texas A&M (19) and Texas Tech (17). All-time, Colorado's 63 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history. (*AP polls used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

- Colorado has dropped 13 straight games against ranked opponents, and may not have another shot until the Nebraska game the Friday after Thanksgiving (if NU gets back into the rankings). CU's last win against a ranked team came in 2003, when the Buffs toppled No. 22 Missouri in Boulder, 21-16. CU has lost three straight home games to ranked teams, seven straight in enemy stadiums to the ranked (the last win was at UCLA 31-17 in 2002) and three on neutral ground.

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

Dan Hawkins is in his first season as head coach of the Colorado program, his sixth year as a Division I-A head coach, and his 11th season as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **1-8** record at Colorado, along with a **54-19** record in the Division I-A ranks (53-11 at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **93-31-1** including five years at NAIA Willamette (Ore.) College. In his final year at Willamette (1997), his team posted a 13-1 record, falling in the NAIA Championship game, before moving on to Boise State where he was assistant head coach, coaching the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting. When Dirk Koetter left BSU for Arizona State after the 2000 season, Hawkins was promoted to head coach. He took the Broncos to four bowl games in five years, with his 2004 team compiling an 11-0 regular season mark and ascending to No. 10 in the national polls; in the most anticipated non-BCS bowl game to date, Boise dropped a thriller to No. 7 Louisville (44-40). In the modern history of Division I-A football, only three coaches won more games in their first five 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.....	1- 8	1- 3	0- 4	0- 1	0- 4	1- 4	0- 4	1- 4	0- 0
Career (NCAA I-A)	54-19	32- 5	21-12	1- 2	2- 9	52-10	16-12	2- 4	2- 2

- ◆ **Hawkins** has been a head coach for **125** games (93-31-1), with that record and 74.8 winning percentage fifth in the nation for active coaches with 100 or more games coached for their career.
- ◆ In 11 seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have never been shutout, and had never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (which happened just three times) until this year and have 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's response about potential for disaster after the 0-3 start: "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."
- ◆ TBS play-by-play man **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 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 63 Division I-A coaches voting in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches poll in 2006 (the sixth straight year he is a voter and the 20th straight year CU's head coach has participated).

HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST

Dan Hawkins has one of top records among all active Division I-A coaches; in fact, he has the 10th best mark and is listed among some of the top names in the profession. A closer look through games of October 28:

Coch, School	W	L	T	Pct.
Pete Carroll, USC	60	11	0	.845
Larry Coker, Miami, Fla.	58	12	0	.829
Urban Meyer, Florida	55	12	0	.821
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma.....	81	18	0	.818
Mark Richt, Georgia.....	58	16	0	.784

Coch, School	W	L	T	Pct.
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	135	38	0	.780
Lloyd Carr, Michigan	111	34	0	.766
Bobby Bowden, Florida State	363	111	4	.764
Steve Spurrier, South Carolina.....	154	48	2	.760
Dan Hawkins, Colorado.....	93	31	1	.748

THE CLASS OF '06

For 2006, 10 programs hired new head coaches, including Colorado. Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" through games of October 28 (*—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coch, School	W	L	Pct.
*Chris Peterson, Boise State	8	0	1.000
*Bret Bielema, Wisconsin	8	1	.889
*Rick Stockstill, Middle Tenn. St.....	5	3	.625
*Ron Prince, Kansas State	5	4	.556
Dennis Erickson, Idaho	4	5	.444

Coch, School	W	L	Pct.
*Todd Graham, Rice.....	3	5	.375
*Chuck Long, San Diego State.....	1	6	.143
*Turner Gill, Buffalo	1	7	.125
Dan Hawkins, Colorado	1	8	.111
*Al Golden, Temple	1	8	.111



Hawkins is in his first season at CU

COACHES ON GAME DAY

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

EXPERIENCE

Colorado's 2006 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. The 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective 86 seasons in Division I-A (including this season) and have combined to coach in **1,042** games through eight games of the 2006 season (with a record of **623-415-4, .603**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 400 years, thus making the average age **40.0**, one of the younger staffs in the nation. Linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** is the elder statesman at 50, followed by secondary coach **Greg Brown** (48); five of the coaches are over 40, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (45), with five under, with offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** the youngest (33). Helfrich is the fifth-youngest offensive coordinator in the Division I-A ranks; the only four younger are Major Applewhite, Rice (28), Brian Harsin, Boise State (30), Lane Kiffin, USC (31) and Ramon Flanigan, North Texas (32). A closer look:

YOUNGEST COORDINATORS (as of October 30, 2006)

Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age	Name	School	Position	Birthdate	Age
Major Applewhite	Rice	Offensive	July 26, 1978	28	Rod Smith	South Florida	Offensive	Feb. 22, 1973	33
Charlie Jackson	Buffalo	Defensive	Nov. 4, 1976	29	Tyrone Nix	South Carolina	Defensive	Sept. 30, 1972	34
Raheem Morris	Kansas State	Defensive	Sept. 3, 1976	30	Danny Langsdorf	Oregon State	Offensive	June 28, 1972	34
Brian Harsin	Boise State	Offensive	(private)	30	Dan Mullen	Florida	Offensive	April 27, 1972	34
Justin Wilcox	Boise State	Defensive	(private)	30	Patrick Nix	Georgia Tech	Offensive	April 7, 1972	34
Lane Kiffin	Southern Cal	Offensive	May 9, 1975	31	James Franklin	Kansas State	Offensive	Feb. 2, 1972	34
Mike Elston	Central Michigan	Co-Defensive	Nov. 1, 1974	31	Mike Groh	Virginia	Offensive	Dec. 19, 1971	34
Ramon Flanigan	North Texas	Offensive	Sept. 19, 1974	32	Dave Doeren	Wisconsin	Co-Defensive	Dec. 3, 1971	34
Dave Fipp	San Jose State	Co-Defensive	Aug. 8, 1974	32	Dana Holgorsen	Texas Tech	Co-Offensive	June 21, 1971	35
Manny Diaz	Middle Tennessee	Defensive	March 3, 1974	32	Todd Orlando	Connecticut	Defensive	March 24, 1971	35
Jeremy Rowell	Troy	Co-Defensive	Nov. 21, 1973	32	(Five others born between Dec. 25, 1969 and July 30, 1970)				
Mark Helfrich	Colorado	Offensive	Oct. 28, 1973	33					

OLD-TIMER

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

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); **3. Brian Cabral 17 (1990-current)**; 4. Dan 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).

TBS play-by-play man **Ron Thulin** had this to say about Cabral: "He's one of the great individuals. Besides being an outstanding football coach he has been the barometer for this football program for the last 17-plus years. He teaches a lot more than just football to these players and that's why Dan Hawkins has kept him on the staff. He's one of the best in the business."

THE SIMULATOR

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

CAPITAL RETURNS

CU's success often correlates directly with if it owns a hefty margin in return yards, as was the case in the 2001, 2002 and 2004 seasons—when the Buffs won the Big 12 North. The Buffs had advantages of **854-417** (2001), **803-607** (2002) and **574-499** (2004) in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs (this season, the opponent currently has the upper hand at **362-231**). And the Buffs have **38** return touchdowns over the last seven seasons (34 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the sixth most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through games of October 28:

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Bowls	Total	School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Bowls	Total
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	8	3	1	3	56	Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	7	3	3	36
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	6	3	2	55	N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	5	2	0	1	36
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	7	0	50	Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	1	0	35
Texas	2	6	6	6	9	2	7	8	3	49	Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	6	3	2	35
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	3	2	1	43	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	3	0	2	3	33
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	6	3	1	4	38	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	3	1	1	33
Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	0	0	38	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	0	0	32
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	6	1	2	37	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	3	1	1	27
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	4	0	3	37											

2006 LEADERS: Texas 8, Kansas State 7, Indiana 6, Utah 6, California 5, Clemson 5, Hawaii 5, Pittsburgh 5, nine with 4.

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

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

His first entry in the books in **2005** was when he set the record for consecutive field goals made, and tied the school mark for the longest field goal on the road with a 58-yard field goal at Miami, the longest kick without a tee at sea level in NCAA history. He's adding freely to the book in **2006**. Proceed if you want to be impressed:

- ➔ He set four school records in 2004, to go with his record for points by a freshman (52) he established in 2003. He added four more in 2005, and has positioned himself nicely for many career marks, as he added three alone in the season opener against Montana State. He now owns or shares **18** total.
- ➔ He established the CU consecutive field goal made streak with 10 over five games between 2003-04 (ended on a 55-yard try that was wide vs. New Mexico State).
- ➔ The **60-yarder** against Iowa State in 2004 was the longest in the NCAA as well as the longest in Division I-A since 1999. It was just the 10th field goal of 60 yards or more in the NCAA since 1988, when tees were no longer allowed; no kicker has made two.
- ➔ His **58-yard** field goal at Miami not only preserved CU's scoring streak at 200 games, it is the longest field goal in NCAA history at sea level without the use of a kicking tee (*see chart on next page*). That kick is also tied for the longest in the NCAA in 2005.
- ➔ He had five field goals of 50 yards or longer as a sophomore in 2004, which was not only a CU single season record (several had two), it set a career mark as the old best had been three, by both Dave DeLine and Jim Harper. Including the Houston Bowl, when he had a 54-yarder, he had six 50-plus for the year which led the nation, topping Ohio State's Mike Nugent, the Groza Award winner (the NCAA single season record is eight).
- ➔ He had five 50-plus yard kicks again in 2005, again tops in the nation, with four coming *on the road* (58 at Miami; 52 and 50 at Kansas State; 57 at Iowa State).
- ➔ He was **19-of-23** in 2004 in FGs, with the 19 makes covering 725 yards, an average of **38.2** yards per kick (his four misses: **46.3**).
- ➔ He was **21-of-28** in 2005 in FGs, with the 21 makes covering 865 yards, an average of **41.2** yards per kick (his seven misses: **44.1**).
- ➔ He is **15-of-21** in 2006 in FGs, with the 15 makes covering **604** yards, an average of **40.3** yards per kick (his six misses: 298 yards, or **49.7**).
- ➔ He is **62-of-81** in field goals in his career (67-of-88 including bowls), **35-of-39** inside 40 yards (two of which were blocked) and a most respectable **27-of-42** from 41 yards or longer in the regular season. He is first at Colorado in career field goals made (**62**) and in kick scoring (**287 points**).
- ➔ He has made four field goals in a game three times (Iowa State, Nebraska and UTEP in the Houston Bowl, all in 2004).
- ➔ He made four of the 10 longest field goals in the NCAA in 2004 (60, 55, 54, 54), including the only one longer than 50 yards in bowls; his 55-yard kick against CSU in the opener was CU's first from 50-plus yards in 11 seasons. He had three of the six longest in the NCAA in 2005.
- ➔ The average field position for the opponent after his kickoffs the **22**, as **130** of his **189** career kicks have gone for touchbacks; **16** of the **56** returned against him have not been brought back beyond the 20; only 11 have gone beyond the 30 and just three beyond the 40 (the first on his 156th career kickoff).
- ➔ Perhaps his best kick ever was also in the 2004 Iowa State game--an **87-yard** kickoff for a touchback after he had to boot it from the 20-yard line following a penalty. *"I didn't even expect that. I was just trying to get it up in the air to give the coverage team time to get down there,"* Crosby said.
- ➔ He has been selected the **Big 12 Conference's** Special Teams Player-of-the-Week **eight** times in his career (for Texas Tech this year; CSU, Miami, Kansas State and Missouri in 2005; Iowa State and Nebraska in '04; and KU in '03). The eight honors are the most ever bestowed on a single player, as he had been tied with three others with seven entering 2006: **RB Ricky Williams** (Texas, 1996-98), **QB Eric Crouch** (NU, 1998-2001) and **QB Kliff Kingsbury** (Texas Tech, 1999-02). Crosby ('05) and **Kingsbury** ('02) are the only players to be honored at least four times in a season.
- ➔ The **Lou Groza Award Committee** has named him one of its three "Stars of the Week" on five occasions (Iowa State in '04; CSU, Miami and K-State in '05, Texas Tech this season).
- ➔ **ACTIVE NCAA KICKING RANKINGS** (*includes his Houston and Champs Sports bowl stats, which CU does not include*): **Field Goals Made** (1st/67); **FG Attempts** (1st/88); **FG Made/Game** (t-9th/1.4); **FG Accuracy** (20th/76.1); **Scoring** (6th/306 points).
- ➔ **Late Game Heroics**. Crosby has made a name for himself in the clutch, as he is **13-of-16** in the fourth quarter, including **11-of-12** in the final 8½ minutes with eight kicks of 41 yards or longer and seven of them with the score of the game within six points; his only miss was a 63-yard try against Montana State as CU tried to rally in the waning minutes; it fell just short. A closer look:

Season	Opponent	Score Prior		Kick	Revised Score	Notes
		To Kick	Time Left			
2003	Kansas	38-44	5:24 4Q	41 FG	41-44	puts CU in position where it needs a FG and not a TD to win or send into OT
		41-44	0:14 4Q	23 FG	44-44	sends game into OT, where CU wins
2004	Colorado State	17-17	6:43 4Q	55 FG	20-17	margin of victory in 27-24 win
	@Washington State	17-12	4:42 4Q	41 FG	20-12	holds up as final score
	Iowa State	16- 7	8:28 4Q	33 FG	19- 7	CU wins it, 19-14
	@Texas A&M	19-13	12:37 4Q	50 FGA	.....	missed wide left
	Oklahoma (@K.C.)	0-35	2:01 3Q	34 FG	3-35	basically meaningless, but a pressure kick to extend CU scoring streak to 196 games
2005	Colorado State	18-21	2:32 4Q	48 FG	21-21	completed 11-point rally by the Buffaloes
		28-28	0:04 4Q	47 FG	31-28	game winner
	@Miami, Fla.	0-16	11:57 4Q	58 FG	3-16	extends CU scoring streak to 200 games, gets CU back in it, even though momentarily
	@Oklahoma State	24- 0	2:07 4Q	42 FG	27- 0	icing on the cake
	@Kansas State	20-20	0:06 4Q	50 FG	23-20	game winner; CU actually downed ball and lost 7 yards on purpose to set up kick
2006	MISSOURI	38-12	8:16 4Q	43 FG	41-12	tacked on the game's final points
	@Iowa State	13-23	11:25 4Q	57 FG	16-23	pulled CU back to within one score, but CU's tying drive ended in interception return TD
	MONTANA STATE	10-19	1:11 4Q	63 FGA	.....	just short on the try as CU attempted to rally; the 63 yard FGA was the longest ever at CU
	ARIZONA STATE	3-21	10:27 4Q	57 FGA	.....	kick was wide left, affected by winds gusting to 20 mph
	@Oklahoma	0-17	6:13 3Q	39 FG	3-17	kick averted CU's first shutout loss since 1988, second latest CU scored during streak

TAKE THIS ALTITUDE ARGUMENT AND SHOVE IT

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

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

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

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

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

Other college under 200 feet:

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

TOP FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN COLORADO HISTORY

(31 overall, top 14 listed through October 14, 2006)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
60	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004
58	Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, September 24, 2005
58	Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, October 24, 1981
57	Dave DeLine vs. Nebraska in Boulder, October 25, 1986
57	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State at Ames, November 12, 2005
56	Mason Crosby vs. Missouri in Boulder, November 5, 2005
56	Mason Crosby vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, October 14, 2006

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
55	Fred Lima vs. California in Boulder, September 9, 1972
55	Mason Crosby vs. Colorado State in Boulder, September 4, 2004
54	Jerry Hillebrand vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, September 30, 1961
54	Jim Harper vs. Illinois at Champaign, September 15, 1990
54	Mitch Berger vs. Miami, Fla., in Boulder, September 25, 1993
54	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004
54	Mason Crosby vs. UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (Houston Bowl).

*Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Career: **Mason Crosby 12**; Dave DeLine 3, Jim Harper 3, Mitch Berger 2, Pat Blottiaux 2, Tom Field 2, Fred Lima 2.

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

50-YARD PLUS FIELD GOALS IN NCAA DIVISION I-A IN 2006 (41)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
58	Alex Serna, Oregon State vs. California in Corvallis, Sept. 30
56	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14
55	Brandon Coutu, Georgia vs. Alabama-Birmingham in Athens, Sept. 16
55	Ryan Succop, South Carolina vs. Vanderbilt in Nashville, Oct. 21
54	John Deraney, N.C. State vs. Southern Miss in Hattiesburg, Sept. 16
53	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14
53	Jason Ricks, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri State in Stillwater, Sept. 2
52	on 9 occasions (Vaughn, Auburn; Snodgrass, KSU; Jackson, Ball State; Byrd, UNM; Barth, UNC; Pretorius, Ohio State; Folk, Arizona; Swank, Wake Forest; Culbertson, Iowa St.)
51	on 9 occasions (Medlock, UCLA, 2; Carmody, Louisville; Edmiston, UL-Lafayette; Wihoit, Tenn.; Hannefeldt, Vandy; Swank WFU; Pettrey, Ohio State; Mehlhaff, Wisc.)
50	on 8 occasions (Binswanger, Marshall; McCaleb, USM; McLaughlin, BYU; Morstead, SMU; Peattie, Miami; Schneider, Cal; Jackson, Ball State; Succop, S.Carolina)

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

Most 50-Yard Field Goals By Kicker: Swank, Wake Forest 4; **Mason Crosby, Colorado 2**; McLaughlin, BYU 2; Medlock, UCLA 2; Serna, OSU 2; Snodgrass, Kansas State 2.

CROSBY CAREER STATS

Season	KICKOFFS											Opp. OSY	ASY	SCORING/FIELD GOALS											
	Total	Ret.	FC	MF	NA	TB	In20	EZ+	OB	O/Sq	PAT			10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	FG-FGA	Pct.	Long	PTS		
2003.....	37	10	0	0	0	26	2	17	1	(1)	847	023	31-37	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	7- 9	77.8	44	52		
2004.....	59	17	1	0	0	41	6	26	0	(1)	1215	021	28-30	1-1	5-5	5-5	3-5	4-6	1-1	19-23	82.6	60	85		
2005.....	61	18	0	0	0	43	4	33	0	(3)	1357	022	31-31	0-0	3-4	5-6	8-11	5-7	0-0	21-28	75.0	58	94		
2006.....	32	11	0	0	0	20	4	10	1	(2)	717	022	11-11	0-0	5-6	6-7	2-2	2-4	0-2	15-21	71.4	56	56		
TOTALS.....	189	56	1	0	0	130	16	86	2	(7)	4136	022	101-109	1-1	17-19	16-18	16-22	11-18	1-3	62-81	76.5	60	287		

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

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

Rk	Player (Seasons)	TD	2Pt	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	PTS	Rk	Player (Seasons)	TD	2Pt	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	PTS
1	Mason Crosby (2003-06).....	0	0-0	101-109	62-81	287	4	Bobby Anderson (1967-69).....	35	1-2	0-0	0-0	212
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90).....	42	1-1	0-0	0-0	254	5	Chris Brown (2001-02).....	34	0-0	0-0	0-0	204
3	Jeremy Aldrich (1996-99).....	0	0-0	87-95	48-64	231							

AYE, CAPTAIN. Mason is one of three CU captains, and one of just a handful of placekickers serving as yearlong captains in the NCAA (Syracuse's Brendan Carney and UTEP's Reagan Schneider are the others).

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

COACHES CORNER / WITH DAN HAWKINS

Comments from Colorado head coach Dan Hawkins following the 20-15 loss at Kansas:

General: *"In the first half, I guess since it was World Series time, we played baseball on offense. We didn't get it into the end zone when we got the ball down there and eventually that came back to hurt us."*

On The Difference Between Halves: *"A couple of big plays. That's all."*

On Kansas QB Todd Reesing: *"He came in and did a great job, running around and made some big plays. He was their spark and got them going. You have to give him credit. He botched a couple of plays too, but he was their motivation. There's no question about that."*

On Colorado Two-Quarterback Rotation: *"I don't know if nine points is what you're looking for. James (Cox) can see a few more things on the field. However, he's most likely done for the season (broken thumb)."*

PLAYER QUOTES

Some select player comments after the Buffs 20-15 loss at Kansas:

QB BERNARD JACKSON

GENERAL—*"The first half we came out and were moving the ball. The second half it seemed like there was a turn of momentum. We should have capitalized on some of the drives in the second half and we didn't take advantage of it."*

TE RYAN GEER

ON THE HALFBACK PASS THAT WAS INTERCEPTED—*"We just put the play in this week, just trying to change something up. I had a feeling he was going to call it all game. It had been a good play in practice. Unfortunately, I didn't run it right. I shouldn't have thrown it at all. We were expecting the corner to bite on the run and when he didn't bite I threw it anyway. I felt like he was open but I just threw a bad pass."*

FS RYAN WALTERS

GENERAL—*"We looked great in the first half. I don't know what happened there at the end. I think people got too comfortable with the way we were playing and Kansas executed great in the second half. Their quarterback (Reesing) gave them a spark. He did a great job moving around and keeping the ball alive. We just didn't put it away."*

ON THE SECOND HALF—*"They got a couple of big plays early. We came out flatter than we should have and didn't match their intensity. I take responsibility for some of that. Bottom line is we've got to do a better job of executing."*

ON KU FROSH QB TODD REESING—*"He did a great job. When we thought we had him he got out of the pocket and moved around. He made great decisions, so my hat's off to him."*

BUFFS FAST OUT OF THE GATE

CU's live mascot **Ralphie** isn't the only one fast out of the gate, the Buffaloes have been as well in 2006. Colorado's been fairly dominant on the game's first possession, as the Buffs have outscored the opponent **30-14** in nine games on drive number one. In addition, the Buffs have out-gained the opponent **436-203** and has 20 first downs to the opponents' 10. CU has three TDs and three field goals on opening drives, its only non-scores coming at Georgia where it had a Mason Crosby 26-yard field goal blocked, at Oklahoma and at Kansas.

- The record for the most first possession scores in a season is seven, set in 1989, 1994, 2001 and 2002 (in the latter, CU scored an eighth time to open a game in the Alamo Bowl versus Wisconsin).

PLAY COUNT LOW HAS BEEN BORDERING ON THE RIDICULOUS

The NCAA Rules Committee change that has quickened college football games has not been popular. By starting the clock faster on possession changes (and on kickoffs when foot meets ball), people figured each team might lose 8-10 plays per game. Hmm... well, in week one, Colorado (54) and Montana State (70) combined for just 124 plays, only the 11th time in CU's last 234 games that fewer than 125 plays were run. Fast-forward to week two, and CU (48) and Colorado State (57) ran all of **105** plays, the fourth fewest combined in a Colorado game since 1946. **1946?!** And two of the three lower than that total occurred in 1946: CU (45) and Wyoming (43) combined for 88 on Oct. 28, and CU (49) and Texas (54) for 103 on Sept. 28; on Oct. 2, 1954, CU (63) and Kansas (41) had 104. Rounding out the top/low five is Nov. 7, 1961, when CU (71) and Nebraska (35) had 106 in a fierce snowstorm in Lincoln (NU didn't have a first down that day). There were **136** total plays in the Arizona State game, still six below the average for CU and its opponent in 2005 (CU averaged 69 plays per game, the opponent 73 for a norm of 142). The number dipped to **122** in the Georgia game, with the 56 plays by the Bulldogs tied for the second fewest by an opponent in a win over CU since 1981 (Oklahoma State ran 54 in a 42-17 win in 2004).

- Because Missouri ran a no huddle offense, the opportunity for plays existed. While a season-high for combined plays not including the overtime game with Baylor (**140**, 77 by Mizzou and 63 for Colorado), 140 for a game where one team ran the hurry-up offense 95 percent of the game is extremely low.
- Through nine games in 2005, CU and its opponent had run **1,278** plays; fast-forward to 2006, and the combined total is **1,147**, or 14.5 plays per game fewer.
- The average game time of a CU game in 2005 took 3 hours and 29 minutes; in 2006, the average is 3 hours and 5 minutes. the CU-CSU contest lasted all of 2:48, tied for the third shortest since 1990.
- Colorado is averaging **60.7** plays per game, on pace to be the fewest run by the Buffaloes since 1963, when they averaged 57.6 plays per game in Eddie Crowder's first season (10-game season; the fewest in an 11-game campaign was 63.2 in 1967).

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION

A running list of major notes and/or accomplishments from the postgame notes of all games in 2006:

Montana State

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

Colorado State

- **Quickly...** CU is 0-2 for only the 17th time in its history (117 seasons), last doing so in 2000 and 1986 before this year... Including the last four games of last year, CU has dropped six straight games, the longest losing streak since CU opened 0-7 in 1980... **Mason Crosby's** 61-yard field goal, wiped out by a late timeout allowed CSU, would have been a school record (he owns the mark with a 60-yard effort).
- **Rushing Defense.** Colorado's rushing defense has answered the bell in the first two games, as the opponent has just 65 yards on 69 attempts this season; take out sacks, computed as rushing in the NCAA, and the number is still 128 yards on 60 true rushing attempts, or 2.2 per. It is the third straight year that the Buffs have held their first two opponents under the century mark (and to 100 or less combined: 59 in 2004, 100 in 2005 and 65 this year).
- **Series Stuff.** Colorado State snapped a three-game losing streak in the series to make it 57-19-2 in favor of the Buffaloes; the last five games in the series have been decided by a total of 22 points, easily the most contested quintet of games in the 78 year old rivalry and the second closest five-game series run in school history to a 1996-2000 run where five games against Nebraska, all Husker wins, were decided by 15 points.
- **Frosh Long.** The 73-yard punt by redshirt freshman **Matt DiLallo** to open the second quarter was the longest-ever by a CU freshman (true or redshirt) and tied for the 12th longest in school history. It was the longest kick since **Nick Pietsch** launched a 76-yard effort at Kansas on Oct. 19, 1996.
- **Firsts.** **TE Dan Goettsch**, **QB Bernard Jackson**, **FS Ryan Walters** made their first career starts, while **TB Kevin Moyd** and **ILB Jeff Smart** saw their first action (both coming on special teams). **WR Blake Mackey** saw his first action since the 2004 Houston Bowl, as he missed all of last year with a knee injury; Jackson scored his first career TD and **WR Nick Holz** made his first career catch.
- **Third Down Sacks.** There were seven sacks combined on the 25 third down plays (four by CU, three by CSU). In fact, aside from the 32-yard completion from Caleb Haney to Johnny Walker late in the game, the teams gained 29 yards on 24 third down plays.
- **DE Abraham Wright.** He had three quarterback sacks, the first three-sack game by a Buffalo since **DE Alex Ligon** had three against Washington State in Seattle two years ago the same weekend (Sept. 11, 2004).

Arizona State

- **Quickly...** Arizona State wins the first-ever meeting between the schools; the rematch is set for next Sept. 8 in Tempe... The honorary captain for CU was **Jenny Barringer**, a sophomore on the cross country and track team who won the NCAA steeplechase title as a freshman last June... Arizona State had five quarterback sacks in the game, four coming on third down plays.
- **Scoring Streak.** Colorado scored in its **213th** straight game, adding to the sixth longest active streak in the nation and the 13th longest all-time. **Mason Crosby's** 29-yard field goal got Colorado on the scoreboard, the 15th time in the streak CU's All-American kicker put the Buffs' first points on the board. The Buffs are one back of 12th on the list, as Arizona scored in 214 straight between 1972 and 1990.
- **Lack of Scoring.** In Colorado's three games this season, there have been a combined 77 points scored (23 by the Buffs, 54 by the opponent). The 23 by CU is its fewest three games into a year since 1964 (21 points), and the Buffs are still looking for their first second half points of the year.
- **DE Abraham Wright.** He had one quarterback sack to up his total to five on the season; he is well on his way to a double digit season in sacks, which if accomplished, would be the first Buff to have 10 or more sacks since **Ron Woolfork** had 13½ in 1992. He now has 14½ in his career, which is the 12th most in school history.
- **TB Hugh Charles (20-109, 0 TD).** He became the 48th player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a career, ending the game with 1,045 yards (44th on the all-time list). It was his fourth career 100-yard game, his first since he rushed for career high 132 yards on 20 carries at Oklahoma State last Oct. 1 (also the first by a Buffalo since that contest).
- **SS J.J. Billingsley** had his first interception of the season (the fifth of his career), his first pick since last year's Kansas game; **CB Terrence Wheatley** had his first interception of the season and the fifth of his career, his first since he snared one against Oklahoma in the 2004 Big 12 Championship game.
- Both **ILB Thaddaeus Washington** and **S Ryan Walters** posted career highs in tackles against Arizona State. Washington had 15 (8 solo) in eclipsing his previous best by one, while Walters had 11, topping his old high of seven.
- **PK Mason Crosby (1-2 FG: 29, 57wl; 0-0 PAT; 3 points).** He had his 65th and 66th career field goal attempts for his career, taking over sole possession of that record (he came in tied with Jeremy Aldrich, who also had 64 between 1996-99). He now has 242 career points, trailing only **TB Eric Bieniemy**, who scored 254 points between 1987-90. He missed just his third field goal try for his career in the fourth quarter, as he is now 12-of-15; the three misses have come from 50, 63 and 57 yards.
- **Red Zone Rushing Defense.** Colorado did a decent job against the run inside its 20, as Arizona State had 10 rushes for 32 yards; the opponent season total for three games this year is now just 52 yards on 27 attempts once cracking the Buff 20.

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION, CONTINUED**Georgia**

Quickly... Colorado led UGA for 48:00, while UGA led for only the final :46... Colorado gained 159 yards in the first quarter, while Georgia gained 156 in the fourth; the two combined for just 282 their other three quarters combined... CU last held an opponent scoreless through three quarters at Oklahoma State last Oct. 1 in a 34-0 Buffalo win... **Mason Crosby's** 36-yard field goal in the third quarter marked CU's first points in the second half this season.

- **Slalom.** Sophomore **S Joel Adams**, an alpine skier and member of CU's 2006 NCAA champion ski team, saw his first career action in the game, getting in the kickoff coverage unit on special teams.
- **Offense.** Colorado gained 159 yards in the first quarter, easily its best quarter since the Missouri game in 2005, and its **241** yards in the first half exceeded its total offense in any of its first three games this season. CU ran 38 plays for the 241 yards in the first half, including 18 in Georgia territory for 152 yards; UGA ran just three in Buff territory for 3 yards.
- **Rushing Defense.** Colorado's rushing defense is the real deal, as UGA had 27 attempts for just 54 yards, the third time in four games that the Buffaloes have held the opponent that total or less in four games. CU has allowed 301 in four games, or 75.3 per... in the red zone, Georgia had just four rushing attempts, three for losses and the Bulldogs a net **minus-10** red zone rushing yards in the game; on the year, the opponent has 31 attempts for 42 yards running the ball once crossing the CU 20.
- **QB Bernard Jackson.** Jackson rushed for a career-high 85 yards, the most by a CU quarterback since **Kordell Stewart** ran for 143 (on seven carries with 2 TDs) against Notre Dame in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl. Jackson also posted career highs in passing yards (140) **and** total offense (225).
- **DT George Hypolite.** The sophomore had his first career sacks today (2-16), with one causing a fumble on UGA's first second half possession that led to a CU field goal.
- **Third Downs.** Colorado averaged just 4.5 yards to go on six first half third down tries, but between holding penalties and a stiffening UGA defense, the Buffs averaged 12.9 yards to go on seven second half attempts (converting on a 3rd-and-6, its only try in the half under 12 yards).

Missouri

- **Quickly...** This marked the first time in five games that Colorado never held the lead... CU's third quarter touchdown was its first six-pointer after intermission this season... CU is now 6-5 in Big 12 openers... The Buffs have dropped 12 in a row to ranked teams, the longest losing skein against ranked foes since dropping 23 straight between 1978 and 1986... The Buffaloes had a season-high 183 rushing yards in the game; Missouri had allowed 175 total on the season (four games) coming in... Former Buff tight end **Joe Klopfenstein** was on the sidelines; he is now a rookie with the St. Louis Rams and he made the drive over.
- **Firsts:** **CB Cha'pelle Brown** made his first career interception. **WR Cody Crawford** had his first career reception.
- **S J.J. Billingsley**, with six solo tackles, became just the 10th player in school history to record 200 career unassisted stops, finishing the game with 204. He is on the third defensive back to record 200-plus, joining Michael Lewis (225, 1998-2001) and Mickey Pruitt (201, 1984-87).
- **WR Dusty Sprague (2-85, 0 TD).** The junior had a 63-yard reception to open the second half, the longest play of his career—barely. He had a 62-yard touchdown reception last year against Kansas. He had just four catches for 35 yards coming into the game, but with 85 yards today he moved up three notches into 24th place all-time in receiving yards at Colorado (866).

Baylor

- **Quickly...** Colorado dropped to 3-4 in overtime games (six of the seven have been in Big 12 conference play), with a 2-2 mark at home; this one marked the first time of the seven any went longer than just a single extra session... CU is 0-6 for only the second time in its history (117 seasons), done previously in 1980 (when the team started 0-7)... The loss is CU's 10th overall, tying the school record done just one other time (1963-64, the last six of '63 and first four of '64)... The loss dropped CU to 17-14 all-time against the Big 12 South (2-10 since 2002)... It was just Baylor's second road win in 41 tries in Big 12 play... The 31 points was a CU season high and the most since Colorado's last win (the 41-12 verdict over Missouri)... CU's fourth quarter touchdown marked the first Buff points in the quarter on the season... The 276 rushing yards last week against Baylor were the 12th most in school history in a loss, but the most since 368 in a 32-30 loss at Oregon in 1986.
- **Firsts:** **TB Mell Holliday** scored his first career touchdown (his 32-yard yard run exceeded the total distance of CU's four touchdowns this season—all rushes for a total of 6 combined yards—and CU's last eight dating back to last year's Missouri game—23 yards total for the eight). **TE Riar Geer** caught his first career touchdown, the first for **QB Bernard Jackson** as well; it was CU's first in 2006. **TB Byron Ellis** scored his first career touchdown on the 123rd carry of his career (134th touch including receptions).
- **First Quarter Offense:** Colorado gained 117 yards in the first quarter, the third straight game the Buffs exceeded the century mark for the period; CU had **154** at Missouri the previous week after netting 156 Georgia on Sept. 23.
- **Third Down Conversions.** Colorado opened the game converting six of its first eight third down tries; the Buffs had gone 5-of-25 in their two previous games combined. CU finished a season best 8-of-17, but were 2-of-9 after halftime.
- **PK Mason Crosby.** He missed just his fourth career field goal inside of 41 yards (29-of-33) when he missed the 36-yard attempt in the third quarter; two of the four misses were blocked. It was the second shortest he'd ever missed that wasn't blocked.
- **CB Terrence Wheatley.** He had his first multiple in interception game (two) of his career, the first by a Buff since Thaddaeus Washington swiped two at Nebraska on Nov. 26, 2004. His eight career interceptions are now tied for 16th all-time.

Texas Tech

- **Quickly...** CU averted its longest losing streak in its 117-year history and earned its 23rd head coach, **Dan Hawkins**, his first win at the reins of the Buffaloes... The win evened the series with Texas Tech at four wins apiece; the home team has won all eight affairs... Though 1-6, CU has now been outscored by just 26 points this year; today's 24-point margin was the largest in a Colorado game in 2006... CU led 23-0 entering the fourth quarter, marking the first time Texas Tech had been shutout through three quarters since Sept. 29, 1999 in a 58-7 loss at Texas; in concert with that, the Red Raiders ran only three plays in CU territory the first quarters: two for losses (a 4-yard loss by Shannon Woods and Abe Wright's 10-yard sack of Graham Harrell) with the other being an interception by Ryan Walters near the end of third quarter... It was the second time Tech has been held under 10 points twice this season, the first time that's happened since '99... Tech had just 11 plays in the game (out of 60) for over 10 yards, and just three over 20 in length.
- **Firsts:** **FB Maurice Cantrell** had his first career offensive touch, a 20-yard reception for a first down on the opening drive that helped set up a touchdown. **WR Jarrell Yates**, playing in just his second game, had his first career touch of any kind go for a 29-yard touchdown reception. He is the first CU player to have his first career reception go for a TD since **James Kidd** did so against Baylor in 1993; Yates saw his first action last week against Baylor on kickoff coverage, assisting on a tackle inside the 20.
- **CU** wore all black for the first time this season, improving to 16-12-1 in the look, including 2-0 against Texas Tech (outscored TTU 67-19 in the get up).
- **TB Hugh Charles (17-119, 0 TD).** It was the fifth 100-yard game of his career, his second highest total behind the 132 yards he gained at Oklahoma State in 2005.
- **Penalties, Or Lack Thereof:** Colorado did not commit a single penalty for just the fourth time in its history, the first time since Sept. 21, 1985 against Ohio State in Boulder.

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION, CONTINUED**Texas Tech, continued**

- **PK Mason Crosby (3-3 FG, 56,26,53; 3-3 PAT, 12 points).** His 56-yard field goal in the second quarter was the second longest in the NCAA this season, behind only an Alex Serna 58-yard kick for Oregon State versus California in Corvallis on Sept. 30. He now owns six of the eight longest field goals in school history. The first 50-plus yard makes this year, he now has 12 in his career. He tied his own school record for the most 50-plus yard field goals in a game (set against Iowa State in Boulder in 2004 and at Kansas State last year). In addition, five of his seven kickoffs went for touchbacks, and the other two were returned to the 17 and 12, respectively.
- **DE Abraham Wright (1 QBS).** He now has nine sacks on the season, giving him 18½ for his career; he's half sack behind three guys tied for seventh with 19: Bill Brundige, Curt Koch and Leonard Renfro.
- **S Ryan Walters.** He had the first two interceptions of his career this afternoon, marking the second straight game a Buff has picked off two passes; CB Terrence Wheatley did it last week against Baylor.

Oklahoma

- **Quickly...** CU is 1-7 for just the sixth time in its history (1962, 1964, 1979, 1980, 1984 and 2006; CU was also 1-6-1 in 1982, Bill McCartney's first season at Colorado)... CU had scored in the first quarter in every game this season, but OU became the first team to shut CU out in the first half since the Buffs trailed 13-0 at intermission last Sept. 24 (2005) at Miami, Fla. (Colorado has actually scored on its first possession in six of seven games until today, when it was held to its first 3-and-out on the first drive all year); Miami was also the last team to hold CU scoreless through three... Oklahoma ran 10 plays in CU territory on its first possession (a 12-play scoring drive); the previous week, Texas Tech ran five plays all game in plus territory (for a net minus-1 yard); OU gained 151 yards on 55 first/second down plays (2.8), but had 119 on 18 third down tries (6.6)... **WR Patrick Williams** caught his first pass in five games.
- **Penalties, Or Lack Thereof II:** CU's first penalty came with 7:13 left in the first quarter; CU's last penalty had been a pass interference call on the first overtime possession by Baylor, meaning CU went 67:47 between infractions. The seven penalties on Colorado over the course of the Baylor (4), Texas Tech (0) and OU (3) games tied for the fewest flagged on the Buffs in a three-game span since 1966.
- **CU Versus Ranked Teams:** CU dropped to 0-4 against ranked teams this season and has lost 13 straight games to Top 25 opponents (which started on Nov. 28, 2003 in Boulder with a 31-22 loss to Nebraska). CU last won on the road against a ranked foe on Sept. 21, 2002 at No. 20 UCLA (31-17), dropping nine in a row against Top 25 teams away from home.
- **CU Versus The Big 12 South:** CU finished 1-2 against the Big 12 South, dropping to 18-15 all-time against the division in the regular season; that trails Nebraska (19-12) and Missouri (18-14). CU opened 15-4 against the South in league play but a 3-11 stretch between 2002-06 has dropped CU behind the Huskers and Tigers. CU had posted 2-1 marks the first three times it had the three South counterparts served up in succession (2001, 2002, 2005).
- **PK Mason Crosby (1-2 FG: 56w1, 39; 3 points).** He is now 11-of-12 in field goals in the final 8½ minutes of games, and his six misses this year have been on the average of 49.8 yards as he remains the premier kicker in the conference and nation.
--Crosby has now personally extended CU's scoring streak six times, as he scored CU's first (and only points) against Oklahoma both in 2004 and tonight, against Miami, Nebraska and Texas in 2005, and against Arizona State earlier this season. The only other player to do it more than once was Jeremy Bloom, who did it with punt return against Oklahoma ('02 title game) and a reception against Florida State ('03).
- **ILB Thaddeaus Washington** had a career-high 19 tackles, giving him 311 for his career, the 13th player in school history to record 300 in a career (he stands 11th all-time). In the process, he passed his position coach, **Brian Cabral**, who posted 297 between 1974-77. Cabral, who is still tied for 14th place all-time, has now coached seven players ahead of him on CU's all-time charts: Matt Russell, 446; Greg Biekert, 441; Ted Johnson, 409; Chad Brown, 369; Michael Jones, 349; Jason Sykes, 330, and Washington (309).
- **Oklahoma Defense.** To say the Sooners have stymied the Buffaloes on offense the last two games would be an understatement. Including the 2004 Big 12 championship game, the Buffs had just eight first downs and 159 yards against OU over the eight quarters (running 44 plays in both games).

Kansas

- Quickly...** CU is 1-8 for just the seventh time in its history (1962, 1964, 1979, 1980, 1984 and 2006; it won game 10 in '62, '64 and '66)... This was Colorado's 300th game played in its history on artificial surfaces, owning a 177-18-5 record (0-2) this year... CU remains winless on the road in 2006, dropping all four classified away games (CSU was at a neutral site); the Buffs have not gone winless on the road since going 0-5 in 1984 (and have won only one time just twice, in 1998 and 2003). The team has one road tilt remaining, Nov. 24 at Nebraska... Colorado has been outscored by 52 points on the season, with the average margin of defeat being 9.5 points, or 76 total points in the eight losses; 38 of those 76 points have been tallied by the opponent in the final three minutes of either half (14 in the first, 24 in the second)... Speaking of points, CU has 128 in nine games; the Buffs have scored less than 300 in a season just once since 1987 (252 in 2000) and have not put less than 200 points on the board in any year since tallying 172 in 1984... CU led 9-0 in the third quarter; this marked just the 15th time since 1976 that CU could not hold on to a two-score lead (out of 219 occasions)... Kansas' 251 yards in the second half were a season-high for a half against Colorado.
- **Firsts.** **OT Paul Backowski** made his first career start (for Edwin Harrison, still not a full strength from an ankle sprain); **WR Blake Mackey** started for the first time this season; **OLB Brad Jones** made his first career interception.
- **Return TDs.** **Ryan Walters'** 95-yard fumble return in the fourth quarter was the second longest fumble (as well as miscellaneous) return in CU history, second only to Ben Kelly's 96-yard fumble return, also against Kansas, in Boulder on Sept. 18, 1999. Colorado's last fumble return for a touchdown had been on KU's field, Dominique Brooks' returning one for a score on Nov. 6, 2004, in CU's 30-21 win.
--Only 23 other plays in CU history (all returns: 15 kickoff, 6 interception, 1 punt, 1 fumble) were longer than Walters' effort.
--It's also CU's first non-offensive touchdown this season, giving Colorado 38 since 1999, tied for the sixth most nationally in this time frame.
- **QB James Cox.** He suffered a broken right thumb in the second quarter and is out for season. He was in for seven plays (CU gained 9 yards on those plays, as Cox was 1-for-5 passing for 12 yards, had a rush for 4 and was sacked once).
- **CB Terrence Wheatley.** He had his fifth interception of the season, his ninth for his career, which ties him for 12th all-time at Colorado with Hale Irwin, Jeff Donaldson, Michael Lewis and Clyde Riggins.
- **DE Abraham Wright (1½ QBS).** He now has 10½ on the season, the first Buff to record double figures in sacks since Ronnie Woolfork had 13½ in 1992. With 20 career sacks, he is now tied for fifth all-time at Colorado as he passed Bill Brundige, Curt Koch and Leonard Renfro (all with 19) in the game.
- **PK Mason Crosby (3-3 FG, 37, 26, 32, 3 points).** He improved to 15-of-21 in field goals in 2006, and with 56 points, he has 287 for his career (already CU's all-time leader), he is approaching that rare 300-point barrier. He is 62-of-81 in field goals for his career (67-of-88 including bowls).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COLORADO — Crosby 24 FG	3- 0	10:39	1Q
Montana State — Hastings 35 FG	3- 3	5:58	1Q
Montana State — Hastings 44 FG	3- 6	14:08	2Q
COLORADO — Cox 1 run (Crosby kick)	10- 6	9:20	2Q
Montana State — Jefferson 10 pass from Carpenter (Hastings kick)	10-13	10:36	3Q
Montana State — Hastings 19 FG	10-16	5:12	4Q
Montana State — Hastings 41 FG	10-19	2:58	4Q

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

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Holliday 12-50, Charles 5-35, Ellis 4-12, Williams 1-7, Robinson 1-6,

Jackson 1-5, Cox 8-minus 9. **Montana State:** Groves 23-58, Jefferson 2-17, Carpenter

6-minus 26, Tea m4-minus 9.

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

Rolovich 4-1-0, 9, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Williams 2-51, Ellis 2-13, Geer 1-24, Charles 1-14, Barnett 1-6,

Sprague 1-2. **Montana St:** Jefferson 10-87, Wheaton 4-44, Groves 4-9, Lewis 3-65, Bostick 2-22, Toliver 1-11.

Punting—Colorado: Crosby 1-43.0 (0 In20), DiLallo 2-40.5 (41 long, 1 In20), Garden 4-34.8

(41 long, 1 In20). **Montana State:** Rolovich 3-35.0 (47 long, 0 In20), Force 1-32.0..

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

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

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

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 7,4—11; Dizon 5,5—10; Billingsley 6,2—8;

Walters 5,2—7; Burney 4,3—7; Wright 4,3—7; Nicolas 5,1—6; B.Jones 2,3—5;

Te.Washington 4,0—4. **MSU:** Daly 8,2—10; Fuller 5,1—6; Austin 4,2—6; LeBlanc

3,3—6; Lowe 3,3—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-5, Dizon ½-6, Boye-Doe ½-5, Th.Washington ½-3,

Wheatley ½-3. **Montana State:** Daly 1-11, Lowe 1-9.

GAME #2—COLORADO 14, COLORADO 10*(September 9; Denver, Colo.)*

DENVER — Caleb Hanie ran for one touchdown and passed for another, and it was enough for Colorado State as defense ruled the day in the Rams 14-10 victory over Colorado in the Qwest Rocky Mountain Showdown presented by Dr Pepper.

CU saw its three-game winning streak in the series snapped, though early on it appeared that CSU might be in for a long afternoon after the Buffaloes marched 65 yards with the opening kickoff and took a 7-0 lead just five minutes into the game.

Bernard Jackson, making his first start at quarterback, picked up two first downs on the drive with runs of 10 and 14 yards, and scored the touchdown himself on a 3-yard third down run. Tailback Byron Ellis got Buffs started, as he carried the first two plays for 20 yards to drive the Buffs into CSU territory.

The Rams tied the score two possessions later, as Hanie matched Jackson with a 3-yard scoring run, that effort capping a 71-yard drive. Early in the second quarter, the Buffs converted the only turnover of the game into a Mason Crosby field goal, as his boot from 40 yards out also gave CU its last lead of the day at 10-7.

No one knew at the time, but when Hanie hit Kory Sperry with a 5-yard pass in the back of the end zone with 3:48 on the clock, the day's scoring would come to an end. But the Rams made the lead stand in winning for just the 19th time in the 78-game series.

Hanie played the largest role in the win, as he completed his first 14 passes and finished 20-of-23 for 233 yards, with Johnny Walker hauling in 10 of those balls for 158 yards.

CU had its struggles on offense for the second straight game, especially in the second half, when the Buffs earned just two first downs and had 28 yards on offense. Though one score away from tying or taking the lead, Colorado did not cross its 41-yard line on any of its final three possessions and had just 146 yards for the game. CSU couldn't do a thing running the football, as the Rams had just 15 net rushing yards and had only 248 overall as well.

COLORADO	7	3	0	0	—	10
Colorado State	7	7	0	0	—	14

COLORADO — Jackson 1 run (Crosby kick)	7- 0	10:13	1Q
Colorado State — Hanie 3 run (Smith kick)	7- 7	1:41	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 40 FG	10- 7	12:43	2Q
Colorado State — Sperry 5 pass from Hanie (Smith kick)	10-14	4:07	2Q

Attendance: 65,701 Time: 2:48 Weather: 65 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 2 mph winds from the east

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO STATE
First Downs	9	16
Third Down Efficiency	4-12	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	33-75	34-15
Passing Yards	71	233
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	15-9-0	23-20-0
Total Offense	146	248
Return Yards	37	8
Punts: No-Average	6-42.3	5-45.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	6/50	5/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	6-41	4-25
Time of Possession	25:53	34:07
Drives/Average Field Position	10/C33	10/CS29
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-2 (10)	2-4 (14)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 18-30, Ellis 8-28, Charles 2-10, Holliday 4-9, Barnett 1-minus

2. **CSU:** Johnson 14-17, J.Walker 2-14, Ohaeri 4-4, T.Walker 1-3, Hanie 13-minus 23.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 13-8-0, 70, 0 td; Cox 2-1-0, 1, 0 td. **CSU:** Hanie 23-20-0, 233,

1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Williams 5-37, Barnett 2-13, Geer 1-12, Holz 1-9. **CSU:** J.Walker

10-158, Sperry 4-9, Morton 3-22, Roberts 2-38, Hill 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-42.3 (73 long, 1 In20). **CSU:** Kaylor 5-45.2 (51 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-37. **CSU:** Walker 2-8, Morton 1-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: none. **CSU:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **CSU:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 8,7—15; Th.Washington 4,8—12; Billingsley 2,4—6;

Wright 5,0—5; Walters 3,2—5; Wheatley 3,2—5; Hypolite 2,2—4. **CSU:** Horinek 2,6—8;

Radford 1,7—8; Nading 2,5—7; Rucks 3,3—6; Pagnotta 4,1—5; Adkins 2,3—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 3-29, Dizon 2-7, Boye-Doe 1-5. **CSU:** Pagnotta 2-11,

Adkins 1-4, Horinek ½-5; Nading ½-5.

GAME #3—ARIZONA STATE 21, COLORADO 3*(September 16; Boulder, Colo.)*

BOULDER — Hugh Charles rushed for 109 yards but was the only real offensive highlight for Colorado as the Buffaloes slowly succumbed to No. 22 Arizona State, 21-3.

ASU quarterback Rudy Carpenter threw for 248 yards and two touchdowns as the Sun Devils overcame two early fumbles and a 3-0 deficit to win the first game ever played between the schools from neighboring states.

Mason Crosby scored the only points on the night for the Buffs after Arizona State turned the ball over on the third play of the game. George Hypolite recovered a Shaun DeWitty fumble at the Arizona State 17, and Crosby nailed a 29-yarder after CU moved the ball just five yards. It was one of four Arizona State turnovers in the game, and the only one Colorado would convert into points.

The Sun Devils bounced back and drove to the Buff 2, but lost possession when Carpenter fumbled the ball on the run and it hit the pylon on its way out of bounds. On their next drive though, the Sun Devils did get the ball into the end zone as Ryan Torain capped a 10-play, 71-yard drive that put ASU ahead for good at 7-3. Carpenter then hooked up with Chis McGaha on an 18-yard TD pass to extend the lead to 14-3 when ASU got the ball back after a CU punt, the score set up by a 48-yard return by Terry Richardson.

The schools then stopped each other on the next 15 possessions combined, including the very next drive when CU marched to the ASU 2 where quarterback Bernard Jackson fumbled as he made his way to the goal line with the Sun Devils' Josh Barrett recovering the ball. Carpenter threw his second TD pass, this one to Zach Miller, to close the scoring with 1:33 left after ASU recovered a fumbled punt return try by Cha'pelle Brown at the Buff 20.

CU could not get untracked for a third straight time on offense, and failed to score in the second half for the third game in a row. The Buff defense held its own, limiting the potent ASU passing attack to just 10 plays of 10 or more yards (and just three of 20 or longer). The Sun Devils had 294 yards at halftime but mustered just 136 after intermission.

Arizona State	7	7	0	7	—	21
COLORADO	3	0	0	0	—	3

COLORADO — Crosby 29 FG	3- 0	12:57	1Q
Arizona State — Torain 8 run (Ainsworth kick)	3- 7	0:04	1Q
Arizona State — McGaha 18 pass from Carpenter (Ainsworth kick)	3-14	10:44	2Q
Arizona State — Z.Miller 5 pass from Carpenter (Ainsworth kick)	3-21	1:33	4Q

Attendance: 47,723 Time: 3:24 Weather: 58 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 12-24 mph winds from NW

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	ARIZONA STATE
First Downs	13	24
Third Down Efficiency	5-16	8-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards	44-133	37-182
Passing Yards	86	248
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	18-8-1	37-21-2
Total Offense	219	430
Return Yards	8	109
Punts: No-Average	7-41.6	3-31.3
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-2	2-2
Penalties/Yards	4/38	11/73
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-8	5-25
Time of Possession	30:41	29:19
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C28	12/A35
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	1-2 (3)	3-4 (21)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 20-109, Ellis 5-12, Holliday 2-7, Jackson 17-5. **Arizona State:** Herring 9-82, Torain 18-80, Carpenter 5-10, Nance 4-8, DeWitty 1-2.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 18-8-1, 86, 0 td. **Arizona State:** Carpenter 37-21-2, 248, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Charles 2-30, Williams 2-20, Goettsch 1-17, Geer 1-8, DeVree 1-6, Holz 1-5. **Arizona State:** Z.Miller 5-45, McGaha 4-40, Lewis 3-48, M.Jones 3-37, Kimbrough 2-26, Richardson 1-19, DeWitty 1-18, Burgess 1-13, Torain 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-46.5 (53 long, 1 In20, 1 blk); Team 1-12.0. **Arizona State:** Johnson 3-31.3 (40 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: C.Brown 1-1, Robinson 1-minus 2. **Arizona State:** Richardson 5-78.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 1-17, Robinson 1-14. **Arizona State:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-9, Billingsley 1-0. **Arizona State:** Hill 1-26.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 8.7—15; Dizon 7.5—12; Walters 8.3—11; Billingsley 6.3—9; B.Jones 4.4—8; Wright 4.3—7; Nicolas 3.3—6; Boye-Doe 3.1—4; Sims 3.1—4; Wheatley 3.1—4. **Arizona State:** Barrett 6.2—8; Tryon 5.2—7; Cantanese 5.0—5; James 4.1—5; Davis 4.1—5; Manutai 4.1—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-8. **Arizona State:** Hill 1-7, Tryon 1-7, Kofe 1-4, Manutai -3, Caldwell ½-2, Marquardt ½-3.

GAME #4—GEORGIA 14, COLORADO 13*(September 23; Athens, Ga.)*

ATHENS, Ga. — Backup quarterback Joe Cox connected with tight end Martrez Milner on a 20-yard touchdown with just 46 seconds remaining to rally No. 9 Georgia to a 14-13 win over the upset-minded Colorado Buffaloes.

CU, in search of its first win for new head coach Dan Hawkins led the contest for exactly 48 minutes, building a 13-0 lead in silencing the 92,746 in attendance at UGA's Sanford Stadium for most of the afternoon. But once Cox entered the game, the Bulldogs came alive and were finally able to move the ball against a stout Colorado defense.

He took over late in the third quarter and directed UGA deep into CU territory, where the Buffs responded with the first of two fourth down stops inside the red zone. But on the next series, Cox threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Brannan Southerland to get the Bulldogs on the board with 9:11 remaining.

The Buffs had a chance to put the game away on the next series, and seemed to be in business after Bernard Jackson completed a 14-yard pass on third down to Alvin Barnett to the CU 44. But on the next play, tailback Hugh Charles ran hard for nine yards but lost the ball, with Jeff Owens recovering for UGA near midfield.

UGA earned a first down at the CU 18 after just two plays, but the Colorado defense again rose to the challenge. Ryan Walters threw Gregg Lumpkin for a 3-yard loss on 3rd-and-one at the CU 9, followed by Abraham Wright knocking down Cox's pass on fourth down. But UGA forced CU into punting with 2:29 left, setting up the winning scoring drive.

CU had methodically built its lead, getting on the board with 3:14 left in the first quarter on a 26-yard Mason Crosby field goal. Then early in the second quarter, the Buffs put together its most explosive offensive drive of the season, marching 63 yards in just four plays. Jackson hit Dusty Sprague for 16 yards and followed it up with a 28-yard run to the UGA 19. He then completed an 18-yard pass to Hugh Charles who took it down to the 1, where Jackson took it over for a 10-0 lead.

Crosby added a 36-yard field goal early in the third quarter after George Hypolite sacked Georgia starting QB Matthew Stafford, forcing and recovering a fumble at the UGA 19.

Colorado posted season offensive bests in every major category, yards (313), rushing yards (173), passing yards (140), first downs (17) and time of possession (34:09). Defensively, the Buffs limited Georgia to only 54 yards on the ground, but the Bulldogs passed for 230, most in the fourth quarter when making their comeback.

COLORADO	3	7	3	0	—	13
Georgia	0	0	0	14	—	14

COLORADO — Crosby 26 FG	3- 0	3:14	1Q
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COLORADO — Jackson 1 run (Crosby kick)	10- 0	10:08	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 36 FG	13- 0	11:25	3Q
Georgia — Southerland 23 pass from Cox (Coutu kick)	13- 7	9:11	4Q
Georgia — Milner 20 pass from Cox (Coutu kick)	13-14	0:46	4Q

Attendance: 92,746 Time: 3:06 Weather: 81 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 8 mph winds from the SW

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	GEORGIA
First Downs	17	16
Third Down Efficiency	2-13	3-11
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-2
Rushes—Net Yards	39-173	27-54
Passing Yards	140	230
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-14-1	29-18-0
Total Offense	313	284
Return Yards	5	40
Punts: No-Average	6-41.0	5-45.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	3-2
Penalties/Yards	9/81	5/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-16	2-6
Time of Possession	34:09	25:51
Drives/Average Field Position	13/C31	12/G31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-4 (13)	1-3 (7)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 15-85, Charles 18-72, Holliday 5-15, Ellis 1-1. **Georgia:** Lumpkin 12-52, Ware 6-18, Williams 1-3, Henderson 1-3, Brown 3-minus 7, Stafford 4-minus 15.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 26-14-1, 140, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Georgia:** Cox 13-10-0, 154, 2 td; Stafford 16-8-0, 76, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 7-71, Sprague 3-33, Charles 3-22, Barnett 1-14. **Georgia:** Milner 4-64, Massaquoi 3-29, Ware 3-20, Bryant 2-46, Southerland 2-29, Lumpkin 2-17, Harris 1-14, Brown 1-11.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-41.0 (51 long, 1 In20). **Georgia:** Ely-Kelso 5-45.0 (51 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-5. **Georgia:** Henderson 4-39.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-67. **Georgia:** Brown 2-62.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Georgia:** Taylor 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: B.Jones 5.2—7; Wheatley 5.1—6; Billingsley 3.3—6; Wright 3.3—6; Th.Washington 3.2—5; Hypolite 4.0—4; Sipili 3.1—4; Te. Washington 3.0—3; Boye-Doe 2.1—3; Walters 2.1—3. **Georgia:** Taylor 9.4—13; Battle 8.1—9; K.Johnson 8.0—8; Brown 5.1—6; Oliver 4.2—6; Moss 3.2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Hypolite 2-16. **Georgia:** Battle 1-4, Taylor 1-2.

GAME #5—MISSOURI 28, COLORADO 13*(September 30; Columbia, Mo.)*

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Chase Daniel threw four touchdown passes as he led Missouri to its first 5-0 start in 25 years as the Tigers kept the Colorado Buffaloes winless on the season with a 28-13 victory.

It was another case of coulda-shoulda-woulda for CU, as the Buffs turned in their finest offensive performance of the year, but struggles in the red zone put a damper on their point production. Colorado had just one touchdown on five trips inside the Missouri 20, and scored a total of six points on two field goals the other four times.

Missouri came into the game with the nation's No. 1 ranked defense, but CU shredded the Tigers for 154 yards in the first quarter alone. However, Mizzou rolled up 148 yards of its own in the first stanza as Daniel threw a pair of short touchdown passes to Chase Coffman that sandwiched a 32-yard Mason Crosby field goal for a 14-3 MU lead. Crosby added a 36-yard kick midway through the second quarter to pull CU to within 14-6. But two easy scoring chances deep in Mizzou territory came up empty, as one pass sailed high and another bounced off a facemask.

Late in the first half, CU punter Matt DiLallo couldn't handle a high snap and he was tackled at his own 14, where six plays later Daniel threw his third TD pass, this one to Martin Rucker just 11 seconds before intermission. Down 21-6, many in attendance had CU pegged for dead, but the Buffs went deep on the first play of the second half, as Bernard Jackson connected with Dusty Sprague on a 63-yard pass play to the Tiger 2. A facemask penalty cut that distance in half and Jackson scored himself from a yard out to cut the deficit to 21-13 just 47 seconds into the third quarter.

CU seemingly had thwarted an MU drive about eight minutes later, but the officials both on the field and in the replay booth ruled against an interception by Terrence Wheatley. Mizzou then mounted an 8-play, 52-yard drive capped by Daniel's last TD pass, a 9-yard toss to Jared Perry to close the day's scoring.

Colorado rushed for 183 yards on a Tiger defense that had allowed less than 43 the first four games of the year, and limited a potent MU rushing attack to just 100 yards on 40 tries. But Missouri came up with the big play when needed, usually on third down, as the Tigers converted 11-of-18 times to break the Buffs spirit.

COLORADO	3	3	7	0	—	13
Missouri	14	7	7	0	—	28

Missouri — Coffman 2 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	0- 7	10:58	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 32 FG	3- 7	7:48	1Q
Missouri — Coffman 9 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	3-14	2:48	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 36 FG	6-14	7:33	2Q
Missouri — Rucker 1 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	6-21	0:11	2Q
COLORADO — Jackson 1 run (Crosby kick)	13-21	14:13	3Q
Missouri — Perry 9 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick)	13-28	6:39	3Q

GAME #6—BAYLOR 34, COLORADO 31 (3 OT)*(October 7; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Joe Pawelek's interception in the end zone in the third overtime ended Colorado's hopes for a rally, as well as for its first win of the season, as Baylor defeated the Buffaloes, 34-31. It was the 10th straight loss for CU dating back to 2005, tying the school record for consecutive defeats.

CU tied the game at 17-17 with 4:13 left in regulation on a 9-yard touchdown run by Byron Ellis, as the 12-play, 80-yard drive swung momentum back to the Buffaloes, who stopped the Bears cold on their next series. But Baylor did the same to the Buffs, as CU couldn't move the ball out beyond its 30 in the final two minutes in hopes of setting up a game winning field goal, thus the stage was set for overtime.

Colorado won the overtime toss and elected to play defense, and the Bears struck first, taking six plays to move 25 yards with Paul Mosley scoring his second touchdown of the day in putting BU ahead, 24-17. Colorado answered in four plays, as Bernard Jackson threw his first touchdown pass of the year (and his career), finding Riar Geer in the center of the end zone on the 10-yard play.

In the second extra session, lightning struck for the Buffaloes and Hugh Charles ripped through a big hole on the left side and ran 25 yards for a 31-24 CU lead right in front of the student section. Baylor earned a first down at the CU 13, and after a Mosley run set up a 2nd-and-7, Shawn Bell threw two straight incompletions leading to fourth down. Bell seemingly had forever to find a receiver, and eventually found Trent Shelton by himself for the touchdown to tie the game for the fourth time.

The Bears came back in the third OT and converted a 3rd-and-14 to get the 8-yard line, but the Buff defense stiffened, forcing a 22-yard field goal by Ryan Havens. On CU's first play, Charles was stopped at the line of scrimmage and then Jackson picked up four. Jackson then dropped back and tried to get the ball in the end zone to Tyson DeVree, but Pawelek read the play and picked off the ball, preserving the win for Baylor, just its second in 41 tries on the road in Big 12 play.

Baylor	0	10	0	7	7	7	3	—	34
COLORADO	7	0	3	7	7	7	0	—	31

COLORADO — Holliday 32 run (Crosby kick)	7- 0	10:07	1Q
Baylor — Havens 47 FG	7- 3	11:35	2Q
Baylor — Payne 17 pass from Bell (Havens kick)	7-10	1:58	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 44 FG	10-10	2:35	3Q
Baylor — Mosley 28 run (Havens kick)	10-17	9:24	4Q
COLORADO — Ellis 9 run (Crosby kick)	17-17	4:13	4Q
Baylor — Mosley 1 run (Havens kick)	17-24	.....	OT1
COLORADO — Geer 10 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick)	24-24	.....	OT1
COLORADO — Charles 25 run (Crosby kick)	31-24	.....	OT2

Attendance: 57,824 **Time:** 3:02 **Weather:** 69 degrees, cloudy skies, 5 mph winds from the NW

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs	18	23
Third Down Efficiency	3-12	11-18
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-5	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards	36-183	40-100
Passing Yards	190	253
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-13-0	37-23-2
Total Offense	373	353
Return Yards	16	41
Punts: No-Average	2-49.5	3-34.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	6/56	4/26
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-11	4-24
Time of Possession	28:14	31:46
Drives/Average Field Position	10/C28	11/M31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	3-5 (13)	4-4 (28)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 15-93, Charles 13-87, Williams 1-14, Ellis 4-8, Holliday 1-1, DiLallo 1-minus 20. **Missouri:** Temple 18-70, Jackson 6-23, Goldsmith 5-10, Daniel 10-minus 1, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 27-13-0, 190, 0 td. **Missouri:** Daniel 35-23-2, 253, 4 td; Coleman 1-0-0, 0; Saunders 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 3-39, Sprague 2-85, Barnett 2-19, Ellis 2-13, Goettsch 2-11, Crawford 1-23, Robinson 1-0. **Missouri:** Rucker 6-66, Franklin 4-51, Ekweremwu 4-49, Coffman 4-31, Perry 2-25, Saunders 1-13, Goldsmith 1-10, Temple 1-8.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-49.5 (56 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Crossett 3-34.7 (45 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-1. **Missouri:** Saunders 1-41.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-71. **Missouri:** Goldsmith 2-51.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-15, C.Brown 1-0. **Missouri:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: C.Brown 5, 4—9; Billingsley 6, 2—8; Walters 6, 2—8; Dizon 5, 2—7; Hypolite 5, 1—6; Wright 5, 1—6; Harris 3, 3—6; Nicolas 3, 3—6; Wheatley 5, 0—5. **Missouri:** Harrington 4, 7—11; Massey 5, 5—10; Bacon 1, 8—9; Overstreet 2, 3—5; Jackson 2, 2—4; Moore 2, 2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-11, Boye-Doe 1-0. **Missouri:** Harrington 2-9, Smith 1-9, Williams 1-6.

Baylor — Shelton 10 pass from Bell (Havens kick)	31-31	.....	OT2
Baylor — Havens 22 FG	31-34	.....	OT3

Attendance: 47,065 **Time:** 3:28 **Weather:** 76 degrees, partly cloudy, 4 mph winds from the southeast

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	BAYLOR
First Downs	18	20
Third Down Efficiency	8-17	9-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	49-276	26-110
Passing Yards	75	272
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	25-9-3	44-31-2
Total Offense	351	382
Return Yards	31	24
Punts: No-Average	4-51.8	4-49.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	4/28	8/87
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-14	0-0
Time of Possession	33:21	26:39
Drives/Average Field Position	14/C35	13/B40
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (14)	4-5 (24)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 13-93, Charles 15-72, Holliday 11-65, Ellis 8-40, Sprague 1-11, Williams 1-minus 5. **Baylor:** Mosley 20-85, Whitaker 3-40, Bell 2-minus 14, Team 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 24-9-3, 75, 1 td; Charles 1-0-0, 0. **Baylor:** Bell 44-31-2, 272, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 4-29, Barnett 3-24, Crawford 1-15, Sprague 1-7. **Baylor:** Ziegler 7-71, Fenty 7-52, Shelton 5-56, Payne 3-28, Mosley 3-12, Parks 3-12, Whitaker 2-15, White 1-26.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-51.8 (63 long, 2 In20). **Baylor:** Sepulveda 4-49.8 (62 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 2-22. **Baylor:** Sims 3-24.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-10. **Baylor:** Davis 1-42, Baker 1-39.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 2-0. **Baylor:** Arline 1-0, Ford 1-0, Pawelek 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 8, 6—14; Harris 5, 6—11; B.Jones 8, 1—9; Hypolite 6, 3—9; Th.Washington 4, 4—8; Burney 5, 2—7; Sims 5, 2—7; Wright 4, 3—7; Wheatley 5, 1—6. **Baylor:** Pawelek 11, 3—14; Crawford 5, 6—11; Moore 6, 4—10; Wilson 5, 1—6; Jones 4, 2—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 2-14. **Baylor:** none.

GAME #7—COLORADO 30, TEXAS TECH 6

(October 14; Boulder)

BOULDER — Bernard Jackson threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third with All-American Mason Crosby adding three field goals including a couple of long-range bombs as Colorado ended a 10-game losing streak with a dominant 30-6 victory over Texas Tech.

The Buffaloes had a decisive edge in all three phases of the game — offense, defense and special teams — but excelled particularly on defense in shutting down the Red Raiders explosive passing attack. CU limited Tech to 245 yards through the air, 105 below its season average, and a 104.2 rating, over 40 points shy of its number coming in. The Buffaloes pitched a shutout until 9:04 remained in the game, when the Red Raiders got on the board largely due to a 54-yard pass play where CU missed two tackles. Colorado also did not commit a penalty for the fourth time in its history, the first time since Sept. 21, 1985.

CU scored on its first possession for the sixth time in seven games, but this time never looked back. Jackson piloted a five-play, 65-yard drive, capped with a 28-yard TD pass to tight end Riar Geer. The lead grew to 14-0 on the first possession of the second quarter, as Jackson hit a streaking Jarrell Yates in the corner of the end zone from 29 yards out; Jackson had a 35-yard run earlier in the drive. Crosby then added field goals of 56 and 26 yards, the former the second longest in the nation in 2006 and the latter with just five seconds left before the half to bump the lead up to 20-0.

Crosby connected from 53 yards in the third quarter, set up by a Hugh Charles 35 yard run, and then Jackson closed the scoring on a 1-yard run following a failed Tech onside kick attempt after its score.

Charles finished with 119 yards on the ground, as the Buffs topped 200 yards rushing in consecutive games for the first time since late 2002, with Jackson accounting for 205 yards total offense. Defensively, many players shined for the Buffaloes. Ryan Walters made the first two interceptions of his career, linebacker Jordan Dizon recorded a career-high 16 tackles (11 solo), with end Abraham Wright making a key fourth down sack in the first half when Tech was bidding to slice CU's two-TD lead in half.

Tech had just 276 yards overall, and only 31 rushing on 15 attempts. CU allowed TTU just five plays in plus territory all game, including two for losses one being Wright's sack, and an interception.

Texas Tech	0	0	0	6	—	6
COLORADO	7	13	3	7	—	30

COLORADO — Geer 28 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick)	7- 0	10:59	1Q
COLORADO — Yates 29 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick)	14- 0	12:55	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 56 FG	17- 0	5:47	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 26 FG	20- 0	0:05	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 53 FG	23- 0	4:06	3Q
Texas Tech — Amendola 11 pass from Harrell (run failed)	23- 6	9:04	4Q
COLORADO — Jackson 1 run (Crosby kick)	30- 6	3:27	4Q

Attendance: 50,233 **Time:** 2:55 **Weather:** 57 degrees, cloudy skies (light rain/second half), 3 mph winds from the east

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS TECH
First Downs	20	14
Third Down Efficiency	5-11	4-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	46-228	15-31
Passing Yards	152	245
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	19-12-0	45-29-3
Total Offense	380	276
Return Yards	23	1
Punts: No-Average	3-44.3	5-44.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties/Yards	0/0	7/52
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-12	3-9
Time of Possession	32:40	27:20
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C38	11/T21
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-4 (10)	1-1 (6)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 17-119, Holliday 15-55, Jackson 14-54. **Texas Tech:** Woods 10-38, Batch 1-4, Harrell 4-minus 11.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 17-11-0, 151, 2 td; Cox 1-1-0, 1; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Texas Tech:** Harrell 39-26-3, 236, 1 td; Todd 6-3-0, 9, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Geer 4-46, Cantrell 2-38, Sprague 2-20, Barnett 2-11, Yates 1-29, Charles 1-8. **Texas Tech:** Woods 7-78, Walker 7-56, Amendola 7-37, Filani 4-40, Morris 3-31, Batch1-3.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 3-44.3 (46 long, 1 In20). **Texas Tech:** Reyes 5-44.2 (47 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-16, Te.Washington 0-5. **Texas Tech:** Amendola 2-1.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-18. **Texas Tech:** Morris 2-29.

Interceptions—Colorado: Walters 2-minus 2, Th.Washington 1-4. **Texas Tech:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 11,5—16; Wheatley 5,4—9; Harris 8,0—8; Th.Washington 4,4—8; C.Brown 3,2—5; B.Jones 2,2—4; Walters 2,2—4; Te.Washington 2,1—3. **Texas Tech:** Stratton 9,6—15; McBath 6,2—8; Dawson 4,3—7; Hudler 5,1—6; Slaughter 5,1—6; Scott 2,4—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-10, Wheatley 1-2. **Texas Tech:** Hudler 1-5, Stratton 1-2, Tillman 1-2.

GAME #8—OKLAHOMA 24, COLORADO 3

(October 24; Norman, Okla.)

NORMAN — Allen Patrick rushed for 110 yards and a touchdown subbing for injured Heisman candidate Adrian Peterson to lead No. 20 Oklahoma to a 24-3 win over Colorado.

Allen, only the second player to gain 100 yards against the Buffaloes in 21 games, needed 35 carries to get the yards, as CU's linebackers made him earn every one. With the temperature in the 40s all game with stiff winds in the 20-25 mile an hour range all evening, whichever team could establish the run when it was with the wind on offense would have the advantage, and it went to the Sooners.

The Buffaloes were handcuffed from the start on offense; going against the wind in the first quarter, CU had just one first down 26 yards of offense while the Sooners built a 10-0 lead. Paul Thompson and Manuel Johnson hooked up on a three-yard touchdown pass to cap a 12-play, 61-yard effort the first time OU had the ball. OU also used good clock management at the end of the quarter, using two timeouts to assure a field goal attempt with the wind; Garret Hartley connected from 46 yards out with just four seconds left in the stanza and the Sooners had a two-score edge.

That would cap the scoring for the next two quarters. CU had the ball in Sooner territory twice, with Bernard Jackson intercepted by Zach Latimer to end one drive. The other ended with aide of the wind, which blew a Mason Crosby 56-yard field goal attempt wide left. OU had just one real scoring threat in the span, but its first possession of the second half against the wind died on an incomplete fourth down pass at the CU 29.

CU's defense forced OU to punt from its own 20 late in the third quarter, and seemingly would get the ball in great field position to mount a last run at the Sooners. But Stephone Robinson fumbled the punt and the Sooners recovered at their own 46 and proceeded to go 54 yards in 12 plays for the clinching touchdown. The Buffs did get on the board with a 39-yard field goal from Crosby to pull back to within 17-3 with 6:13 left, but OU recovered the onside kick try to squelch the comeback. The Sooners added a cosmetic touchdown with 17 seconds remaining to inflate the final score.

CU had just 113 total yards, running 44 plays to 75 by the Sooners as OU controlled the clock. Thaddeus Washington recorded a career-high 19 tackles with Jordan Dizon matching his career best with 15 as CU's linebacker play shined in the contest. Washington also added four third down stops.

COLORADO	0	0	0	3	—	3
Oklahoma	10	0	0	14	—	24

Oklahoma — Johnson 3 pass from Thompson (Hartley kick)	0- 7	7:49	1Q
Oklahoma — Hartley 46 FG	0-10	0:04	1Q
Oklahoma — Allen 2 run (Hartley kick)	0-17	10:26	4Q
COLORADO — Crosby 39 FG	3-17	6:13	4Q
Oklahoma — Brown 4 run (Hartley kick)	3-24	0:17	4Q

Attendance: 84,443 **Time:** 2:54 **Weather:** 46 degrees, cloudy skies, 24 mph winds from the north

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA
First Downs	5	17
Third Down Efficiency	3-13	9-18
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	30-74	49-166
Passing Yards	39	105
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	14-3-1	26-17-0
Total Offense	113	271
Return Yards	1	-1
Punts: No-Average	6-35.5	5-32.6
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	2-1
Penalties/Yards	3/20	5/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	23:16	36:44
Drives/Average Field Position	11/C30	11/O36
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	0-0 (0)	3-3 (21)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Jackson 10-54, Holliday 10-23, Charles 6-2, Williams 3-0, Team 1-minus 5. **Oklahoma:** Patrick 35-110, Thompson 5-26, Gutierrez 5-18, Brown 4-12.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 14-3-1, 39, 0 td. **Oklahoma:** Thompson 26-17-0, 105, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Crawford 1-22, DeVree 1-11, Williams 1-6. **Oklahoma:** Kelly 7-64, Finley 2-22, Zaslaw 2-12, Johnson 2-11, Iglesias 2-minus 4, Eldridge 1-3, Gutierrez 1-minus 3.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 6-35.5 (49 long, 2 In20). **Oklahoma:** Cohen 5-32.6 (40 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-1. **Oklahoma:** Smith 2-minus 1.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Te.Washington 2-40. **Oklahoma:** none.

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

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 12,7—19; Dizon 7,8—15; Harris 4,7—11; Nicolas 4,5—9; Te.Washington 6,2—8; B.Jones 6,1—7; Walters 5,1—6; Hypolite 3,2—5. **Oklahoma:** Alexander 6,5—11; Latimer 4,2—6; Baker 2,1—3; Thibodeaux 2,1—3; three tied with 1,2—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Oklahoma:** none.

GAME #9—KANSAS 20, COLORADO 15

(October 28; Lawrence, Kan.)

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Trailing 9-0 at halftime, the Kansas coaches decided to pull the redshirt off quarterback Todd Reesing, and the decision proved to be a good one as the Jayhawks utilized the true freshman's talents in rallying for a 20-15 win over the Colorado Buffaloes.

Three Mason Crosby field goals, from 37, 26 and 32 yards, enabled CU to build a 9-0 lead at halftime. The Jayhawk defense stiffened each time the Buffs approached their goal line, and the turning point may have come on CU's first second half possession. Lionel Harris intercepted Reesing at the Kansas 40 to set CU up with a short field, but KU stopped Bernard Jackson cold on a 4th-and-1 try from its 14 to take over on downs, ending the threat.

Two series later, Kansas got on the board thanks to a pair of big plays. Reesing hit Jake Sharp with a 42-yard pass to the Colorado 34, and after a pass interference penalty on Harris set the 'Hawks up with a first down at the CU 22, Reesing hit Jon Cornish in the flat for what turned into a 22-yard touchdown. With the lead down to 9-7, the Buffs appeared poised to answer, marching to the KU 25. But on third down Jackson was intercepted by Aqib Talib, who returned to pick 59 yards to the CU 24. Four plays later, Reesing took it in from three yards out to give KU the lead it would not relinquish.

Reesing engineered another TD drive on KU's next possession, connecting with Derek Fine on a 5-yard scoring pass producing a 20-9 Jayhawk lead (Kansas inexplicably went for and missed a two-point try). The Buffs moved to their 44 but were intercepted on a halfback pass play, and all KU literally had to do was run out the clock. Driving to the Buff 7, Reesing was hit hard by Brandon Nicolas, with the resulting fumble scooped up by Ryan Walters, who returned it 95 yards for a touchdown. CU's two-point try went in and out of the hands of Alvin Barnett and the KU lead remained at five.

An onside kick try by the Buffs failed, but the defense did hold KU to three plays and out. The Buffs had just 59 seconds and no timeouts to work with and could not earn a first down. A 61-yard pass play at the end of the game was even wiped out as Jackson was over the line of scrimmage, mirroring the way the second half had gone for Colorado.

CU forced four turnovers, but could muster just 256 yards on offense in losing to Kansas for the first time since 2000.

COLORADO	3	6	0	6	—	15
Kansas	0	0	7	13	—	20

COLORADO — Crosby 37 FG	3-	0	4:51	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 26 FG	6-	0	8:57	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 32 FG	9-	0	0:41	2Q
Kansas — Cornish 22 pass from Reesing (Webb kick)	9-	7	4:35	3Q
Kansas — Reesing 3 run (Webb kick)	9-14	14:30	4Q	
Kansas — Fine 5 pass from Todd Reesing (pass failed)	9-20	7:57	4Q	
COLORADO — Walters 95 fumble return (pass failed)	15-20	3:17	4Q	

Attendance: 39,313 **Time:** 3:00 **Weather:** 62 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 10 mph winds/northwest

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs	18	14
Third Down Efficiency	3-15	8-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards	43-173	33-161
Passing Yards	83	180
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-9-2	29-18-3
Total Offense	256	341
Return Yards	114	75
Punts: No-Average	5-44.2	4-42.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties/Yards	5/56	7/65
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-12	3-13
Time of Possession	31:35	28:25
Drives/Average Field Position	12/C31	13/K31
Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)	2-3 (6)	2-3 (13)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 15-78, Jackson 14-68, Holliday 10-27, Ellis 2-3, Cox 2-minus 3.

Kansas: Reesing 7-90, Cornish 23-80, McAnderson 1-0, Barmann 2-minus 9.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 20-8-1, 71, 0 td; Cox 5-1-0, 12; Geer 1-0-1, 0; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Kansas: Barmann 18-11-2, 74, 0 td; Reesing 11-7-1, 106, 2 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Barnett 3-26, Crawford 2-14, Sprague 1-19, Yates 1-14, Charles 1-6, Williams 1-4. **Kansas:** Murph 6-22, Fields 3-11, Cornish 2-27, Henry 2-23, Sharp 1-42, Foster 1-31, Lamb 1-16, Fine 1-5, McAnderson 1-3.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 5-44.2 (51 long, 2 In20). **Kansas:** Tucker 4-42.2 (56 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 1-5. **Kansas:** Lamb 2-16.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Te.Washington 2-42. **Kansas:** Herford 2-45.

Interceptions—Colorado: B.Jones 1-10, Harris 1-2, Wheatley 1-2. **Kansas:** Talib 2-59.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 5,5—10; Dizon 6,3—9; Walters 6,2—8;

Boye-Doe 4,3—7; Harris 2,5—7; Wright 4,2—6; Te.Washington 4,1—5; Wheatley 4,1—5;

C.Brown 3,2—5; Hypolite 2,3—5. **Kansas:** Kemp 8,3—11; Mortensen 5,4—9; Brorsen

5,2—7; McClinton 5,1—6; Webb 4,2—6; Wilder 3,3—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1½-10, Hypolite ½-2. **Kansas:** Wilder 1-7, Como 1-5, Brorsen 1-1.

RECORD WATCH

The list of records that have been set to date in 2006; **PK Mason Crosby** had the first official entry when he became the school's all-time leading kick scorer with a 24-yard field goal against Montana State. Crosby is in position to set numerous records, school, conference and possibly NCAA. Crosby already owns or shares 18 records early in his senior year and has several more just ahead of him. *NOTE: A reminder that when it comes to records, CU did not adopt the NCAA 2002 policy of adding bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.*

INDIVIDUAL (9)

Most Receptions By A Freshman Tight End — 21, Riar Geer <i>Old Record: 20, Brody Heffner Liddiard, 1996 (for 288 yards).</i>	RECORD
Longest Field Goal Attempt — 63, Mason Crosby vs. Montana State in Boulder, Sept. 2, 2006 <i>Old Record: 62, Fred Lima vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Sept. 30, 1972 and Ken Culbertson vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1988.</i>	RECORD
Most Points Scored, Career — 287, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 254, Eric Bieniemy, 1987-90.</i>	RECORD
Most Points Scored By Kicking, Career — 287, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 231, Jeremy Aldrich, 1995-98.</i>	RECORD
Most Extra Points Made, Career — 101, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 95, Neil Voskeritchian, 1994-95.</i>	RECORD
Most Field Goals Made, Career — 62, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 48, Jeremy Aldrich, 1995-98.</i>	RECORD
Most Field Goals Attempted, Career — 81, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 64, Jeremy Aldrich, 1995-98.</i>	RECORD
Longest Punt By A Freshman — 73, Matt DiLallo vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006 <i>Old Record: 63, John Torp vs. Southern California, Sept. 14, 2002.</i>	RECORD
Most Big 12 Player of the Week Honors — 8, Mason Crosby, 2003-06 <i>Old Record: 7, held by three players.</i>	RECORD

TEAM (2)

Fewest Penalties, Game — 0, vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, October 14, 2006 <i>Record: 0, on three previous occasions. Last: vs. Ohio State in Boulder, Sept. 21, 1985.</i>	TIED RECORD
Points Scored In Consecutive Games — 219, November 19, 1998 to current.	RECORD

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

Most Extra Points Attempted, Career — 109, Mason Crosby, 2003-06	RECORD
Consecutive Field Goals Made — 10, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Sept. 10, 2005 (five games)	RECORD
Most Consecutive Game Kicking A Field Goal — 11, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Oct. 15, 2005 (last five games in 2004, first six in 2005).	RECORD
Most Field Goals Made, Season — 21, Mason Crosby, 2005	RECORD
Longest Field Goal Made, Road — 58, Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005.	TIED RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Game — 2, Mason Crosby on three occasions (Iowa State 2004, Kansas 2005, Texas Tech 2006)	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Season — 5, Mason Crosby, 2004 and 2005.	RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Career —12, Mason Crosby, 2003-06.	RECORD
Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Game (min. 3 made) — 48.0, Mason Crosby vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005 (52, 42, 50)	RECORD
Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Season (min. 10 made) — 41.2, Mason Crosby (21 field goals, 865 yards)	RECORD
Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Career (min. 10 made/season) — 38.2, Mason Crosby (59 field goals, 2256 yards)	RECORD
Most Kickoffs Through End Zone, Season — 33, Mason Crosby (<i>matched record set by Mitch Berger, 1992</i>)	TIED RECORD

Note: The NCAA record for 50-yard plus field goals made in a season is 8 and for a career 20 (Crosby has 12 regular season and 1 postseason for 13 total).

THE BUFFS AGAINST THE BEST

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

Games	All-Time Record	1989-06 Record	Dan Hawkins Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	11-48-2	7-16-1	0-0	5 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	24-83-3	13-28-2	0-1	8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	36-100-3	19-33-2	0-1	10 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	66-130-3	40-49-2	0-4	20 / Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 11-year old league owns a **27-67** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own eight of those wins. CU is **8-11** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 8-5, Texas 4-6, Kansas State 2-4, Oklahoma 2-2, Baylor 1-3, Iowa State 1-8, Texas Tech 1-8, Kansas 0-2, Oklahoma State 0-4, Missouri 0-5 and Texas A&M 0-9. CU has played 17 of the 87 games, with Nebraska next with 12 (no one else has played 10).

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 38-6, Kansas State 36-6, Oklahoma State 29-8, Texas 32-10, Oklahoma 30-11, Missouri 27-11, Texas A&M 29-12, Kansas 25-11, Iowa State 27-12, Texas Tech 29-14, Baylor 20-15 and **Colorado 23-19** (remember traditionally CU plays one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

TRENDS

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **169-91-4**, the 20th best record nationally in this span). In these 264 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	100-16-2	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	83-16-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	50- 5-0	♦ when leading at halftime (<i>122-15-2 in last 139</i>)	138-17-2
♦ when leading in time of possession	110-24-3	♦ when leading after three quarters (<i>138-12-3 in last 153</i>)	142-14-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	104-28-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	137-18-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	65- 7-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	166-51-4
♦ when punting three or fewer times	61-12-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-39-0
♦ when scoring first	109-27-1	♦ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	12- 0-0
♦ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>30-9-2 with zero</i>)	122-43-2	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	70-58-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	101-17-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	92-17-2
♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	86-10-1		

TRENDS II

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 20th best overall record at **141-72-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (216 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	78-26-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	74- 5-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>45-5 with 500-plus</i>)	86-16-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	50- 2-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	93- 6-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>52-49-1 when not</i>)	89-22-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	31- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	91-25-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	74-33-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	51- 6-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>10-0-1 400-plus</i>)	25-11-1
➤ when scoring first (<i>76-18-1 the last 95 times</i>)	87-21-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	70-58-2
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>24-9-2 with zero</i>)	104-37-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	74-16-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	77-10-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	112-19-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	70-10-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	11- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	62-11-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	114-12-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>23-2 40+</i>)	101-30-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	106-27-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	118-26-2		

TRENDS III

Some trends of new Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **73** games including bowls (**54-19**); the Broncos were 53-11 under his guidance in five seasons):

Category	At CU	Overall	Category	At CU	Overall
➤ when scoring 20 or more points (<i>0-12 when not</i>)	1- 1	54- 7	➤ when leading after three (<i>6-15 trailing ,2-1 tied</i>)	1- 2	46- 3
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	1- 1	48- 3	➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	1- 3	33- 5
➤ when scoring 40 or more points	0- 0	35- 2	➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense	1- 4	25- 4
➤ when scoring 50 or more points	0- 0	19- 0	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	1- 1	33- 1
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	1- 2	30- 2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (<i>6-0 300-plus</i>)	0- 1	22- 1
➤ in games decided by 7 points or less	0- 4	10- 9	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	1- 4	19- 5
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>7-1 with zero</i>)	1- 6	39-14	➤ with a 100-yard rusher	0- 1	27- 1
➤ when turnover margin was plus or even	1- 6	40-13	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	0- 0	25- 0
➤ when scoring first (<i>17-10 when not</i>)	1- 6	37- 9	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>40-0 last 40</i>)	0- 0	44- 2
➤ when leading at halftime	1- 3	44- 6	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (<i>5-0 with 600-plus</i>)	0- 0	23- 1
➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>4-0 when tied</i>)	0- 5	6-13			

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 18 seasons, in which CU owns the nation's 20th best overall record:

	Turnovers Committed	Turnovers Forced	+/-	Scoring Off Turnovers		
				PF	PA	+/-
141 WINS	237	362	+125	1,201	462	+739
HAWKINS ERA (1 WIN)	2	5	+ 3	3	6	- 3
72 LOSSES (& 4 TIES)	190	128	- 62	230	616	-336
HAWKINS ERA (8 LOSSES)	13	17	+ 4	18	34	- 16
18-SEASON TOTAL (217 Games)	427	490	+63	1,481	1,078	+403
HAWKINS ERA (9 Games)	15	22	+ 7	21	40	- 19

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

REUNIONS

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

- **September 15-16:** the 30-year reunion of CU's 1976 Big Eight champion football team (six coaches, including head coach **Bill Mallory**, and 40 players returned);
- **October 6-7 (Living Legends):** the annual gathering of those alumni who lettered 50 years ago;
- **October 12-14:** Hall of Fame Weekend, featuring the induction of this year's class: **Bobby Anderson**, the late **Fred Casotti**, **Adam Goucher**, **Bill Marolt**, **Bill McCartney** and CU's first national champion, the 1959 ski team. Anderson will also be honored as the fourth CU player to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. The 1966 football seniors will also hold their own 40th class reunion.

2006 NCAA RULES CHANGES

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

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

THIS-N-THAT

- **300.** Colorado is 177-118-5 all-time record in games played on artificial surfaces (0-1 to date in 2006), as the Buffaloes played their 300th game all-time at Kansas on October 28.
- **400.** Colorado entered 2006 with 395 combined wins in the seven different conferences it has lined up to play football in. Thus, CU is four victories away from 400 all-time wins in conference play, dating back to the Colorado Football Association in the 1890s.
- **1100.** The Nov. 24 game at Nebraska will be the 1,100th in school history; the Huskers were also CU's opponent for the school's 100th game in football annals, as CU defeated NU 6-0 back in 1904, deemed one of the school's biggest wins ever at the time.
- **TSN Players Poll.** The first-ever Players Top 25 is being conducted this fall with the monthly results released nationwide. Unlike the other polls, the players will not be identified and will be known only to the schools. Colorado has agreed to be one of the schools to participate in the experimental balloting; the selected player(s) won't be identified until after the season has concluded.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2006 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in 1,053 games, with 273 starts. Recent past numbers entering the year: **1,080/314** (2005), **761/182** (2004), **845/239** (2003), **883/278** (2002), **694/223** (2000) and **790/229** (1999). The list (includes bowls):

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ACKERMANN	27	0	CANTRELL	12	4	GEER	9	8	LIGON	37	16	SMITH, B.	0	0
ADAMS, Jo.	6	0	CARPENTER	24	0	GOETTSCH	15	3	LUCAS	16	6	SMITH, J.	0	0
ADAMS, Ju.	1	0	CHARLES	34	17	GRUBIN	0	0	MACKEY	23	3	SOLDER	0	0
ASSAEL	0	0	COX	19	3	HAM	0	0	MacMARTIN	16	5	SPRAGUE	32	13
BACKOWSKI	9	1	CRAWFORD	9	2	HARRIS	32	4	McBRIDE	2	0	STENGEL	0	0
BARNETT	22	6	CREIGHTON	44	0	HARRISON	31	15	McKAY	18	0	STEVENS	0	0
BARRETT	26	2	CROSBY	47	—	HAUCK	0	0	McKNIGHT	0	0	SUAZO	0	0
BEATTY	0	0	CUSWORTH	18	0	HAWKINS	0	0	MOYD	8	0	SUMLER	0	0
BEHRENS	0	0	DANIELS	44	42	HEAD	2	1	NABORS	0	0	TIPTON	22	4
BILLINGSLEY	46	36	DEVENNY	0	0	HERROD	0	0	NICOLAS	9	9	WALTERS	21	7
BISNOW	0	0	DeVREE	8	1	HOLLIDAY	9	0	NONU	0	0	WASHINGTON, Te	22	5
BORDERS	0	0	DILALLO	9	0	HOLZ	39	2	PALAZZI	0	0	WASHINGTON, Th.	46	30
BOYE-DOE	43	12	DIZON	35	31	HYPOLITE	21	8	PEREZ	0	0	WASHINGTON, V.	37	0
BRACE	9	0	DRESCHER	9	0	JACKSON	21	8	POLUMBUS	32	12	WHEATLEY	34	15
BROOKS	32	14	EBERHART	7	—	JAGORAS	9	1	ROBINSON	35	2	WILLIAMS	24	6
BROWN, C.	9	3	ELLIS	31	5	JONES, B.	22	8	SANDERS, D.	18	12	WILSON	1	0
BROWN, J.	0	0	FAATAGI	0	0	JONES, M.	16	0	SANDERS, J.	32	0	WRIGHT	36	25
BROWN, R.	15	0	FENDRY	0	0	JOSEPH	18	0	SHANAHAN	0	0	YATES	4	0
BURNEY	20	2	FENTON	40	30	KACHMER	0	0	SIMS	38	31	TEAM	1505	471
BURTON	22	1	FOSTER	0	0	KAYNOR	6	0	SIPILI	9	1	2005 Final	1772	600
CAMMON	0	0	GARDEN	1	—	LAWSON	0	0	SMART	8	0			

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: CB Cha'pelle Brown, ILB Michael Sipili (2006); Maurice Lucas (2005); ILB Jordon Dizon (2004); ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, DB Lorenzo Sims (2003); J.J. Billingsley, TB Brian Calhoun, DB Brian Iwuh (2002).

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

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

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

LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: TE Dan Goettsch, C Bryce MacMartin, WR Nick Holz (2006); WR Mike Duren, OG Terrance Barreau (2004);

WR D.J. Hackett (2003); DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster, QB Robert Hodge, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002), WR Matt Brunson (2001),

DE Anwawn Jones (2000).

STARTING STREAKS

DE Abraham Wright now owns the longest starting streak on the team at 22, followed by **OG Brian Daniels** (19) and **OT Tyler Polumbus** (10). **C Mark Fenton** had owned the longest streak at 30 games, dating back to the first game of his sophomore season in 2004, but that streak ended due to the cracked fibula he suffered at Georgia. Daniels owns the most career starts with 41 (he was sidelined for a game with broken ribs early in 2005 or his streak would be continuous), followed by Billingsley (36), **ILB Jordon Dizon** (31), **CB Lorenzo Sims** (31) and **ILB Thaddaeus Washington** (30).

NINETEEN HAVE SEEN FIRST CU ACTION TO DATE IN 2006

Through eight games, 19 players have seen their first action as a Colorado Buffalo in 2006. In the season opener against Montana State, 14 players stepped onto the field for the first time in a Colorado uniform, including the only four true freshmen who have played to date: **DT Jason Brace**, **CB Cha'pelle Brown**, **LS Justin Drescher** and **ILB Michael Sipili**. Last year, 16 saw their first action while 24 did so in both 2004 and 2003. The list of Buffs to hit the field for the first time in 2006 (*—mainly special teams duty):

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

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (6): *OT Paul Backowski, P Matt DiLallo, TE Riar Geer, OL Devin Head, DT Taj Kaynor, *TB Kevin Moyd, ILB Jeff Smart

SOPHOMORES (5): *S Joel Adams, *TE Justin Adams, WR Cody Crawford, *P Isaac Garden, S Terry Wilson

JUNIORS (2): TE Tyson DeVree, FB Samson Jagoras

SENIORS (1): TB Mell Holliday

(The four true frosh who have played for CU is not on the radar nationally; Temple has played 19 and Illinois 16 as 17 schools have played nine or more. Actually, the four CU has played is tied for the 15th fewest nationally; CSU and Wake Forest top that list with none seeing action.)

TWENTY-TWO MAKE FIRST CAREER STARTS TO DATE IN 2006

Twenty-two players have made their first career starts in 2006, the fourth-most over the last 23 seasons. Eight did so in the season opener against Montana State: **S Benjamin Burney**, **TE Riar Geer**, **OG Devin Head**, **DT George Hypolite**, **FB Samson Jagoras**, **OLB Brad Jones**, **DT Brandon Nicolas** and **WR Patrick Williams**. Three more followed in the CSU game in Denver: **TE Dan Goettsch**, **QB Bernard Jackson** and **FS Ryan Walters**; two more versus Arizona State: **TE Tyson DeVree** and **WR Stephone Robinson**; one at Georgia: **WR Cody Crawford**. In the Big 12 opener at Missouri, **CB Cha'pelle Brown**, **ILB Marcus Burton**, **C Bryce MacMartin** and **ILB Michael Sipili** trotted on to the field first. Against Baylor, **FB Maurice Cantrell**, **S Lionel Harris** and **WR Nick Holz** made their first career starts, and at Kansas, **OT Paul Backowski** made his. Last year, 11 players made their first career starts in a CU uniform (all returned this fall). The 22 first-time starters are the most since 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. Those were the most since 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1984:

ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS: 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16), 2003 (20), 2004 (12), 2005 (11) and 2006 (22).

2006 PARTICIPATION CHART

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

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

Player	MSU	CSU	ASU	UGA	MU	BAY	TTU	OU	KU	KSU	ISU	NU
HOLZ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	S			
HYPOLITE	S	S	S	S	✓	S	S	S	S	S		
JACKSON	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
*JAGORAS	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
JONES, B.	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓	S	S	S		
JONES, M.	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
JOSEPH	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	—		
*KAYNOR	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓		
LAWSON	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	DNP			
LIGON	INJ	✓	DNP	INJ	✓	INJ	INJ	INJ	✓	SUSP		
LUCAS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
MACKEY	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S		
MacMARTIN	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	S	S	S	S	S			
McBRIDE	INJ	INJ	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓			
McKAY	✓	INJ	INJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
McKNIGHT	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	—		
*MOYD	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
NABORS	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	—	—	DNP	—	—		
NICOLAS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
NONU	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
PALAZZI	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	—		
PEREZ	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	—		
POLUMBUS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
ROBINSON	✓	✓	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
SANDERS, D.	INJ	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
SANDERS, J.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
SIMS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	✓	✓	✓		
*SIPILI	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
*SMART	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
SMITH, B.	—	—	—	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	—		
SMITH, J.	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	—		
SOLDER	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	DNP			
SPRAGUE	✓	✓	S	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
STENGEL	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	—		
STEVENS	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	—		
SUAZO	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	—		
SUMLER	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	—	—	—		
TIPTON	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP			
WALTERS	✓	S	S	S	S	INJ	S	S	S	S		
WASHINGTON, Te	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	S	S	S	S		
WASHINGTON, Th.	S	S	S	S	✓	✓	S	S	S	S		
WASHINGTON, V.	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	(knee surgery ends season)						
WHEATLEY	S	S	S	✓	S	S	S	S	S	S		
WHITE	DNP	DNP	(Quit team on Sept. 10)									
WILLIAMS	S	S	✓	S	✓	S	S	S	✓	✓		
WILSON	DNP	DNP	DNP	—	—	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP			
WRIGHT	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
YATES	—	—	DNP	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
TEAM:												
DRESSED	91	92	92	65	69	90	92	70	70			
PLAYED	54	55	54	56	57	53	59	58	59			

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

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (25.1) since the 1995 team (which had only seven seniors), while 38.8 percent of the starts were made by underclassmen. That showed the youth of the team, especially since underclassmen also had 41.7 percent of the starts in 2003. Fast-forward to 2005, and for 13 games, 80 percent of the starters were seniors (116) and juniors (112), with sophomores starting in all but 10 of the other 58 slots. In 2002, the numbers were flopped as well: upperclassmen started 93 percent of the games. It's basically a cyclical pattern, and that shows up when looking at the breakdown of the starters over the course of the season. A year-by-year look at starts by class:

- **2006 starters (9 games):** Seniors (65), Juniors (64), Sophomores (55), Freshmen (14; redshirts 10, true 4).
- **2005 starters (13 games):** Seniors (116), Juniors (112), Sophomores (48), Freshmen (10; redshirts 4, true 5).
- **2004 starters (13 games):** Seniors (72), Juniors (103), Sophomores (100), Freshmen (11; redshirts 0, true 11).
- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32; redshirts 14, true 18).
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9; redshirts 0, true 9).
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7; redshirts 7, true 0).
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33; redshirts 15, true 18).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21; redshirts 20, true 1)

Upperclassmen: 65%
Upperclassmen: 80%
Upperclassmen: 39%
Upperclassmen: 58%
Upperclassmen: 93%
Upperclassmen: 69%
Upperclassmen: 71%
Upperclassmen: 56%

NFL SCOUT WATCH

Colorado has 24 seniors on its roster this season, and history will show that most, if not all NFL teams pass through Boulder or a road site for CU game every season. So far this year, 43 scouts from 23 teams have seen the Buffs in person on game day. The 2006 NFL roll call of teams that have seen the Buffs: Arizona, Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Green Bay, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Minnesota, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, Oakland, San Francisco, St. Louis, Seattle, Tampa Bay and Tennessee. It's the norm, as in last year, 55 scouts representing 25 NFL teams attended games (49 from 23 did so in 2004), and this decade, all 32 teams have seen CU games in person (280 scouts in the six-year period). Reps from the Colorado Crush (Arena Football League) also routinely attend games in Boulder.

"OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS"

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

- ❑ Colorado is 74-31 in its last 105 games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is 70-17 against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is 61-20-1 in its last 82 games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is 70-16-2 before crowds under 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (73-52-2 with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is 512-236-25 all-time in games played in the Mountain Time Zone (Colorado, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)

A BAKER'S DOZEN OF THEFTS & SCORES

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

BUFFALO DINOSAURS

Through eight games in 2006, the radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 416 games in his career, including 153 in a row (he's only missed three bowl games, two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts, and three regular season games due to travel conflicts); his 400th at CU was also the 1,000 of his professional career. **SID Dave Plati** has worked 318, including the last 276 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 276 in all (126 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 217 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 263 CU games. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. Senior associate AD **Jon Burianek**, who retired this past June, is next as he worked 432 CU football games, including a closing run of 415 in a row (229 of which were at home; he's seen 453 all told). And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw every CU home game (394 of 'em) from 1921 until 1999, when he passed away at the age of 94.

CONFERENCE CHARTS

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

On The Big 12 Road

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	28	9	.757
Oklahoma	23	13	.639
Nebraska	24	18	.571
Kansas State	23	19	.548
Texas A&M	22	21	.512
Colorado	21	22	.488
Texas Tech	19	24	.442
Oklahoma State	13	28	.317
Missouri	13	29	.310
Iowa State	10	33	.233
Kansas	5	37	.119
Baylor	2	40	.048

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

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

School	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska	19	13	.594
Colorado	18	15	.545
Missouri	18	15	.545
Kansas State	17	15	.531
Iowa State	9	24	.273
Kansas	5	28	.152

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	27	5	.844
Oklahoma	23	10	.697
Texas A&M	20	12	.625
Texas Tech	17	16	.515
Oklahoma State	15	18	.455
Baylor	8	25	.242

(does not include title games)

2006 Network TV Appearances

School	Tot	ABC	Fox	Oth
Texas	8	4	1	3
Oklahoma	7	4	2	1
Missouri	6	2	2	2
Nebraska	6	4	2	0
Colorado	5	0	2	3
Texas Tech	5	1	0	4
Iowa State	4	2	1	1
Kansas	4	0	3	1
Texas A&M	4	2	1	1
Oklahoma State	3	1	0	2
Baylor	2	0	1	1
Kansas State	2	0	2	0

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

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(AP, since 1990; by games played)

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	27	13	13	1	.500
Texas	22	7	13	2	.364
Nebraska	13	8	5	0	.615
Oklahoma	13	6	7	0	.462
Texas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333
Texas Tech	12	0	12	0	.000
Baylor	9	2	7	0	.222
Missouri	9	1	8	0	.111
Iowa State	9	1	8	0	.111
Kansas	6	0	6	0	.000
Oklahoma State	5	0	5	0	.000
Kansas State	3	1	2	0	.333

(regular season; does not include bowls)

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored **111** times in **174** tries, including **18** game winning or tying scores, when the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 64 percent of the time). CU is **1-of-5** in 2005: 1-of-1 against Texas Tech (field goal), 0-of-2 versus Montana State, 0-of-1 versus Colorado State and 0-1 at Georgia. In 2005, CU was 4-of-9: the Buffs were 1-for-2 against CSU, including the game winning field goal, 1-of-1 with a first half TD march against New Mexico State, 0-of-1 at Miami, 1-of-1 at OSU (first half field goal), 1-of-1 at Texas (first half TD) and 0-of-1 at Iowa State, versus Nebraska and against Clemson in the bowl. CU was 4-for-5 in 2004, including a second half go-ahead score at Texas A&M and the game winning touchdown versus Kansas State. In 2003, the Buffs scored twice in as many tries in the season opener against Colorado State, registering a TD at the end of the first half and the game-winning score at the end of the game—CU's first in the two-minute drill since 1999. Lo and behold, the Buffs did it again in the offense the following week, putting the game winning score on the board with 2:15 left against UCLA. One of the most prolific years in the drill came in 1994, when CU was 7-of-8; that included two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade. Between 1988 and 1994, Colorado was an amazing **61-of-81** in the two-minute offense, with 44 touchdowns. The chart showing CU's scores:

2-Min. Offense/Scores	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Totals	Pct.
Total.....	10-13	11-11	11-14	8-12	6-12	8-11	7-8	5-8	4-6	6-11	3-5	6-13	6-10	5-9	1-4	5-8	4-5	4-9	1-5	111-174	63.8
First Half.....	6-7	10-10	6-7	4-5	4-9	6-7	4-4	4-6	4-6	1-3	2-3	5-8	4-5	4-7	1-2	2-4	2-2	3-5	1-3	73-103	70.9
TDs/FGs.....	4/2	7/3	2/4	3/1	2/2	5/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	0/1	0/2	2/3	2/2	4/0	1/0	2/0	1/1	3/0	0/1	47/26	
Second Half.....	4-6	1-1	5-7	4-7	2-3	2-4	3-4	1-2	0-0	5-8	1-2	1-5	2-5	1-2	0-2	3-4	2-3	1-3	0-2	38-71	53.5
TDs/FGs.....	4/0	1/0	4/1	4/0	1/1	2/0	2/1	1/0	0/0	5/0	0/1	1/0	1/1	1/0	0/0	2/1	2/0	0/1	0/0	31/7	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	18	

SAFELY AHEAD

The Buffs have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 30 seasons. Since 1976 (game 1), CU has protected a two-score lead **204** of **219** times, losing 12 and tying three when it blew the lead. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result	Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result
10/28/06	at Kansas	9 (9- 0; 3rd Quarter)	L, 15-20	9/18/93	at Stanford	10 (37-27; 4th Quarter)	L, 37-41
9/23/06	at Georgia	13 (13- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 13-14	9/15/90	at Illinois	14 (17- 3; 2nd Quarter)	L, 22-23
10/23/04	at Texas A&M	12 (19- 7; 3rd Quarter)	L, 26-29 OT	8/26/90	*Tennessee	14 (31-17; 4th Quarter)	T, 31-31
11/01/03	at Texas Tech	14 (14- 0; 1st Quarter)	L, 21-26	9/27/86	ARIZONA	9 (21-12; 4th Quarter)	L, 21-24
10/04/03	at Baylor	9 (23-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 30-42	11/03/84	KANSAS	11 (27-16; 4th Quarter)	L, 27-28
11/11/00	Iowa State	11 (20- 9; 2nd Quarter)	L, 27-35	10/16/82	at Oklahoma State	13 (13- 0; 1st Quarter)	T, 25-25
9/02/00	Colorado State (Den)	10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter)	L, 24-28	9/19/81	WASHINGTON ST.	10 (10- 0; 4th Quarter)	L, 10-14
10/23/93	at Kansas State	9 (9- 0; 2nd Quarter)	T, 16-16				

Colorado has lost only 19 games (and was tied twice) dating back to 1980 when leading by *any* margin at any point in the fourth quarter or overtime. The most recent losses are this season (Kansas, Baylor in three overtimes—CU scored first in OT—and at Georgia, when the Buffs led 13-0 entering the quarter and lost with just 46 seconds remaining as UGA won, 14-13. In conference play, only Kansas (1984, 2006), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001), Oklahoma State (1997), Texas A&M (2004) and Baylor (2006) have rallied in the fourth to topple CU in this span. The ties came against Tennessee in 1990 (31-31, after leading 31-17) and Kansas State in 1993 (16-16 after taking a late 16-13 lead).

- Colorado has won **88** of its last **95** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—and **15** of the last **18**). A 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 26-game winning streak in such situations on the road, and an overall streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).
- In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 29 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The two most recent wins of this variety came against Texas-El Paso in the 2004 Houston Bowl and in the season opener against CSU this season (rallying from 9 and 11 points down, respectively).

DOMINATION

Colorado has only **23** losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl), Stanford (1991), Missouri (1997), Kansas (1998), CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999), CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000), Fresno State (2001), CSU and Wisconsin (2002), Washington State, Baylor and Kansas State (2003), Missouri (2004), Iowa State and Nebraska (2005) and Montana State and CSU this year. On several occasions, teams used the win over the Buffs to gain national notoriety and/or move into the rankings following the win. The Buffs are **83-21-2** in their last 106 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **114-23-2** in the last 139. The Buffs are **151-72-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-8 in bowls); **105-51-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **46-21-1** in non-conference regular season action.

LITTLE KNOWN RARITY

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

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **286-11-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **205-3** with 35-plus points and **190-2** with 36-plus, **167-1** with 38-plus and **107-0** with 43 or more tallies. The three losses with 35 more points came to Air Force (58-35 in 1968), Oklahoma (82-42 in 1980) and Stanford (41-37 in 1993). Colorado has played **1,097** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- ➔ Colorado is **7-15-1** in its last **23** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-29-2** against top 10 schools and **40-49-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado is **14-5** (in-season) following a loss to a top 10 team since the middle of 1993. That includes one game this year (CU lost 28-13 at Missouri after losing 14-13 at No. 9 Georgia) and two games in 2005 (when CU bested Kansas, 44-13, after falling at No. 2 Texas in October, and the losses at the end to No. 2 Texas in the Big 12 title game and to Clemson in the bowl).
- ➔ Colorado is **91-41-3** in its last **135** league games, and has the 10th fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **100** of its last **217** games, posting a **93-6-1** record. The losses were at Stanford, 41-37 in 1993, to Missouri in Boulder in 1997, 41-31, and twice to Nebraska (in Boulder in 1999, 33-30, in overtime; and 34-32 at Lincoln in 2000) and to Baylor (42-30 in 2003 and 34-31 in 3 OT this year); the tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **150** of these **217** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **121-27-2** (CU is **20-45-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed **364** touchdowns in the last **706** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **342** times have yielded **172** field goals as well as **170** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 24% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 49% of the time, which are astonishing numbers. In Dan Hawkins' first year, the opponent has penetrated the CU red zone 30 times, with 20 touchdowns, 3 field goals and 7 non-scores.
- ➔ Since the middle of the 1998 season, the Buffalo "D" has rose to the occasion when the opponent has started a drive inside CU territory. Going back to the last six games in 1998 to the present, CU has allowed just **82** touchdowns out of **196** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **114** scores overall, meaning **82** non-scores). In 2006, the opponent has **14** scores (8 TD, 6 FG) out of **16** drives started in CU territory; over the last four seasons, CU's allowed just **73** scores (55 TD/18 FG) in **119** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **45** of its last **114** contests (twice in 2005, five times in '04), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **168** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **82** times (49 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **41** of the **168** games since the '93 season opener (25%)... and remember CU has played **71** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong Colorado team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. In 2005, CU averaged well over six yards nine games into the year, finishing at **5.7** yards on first down plays; the last time the Buffs averaged six or more for a season was 2001, their Big 12 Championship year. Colorado did it six times between 1989 and 1997, including a team record best of 7.2 in both 1989 and 1994.
 - ➔ Colorado is averaging **4.9** per first down play in 2006, with well over half (141 of 231) of the plays netting five or less yards. The opponent has a slight edge in sizeable 10- and 20-plus gains on the down, but also on plays with two or fewer yards (129-112) and plays of zero gain (64-49).
- ➔ Colorado had seven touchdowns by returns in 2001 (4 interception, 2 punt, 1 fumble), a school record that the 2002 team matched (3 fumble, 2 interception, 2 punt). In 2004, the Buffs had six; dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **38** scores by return in their last **93** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **59** scores by return in **144** games (52 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado topped 200 yards both rushing and passing once in 2005 (against New Mexico State) as CU has accomplished the 200 "double-double" **10** times in the last **95** games (and **31** times in the last **168**, dating to 1993). CU averaged over 200 in each for the season in both 1993 and 1994 (the first times ever at CU), as well as in 2001 (228.5/205.9). The Buffs are **31-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only 19 times in its first 929 games in its history.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **55-45-1** in its last **101** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**52-38** in the last **90**, including a **28-16** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **90-29-3** in its last **122** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **57-22-3** in conference games. CU is 0-2 this year and was 2-0 in 2005 and 3-1 in 2004 on artificial surfaces.
- ➔ CU quarterbacks have traditionally taken care of the football, as Buff slingers thrown just **160** interceptions in **5,108** attempts since the start of the 1993 season, an interception rate of just **3.13** percent (or one every **31.9** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs have been an enigma on **third down** defensively the last four seasons. In 2003, while opponents converted at an ordinary 34.6 percent clip (56-of-162), it's what they accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents gained 966 yards on those 56 makes, or an average of **17.3** per play; otherwise, CU allowed just 61 yards on the other 106 plays, or just 0.6 per. In 2004, opponents were 92-of-205 (44.9%), but gained 1,300 yards on the 92 conversions (**14.1** per) and had just 171 yards on 113 misses (1.5). *(For comparison, CU had 660 yards on 59 conversions, 11.2 per, and 222 on 112 misses for 2.0.)*
 - In 2005, that number was down a bit to **10.2** on the 73 conversions (748 yards total; eight big plays: 40, 38, 37, 33, 24, 22, 21 and 20). On the 124 failures by the opponent, CU has allowed just 180 yards, or **1.5** per try.
 - In 2006, through eight games, CU has allowed **727** yards on the **64** conversions, or **11.4** per (Baylor did the most damage with 149 yards on its nine makes).
- ➔ **Second Down "Conversions."** The Colorado defense has shown pretty good wares to date in 2006, and it's obvious in an interesting category. Opponents are just **52-of-200** earning first downs on second down plays (26.0%); that includes a not-so-impressive **16-of-38** on 2nd-and-4 or less.
- ➔ **Third Down & 36 Inches.** Colorado is 8-of-9 on 3rd-&-1 plays in 2006, but is just 30-of-114 from all other distances (26.3%).
- ➔ **No Turns Or Sacks.** Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **12-0** in games when not allowing a sack or committing a turnover. In 2005, CU did neither in its 41-20 conquest of Texas A&M, and came back two weeks later and did the same in the 44-13 win over Kansas. CU had last done it in 2001, as it played turnover-free ball twice in allowing no sacks versus San Jose State (51-15) and Nebraska (62-36). In these 12 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **474-207**, with only one game decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993).
- ➔ Colorado rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder in 1993, opponents are just **3-of-76** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 in 2003 (WSU converted on a 3rd-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 in 2004). The CU offense is **5-of-64** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in **22** of **36** quarters (61 percent) and **2** of **3** overtime periods. All told, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **491** of its last **652** quarters (75%). Those numbers included **32** of **48** in 2005.

SCORING STREAKS

The Buffs have scored in a school record **219** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the longest streak in the Big 12), last being shutout on November 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **116** 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 **87** consecutive road games (**113** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **139** straight league games (all **89** 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 **120** 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 **254** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **451** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only four schools have done it: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through Oct. 28): Colorado 219**, Nebraska 134, Kansas State 124, Texas Tech 113, Oklahoma 101, Kansas 47, Missouri 45, Iowa State 36, Texas A&M 34, Texas 29, Oklahoma State 15, 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 **219** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **sixth** longest active streak in the nation. The list of the nine Division I-A schools that have scored in every game since at least the start of the 1993 season, through games of October 28:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	271	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Colorado	219	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Washington State	258	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	TCU	171	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	252	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Nevada	170	*—All games: joined Div I-A in 1992
Florida State	231	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	Air Force	163	#—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	224	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)			(*—312 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl)

219 AND COUNTING

Colorado's **219**-game scoring streak currently is tied for the 11th longest in Division I-A college history:

School	Streak	Dates	Ended By	School	Streak	Dates	Ended By
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Florida State	231	9/10/1988 - present	.....
Washington	271	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	Florida	224	11/05/1988 - present	.....
Michigan	271	10/27/1984 - present	.....	Colorado	219	11/19/1988 - present	.....
Washington State	258	10/22/1984 - present	.....	Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/95	Colorado State
Oregon	252	10/05/1985 - present	.....	Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	Virginia	195	9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000	Georgia Tech

The streak of **219** games started on November 19, 1988; here's a look at some of things in the news that day and week CU began its record scoring run:

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

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS

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

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

ANATOMY OF THE SCORING STREAK

Colorado has more often than not extended its scoring streak rather quickly. In the **219**-game run, CU has scored on its first possession **88** times, plus another two occasions where it scored on returns. The Buffs have scored in the first quarter **153** times during the streak, and had it extended by halftime **200** times. A closer look (*—includes score on a kickoff return to start the 1998 Aloha Bowl and an interception return prior to the first offensive position in the 2002 Alamo Bowl):

Season	Games	Scored On/In:				Points Scored		
		1st Poss.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	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

Season	Games	Scored On/In:				Points Scored		
		1st Poss.	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Wins	Losses
1998	12	3*	9	2	0	1	248	54
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	9	6	8	0	0	1	30	98
Totals	219	90	153	47	11	8	5073	1164

Colorado has a **143-72-4** record during the scoring streak, averaging **35.5** points in the wins and **16.2** points in the losses (and 23.5 the four tied games). The Buffs have had only eight occasions where it extended the streak in the fourth quarter. Here's a look at those occasions (*—denotes in Denver):

Date	Game	Opponent	Fourth Quarter Score (first if multiple scores)	Time Left (4Q)	Result
Nov. 3, 1990	24	at Nebraska	Eric Bieniemy 1 run	14:43	W 27-12
Oct. 10, 1998	116	KANSAS STATE	Marcus Stiggers 5 pass from Mike Moschetti	5:42	L 9-16
Sept. 4, 1999	123	*Colorado State	Roman Hollowell 43 pass from Mike Moschetti	8:49	L 14-41
Nov. 6, 1999	131	at Kansas State	Javon Green 64 pass from Mike Moschetti	6:21	L 14-20
Aug. 31, 2002	159	*Colorado State	Jeremy Bloom 75 punt return	14:42	L 14-19
Oct. 9, 2004	189	OKLAHOMA STATE	Lawrence Vickers 6 run	10:31	L 14-42
Sept. 24, 2005	200	at Miami, Fla.	Mason Crosby 58 FG	11:57	L 3-23
Oct. 21, 2006	218	at Oklahoma	Mason Crosby 39 FG	6:13	L 3-24

There have been **15** occasions where Colorado scored just once to continue the streak. **PK Mason Crosby** by far has played the biggest individual role, personally extending the streak six times, or four more than the only other player do it even twice, **WR/KR Jeremy Bloom**. A look at these 15 times with one score (*—denotes Orange Bowl; #—denotes Big 12 Championship):

Date	Game	Opponent	The Lone Buff To Score	Time Left	Result
Jan. 1, 1990	14	*Notre Dame	Darian Hagan 39 run	0:01, 3Q	L 6-21
Oct. 31, 1992	48	at Nebraska	James Hill 3 run	3:34, 2Q	L 7-52
Oct. 29, 1994	70	at Nebraska	Rashaan Salaam 6 run	1:06, 3Q	L 7-24
Sept. 13, 1997	101	at Michigan	Jason Lesley 52 FG	3:32, 3Q	L 3-27
Oct. 20, 2001	152	at Texas	Cortlen Johnson 9 run	8:32, 2Q	L 7-41
Sept. 14, 2002	161	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	Patrick Brougham 42 FG	2:51, 3Q	L 3-40
Dec. 7, 2002	171	#Oklahoma	Jeremy Bloom 80 punt return	13:03, 3Q	L 7-29
Sept. 20, 2003	176	at Florida State	Jeremy Bloom 81 pass from Erik Greenberg	7:59, 2Q	L 7-47
Oct. 30, 2004	192	TEXAS	Terrence Wheatley 37 interception return	8:50, 1Q	L 7-31
Dec. 4, 2004	196	#Oklahoma	Mason Crosby 34 FG	2:01, 3Q	L 3-42
Sept. 24, 2005	200	at Miami, Fla.	Mason Crosby 58 FG	11:57, 4Q	L 3-23
Nov. 25, 2005	208	NEBRASKA	Mason Crosby 33 FG	12:25, 1Q	L 3-30
Dec. 3, 2005	209	#Texas	Mason Crosby 25 FG	14:48, 2Q	L 3-70
Sept. 16, 2006	213	ARIZONA STATE	Mason Crosby 29 FG	12:57, 1Q	L 3-21
Oct. 21, 2006	218	at Oklahoma	Mason Crosby 39 FG	6:13, 4Q	L 3-24

The One-Scorers (15): Crosby 6, Bloom 2, Brougham 1, Hagan 1, Hill 1, C.Johnson 1, Lesley 1, Salaam 1, Wheatley 1 (eight field goals, four rushing touchdowns, 1 receiving touchdown, one interception return, one punt return)

DUELING

Colorado has scored in **219** straight games dating back to 1988; down the road, the NFL Denver Broncos have scored in **219** consecutive contests, dating 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 **438** straight games.

2006 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS

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

MONTANA STATE (6-3)

19	at Colorado	10
24	CHADRON STATE	35
0	UC-DAVIS	45
10	■EASTERN WASHINGTON	19
39	■at Northern Arizona	32
14	■PORTLAND STATE	0
21	■at Sacramento State	18
42	■at Idaho State	35
24	■WEBER STATE	18
N 4	■NORTHERN COLORADO	
N 18	■at Montana	

COLORADO STATE (4-4)

30	WEBER STATE	6
14	Colorado (Denver)	10
10	at Nevada	28
35	at Fresno State	23
28	✚UNLV	7
21	✚at Air Force	24
0	✚at Wyoming	24
19	✚NEW MEXICO	20
N 4	✚BRIGHAM YOUNG	
N 11	✚at Utah	
N 25	✚TCU	
D 2	✚at San Diego State	

ARIZONA STATE (5-3)

35	NORTHERN ARIZONA	14
52	NEVADA	21
21	at Colorado	3
21	✚at California	49
13	✚OREGON	48
21	✚at Southern California	28
38	✚STANFORD	3
26	✚at Washington (OT)	23
N 4	✚at Oregon State	
N 11	✚WASHINGTON STATE	
N 18	✚UCLA	
N 25	✚at Arizona	

GEORGIA (6-3)

48	WESTERN KENTUCKY	12
18	►at South Carolina	0
34	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	0
14	COLORADO	13
14	►at Mississippi	9
33	►TENNESSEE	51
22	►VANDERBILT	24
27	►MISSISSIPPI STATE	24
14	►Florida (at Jacksonville)	21
N 4	►at Kentucky	
N 11	►at Auburn	
N 25	GEORGIA TECH	

MISSOURI (7-2)

47	MURRAY STATE	7
34	MISSISSIPPI	7
27	at New Mexico	17
31	OHIO	6
28	◆COLORADO	13
38	◆at Texas Tech	21
19	◆at Texas A&M	25
41	◆KANSAS STATE	21
10	◆OKLAHOMA	26
N 4	◆at Nebraska	
N 18	◆at Iowa State	
N 25	◆KANSAS	

BAYLOR (4-5)

7	TCU	17
47	NORTHWESTERN STATE	10
15	at Washington State	17
20	ARMY (OT)	27
17	◆KANSAS STATE	3
34	◆at Colorado (3 OT)	31
31	◆at Texas	63
36	◆KANSAS	35
21	◆TEXAS A&M	31
N 4	◆at Texas Tech	
N 11	◆at Oklahoma State	
N 18	◆OKLAHOMA	

TEXAS TECH (5-4)

35	SMU	3
38	at Texas-El Paso (OT)	35
3	at TCU	12
62	SE LOUISIANA	0
31	◆at Texas A&M	27
21	◆MISSOURI	38
6	◆at Colorado	30
42	◆at Iowa State	26
31	◆TEXAS	35
N 4	◆BAYLOR	
N 11	◆at Oklahoma	
N 18	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	

OKLAHOMA (6-2)

24	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	17
37	WASHINGTON	20
33	at Oregon	34
59	M.TENNESSEE STATE	0
10	◆Texas (at Dallas)	28
34	◆IOWA STATE	9
24	◆COLORADO	3
26	◆at Missouri	10
N 4	◆at Texas A&M	
N 11	◆TEXAS TECH	
N 18	◆at Baylor	
N 25	◆at Oklahoma State	

KANSAS (4-5)

49	NORTHWESTERN STATE	18
21	LOUISIANA-MONROE	19
31	at Toledo (20T)	37
13	SOUTH FLORIDA	7
32	◆at Nebraska (OT)	39
18	◆TEXAS A&M	21
32	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	42
35	◆at Baylor	36
20	◆COLORADO	15
N 4	◆at Iowa State	
N 18	◆KANSAS STATE	
N 25	◆at Missouri	

KANSAS STATE (5-4)

24	ILLINOIS STATE	23
45	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	0
23	MARSHALL	7
6	LOUISVILLE	24
3	◆at Baylor	17
31	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	27
3	◆NEBRASKA	21
21	◆at Missouri	41
31	◆IOWA STATE	10
N 4	◆at Colorado	
N 11	◆TEXAS	
N 18	◆at Kansas	

IOWA STATE (3-6)

45	TOLEDO (OT)	43
16	UNLV	10
17	at Iowa	27
14	◆at Texas	37
28	NORTHERN IOWA	27
14	◆NEBRASKA	28
9	◆at Oklahoma	34
26	◆TEXAS TECH	42
10	◆at Kansas State	31
N 4	◆KANSAS	
N 11	◆at Colorado	
N 18	◆MISSOURI	

NEBRASKA (6-3)

49	LOUISIANA TECH	10
56	NICHOLLS STATE	7
10	at Southern California	28
56	TROY	0
39	◆KANSAS (OT)	32
28	◆at Iowa State	14
21	◆at Kansas State	3
20	◆TEXAS	22
29	◆at Oklahoma State	41
N 4	◆MISSOURI	
N 11	◆at Texas A&M	
N 24	◆COLORADO	

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

OPPONENTS IN 2006

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

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

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

PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS

There are 26 Colorado Buffaloes on the 2006 National Football League rosters as of October 30. That's tied with Texas A&M for third in the Big 12, behind Nebraska (36) and Oklahoma (27); Texas has 25, Kansas State 20, Oklahoma State 11, Iowa State 9, Texas Tech 9, Baylor 8, Missouri 7, and Kansas 6. Nationally in 2005, CU was tied for the 17th most players produced—Florida State led with 42, followed by Tennessee (37), Georgia and Ohio State (35); CU was 12th in 2004 with 27, tied for 13th in 2003 with 29, and was 10th in 2002, also with 29. CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was second in 2002 and 2003, and was third in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2006 list (p—denotes on the practice squad; #—denotes starter/first-team performer; †—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; I—on injured-reserve; 2R—denotes second-year rookie; p—practice squad):

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.	Waived (In camps or from season rosters):			
Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.	Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.
#Tom Ashworth	OT	Seattle Seahawks	5	Koy Detmer	QB	Philadelphia Eagles	9
#Justin Bannan	DT	Baltimore Ravens	5	Joel Klatt	QB	Detroit Lions	R
Brad Bedell	OG	Houston Texans	4	Derek McCoy	WR	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2R
I-Mitch Berger	P	New Orleans Saints	12	Hannibal Navies	LB	Cincinnati Bengals	7
I-Jeremy Bloom	WR	Philadelphia Eagles	R	†-Craig Ochs	QB	Buffalo Bills	R
#Tyler Brayton	DT	Oakland Raiders	3	#Tom Rouen	P	San Francisco 49ers	14
Chad Brown	OLB	Pittsburgh Steelers	13	Donald Strickland	CB	Philadelphia Eagles	3
#Chris Brown	RB	Tennessee Titans	3	†-Sam Taulealea	DT	Dallas Cowboys	R
Christian Fauria	TE	Washington Redskins	11	John Torp	P	Minnesota Vikings	R
#Daniel Graham	TE	New England Patriots	4	Sean Tufts	LB	Carolina Panthers	2
#Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	4	COACHES			
D.J. Hackett	WR	Seattle Seahawks	2	Name	Pos.	Team	Tie To Colorado
†-Marques Harris	DE	San Diego Chargers	1	Mike Barry	OL	Detroit	Asst. Coach, 1987-92
Brian Iwuh	OLB	Jacksonville Jaguars	R	Ronnie Bradford	ST	Denver	Player, 1989-92
#Joe Klopfenstein	TE	St. Louis Rams	R	Eric Bieniemy	RB	Minnesota	Player, 1987-90 & AC
#Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	9	Tom Cable	OL	Atlanta	Asst. Coach, 1998-99
#Michael Lewis	SS	Philadelphia Eagles	4	Jim Caldwell	QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
Wayne Lucier	C	Green Bay Packers	2	Jon Embree	TE	Kansas City	Player, 1983-86 & AC
p-Vaka Manupuna	DT	Washington Redskins	R	David Gibbs	DB	Kansas City	Player, 1987-90
p-Matt McChesney	DT	New York Jets	1	Vance Joseph	DB	San Francisco	Player, 1990-94
#Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	9	Rick Neuheisel	QB	Baltimore	Head Coach, 1995-98
I-Gabe Nyenhuis	DE	Indianapolis Colts	2R	Rod Perry	DB	Carolina	Player, 1973-74
Quinn Sypniewski	TE	Baltimore Ravens	R	Kennedy Pola	RB	Jacksonville	Asst. Coach, 1997-98
Lawrence Vickers	RB	Cleveland Browns	R				
Drew Wahlroos	OLB	St. Louis Rams	2				
p-Sam Wilder	OT	San Francisco 49ers	2R				

BY TEAM (17 of 32)— Baltimore 2, Philadelphia 2, New England 2, St. Louis 2, Seattle 2, Washington 2, Cleveland 1, Dallas 1, Denver 1, Green Bay 1, Houston 1, Indianapolis 1, Jacksonville 1, New Orleans 1, N.Y. Jets 1, Oakland 1, San Diego 1, Tennessee 1.

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

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

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

O-LINEMEN PIPELINE?

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

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

SKED AHEAD

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

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

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

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

USUALLY IN 'EM

Colorado's usually been in those games it's lost over the last 18 seasons, as of the 72 losses, 36 have been by eight points or less. Texas (five times), Nebraska and Oklahoma (four) and Kansas State and Missouri (three) are the only ones who have handled the Buffs by nine or more points more than twice since 1989. CU has really been dominated from the start only seven times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game), 2002 vs. USC, 2004 in the Big 12 title game with Oklahoma, and twice in 2005, both against Texas. K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03), Oklahoma State ('04), Miami and Nebraska ('05) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

CLOSE CALLS USUALLY GOING CU'S WAY

Though 0-4 in close calls in 2006, Colorado is still **11-6** where the final margin has been seven or fewer points, dating back to the start of 2003. That includes the four setbacks this year (CSU, Georgia, Baylor, Kansas), and two games in 2005, the season opening 31-28 victory over Colorado State and a 23-20 win at Kansas State, both thanks to the foot of **PK Mason Crosby**. And starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, CU is **15-8** in seven point decisions.

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE

Colorado has the **20th** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**141-72-4**). Of these 217 games, Colorado has played **91** ranked teams (42%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 33 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **40-49-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-21** record *on the road*); CU is also **101-23-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 12 years (**69** of its last **162** contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000, 5-2 in 2001, 2-3 in 2002, 2-3 in 2003, 0-4 in 2004, 0-4 in 2005 and 0-3 to date in 2006. **NOTE:** In 1990, CU became only the second team in NCAA history to win the national championship after playing the nation's toughest schedule (opponents won 63% of their games; Penn State was the first to accomplish the feat, in 1982). CU also played the nation's toughest in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games as the Buffs played both co-national champions, Michigan and Nebraska.

WHAT CAME BACK: 82-3-44

Of the 1,417 rushing yards by the Buffs in 2005, **1,159** were put in the books by players back this fall, or 82 percent; however, returning players accounted for only **93** passing yards (3 percent, all by James Cox). There were **1,218** receiving yards provided by those back in the fold, or 44 percent.

2006 NEW FACES

Almost all the entire football staff was new due to the head coaching change; those who returned this fall from the 2005 staff were long-time linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, running backs coach **Darian Hagan**, the technical assistants, **Mike Babcock** (offense) and **Donnell Leomiti** (defense), and the operations director, **David Hansburg**. Changes since the end of spring included **Jeff Pitman** replacing **Greg Finnegan** as strength and conditioning coach, along with **Miguel Rueda** named as head trainer after **Steve Willard** left the program to enter private business. Biographies on all the new coaches can be found in the 2006 CU football media guide between pages 38-49.

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

CU ADDS FOUR HOME-AND-HOME SERIES OVER NEXT 11 SEASONS; 2007, 2009 & 2012 SCHEDULES COMPLETE

Colorado is working to fill its football schedules over the next decade, and since mid-summer, the Buffaloes have agreed to four home-and-home series with a school from each time zone.

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

On September 16, CU announced home-and-home arrangements with three other schools, all opponents CU has a previous history with in **Louisiana State University**, the **University of Oregon** and the **University of Utah**. Colorado has played the trio a combined 78 times in its history, but there have been no regular season games with any of the three since 1987. Each series has its own special moments and place in school annals.

The CU-LSU series is first up, as the Buffs will travel to Baton Rouge on Sept. 24, 2011, with the Tigers returning the game to Boulder on Sept. 15, 2012. The Buffs and Utes will resume play after a 50-year layoff in their series, as Utah will come to Boulder on Sept. 22, 2012 with Salt Lake City to play host on Sept. 21, 2013. The Oregon series is a bit further out, with Eugene to be the site in 2014 (Sept. 13), with the Ducks' return trip to Boulder set for 2017 (Sept. 16). A closer look:

Colorado-Louisiana State. While LSU leads the all-time series by a 5-1 count, CU's lone victory in the series was most significant. In the 1971 season opener, the unranked and sophomore-laden Buffs traveled to Baton Rouge and upset the No. 9 Tigers, 31-21. That win propelled CU to No. 12 in the polls the following Monday and coach **Eddie Crowder's** Buffaloes went on to finish 10-2 and No. 3 in the nation. The two first met in the 1962 Orange Bowl, a 25-7 LSU victory, and last played in 1980, when LSU edged the Buffs with a field goal in the final minute to escape with a 23-20 verdict. The Tigers are also the last non-conference team to shutout CU in Boulder in a 44-0 win in 1979.

Colorado-Utah. Other than the 78 games played against in-state rival Colorado State, the 57 games the Buffs have played against the Utes are the second most against any other non-conference school, as CU leads the series, 30-24-3. But the two schools, just 512 miles apart, have not met since 1962 after meeting every year from 1910 through 1958 (and twice in 1943 during World War II). The two first met on Oct. 3, 1903 in Boulder (a 22-0 Colorado win), as Utah was just the third school from outside the state to make a trip to Boulder; when CU returned the game the following season, it was just the second time in Colorado's history that the then Silver & Gold had ever left the state to play a game.

Old-timers will tell you that Utah was CU's first real rival, and after the Utes reeled off nine straight wins between 1925 and 1933 to take a 16-11-1 edge in the series, Utah clearly had staked its claim as the dominant program in the old Rocky Mountain Faculty Athletic Conference. But behind **Kayo Lam** and the school's first All-American, **Byron White**, the newly named Buffaloes won the next four. The Buffs won eight straight from 1951 to 1958 to go up by eight on the Utes, and after a two-year hiatus, the series resumed in 1961 when Utah inflicted a painful 21-12 setback on CU—its only regular season loss in a 9-1 campaign (with LSU adding a second loss in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day). The last game in the series was on Sept. 22, 1962, a 37-21 Utah win in Salt Lake City; thus the series will resume 50 years to the day of the last meeting. The two schools are fierce ski rivals and have won 14 of the last 24 NCAA titles between them since the sport went coed in 1983.

Colorado-Oregon. The Buffs lead the most-entertaining 15-game series by an 8-7 count, as the two last met in the regular season in 1987 but have squared off in bowl games three times since then. The first meeting was in 1949, a 42-14 Oregon win, signaling the start of five home-and-home agreements between the two, including a four-game set between 1984 and 1987. The 1979 game, a 33-19 Duck win, was the first for CU coach **Chuck Fairbanks** and also the first game televised by a then-fledgling television network called ESPN. The 1984 game in Eugene yielded one of the sadder moments in school history, when tight end **Ed Reinhardt** suffered a near-fatal brain injury and had his life forever changed, but it also stabled a bond between the two schools that remains to this day. In 1985, after the Buffs opened with a win over CSU to match their entire win total the previous season, one of the first early key moments in the success of the **Bill McCartney** Era occurred. The Buffs owned a 21-17 lead but UO drove inside the CU 10 in the final minute of the game; on a 4th-and-goal from the CU 3, **Mickey Pruitt** sacked Duck quarterback **Chris Miller** as time ran out to preserve the win, and the Buffs went on to finish 7-4 and earn a Freedom Bowl berth. The schools met in the 1996 Cotton Bowl (a 38-6 CU win to cap a 10-2 year under first-year coach **Rick Neuheisel**), in the 1998 Aloha Bowl (Neuheisel's last game as CU coach as the Buffs won a shootout, 51-43), and in the 2002 Fiesta Bowl; in the latter, it was just the sixth postseason match-up of No. 2 (Colorado) versus No. 3 (Oregon) and the Pac-10 champion Ducks got the best in this one, winning 38-16. **Colorado's immediate future football schedules:**

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
S 1 Colorado State (Denver)	A30 Colorado State (Denver)	S 5 #Colorado State	S 4 #Colorado State	S 3 #Colorado State
S 8 at Arizona State	S 6 HOME TBA	S12 at Miami, Ohio	S11 at California	S10 CALIFORNIA
S15 FLORIDA STATE	S13 NORTH CAROLINA	S19 WYOMING	S18 HOME TBA	S17 TBA
S22 MIAMI, OHIO	S20 at Florida State	S26 at North Carolina	O 2 GEORGIA	S 24 at Louisiana State
S29 *OKLAHOMA (H)	Big 12 Games (Oct. 4-on; dates TBA)	Big 12 Games (Oct. 3-on; dates TBA)	Big 12 Games (Oct. 9-on; dates TBA)	Big 12 Games (Oct. 1-on; dates TBA)
O 6 *at Baylor	IOWA STATE	KANSAS	BAYLOR	KANSAS
O13 *at Kansas State	KANSAS STATE	MISSOURI	IOWA STATE	MISSOURI
O20 *KANSAS (FW)	OKLAHOMA STATE	NEBRASKA	KANSAS STATE	NEBRASKA
O27 *at Texas Tech	TEXAS	TEXAS A& M	TEXAS TECH	OKLAHOMA
N 3 *MISSOURI	at Kansas	at Iowa State	at Kansas	at Baylor
N10 *at Iowa State	at Missouri	at Kansas State	at Missouri	at Iowa State
N23 *NEBRASKA	at Nebraska	at Oklahoma State	at Nebraska	at Kansas State
	at Texas A & M	at Texas	at Oklahoma	at Texas Tech
2012	2013	Other		
S 1 #Colorado State	A31 #Colorado State	2014 S13 at Oregon		
S 8 at Minnesota	S 7 MINNESOTA	2017 S16 OREGON		
S15 LOUISIANA STATE	S14 TBA			
S 22 UTAH	S 21 at Utah			

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CRADLE OF COACHES

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

HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 117th season of competition with an all-time record of **651-410-36** in **1,097** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 22nd in all-time winning percentage (.610; 20th for those schools with at least 50 seasons in Division I-A). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **281-135-10** in their 83rd season on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **244-210-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB

Dating back to 1989, the Buffs are **48-18-1** in their last **67** November games (**43-9** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-9-1 against NU in turkey month. Colorado is **43-21** in its last **64** September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **47-24-2** in the last **73** October games, when conference play annually comes into full bloom. CU is **5-6** in December games since 1993, including bowls, and is **2-2-1** in August games in its history.

OVERTIME

Colorado is **3-4** all-time in overtime games; the Buffs became the 84th team in Division I-A to play an overtime game when it played its first ever extra session affair against Missouri in 1999. Here's a chart summarizing the Buffs in overtime:

Date	Opponent	Score	Regulation	Coin Toss	Choice	---Total Yards---		Notes
						Offense	Defense	
10-09-99	MISSOURI	W 46-39	39-39	Missouri	Defense	25	13	Ends with Kelly INT
11-26-99	NEBRASKA	L 30-33	27-27	Nebraska	Defense	9	25	CU trailed 27-3 early in 4th
11-09-02	at Missouri	W 42-35	35-35	Missouri	Defense	25	18	Ends with Mossoni FR
12-28-02	Wisconsin	L 28-31	28-28	Wisconsin	Defense	-2	5	Alamo Bowl
10-11-03	KANSAS	W 50-47	44-44	Colorado	Defense	25	7	Calhoun 3-25 rushing in OT
10-23-04	at Texas A & M	L 26-29	26-26	Colorado	Defense	14	33	First CU turnover in OT ends it
10-07-06	BAYLOR	L 31-34 (3 OT)	17-17	Colorado	Defense	42	72	Ends in 3OT on Baylor INT

RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM

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

STREAKING

Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 12 Division I-A schools. The list: **5**—Air Force; **4**—San Jose State; **3**—Minnesota, Utah State; **2**—California, Iowa, Kansas State, Louisiana-Monroe, Notre Dame, Oregon State, UCLA and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by LSU and Oklahoma (both 4) and Michigan State and Texas (3 each).

THE BUFFS & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HARDWARE

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

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

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS

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

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

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

COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)

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

LONG STAY

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

Associated Press Poll

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

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

...AND THE RETURN

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

15 OUT OF 18

Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State for the latter half of the span. Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with purpose as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU then defeated two ranked teams in both 2002 and 2003 to make it 15 out of 16 years with at least one win over a ranked opponent, but the smaller run ended as the Buffs went 0-4 in both 2004 and 2005. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). CU has defeated at least two in nine of the last 12 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons).

TV LAND

Colorado has had **135** of its last **205** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes five games this year, 10 games in 2005, nine games in 2004, seven games in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **98** of CU's **132** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 74 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in that time frame). In addition, CU has had **21** of its last **25** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

CARRYING THE TV TORCH

Colorado and Texas started carrying the torch in the 1990s when it came to scheduling regular season games against traditionally ranked opponents, games most likely to be selected for TV and making the two hits of league revenue that come with it. Here are the counts (and records) since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (*not including bowls*): **Colorado 27** (13-13-1), Texas 22 (7-13-2), Nebraska 13 (8-5), Oklahoma 13 (6-7), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 12 (0-12), Baylor 9 (2-7), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 9 (1-8), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5) and Kansas State 3 (1-2).

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

BUFF BLEMISHES

Colorado has a history of inflicting blemishes on some of the teams who have traditionally fared well at home. The top five home records last decade (1990-99) belonged to Florida State (55-1-1), Nebraska (62-3), Florida (57-4), Texas A & M (55-4-1) and Kansas State (57-5-1). That's a combined 287-17-3; but of those 20 losses or ties, CU was responsible for five of them. CU won at Nebraska in 1990, at Texas A & M in 1996, and was 2-2-1 at Kansas State in the 90s. The Buffs also snapped the Aggies 22-game home winning streak—started late in 1996, after losses to CU then Texas Tech. And in 2001, CU won at Kansas State, snapping a 58-game home winning streak by the Wildcats against unranked teams, and was only the second KSU home loss in a 29 game span. CU almost added Georgia to this list in 2006, but fell 14-13 after leading 13-0 entering the fourth quarter.

18 OF 22

The Buffs have 18 winning (regular) seasons in the last 22 years, including 2006, matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The exceptions came in 1997, 2000, 2003 and this season; in 1986, CU was 6-5 in the regular season but finished 6-6 after losing to Baylor in the Bluebonnet Bowl. CU has been invited to bowls in 17 of the previous 21 seasons, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000 and 2003.

OFFENSE & DEFENSE

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

WHY CU AND NOT UC?

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

HISTORY OF THE "COLORADO"

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

QUARTERBACK HISTORY LESSON

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

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

THE AVERAGE BUFF

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

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

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

AROUND THE NATION

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

ORIGINAL 2006 TEAM MAKE-UP

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

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

Scholarship Players: 83

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

Walk-On Players: 20

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

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

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

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

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

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

THREE SENIORS NAMED 2006 CAPTAINS

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

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

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

➤ **WASHINGTON**, a fifth-year senior from Marrero, La., entered the year with 231 career tackles, and like six before him who learned under the guidance of another former CU captain, linebacker coach **Brian Cabral**, he would surpass his coach's tackle total (Cabral had 297 between 1975-78; Washington passed him in game eight, when he had a career-high 19 at Oklahoma). He is bidding to become the first LB to lead CU in tackles in back-to-back year since 1993-94, when Butkus Award runner-up **Ted Johnson** accomplished the feat.

CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS

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

ALVIN BARNETT, WR

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

ALONZO BARRETT, DE

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

J.J. BILLINGSLEY, S

Total Tackles—15, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)
 Solo Tackles—12, vs. San Diego State, 9/7/02
 Third Down Stops—3, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
 Interceptions—2, at Texas Tech, 11/1/03
 Pass Deflections—3, at Georgia, 9/23/06

WALTER BOYE-DOE, DE

Total Tackles—6, vs. Oklahoma, 10/25/03
 Solo Tackles—5, vs. Oklahoma, 10/25/03
 Assisted Tackles—3, twice (last: at Kansas, 11/6/04)
 QB Sacks—1, twice (last: at Missouri 9/30/06)

DOMINIQUE BROOKS, S

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

CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB

Total Tackles—9, at Missouri 9/30/06
 Solo Tackles—5, at Missouri 9/30/06
 Interceptions—1, at Missouri 9/30/06
 Pass Deflections—1, twice (last: at Kansas, 10/28/06)

BEN BURNEY, S

Total Tackles—7, twice (last: vs. Baylor, 10/07/06)
 Solo Tackles—5, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Pass Deflections—N/A

MARCUS BURTON, ILB

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

HUGH CHARLES, TB

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

JAMES COX, QB

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

CODY CRAWFORD, WR

Receptions—2, at Kansas, 10/28/06
 Receiving Yards—23, at Missouri, 9/30/06
 Long Reception—23, at Missouri, 9/30/06
 Receiving TDs—N/A

PAUL CREIGHTON, TE

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

MASON CROSBY, PK

Field Goals Attempted—6, vs. UTEP (Houston Bowl), 12/29/04; *Regular Season:* 4, twice.
 Field Goals Made—4, three times (last: UTEP, 12/29/04)
 Long Field Goal—60, vs. Iowa State, 10/16/04
 Long Field Goal Attempt—63, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
 PAT Attempts—7, vs. North Texas, 9/18/04
 PAT Made—7, vs. North Texas, 9/18/04

TYSON DeVREE, TE (at Colorado)

Receptions—1, twice (last: at Oklahoma, 10/21/06)
 Receiving Yards—11, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
 Long Reception—11, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
 Receiving TDs—N/A

MATT DILALLO, P

Punts—6, four times (last: at Oklahoma, 10/21/06)
 Average (*min. 5 punts*)—51.8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Long Punt—73, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
 50-Plus—2, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Inside-the-20—2, three times (last: at Kansas, 10/28/06)

JORDON DIZON, ILB

Total Tackles—16, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Solo Tackles—11, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Third Down Stops—3, twice (last: vs. CSU, 9/09/06)
 QB Sacks—2, vs. Missouri 11/5/05
 Passes Broken Up—2, at Washington State, 9/11/04

BYRON ELLIS, TB

Rushing Attempts—15, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)
 Rushing Yards—45, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
 Long Run—25, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
 Rushing TDs—1, vs. Baylor, 10/7/06
 Receptions—3, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Receiving Yards—53, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Long Reception—38, at Miami, 9/24/05

ISAAC GARDEN, P

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

RIAR GEER, TE

Receptions—7, at Georgia, 9/23/06
 Receiving Yards—71, at Georgia, 9/23/06
 Long Reception—24, vs. Montana State, 9/020/06
 Receiving TDs—1, twice (last: vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06)

DAN GOETTSCHE, TE

Receptions—2, at Missouri, 9/30/06
 Receiving Yards—17, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Long Reception—17, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06

LIONEL HARRIS, S

Total Tackles—11, twice (last: at Oklahoma, 10/21/06)
 Solo Tackles—8, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Interceptions—1, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
 Third Down Stops—3, at Kansas, 10/28/06
 Pass Deflections—1, twice (last: vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06)

MELL HOLLIDAY, TB

Rushing Attempts—15, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Rushing Yards—65, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Long Run—32, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Rushing TDs—1, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06

GEORGE HYPOLITE, DT

Total Tackles—9, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Solo Tackles—8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Third Down Stops—2, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
 Tackles For Loss—3, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 QB Sacks—2, at Georgia, 9/23/06

BERNARD JACKSON, QB

Pass Attempts—27, at Missouri, 9/30/06
 Pass Completions—14, at Georgia, 9/23/06
 Passing Yards—190, at Missouri, 9/30/06
 Long Pass—63, to Dusty Sprague at Missouri, 9/30/06
 TD Passes—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Rushing Attempts—18, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
 Rushing Yards—93, at Missouri, 9/30/06; vs. Baylor, 10/7/06
 Long Rush—35, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06

BRAD JONES, OLB

Total Tackles—9, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Solo Tackles—8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 QB Sacks—N/A
 Interceptions—1, at Kansas, 10/28/06
 Third Down Stops—1, five times (last: Oklahoma, 10/21/06)

ALEX LIGON, DE

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

MAURICE LUCAS, DE

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

BLAKE MACKEY, WR

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

STEPHONE ROBINSON, WR/KR

Receptions—5, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
 Receiving Yards—50, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
 Receiving TDs—N/A
 Long Reception—14, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
 Kickoff Returns—5, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/05
 Kickoff Return Yards—92, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/04
 Long Kickoff Return—33, vs. Colorado State, 9/3/05
 Punt Returns—4, four times (last: vs. CSU, 9/09/06)
 Punt Return Yards—103, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
 Long Punt Return—81, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05 (TD)

LORENZO SIMS JR., CB

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

DUSTY SPRAGUE, WR

Receptions—9, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Receiving Yards—101, at Texas A&M, 10/23/04
 Long Reception—63, at Missouri, 9/30/06
 Receiving TDs—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)

RYAN WALTERS, S

Total Tackles—11, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Solo Tackles—8, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
 Interceptions—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
 Pass Deflections—1, three times (last: at Kansas, 10/28/06)

TERRY WASHINGTON, CB

Total Tackles—8, at Oklahoma, 10/16/06
 Solo Tackles—6, at Oklahoma, 10/16/06
 Interceptions—none.
 Pass Deflections—2, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
 Kickoff Returns—4, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Kickoff Return Yards—64, at Miami, 9/24/05
 Long Kickoff Return—32, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05

THADDAEUS WASHINGTON, ILB

Total Tackles—19, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
 Solo Tackles—12, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
 Tackles For Loss—3, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05
 QB Sacks—1, on 5 occasions (last vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05)
 Third Down Stops—4, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
 Interceptions—2, at Nebraska, 11/26/04

TERRENCE WHEATLEY, CB

Total Tackles—8, at Baylor, 10/4/03
 Solo Tackles—6, twice (last: vs. Kansas State, 11/13/04)
 Interceptions—2, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
 Pass Deflections—3, at Missouri, 9/30/06

PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR

Receptions—5, twice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06)
 Receiving Yards—65, at Kansas, 10/28/06
 Long Reception—61, at Kansas, 10/28/06
 Receiving TDs—none

ABRAHAM WRIGHT, DE

Total Tackles—7, twice (last vs. Baylor, 10/07/06)
 Solo Tackles—5, twice (last: at Missouri, 9/30/06)
 Tackles For Loss—4, vs. Colorado State in Denver, 9/09/06
 QB Sacks—3, vs. Colorado State in Denver, 9/09/06
 Interceptions—1, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05

THE LAST TIME**INDIVIDUAL**

Kickoff Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (88 yards). Opponent: Sammy Moore, Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003 (97 yards).
Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards). Opponent: Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards).
Interception Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Marcus Burton vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005 (99 yards). Opponent: Brent Curvey, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown	Colorado: Ryan Walters vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 28, 2006 (95 yards). Opponent: Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards). Opponent: Brandon Foster, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i> , 0 yards).
Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Has not occurred. Opponent: Has not occurred.
Blocked Punt	Colorado: Vance Washington vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>). Opponent: Angela Fobbs-Valentino, Arizona State in Boulder, Sept. 16, 2006.
Blocked PAT Kick	Colorado: James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>). Opponent: Brodney Pool, Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 25, 2003.
Blocked Field Goal	Colorado: James Garee vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005. Opponent: Dale Dixson, Georgia in Atlanta, Sept. 23, 2006.
Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown	Colorado: Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone). Opponent: Has not occurred.
Defensive Two-Point Conversion	Colorado: Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991. Opponent: Has not occurred.
300 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. Opponent: 408, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005.
400 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. Opponent: 408, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005.
100 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 119, Hugh Charles vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006. Opponent: 110, Allen Patrick, Oklahoma in Norman, Oct. 21, 2006 (35 carries) .
200 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002. Opponent: 247, Jamario Thomas, North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004.
300 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. Opponent: Has not occurred (record is 268).
Three Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. Opponent: 3, Vince Young, Texas at Austin, Oct. 15, 2005.
Four Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. Opponent: 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997.
Two 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002. Opponent: Ell Roberson (21-178) and Darrin Sproles (16-121), Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002.
Three 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970. Opponent: David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151), George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
300 Yards Passing	Colorado: 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. Opponent: 392, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005.
400 Yards Passing	Colorado: 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. Opponent: 403, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004.
Three Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 4, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Sept. 30, 2006.
Four Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 4, Chase Daniel, Missouri at Columbia, Sept. 30, 2006.
Five Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. Opponent: 5, Steve Stenstrom, Stanford at Palo Alto, Sept. 18, 1993.
Three Interceptions Thrown	Colorado: 3, Bernard Jackson vs. Baylor in Boulder, Oct. 7, 2006. Opponent: 3, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006.
Four Interceptions Thrown	Colorado: 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997. Opponent: 4, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005.
10 Receptions	Colorado: 11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003. Opponent: 10, Johnny Walker, Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006.
100 Yards Receiving	Colorado: 108, Evan Judge vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005. Opponent: 158, Johnny Walker, Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006.
200 Yards Receiving	Colorado: 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996. Opponent: 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996.
Two Touchdowns Receiving	Colorado: 2, Joe Klopfenstein vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. Opponent: 2, Chase Coffman, Missouri at Columbia, Sept. 30, 2006.
Three Touchdowns Receiving	Colorado: 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. Opponent: 3, Justin Armour, Stanford at Palo Alto, Sept. 18, 1993.
Two 100-Yard Receivers	Colorado: Derek McCoy (6-171) and D.J. Hackett (4-143) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003. Opponent: Javson Boyd (7-140) and Johnnie Higgins (7-122), UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (<i>Houston Bowl</i>).
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver	Colorado: Bobby Purify (22-130 rushing) & Blake Mackey (8-116 receiving) vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 26, 2004. Opponent: Adrian Peterson (28-172 rushing) & Mark Clayton (8-106 receiving), Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004. (<i>Big 12 Ch.</i>)
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver (same player)	Colorado: Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001. Opponent: Has not occurred.

The Last Time, continued...

Four Touchdowns In A Game	Colorado:	4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush).
	Opponent:	4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush).
Four Field Goals In A Game	Colorado:	4, Mason Crosby vs. UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (<i>Houston Bowl</i>).
	Opponent:	5, Todd Pegram, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
50-Yard Field Goal	Colorado:	53, Mason Crosby vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006 (also made 56-yard kick earlier in game).
	Opponent:	51, Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005.
Two Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	2, Ryan Walters vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006.
	Opponent:	2, Charles Gordon, Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 6, 2004.
Three Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	3, Victor Scott vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 16, 1982.
	Opponent:	3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002.
Four Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	Has not occurred.
	Opponent:	4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946.
Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Colorado:	3 (for 26), Abraham Wright vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006.
	Opponent:	3 (for 20), Adell Duckett, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Colorado:	4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992.
	Opponent:	4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984.

TEAM

Shut Out (Defensive)	Colorado:	Game: 34-0, vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005. Through 3rd Qtr: 23-0, vs. Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006. At Half: 9-0, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 28, 2006.
	Opponent:	Game: 0-7, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 5, 1988. Through 3rd Qtr: 0-10, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006. At Half: 0-10, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
Safety	Colorado:	vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try).
	Opponent:	by Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (punt blocked out of end zone).
Held To No Offensive Touchdowns	Colorado:	by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005.
30 First Downs In A Game	Colorado:	34, vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
	Opponent:	32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Held Under 10 First Downs	Colorado:	5, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	7, by New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
500 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	559, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent:	532, by Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
600 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	767, vs. San Jose State in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.
	Opponent:	639, by Missouri in Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	113, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	181, by New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
	Opponent:	74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
300 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	331, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002.
	Opponent:	326, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004.
400 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002.
	Opponent:	419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987.
500 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000.
	Opponent:	516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	74, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	31, by Texas Tech in Boulder, Oct. 14, 2006.
400 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent:	403, by Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004.
500 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995.
	Opponent:	523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 (<i>Aloha Bowl</i>).
Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	39, vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	71, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004.
Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play	Colorado:	8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586).
	Opponent:	8.62, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (68-586).
Held Under Three Yards Per Play	Colorado:	2.56, by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006.
	Opponent:	2.80, by Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 6, 2001 (70-196).
Four Interception Game	Colorado:	4, vs. Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005.
	Opponent:	4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999.
Five Interception Game	Colorado:	5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
	Opponent:	5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.
Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles	Colorado:	5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999.
	Opponent:	5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980.
Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles	Colorado:	6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983.
	Opponent:	6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975.
Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game	Colorado:	40:14, vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
	Opponent:	42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997.
Turnover-Free Game	Colorado:	vs. Missouri at Columbia, Sept. 30, 2006.
	Opponent:	by Montana State in Boulder, Sept. 2, 2006.
Did Not Punt	Colorado:	vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1994.
	Opponent:	by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 22, 1983.
Recovered Own Onside Kick	Colorado:	vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999 (Damen Wheeler); 0-of-last 7.
	Opponent:	Nebraska in Lincoln, Nov. 26, 2004 (Lance Brandenburg); 0-of-last-3.

CHART-MANIA

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

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2005)

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

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2005)

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

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

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2005)

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

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (16-12-1)

Year	Opponent	Result	Year	Opponent	Result
1987	Nebraska	L 7-24	2001	Nebraska	W62-36
1988	Oklahoma	L 14-17	2002	Kansas State	W35-31
1990	Iowa State	W28-12		Baylor	W34-0
1991	Missouri	W55-7		Texas Tech	W37-13
1992	Oklahoma	T 24-24		Iowa State	W41-27
1993	Nebraska	L 17-21		b —Oklahoma	L 7-29
1994	Oklahoma State	W17-3	2003	Oklahoma	L 20-34
1995	Missouri	W21-0		Nebraska	L 22-31
	a —Oregon	W38-6	2004	Colorado State	W27-24
1996	Texas	W28-24		Texas	L 7-31
	Kansas State	W12-0		Kansas State	W38-31
1997	Kansas	W42-6	2005	Nebraska	L 3-30
	Missouri	L 31-41	2006	Texas Tech	W30-6
1998	Kansas State	L 9-16			
1999	Nebraska (OT)	L 30-33			
2000	Iowa State	L 27-35			

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

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DEPTH CHART

A note about CU's depth: in-season, depth charts reflect change and generally do not announce it unless there are long-term injuries; also, the coaches use "groupings" at certain positions (i.e. receiver-tight end-tailback-fullback), and often a group enters the game to run a play that does not match the depth.

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER (*x*) (all rotate in)

- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 200, Soph.*
 48 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 175, Soph.
 80 Jarrell Yates, 6-0, 185, Fr.-RS
 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 180, Sr.-5**

WIDE RECEIVER (*z*) (all rotate in)

- 17 Alvin Barnett, 6-0, 185, Jr.** **AND**
 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 195, Jr.**
 9 Blake Mackey, 6-3, 200, Sr.-5*
 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 190, Jr.**

LEFT TACKLE

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

LEFT GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-4, 300, Sr.***
 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 290, Fr.-RS

CENTER

- 57 Bryce MacMartin, 6-2, 285, Sr.* **OR**
 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 295, Sr.-5*** (*injured*)
 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Soph.*

RIGHT GUARD

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Soph.*
 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 295, Sr.**
 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 290, Fr.-RS

RIGHT TACKLE

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

TIGHT END (all rotate in)

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

QUARTERBACK

- 7 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 200, Jr.
 5 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Fr.-RS

TAILBACK

- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Jr.**
 37 Mell Holliday, 5-8, 205, Sr.-5
 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 210, Jr.**
 23 Kevin Moyd, 5-8, 190, Fr.-RS

FULLBACK

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

DEFENSE

(4-3/Base)

LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 245, Sr.-5**
 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 235, Jr.**

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 86 George Hypolite, 6-2, 285, Soph.*
 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-5, 275, Fr.-RS
 51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 275, Sr.-5*** (*also DE*)

NOSE TACKLE

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

RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

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

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

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

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

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

SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

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

LEFT CORNERBACK

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

FREE SAFETY

- 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 200, Soph.*
 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 190, Soph.*
 22 Lorenzo Sims Jr., 5-11, 185, Sr.***
 30 Joel Adams, 5-11, 190, Soph.

STRONG SAFETY

- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 190, Jr.* **OR**
 5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 190, Sr.-5*** (*injured*)
 20 Terry Wilson, 5-11, 200, Soph.
 36 Reggie Foster, 5-11, 195, Fr.-RS

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr.**
 6 Gardner McKay, CB, 5-11, 160, Soph.*

(N—denotes nickel back.)

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER

- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 200, Fr.-RS
 90 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Jr.
 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 215, Sr.***

PLACEKICKER

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

KICKOFF RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 190, Jr.**
 10 Terry Washington, 5-10, 195, Sr.*
 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Jr.**

PUNT RETURN

- 38 Chase McBride, 5-8, 160, Jr.
 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 190, Jr.**
 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 165, Fr.

HOLDER (PINNER)

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

SHORT SNAPPER

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

LONG SNAPPER

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

INJURED (for extended time)

- 18 ✱—S Dominique Brooks, Sr.** (*knee*)
 10 ✱—QB James Cox, 6-3, 220, Sr.-5** (*thumb*)
 73 ✱—OL Erick Faatagi, Jr. (*knee*)
 13 ✱—WR Michael Kachmer, Fr.-RS (*knee*)
 88 ✱—TE Devin Shanahan, Fr.-RS (*knee*)
 21 ✱—Vance Washington, 5-10, 190, Sr.-5** (*knee*)

✱—out for season.

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

AND — indicates those listed all play/rotate (basically co-first team status);

OR — indicates first-team status up for grabs. Freshmen expected to redshirt not listed.



*—denotes number of letters earned through 2005; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for extended time; probables listed as normal).* **CAPTAINS:** 16 Mason Crosby, PK; 66 Brian Daniels, OG; 49 Thaddaeus Washington, ILB.8

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

The Colorado alphabetical roster (as of October 30 a.m.):

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

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
6	McKAY, Gardner	CB	5-11	160	So.	1L	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)	S 4/3
21	McKNIGHT, Scotty	WR	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro)	WO 5/4
23	MOYD, Kevin	TB	5- 8	190	Fr.	RS	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 4/4
32	NABORS, Cory	TB	5- 8	180	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview)	WO 5/4
94	NICOLAS, Brandon	DT	6- 3	275	So.	TR	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame)	S 3/3
99	NONU, Justin	ILB	6- 2	300	Fr.	HS	Vista, Calif. (Oceanside)	S 5/4
65	PALAZZI, Wes	OL	6- 1	285	Fr.	HS	Plano, Texas (Plano West)	S 5/4
31	PEREZ, Thomas	TB	6- 1	210	Jr.	JC	Compton, Calif. (Lynnwood/Compton CC)	S 3/2
77	POLUMBUS, Tyler	OL	6- 8	285	Jr.	2L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 2/2
1	ROBINSON, Stephone	WR	5- 9	190	Jr.	2L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S 2/2
75	SANDERS, Daniel	OL	6- 3	310	So.	1L	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)	S 3/3
13	SANDERS, Joe	OLB	6- 3	215	Jr.	1L	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)	S 2/2
22	SIMS, Lorenzo, Jr.	CB	5-11	185	Sr.	3L	Fresno, Calif. (Edison)	S 2/1
98	SIPILI, Michael	ILB	6- 1	235	Fr.	HS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial)	S 5/4
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	6- 0	205	Fr.	RS	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	WO 4/4
28	SMITH, Bret	SS	6- 0	190	Fr.	HS	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis)	WO 5/4
35	SMITH, Jimmy	CB	6- 2	195	Fr.	HS	Colton, Calif. (Colton)	S 5/4
92	SOLDER, Nate	TE	6- 8	245	Fr.	HS	Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista)	S 5/4
83	SPRAGUE, Dusty	WR	6- 4	195	Jr.	2L	Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)	S 2/2
52	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB	6- 2	215	Fr.	RS	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 4/4
74	STEVENS, Keenan	OG	6- 2	280	Fr.	HS	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)	WO 5/4
95	SUAZO, Tom	P	5-11	180	So.	TR	Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State)	WO 3/3
8	SUMLER, Demetrius	TB	5-11	215	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)	S 5/4
63	TIPTON, Jack	OL	6- 3	295	Sr.	2L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 1/1
15	WALTERS, Ryan	S	5-11	200	So.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 3/3
10	WASHINGTON, Terry	CB	5-10	195	Sr.	1L	St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City CC)	S 2/1
49	WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus	ILB	5-11	245	Sr.	3L	Marrero, La. (John Ehret)	S 1/1
21	WASHINGTON, Vance	CB	5-10	190	Sr.	2L	Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook)	S 1/1
26	WHEATLEY, Terrence	CB	5-10	180	Jr.	2L	Richardson, Texas (Plano East)	S 2/2
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	WR	6- 2	200	So.	1L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 3/3
20	WILSON, Terry	CB	5-11	200	So.	VR	Chino, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 3/3
53	WRIGHT, Abraham	DE	6- 3	245	Sr.	2L	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 1/1
80	YATES, Jarrell	WR	6- 0	185	Fr.	RS	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	S 4/4

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

Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible)

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

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

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