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2004 CU FOOTBALL: GAME 5—OKLAHOMA STATE

Saturday, October 9 in Boulder (1:35 p.m. MDT; ABC Regional)

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QUICKLY The **Colorado Buffaloes** (3-1, 0-1 Big 12) will try and rebound from a 17-9 setback at Missouri last weekend in hosting the No. 22/21 **Oklahoma State Cowboys** (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) this Saturday, October 9 in a 1:35 p.m. mountain kickoff at Folsom Field... ABC Sports will televise the game regionally, with Gary Thorne (play-by-play), Ed Cunningham (analyst) and Dr. Jerry Punch (sidelines) to call the action... It's the 90th Annual **Homecoming** Game for the Buffaloes, which own a 59-25-5 mark in homecoming affairs, including a 4-2 mark against the Cowboys; part of the celebration will include a Fred Folsom statue dedication (*see page 8 for details*)... Former CU quarterback **John Hessler** will serve as the grand marshal of the homecoming parade... Colorado is 17-8 since 1986 against teams ranked between Nos. 20 and 25 in the AP poll (8-2 in the last 10 with wins in five of the last six)... Fox Sports Net will televise the October 16 CU-Iowa State game from Boulder, with kickoff set for 11:30 a.m.; it will mark the fifth time in six games the Buffs will be televised in 2004... Around 10,000 tickets remain for the game, with prices at both \$50 and \$65... CU's website, www.CUBuffs.com features game day updates and live stats for all games, home and road.

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IN-THE-POLLS CU was unranked in both the *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today*/ESPN (coaches) polls of Sunday, Oct. 2, receiving two points in the coaches' poll (CU was in at No. 27 in the coaches and No. 30 in the AP before the loss to Missouri). The Buffs were last ranked on Sept. 7 of last year, having climbed to No. 17 in both after opening 2-0, and prior to the 47-26 loss to Washington State. Dating back to the preseason 1989 polls, CU has been ranked in **182** of the last **253** polls (*AP*; 72%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (79), trailing Florida (86), Florida State (85) and Michigan (83).

STAT OF THE WEEK Mason Crosby continues to be a weapon on kickoffs; two of three went for touchbacks against Missouri upping his season numbers to 16 of 23; the opponent average starting yardline is its own 20 overall and just its 21 on returns.

OBSCURE NOTE OF THE WEEK Second and long situations can get nasty, and that's the hand the Missouri defense dealt the Buffs last week. In the 17-9 loss to MU, Colorado ran 23 first down plays for a net 43 yards, or 1.9 per play. The Buffs have one double-digit gain, which was a 10-yard pass on its first play of the contest, and had just two others of five or more the rest of the afternoon as CU was constantly facing second and third down plays with a higher than average of yards to go. Credit a lot of that to the Tiger defensive front.

SECOND ANNUAL SAAC FOOD DRIVE The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and local non-profit group, Conscious Alliance, are holding their 2nd Annual Homecoming Food Drive in conjunction with this Saturday's game against Oklahoma State. All patrons that donate 10 non-perishable food items will receive a free Homecoming event poster, as the goal is to surpass the over two tons of items collected at last year's inaugural drive. Donation bins will be located outside of all entrances to the stadium where a volunteer will exchange a poster redemption coupon to all participants. The poster can be redeemed at half time or after the game at the Conscious Alliance tent, located near the Buffalo statue on the South Side of the stadium. Food donations are encouraged to be of low-sodium and health food oriented products. These donations will benefit the Emergency Family Assistance Association, of Boulder, and the Conscious Alliance Holiday Food Run Project that delivers food on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

2004 COLORADO SCHEDULE (3-1, 0-1 BIG 12)

| Date | CU* Opponent | Opp* | TV | Result/Time | Record | Series | This-N-That |
|----------|---|------|-----|-------------------|--------|---------|---|
| SEPT. 4 | NR COLORADO STATE | NR | FSN | W 27-24 | 1-4 | 56-18-2 | Purify rambles for 189, Billingsley/Sims slam door at end |
| Sept. 11 | NR Washington State (<i>at Seattle</i>) | NR | ABC | W 20-12 | 3-1 | 4-2-0 | Defense racks up 8 sacks, TD; 2 blocked punts/TD |
| SEPT. 18 | NR NORTH TEXAS | NR | PPV | W 52-21 | 1-4 | 1-0-0 | Klatt back in form with 371 yards, 3 TDs; Purify 112/3 TD |
| Oct. 2 | NR † at Missouri | NR | ABC | L 9-17 | 3-1 | 30-36-3 | Barnett drops to 5-1 vs. alma mater (CU 17-3 in last 20) |
| OCT. 9 | NR † OKLAHOMA STATE (<i>H</i>) | 21 | ABC | 1:35 p.m. | 4-0 | 25-16-1 | Colorado 10-1 vs. OSU since '89 (won 22-19 in '01) |
| OCT. 16 | † IOWA STATE (<i>FW</i>) | | FSN | 11:30 a.m. | 2-2 | 45-12-1 | Buffs lead series by 18-1 since '84 (8-1 in Boulder) |
| Oct. 23 | † at Texas A & M | | TBA | TBA | 3-1 | 4-1-0 | CU 2-0 at Kyle Field (24-10 in '96, 26-19 in 2000) |
| OCT. 30 | † TEXAS | | TBA | TBA | 4-0 | 7-6-0 | First meeting since '01 Big 12 title game (CU, 39-37) |
| Nov. 6 | † at Kansas | | TBA | TBA | 2-3 | 39-21-3 | CU owns 16-3 edge since '85 (KU 2-1 in last 3 at home) |
| NOV. 13 | † KANSAS STATE | | TBA | TBA | 2-2 | 41-17-1 | First November meeting since '99 (KSU, 20-14) |
| Nov. 26 | † at Nebraska | | ABC | 10:00 a.m. | 3-1 | 16-43-2 | Ninth straight post-Thanksgiving Friday meeting |
| Dec. 4 | Big 12 Championship Game | | ABC | 6:00 p.m. | | | (at Kansas City, Mo.) |

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

MEDIA SERVICES

- Coach Gary Barnett holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Barnett beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 7-14-28, Oct. 5-12-19-26, Nov. 2-9-22 (Monday)-30, Dec.TBA (bowl). NOTE that there are no organized press luncheons on Sept. 21 and Nov. 16 (Tuesdays of bye weeks).
- The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on www.CUBuffs.com (in the Buffs Backstage Pass area); media can watch and listen by contacting David Plati in advance for free access codes (david.plati@colorado.edu).
- Barnett can be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. mountain time. All coaches participate weekly; please call 913/981-5507 for access (this number is intended for media only). The teleconference is replayed later in the day, and is available by calling 402/222-9912 after 3 p.m. mountain time.
- **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 2 (C-band), 4100 MHz vertical, standard audio 6.2-6.8 MHz between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. MT from Aug. 31 through Dec. 7 (trouble number: 972/868-1861 or 1446). Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed to all members of the media 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).
- Colorado's regular season **football practices** will be closed to the public and media in 2004, however, every preseason practice between August 10 and 27 are open to all. The first 20 minutes of practice are open for photography (video) needs from the end zones and sidelines.
- This year's tentative **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (off); Monday (2:00-3:30; 3:30-6:00); Tuesday (2:15-3:30/3:30-6:00), Wednesday (2:15-3:30/3:30-6:00), Thursday (2:15-3:30/3:30-5:30), Friday (5:30-6:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed both pre- and post-practice on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (the cutoff moves up to post-Tuesday practice for Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all three days in both time slots. Interviews on Sundays 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.

CU ON THE INTERNET

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Log on to the official site for CU athletics at **www.CUBuffs.com** for the latest information, releases, game notes and broadcasts of press conferences. Buffs Backstage Pass offers the opportunity to listen to press conferences live, as well as to listen and/or watch live game action of several CU athletic teams.

ON-THE-AIR

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his first year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. Larry Zimmer will handle the analysis duties, as he is in his 31st season broadcasting Colorado football (he handle play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** in his 28th season on the broadcasts, doing pre- and postgame shows and providing coverage from the sidelines. Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the *Gary Barnett Show* originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program (**NOTE: the Oct. 13 show has been moved to Oct. 12.**)
- **FOX Sports Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. New FSN college reporter **Dave Benz** is the host of the program; the first show airs September 3 and it will run weekly through the week following the end of basketball season for the men and/or women.

IMPORTANT ROSTER INFORMATION *(Number Changes, etc., from media guide)*

Note: Weights that appear on the depth chart and rosters are from August physicals current; those in the media guide were post-spring.

Number Changes: Hugh Charles (#2, from 25), Paul Creighton (#30, from 87), Edwin Harrison (#76, from 61), Cory Reid (#23, from 1), Joe Sanders (#13, from 84), Ryan Walters (#15, from #5).

Position Change: Stephone Robinson (CB, from WR).

Pronunciation Change: Jordon Dizon (correct pronunciation is dye-zonn).

Transferred: DE Chadd Evans (to Tulsa), DE Josh Hunt (to Eastern Michigan). **Reinstatement Request Rejected By NCAA:** WR Jeremy Bloom.

DUPE NUMBERS: Colorado has several duplicate numbers; those who appear below are the ones most likely to see action (CU jerseys DO have names across the shoulders; A—African-American, C—Caucasian, H—Hispanic):

Offense/Kicker

3 Brian White (C)
4 Ron Monteilh (A)
9 Blake Mackey (A)
13 Erik Greenberg (C)

Defense/Kicker

3 Tyrone Henderson (A)
4 Chris Russell (A)
9 Tom Hubbard (C)
13 Joe Sanders (A)

Offense/Kicker

22 Byron Ellis (A)
31 Isaiah Crawford (A)
82 Evan Judge (C)

Defense/Kicker

22 Lorenzo Sims (A)
31 Gerett Burl (A)
82 James Garee (C)

COLORADO FOOTBALL / PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaches/Staff

Dave **BORBELY** (boar-bull-E)
Brian **CABRAL** (cuh-browl)
Mike **HANKWITZ** (hank-wits)
John **WRISTEN** (wrist-N)

Players

Terrance **BARREAU** (buh-row)
Walter **BOYE-DOE** (boy-doe)

GERETT Burl (jair-it)
Nick **CLEMENT** (cluh-ment)
Chad **CUSWORTH** (cuss-worth)
Brandon **DABDOUB** (dab-doob)
Akarika **DAWN** (ock-ah-reek-ah)
Jordon **DIZON** (dye-zonn)
Mike **DUREN** (durr-N)
James **GAREE** (gary)
Dan **GOETTSCHE** (getch)

John **GUYDON** (guy-dunn)
Brian **IWUH** (E-woo)
Joe **KLOPFENSTEIN** (Klof-N-stein)
Alex **LIGON** (lee-gone)
VAKA MANUPUNA (vah-kuh
man-ah-poon-ah)
Matt **MCCHESNEY** (muh-chez-knee)
Ron **MONTEILH** (mon-tay)
Tyler **POLUMBUS** (as in Columbus)

Bobby **PURIFY** (pure-if-eye)
STEPHON Robinson (steff-on)
Brendan **SCHAUB** (shawb)
Quinn **SYNIEWSKI** (sip-new-ski)
David **VEIKUNE** (vay-koo-nay)
Sam **WILDER** (wild-er)

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are CU's starters for the 2004 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

| OFFENSE | WR | WR | ST | SG | C | TG | TT | TE | QB | TB | FB |
|------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------|--------------|------------------|--------|--------------|
| Colorado State | Monteilh | Judge | Wilder | Barreau | Fenton | Daniels | O'Neal | Klopfenstein | Klatt | Purify | Vickers |
| Washington State | Monteilh | Judge | Wilder | Barreau | Fenton | Daniels | O'Neal | Klopfenstein | Klatt | Purify | Vickers |
| North Texas | Monteilh | Judge | Wilder | Barreau | Fenton | Daniels | O'Neal | Klopfenstein | Klatt | Purify | Vickers |
| Missouri | Monteilh | Judge | Wilder | Barreau | Fenton | Daniels | O'Neal | Klopfenstein | Klatt | Purify | Wallace (TE) |
| DEFENSE | DE | NT | DT | DE | ILB | ILB | OLB | LCB | FS | SS | RCB |
| Colorado State | Ligon | Manupuna | McChesney | Garee | Dawn | Dizon | Iwuh | Sims | Henderson | Brooks | Burl |
| Washington State | Ligon | Manupuna | McChesney | Garee | Dawn | Dizon | Iwuh | Sims | Henderson | Brooks | Burl |
| North Texas | Ligon | Manupuna | McChesney | Garee | T. Washington | Dizon | Iwuh | Sims | Henderson | Brooks | Burl |
| Missouri | Ligon | Manupuna | McChesney | Garee | Dawn | Dizon | Iwuh | Sims | Henderson | Brooks | Burl |

(N)—Nickel Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Wilder 27, Daniels 13, Garee 12, Klatt 11. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Wilder 27, Billingsley 18, Dabdoub 17. **PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played)**: Colorado State 94/56; Washington State 69/56; North Texas 92/66; Missouri 69/56.

PLAYERS-OF-THE-GAME

A look at Colorado's weekly players-of-the-game as selected by the coaching staff:

| Opponent | Offensive | Defensive | Special Teams | Scout Team Offense | Scout Team Defense |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Colorado State | TB Bobby Purify OT Sam Wilder | ILB Akarika Dawn OLB Brian Iwuh | P John Torp | FB Brendan Schaub | CB Corey Reid |
| Washington State | none | DE Alex Ligon FS Tyrone Henderson | FS Tyrone Henderson | QB Erik Greenberg | ILB Maurice Cantrell |
| North Texas | QB Joel Klatt TE Joe Klopfenstein | DE Alonzo Barrett CB Lorenzo Sims | PK Mason Crosby | WR Chase McBride | ILB R.J. Brown |
| Missouri | none | OLB Brian Iwuh | none | DB Charlie Sherman | DT David Veikune |

VICTORY CLUB COUNT: Colorado State (25), Washington State (19), North Texas (23), Missouri (5).

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DE ALEX LIGON (Defensive; September 11 at Washington State: 7 tackles, 6 solo, 4 TFL's, 3 sacks, 1 FF)

COLORADO CHAPTER NFF/COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

QB JOEL KLATT (September 18 vs. North Texas: 26-of-33 for 371 yards and 3 TDs passing, 0 INT; including 13 straight completions)

ESPN/PONTIAS GAME CHANGING PLAY OF THE WEEK FINALISTS

OLB JOE SANDERS (September 11 at Washington State: 51 yards interception return for a touchdown to give CU the lead for good)

PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

Ray Guy Award (top punter): John Torp (one of 36 candidates on official watch list)

Davey O'Brien Award (top quarterback): Joel Klatt (one of 42 candidates on official watch list)

Doak Walker Award (top running back): Bobby Purify (one of 42 candidates on official watch list)

INJURY UPDATE The suffered six injuries in the Missouri game, but five of the players are listed as probably as most finished the game despite being dinged. The complete injury list as of October 4 and status for Oklahoma State:

| Pos | Player | Injury | Notes | Status: Oklahoma State |
|-----|------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|
| TB | Brandon Caesar | knee (surgery) | injured in camp, surgery repaired torn patella tendon, out 6-8 weeks | OUT |
| FS | J.J. Billingsley | shoulder (contusion) | suffered against Missouri | PROBABLE |
| ILB | Jordon Dizon | knee (sprain) | suffered against Missouri | PROBABLE |
| ILB | Chris Hollis | neck (sprain) | injured in practice on September 23 | QUESTIONABLE |
| WR | Bernard Jackson | elbow (dislocated) | injured when tackled on a punt return vs. North Texas; out 2-4 weeks | OUT |
| DT | Matt McChesney | ankle (sprain) | suffered against Missouri | PROBABLE |
| TB | Bobby Purify | shoulder (sprain) | suffered against Missouri, but managed to finish game | DAY-TO-DAY |
| OLB | Joe Sanders | ankle (sprain) | suffered against Missouri | PROBABLE |
| WR | Dusty Sprague | mild concussion | suffered against Missouri | PROBABLE |
| TE | Quinn Sypniewski | ankle/lower leg (break) | suffered in practice on Sept. 24, out 3-5 weeks | OUT |

OUT FOR THE SEASON: Nick Clement (torn pec muscle), OLB Chad Cusworth (torn ACL), PK J.T. Eberly (torn Achilles), CB Vance Washington (shoulder surgery); SS Ryan Walters (broken thumb, surgery); WR Patrick Williams (two broken hands (rehab/no surgery).

NOTE: Injuries are reported in conjunction with the HIPAA laws. CU releases player name, body part, 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 or Monday after the game, and for game notes at the end of the week. Coach Gary Barnett will discuss injuries one time (Mondays after practice), as will the players.

CU vs. OKLAHOMA STATE Colorado leads the series by a **25-16-1** count, which includes a 13-6 edge in Boulder. CU has won 10 of the last 11 (and five straight in Boulder) in the series to reclaim a sizable advantage overall, as the Cowboys owned an 8-2-1 edge in games played between 1978 and 1988 (CU leads by only 12-9-1 since '78). CU had won eight straight until a 33-29 Oklahoma State win in Stillwater in 1997. The last time the two schools met at Lewis Field, now called Boone Pickens Stadium, came in 2001 when the Buffs rallied for a 22-19 win (*details on next page*). The “weirdness” of this series has been well documented, with many an abrupt lead change and plenty of late fourth quarter scoring, with each team dashing the others’ hopes for some kind of title on more than one occasion. The winning team in the series has scored at least 30 points in 10 of the last 14 games; the only four shutouts in the 42-game history of between the two have been registered by Colorado, the last coming in Boulder in 1992 (28-0). Gary Barnett is 2-0 against Oklahoma State, while OSU’s Les Miles, a one-time CU assistant (1982-86) is 0-1 against Colorado.

Series Did You Know? — Both teams own 11-10 victories in the series, needless to say a unique final score in football. The amazing thing is that the finishes in both are sort of similar: in 1966, Colorado took a 10-3 lead with 8:11 left in the game on a 1-yard touchdown run by John Farler. After swapping possessions, OSU drove 69 yards in 13 plays, scored a touchdown and earned two points on a conversion pass to take an 11-10 lead with 1:11 left. The Buffs then drove to the OSU 29 but a Bernie McCall pass was intercepted with 25 seconds left to end the comeback. In 1981, the Buffs, trailing 10-3, marched 94 yards in the final 1:08, scored the touchdown and added the two-point pass for the win (*complete details on this drive on page 318 of the CU media guide*).

CU-OKLAHOMA STATE BY THE NUMBERS Here’s a look at some numbers-related trivia in the Colorado-Oklahoma State series:

- 0 The number of common opponents the two schools have faced so far this year;
- 1 The number of times both schools have been ranked entering the game (1997: OSU #20, CU #24);
- 5 The number of games in Boulder (out of 19) when the loser scored over 14 points;
- 12 The number of games in Boulder (out of 19) when the winner scored 24 or more points;
- 15 The number of games in the series decided by a touchdown or less;
- 42 The number of games in the Colorado-Oklahoma State series, 38 of which took place in succession between 1960 and 1997;
- 101 The number of plays run by Oklahoma State in the 1983 game, the second most plays ever in a game versus CU;
- 342 The number of rushing yards by CU’s Charlie Davis in the 1971 game (on 34 carries), still CU’s all-time single game record;
- 402 The number of passing yards by Koy Detmer in the 1996 game, one of nine 400-yard passing games in CU history;
- 676 The number of total yards by the Buffaloes in 1971, still the third most in CU history (and was the school record for 24 years).

SERIES TRENDS Here’s a quick look at some team statistical trends over the last 12 games in the CU-Oklahoma State series:

| Date | Site | Result | Attend. | Rank CU OSU | CU FD | Rushing att yds td | Passing a-c-i yds td | Tot Off no yds | OSU FD | Rushing att yds td | Passing a-c-i yds td | Tot Off no yds | TV |
|---------------|----------------|---------|---------|----------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Oct. 8, 1988 | Boulder | L 21-41 | 41,854 | — 13 | 24 | 52 241 3 | 19- 8-2 149 0 | 71 390 | 19 | 51 238 5 | 24-13-0 202 0 | 75 440 | KCNC (I) |
| Nov. 11, 1989 | Stillwater | W 41-17 | 41,500 | 2 — | 26 | 73 358 4 | 15- 6-0 126 1 | 88 484 | 13 | 30 92 1 | 22-13-0 194 1 | 52 286 | KCNC (I) |
| Nov. 10, 1990 | Boulder | W 41-22 | 51,873 | 4 — | 21 | 47 207 1 | 24-12-2 237 4 | 71 444 | 19 | 40 143 1 | 33-15-3 219 2 | 73 362 | KCNC (I) |
| Nov. 9, 1991 | Stillwater | W 16-12 | 25,000 | 14 — | 20 | 52 189 0 | 25-11-3 156 2 | 77 345 | 13 | 44 114 0 | 24-11-3 118 1 | 68 232 | KCNC (I) |
| Nov. 7, 1992 | Boulder | W 28-0 | 51,559 | 16 — | 20 | 51 150 2 | 31-20-0 200 2 | 82 350 | 8 | 35 44 0 | 23- 5-5 74 0 | 58 118 | KCNC (I) |
| Nov. 6, 1993 | Stillwater | W 31-14 | 30,200 | 23 — | 18 | 42 120 1 | 31-18-2 328 3 | 73 448 | 13 | 40 140 1 | 33-10-2 139 1 | 73 279 | KCNC (I) |
| Nov. 5, 1994 | Boulder | W 17- 3 | 51,059 | 7 — | 15 | 37 206 1 | 22-13-0 193 1 | 59 399 | 16 | 44 165 0 | 28-14-2 181 0 | 72 346 | KCNC (I) |
| Nov. 4, 1995 | Stillwater | W 45-32 | 30,050 | 10 — | 25 | 42 209 1 | 31-22-0 301 5 | 73 510 | 18 | 35 206 2 | 22-14-1 158 2 | 57 364 | KTVD (I) |
| Oct. 12, 1996 | Boulder (N) | W 35-13 | 53,005 | 10 — | 29 | 35 141 1 | 32-21-1 402 3 | 67 543 | 22 | 43 171 1 | 38-20-2 218 0 | 81 389 | FOX |
| Oct. 11, 1997 | Stillwater (N) | L 29-33 | 50,100 | 24 20 | 21 | 30 82 3 | 45-22-2 308 1 | 75 390 | 19 | 55 243 1 | 18- 8-1 134 1 | 73 377 | FOX |
| Oct. 28, 2000 | Boulder | W 37-21 | 48,194 | — — | 28 | 29 135 2 | 37-24-0 389 3 | 66 524 | 30 | 38 114 1 | 49-30-1 313 2 | 87 427 | |
| Oct. 27, 2001 | Stillwater | W 22-19 | 41,070 | 25 — | 24 | 48 170 1 | 29-20-1 295 2 | 77 465 | 15 | 29 98 1 | 34-18-1 248 0 | 63 346 | FSN |

THE SET-UP With the rotation of South Division teams changing for the fourth time since the Big 12 was formed in 1996, Oklahoma State is the first opponent of the set of three the Buffaloes will face this season. Colorado is **7-2** against the South Division teams in the first year after the series rotate, including a 37-21 win over OSU in 2000. Colorado has a history of avoiding **0-2** starts in league play, doing so only six times since joining the Big Seven Conference in 1948 (or over 56 seasons, opening with two losses in league play in 1953, 1964, 1979, 1980, 1983 and 1997).

OSU LAST TIME OUT Oklahoma State improved to 4-0 on the season as Vernand Morency rushed for 143 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Cowboys to a 36-7 win over Iowa State. OSU forced four turnovers, limited the Cyclones to just 14 first downs, 59 rushing yards (on 37 carries) and to 219 yards overall. After a scoreless first quarter, the ‘Pokes put 23 points on the board in five possessions before halftime to lead 23-0 and left 29-7 through three. Donovan Woods completed 7-of-14 passes for 129 yards with a TD and an interception, while D’Juan Woods caught four passes for 78 yards and the score. OSU opened 4-0 for the first time since 1997.

IN BUFF HISTORY: OCTOBER 9 The Buffaloes own a **10-4** record in games played in their history on **October 9**. That includes a 7-4 mark at home and a 1-0 record with Oklahoma State, a 34-11 win in **1965** (CU dominated that day, out-gaining the ‘Pokes 401-135 in improving to 3-0-1 on the year). In **1948**, CU’s 19-6 victory over Nebraska marked the Buffs’ first win in Big Seven Conference play in the schools first season in the league. In **1971**, the Buffs used a 24-14 win at Iowa State to improve to 5-0 on the year, setting up a showdown with No. 2 Oklahoma the following week. In **1999**, CU played its first overtime game in its history, defeating Missouri in a wild one, 46-39.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a comparative look at Colorado and Oklahoma State in several statistical categories through games of October 2 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

| Category | Colorado | Oklahoma State |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Overall Record, 2004..... | 3-1 | 4-0 |
| Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game)..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Overall Record, 1989-current..... | 128-54-4 (8) | 73-99-3 |
| Versus Ranked Teams..... | 40-37-2 | 6-45 |
| In Conference Play..... | 80-31-3 (7) | 36-75-3 |
| Players On NFL Rosters (as of Oct. 4)..... | 27 | 9 |
| Rushing Offense..... | 146.2 (68) | 297.5 (4) |
| Average Per Rush | 3.98 | 5.04 |
| Passing Offense | 187.2 (74) | 104.8 (116) |
| Completion Percentage | 63.4 | 51.1 |
| Average Per Attempt..... | 6.69 | 8.91 |
| Passing Efficiency | 119.5 (68) | 156.8 (13) |
| Total Offense..... | 333.5 (81) | 402.3 (38) |
| Average Per Play | 5.15 | 5.69 |
| Scoring Offense..... | 27.0 (56) | 41.0 (7) |
| Rushing Defense..... | 136.3 (56) | 128.3 (49) |
| Average Per Rush | 3.34 | 3.61 |
| Passing Defense | 307.0 (116) | 181.8 (39) |
| Average Per Attempt..... | 7.92 | 6.00 |
| Pass Efficiency Defense | 129.5 (76) | 104.1 (24) |
| Total Defense | 443.2 (100) | 310.0 (33) |
| Average Per Play | 5.58 | 4.71 |
| Scoring Defense..... | 18.5 (37) | 13.8 (14) |
| Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed | 12 / 5 | 11 / 2 |
| Net Punting..... | 39.2 (23) | 37.7 (35) |
| Punt Returns | 8.0 (78) | 21.4 (2) |
| Kickoff Returns | 26.2 (11) | 15.5 (112) |
| Turnovers..... | 7 (31) | 1 (3) |
| Turnover Margin..... | -0.25 (70) | +3.25 (2) |

THE LAST TIME

COLORADO 22, OKLAHOMA STATE 19

(October 27, 2001)

STILLWATER, Okla. — Bobby Pesavento came off the bench to replace an injured Craig Ochs at quarterback, and threw a fourth quarter touchdown pass to Daniel Graham to help rally No. 25 Colorado to a 22-19 win over Oklahoma State.

CU marched 99 yards for a score on its first possession, the bulk of the yardage coming on a 74-yard touchdown pass from Ochs to Matt Brunson. Oklahoma State came back and scored 16 points in less than seven minutes right before halftime, starting with a Tatum Bell 1-yard run to cap an 85-yard march that tied the game at 7-7 with 7:08 to play.

The Cowboys stopped CU at its 22 on the next drive, but the center snap sailed over punter Mark Mariscal's head for a safety and OSU went up, 9-7, with 5:25 remaining. CU was driving with under a minute to play in the half, but Dwayne Levels intercepted a Pesavento pass and raced 57 yards for a touchdown and a 16-7 Cowboy lead.

OSU padded its lead to 12 on a Luke Phillips 20-yard field goal at the 4:38 mark of the third quarter to go up 19-7. But CU came out with a vengeance in the second half; its first drive stalled at the OSU 4 (after gaining 74 yards before being stopped on fourth down). But after the field goal, CU drove 80 yards in 11 plays, as Marcus Houston scored on a 16-yard run as time in the quarter expired. The drive featured a key 16-yard scramble by Pesavento on a 3rd-and-15 from midfield to keep the drive alive.

The teams stopped each other on their next drives, and a 57-yard punt by Mariscal pinned the 'Pokes at their own 2. But OSU worked into CU territory, where on a 4th-and-1, Michael Lewis tackled quarterback Aso Pogi to end the threat at the CU 34 with 7:21 left in the game. The Buffs seemed to turn things up a notch, as Bobby Purify reeled off consecutive runs of 17, 11 and 14 yards to set CU up at the OSU 24. After a three-yard gain by Houston, Pesavento hit Graham on a 21-yard pass for a touchdown and a 20-19 CU lead. Graham inadvertently spiked the ball and the Buffs also celebrated the play, drawing a pair of 15-yard penalties. But despite lining up at the OSU 33, CU went for the two point conversion, and Pesavento hit a streaking Derek McCoy in the end zone on what could possibly have been the longest two-point play in CU and NCAA history. Lewis intercepted a Pogi pass at the CU 24 to thwart OSU's comeback try on the next drive.

Ochs completed 5-of-9 passes for 115 yards before leaving with a severe ankle sprain in the second quarter, but Pesavento more than admirably filled in, completing 15-of-20 throws for 180 yards. Purify led all runners with 109 yards on 23 carries, with Bell going for 95 on 22 tries to pace Oklahoma State. Graham had another fine game, catching seven passes for 93 yards and the winning score.

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| COLORADO..... | 7 | 0 | 7 | 8 | — | 22 |
| Oklahoma State..... | 0 | 16 | 3 | 0 | — | 19 |

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|--|-------|------|----|
| COLORADO—M. Brunson 74 pass from Ochs (Flores kick) | 7- 0 | 7:47 | 1Q |
| Oklahoma State—Bell 1 run (Phillips kick) | 7- 7 | 7:08 | 2Q |
| Oklahoma State—Safety, ball snapped out of end zone | 7- 9 | 5:25 | 2Q |
| Oklahoma State—Levels 57 interception return (Phillips kick) | 7-16 | 0:29 | 2Q |
| Oklahoma State—Phillips 20 FG | 7-19 | 4:38 | 3Q |
| COLORADO—Houston 16 run (Flores kick) | 14-19 | 0:00 | 3Q |
| COLORADO—Graham 21 pass from Pesavento (McCoy pass from Pesavento) | 22-19 | 5:54 | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | OKLAHOMA STATE |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------|
| First Downs | 24 | 15 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 48-170 | 29-98 |
| Passing Yards | 295 | 248 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 29-20-1 | 34-18-1 |
| Total Offense | 465 | 346 |
| Punts: No-Average | 4-46.2 | 6-37.0 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 2-0 | 2-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 13/112 | 3/15 |
| Time of Possession | 33:11 | 26:49 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 23-109, Houston 8-43, Pesavento 4-24, C. Johnson 2-8, Brown 3-8, Hollowell 1-5, Ochs 4-1, Team 3-minus 28. **OSU:** Bell 22-95, Pogi 6-3, Schwarz 1-0.

Passing—Colorado: Pesavento 20-15-1, 180, 1 td; Ochs 9-5-0, 115, 1 td. **OSU:** Pogi 32-17-1, 210, 0 td; Wohlgemuth 1-1-0, 38; Woods 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Graham 7-93, Purify 4-28, M. Brunson 3-87, McCoy 3-35, Donahoe 1-23, Synpiewski 1-18, Hollowell 1-11. **OSU:** Woods 6-109, Lewis 3-88, Bell 3-15, Davis-Bryant 3-13, Milosevich 2-15, Bajema 1-8.

Punting—Colorado: Mariscal 4-185, 46.2 (57 long, 3 In20). **OSU:** Elder 5-199, 39.8 (46 long, 2 In20); Team 1-23, 23.0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Hollowell 2-24. **OSU:** Woods 1-10.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Hollowell 2-70, Sneed 1-20, Surrell 1-20. **OSU:** Davis-Bryant 3-57, Massey 2-72.

Interceptions—Colorado: Lewis 1-0. **OSU:** Levels 1-57.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Lewis 11, 5—16; Harris 6, 1—7; Wahlroos 5, 2—7; Robinson 5, 1—6; Tufts 3, 3—6; J. Johnson 3, 1—4; Sneed 3, 1—4. **OSU:** Levels 5, 8—13; Craig 6, 2—8; Robinson 6, 1—7; Amoo 5, 1—6; Brown 3, 3—6; Cooper 4, 1—5; Massey 4, 1—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Harris 1-3. **OSU:** Beck 1-14.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in some select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of October 2:

| TEAM | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------|--------|
| B12 | NCAA | Category | Stat | B12 | NCAA | Category | Stat | B12 | NCAA | Category | Stat |
| 8th | 68th | RUSHING OFFENSE | 146.3 | 9th | 56th | RUSHING DEFENSE | 136.2 | 10th | 78th | PUNT RETURNS | 8.0 |
| 7th | 74th | PASSING OFFENSE | 187.3 | 12th | 116th | PASSING DEFENSE | 307.0 | 1st | 11th | KICKOFF RETURNS | 26.2 |
| 10th | 81st | TOTAL OFFENSE | 333.5 | 12th | 100th | TOTAL DEFENSE | 443.2 | 5th | 23rd | NET PUNTING | 39.2 |
| 10th | 56th | SCORING OFFENSE | 27.0 | 7th | 37th | SCORING DEFENSE | 18.5 | 8th | 70th | TURNOVER MARGIN | -0.25 |
| INDIVIDUAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rushing | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | Scoring | Big 12 | NCAA | Pts/Gm | Kick Scoring | Big 12 | NCAA | Pts/Gm |
| Bobby Purify | 6th | 17th | 108.8 | Mason Crosby | t-9th | t-56th | 7.5 | Mason Crosby | 3rd | t-24th | 7.5 |
| Passing | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | Bobby Purify | t-9th | t-56th | 7.5 | Field Goals | Big 12 | NCAA | FG/Gm |
| Joel Klatt | 8th | 59th | 184.2 | All-Purpose Yards | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | Mason Crosby | t-2nd | t-19th | 1.50 |
| Pass Efficiency | Big 12 | NCAA | Rating | Bobby Purify | 8th | 41st | 124.0 | Tackles | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. |
| Joel Klatt | 12th | 68th | 118.9 | Punting | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. | Jordon Dizon | 1st/Fr. | | 8.5 |
| Total Offense | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | John Torp | 3rd | 20th | 43.0 | Quarterback Sacks | Big 12 | NCAA | Total |
| Joel Klatt | 9th | 74th | 181.8 | Punt Returns | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. | Alex Ligon | t-2nd | | 3.0 |
| Bobby Purify | 17th | | 108.8 | Stephone Robinson .. | 9th | 76th | 7.5 | | | | |
| Receiving | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | Kickoff Returns | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. | | | | |
| Evan Judge | 15th | | 45.8 | Terrence Wheatley | 2nd | 14th | 28.7 | | | | |

CHART WATCH

Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts three games into the 2004 season (note Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history):

- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** is tied for 78th in total tackles (170), and is tied for 36th in solo tackles (123).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is 13th in field goals made (13) and is 57th in scoring (83 points).
- ⇒ **QB ERIK GREENBERG** is for 31st in passing yards (737), and is tied for 24th in touchdown passes (6).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is seventh in passing yards (3,351), is sixth in completions (302), is eighth in attempts (471), is seventh in touchdown passes (24) and is 11th in total offense (3,250).
- ⇒ **WR RON MONTEILH** is tied for 41st in career receptions (41), and is 88th in career receiving yards (331).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is seventh in rushing yards (2,434), is tied for 39th in receptions (42), is 16th in all-purpose yards (2,838) and is tied for 36th in scoring (102).
- ⇒ **P JOHN TORP** is sixth in career punting average (42.9), is 13th in punts inside-the-20 (24) and is 19th in total punts (86).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is sixth in games coached (66), sixth in wins (37) and is sixth in conference wins (25).

ROAD-SWEET-ROAD

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 16-plus seasons. CU has been victorious 54 of the last 81 times in enemy stadiums and is **62-32-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 65.8 winning clip). During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games (between 1994 and 1996), before the streak ended in the '96 regular season finale at Nebraska, 17-12 (it bested the old mark of eight straight set between 1922 and 1924). Over the last 16 seasons, Colorado is **53-26-1** away from home (a 66.9 winning percentage), which stands eighth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **42-19-1** mark in their last 62 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Oklahoma State and Texas; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **17-16** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (0-1 in 2004). 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 (1988-2004)

| School | W | L | T | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Miami, Fla. | 67 | 18 | 0 | .788 |
| Florida State | 59 | 18 | 0 | .766 |
| Tennessee | 54 | 18 | 2 | .743 |
| Nebraska | 54 | 21 | 1 | .717 |
| Michigan | 55 | 22 | 3 | .706 |
| Ohio State | 52 | 23 | 2 | .688 |
| Florida | 44 | 21 | 1 | .674# |
| Colorado | 53 | 26 | 1 | .669 |
| Alabama | 50 | 26 | 0 | .658 |
| Notre Dame | 48 | 27 | 2 | .636 |
| Penn State | 47 | 33 | 1 | .586 |

EIGHTH BEST SINCE '89

Colorado has the nation's eighth best record over the last 15-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **128-54-4** record. Over the last 19-plus years, Colorado's **156-73-4** mark is 14th nationally, from the time then-coach Bill McCartney reversed CU's fortunes by switching to the wishbone on offense (CU had the 10th best record in the 1990s, 87-29-4, .742, for teams that were Division I-A the entire decade). The best Division I-A records from the start of the 1989 season through games of Oct. 2:

| Rk | School | G | W | L | T | Pct. | vs. AP Ranked Teams | | 2004 |
|----------|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | G | W-L-T | |
| 1 | Florida State | 191 | 160 | 30 | 1 | .840 | 85 | 60-24-1 | 3-1 |
| 2 | Miami, Fla. | 185 | 153 | 32 | 0 | .827 | 67 | 42-25-0 | 4-0 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 192 | 158 | 33 | 1 | .826 | 57 | 32-24-1 | 3-1 |
| 4 | Tennessee | 190 | 149 | 38 | 3 | .792 | 72 | 42-27-3 | 3-1 |
| 5 | Florida | 192 | 148 | 43 | 1 | .773 | 86 | 49-36-1 | 3-1 |
| 6 | Michigan | 188 | 143 | 42 | 3 | .769 | 83 | 50-31-2 | 4-1 |
| 7 | Ohio State | 190 | 142 | 45 | 3 | .755 | 76 | 40-33-3 | 3-1 |
| 8 | COLORADO | 186 | 128 | 54 | 4 | .699 | 79 | 40-37-2 | 3-1 |
| 9 | Texas A & M | 188 | 130 | 56 | 2 | .697 | 58 | 25-32-1 | 3-1 |
| 10 | Kansas State | 187 | 129 | 57 | 1 | .693 | 45 | 17-27-1 | 2-2 |
| (11) | Penn State | 188 | 129 | 58 | 1 | .689 | 68 | 32-36-0 | 2-3) |

PURIFY-BROWN: MIRROR IMAGES

Former Colorado tailback **Chris Brown** is enjoying a breakout season in the NFL, as the first-time starter for the Tennessee Titans recently made NFL history in becoming only the second running back since 1970 to rush for at least 100 yards in his first three starts. But let's flashback to 2001 and 2002, when Brown and current CU senior **Bobby Purify** were one of the top two rushing duos in the nation.

In 2001, the pair combined for 1,862 yards and 21 touchdowns during the regular season (Brown 946/16, Purify 916/5); but in 2002, they really made their mark as they led the nation in rushing yards gained by a duo with 2,483 (also a CU record for a twosome). Brown finished third in the nation that year with 1,744 yards (and 18 TDs), while Purify still had time to gallop for 739 and three scores.

Despite competing for the starting role, the two were and remain good friends and talk often, at least a couple of times a week. The irony is that Purify was a recruit who came to CU sort of under the radar, while Brown transferred to Colorado from Northwestern via Fort Scott Community College after the Northwestern coaching staff wanted to move him to wide receiver.

Here's a comparison of Brown and Purify to date; Brown is fourth all-time at Colorado in rushing yards with 2,690, while Purify is trying to chase him down and is currently seventh with 2,434. If Purify cracks the top five, he and Brown will be just the second pair to have played together for two seasons and be among CU's top five rushers at any point in Colorado history, the first since the early 1950s (they're just the fourth pair to be in the top eight having played two seasons together, joining Eric Bienenmy/J.J. Flannigan, James Mayberry/Tony Reed and the '50s trio of Carroll Hardy/Frank Bernardi/Emerson Wilson). *Through four games, the two own comparable statistics (they were separated by just one carry and one yard through three games):*

| Chris Brown, Tennessee | MIA | IND | JAX | SD | GB | HOU | MIN | CIN | CHI | JAX | HOU | IND | KC | OAK | DEN | DET | TOTALS |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Attempts | 16 | 26 | 23 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 80 |
| Yards | 100 | 152 | 101 | 55 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 408 |
| TD | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Bobby Purify, Colorado | CSU | WSU | UNT | MU | OSU | ISU | A&M | UT | KU | KSU | NU | | | | | | TOTALS |
| Attempts | 26 | 23 | 15 | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 86 |
| Yards | 189 | 53 | 112 | 81 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 435 |
| TD | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |

RECORD WATCH

The listing of records that have already been set during 2004. The first entry of the year was Mason Crosby matching the season best for 50-yard field goals when he kicked his second of the year at Washington State. *NOTE: CU has not adopted the NCAA policy of counting bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.*

INDIVIDUAL (6/ 5 new, 1 tied)

Most Passing Yards, Quarter—196, Joel Klatt, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (*second quarter*).

RECORD

Old Record: 192, Koy Detmer vs. Oklahoma in 1992 (fourth) and vs. NE Louisiana in 1995 (first).

Highest Completion Percentage, Minimum 20, 25 & 30 Attempts, Game—78.8 (26 of 33), Joel Klatt, vs. North Texas

RECORD

Old Record (for all 3): 78.1 (25 of 32), Mike Moschetti vs. San Jose State in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.

Most 50-Yard Field Goals Made, Season—2, Mason Crosby.

TIED RECORD

Record: 2, on five occasions (last: Pat Blottiaux, 1992).

Most Blocked Kicks, Game—2, Tyrone Henderson vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (*two punts*).

RECORD

Old Record: 1, on several occasions.

TEAM (1/ 1 new, 0 tied)

Consecutive Games Allowing A Touchdown Pass—21, Nov. 2, 2002 to Sept. 18, 2004 (*current*).

RECORD

2004 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-3)

School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)

| | conference----- | | | | | overall----- | | | | | # |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | Next Up |
| Missouri..... | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 17 | 9 | 3 | 1 | .750 | 131 | 53 | 0 9 at Baylor |
| Nebraska..... | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 1 | .750 | 111 | 63 | 0 9 at Texas Tech |
| COLORADO..... | 0 | 1 | .000 | 9 | 17 | 3 | 1 | .750 | 108 | 74 | 0 9 OKLAHOMA STATE |
| Iowa State..... | 0 | 1 | .000 | 7 | 36 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 88 | 94 | 0 9 TEXAS A & M |
| Kansas State..... | 0 | 1 | .000 | 30 | 42 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 118 | 120 | 0 9 at Kansas |
| Kansas..... | 0 | 2 | .000 | 38 | 45 | 2 | 3 | .400 | 139 | 82 | 0 9 KANSAS STATE |

South Division (+3)

School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)

| | conference----- | | | | | overall----- | | | | | # |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|-------|-----|-----|--------------|---|-------|-----|-----|--------------------------|
| | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | Next Up |
| Oklahoma (#2/#2)..... | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 28 | 13 | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 162 | 57 | 0 9 Texas (at Dallas) |
| Oklahoma State (#22/#21)..... | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 36 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 164 | 55 | 0 9 at Colorado |
| Texas (#5/#5)..... | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 44 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 166 | 47 | 0 9 Oklahoma (at Dallas) |
| Texas A & M..... | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 42 | 30 | 3 | 1 | .750 | 121 | 77 | 0 9 at Iowa State |
| Texas Tech..... | 1 | 1 | .500 | 44 | 58 | 3 | 2 | .600 | 165 | 133 | 0 9 NEBRASKA |
| Baylor..... | 0 | 1 | .000 | 14 | 44 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 89 | 131 | 0 9 MISSOURI |

"FATHER" OF CU FOOTBALL TO BE HONORED

It's the 80th Anniversary season of Folsom Field, and one of the special celebrations taking place in conjunction with Homecoming will take place this Friday, October 8, at 3:30 p.m. A bronze sculpture of **Fred Folsom**, the winningest coach (percentage) and stadium namesake, will be unveiled and dedicated outside the south side of the stadium between gates 4 and 5.

Folsom (1873-1944) took over as the second head coach in University of Colorado history in 1895, and over the course of three different stints, compiled a 77-23-2 record, with his 76.5 winning percentage tops in CU coaching annals (the 77 wins stood as the most until the Buffaloes won 93 under Bill McCartney).

For additional information, contact Fred Folsom III (301-681-4688; fredfolsom@aol.com), or go to www.fredfolsom.com (300dpi images can be downloaded from the site, where articles from the past have also been posted by the family).



Sculpture of **Fred Folsom**, commissioned by **Fred Folsom, Jr.**, sculpted by **Fred Folsom III**. *In 2002 Fred Folsom, Jr., contacted CU President Elizabeth Hoffman to see if the University would be interested in a sculpture of its legendary coach — their stadium's namesake. They liked the idea.*

Friday's event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

The following excerpt has been reprinted from www.fredfolsom.com, and it takes a look back at one of CU's most successful coaches in its athletic history:

In 1890, CU had its first scrimmage; it didn't go well. "American football" was a brutal game with no helmets, no pads and few rules. CU had been playing soccer. Their first game was played against the School of Mines. Mines had been playing rugby. Both games were called football, the way poodles and pitbulls are both called dogs. The game quickly got so out of hand that CU President Horace Hale ran onto the field to save their star fullback who "looked like rolled beefsteak." He never played again. CU lost that game 103-0. Five years later, in 1895, they hired Fred Folsom, a football player from Dartmouth, as coach. That year, Coach Folsom took CU to the first of three consecutive division championships. In his first five years CU won all but eight games.

Folsom had worked his way through college playing football and professional baseball. Playing for Dartmouth he was considered the "best end in football." He started each season by reading the football rulebook cover to cover. In 1893 during a crucial Dartmouth game, 150-pound Folsom found himself on the line opposite a fierce 250-pounder who was all elbows. The man clearly intended to hurt him. He took a couple paces off to the side and got down. The big guy was confounded as were both teams. Folsom was called for being out of formation. He said they should look at the rules. The new split end position soon caught on coast to coast.

In 1902, Folsom returned to coach at his alma mater, Dartmouth. That fall Harvard was dedicating its new stadium. The high point of their celebration was to be the defeat of the pushover Dartmouth team. Harvard lost. In four years Folsom posted a record winning streak of 29-5-4. During Folsom's absence CU football was in the doldrums and rehired him for two more coaching stints. When he retired from coaching in 1915, his CU teams had won 10 championships. Between 1908-1912 CU won 21 consecutive games — their opposition scored a total of 11 points. In 1906, in addition to coaching, he practiced law and was also a CU Law Professor. His classes were described as "a baptism in integrity."

By 1906 so many footballers had been maimed and killed that President Theodore Roosevelt moved to outlaw the game nationwide. New rules were instituted, with protective padding, and the forward pass came into play. This was modern football. Folsom recalled some of the funny things that didn't make the rules, like the center tying a washboard under his jersey, hiking the ball and bracing himself as the quarterback jumped on his back and leapt over the line. Back then many footballers wore pompadour hairdos. Without helmets, these head-knockers needed that shock of hair as a cushion.

Folsom was a stern New Englander, "of a straight forward character," with a unique coaching style and a wry sense of humor. In the heat of a game he tended to call all of his players "Bill." In turn, the entire CU team called him "Bill." All Bills, all the time. They should have been the Buffalo Bills. Folsom had other communication problems. In one game the quarterback kept ignoring his sideline signals, making the same play over and over. Folsom called a time out and let the quarterback have it, "Godfrey mighty, can't you count!" The argument ended with a good laugh. The problem came from his early baseball career. Before the turn of the century there were no padded baseball gloves. As a catcher, Folsom had worn a fingerless cloth glove with a cheap steak in the palm. Later in life there were days when his gnarled, twisted fingers just wouldn't bend. His frozen fingers gave the same signal over and over. Holding up the straight fingers on both hands he said, "Maybe this will work better."

Folsom simply saw college sports as a way to earn an education. As Counsel to the University he came up with a plan to finance the stadium that sustained it through the depth of the Great Depression. After his death, the stadium was renamed from Colorado Stadium to Folsom Field in his honor. CU football is built on tradition. This isn't a commercially "named" stadium; the University of Colorado's heritage is not for sale.

- **The donor** is Coach Folsom's son, Fred Jr., a CU basketball letterman and CU Law graduate. He worked at the Lands Division on Indian law; during the Roosevelt Administration he worked on Civil Rights Enforcement. His inspiration led to the formation of the Civil Rights Division. He became Civil Rights Division Chief in 1947. He worked 33 years for the U. S. Department of Justice, and was Chief of its Criminal Section, Tax Division.
- **The sculptor**, Coach Folsom's grandson, Fred III, is a prominent painter living in Silver Spring, Maryland.

COACH GARY BARNETT

Gary Barnett is in his sixth season as head coach of the Colorado program, and his 15th year as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **37-28** record at Colorado, along with a **72-74-1** record in 12-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **80-85-2** including two years at NAIA Fort Lewis (Durango, Colo.). This is his second stint at Colorado, as he was an assistant in Boulder under Bill McCartney for eight years between 1984 and 1991. During that span, CU was 59-34-2 in 95 games, including a 30-5-2 mark the last three years, when CU won three Big Eight titles and the 1990 national championship. Northwestern hired Barnett as head coach on Dec. 18, 1991 to replace Francis Peay, and he would take just four years to turn a dismal program into one of the nation's top teams. Barnett led Northwestern to back-to-back Big Ten championships in 1995 and 1996, earning berths in the Rose and Citrus bowls; he was the national coach of the year for '95 as selected by 18 different organizations. He was the third McCartney assistant to land a head coaching position, following Gerry DiNardo (Vanderbilt) and Lou Tepper (Illinois), both of whom started their careers in 1991. In 2001, he was selected as the *Associated Press* Big 12 Coach-of-the-Year when he became just the fourth man to ever coach two different teams to the NCAA Most Improved Team title. "Barney's" boxscore:

| | Overall | Home | Road | Neutral | Ranked | Unranked | Non-league | Big 12 | Bowls |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Barnett at Colorado..... | 37-29 | 20-10 | 13-13 | 4- 6 | 11-15 | 26-14 | 11-12 | 26-17 | 1- 2 |
| Career (NCAA I-A) | 72-74-1 | 39-29-1 | 29-35 | 4-10 | 20-35-1 | 52-39 | 23-24-1 | 26-17 | 1- 4 |

♦ **Barnett** is no stranger to lining up across the sideline from ranked teams. In his 81 games at Northwestern, the Wildcats faced 30 ranked opponents (posting a 9-20-1 record). In his eight years as an assistant at Colorado, the Buffaloes played 34 ranked teams in 95 contests. As CU head coach, he's seen **26** in **65** games (going 11-15); so in his 20 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **90** ranked opponents in **241** games, better than one in every three (37%).

♦ In an October 2000 Bloomberg Information Service poll of Division I-A head coaches, **Gary Barnett** ranked sixth in a listing of the best coaches in college football. Eighty-eight (or roughly 72%) of the 114 head coaches responded in the poll, which ranked Penn State's Joe Paterno first (20½ votes) and Florida State's Bobby Bowden second (19). The rest of the top 10 at the time: 3. Bill Snyder, Kansas State (12); 4. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech (10½); 5. Steve Spurrier, Florida (5½); 6 (tie). **Gary Barnett, Colorado**, and Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin (3); 8. LaVell Edwards, BYU (2½); 9 (tie). Dennis Erickson, Oregon State, and Lloyd Carr, Michigan (2).

♦ **Barnett** first got to Colorado in a very matter-of-fact manner. He "road-tripped" from Missouri in the winter of 1971 with a friend, as both were hunting for teaching jobs. He didn't hear anything back from the interviews, and started his coaching career by helping out on Dan Devine's staff at Missouri, his alma mater. He had been selling insurance in Columbia while his wife, Mary, was finishing up her degree. He was soon offered a teaching and assistant coaching position at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs (at \$8,500 a year). He accepted, and he and Mary headed west to begin their love affair with the state of Colorado.

♦ **Barnett** grew up in the small town of Mexico, Missouri (where his mother returned to live after the family moved to St. Louis when he was in the ninth grade; she still resides there). He used to chase down softballs at the adults' fast-pitch softball games, as every ball turned in was worth a nickel, and three would net him a Coke (at 15 cents), the going rate in the mid-1950s.

♦ **Barnett** did something extremely rare after he accepted the CU job on January 20, 1999. He made it a goal to meet the parents and families of all players on the CU roster. He pretty much pulled it off, visiting with all but three families of the returning players (all in obscure, hard to reach locations) by the end of the '99 season. He did it to find out more about the players on his team and to talk with the parents about promises that were kept or not met by the previous coaching staff. He says if you get a beat on what kind of environment each player grew up in, which gives a good indication on how you have to deal with each individually.

♦ **Barnett** figured he would never get a crack at the Colorado job. After Rick Neuheisel emerged as the internal hire following Bill McCartney's surprising retirement in November 1994, Barnett thought that with Rick being so young, the CU job would never even be an option. He was linked to many a job opening, but the only one he ever interviewed for was the Notre Dame position; not the Detroit Lions, Texas Longhorns, Oklahoma Sooners or UCLA Bruins as rumors had led many to believe.

♦ **Barnett** enjoyed many happy as well as sad moments in his first stop in Boulder between 1984 and 1991. Emotions ran the gamut from winning the national championship (1990) and three Big Eight Conference titles (1989-90-91), along with coaching a Heisman Trophy candidate (Darian Hagan) and a Rhodes Scholarship finalist (Eric McCarty) to dealing with the life-threatening injury to tight end Ed Reinhardt (1984), the death of quarterback Sal Aunese (1989, from stomach cancer) to his own son Clay being seriously injured when he was on the CU sidelines during a game. Another high included Charles S. Johnson being named the MVP of the 1991 Orange Bowl, supplanting the low that he had to replace an injured Hagan in that game. And in his final year at Colorado in 1991, he tutored a young true freshman by the name of Kordell Stewart, who went on to become the Big Eight's all-time total offense leader.

♦ **Barnett's** top six goals for the CU program each year are listed as: 6) Winning the Big 12 Conference championship; 5) Winning the Big 12 Conference North Division; 4) Winning a bowl game; 3) Have a winning season; 2) To be a relentless team; and 1) Attitude and Chemistry. They are displayed prominently on the wall in the team's main meeting room (which was renamed for Tom McMahon in 2003).

♦ **Barnett's** first game at Northwestern was against Notre Dame at Chicago's Soldier Field—deemed a neutral site. His first game at CU was against Colorado State at Denver's Mile High Stadium, also a neutral site. How many coaches had their first games with two different schools classified in this manner? Barnett was probably the first—the research would be most time consuming!

♦ **Barnett** replaced Francis Peay at Northwestern, and other finalists included Earle Bruce (at Colorado State at the time), Paul Schudel and Gary Darnell. The president who hired Barnett at Northwestern, Arnold Weber, was the president of CU when it hired Bill McCartney in 1982. The parallels between McCartney and Barnett number many, right down to the record in their first three years as head coaches: Mac was 7-25-1 at Colorado (1982-84), Barnett 8-24-1 at Northwestern (1992-94), with exactly 10 years separating each, both their first career head coaching jobs.

- ♦ **Barnett's** active off the field with several charities, most notably the Lupus Foundation and the Colorado ALS Association. Every October, he participates in Boulder's "Walk to d'feet ALS," a fundraiser to combat ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.
- ♦ **Barnett** has been a head coach for **147** Division I-A games (72-74-1); he will coach in his 150th on October 23 at Texas A&M. His 12 seasons as a D I-A head coach rank 27th among active coaches, as are his 147 games coached.
- ♦ **Barnett** is again one of the 61 Division I-A coaches voting in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll in 2004 (the sixth straight year he is a voter and the 18th straight year CU's head coach has participated).

THE CLASS OF '99 In 1999, 19 programs hired new coaches, including Colorado; 13 remain with those programs. Here's a look at the entire class and their records through games of October 2 (includes bowls; *—denotes first college head coaching job):

| Coach, School | W | L | Pct. | Coach, School | W | L | Pct. | Coach, School | W | L | Pct. |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----|----|------|---|----|----|------|
| *Bob Stoops, Oklahoma | 59 | 11 | .843 | *Kirk Ferentz, Iowa | 35 | 31 | .530 | *Rick Neuheisel, Washington | 33 | 16 | .674 |
| *Terry Hoepfner, Miami-Ohio | 42 | 22 | .656 | Lou Holtz, South Carolina | 31 | 33 | .484 | *Dennis Erickson, Oregon State | 31 | 17 | .646 |
| Tommy Tuberville, Auburn | 43 | 24 | .642 | *Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech | 30 | 34 | .469 | *Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe | 8 | 28 | .222 |
| *David Cutcliffe, Mississippi | 42 | 25 | .627 | Chris Scelfo, Tulane | 27 | 36 | .429 | *Kevin Steele, Baylor | 9 | 36 | .200 |
| June Jones, Hawai'i | 41 | 27 | .603 | John Robinson, UNLV | 27 | 37 | .422 | *Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette | 6 | 27 | .182 |
| Tommy Bowden, Clemson | 39 | 27 | .591 | Randy Walker, Northwestern | 26 | 38 | .407 | *Carl Franks, Duke | 7 | 45 | .135 |
| Gary Barnett, Colorado | 37 | 29 | .561 | | | | | (+—has since resigned or was fired.) | | | |

COACH "RETRO" Defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz** has been given the nickname of "Coach Retro" by the players, as he is now in his second stint at CU. During his first tour between 1985 and 1994, he spent the last seven seasons as CU's defensive coordinator and directed some of the best defenses in school history. Upon his return, he didn't exactly return the Buffs to the 3-4 he succeeded with during those years, but there are enough similarities to merit the throwback term.

EXPERIENCE The 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective 154 seasons in Division I-A (includes 13 head coach seasons, 12 by **Gary Barnett** and one by **Mike Hankwitz**). The 10 have combined to coach in **1,850** games entering the 2004 campaign. Barnett is the elder statesman at 58, followed by Hankwitz (57) **Craig Bray** (52) and then **Brian Cabral** (48); it's believed to be the first time that three 50-plus year olds have been on the Colorado staff. In fact, Barnett's the oldest head football coach in CU history by some four years (Bill McCartney was 54 when he retired in 1994; Dallas Ward's the only other to pilot the Buffs after his 50th birthday as he was 52 when he was not retained after the 1958 season).

EXPERIENCE II Initial research by the University of Maryland SID office and then CU's indicates that the staff trifecta of head coach **Gary Barnett**, offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson** and defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz** are the 14th most experienced "politburo" in Division I-A (the fourth in the Big 12), when adding up the combined years full-time in the coaching profession. Here's a closer look at those with 70-plus years experience (count includes all seasons as a *full-time* assistant and/or head coach in the college or pro ranks only):

| Rk | School | Years | Head Coach | Years | Offensive Coordinator | Years | Defensive Coordinator | Years |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Penn State | 114 | Joe Paterno | 54 | Galen Hall | 35 | Tom Bradley | 25 |
| 2 | UNLV | 101 | John Robinson | 43 | Bruce Snyder | 37 | Mike Bradeson | 21 |
| 3 | Florida State | 98 | Bobby Bowden | 44 | Jeff Bowden | 17 | Mickey Andrews | 37 |
| 4 | Air Force | 94 | Fisher DeBerry | 36 | Chuck Petersen | 16 | Richard Bell | 42 |
| 4 | Kentucky | 94 | Rich Brooks | 37 | Ron Hudson | 32 | Mike Archer | 25 |
| 4 | Maryland | 94 | Ralph Friedgen | 31 | Charlie Taaffe | 29 | Gary Blackney | 34 |
| 7 | Rice | 83 | Ken Hatfield | 38 | *Scott Wachenheim | 14 | Roger Hinshaw | 31 |
| 8 | Kansas State | 82 | Bill Snyder | 30 | Del Miller | 26 | Bob Elliott | 26 |
| 8 | Syracuse | 82 | Paul Pasqualoni | 28 | George DeLone | 34 | Steve Dunlap | 20 |
| 8 | South Carolina | 82 | Lou Holtz | 42 | Rick Minter | 25 | Skip Holtz | 15 |
| 11 | Texas | 81 | Mack Brown | 29 | Greg Davis | 26 | #Greg Robinson/Duane Akina | 26 |
| 12 | Oregon | 73 | Mike Bellotti | 31 | Andy Ludwig | 16 | Nick Aliotti | 26 |
| 12 | Texas A & M | 73 | Dennis Franchione | 26 | Les Koenning | 19 | Carl Torbush | 28 |
| 14 | COLORADO | 72 | Gary Barnett | 22 | Shawn Watson | 19 | Mike Hankwitz | 31 |

(*—worked one year, 1991, as a graduate assistant at Colorado; #—average of co-coordinators)

GAME DAY The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. For 2004, in the box will be offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson**, tight ends coach **John Wristen**, secondary coach **Craig Bray**, defensive line coach **Chris Wilson**, and graduate assistants **Tim Ridder** and **Hunter Hughes**. Head coach **Gary Barnett** wears a headset on the sideline (he's on with the coordinators), along with defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz**, inside linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, offensive line coach **Dave Borbely**, receivers coach **Ted Gilmore** and running backs coach **Shawn Simms**. The receivers or running backs shuttle in plays, as sideline signals are an option Barnett won't utilize often.

Watson concentrates on the offensive play calling, while **Hankwitz** makes the defensive call from the sidelines. **Barnett** does what he calls, "managing the game," determining if what's called is the best for the long run. He might make the play call in a critical situation (third-and-long, red zone strategizing, etc.).

TOPS In **Shawn Watson's** first game as offensive coordinator in 2000, CU gained 532 yards against Colorado State, the most ever by a Buff team in its first game with a new offensive pilot. The old record was 530 in 1993 (vs. Texas, Elliot Uzelac's first game). The all-time opponent low in the first game with a new CU defensive coordinator were the 177 yards gained by Fresno State in 1988—**Mike Hankwitz'** first game as DC (also the third fewest yards ever allowed overall by CU in any season opener).

OLD-TIMER Assistant head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. He is now tied for 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, and has pulled even with one his mentors in life, the late Dan Stavelly, who coached 15 seasons in two stints. A closer look:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 3. Dan Stavelly 15 (1958, 1963-76), and **Brian Cabral 15 (1990-current)**; 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 8. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), Mike Hankwitz 10 (1985-94) and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

WRISTEN ADDS RECRUITING COORDINATOR TITLE TO DUTIES Tight ends coach **John Wristen** is now officially CU's recruiting coordinator, moving into the role to serve as the main contact for prospect identification and inquiries. The last CU coach to hold the title was **Gregg Brandon** in 2000; only coaches are permitted to make phone calls and contacts, whereas administrators are not. **David Hansburg**, the director of football operations, will continue to handle the administrative side of recruiting, including budget and staffing.

KLATT-TASTIC Junior **QB Joel Klatt** returned to form in the win over North Texas, so-to-speak, after a couple nothing out of the ordinary outings to open the 2004 campaign. After opening with two incomplete passes, he rifled off the third longest string of completions in school history, 13, en route to a 26-of-33 for 371 yards (and 3 TDs) performance. His 78.8 completion percentage set school marks for games with a minimum of 20, 25 and 30 passes as he threw for the 11th most yards in a game at Colorado. In the process, he became the ninth player in school history to eclipse the 3,000-yard mark in career passing yards (he currently stands seventh all-time), as well as topping the 3,000-yard mark in total offense (he's No. 12 on that list).

➔ Klatt's former minor league baseball teammate, Jake Peavy, claimed the 2004 earned run average title in major league baseball. A pitcher with the San Diego Padres, he finished with a 15-6 record and 2.27 ERA—well ahead of Arizona's Randy Johnson (2.60) and Minnesota's Johan Santana (2.61). Klatt and Peavy spent two spring trainings together in the Padres organization (2000, 2001) and were teammates in A-ball at one juncture.

PURIFY MOVING ON UP Senior **TB Bobby Purify** keeps on moving up the career rushing list at Colorado, as his 81 yards against Missouri lifted him into the No. 7 spot all-time. He now has 2,434 career yards, as he passed Bobby Anderson (2,367). Only Herchell Troutman (sixth, 2,487) and James Mayberry (fifth, 2,544) stand between him and the top five. Purify is bidding to become just the sixth player in school history with 2,500 yards rushing, as well as the third to gain 3,000 or more career yards at Colorado. Throw in his career receiving, and he has 2,838 all-purpose yards (he has no return yards), and it's also very realistic that he will join the eight players in school history with 3,000-plus all-purpose yards. Purify has also taken care of the ball in his CU career: he has 514 touches (472 rushes, 42 receptions) and has just seven fumbles, or one for every 73.4 touches.

143 Against Washington State, **TB Bobby Purify** had a 65-yard touchdown run called back because of a holding penalty well away from the play; in 2001, he had a 78-yard touchdown run wiped out because of a similar situation. Those two plays would have given him 143 additional rushing yards for his career; what difference would that make? He's currently eighth all-time at CU with 2,353 yards; another 143 would already have him holding down No. 6.

50 PLUS Sophomore **PK Mason Crosby**, just four games into the year, has started an assault on the school's field goal records. His 55-yard field goal in the fourth quarter against Colorado State tied the fourth longest in CU history (as well as the third longest at Folsom Field). Then, against Washington State in Seattle, at about as close to sea level as a stadium can be, he nailed a 52-yarder, the third longest by a Buffalo away from home. His kick against the Rams was the first 50-plus yard field goal made by a Buff since Sept. 25, 1993, when Mitch Berger made a 54-yard kick against Miami, Fla., in Boulder. With his second, he tied five others for the most 50-yard field goals made in a single season at Colorado, joining **Fred Lima** (1972), **Tom Field** (1979), **Dave DeLine** (1984), **Jim Harper** (1990) and **Pat Blottiaux** (1992). He now has 13 career field goals, which has ranked 13th all-time at Colorado.

JUDGE & FLURRY Junior **WR Evan Judge**, a former walk-on, is currently leading the team in receiving with 13 catches for 183 yards and a TD, as he's starting to become a favorite target with nine catches in the last two games. However, his progress and accomplishments are no surprise to those inside the CU program, who for the last couple of years have watched Judge be quite elusive in practice and scrimmages to post some nice numbers. The most notable former walk-on who played wide receiver in Colorado history is **Jeff Campbell**, who caught 28 passes for 802 yards between 1986 and 1989; he was placed on scholarship the second day he was in camp but his 802 yards is easily the record for any player who walked on the Colorado program. No other former walk-on has over 200 yards receiving, so Judge is looking to make some history himself.

COACH'S CORNER/WITH GARY BARNETT

Comments from Colorado head coach Gary Barnett following CU's 17-9 loss at Missouri:

General: *"We made enough mistakes to keep ourselves from having a chance to win the game. Missouri played physical football with us, especially there in the last drive. I thought their defense was the difference in the game, though I also felt that defensively, our guys did a good job and really hung in there when they're backs were against it. They played well enough for us to win the game, but they were fairly spent by the time Missouri had to get a couple of first downs to run out the clock, but we didn't give them much of a spell in the second half."*

"You go on the road and you play against a good team, and in an environment like this, you can't make the kind of mistakes we made. And we made them, but we were still in the game, but we just didn't have enough today."

On CU's Offense: *"We could never get into any kind of rhythm today, never could get untracked or get anything sustained other than a couple of drives. Credit Missouri's defense with that, and our own mistakes."*

On (Finally) Losing To His Alma Mater As A Head Coach: *"They're all (losses) hard to swallow. You look at any game that you lose, and it's hard to swallow."*

On Team Morale After Game: *"What got us to where we are now is hanging together and believing in each other, and that's what's going to get us going from here. We're the same group that walked in the lockerroom and that walked out."*

PLAYER QUOTES

Some comments from select players following the loss at Missouri:

OLB BRIAN IWUH

ON CU DEFENSE: *"The defense should have played better. I feel like there were some plays that if we would have stopped them from scoring, we would have won. We have to step up and play better; even though we played pretty well, we need to take our game up a notch and just play better than we did."*

ON THE STRUGGLING AGAINST THE RUN: *"It's hard to say, because overall, I don't think we're really struggling that much. We know we can stop the run, we just have to do it."*

ON BEING DOWN 0-1 IN CONFERENCE PLAY: *"We're definitely behind, but we're just going to have to get back out there and play real hard the rest of the season. We need to bounce back from this and keep on going."*

WR EVAN JUDGE

ON WRESTLING FOR THE BALL AND LOSING IT IN THE ENDZONE: *"That was a big letdown. I had a chance to be a hero, but it didn't turn out that way. It's one of those things where you're used to making those plays and all of a sudden that's the last thing you think about. In that case, you usually think it's going to be incomplete, but you never think about the DB (MU's Shirdonya Mitchell) taking it away from you. It's just a huge letdown for me personally."*

ON CU'S OFFENSIVE STRUGGLES: *"No disrespect to Missouri, but I think it was more us. They played tough; they played hard. Bobby getting hurt, for some reason, always takes us out of something, and then, I thought it was the big mistakes on key drives, and there you have it."*

ON THE LOSS: *"A loss is a loss, but in the back of our minds, I think all of us think we could have won that game. Without the mistakes, it should have been even closer than it was. Obviously it's a loss, but I think we can positively build on this because we can fix our mistakes."*

QB JOEL KLATT

GENERAL: *"Missouri played well. I thought we had a good plan coming in, but we definitely hurt ourselves. We had some big plays that got taken back, and there were some little things that we need to pay more attention to the details and correct those before we're going to move the ball."*

ON THE LACK OF OFFENSIVE PRODUCTION: *"I couldn't say (why) offhand. I know we had some breakdowns at every position at some point or another and that hurt us. And when you're doing that against a good team on the road, you're not going to be very successful. We turned the ball over too many times. Their defense played well, absolutely, but we also hurt ourselves in some key situations."*

ON CATCH/INTERCEPTION IN THE END ZONE – *"I didn't see the replay. I saw Evan jump and catch it. I had my hands in the air, I thought it was a touchdown. I don't know what happened; I really don't."*

ON CU'S RUNNING GAME – *"I thought we ran the ball well at times, and at other times, they stopped us from doing that and that's just the college football momentum kind of deal. Missouri definitely has a great defensive front, it's probably the best one we've faced so far this year. Like I said, at times it felt like we could move the ball on the ground, and at times, they were really making it tough for us. They were definitely physical, but I thought we could have done a little better than we did."*

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION A running list of major notes and/or accomplishments the Buffaloes have had in 2004:

Colorado State

- ◆ **ATTENDANCE.** The **54,954** in attendance established a Folsom Field record, as the sellout crowd bested the previous mark of 54,215 set against Oklahoma on October 25 of last year.
- ◆ **BACK IN BLACK:** Colorado wore all black uniforms for the 25th time, and now owns a **14-10-1** record in the outfit (snapping a string of three straight losses). CU last donned all black against both Oklahoma and Nebraska last season (*complete list later in these notes*). It marked the first time that CU wore all black in a season opener, and only second time in a non-conference game (the other was the 38-6 win over Oregon in the Cotton Bowl).
- ◆ **TB Bobby Purify.** He became the 15th player in Colorado history to run for 2,000 career yards (he entered the season with 1,999, tied for 15th place with the great Carroll Hardy). Purify rushed a career high 26 times for 189 yards, second only to 191 yards he had against the Rams in 2001. The 189 yards were the second most rushing yards in a season opener in CU history; Mike Pritchard's 217 vs. Tennessee is the standard.
- ◆ **First Score.** Colorado last scored on the opening possession of a game just two games earlier, in game 11 of the 2003 season at Iowa State. The last time CU scored on its first possession of the year came in 1998, when Jeremy Aldrich kicked a 34-yard field goal against CSU in Denver to start a 42-14 CU victory. And the last time the Buffs opened the season with a touchdown drive on their first possession was against CSU in 1997, when Herchell Troutman scored from a yard out in CU's 31-21 win, ironically the last time these two teams met on campus (in Boulder).
- ◆ CSU did not earn a **rushing first down**, only the fifth time in CU history the opponent had zero and just the second time in the last 43 seasons. The only other time since 1961 came against Oklahoma in Boulder in 1999 when CU held the Sooners to none.
- ◆ **Other Colorado Firsts:** **WR Evan Judge** (Jr.) had his first career reception (*20 yards on and 3rd-and-8 from Joel Klatt*); **WR Blake Mackey** (Soph.) had his first career reception (*16 yards on from Joel Klatt*); **OLB Brian Iwuh** (Jr.) had his first career interception, returning it 37 yards for a touchdown; he is the 10th Buffalo in the last 13 seasons to return his first career pick for a touchdown.

Washington State

- ◆ CU held just two teams to **one score or less** in the first half a year ago: UCLA scored one TD in its 16-14 loss to the Buffs, and Iowa State was shutout in its eventual 44-10 defeat to Colorado. That was matched after two games, as CSU and WSU had just one first half score apiece.
- ◆ Colorado is now **17-3** in the second game of the season since 1985 and is **2-0** for the second straight season and for the 52nd time in its history.
- ◆ **Hanging On.** Washington State ran 25 plays in plus territory (the 50 on in) for a net nine yards in the first half, and had 40 in the game for 57 yards (with 47 on its last six in plus territory).
- ◆ **DE Alex Ligon.** He is the first Buffalo to have three sacks in a game since Drew Wahlroos had three against Missouri in Columbia on Nov. 4, 2000. The eight sacks by the Buffaloes (for 60 yards) were the most since that same game, when the Buffs set a Big 12 record with 14 against the Tigers.
- ◆ **VB Lawrence Vickers.** His recovery of a blocked punt for a touchdown was the first since John Minardi had one four years ago—against Missouri in Columbia on Nov. 4, 2000.
- ◆ **OLB Joe Sanders.** Subbing for the injured Brian Iwuh, he had his first extensive action of his career (he played three snaps in the opener), and in the process became the 11th Colorado player since 1992 to return his first career interception for a touchdown (51 yards). Ironically, Iwuh had become the 10th the previous week versus CSU.
- ◆ **FS Tyrone Henderson.** He became the first player in Colorado history to record two blocked kicks in the same game, as he got a hand on one punt cutting the distance to 30 yards and blocked a second that led to a touchdown.
- ◆ **CU vs. WSU in the State of Washington.** The Buffaloes are now 2-0 against the Cougars in their home state, however, the Buffs do not have an offensive touchdown against them. In 1982, Tom Field made four field goals for a 12-0 Colorado win in Spokane (Bill McCartney's first), and this time around, CU scored one special teams touchdown and one defensive score in addition to two Mason Crosby field goals.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** He is the first Buff since 2002 to make two 50-plus yard field goals in the same season (Pat Blottiaux made two that year). It's now been done on six occasions in school history, but no player has had as many as three 50-yarders in a single season at Colorado.

North Texas

- ◆ **Half A Hun.** This marks the fourth straight year Colorado has scored 50 or more points in a game (52-21); 50-47 over Kansas in OT in 2003; 53-29 at Kansas in 2002; and 51-15 vs. San Jose St. and 62-36 over Nebraska in 2001).
- ◆ Colorado had **586 yards** of total offense, its most since 598 against Kansas last year (in overtime; the most in regulation since setting the school record with 767 against San Jose State in 1999).
- ◆ **Uniforms.** It was the "debut" of an original look, as the Buffaloes wore **black jerseys** with **white pants** for the first time in their history.
- ◆ **Oh By The Way.** In a roundabout way, **North Texas** was the replacement opponent for **San Diego State**, which asked out of the second half of a home-and-home with the Buffs after the 2002 game (won by CU, 34-14). That cleared the way for the cancelled 2001 Washington State game (due to 9/11) to be played on the road, WSU's request for the 2003 game in Boulder to remain. Thus, CU officials had to fill the vacancy on short notice with a home game. (*CU-SDSU were originally scheduled to play Sept. 11 in San Diego*).
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** Klatt completed 26-of-33 passes for 371 yards, which tied for the 11th most passing yards in CU history. It raised his career total to 3,180, as he became the ninth player in school history to record 3,000-plus yards passing. By halftime, he completed 20-of-25 passes for 286 yards, including a 14-of-17 for 196 yards in the second quarter; the **196** yards were the most in a quarter in school history.
- ◆ **Consecutive Completions.** After opening with two incompletions, Klatt reeled off 13 completions in a row, the third most in school history. Mike Moschetti had 15 straight vs. San Jose State and Kansas in 1999, and Koy Detmer had 14 vs. Colorado State at Fort Collins in 1996.
- ◆ **TB Bobby Purify** (15-112, 3 TDs rushing) had his seventh career 100-yard rushing game and the second multiple TD game of his career; the other came in the 2003 season opener when he scored twice against CSU.
- ◆ In the game, **15 different players** earned first downs for the Buffaloes, with 11 different ones catching passes.
- ◆ UNT's **Jamario Thomas** rushed 32 times for 247 yards; the most against CU since Kansas' David Winbush set the opponent record with 268 in 1998; it was the third most rushing yards against Colorado in history; the other top mark is 258 by Oklahoma's David Overstreet in 1980.

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION continued...**Missouri**

- ◆ **Conference Openers.** Colorado has lost back-to-back conference openers for the first time since 1988, when the Buffs dropped a second straight Big Eight opener to Oklahoma State. CU falls to 5-4 in Big 12 openers, 1-2 on the road (CU lost 42-30 at Baylor last year). Against Oklahoma State next week, Colorado will be out to stop its first 0-2 start in league since 1997.
- ◆ With Missouri scoring 17 points, it did mark the sixth time in nine Big 12 openers the foe failed to score 20 points against the Buff defense.
- ◆ **Scoring Streak.** CU added to its school record consecutive games scoring streak, as the Buffs have now scored in 188 straight games dating back to a 7-0 loss at Nebraska in 1988. That streak is the eighth longest in the nation (Texas is tops with 282).
- ◆ The 26 combined points by these two teams marked the fewest between the two since a 21-0 win by Colorado, in hellacious winds in Boulder, in 1995. Missouri's 17 is the fewest by the winner since a 6-0 win by the Buffs here in Columbia in 1992.
- ◆ **Colorado** had scored 20 or more points in 11 straight games, the most since a 17-game span over three seasons (1994-96). Only one other streak was longer than the one that just ended, one of 12 straight (the first 12 of the 1990 season). The Buffs had scored 20+ in every game since a 47-7 defeat at Florida State last Sept. 20, the last time they scored fewer than the 9 points today.
- ◆ **Colorado's** troubles on offense could be traced to Missouri's defensive job on first down; CU ran 23 first down plays for a net 43 yards (1.9 per play), gaining 10 or more yards just once (on the first play of the game) and five or more yards just three times.

SPECIAL TEAM PERFORMERS If it seems like the Buffaloes have been particularly active on special teams, the assumption is backed up by the statistics. Through four games, 20 players have earned at least one special team point (14 have two or more), as **WR Dusty Sprague** leads the way with eight on the strength of five tackles, one inside-the-20, and two knockdown blocks. After just two games, 16 players had scored points—the most since 21 had tallies two games into the 1998 season.

DIZON MAKING NAME AS A TRUE FROSH ILB **Jordon Dizon**, a 6-0, 220-pounder from Kauai, Hawaii, became just the sixth true freshman to start a season opener in Colorado history when he was out there from the get-go against Colorado State. He was the first true frosh inside linebacker to start a season opener, and just the third defender overall. The last player to start the season lid-lifter was **OG Clint Moore** in 1991 (against Wyoming); others include **TB Billy Waddy** (1973 at LSU), **CB Victor Scott** and **OLB Scott Hardison** (both 1980 at UCLA) and **HB Eric Bieniemy** (1987 vs. Oregon). How did Dizon fare? He tied for the team lead in tackles with eight, led the Buffs in solo stops with six, caused an interception, racked up a touchdown save when he stuffed CSU's Marcus Houston for no gain on second-and-goal from the CU 1 with 30 seconds left in the game; and added a pass deflection, a third down stop and a quarterback pressure. Was he a one-game wonder? Hardly—in game two against Washington State, he came back with **13 tackles**, the third most by a true freshman in Colorado history, and had another touchdown save inside the final minute, this time sticking WSU quarterback Alex Brink, forcing a fumble that teammate Matt McChesney recovered to preserve the 20-12 win.

- ➔ Through four games, Dizon is leading the team in tackles with **34**; the true freshman record for a season is 67, set just two seasons ago by J.J. Billingsley. Billingsley finished seventh overall on the team in tackles, as did Jashon Sykes as a true frosh in 1998, the highest true freshmen have ever finished in tackles on the team.

SACK CITY Colorado racked up eight quarterback sacks in the win over Washington State, and is currently tied for second in the league lead with 12. It was the most sacks by the Buffaloes since it set the Big 12 standard of 14 at Missouri on November 4, 2000. That had been the last time one Buff had three sacks in a game, as Drew Wahlroos posted the hat trick against the Tigers; sophomore **DE Alex Ligon** matched that total with three against the Cougars. Four Buffs had their first career sack against Washington State: **OLB Brian Iwuh**, **DT Vaka Manupuna**, **CB Lorenzo Sims** and **DE Abraham Wright**, who might have had the most spectacular, as his was a one-arm job.

TRUE FROSH One month into the season, Colorado has played six true freshmen, tied for the 25th most in the nation according to recent research by the Colorado State sports information office. The list of schools who have played the most true frosh to date:

Idaho 17, Duke 13, North Carolina 13, LSU 12, Tulane 12, Arkansas 11, Georgia Tech 11, New Mexico State 11, UCF 10, East Carolina 10, Michigan State 10, Arizona 9, Kentucky 9, Utah State 9, Florida 8, Michigan 8, Ohio State 8, Virginia Tech 8, Connecticut 7, Florida State 7, Illinois 7, Nebraska 7, N.C. State 7, Wisconsin 7, Ball State 6, Cincinnati 6, Central Michigan 6, **Colorado 6**, Georgia 6, Maryland 6, North Texas 6, Purdue 6, Boston College 5, Buffalo 5, CSU 5, Northern Illinois 5, Penn State 5.

CAPTAINS The team selected its captains after the last camp scrimmage on August 27, with the four for the 2004 season being seniors **DT Matt McChesney**, **TB Bobby Purify** and **OT Sam Wilder** and junior **QB Joel Klatt**. Purify was originally selected as a captain last year, but his year was cut short with a season-ending injury against Washington State the third game of the season; he makes a little history, as he becomes only the fourth player to serve as a Colorado team captain in multiple seasons. The last was linebacker **Barry Remington**, who was selected by his teammates in both 1985 and 1986; the other two were in the 1890s, as **Pat Carney** was team captain for the 1891, 1892 and 1893 seasons and **Harry Gamble** the choice in 1894 and 1896. Klatt is technically the first junior since 2002, when QB Craig Ochs was selected, but he is not officially recognized since he quit the team two games into the season; the last juniors to serve the full season were **Ben Kelly** in 1999 and Remington in '85. Wilder makes it six straight seasons that an offensive lineman has been selected.

GAME #1—COLORADO 27, COLORADO STATE 24*(September 4; Boulder, Colo.)*

BOULDER — Coming in, it seemed impossible to top what happened last year between these two in-state rivals in their 75th meeting, won by Colorado is a classic college football shootout 42-35. CU went ahead with 40 seconds left and CSU's final drive stalled at midfield; this time around, the Buffs held off CSU again, but this time after the Rams had a first and goal at the CU 1 with under a minute remaining en route to a thrilling 27-24 win.

Though Colorado led for 50 minutes and 27 seconds of the game, it certainly appeared that the Rams were going to steal it away with a TD in the final seconds and take their only lead of the night when it counted most. Justin Holland connected with receiver David Anderson for the ninth time in the game on an 11-yard pass that set CSU up with a first down at the CU 1 with time ticking down to the 30 second mark, which is where it stood after Holland spiked the ball to stop the clock.

On second-and-goal, one-time Buffalo Marcus Houston was stuffed for no gain by CU freshman inside linebacker Jordon Dizon. With the Rams out of time outs, CSU head coach Sonny Lubick decided to go for all the marbles, and with the clock running and under 10 seconds to go, a pitch to back Tristan Walker was sniffed out by CU safety J.J. Billingsley, who stopped him at the CU 3 with corner Lorenzo Sims finishing the tackle as time ran out on the Rams.

The Buffs snapped a 17-17 tie with 6:43 remaining, as Mason Crosby drilled a 55-yard field goal right down the middle, with at least 10 yards to spare, to put the Buffs up 20-17. It was the first 50-plus yard field goal by a Colorado player in 11 years, and it served to also fire up the CU defense. On the first play of CSU's next possession, Brian Iwuh picked off a Holland pass and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown and built the Buff lead back up to 27-17.

Colorado raced to a 17-0 lead with 4:44 left in the first half on the strength of first quarter 1-yard touchdown runs by Bobby Purify and Joel Klatt and a 31-yard field goal by Crosby. The Rams got on the board with 23 seconds left before the half on a 1-yard pass from Holland to tight end Matt Bartz, and would finally catch the Buffs with 11:42 left in the fourth quarter after a 1-yard scoring run by Houston and a 26-yard field goal by Jeff Babcock.

The Buffs held the Rams to just 44 yards rushing, though Holland did pierce the CU defense for 403 through the air. CU countered with 255 rushing yards, its most since late in the 2002 season.

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| Colorado State..... | 0 | 7 | 7 | 10 | — | 24 |
| COLORADO..... | 14 | 3 | 0 | 10 | — | 27 |

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| COLORADO — Purify 1 run (Mason Crosby kick) | 7- 0 | 10:26 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Klatt 1 run (Mason Crosby kick) | 14- 0 | 2:55 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 31 FG | 17- 0 | 4:44 | 2Q |
| Colorado State — Bartz 1 pass from Holland (Babcock kick) | 17- 7 | 0:23 | 2Q |

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| Colorado State — Houston 1 run (Babcock kick) | 17-14 | 8:43 | 3Q |
| Colorado State — Babcock 26 FG | 17-17 | 11:42 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 55 FG | 20-17 | 6:43 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Iwuh 37 interception return (Crosby kick) | 27-17 | 6:25 | 4Q |
| Colorado State — Walker 31 pass from Holland (Babcock kick) | 27-24 | 4:35 | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | COLORADO STATE |
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| First Downs | 20 | 23 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 6-13 | 5-13 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 45-255 | 28-44 |
| Passing Yards | 117 | 403 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int) | 25-13-1 | 42-29-1 |
| Total Offense..... | 372 | 447 |
| Return Yards | 67 | 17 |
| Punts: No-Average | 3-52.3 | 5-39.4 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 7/53 | 6/35 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Time of Possession | 30:54 | 29:06 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 26-189, Jolly 13-42, Klatt 2-14, Monteilh 1-7, Vickers 2-4.

CSU: Houston 20-44, Walker 5-6, Jaunarajs 1-1, Holland 1-minus 1, Hill 1-minus 6.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 25-13-1, 117, 0 td. **CSU:** Holland 41-29-1, 403, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Purify 3-14, Monteilh 3-13, Wallace 2-29, Vickers 2-17, Judge 1-20, Mackey 1-16, Klopfenstein 1-8. **CSU:** Anderson 9-156, Walker 6-74, Osborn 5-78, Dreesen 4-26, Bartz 3-21, Morton 1-50, Hill 1-minus 2.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 3-52.3 (61 long, 2 In20). **CSU:** Babcock 5-39.4 (54 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-30. **CSU:** Anderson 3-17.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 2-38. **CSU:** Anderson 2-46.

Interceptions—Colorado: Iwuh 1-37. **CSU:** Kochevar 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 6,2—8; Dawn 5,3—8; Iwuh 5,3—8; Sims 4,2—6; Ligon

3,3—6; Brooks 4,1—5; McChesney 3,2—5; Henderson 3,1—4; Garee 2,2—4. **CSU:** Stratton 7,5—12; Herbert 9,2—11; Hall 5,5—10; Adkins 5,3—8; Jones 5,3—8; Lancisero 5,3—8.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: McChesney 1-0. **CSU:** None.

GAME #2—COLORADO 20, WASHINGTON STATE 12*(September 11; Seattle, Wash.)*

SEATTLE — Two games does not a season make, but 120 minutes into 2004, Colorado benefited from two goal-line stands in the final seconds, this time recovering a fumble at its own 2 to preserve a 20-12 victory over host Washington State at Seattle's Qwest Field.

Holding Colorado State at bay in eerily similar fashion a week earlier, the Cougars were frantically trying to come from 11 down to send the game into overtime, driving 54 yards in eight plays to the CU 4. After quarterback Alex Brink spiked the ball to stop the clock, he tried to score up the middle after being flushed from the pocket. But Jordon Dizon was there to greet him, hitting him square on to force a fumble that Matt McChesney recovered to end the threat and help Colorado to a 2-0 start for the second straight season.

In a game where defense dominated, only one offensive touchdown was recorded, but the Buffaloes gladly took two scores produced by their defense and special teams. The first came with just under seven minutes to play in the third quarter with the teams deadlocked in a 3-3 tie. Faced with a 4th-and-6 from its own 32, Kyle Basler had a second punt blocked by CU free safety Tyrone Henderson; while the first still managed to travel 30 yards, this one went in the other direction, where the Buffs' Lawrence Vickers recovered it in the end zone for the game's first touchdown. In the process, Henderson became the first player in CU history to have two blocks of any kind in the same game.

After WSU regrouped and marched for a field goal to cut the lead to 10-6 and then forced CU to punt early in the fourth quarter, the Cougars drove from their own 12 to midfield. But Joe Sanders, subbing for the injured Brian Iwuh at the "Buff" outside linebacker spot, read Brink's eyes perfectly to steal a pass, racing 51 yards for a touchdown and a 17-6 CU lead.

Not to be thwarted, Brink hit Jason Hill with a 60-yard touchdown pass four plays later to cut the margin back down to 17-12, but that's where it remained when a two-point pass fell incomplete. Special teams then shined again for Colorado, as Terrence Wheatley returned the ensuing kickoff 59 yards, leading to a 41-yard field goal by Mason Crosby that accounted for what would be the day's final points with 4:42 remaining.

Crosby opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 52-yard field goal, which tied for the third longest on the road in school history. The Cougars tied it on a 44-yard boot by Loren Langley three minutes into the second stanza.

The Buffs had just 125 yards of offense, its second lowest total ever in winning a game. Even though WSU had 402, it took 92 plays to amass it, with 234 of the yards coming on just five plays as the teams combined had 77 plays for zero or minus yardage.

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| COLORADO..... | 3 | 0 | 7 | 10 | — | 20 |
| Washington State | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | — | 12 |

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| COLORADO — Crosby 52 FG | 3- 0 | 1:41 | 1Q |
| Washington State — Langley 44 FG | 3- 3 | 12:14 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Vickers recovered blocked punt in EZ (Crosby kick) | 10- 3 | 6:50 | 3Q |
| Washington State — Langley 35 FG | 10- 6 | 0:23 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Sanders 51 interception return (Crosby kick) | 17- 6 | 9:13 | 4Q |
| Washington State — Hill 60 pass from Brink (pass failed) | 17-12 | 8:04 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 41 FG | 20-12 | 4:42 | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | WASHINGTON STATE |
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| First Downs | 7 | 20 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 3-17 | 7-23 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 37-47 | 40-15 |
| Passing Yards | 78 | 387 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int) | 24-12-1 | 52-19-1 |
| Total Offense..... | 125 | 402 |
| Return Yards | 108 | 61 |
| Punts: No-Average | 10-44.0 | 10-37.1 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 3-2 | 4-2 |
| Penalties/Yards | 12/96 | 9/75 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 8-65 | 2-16 |
| Time of Possession | 27:42 | 32:18 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—CU: Purify 23-53, Jolly 3-5, Jackson 1-3, Charles 2-1, Klatt 6-minus 12, Team 2-minus 3.

WSU: Bruhn 16-43, Harrison 4-3, Thompson 1-3, Harvey 1-1, Swogger 5-(-14), Brink 13-(-21).

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 24-12-1, 78, 0 td. **WSU:** Swogger 27-6-0, 77, 0 td; Brink 23-12-1, 251, 1 td; Jordan 1-1-0, 59, 0 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—CU: Judge 3-44, Duren 3-20, Wallace 2-1, Klopfenstein 1-5, Monteilh 1-5, Purify 1-5, Sypniewski 1-minus 2. **WSU:** Hill 6-206, Bienemann 4-30, Harvey 3-68, Martin 3-27, Jordan 2-40, Prator 1-16.

Punting—CU: Torp 10-44.0 (50 long, 1 In20). **WSU:** Basler 8-42.6 (55 long, 2 In20), Team 2-15.0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Henderson 1-32, Robinson 3-28, Duren 1-minus 3. **WSU:** Bumpus 6-61.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 2-86, Robinson 1-21. **WSU:** Harrison 3-59.

Interceptions—Colorado: Sanders 1-51. **WSU:** Bohannon 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9,4—13; Ligon 6,1—7; McChesney 6,1—7; Brooks 6,0—6; Dabdoub 5,1—6; Garee 4,2—6; Henderson 4,1—5; Burl 4,1—5; Dawn 2,3—5. **WSU:** Davis 7,2—9; Derting 4,3—7; Bohannon 6,0—6; Teems 5,0—5; Braidwood 4,0—4; five with 3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Ligon 3-26, Sims 1-10, Wright 1-9, Iwuh 1-8, Dabdoub 1-6, Manupuna 1-6. **Washington State:** Braidwood 1-11, Pitoitua 1-5.

GAME #3—COLORADO 52, NORTH TEXAS 21*(September 18; Boulder, Colo.)*

BOULDER — After a sluggish start, Colorado scored 38 consecutive points in a 35-minute span as the Buffaloes opened a season 3-0 for the first time since 1998 with a 52-21 win over North Texas.

The Mean Green opened solid on defense, holding the Buffs to three plays and out on their first possession, and then countered on offense with freshman Jamario Thomas breaking free for a 57-yard touchdown run on UNT's second play to take a 7-0 lead. CU then got its wake-up call after the Green recovered an onside kick, as the Buffs held on a fourth down play to take over on its own 38. It would signal the start of an offensive explosion for the Buffs that would last into the fourth quarter.

Colorado would score on eight of its next nine possessions, starting with Bobby Purify, who sandwiched 11- and 24-yard touchdown runs around another Thomas run of 25 yards that put UNT up 14-7 with 6:02 left in the first quarter. But it was after Purify's second score where the complexion of the game changed.

UNT fought right back and drove from its own 7 to the CU 8. But on the 14th play of the drive, Lorenzo Sims forced a recovered a fumble by Andy Blount after a 4-yard reception, giving the ball back to the Buffs. Quarterback Joel Klatt then engineered a 7-play, 95-yard drive, completed all five of his passes including a 1-yard touchdown pass to tight Joe Klopfenstein and the offensive fireworks were on in concert with the CU defense tightening.

After UNT was held to three-and-out, Purify scored for a third time with an 11-yard run, the culmination of a 5-play, 65 yard drive in just 1:15. UNT managed one first down on its next series, and pinned CU at its 8 with solid punt coverage, but CU answered with a 13-play, 92 yards drive, topped off by a 21-yard TD strike from Klatt to Evan Judge to put CU up 35-14 at halftime.

It was extended to 38-14 midway in the third on a 49-yard field goal by Mason Crosby, and the final points of the CU run came when Klatt and Klopfenstein hooked up again, this time covering 17 yards, to make it 45-14 at the 1:39 mark of the third. UNT broke the string with a touchdown on its next drive, with CU immediately answering that to close the night's scoring.

Colorado amassed 586 yards overall, including 383 through the air, while North Texas logged 507 of its own as both schools topped the 200-yard mark both rushing and passing. UNT fell to 0-3 with the loss, while the Buffaloes gave head coach Gary Barnett his first 3-0 start in his 15th year as a college head coach.

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| North Texas | 14 | 0 | 0 | 7 | — | 21 |
| COLORADO | 14 | 21 | 10 | 7 | — | 52 |

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| NORTH TEXAS — Thomas 57 run (Bazaldua kick) | 0- 7 | 14:17 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Purify 11 run (Crosby kick) | 7- 7 | 8:08 | 1Q |
| NORTH TEXAS — Thomas 25 run (Bazaldua kick) | 7-14 | 6:02 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Purify 24 run (Crosby kick) | 14-14 | 3:49 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Klopfenstein 1 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) | 21-14 | 11:02 | 2Q |

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| COLORADO — Purify 11 run (Crosby kick) | 28-14 | 7:34 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Judge 21 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) | 35-14 | 0:59 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 49 FG | 38-14 | 5:55 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Klopfenstein 17 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) | 45-14 | 1:39 | 3Q |
| NORTH TEXAS — Quinn 8 pass from Hall (Bazaldua kick) | 45-21 | 12:41 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Cox 3 run (Crosby kick) | 52-21 | 10:39 | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | NORTH TEXAS |
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| First Downs | 34 | 20 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 4-9 | 9-17 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 0-2 | 0-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 37-203 | 40-258 |
| Passing Yards | 383 | 249 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int) | 35-28-0 | 36-21-0 |
| Total Offense | 586 | 507 |
| Return Yards | 21 | 0 |
| Punts: No-Average | 2-39.5 | 6-35.5 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 1-0 | 1-1 |
| Penalties/Yards | 5/55 | 6/33 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 1-2 | 1-7 |
| Time of Possession | 27:20 | 32:40 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 15-112, Crawford 6-35, Charles 4-17, Jolly 3-14, Vickers 1-13,

Ellis 5-13, Cox 1-3, Klatt 2-minus 4. **North Texas:** Thomas 32-247, Hall 6-10, Byerly 2-1.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 33-26-0, 371, 3 td; Cox 2-2-0, 12, 0 td. **North Texas:** Hall 31-18-0, 190, 1 td; Byerly 5-3-0, 59, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Klopfenstein 6-67, Judge 5-82, Vickers 5-66, Sprague 3-32, Monteilh 2-41, Syniewski 2-30, Purify 1-27, Duren 1-15, Goettsch 1-13, Littlehales 1-11, Joseph 1-minus 1. **North Texas:** Quinn 6-70, Blount 5-39, Howard 4-54, Muzzy 2-27, Mitchell 2-5, Jackson 1-43, Culbertson 1-11.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 2-39.5 (49 long, 1 In20). **North Texas:** Kadlubar 5-42.6 (50 long, 1 In20, 1 blk), Team 1-0.0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-13, Burl 1-9, Jackson 1-minus 1. **North Texas:** None.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: None. **North Texas:** Howard 1-10.

Interceptions—Colorado: None. **North Texas:** None.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Henderson 7,2—9; Brooks 5,2—7; Barrett 5,1—6; Dawn 4,2—6; Burl 5,0—5; Ligon 4,1—5; Hollis 3,2—5; McChesney 3,1—4; Garee 2,2—4; Dizon 1,3—4.

North Texas: Mendoza 2,6—8; Buckles 7,0—7; Harrison 6,1—7; Knowlton 6,1—7.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Barrett 1-2. **North Texas:** Awasom 1-7.

GAME #4—MISSOURI 17, COLORADO 9*(October 2, Columbia, Mo.)*

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Brad Smith did what he does best, mixing up the run and the pass, as the junior quarterback helped Missouri snap a five-game losing streak to Colorado as the Tigers defeated the Buffaloes, 17-9, in the Big 12 Conference opener for both teams.

Smith passed for 189 yards and a touchdown, rushed for another 76 yards for 265 yards overall on offense, as he engineered long scoring drives to open each half. In a game where defense and mistakes were aplenty, perhaps the effects of both teams coming off a bye week taking a small toll.

The Tigers took a 7-0 lead with an impressive 12-play, 80-yard march to open the game, with Damien Nash scoring on a 3-yard run to cap the drive. On CU's first possession, quarterback Joel Klatt was intercepted by Marcus King, who made a diving stab at the Colorado 49 to set the Tigers up in primo shape. But the Buff defense held, a sign of things to come for the rest of the afternoon, and the Buffs got the ball back at its 27 following a punt.

The Buffaloes drove 69 yards in 15 plays to the Missouri 4 before the series stalled, but Mason Crosby got the Buffs on the board with a 24-yard field goal to cut the lead to 7-3. MU then countered with a field goal to go back up by seven, with CU responding with its most dominant possession of the game. Klatt directed a 5-play, 80-yard drive, completing passes to Evan Judge and Dusty Sprague with Bobby Purify rushing three times, including a 32-yard gallop and a 4-yard burst over the left side for a TD. But Crosby's PAT kick was blocked, leaving the score at 10-9.

Colorado could not get untracked in the third quarter, earning just one first down and gaining all of 24 yards, while doing its best to keep Missouri at bay. The Tigers scored on their first drive, with Sean Coffey eluding several tacklers on a 51-yard reception from Smith to up the score to 17-9. MU then drove inside the Buff 25 on its next two possessions, only to miss field goals both times.

The Missouri defense pinned its collective ears back in the fourth quarter, as Colorado twice drove into Tiger territory, the first time ending at the MU 40 with a punt and the second with an interception in the end zone, the latter with 6:44 remaining. Klatt connected with Evan Judge on the classic corner fade pass for an apparent touchdown, but Missouri's Shirdonya Mitchell wrestled the ball away as Judge fell to the ground and the officials ruled it an interception, though it appeared both players had possession. The Buffs got the ball back more time after that, but could not advance it beyond its 36 and Missouri was able to run out the clock to secure the win.

Colorado ran just 56 plays, amassing 251 yards of total offense, while Mizzou controlled the clock with 34:25 of possession time in running 80 plays for 417 yards.

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| COLORADO | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | — | 9 |
| Missouri | 7 | 3 | 7 | 0 | — | 17 |

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| MISSOURI — Nash 3 run (Tantarelli kick) | 0- 7 | 9:30 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 21 FG | 3- 7 | 1:53 | 1Q |
| MISSOURI — Tantarelli 45 FG | 3-10 | 12:25 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Purify 4 run (kick blocked) | 9-10 | 10:16 | 2Q |
| MISSOURI — Coffey 51 pass from Smith (Tantarelli kick) | 9-17 | 11:24 | 3Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | MISSOURI |
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| First Downs | 13 | 22 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 5-12 | 11-20 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 0-1 | 1-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 28-80 | 55-228 |
| Passing Yards | 171 | 189 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int) | 28-18-3 | 25-16-0 |
| Total Offense | 251 | 417 |
| Return Yards | 12 | 2 |
| Punts: No-Average | 5-37.0 | 4-33.3 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Penalties/Yards | 7/45 | 7/70 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 2-21 | 2-8 |
| Time of Possession | 25:35 | 34:25 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 22-81, Vickers 2-7, Crawford 1-0, Klatt 3-minus 8. **Missouri:** Nash 25-102, Smith 17-76, Woods 12-52, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 28-18-3, 171, 0 td. **Missouri:** Smith 25-16-0, 189, 1 td;

Receiving—Colorado: Monteilh 5-24, Judge 4-37, Duren 3-18, Sprague 2-46, Klopfenstein 2-25, Purify 1-15, Littlehales 1-6. **Missouri:** Omboga 4-46, Sesay 4-30, Nash 3-12, Coffey 2-58, Rucker 2-36, Ekwerekwu 1-7.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 5-37.0 (42 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Hoenes 2-35.0, Harvey 2-31.5.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-12. **Missouri:** Omboga 2-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 2-48, Robinson 1-17. **Missouri:** Mitchell 1-21.

Interceptions—Colorado: None. **Missouri:** Jackson 1-1, King 1-1, Mitchell 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Iwuh 7,5—12; Dizon 7,2—9; T.Washington 6,3—9; Henderson 5,4—9; Dawn 2,7—9; Sims 7,1—8; Brooks 5,3—8; McChesney 6,0—6; Billingsley 5,1—6. **Missouri:** King 6,3—9; Williams 4,4—8; Kinney 3,5-8; Ellison 4,2—6; Simpson 3,2—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Garee 1-13, McChesney 1-8. **Missouri:** Ellison 1-6, Team 1-2.

TRENDS Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 156-73-4, the 14th best record nationally in this span). In these 233 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

| | | | |
|---|----------|--|----------|
| ♦ with 400-plus yards total offense | 96-14-2 | ♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 75- 6-1 |
| ♦ with 500-plus yards total offense | 49- 4-0 | ♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense | 78-11-1 |
| ♦ when leading in time of possession | 102-18-3 | ♦ when leading after three quarters (<i>128-9-3 in last 140</i>) | 132-11-3 |
| ♦ when making 20-plus first downs | 99-24-1 | ♦ when leading at halftime (<i>113-11-2 in last 126</i>) | 129-13-2 |
| ♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down | 61- 6-1 | ♦ when scoring 24 or more points | 126-16-2 |
| ♦ when punting three or fewer times | 58-10-1 | ♦ when scoring 14 or more points | 153-46-4 |
| ♦ when scoring first | 98-18-1 | ♦ when held to 13 points or less | 3-27-0 |
| ♦ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>27-6-2 with zero</i>) | 112-32-2 | ♦ when passing for more yards than rushing | 60-46-2 |
| ♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 95-15-1 | ♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time | 86-12-2 |

TRENDS II Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's eighth best overall record at 128-54-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (186 games, including bowls):

| | | | |
|---|---------|---|----------|
| ➤ when running more plays than the opponent | 73-20-3 | ➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls | 110-18-2 |
| ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>43-4 with 500-plus</i>) | 82-14-2 | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards | 71- 4-1 |
| ➤ when scoring 30 or more points | 83- 5-1 | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards | 50- 1-1 |
| ➤ when leading in possession time (<i>47-38-1 when not</i>) | 81-16-3 | ➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards | 30- 0-1 |
| ➤ when making 20-plus first downs | 86-21-1 | ➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards | 30- 2-0 |
| ➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down | 47- 5-1 | ➤ when passing for 200-plus yards | 65-29-2 |
| ➤ when scoring first (<i>65-9-1 the last 75 times</i>) | 76-12-1 | ➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>9-0-1 400-plus</i>) | 23- 9-1 |
| ➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>21-6-2 with zero</i>) | 94-26-2 | ➤ when passing for more yards than rushing | 60-46-2 |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 71- 8-1 | ➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time | 68-11-2 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 59- 6-1 | ➤ when holding edge in field position | 99-16-1 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense | 57- 6-1 | ➤ when out-rushing the opponent (<i>64-3 the last 67</i>) | 103- 5-3 |
| ➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>23-2 40+</i>) | 90-23-2 | ➤ when owning the edge in return yards | 100-20-2 |

TRENDS III Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a 37-29 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (66 games, including bowls):

| | | | |
|---|-------|---|-------|
| ➤ when scoring 30 or more points | 26-3 | ➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls | 32-10 |
| ➤ when taking a lead after trailing (<i>16-4 last 20</i>) | 21-10 | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards | 19-2 |
| ➤ when leading in possession time (<i>12-18 when not</i>) | 24-11 | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards | 16-0 |
| ➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>4-3 with zero</i>) | 13-7 | ➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards | 8-0 |
| ➤ when turnover margin for CU is plus or even | 32-12 | ➤ when rushing for more yards than passing | 18-5 |
| <i>last 25 games when plus or even</i> | 23-3 | ➤ with a 100-yard rusher (<i>19-3 last 22</i>) | 22-8 |
| ➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down | 10-3 | ➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards | 8-1 |
| ➤ when scoring first (<i>10-24 when not</i>) | 27-5 | ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense | 23-9 |
| ➤ when leading at halftime | 29-5 | ➤ with 500-plus yards total offense | 15-2 |
| ➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>2-2 when tied</i>) | 6-22 | ➤ when out-rushing the opponent | 30-3 |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 16-3 | ➤ when allowing 50 or fewer rushing yards | 7-0 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 17-5 | ➤ when owning the edge in return yards | 28-11 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense | 10-2 | ➤ with 75 or more return yards in a game | 12-7 |

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS CU started all upperclassmen in almost every game in 2002, as for the season, juniors and seniors started 93% of the time. But in 12 games in 2003, the number dropped to 58.3%, and through three games in '04, 41 of 66 are juniors and seniors, or 62.1%. The '03 numbers were close to those in 2000, which set up CU's '01 Big 12 title run. Going into 2004, 56 players on the roster had seen previous game experience in their careers, with 32 making at least one start (21 had made at least three starts). It's a cyclical pattern, and that shows up when looking at the breakdown of the starters over the course of the season. A year-by-year look at starts by class:

- **2004 starters (4 games):** Seniors (21), Juniors (34), Sophomores (29), Freshmen (4: redshirts 0, true 4).
- **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).

UNDERCLASSMEN ROLE In 2002, when CU finished 9-5 in the school's only ever 14-game season, underclassmen started a total of 23 games (14 sophomore/9 freshmen). Fast-forward to 2003, and that total was surpassed after just four games (25), with the underclassmen start count for the year at 110 (78 sophomore/32 freshmen). In CU's Big 12 championship year in 2001, 90 underclassmen made starts, with the 71 starting in 2000 and 107 in 1999 during the Barnett era. Including the two kicking spots (P, PK), the 2002 numbers remained 23 out of a possible 336 starts (6.5%) by underclassmen; the 2003 numbers jumped to 134 (90 soph/44 frosh) out of 288, or 46.5%. To date in 2004, **33** of the **88** starters have been underclassmen (**38%**; **37** of **96** including kickers, or **39%**).

USUALLY IN 'EM Colorado's usually been in those few games it has lost over the last 16 seasons. Of the 54 losses, 31 have been by eight points or less (including 14 of the 29 losses in the Barnett Era). Teams that have defeated CU by more than eight are Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas State (three times), Kansas, Missouri and Texas (twice), Baylor, Colorado State, Florida State, Michigan, Notre Dame, Oregon, Texas Tech, USC and Washington State. CU has really been dominated from the start only four 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) and 2002 vs. USC, while K-State ('00), Texas ('01), WSU ('03) and Florida State ('03) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

40 RANK 6TH CU's 40 wins over *Associated Press* ranked team since the start of the 1989 season are tied for the sixth most in the nation in this span. Florida State has the most with 60, followed by Michigan (50), Florida (49), Miami, Fla. (42), Tennessee (42), **Colorado (40)**, and Ohio State (40). As for the Big 12, after CU, the next schools on this list are Nebraska (32), Texas (26), Texas A&M (25) and Oklahoma (23). (*The AP poll is used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

WALK-ON RETURNS Colorado started two different quarterbacks in 2003, both with walk-on roots. **Joel Klatt** started the first three games before being sidelined with a shoulder sprain, and **Erik Greenberg** replaced him in the role for Florida State. Both joined the programs as walk-ons; Greenberg earned a scholarship prior to leaving for his Mormon Mission in 2001, while Klatt had walk-on status through 2003 but received a scholarship last January when he was first able to. The previous total of walk-on QBs who had started in school history, at least since 1973, prior to last season had been just one—Scott Kingdom, who made his first start at Iowa State in 1980. **In 2003, Klatt and Greenberg teamed for some impressive numbers: 282-of-450 for 3,351 yards and 27 touchdowns (with 13 interceptions).** That total was the highest in Colorado history for a single season, as the pair of former walk-ons toppled the old record of 3,338 set in 1996.

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 and 2002 seasons. The Buffs had an **854-417** edge in 2001 and an **803-607** lead in 2002 in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs. In 2003, the opponent held a 599-453 edge, but this year, CU is off to a good start owning a **196-78** edge after three games. Return yards are a staple of the Barnett Era at Colorado, as CU now has **3,637** in the 66 games he has coached, **914** more than the opponent. And the Buffs have **31** return touchdowns over the last five-plus seasons (27 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the fifth most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through games of October 2:

| School | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | Bowls | Total |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Miami, Fla. | 3 | 13 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 46 |
| Virginia Tech | 8 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 42 |
| Oklahoma | 4 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 36 |
| Kansas State | 9 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 36 |
| COLORADO | 5 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 31 |
| Nebraska | 6 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 31 |
| Southern California | 9 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 31 |

| School | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | Bowls | Total |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| N.C. State | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 30 |
| East Carolina | 7 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 28 |
| Fresno State | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 28 |
| Notre Dame | 4 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 28 |
| Texas Tech | 3 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 28 |
| San Jose State | 5 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 27 |
| TCU | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 22 |

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 | 1989-04 Record | Coach With The Most Wins |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| versus Top 5..... | 11-45-2 | 7-13-1 | 5 wins by Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 10..... | 24-75-3 | 13-23-2 | 8 wins by Eddie Crowder/Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 15..... | 36-94-3 | 19-27-2 | 10 wins by Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 25..... | 66-118-3 | 40-37-2 | 20 wins by Bill McCartney |

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the nine-year old league owns a **21-52** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own eight of those wins. CU is **8-7** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 7-4, Texas 2-5, Kansas State 2-3, Baylor 1-3, Oklahoma 1-0, Kansas 0-2, Oklahoma State 0-3, Missouri 0-5, Iowa State 0-6, Texas Tech 0-6 and Texas A&M 0-8.

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 32-5, Kansas State 30-5, Oklahoma State 24-6, Oklahoma 25-8, Texas 25-9, Texas A&M 24-10, Missouri 21-10, Iowa State 20-10, Kansas 19-10, Texas Tech 23-12, **Colorado 20-13** and Baylor 17-12 (remember that traditionally, CU has played one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

SOPHS Sophomores led the Buffaloes in both rushing and passing in 2003, marking the eighth time that has happened in school history. The years: 1947, 1964, 1967, 1971, 1987, 1992, 1995 and 2003.

FROSH EXPERIENCE Colorado had eight true freshmen see regular action (two-deep and specialists), the second highest total in the Big 12 Conference in 2003. Baylor led the way with nine, followed by CU (8), Oklahoma State (6), Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech (all 5). CU, Baylor, ISU, OSU and Tech started the most true frosh—two players. In **2004**, six true freshmen have played, five now regularly.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2004 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in 761 games, with 182 starts, entering the year that made it the most inexperienced team Gary Barnett began a season with in his six years in Boulder. The 2001 team was the most experienced, as it entered the year with 924 games played with 326 starts; similar numbers were 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 | 14 | 0 | CROSBY | 16 | — | GRIFFITH | 25 | 0 | MACKEY | 6 | 0 | SYNIEWSKI | 42 | 11 |
| ADAMS | 0 | 0 | CUSWORTH | 0 | 0 | GUYDON | 4 | 0 | MANUPUNA | 27 | 6 | TILMON | 6 | 0 |
| ANDERSON | 0 | 0 | DABDOUB | 40 | 17 | HAMMOND | 4 | 0 | MARTIN | 0 | 0 | TIPTON | 6 | 0 |
| BARREAU | 4 | 4 | DAME | 0 | 0 | HARRIS | 4 | 0 | MCCHESNEY | 35 | 16 | TORP | 18 | — |
| BARRETT | 3 | 0 | DANIELS | 15 | 13 | HARRISON | 2 | 0 | MONTEILH | 28 | 6 | VEIKUNE | 0 | 0 |
| BILLINGSLEY | 28 | 18 | DAWN | 30 | 8 | HEATON | 0 | 0 | MOORE | 22 | 1 | VICKERS | 26 | 9 |
| BOYE-DOE | 13 | 3 | DIZON | 4 | 4 | HENDERSON | 4 | 4 | NEWMAN | 0 | 0 | WALLACE | 30 | 8 |
| BROOKS | 14 | 7 | DUREN | 16 | 0 | HOLLIS | 16 | 2 | O'NEAL | 21 | 8 | WASHINGTON, T. | 15 | 2 |
| BROWN, C. | 0 | 0 | EBERLY | 3 | — | HOLZ | 4 | 0 | PACE | 28 | 0 | WASHINGTON, V. | 24 | 0 |
| BROWN, R. | 0 | 0 | EBERHART | 5 | — | HUBBARD | 10 | 0 | POLUMBUS | 1 | 0 | WHEATLEY | 16 | 2 |
| BURL | 4 | 4 | ELLIS | 2 | 0 | IWUH | 28 | 10 | PURIFY | 39 | 9 | WHITE | 0 | 0 |
| CAESAR | 9 | 0 | ENGLISH | 0 | 0 | JACKSON | 2 | 0 | REID | 0 | 0 | WILDER | 38 | 27 |
| CANTRELL | 0 | 0 | ENRIGHT | 0 | 0 | JOLLY | 11 | 0 | ROBINSON | 4 | 0 | WILLIAMS | 2 | 0 |
| CARPENTER | 1 | 0 | FENTON | 14 | 4 | JONES, B. | 0 | 0 | RUSSELL | 4 | 0 | WILSON | 0 | 0 |
| CHARLES | 3 | 0 | FORD | 0 | 0 | JONES, M. | 5 | 0 | SANDERS, D. | 0 | 0 | WRIGHT | 4 | 0 |
| CLEMENT | 1 | 0 | GARDEN | 0 | — | JOSEPH | 4 | 0 | SANDERS, J. | 4 | 0 | ZOELLER | 0 | 0 |
| COLLINS | 0 | 0 | GAREE | 23 | 12 | JUDGE | 30 | 4 | SCHAUB | 4 | 0 | TEAM | 995 | 270 |
| COX | 3 | 0 | GOETTSCH | 1 | 0 | KLATT | 18 | 14 | SHERMAN | 0 | 0 | 2003 Final | 1510 | 503 |
| CRAWFORD, C. | 0 | 0 | GOETZ | 0 | 0 | KLOPFENSTEIN | 22 | 14 | SIMS | 8 | 5 | | | |
| CRAWFORD, I. | 2 | 0 | GONZALES | 1 | 0 | LIGON | 15 | 5 | SPRAGUE | 4 | 0 | | | |
| CREIGHTON | 15 | 0 | GREENBERG | 7 | 2 | LITTLEHALES | 9 | 0 | STEMRICH | 25 | 11 | | | |

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: 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); G Marwan Hage, DE Marques Harris, TB Marcus Houston, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Synniewski, ILB Sean Tufts (2000).
LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT QUARTERBACK: Craig Ochs (2000), Koy Detmer (1992). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Has not occurred.
LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).
LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).
LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: 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).

OUT THERE FROM THE GET-GO

OT Sam Wilder currently owns the longest starting streak on the team at 27 (with the first 11 of those coming at DT). OG Brian Daniels is next with 13, followed by DE James Garee (12) and QB Joel Klatt (11). Wilder's 27 total also leads the team in career starts, followed by FS J.J. Billingsley (18) and DT Brandon Dabdoub (17), while TE Quinn Synniewski has played in a team-high 42 career games.

TWENTY-FIVE "SEASONED" TO DATE 2004

Through four games, 25 players have been on the field for the very first time as a Colorado Buffalo, 19 of which took the field for the first time in the opener. In 2003, 24 players had their first taste of action in a CU football uniform, including two scholarship kickers making CU likely the first team in the nation in a very long time that had two freshmen scholarship kickers play in the first game of the year. The list (*—mainly special teams duty to date only):

TRUE FRESHMEN (6): DE Alonzo Barrett, TB Hugh Charles, ILB Jordon Dizon, TB Byron Ellis, WR Reggie Joseph, WR *Patrick Williams.

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (9): TB Isaiah Crawford, SS Lionel Harris, OL Edwin Harrison, QB/WR Bernard Jackson, OL Tyler Polumbus,

CB/KR Stephane Robinson, CB Chris Russell, OLB Joe Sanders, WR Dusty Sprague.

SOPHOMORES (5): CB Gerett Burl, OLB Ben Carpenter, FS Tyrone Henderson, WR *Nick Holz, DE Abraham Wright.

JUNIORS (4): WR Marcus Gonzales, DT John Guydon, SN *Matt Hammond, FB *Brendan Schaub.

SENIORS (1): OG Terrance Barreau.

SIX FIRST STARTS

In 2003, the fourth most players, 20, since 1984 made their first career starts in a CU uniform in 2003; in 2004, the number appears as it will drop. The six who have started for the first time all did so in the opener against Colorado State: OG Terrance Barreau, CB Gerett Burl, ILB Jordon Dizon, C Mark Fenton, FS Tyrone Henderson and WR Evan Judge (last year, eight made their first start in the '03 opener). In 2002, 16 players made their first career starts, and the most first starts in recent memory came in 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. It was the most since 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1984:

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

SCOUT WATCH

CU's senior class numbers just 12 this season (and one is out for the season with an injury), but 17 scouts representing 13 NFL teams have already scouted CU games: Buffalo, Cleveland, Denver, Green Bay, Indianapolis, Kansas City, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, Oakland, Seattle, Tampa Bay and Washington. The Colorado Crush of Arena Football was also at the season opener.

STARTING SHUFFLE In 1998, Colorado had a plethora of injuries, and it meant different starting lineups on a weekly basis; it was the start of an incredibly unique streak. That year, CU started 12 different lineups on offense and 11 on defense, or 23 different starting lineups combined, the most in CU history until 1999 and 2000, when CU did not start the same lineup two weeks in succession the entire year. The previous high since 1971 (the start of 11-game seasons) was in 1991, when CU used 13 (seven on offense and six on defense). A closer look:

- ⇒ In **1999**, CU started 20 different lineups (12 offense, 8 defense), due to personnel and formations in about half of the instances and to injuries for the rest. The 20 were the second most in team history to the 1998 count. In **2000** and **2001**, the numbers continued to grow.
- ⇒ CU had started different lineups on offense for 41 consecutive games, starting in mid-1997 until the start of 2001. On defense, the Buffs started a different 11 for 30 straight contests until having the same starting lineup in there for games two and three in 2001 (CSU, San Jose State).
- ⇒ CU used 21 different lineups (11 offense, 10 defense) in **2002** and 21 different lineups in 12 games in **2003** (CU started the same 11 on both offense and defense just twice in '03).
- ⇒ In **2004**, CU obviously opened with two new 11s, but started the same 22 overall in game two for the first time since 1993, and started the same 11 on offense for the first three since 1995 (also the last time it went unchanged for the first four). CU has now utilized **126 different starting lineups in its last 79 games**, or just 32 under the maximum.

DINOSAURS Through four games in 2004, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** has worked 410 CU football games, including a current run of 393 in a row (218 of which are at home; he's seen 430 all told). The radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 385 games in his career, including 125 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). SID **Dave Plati** has worked 287, including the last 245 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 245 in all (95 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 186 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 232 CU games. **Gary Barnett** has coached in 161 Buffalo games (95 as an assistant), while **Mike Hankwitz**, in his second tour as a CU assistant, has notched 124. Equipment man **Mike Smith** has now worked 113 straight, 162 overall including his time as a student manager, grounds crew member and Ralphie runner. 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. 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.

THEFTS & SCORES HIT 11 CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, 11 Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. After a two-year hiatus from adding to this list, **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. Two did it in 2001: sophomore **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 junior **Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the Colorado State game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a touchdown against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first career interception in CU's win over Colorado State in 1997, and he returned it 26 yards for a touchdown, which rallied the Buffs into a 14-14 tie a little over a minute into the second half. Barnes became the fourth Buffalo in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a touchdown—**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. The only Buff in that time frame whose first career interception didn't go for a score was **Damen Wheeler**—and it appeared did score against K-State in 1996, but he was called for stepping out of bounds. **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.

LEAGUE 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 | 19 | 9 | .679 |
| Kansas State | 22 | 11 | .667 |
| Nebraska | 20 | 11 | .645 |
| Oklahoma | 16 | 12 | .571 |
| Colorado | 17 | 16 | .515 |
| Texas A&M | 16 | 16 | .500 |
| Texas Tech | 15 | 19 | .441 |
| Oklahoma State | 10 | 21 | .323 |
| Missouri | 9 | 23 | .281 |
| Iowa State | 7 | 26 | .212 |
| Kansas | 4 | 29 | .121 |
| Baylor | 0 | 33 | .000 |

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

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

| School | W | L | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Nebraska | 17 | 7 | .708 |
| Kansas State | 16 | 9 | .640 |
| Colorado | 15 | 9 | .625 |
| Missouri | 14 | 10 | .583 |
| Iowa State | 6 | 19 | .240 |
| Kansas | 5 | 20 | .200 |

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

| School | W | L | Pct. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| Texas | 19 | 5 | .792 |
| Texas A&M | 15 | 10 | .600 |
| Oklahoma | 14 | 10 | .583 |
| Texas Tech | 11 | 14 | .440 |
| Oklahoma State | 11 | 14 | .440 |
| Baylor | 4 | 20 | .167 |

(does not include title games)

2004 Network TV Appearances

| School | Tot | ABC | Fox | Oth |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Oklahoma | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Colorado | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Texas A&M | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Texas Tech | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Iowa State | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Kansas | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Missouri | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Nebraska | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Texas | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Kansas State | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Oklahoma State | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Baylor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams

(AP, since 1990; by games played)

| School | G | W | L | T | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Colorado | 24 | 13 | 10 | 1 | .563 |
| Texas | 20 | 6 | 12 | 2 | .350 |
| Nebraska | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 |
| Oklahoma | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | .500 |
| Texas A&M | 12 | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 |
| Texas Tech | 11 | 0 | 11 | 0 | .000 |
| Baylor | 9 | 2 | 7 | 0 | .222 |
| Missouri | 9 | 1 | 8 | 0 | .111 |
| Iowa State | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | .000 |
| Kansas | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | .000 |
| Oklahoma State | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | .000 |
| Kansas State | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 |

(regular season; does not include bowls)

LINER NOTES Here's the place to look for that one or two sentence quick note on a CU two-deep regular:

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| 1 Stephone Robinson | Midway through fall camp he was switched to cornerback from wide receiver; he's learning fast, but will crack playing time on special teams first, as he's the prime guy to replace Jeremy Bloom on punt and kickoff returns. |
| 3 Tyrone Henderson | He was in the mix for a lot of playing time before he became a starter with the knee injury to J.J. Billingsley, as he figured to be the first man in off the bench for the nickel defense. With two blocked punts against Washington State, he became the first Buff ever to block two kicks of any kind in a single game. |
| 4 Ron Montellh | He was the only receiver on the roster (out of 13) who had a collegiate reception coming into the year, and is just one of two seniors at the spot but is the perfect leader. He is very involved in community service off the field, having worked as a volunteer bereavement counselor and with at-risk teens. |
| 5 J.J. Billingsley | Entered the 2004 season having started the most games (18) and played the most snaps (1,271) of any returning player on defense. Underwent arthroscopic surgery on August 19 to clean up a knee injury and returned to practice just six days later (August 25), but the knee was sore for a month and kept his action to a minimum. |
| 8 Daniel Jolly | The short-yardage go-to guy last year (he earned nine first downs on 15 third or fourth down attempts), as well as scoring five TDs in his first 18 carries as a collegian. He has close to tailback speed and will bowl people over. |
| 9 Blake Mackey | Had an 80-yardreception for a touchdown in the team's final scrimmage, as it appears he's overcome a lower leg injury that hampered him most of 2003. One of the top WR recruits in the nation, a breakout year is possible. |
| 10 James Cox | He was in the mix for the starting job a year ago, but with Klatt firmly planted in the starting role, he worked hard to ascend into the No. 2 spot. He is considered the most pure passer of all the quarterbacks. |
| 12 Akarika Dawn | He can bounce between the will and mike positions, as he's practiced extensively at both, and played earlier in his career as a strong safety. He speaks fluent Spanish (his fiancé is Colombian). |
| 13 Erik Greenberg | Tabbed by <i>The Sporting News</i> as one of the top five backup quarterbacks in America... He was slowed during camp after suffering a torn tendon in the pinkie of his throwing hand, but is back to 100 percent. |
| 14 Joel Klatt | He played two-plus seasons in the San Diego Padres organization (A-ball: 2000, 2001 some of 2002). Some of his teammates back then are approaching stardom, topped by Padres ace Jack Peavy (<i>16-6 with an MLB best 2.27 ERA in 2004</i>). Others include Justin Germano (September call-up by SD), Tagg Bozied (Portland, AAA/Padres) and Josh Barfield (AA/Padres). Klatt is only the fourth junior elected captain since 1964 (end of the platoon era). |
| 16 Mason Crosby | He has to have one of the strongest legs in college football, and he proved it out of the gate with a 55-yard field goal in the opener (it split the uprights and cleared with 10-12 yards to spare), and then a 52-yarder at sea level in Seattle against WSU. Depending on the conditions, the coaches feel CU can be in field goal range 65 yards on in. As with most kickers, he has a ritual: he hits 40-60 golf balls at the range two days before every game. |
| 17 Lawrence Vickers | The most versatile player on the team, and likely one of the most versatile in all of college football. An all-around weapon, he has good speed, is a solid blocker and has good hands; thus, he's a threat at tailback, fullback and receiver (and so was born the new CU depth chart moniker: V-Back.) |
| 18 Dominique Brooks | "DB the DB," he's the first letterman to play in the secondary where his initials match the position... The coaches call him "The Voice of Reason," because as Shawn Watson puts it, "He usually has the answers, he calls it like he sees it, and he'll be a natural for television." Only the third player to have a two INT game as a true frosh at CU. |
| 23 Tyler Littlehales | Has worked his way into CU's rotation at wide receiver, but the coaches also love his strong leg which has him second on the depth chart at punter. He punted in high school but only recently started to get more reps in. |
| 26 Terrence Wheatley | One of the fastest players on the team with legit 4.3 speed, he became the first true freshman to start at the cornerback position in seven seasons. Had his spring cut short due to a dislocated wrist. |
| 27 Brian Iwuh | He was moved to the new position in CU's new defensive scheme—Buff (outside) linebacker—and has adjusted very well. He's constantly the tackles leader in scrimmages, and the 4-3 defense should allow him to prosper. He had a rough 2003, as he lost his stepfather (Oct. 4) and older brother (Oct. 8) both to cancer. |
| 29 John Torp | He had the tough job of replacing '02 Ray Guy Award winner Mark Mariscal last year, and now, he's a candidate himself for the award. He averaged 42.5 per punt a year ago, placing 16 inside-the-20 with only 49% returned. |
| 31 Gerett Burl | He returned to CU after a one-semester hiatus, and his return was welcomed. A natural cornerback, he's got the "lock-down" trait desired by coaches and constantly makes the heady play. |

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| 42 Bobby Purify | He's the 15th player at CU to reach 2,000 career rushing yards, and next up is to join the five who have topped the 2,500 mark... He is quite skilled in sign language, learning it in high school. Uncles' James and Bobby Purify were a big Motown recording duo in the 1960s, including the top 10 Hit, "I'm Your Puppet." |
| 44 Jordon Dizon | He became the first true freshman since 1991 and just the sixth-ever to start a season opener at Colorado, the first to do so at inside linebacker. He lived up to his billing, tying for the team lead with 8 tackles, to go with a caused interception, pass broken up, TD save and third down stop against CSU, and came back with 13 tackles against Washington State. His given Hawaiian name, Kainalu (pronounced kye-ah-na-loo) means "ocean wave." |
| 45 Quinn Sypniewski | A nagging turf toe suffered in 2002 eventually required surgery last year, ending his true senior year; but with a redshirt year available, he opted to gear toward this season and figures heavily in the tight end rotation. |
| 51 Alex Ligon | Thrown into a more prominent role when Marques Harris was lost for the season in 2003, he responded with consistent play while learning all the nuances. Now seasoned and bigger (up 15 pounds), he is coming into his own; he had three sacks against Washington State, the first Buff to have that many since 2000, and claimed Big 12 defensive player-of-the-week accolades. |
| 52 Derek Stemrich | He's missed the last two spring practices due to knee surgeries, and he still is hampered by soreness at times. He can play guard and center, and he'll likely rotate in and out of the lineup to save wear and tear on the knee. |
| 58 Mark Fenton | He got the attention of the coaching staff during CU's 2002 Alamo Bowl practices, as that's when he first got an extensive look at the position. CU's had a long line of all-conference centers, and he's just a sophomore. |
| 59 Greg Pace | He approached long snapping like a financial analyst plots strategies; he started attending special team camps as a prep, and through hard work and dedication, was awarded a scholarship this fall. He plays no other position. |
| 60 Matt McChesney | He can and will play both tackle and (rush) end, something he's done most of his CU career. He and fellow D-lineman James Garee lead the team in unique tattoos; their arms are worthy of being classified Picassos. |
| 66 Brian Daniels | He started the most games—9—as a true freshman at CU since Eric Bieniemy started 11 at halfback in 1987; that number also tied for the fourth most starts by a true frosh and most by an true frosh OL in school history. |
| 73 Clint O'Neal | His weight is hovering around 300, his peak as a Buffalo as he's found it difficult to gain and keep it on. He has been as low as 270 pounds during his CU career, but now that he's bulked up, he could be a force on the O-line. |
| 74 Sam Wilder | He had an outstanding year at DT in 2002, but was shifted to offense a week into '03 fall camp. Though he won a starting tackle job just 10 days after making the transition, he still suffered the expected growing pains over the course of the year. But now, a year later, he's an anchor of the O-line who should contend for honors. |
| 78 Terrance Barreau | He has proven versatile in practice, shining at both guard and center. He transferred to CU from the U.S. Air Force Academy where he played for Fisher DeBerry; he alluded at a banquet to Barnett that CU was getting a good one. |
| 79 Gary Moore | Has played both guard and tackle during his CU career and thus could see time at both. His physique has been completely overhauled, as he's down between 315-320 pounds, some 50-60 pounds lighter than his true freshman year. An accomplished singer, he sang God Bless America the first home game following 9/11. |
| 82 James Garee | Garee weighed 205 when he signed with Colorado in the winter of 2001, and he's progressively bulked up to 265. He was named a starter for the '03 Big 12 opener and has a lock on the spot, as he is an all-Big 12 candidate. |
| 82 Evan Judge | He had a tremendous spring, and always seems to have a big play every scrimmage. Originally a walk-on, he was rewarded with a scholarship a year ago and worked hard to crack the starting rotation. |
| 86 Jesse Wallace | He played a lot as a junior after blooming a bit as a sophomore, is now a regular in the rotation and has the confidence of the quarterbacks as he seems to grab on to anything thrown his way. |
| 89 Joe Klopfenstein | "Klop" enjoyed a fine breakout season in '03, and returns as one of the top tight ends in the Big 12 Conference. He runs well, has solid blocking skills and has great hands, as he is a favorite target of the quarterbacks. |
| 93 Vaka Manupuna | Take your pick: blossomed, developed, matured, ripened, come of age. A spot player as a sophomore while coping with his mother's death back in Hawaii, he's battling for a starting spot as a junior and will be in the rotation regardless. He had his first career sack against Washington State. |
| 98 Brandon Dabdoub | He didn't get a chance to defend his team bench press title (442 pounds in 2003), as he suffered a torn pec muscle in winter conditioning. A second-team freshman <i>Sporting News</i> All-American in 2001, he is interested in Broadcast journalism off the field: he interned this past summer at Fox Sports Net Rocky Mountain in Denver. |

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored 103 times in 156 tries that the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 66 percent of the time), including 1-for-1 in 2004 (a first half touchdown vs. North Texas). CU opened strong in this area in 2003, as 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. CU also had a game-tying field goal to send the Kansas game into overtime and overall, was 5-of-8 for 2003. The Buffs were just 1-of-4 in 2002, scoring a TD in the first half against Texas Tech, and were 5-of-9 in 2001 and 6-for-10 in the drill in 2000, when it posted a 3-8 record. 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 | 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 | 1- 1 | 103-156 | 66.0 |
| 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 | 1- 1 | 68- 94 | 72.3 |
| TDs/FGs..... | 4/2 | 7/3 | 2/4 | 3/1 | 2/2 | 5/1 | 3/1 | 3/1 | 3/1 | 0/1 | 0/2 | 2/3 | 2/2 | 4/0 | 1/0 | 2/0 | 1/0 | 44/24 | |
| 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 | 0- 0 | 35- 62 | 56.5 |
| 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 | 0/0 | 29/ 6 | |
| Winning/Tying Scores | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 16 | |

TIME SPENT IN THE LEAD

The below chart indicates the amount of time Colorado has spent in the lead (or behind, for that matter), since joining the Big 12 Conference (*—denotes bowl game):

| 1996 | In Lead (Behind) |
|----------------|------------------|
| WASHINGTON ST. | 51:20 |
| COLORADO ST. | 43:18 (8:17) |
| MICHIGAN | 17:08 (32:21) |
| TEXAS A & M | 59:47 |
| OKLAHOMA ST. | 51:02 |
| KANSAS | 54:44 |
| TEXAS | 8:50 (45:25) |
| MISSOURI | 36:42 (4:32) |
| IOWA STATE | 43:50 (8:53) |
| KANSAS STATE | 53:54 |
| NEBRASKA | 5:36 (51:20) |
| *WASHINGTON | 31:50 (18:27) |

Time Spent In The Lead: 458:01

Time Opp. In The Lead: 169:15

Games Held Lead In: 12

Games Trailed In: 7

| 2000 | In Lead (Behind) |
|----------------|------------------|
| COLORADO ST. | 19:29 (31:37) |
| USC | 0:00 (12:59) |
| WASHINGTON | 16:43 (29:13) |
| KANSAS STATE | 0:00 (57:03) |
| TEXAS A & M | 36:03 (11:17) |
| TEXAS | 0:00 (44:20) |
| KANSAS | 2:32 (47:09) |
| OKLAHOMA ST. | 56:47 |
| MISSOURI | 57:58 |
| IOWA STATE | 30:37 (26:01) |
| NEBRASKA | 9:46 (41:17) |
| (no bowl game) | |

Time Spent In The Lead: 229:55

Time Opp. In The Lead: 300:56

Games Held Lead In: 8

Games Trailed In: 9

| 2004 | In Lead (Behind) |
|----------------|------------------|
| COLORADO ST. | 50:27 |
| WASHINGTON ST. | 26:17 |
| NORTH TEXAS | 41:02 (8:21) |
| MISSOURI | 0:00 (54:30) |
| OKLAHOMA ST. | |
| IOWA STATE | |
| TEXAS A & M | |
| TEXAS | |
| KANSAS | |
| KANSAS STATE | |
| NEBRASKA | |

Time Spent In The Lead: 117:46

Time Opp. In The Lead: 62:51

Games Held Lead In: 3

Games Trailed In: 2

| 1997 | In Lead (Behind) |
|----------------|------------------|
| COLORADO ST. | 35:31 (5:11) |
| MICHIGAN | 0:00 (54:28) |
| WYOMING | 15:44 (34:53) |
| TEXAS A & M | 18:41 (30:51) |
| OKLAHOMA ST. | 35:22 (18:01) |
| KANSAS | 43:08 (2:29) |
| TEXAS | 49:42 (4:15) |
| MISSOURI | 10:11 (45:34) |
| IOWA STATE | 6:19 (48:33) |
| KANSAS STATE | 4:06 (44:21) |
| NEBRASKA | 0:00 (49:16) |
| (no bowl game) | |

Time Spent In The Lead: 218:44

Time Opp. In The Lead: 337:52

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 11

| 2001 | In Lead (Behind) |
|--------------|------------------|
| FRESNO STATE | 0:00 (51:23) |
| COLORADO ST. | 59:04 |
| SAN JOSE ST. | 53:21 |
| KANSAS | 24:55 (11:41) |
| KANSAS STATE | 50:11 |
| TEXAS A&M | 35:04 (8:32) |
| TEXAS | 0:00 (54:09) |
| OKLAHOMA ST. | 21:33 (29:31) |
| MISSOURI | 30:02 (5:28) |
| IOWA STATE | 40:41 (16:16) |
| NEBRASKA | 57:17 |
| TEXAS | 44:24 (7:35) |
| *OREGON | 2:38 (43:13) |

Time Spent In The Lead: 419:10

Time Opp. In The Lead: 227:48

Games Held Lead In: 11

Games Trailed In: 9

| 1998 | In Lead (Behind) |
|--------------|------------------|
| COLORADO ST. | 50:02 (3:15) |
| FRESNO STATE | 17:56 (35:47) |
| UTAH STATE | 48:28 (4:33) |
| BAYLOR | 48:29 (4:31) |
| OKLAHOMA | 41:11 (12:56) |
| KANSAS STATE | 0:00 (49:25) |
| TEXAS TECH | 48:12 |
| KANSAS | 9:22 (30:01) |
| MISSOURI | 0:00 (56:00) |
| IOWA STATE | 57:41 |
| NEBRASKA | 8:23 (26:29) |
| *OREGON | 59:43 |

Time Spent In The Lead: 389:07

Time Opp. In The Lead: 222:57

Games Held Lead In: 10

Games Trailed In: 9

| 2002 | In Lead (Behind) |
|-----------------|------------------|
| COLORADO ST. | 3:19 (47:33) |
| SAN DIEGO STATE | 49:03 |
| USC | 0:00 (54:56) |
| UCLA | 30:23 (1:16) |
| KANSAS STATE | 50:35 |
| KANSAS | 55:34 (0:45) |
| BAYLOR | 58:57 |
| TEXAS TECH | 37:11 (7:35) |
| OKLAHOMA | 0:00 (55:32) |
| MISSOURI | 46:27 (8:33) |
| IOWA STATE | 27:22 (17:26) |
| NEBRASKA | 30:29 (9:25) |
| OKLAHOMA | 0:00 (50:29) |
| *WISCONSIN | 36:01 (7:55) |

Time Spent In The Lead: 425:21

Time Opp. In The Lead: 261:28

Games Held Lead In: 11

Games Trailed In: 11

| 1999 | In Lead (Behind) |
|---------------|------------------|
| COLORADO ST. | 0:00 (54:10) |
| SAN JOSE ST. | 58:57 |
| KANSAS | 54:03 |
| WASHINGTON | 7:33 (12:36) |
| MISSOURI | 36:56 (20:19) |
| TEXAS TECH | 0:00 (39:53) |
| IOWA STATE | 35:35 (17:59) |
| OKLAHOMA | 46:14 (10:15) |
| KANSAS STATE | 0:00 (46:53) |
| BAYLOR | 54:08 |
| NEBRASKA | 0:00# (56:46) |
| *BOSTON COLL. | 56:05 |

Time Spent In The Lead: 349:31

Time Opp. In The Lead: 258:51

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 8

| 2003 | In Lead (Behind) |
|----------------|------------------|
| COLORADO ST. | 33:36 (10:25) |
| UCLA | 21:58 (12:53) |
| WASHINGTON ST. | 0:00 (55:11) |
| FLORIDA STATE | 0:00 (54:27) |
| BAYLOR | 16:56 (26:20) |
| KANSAS | 12:33 (32:01) |
| KANSAS STATE | 5:51 (48:31) |
| OKLAHOMA | 0:00 (56:49) |
| TEXAS TECH | 36:57 (22:46) |
| MISSOURI | 55:58 |
| IOWA STATE | 53:54 |
| NEBRASKA | 18:16 (28:31) |

Time Spent In The Lead: 255:59

Time Opp. In The Lead: 347:54

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 10

#—led in OT. In 101 games over the last eight-plus seasons, CU has led in 82 of them; the Buffs have also had a lead in 55 of 67 Big 12 games.

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **276-10-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **200-3** with 35-plus points and **185-2** with 36-plus, **161-1** with 38-plus and **106-0** 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 **1,066** 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 **7-12-1** in its last **20** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-24-2** against top 10 schools and **40-37-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **89** of its last **186** games, posting an **83-5-1** record. The losses were at Stanford, 41-37 in 1993, to Missouri in Boulder in 1997, 41-31, and twice to Nebraska (in Boulder in 1999, 33-30, in overtime; and 34-32 at Lincoln in 2000) and at Baylor in 2003 (42-30). The tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **136** of these **186** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **110-24-2** (CU is **18-30-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed only **295** touchdowns in the last **588** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **293** times have yielded **150** field goals as well as **143** 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 50% of the time, which are astonishing numbers.
- ➔ 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 **58** touchdowns in **148** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **79** scores overall, meaning **69** non-scores). In 2003, the opponent had 18 scores (14 TDs, 4 FG) out of 32 drives started in plus territory, similar to 2002, when opponents had just 18 scores (14 TD, 4 FG) on 33 drives started inside CU territory, and had 11 TDs in 24 instances in 2001. In '04, opponents are 0-of-5 to date.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **39** of its last **84** contests (once in 2004, four times in 2003, five times in 2002), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **137** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **75** times (55 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **39** of the **137** games since the '93 season opener (29%)... and remember CU has played **60** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ The Buffs are truly a bend-but-not-break defense to date in 2004, as once the enemy has reached the 50, yards have been tough to come by: **136** plays have netted just **511** yards, or a **3.76** average. Another way of looking at it is the opponent has had **30** drives with plays in the plus zone, or just an average of **17** yards once they cross the 50. The opponent has started **5** drives in plus territory and CU has yet to allow a point in that situation, and of the 13 times the opponent have cracked the 20 (or red zone), CU's allowed six scores which include just four touchdowns.
- ➔ Colorado had seven touchdowns by returns in 2001 (4 interception, 2 punt, 1 fumble), a school record; but guess what? The 2002 team matched it (3 fumble, 2 interception, 2 punt). In 2004, the Buffs already have three and counting; dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, and including the eight total in 2002 (one came in the bowl), and one in '03, the Buffs have **31** scores by return in their last **62** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **51** scores by return in **113** games (45 regular season, seven bowl), or one almost every two games.
- ➔ CU has allowed a touchdown pass in **22** straight games, including the '02 Alamo Bowl, but also had had one in 12 straight itself until coming to an end in the opener vs. CSU.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado topped 200 yards rushing and passing against North Texas, the first time since the 2002 Missouri game. The Buffs have accomplished the 200 "double-double" **nine** times in the last **65** games, and have recorded the feat **30** times in their last **136** games (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 **30-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only eight times in its previous 140 games.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **46-29-1** in its last **76** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**43-22** in the last **65**, including a **20-10** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **86-27-3** in its last **116** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **53-20-3** in conference games. CU was 0-2 on artificial surfaces in 2003 but is 1-1 so far in 2004.
- ➔ Colorado has allowed **306** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for **183** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **306** sacks allowed for **4,460** pass plays called, or one for every **14.6** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **131** interceptions in **4,154** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.15** percent (one every **31.7** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs were an enigma on **third down** defensively in 2003, and remain so this year. Last season, 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 are **32-of-73**, **43.8%**, but have gained **541** yards on the **32** conversions (**16.9**) and have just **46** yards on **41** misses (**1.1**). *(For comparison, CU has **211** yards on **18** conversions, **11.7** per, and **73** on **33** misses for **2.2**.)*
- ➔ **Quick Strike.** Colorado has made a habit of scoring quickly the past two-plus seasons. Dating back to the start of 2002, 33 of 94 touchdown drives have taken under 2:00. In 2004, **3** of **10** have used less than 2:00; 13 of 43 did so in 2003 and 17 of 41 in 2002. The Buffs have also sustained a few drives this season, with three lasting 3:30 or longer through week four.
- ➔ Colorado is **81-31-3** in its last **115** 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 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 on Sept. 25, 1993, opponents are just **2-of-59** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 last Sept. 6 (WSU converted on a 3rd-and-23, picking up 24 on a pass play). The CU offense has converted **4-of-46** times when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ CU has scored in **12** of **16** quarters in 2004 after scoring in 33 of 48 quarters in 2003 (and the one OT period), and scored in 39 of 56 quarters in '02 (and in one of two overtime sessions). In the Barnett Era, the Buffs have scored in **186** of **264** quarters (71 percent), as well as in four of five overtime periods. All tolled, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **412** of its last **538** quarters (77%).

SAFELY AHEAD The Buffaloes have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 28-plus seasons. Going back to start of the 1976 season (333 games), Colorado has blown a two-or-more score lead only 12 times, losing nine and tying three. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

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

Colorado has lost only 15 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 have been to Wisconsin in the Alamo Bowl (losing 31-28 in overtime after leading 28-21 late in the game), to Colorado State in the '02 opener (19-14 after briefly leading 14-13 with 9:39 left), and two games in 2000: to Colorado State in the opener (losing 28-24 after leading 24-14) and at Nebraska (lost 34-32 on a field goal at the final gun after leading 24-21 early in the fourth and 32-31 with 47 seconds left). In conference play, only Kansas (1984), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001) and Oklahoma State (1997) have rallied in the fourth to topple CU in this span. The ties came against Tennessee in 1990 (31-31, after leading 31-17) and Kansas State in 1993 (16-16 after taking a late 16-13 lead).

- In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 27 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 most recent wins of this variety came last year against UCLA and Kansas.
- Colorado has won **77** of its last **81** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead (**5** in a row); a 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 19-game winning streak in such situations (and one of 26 straight on the road), and two games later, Texas Tech mustered a similar comeback. A streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).

DOMINATION Colorado has only **17** 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) and Missouri this year. BYU reappeared in the '88 final rankings; Stanford went 7-1 after CU to crack the top 20; in '97, MU almost beat Nebraska the following week and made its way into polls for the first time in 14 seasons; CSU appeared at No. 24 after defeating CU in '99; in '01, Fresno toppled No. 10 Oregon State the next week and zoomed into the rankings; in '02, CSU climbed as high as No. 13; and WSU cracked the polls after its win in Boulder in 2003. The Buffs are **70-15-2** in their last 87 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **101-17-2** in the last 120. The Buffs are **139-55-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (7-7 in bowls); **95-39-3** in Big 8/12 games (including two league title games) and **44-16-1** 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 23 occasions. It's happened six times over the last four seasons, and amazingly, 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 **TBs Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. Colorado is 18-5 in games when this occurs. *A game-by-game look at this unique accomplishment can be found on page 171 of the 2004 CU football media guide.*

SPECIAL TEAMS INVITE How important does the coaching staff view special teams? Barnett started this tradition while at Northwestern, and has continued it at CU: the coaches of the four major special team units (punt, punt return, kickoff and kickoff return) personally hand out invitations to the players to attend the inaugural meetings of those units during camp. While some starters appear on all units, all feature traditional role players who have found a home with dedication to special teams work.

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2004 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Aug. 8 | Gerrett Burl (21) | Sept. 20 | Brian White (20) | Oct. 15 | Abraham Wright (20) | Nov. 19 | Chad Cusworth (21) |
| Aug. 9 | Dusty Sprague (20) | Sept. 21 | Shawn Watson (45) | Oct. 17 | J.T. Eberly (23) | Nov. 28 | *Kevin Eberhart (20) |
| Aug. 11 | R.J. Brown (19) | Sept. 21 | Charlie Aweida (20) | Oct. 18 | Garrett Collins (19) | Dec. 12 | Derek Stemrich (23) |
| Aug. 14 | Chris Russell (20) | Sept. 22 | Reggie Joseph (19) | Oct. 20 | Ty Littlehales (21) | Dec. 12 | David Veikune (19) |
| Aug. 18 | John Guydon (21) | Sept. 22 | Vance Washington (21) | Oct. 31 | Brian Daniels (20) | Dec. 14 | Mike Hankwitz (57) |
| Aug. 19 | John Torp (22) | Sept. 24 | Blake Mackey (21) | Nov. 4 | Ryan Enright (21) | Dec. 16 | Brandon Caesar (23) |
| Aug. 20 | Jesse Wallace (22) | Sept. 25 | Casey Brown (19) | Nov. 6 | *Matt McChesney (23) | Dec. 17 | Tim Ridder (28) |
| Aug. 25 | Alex Ligon (20) | Oct. 1 | David Hansburg (36) | Nov. 9 | Joe Klopfenstein (21) | Dec. 18 | Craig Bray (53) |
| Aug. 30 | Lorenzo Sims (19) | Oct. 2 | *Erik Greenberg (24) | Nov. 14 | Mark Fenton (21) | Dec. 19 | Bobby Purify (23) |
| Sept. 3 | Mason Crosby (20) | Oct. 2 | *Evan Judge (22) | Nov. 14 | Gary Moore (22) | Dec. 28 | Ben Carpenter (21) |
| Sept. 3 | Daniel Jolly (20) | Oct. 3 | Walter Boye-Doe (20) | Nov. 14 | Eric McCready (27) | Dec. 29 | James Cox (21) |
| Sept. 15 | Terry Wilson (18) | Oct. 6 | Brandon Dabdoub (23) | Nov. 16 | J.J. Billingsley (21) | Dec. 31 | Stephone Robinson (20) |
| Sept. 16 | Mike Duren (23) | Oct. 10 | T. Washington (21) | Nov. 18 | Edwin Harrison (20) | | |

PLAYING ON SUNDAY

There are 27 Colorado Buffaloes on 2004 National Football League team rosters (as of October 4); that's the third most in the Big 12 Conference behind Nebraska (37) and Texas A&M (31). In 2003, Colorado was 13th nationally for the most produced, as Florida and Notre Dame led with 40 (CU was 10th in 2002, also with 29). The Buffs had 31 report to camps this past summer, down from 42 in 2003 (which had led the Big 12 Conference). CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was third in 2000 and 2001 and second in 2002 and 2003. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2004 list (2R—denotes second-year rookie, *—denotes on practice squad):

| Player | Pos. | Team | Exp. | Player | Pos. | Team | Exp. |
|------------------|------|----------------------|------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Tom Ashworth | OT | New England Patriots | 3 | #Donald Strickland | CB | Indianapolis Colts | 1 |
| Justin Bannan | DT | Buffalo Bills | 3 | Jashon Sykes | LB | Denver Broncos | 2 |
| Brad Bedell | OG | Green Bay Packers | 3 | *Sean Tufts | LB | Carolina Panthers | R |
| #Mitch Berger | P | New Orleans Saints | 11 | (#—starter/first-team) | | | |
| #Tyler Brayton | DT | Oakland Raiders | 1 | | | | |
| #Chad Brown | OLB | Seattle Seahawks | 11 | In Camps But Waived | | | |
| #Chris Brown | RB | Tennessee Titans | 1 | Marwan Hage | OL | Jacksonville Jaguars | R |
| Koy Detmer | QB | Philadelphia Eagles | 7 | Brody (Heffner) Liddiard | LS | Minnesota Vikings | 4 |
| Christian Fauria | TE | New England Patriots | 9 | Mark Mariscal | P | New Orleans Saints | 2R |
| #Daniel Graham | TE | New England Patriots | 2 | Gabe Nyenhuis | DE | Seattle Seahawks | R |
| #Andre Gurode | OG | Dallas Cowboys | 1 | | | | |
| D.J. Hackett | WR | Seattle Seahawks | R | Retired | | | |
| Darius Holland | DT | Denver Broncos | 9 | #Sam Rogers | OLB | Atlanta Falcons | 10 |
| Ted Johnson | LB | New England Patriots | 9 | #Greg Biekert | LB | Minnesota Vikings | 11 |
| Fred Jones | OLB | Kansas City Chiefs | 4 | | | | |
| #Matt Lepsis | OT | Denver Broncos | 7 | COACHES | | | |
| #Michael Lewis | SS | Philadelphia Eagles | 2 | Name | Pos. | Team | Tie To Colorado |
| #Wayne Lucier | C | New York Giants | 1 | Ronnie Bradford | ST | Denver | Player, 1989-92 |
| *Derek McCoy | WR | Tennessee | R | Greg Brown | CB | New Orleans | Asst. Coach, 1991-93 |
| #Chris Naeole | OG | Jacksonville Jaguars | 7 | Jim Caldwell | QB | Indianapolis | Asst. Coach, 1982-84 |
| #Hannibal Navies | LB | Green Bay Packers | 5 | David Gibbs | DB | Denver | Player, 1987-90 |
| Victor Rogers | OT | Detroit Lions | 2 | Steve Marshall | OL | Houston | Asst. Coach, 2000-01 |
| #Tom Rouen | P | Seattle Seahawks | 12 | Rod Perry | DB | Carolina | Player, 1973-74 |
| Kordell Stewart | QB | Baltimore Ravens | 9 | | | | |

BY TEAM (18 of 32)—New England 4, Seattle 3, Denver 3, Green Bay 2, Jacksonville 2, Philadelphia 2, Baltimore 1, Buffalo 1, Carolina 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Indianapolis 1, Kansas City 1, Miami 1, New Orleans 1, N.Y. Giants 1, Oakland 1, Tennessee 1.

AND IN CANADA? For the second straight year, no Buffaloes are playing in the Canadian Football League this summer.

DECADE 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, Fauria, Irwin, Naeole, Rashaan Salaam, Stewart, Bryan Stoltenberg, Derek West and Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played, and three remain on NFL rosters some 10 years later. And six of the '94 defensive starters wound up playing professionally as well.

OL 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, 17 of 23 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) |
| Marwan Hage | G/C | (3) 2001-02-03 | Jacksonville (FA) | Bryan Stoltenberg | C | (4) 1992-93-94-95 | San Diego (6) |
| Wayne Lucier | G/C | (2) 2001-02 | N.Y. Giants (7) | Derek West | T | (3) 1992-93-94 | Indianapolis (5) |
| Justin Bates | T/G | (3) 2000-01-02 | Dallas (7) | Tony Berti | T | (2) 1993-94 | San Diego (6) |
| Andre Gurode | G/C | (3) 1999-00-01 | Dallas (2) | Jay Leeuwenburg | C | (3) 1989-90-91 | Kansas City (9) |
| Victor Rogers | T | (3) 1999-00-01 | Detroit (7) | Mark VanderPoel | T | (3) 1988-89-90 | Indianapolis (4) |
| Brad Bedell | G | (2) 1998-99 | Cleveland (6) | Joe Garten | G | (4) 1987-88-89-90 | Green Bay (6) |
| Shane Cook | T | (2) 1998-99 | New Orleans (FA) | One-Year Starters: | | | |
| Ryan Johanningmeier | G/T | (3) 1997-98-99 | Atlanta (FA) | Tom Ashworth | T | (1) 2000 | New England (FA) |
| Melvin Thomas | G/T | (3) 1995-96-97 | Philadelphia (7) | Ben Nichols | G | (1) 1998 | Atlanta (FA) |
| Chris Naeole | G | (3) 1994-95-96 | New Orleans (1) | Ariel Solomon | T | (1) 1990 | Pittsburgh (10) |
| Heath Irwin | G | (3) 1993-94-95 | New England (4) | | | | |

NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

Research by the University of Houston SID office shows that Oregon State has the toughest non-conference schedule in the nation (opponent winning percentage last year was .829, as LSU, Boise State and New Mexico combined to go 34-7). The Buffs rank eighth on the list, as CSU, Washington State and North Texas were a combined 27-12 (.692) last fall. The top 16 (*—includes one I-AA opponent):

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| .829 Oregon State (34-7) | .730 *Georgia Tech (27-10) | .680 BYU (34-16) | .650 Oklahoma (26-14) |
| .789 *Iowa State (30-8) | .718 Houston (28-11) | .679 Arizona (36-17) | .649 Army (24-13) |
| .769 Cincinnati (30-9) | .718 SMU (28-11) | .667 *Colorado State (34-17) | .647 Louisiana Tech (33-18) |
| .755 Arkansas State (40-13) | .692 Colorado (27-12) | .652 Idaho (43-23) | .641 Ball State (25-14) |
| | | | .641 Rice (25-14) |

OLYMPIANS

The University of Colorado was well represented at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. One-time CU skier **Tyler Hamilton** won a gold medal in the individual road time trial, the first U.S. gold in cycling since 1984, as he covered the 29.8 mile course in 57:31.4 in winning by almost 19 seconds. Former CU student **Deirdre Demet-Barry** also fared well in cycling, as she won a silver medal in the women's individual time trial. Assistant track coach **Casey Malone** (CU's throws coach and a CSU letterman) placed sixth in the discus. **Alan Culpepper** finished 12th in the marathon, one of the final events in Athens on August 29. Two other Buffs competed, **Shayne Wille-Culpepper** (women's 5,000-meter run) and Dathan Ritzenhein (10,000-meter run; he did not finish as he was nursing an injured foot).

'04 ANNIVERSARIES

The 2004 season marks several anniversaries. **Folsom Field** celebrates its 80th anniversary season, as it was christened on October 11, 1924 when Colorado defeated Regis, 39-0. It's the 10th anniversary of Colorado's first and only Heisman Trophy, as **TB Rashaan Salaam** rushed his way to the award by leading the nation in rushing (2,055 yards) and scoring (144 points); **CB Chris Hudson** won the Thorpe Award that season, **QB Kordell Stewart** set the Big Eight total offense record, and **Bill McCartney** resigned after 13 seasons as head coach. It's also the 10th anniversary of "The Catch," Stewart's 64-yard touchdown pass to **Michael Westbrook** via Blake Anderson tip to give CU a 27-26 win at Michigan. One hundred years ago, on October 8, 1904, CU defeated Nebraska in Boulder, 6-0, deemed the school's biggest win at the time as it was one of the first played against a team from outside the state's borders. 2004 also will mark 30 years since CU and Air Force met on the football field (CU won 28-27 at the USAFA), and 70 years since CU's first-ever national statistical champion, as **Kayo Lam** led the nation in rushing in 1934 with 906 yards. On a sadder note, 2004 marks two tragic anniversaries. It's the 20th of the injury to **TE Ed Reinhardt**, as a blood clot on his brain burst late in a September 15 game at Oregon. He had surgery that afternoon, was in a coma for a month and endured years of rehabilitation; he lives in Littleton with his parents. And in 1989, quarterback **Sal Aunese** passed away on September 23 after a six-month battle with stomach cancer; CU dedicated the season to him and went undefeated during the regular season.

HESSLER TO BE HOMECOMING MARSHALL

Former University of Colorado quarterback **John Hessler** will be this year's honorary homecoming parade marshal on October 9, when the Buffs play host to Oklahoma State. It will be just 10 days shy of one year when a hit-and-run accident on Denver's Interstate 76 placed him in a life-threatening situation and a 33-day coma; not unlike the comeback he engineering against Texas A&M in 1995, doctors initially had little hope that Hessler would survive, and since he awoke, he's continued to make great strides in his attempt to resume a normal life.

STUDENT SEASON TICKETS

Colorado sold out of its 12,000 student season ticket allotment on August 23, the first time since 1992 that the number allocated completely sold out before being broken apart to sell as individual game tickets. Last year, students purchased 11,321 tickets; the all-time high is 14,442 in 1972 (after a 10-2 season with a No. 3 final ranking), with the low of 4,091 coming in 1981 (following a 1-10 year). CU dedicates the third most student season tickets in the Big 12 and is tied for the 17th most in the NCAA. Here's a look at the 2004 student ticket allotments in the Big 12 Conference and from around the nation (% indicates percent of capacity dedicated to students in the conference):

| BIG 12 | | | OTHER NATIONAL OVER 7,000 | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| Texas A & M..... | 30,000 | (36.3) | Ohio State | 29,000 | #South Carolina ... | 13,000 | Texas El-Paso | 10,000 |
| Texas..... | 20,000 | (25.0) | Florida..... | 21,500 | #Bowling Green | 12,000 | #Virginia..... | 10,000 |
| Colorado..... | 12,000 | (22.3) | Penn State | 21,000 | USC..... | 12,000 | #Rutgers | 9,000 |
| #Texas Tech | 11,622 | (21.9) | Michigan | 20,000 | Washington State.. | 12,000 | UCLA | 9,000 |
| Baylor | 10,000 | (20.0) | Georgia | 17,500 | #West Virginia | 11,500 | Arizona | 8,500 |
| *Missouri | 10,000 | (14.6) | Virginia Tech | 17,000 | Clemson..... | 11,000 | #TCU | 8,000 |
| Oklahoma State... | 9,758 | (20.1) | #Florida State | 16,000 | #Maryland | 11,000 | #Georgia Tech..... | 7,500 |
| Kansas State..... | 9,000 | (18.0) | Purdue | 15,172 | Kentucky | 10,500 | #South Florida | 7,500 |
| Nebraska | 8,200 | (11.1) | Brigham Young.... | 15,000 | Michigan State..... | 10,347 | Mississippi | 7,200 |
| Oklahoma | 8,000 | (9.9) | LSU | 14,700 | East Carolina | 10,095 | Washington | 7,200 |
| + Kansas | 7,064 | (14.1) | North Carolina.... | 14,000 | %Arkansas..... | 10,000 | !Miami, Fla. | 7,000 |
| Iowa State | 7,000 | (15.9) | Wisconsin..... | 14,000 | Colorado State..... | 10,000 | | |
| | | | Minnesota | 13,000 | Notre Dame..... | 10,000 | | |

(*—if demand dictated, could go as high as 12,000; +—football/basketball combo ticket; #—students admitted free as part of athletic fee or other arrangement; %—3,800 at games in Little Rock; !—8,000 for Florida State game; ALL—Navy; UNLIMITED NUMBER WHILE IN NO SELLOUT SITUATION—Arizona State, Arkansas State, Illinois, Louisiana-Lafayette, Syracuse.)

V-BACK What's a **V-Back**, you ask? In short, it stands for "versatile" back, which applies to the two players CU lists at VB on the roster, junior **Lawrence Vickers** and sophomore **Daniel Jolly**. The two were asked to come up with a name for what they felt they brought to their position, as they had previously been listed No. 1 and 2 at fullback and that sort of "pigeonholed" what they can really do. Since they not only block like fullbacks, run like tailbacks and can play like receivers, "V-Back" fits them perfectly. "We pride ourselves on having a multitude of people who can do numerous things as far as running, catching and blocking," Jolly said. "What's asked of the position is that the players have to be very versatile and fill a number of roles, and we want to excel at each and every one of those," Vickers said. Coach **Gary Barnett** joked that Vickers liked it because it can also stand for "Vickers-Back."

MISSED IT BY THAT MUCH Colorado had at least one touchdown pass in **12** consecutive games (every game last year), which was just one away from tying the school record. But alas, CU scored its touchdowns via rushing and return against Colorado State and missed tying the mark of 13 was set between October 28, 1995 and November 9, 1996.

SCHOLLY ADDS Five walk-ons now have walk-on status no more, as **OL Terrance Barreau**, **PK J.T. Eberly** and **SN Greg Pace** were placed on full scholarship before or during fall camp, and are now on full scholarship. Joining them on September 1 were **ILB Kyle Griffith** and **FS Tom Hubbard**. Eberly suffered a torn Achilles tendon the first day of camp, had surgery on August 19 and is out for the year; a fifth-year senior, he will have to petition the NCAA for a sixth-year if he's so interested.

BLOOM DONE An independent appeals committee upheld an NCAA staff ruling of August 16 that denied a request for reinstatement for CU junior-to-be **Jeremy Bloom**, thus ending his collegiate football career. A two-time letterman at wide receiver and kick returner, Bloom also is a member of the U.S. Olympic ski team and competes in freestyle moguls. Bloom, the reigning World Cup moguls champion started accepting endorsement money last winter to be able to fund his skiing career, as there are no salaries in the sport, but that action is an NCAA violation and the organization would not make an exception for him. Bloom practiced the first five days with the team (Aug. 9-13), and then joined his U.S. ski teammates for a three-week training camp just outside of Santiago, Chile. He returned to Colorado to watch his former football teammates open the season against CSU, and was recognized between the third and fourth quarters in a final tribute.

JK-TO-JK The combination of **Joel Klatt** to **Joe Klopfenstein** was good for three touchdowns in 2003. Believe it or not, it was the first time two players with the same initials hooked up on a touchdown pass in CU history (how's that for research?!). They've connected twice so far in 2004.

ANOTHER SLASH IN THE WORKS? Redshirt freshman **QB Bernard Jackson** has proved that he makes things happen in practice, and the coaches wanted to find a way to get him on the field. On September 6, they experimented with him at wide receiver, and the trial worked. Though practicing exclusively at receiver to get familiar with the role, he will also remain listed as a quarterback, thus, a QB/WR tag under his position listing. Sound familiar? Former CU signal caller **Kordell Stewart** became known as slash as a rookie with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1995; he's played both quarterback and receiver in the pros, though he never had a collegiate reception as he played every snap as a quarterback. But just when Jackson started to see some playing time, he suffered a dislocated elbow on a punt return against North Texas and is likely out until around the end of November.

TURNAROUND What a difference a year makes, as **OT Sam Wilder** was thrown to the wolves as a junior, switching to offense two weeks before the season opener. He played admirably, but did surrender team highs of seven quarterback sacks and 27 pressures, really expected of a first-year linemen playing in a conference like the Big 12 for a team that was heavy into passing. Fast-forward to the 2004 season opener against Colorado State, and you find that Wilder did not allow a sack or a pressure, had a touchdown block, performed extremely well in mimicking the line techniques made famous by the just-down-the-road Denver Broncos (including cut blocks), and graded out to 88.4 percent for the game. That was the fifth-highest single game grade awarded in two-plus seasons by offensive line coach **Dave Borbely**, and was the best OL grade in a season opener in at least a decade. Through four games, he is grading out as the top O-lineman.

ROSTER CHANGES There are a few changes from the final spring roster. Six players left the program with the intent of transferring (for assorted reasons): **TB Brian Calhoun**, **DE Chadd Evans**, **DE Marques Harris**, **CB Sammy Joseph**, **OL Del Scales** and **OL Fredrick Staugh**. Three walk-ons also did not return: **S Justin Fallhowe**, **WR Jarrad Jackson** and **FB James Owens**.

Added to the list of incoming recruits was **CB Terry Wilson** (Chino, Calif.); he was added in the late spring and was recruited by Shawn Simms (his bio does appear in the 2004 media guide). Two others did not qualify academically, **S Reggie Foster** (Long Beach, Calif.) and **DL Chris Todd** (Tulsa, Okla.). A third recruit, **DE Josh Hunt** (Jackson, Mich.) reported but returned home after 10 days in camp for family reasons; he was initially set to return in the spring, but was homesick and decided to transfer to Eastern Michigan.

Four transfers have been added to the team: **DB Charlie Aweida** (6-0, 180) did not play as a true freshman last year Adams State and played his prep ball at Boulder Fairview; **WR Chase McBride**, a Broomfield High product who redshirted last fall at Wyoming; **ATH Lenny Miles**, who prepped at Adams City High School and was on the basketball team as a true freshman at New Mexico last year; and **OL Carl Zoellner** attended Wisconsin-Milwaukee last year and did not participate in athletics, but played high school ball in Georgetown, Texas with CU sophomore **PK Mason Crosby**. Zoellner could play this season as UWGB does not sponsor football.

POSITION CHANGES Only one major change, as redshirt frosh **Stephone Robinson** moved from wide receiver to cornerback to help create some depth at the position. Junior **John Guydon** returned to defense from the offensive line, where he was listed both at split guard (second) and center (third) following spring. Though practicing solely with the defense, he could be called on in a pinch to play some OL; he had moved to offense for the spring, as he practiced exclusively at defensive tackle last fall. Since defensive depth in the middle was in bad need of some bolstering, switching Guydon back (or sharing him) made sense since he had previous career game experience at the position.

SECOND CHANCE AT BEING A SENIOR Two players were injured as fourth-year seniors in 2003 and received medical hardships for the season and return with a second chance at being seniors in 2004. **TB Bobby Purify** (high ankle sprain) and **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (turf toe) played less than the NCAA maximum for appealing for a medical redshirt; a third player, DE Marques Harris, would also have been back but will transfer to a yet-to-be decided Division I-AA school. Purify and Sypniewski are believed to be the second and third players in CU history (and definitely since 1978) to be injured as fourth-year seniors and received hardships; in 2001, **ILB Jashon Sykes** received a special ruling and would have had a second chance at a senior season in 2002 had he not opted for the NFL draft; also in 2001, **WR John Minardi** played in one game too many and was denied. Three others redshirted their fourth-year senior seasons: **ILB Don DeLuzio** (suffered torn knee ligaments in August camp in 1987), **ILB Alan Chrite** (suspension, 1983) and **WB Melvin Johnson** (academics, 1976).
 ➤ **DID YOU KNOW:** Previously, only three players in modern CU history have posted statistics in five different seasons? **ILB Barry Remington** (1982-86), **WR/KR Jo Jo Collins** (1984-88) and **TB Marlon Barnes** (1994-98) all played as true freshmen and suffered in-season ending injuries either their sophomore or junior seasons. Both Purify and Sypniewski have joined this select group this fall.

GOAL LINE STANDS AT THE GUN The Buff defense holding off CSU at the goal line as time expired is fairly rare but not unique in CU history. In 1985, Oregon faced a fourth-and-goal at the CU3 with nine seconds left, but the threat ended when Mickey Pruitt sacked Duck QB Chris Miller as time expired, preserving a 21-17 Colorado win. Throw in the Washington State goal-line defense, and it marks the first time in known CU history that back-to-back games ended in this fashion.

CU-CSU SETS FSN ROCKY RECORD The CU-Colorado State game on September 4, televised to most of the nation via Fox Sports Net, set an all-time record as the highest rated college sporting event for FSN Rocky Mountain. The game drew an 11.3 rating, translating to more than 158,200 homes in the Denver area, easily topping the previous two bests (8.9, CSU-UCLA in 2002 and 8.4, CU-CSU in 1999). It was also easily the highest rated program on the air in Denver metro between 6 p.m. and Midnight.

THE SCHEDULE Colorado again played one of the nation's toughest schedules in 2003, as according to the NCAA formula, the Buffs' slate ranked 13th among the 117 Division I-A schools. It's shaping up to be no different in 2004, as CU's schedule has been rated the nation's second-toughest going into the season by *The Sporting News*.

THREE AND COUNTING? CU has not only played but has also hosted at Folsom Field the last three Heisman Trophy winners (all quarterbacks): **Eric Crouch** (Nebraska, 2001), **Carson Palmer** (USC, 2002) and **Jason White** (Oklahoma, 2003). So, if Colorado **QB Joel Klatt** or **TB Bobby Purify** should be denied the award, could the '04 winner be on the roster of one of the six teams headed to Boulder: Colorado State, North Texas, Oklahoma State, Iowa State, Texas or Kansas State? (*UT's Cedric Benson and KSU's Darren Sproles are currently candidates.*)

50-1-1 That is Colorado's record since 1989 when rushing for 250 or more yards in a game, as the 50th win came in the opener when the Buffs racked up 255 in the win over Colorado State (CU is also 73-4-1 dating back to the start of 1985 campaign). CU outgained its first two opponents on the ground by 302-59, upping its record in the same span to **103-5-3** when topping the foe in rushing yards.

LOST AT THE END Perhaps lost late in CU's 27-24 victory over Colorado State was the 61-yard punt that junior **John Torp** launched to get the Buffs out of a hole at their own 16 yardline with 4:30 left to play. Last year, Torp owned a 42.5 average on 63 punts, but surprisingly, it was a bit lower, 42.1, for 21 punts inside-the-Buff 25. He opened strong, averaging 52.3 for three punts, a number that after just one week lead both the Big 12 Conference as well as the NCAA.

THIS-N-THAT

- Colorado did not play in a bowl game in 2003, only the fourth time over the last 19 seasons that the Buffs did not go bowling; in fact since 1985, CU is tied for eighth nationally in the most appearances with 15, trailing only Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska (all with 19), Tennessee (18), Miami, Fla. (17) and Ohio State and Penn State (16). Washington is tied with the Buffs at 15.
- Since 1978, CU is one of just nine Division I-A schools to play all of its games in its division (no I-AA or II opponents; '78 is when the current setup came into vogue); joining CU are California, Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Ohio State, USC, UCLA and Washington.
- Colorado played 10 bowl teams in 2003, tied for the most in the nation (with Illinois and Texas A&M). Of the 11 teams on its 2004 schedule, nine participated in bowl contests last year: all three of CU's non-Big 12 foes were in the postseason (CSU, Washington State and North Texas), as are six league foes on the slate: Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma State and Texas.
- The loss to Nebraska to end 2003 was only the second to a fellow Big 12 North Division team in three seasons, as the Buffs are **13-2** since the start of the 2001 league season against North Division teams (the other loss coming at Kansas State, also in 2003).
- CU played five ranked teams in 2003, marking the fourth straight year (and ninth in the last 11) that it played at least that many.

THE AVERAGE BUFF The 104 players on the 2004 opening week roster (active and inactive, as of Aug. 29) were 7,646 inches in height and weighed 23,205 pounds, or an average of 6-1½, 223 pounds per player (very similar to last four averages: 6-2¼, 226 in 2003, 6-2¼, 227 in 2002 and 6-2, 227 in both 2000 and 2001). The 7,646 inches translate roughly into 637 feet or 212 yards (or a pro's 8-iron at The International at Castle Pines), while the weight of 23,205 pounds is about the equivalent of 2,774 gallons of water (at room temperature), just a little more than is required to produce four brand new tires (say what?). Here's a look at position-by-position averages; the biggest changes over a year ago are that the fullbacks are eight pounds heavier and two inches taller on average, while the cornerbacks are two inches shorter and seven pounds lighter (LW—denotes lettermen):

| Position | Players | LW | Height | Weight | Position | Players | LW | Height | Weight |
|---------------------|---------|----|--------|--------|------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Cornerbacks | 10 | 3 | 5-10 | 177 | Quarterbacks | 6 | 2 | 6-3 | 198 |
| Defensive Ends | 5 | 2 | 6-4 | 246 | Safeties | 8 | 2 | 6-1 | 196 |
| Defensive Tackles | 7 | 4 | 6-2½ | 287 | Special Teams Snappers | 2 | 1 | 6-1 | 225 |
| Fullbacks | 2 | 1 | 6-4½ | 243 | Tailbacks | 7 | 1 | 5-11 | 199 |
| Inside Linebackers | 12 | 5 | 6-1½ | 227 | Tight Ends | 6 | 3 | 6-4 | 239 |
| Kickers/Punters | 6 | 3 | 6-1 | 193 | V-Backs (Versatile) | 2 | 2 | 6-1 | 238 |
| Offensive Linemen | 13 | 6 | 6-4 | 293 | Wide Receivers | 14 | 2 | 6-1 | 195 |
| Outside Linebackers | 4 | 1 | 6-1½ | 215 | Team | 104 | 38 | 6-1½ | 223 |

The most popular letter to begin surnames are the letters C (12 each), followed by W (10), H (9) and then G and S (8); three last names are similar, but none are brothers (Jones, Sanders, Washington). The most popular first names are DANIEL (Goettsch, Goetz, Jolly, Sanders) and JOHN (Guydon, Martin, Torp). The more unique ones include Akarika, Dusty, McKenzie, Thaddaeus and Vaka.

AROUND THE NATION Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (76 percent of the entire roster—79 of 104 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado 39, California 21, Texas 19, Hawai'i 4, Iowa 3, Louisiana 3, Illinois 2, Michigan 2, Tennessee 2, Alabama 1, Arizona 1, Kansas 1, Minnesota 1, Missouri 1, Nebraska 1, Oklahoma 1 and Oregon 1. That's 17 states plus Canada (one player) that produced the make-up of this year's team.

2004 TEAM MAKEUP The 104 players listed on the opening roster as of August 29 breaks down into 12 seniors, 25 juniors, 30 sophomores and 37 freshmen (including 13 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

Lettermen Returning: 38 (17 offense, 17 defense, 4 specialists)
Scholarship Players: 77

Lettermen Lost: 22 (11 offense, 10 defense, 1 specialist)
Walk-On Players: 27

Starters Returning (11)—Offense 6 (OG Brian Daniels, QB Joel Klatt, TE Joe Klopfenstein, OG Derek Stemrich, FB Lawrence Vickers, OT Sam Wilder); **Defense 5** (WS J.J. Billingsley, DT Brandon Dabdoub, ILB Akarika Dawn, DE James Garee, DL Matt McChesney. *(Calculated by those who had six or more starts in 2003 OR were starting at the end of the year.)*)

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

Others Returning With Significant Scrimmage Experience (7; two or fewer career starts)—QB Erik Greenberg, DE Chris Hollis, DE Alex Ligon, DT Vaka Manupuna, WR Ron Monteilh, ILB Thaddaeus Washington, CB Terrence Wheatley).

Starters Lost (11)—Offense 5 (OT Karl Allis, TB Brian Calhoun, WR D.J. Hackett, C Marwan Hage, WR Derek McCoy); **Defense 6** (CB Phil Jackson, CB Sammy Joseph, FS Medford Mooror, DE Gabe Nyenhuis, S Clyde Surrell, ILB Sean Tufts).

Others Lost With Significant Starting Or Special Teams Experience (3)—WR/KR Jeremy Bloom, WR John Donahoe, DT DeAndre Fluellen.

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

Specialists Lost (1)—SN Jake Jones.

SENIOR ANALYSIS Colorado has 12 seniors on its roster, with all but two in the two-deep or in the regular rotation as in the case at WR and TE on the depth chart: **OG Terrance Barreau**, **DT Brandon Dabdoub**, **WR Mike Duren**, **DT Matt McChesney**, **WR Ron Monteilh**, **TB Bobby Purify**, **OG Derek Stemrich**, **TE Quinn Sypniewski**, **TE Jesse Wallace** and **OT Sam Wilder**. **DT McKenzie Tilmon** is listed third at nose tackle, and the 12th senior, **PK J.T. Eberly**, is out for the season with a torn Achilles tendon.

GRADUATION STAT(U)S There are 12 seniors on the Colorado roster, one of whom graduated last Friday (August 7): **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (journalism/news-editorial). Six others are on the course for this December: **DT Brandon Dabdoub** (communication), **WR Mike Duren** (communication), **PK J.T. Eberly** (business/double major in finance and marketing), **TB Bobby Purify** (sociology), **OL Derek Stemrich** (architecture) and **OT Sam Wilder** (economics). Four others are set to march next May: **OL Terrance Barreau** (business/finance), **WR Ron Monteilh** (economics), **DT Matt McChesney** (history) and **TE Jesse Wallace** (double major in communication and political science). The 12th, **DT McKenzie Tilmon** (ethnic studies), will likely be done in December '05.

► **NOTE:** Over the last two years, Colorado has had 51 of its 56 seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to a 91.1 percent rate (with three of the five non-grads still in school and looking to all graduate by next May). The 2002 and 2003 rates won't be calculated by the NCAA for a couple of years yet, but don't look for the same numbers; the NCAA doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate (i.e., Wayne Lucier in '02), but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. It's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially at tougher academic schools like Colorado. *Take for example the most recent figure released, for the '96 freshmen class:* CU's figure was 53 percent (10 of 19; four transferred, while four others pursued professional football starting their last semesters. Six of the nine left in good academic standing, meaning they were on course to graduate; and six transfers into the program, five of which graduated, do not count at all. Simply allowing for transfers to count both ways, CU's rate rises to 76 percent).

TOP CONDITIONED BUFFS The top Buffaloes from spring and summer testing; the only test prior to camp was the 300-yard shuttle, as the other results are from the spring (true freshmen won't be tested until next spring):

300-Yard Shuttle: J.J. Billingsley 44.16, Blake Mackey 44.54, Stephone Robinson 44.71, Marcus Gonzales 44.75, Tom Hubbard 44.89.

Bench Press: Brandon Dabdoub 428, Jack Tipton 420, Derek Stemrich 411, Joe Klopfenstein 409, Sam Wilder 399.

40-Yard Dash: Terrence Wheatley 4.38, Blake Mackey 4.39, Vance Washington 4.47 (Jeremy Bloom is a sub 4.4 as well, but did not test).

Power Clean: James Garee 335, Akarika Dawn 330, Joe Klopfenstein 325, five tied at 315.

Vertical Jump: Vance Washington 41-¼, Blake Mackey 39-0, Terrence Wheatley 38, Joe Klopfenstein 36-½.

Champions: Vance Washington (*Speed/RB-DB-WR-KP-QB*); Joe Klopfenstein (*Explosion/TE-FB-LB-DS*); James Garee (*Power/OL-DL*).

STREAKING Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 16 major schools. The list: 5—Air Force; 4—San Jose State; 3—Iowa State, Kansas, Minnesota, Utah State; 2—California, Colorado State, Iowa, Northeast Louisiana, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, UCLA, Texas A&M and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by Louisiana State (4) and Michigan State and Oklahoma (3 each).

SCORING STREAKS The Buffs have scored in a school record **188** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the second longest streak in the Big 12 behind Texas), last being shutout on Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **102** 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 **75** consecutive road games (**96** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **117** straight league games (all **67** in Big 12 play, including the 2001 and 2002 title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **111** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at home over the course of the last **240** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **420** 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 games of October 2):** Texas 282, **Colorado 188**, Nebraska 106, Kansas State 97, Texas Tech 85, Oklahoma 72, Oklahoma State 43, Kansas 20, Missouri 17, Baylor 8, Iowa State 7, Texas A&M 6. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

SCORING STREAKS II The school record **188** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **eighth** longest active streak in the nation. The list of the 11 Division I-A schools that have scored in every game since at least the start of the 1993 season, through games of October 2:

| School | Streak | Last Shutout | School | Streak | Last Shutout |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--|------------|--|
| Texas | 282 | Nov. 22, 1980 at Baylor (0-16) | Florida | 196 | Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16) |
| Washington | 269 | Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31) | Colorado | 188 | Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7) |
| Michigan | 243 | Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26) | TCU | 146 | Nov. 16, 1992 at Texas (0-32) |
| Washington State | 231 | Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44) | Nevada | 144 | *All games: joined Div I-A in 1993 |
| Oregon | 225 | Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63) | Air Force | 139 | #Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13) |
| Florida State | 202 | Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31) | (*—284 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl) | | |

OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS Some out of the ordinary records by the Buffs in some unique situations:

- ❑ Colorado is **63-22** in its last **85** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **62-12** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **55-15-1** in its last **71** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **17-8** since 1986 against teams ranked between Nos. 20 and 25 in the AP poll (**8-2** in the last 10; five of the last six);
- ❑ Colorado is **61-9-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**14-2** last 16; **69-43-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **64-25-2** in games where the starting quarterback had the letter "K" in his first or last name (dating to 1992: **Kordell Stewart**, **Duke Tobin**, **Koy Detmer**, **Mike Moschetti**, **Joel Klatt**, **Erik Greenberg**).

SCHEDULE HISTORY CU's 2003 schedule included 10 bowl teams, meaning the Buffs have played 42 bowl teams over the last five seasons. The formula to calculate schedule strength by the NCAA calls for combined record of all opponents, minus wins against non-Division I teams and the results (wins & losses) against the school the research is figured for. Colorado's 12 opponents in 2003 under this formula posted an 84-57 log, a .596 winning percentage, making it the seventh toughest schedule in school history. In fact, CU's last four schedules all rank in the top nine in CU annals, with the 2004 slate more than likely to join them. The 1997 schedule holds down the No. 1 slot (.669), with the 1971 slate second at a .641 percentage. That schedule included national champion Nebraska (13-0), No. 2 Oklahoma (11-1), No. 11 Louisiana State (9-3) and Iowa State (8-4). The 1990 Buffaloes remain one of just two teams (with Penn State in '82) to have won national championships while playing the nation's toughest schedule; opponents that season were 72-43-3 (.623), Colorado's fifth toughest all-time. The 1997 team played eight games against teams with winning records, with all eight having won at least seven games (five with nine-plus wins and four won 10 or more), and seven went to bowls, including the eventual co-national champions, Nebraska (13-0) and Michigan (12-0). CU also faced seven bowl teams in both 2000 and 2001, when it played the NCAA's fourth and second toughest schedules.

CU'S TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

| Year (Wins) | W | L | T | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1997 (5) | 81 | 40 | - | .669 |
| 1971 (10) | 79 | 44 | 1 | .641 |
| 1962 (2) | 59 | 34 | 2 | .632 |
| 2001 (10) | 83 | 49 | - | .629 |
| 1990 (11) | 72 | 43 | 3 | .623 |
| 2000 (3) | 74 | 46 | - | .617 |
| 1996 (10) | 77 | 52 | - | .597 |
| 2003 (5) | 84 | 57 | - | .596 |
| 2002 (9) | 100 | 68 | - | .595 |
| 1989 (11) | 73 | 51 | 1 | .588 |
| 1986 (6) | 74 | 52 | 0 | .587 |
| 1951 (7) | 49 | 34 | 6 | .584 |
| 2004 (3) | 25 | 16 | - | .610 |

OPPONENTS IN 2004 Colorado has nine bowl teams on its 2004 schedule, the third straight year CU has that many on the slate. This year's 11 foes combined for an **87-56** record in 2003, a winning percentage of 60.8; five teams won 10 or more games (Washington State, North Texas, Texas, Kansas State and Nebraska), while only three did not have a winning record (Iowa State, Texas A&M and Kansas). CU's been a mainstay near the top of the toughest schedule standings this century, as the Buffs played the nation's 13th toughest schedule last year, after playing the 12th hardest in 2002, the fourth in 2001 and second in 2000. The roll call of 2004 opponents and their 2003 records: Colorado State (7-6), Washington State (10-3), North Texas (10-3), Missouri (8-5), Oklahoma State (9-4), Iowa State (2-10), Texas A&M (4-8), Texas (10-3), Kansas (6-7), Kansas State (11-4) and Nebraska (10-3).

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE Colorado has the **eighth** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**128-54-4**). Of these 186 games, Colorado has played **79** ranked teams (42%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 25 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **40-37-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-15** record *on the road*); CU is also **88-17-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 10-plus years (**59** of its last **136** 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 and 2-3 in 2003. **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 (it's toughest-ever) in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games.*

'03 BOWL TEAMS Research by the Oklahoma SID office shows that the Buffaloes and Sooners have the most 2003 bowl teams on their '04 schedules with nine. Nine other schools will play eight, including Kansas and Texas Tech from the Big 12, along with Arizona, Arizona State, Miami-Fla., North Carolina, Northwestern, Notre Dame and Penn State.

2004 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS Here's a look at the schedules and results for the 11 teams on Colorado's regular season schedule:

COLORADO STATE (1-4)

| | | |
|------|------------------------|----|
| 24 | at Colorado | 27 |
| 0 | at Southern California | 49 |
| 16 | MINNESOTA | 34 |
| 39 | MONTANA STATE | 14 |
| 21 | ✚BRIGHAM YOUNG | 31 |
| 0 9 | ✚at San Diego State | |
| 0 22 | ✚WYOMING | |
| 0 30 | ✚NEW MEXICO | |
| N 6 | ✚at Utah | |
| N 13 | ✚UNLV | |
| N 20 | ✚at Air Force | |

WASHINGTON STATE (3-1)

| | | |
|------|-----------------------|----|
| 21 | at New Mexico | 17 |
| 12 | COLORADO (in Seattle) | 20 |
| 49 | IDAHO | 8 |
| 20 | ✚at Arizona | 19 |
| 0 9 | ✚OREGON | |
| 0 16 | ✚STANFORD | |
| 0 23 | ✚at Oregon State | |
| 0 30 | ✚SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | |
| N 6 | ✚at UCLA | |
| N 13 | ✚at Arizona State | |
| N 20 | ✚WASHINGTON | |

NORTH TEXAS (1-4)

| | | |
|------|-------------------------|----|
| 0 | at Texas | 65 |
| 13 | FLORIDA ATLANTIC | 20 |
| 21 | at Colorado | 52 |
| 14 | at Baylor | 37 |
| 30 | ►MIDDLE TENN. STATE | 21 |
| 0 9 | ►at Utah State | |
| 0 23 | ►NEW MEXICO STATE | |
| 0 30 | ►LOUISIANA-MONROE | |
| N 5 | ►at Louisiana-Lafayette | |
| N 13 | ►IDAHO | |
| N 18 | ►at Arkansas State | |

MISSOURI (3-1)

| | | |
|------|-----------------|----|
| 52 | ARKANSAS STATE | 20 |
| 14 | at Troy | 24 |
| 48 | BALL STATE | 0 |
| 17 | ◆COLORADO | 9 |
| 0 9 | ◆at Baylor | |
| 0 16 | ◆at Texas | |
| 0 23 | ◆OKLAHOMA STATE | |
| 0 30 | ◆at Nebraska | |
| N 6 | ◆KANSAS STATE | |
| N 20 | ◆KANSAS | |
| N 27 | ◆at Iowa State | |

OKLAHOMA STATE (4-0)

| | | |
|------|--------------------|----|
| 31 | at UCLA | 20 |
| 38 | TULSA | 21 |
| 59 | SOUTHERN METHODIST | 7 |
| 36 | ◆IOWA STATE | 7 |
| 0 9 | ◆at Colorado | |
| 0 16 | ◆TEXAS A & M | |
| 0 23 | ◆at Missouri | |
| 0 30 | ◆OKLAHOMA | |
| N 6 | ◆at Texas | |
| N 13 | ◆BAYLOR | |
| N 27 | ◆at Texas Tech | |

IOWA STATE (2-2)

| | | |
|------|--------------------|----|
| 23 | NORTHERN IOWA | 0 |
| 10 | at Iowa | 17 |
| 48 | NORTHERN ILLINOIS | 41 |
| 7 | ◆at Oklahoma State | 36 |
| 0 9 | ◆TEXAS A & M | |
| 0 16 | ◆at Colorado | |
| 0 23 | ◆at Baylor | |
| 0 30 | ◆KANSAS | |
| N 6 | ◆NEBRASKA | |
| N 20 | ◆at Kansas State | |
| N 27 | ◆MISSOURI | |

TEXAS A & M (3-1)

| | | |
|------|--------------------|----|
| 21 | at Utah | 41 |
| 31 | WYOMING | 0 |
| 27 | CLEMSON | 6 |
| 42 | ◆KANSAS STATE | 30 |
| 0 9 | ◆at Iowa State | |
| 0 16 | ◆at Oklahoma State | |
| 0 23 | ◆COLORADO | |
| 0 30 | ◆at Baylor | |
| N 6 | ◆OKLAHOMA | |
| N 13 | ◆TEXAS TECH | |
| N 26 | ◆at Texas | |

TEXAS (4-0)

| | | |
|------|-----------------------|----|
| 65 | NORTH TEXAS | 0 |
| 22 | at Arkansas | 20 |
| 35 | RICE | 13 |
| 44 | ◆BAYLOR | 14 |
| 0 9 | ◆Oklahoma (at Dallas) | |
| 0 16 | ◆MISSOURI | |
| 0 23 | ◆at Texas Tech | |
| 0 30 | ◆at Colorado | |
| N 6 | ◆OKLAHOMA STATE | |
| N 13 | ◆at Kansas | |
| N 26 | ◆TEXAS A & M | |

KANSAS (2-3)

| | | |
|------|-----------------|----|
| 21 | TULSA | 3 |
| 63 | TOLEDO | 14 |
| 17 | at Northwestern | 20 |
| 30 | ◆TEXAS TECH | 31 |
| 8 | ◆at Nebraska | 14 |
| 0 9 | ◆KANSAS STATE | |
| 0 23 | ◆at Oklahoma | |
| 0 30 | ◆at Iowa State | |
| N 6 | ◆COLORADO | |
| N 13 | ◆TEXAS | |
| N 20 | ◆at Missouri | |

KANSAS STATE (3-1)

| | | |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 27 | WESTERN KENTUCKY | 13 |
| 21 | FRESNO STATE | 45 |
| 40 | LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE | 20 |
| 30 | ◆at Texas A & M | 42 |
| 0 9 | ◆at Kansas | |
| 0 16 | ◆OKLAHOMA | |
| 0 23 | ◆NEBRASKA | |
| 0 30 | ◆TEXAS TECH | |
| N 6 | ◆at Missouri | |
| N 13 | ◆at Colorado | |
| N 20 | ◆IOWA STATE | |

NEBRASKA (3-1)

| | | |
|------|----------------------|----|
| 56 | WESTERN ILLINOIS | 17 |
| 17 | SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI | 21 |
| 24 | at Pittsburgh | 17 |
| 14 | ◆KANSAS | 8 |
| 0 9 | ◆at Texas Tech | |
| 0 16 | ◆BAYLOR | |
| 0 23 | ◆at Kansas State | |
| 0 30 | ◆MISSOURI | |
| N 6 | ◆at Iowa State | |
| N 13 | ◆at Oklahoma | |
| N 26 | ◆COLORADO | |

KEY: ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ✚—Mountain West Conference game; ✚—Pacific 10 Conference game; ►—Sun Belt Conference game.

HISTORICALLY Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 115th season of competition with an all-time record of **638-392-36** in **1,066** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 21st in all-time winning percentage (.616). 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 **273-129-10** in 80-plus seasons on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **234-199-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB Colorado is **41-17-2** in its last **60** October games. CU is **44-16-1** in its last **61** November games (and is **40-8** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-8-1 against NU in turkey month). The Buffs are **41-15** in its last **56** games played in September, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, is **5-3** in December games since 1993, and is **2-2-1** in the only August games in its history.

OVERTIME Colorado 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 |

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 1992, 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.

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 the 14 seasons, which is the seventh most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Miami (9), Nebraska (8) and Oklahoma (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 and Hendricks awards. The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2003 (players only):

| School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies |
|-----------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|
| Florida State | 7 | 15 | Tennessee | 2 | 4 | Texas A&M | 2 | 2 | Louisville | 1 | 1 |
| Miami, Fla. | 9 | 15 | Northwestern | 1 | 4 | TCU | 2 | 2 | Marshall | 1 | 1 |
| Oklahoma | 8 | 12 | Alabama | 3 | 3 | Texas Tech | 2 | 2 | Memphis | 1 | 1 |
| Ohio State | 7 | 12 | Georgia | 3 | 3 | Arizona State | 1 | 2 | Michigan State | 1 | 1 |
| Nebraska | 8 | 10 | Kansas State | 3 | 3 | Maryland | 1 | 2 | Minnesota | 1 | 1 |
| Michigan | 4 | 10 | Notre Dame | 3 | 3 | North Carolina | 1 | 2 | Missouri | 1 | 1 |
| Colorado | 7 | 9 | Purdue | 3 | 3 | California | 1 | 1 | N.C. State | 1 | 1 |
| Penn State | 4 | 8 | UCLA | 3 | 3 | Cincinnati | 1 | 1 | Stanford | 1 | 1 |
| Florida | 3 | 8 | Pittsburgh | 2 | 3 | Colorado State | 1 | 1 | Tulane | 1 | 1 |
| Wisconsin | 3 | 6 | Virginia Tech | 2 | 3 | Fresno State | 1 | 1 | Washington State | 1 | 1 |
| Arizona | 4 | 5 | USC | 2 | 3 | Georgia Tech | 1 | 1 | Wyoming | 1 | 1 |
| Brigham Young | 2 | 5 | Washington | 2 | 3 | Kentucky | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Texas | 1 | 5 | Illinois | 2 | 2 | Louisiana State | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Iowa | 5 | 5 | Mississippi | 2 | 2 | Louisiana Tech | 1 | 1 | | | |

CRADLE OF COACHES There are five current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado. The most obvious is **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 and was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98. Others include: **Gerry DiNardo**, Vanderbilt/LSU and now of Indiana (at Colorado from 1982-89); **Les Miles**, Oklahoma State (1982-86), **Gregg Brandon**, Bowling Green (1999-2000) and **Karl Dorrell**, UCLA (1992-93, 1995-97). 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). **Lou Tepper** (1983-87) was head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State. All were assistants under Bill McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94). And former Buff **OG Peter Shinnick**, is a sixth-year head coach at a small college in Minnesota. Five others who assisted under McCartney have also worked as head coaches: **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). **Tom Cable** (1998-99) was head coach for four seasons at Idaho, as he coached under Rick Neuheisel and Barnett. Dorrell is the only one above to coach as an assistant under both McCartney and Neuheisel.

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 15 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing two of the times, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in 2003). 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 16 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2004:** Florida State 16, Michigan 16, Ohio State 16, Miami, Fla. 15, Tennessee 15, Nebraska 14, Notre Dame 13, Penn State 13, **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 |

CUMULATIVE RANKINGS In the 1990s, the Buffaloes were the *Associated Press*' consensus No. 10 team, with only Nebraska ranked higher (No. 3) from the Big 12 Conference.

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 (1989-2003): Florida State 12, Miami 8, Nebraska 5, **COLORADO 4**, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Florida 3, Notre Dame 3, Ohio State 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2003): Florida State 12, Florida 10, Miami 9, Michigan 8, Nebraska 8, Tennessee 8, **COLORADO 6**, Kansas State 6, Ohio State 6, Alabama 5.

AND THE RETURN CU was out of the polls for an 11-week period ('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 16 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 a vengeance 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. 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 11 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons). **The Buffs have not played a ranked opponent yet in 2004.**

TV LAND Colorado has now had **114** of its last **174** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes three games this year, 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, **77** of CU's **101** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 76 percent. Nationally, CU is likely in the top 10 in national/regional appearances in this time frame, but official records are not tracked.

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 conference some revenue. Here are the counts (and records) of Big 12 schools since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (not including bowls): **Colorado 24** (13-10-1), Texas 20 (6-12-2), Nebraska 12 (8-4), Oklahoma 12 (6-6), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 11 (0-11), Baylor 9 (2-7), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 7 (0-7), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5) and Kansas State 2 (1-1).

FOLSOM FIELD ACCOLADE 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 inflicted a few blemishes on some of the teams who had the best home records in the 1990s. 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 (wins in 1991 and 1995 and a tie in 1993). The Buffs added to their mystique by returning to A & M in 2000 and snapping the Aggies 22-game home winning streak—started later in the 1996 season (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.

16/19 The Buffs have 16 winning (regular) seasons in the last 19 years, matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The only exceptions came in 1997, 2000 and 2003; in 1986, CU was 6-5 in the regular season but finished 6-6 after losing to Baylor in the Bluebonnet Bowl. CU has been invited to bowls in 15 of the previous 19 years, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000 and last year.

OFFENSE/DEFENSE Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball, and **DT/OL John Guydon** could do both this year. The last to try this was **DT Sam Wilder**, who 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 (though a nice 5-yard run was wiped out by a penalty). In the last 12 years, several Buffs have played on both sides of the ball; in 1998 **OG Brad Bedell** played some goal-line defense. That's happened often at CU, having one of the O-linemen come over to defense for goal line or short yardage defense—**OG Heath Irwin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole** and **OT Melvin Thomas** all did the same in the mid-90s. 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 **WR Michael Westbrook**, who played four snaps at strong safety against Baylor in 1993.

WHY CU, 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," says CU historian Fred Casotti. It has always been this way at Colorado, for whatever reason, and at the other four listed above—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. 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 competition for the starting quarterback job in 2003 was only the fourth real battle in just over a decade at Colorado. The last was in 2000, when 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 on Aug. 27; four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and never relinquished the role. There was no battle for starting quarterback in 1999, as senior **Mike Moschetti** was entrenched as the starter. However, the battle for the starting job in 1998 was the first in some six years; Moschetti, junior **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won on Aug. 24, when then-head coach Rick Neuheisel named him as the starter (Weisinger subsequently asked for and received a release from his scholarship and 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 has become 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 Knappe** on occasion after Knappe 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 just last year in 2001, when **Bobby Pesavento** took over for an injured **Craig Ochs** for the second half of the season, 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.

CHART-MANIA The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the last 19 football seasons, through all games of 2003 (includes bowls; those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 19 years):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2003)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|----|----------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Miami, Fla. | 193 | 36 | 0 | .843 |
| 2 | Florida State | 195 | 38 | 2 | .834 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 196 | 41 | 1 | .826 |
| 4 | Michigan | 178 | 50 | 5 | .775 |
| 5 | Tennessee | 177 | 51 | 6 | .769 |
| 6 | Florida | 173 | 59 | 2 | .744 |
| 7 | Ohio State | 168 | 60 | 5 | .732 |
| 8 | Alabama | 161 | 71 | 2 | .723 |
| 9 | Penn State | 163 | 66 | 1 | .711 |
| 10 | Texas A & M | 163 | 67 | 2 | .707 |
| 11 | Oklahoma | 158 | 67 | 3 | .700 |
| 12 | Notre Dame | 155 | 71 | 2 | .684 |
| 13 | Auburn | 152 | 69 | 5 | .684 |
| 14 | Colorado | 153 | 72 | 4 | .677 |
| 15 | Washington | 150 | 73 | 3 | .670 |
| 16 | Georgia | 151 | 74 | 3 | .669 |
| 17 | Syracuse | 149 | 74 | 4 | .665 |
| 18 | Brigham Young | 160 | 81 | 2 | .663 |
| 19 | Fresno State | 150 | 78 | 3 | .656 |
| 20 | Clemson | 145 | 79 | 3 | .645 |
| 21 | Air Force | 148 | 84 | 1 | .637 |
| 22 | Texas | 144 | 82 | 2 | .636 |
| 23 | Virginia Tech | 140 | 81 | 3 | .632 |
| 24 | Southern California | 142 | 84 | 5 | .626 |
| 25 | UCLA | 136 | 84 | 3 | .617 |
| 26 | Virginia | 140 | 87 | 1 | .616 |
| 27 | Oregon | 135 | 87 | 0 | .608 |
| 28 | Southern Miss | 130 | 88 | 1 | .596 |
| 29 | West Virginia | 128 | 91 | 4 | .583 |
| 30 | North Carolina State | 130 | 94 | 4 | .579 |
| 31 | Kansas State | 130 | 95 | 2 | .577 |
| 32 | Iowa | 123 | 90 | 5 | .576 |
| 33 | Mississippi | 125 | 94 | 2 | .570 |
| 34 | Arizona | 123 | 94 | 5 | .565 |
| 35 | Arizona State | 122 | 95 | 3 | .561 |

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TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2003)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|----|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Florida (SEC) | 98 | 19 | 0 | .838 |
| 2 | Nebraska (Big 8/12) | 93 | 19 | 1 | .827 |
| 3 | Michigan (Big Ten) | 95 | 24 | 2 | .793 |
| 4 | Tennessee (SEC) | 90 | 25 | 2 | .778 |
| 5 | BYU (WAC/MWC) | 85 | 29 | 1 | .743 |
| 6 | Ohio State (Big Ten) | 87 | 30 | 3 | .738 |
| 7 | Colorado (Big 8/12) | 80 | 30 | 3 | .721 |
| 8 | Texas (SWC/Big 12) | 83 | 33 | 0 | .716 |
| 9 | Washington (Pac-10) | 84 | 35 | 1 | .704 |
| 10 | Texas A & M (SWC/B-12) | 80 | 34 | 2 | .698 |

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 (1989-2003)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|----|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Florida State | 157 | 29 | 1 | .842 |
| 2 | Nebraska | 155 | 32 | 1 | .827 |
| 3 | Miami, Fla. | 149 | 32 | 0 | .823 |
| 4 | Tennessee | 146 | 37 | 3 | .793 |
| 5 | Florida | 145 | 42 | 1 | .774 |
| 6 | Michigan | 139 | 41 | 3 | .768 |
| 7 | Ohio State | 139 | 44 | 3 | .755 |
| 8 | Colorado | 125 | 53 | 4 | .698 |
| 9 | Kansas State | 127 | 55 | 1 | .697 |
| 9 | Penn State | 127 | 55 | 1 | .697 |
| 11 | Texas A & M | 127 | 55 | 2 | .696 |
| 12 | Notre Dame | 125 | 55 | 2 | .692 |
| 13 | Washington | 122 | 56 | 1 | .684 |
| 14 | Alabama | 125 | 58 | 1 | .682 |
| 15 | Virginia Tech | 120 | 57 | 2 | .676 |
| 16 | Toledo | 115 | 55 | 3 | .673 |
| 17 | Texas | 120 | 60 | 2 | .665 |
| 18 | Georgia | 118 | 60 | 1 | .662 |
| 19 | Brigham Young | 123 | 64 | 2 | .656 |
| 20 | Auburn | 115 | 60 | 3 | .654 |
| 21 | Oklahoma | 116 | 61 | 3 | .653 |
| 21 | Syracuse | 116 | 61 | 3 | .653 |
| 23 | Virginia | 116 | 66 | 1 | .637 |
| 24 | Air Force | 116 | 67 | 1 | .633 |
| 25 | Oregon | 113 | 66 | 0 | .631 |
| 26 | Colorado State | 113 | 68 | 1 | .624 |
| 27 | Clemson | 111 | 67 | 1 | .623 |
| 28 | Fresno State | 114 | 69 | 2 | .622 |
| 29 | Southern California | 111 | 67 | 4 | .621 |
| 30 | Mississippi | 105 | 71 | 0 | .597 |
| 31 | Georgia Tech | 104 | 73 | 1 | .587 |
| 32 | Southern Miss | 101 | 72 | 1 | .583 |
| 33 | Wisconsin | 101 | 76 | 4 | .569 |
| 34 | UCLA | 99 | 75 | 1 | .569 |
| 35 | North Carolina | 98 | 78 | 1 | .556 |

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (14-10-1)

| Season | Score |
|--------|--|
| 1987 | Nebraska 24, COLORADO 7 |
| 1988 | Oklahoma 17, COLORADO 14 |
| 1990 | COLORADO 28, Iowa State 12 |
| 1991 | COLORADO 55, Missouri 7 |
| 1992 | COLORADO 24, Oklahoma 24 (tie) |
| 1993 | Nebraska 21, COLORADO 17 |
| 1994 | COLORADO 17, Oklahoma State 3 |
| 1995 | COLORADO 21, Missouri 0 |
| | COLORADO 38, Oregon 6 (Cotton Bowl) |
| 1996 | COLORADO 28, Texas 24 |
| | COLORADO 12, Kansas State 0 |
| 1997 | COLORADO 42, Kansas 6 |
| | Missouri 41, COLORADO 31 |
| 1998 | Kansas State 16, COLORADO 9 |
| 1999 | Nebraska 33, COLORADO 30 (overtime) |
| 2000 | Iowa State 35, COLORADO 27 |
| 2001 | COLORADO 62, Nebraska 36 |
| 2002 | COLORADO 35, Kansas State 31 |
| | COLORADO 34, Baylor 0 |
| | COLORADO 37, Texas Tech 13 |
| | COLORADO 41, Iowa State 27 |
| | Oklahoma 29, COLORADO 7 (Big 12 Championship @Houston) |
| 2003 | Oklahoma 34, COLORADO 20 |
| | Nebraska 31, COLORADO 22 |
| 2004 | COLORADO 27, Colorado State 24 |

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER (z)

- 4 Ron Monteilh, 6-0, 200, Sr.**
- 23 Tyler Littlehales, 6-4, 200, Soph.
- 81 Mike Duren, 5-9, 190, Sr.
- (7 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS; injured)

WIDE RECEIVER (x)

- 82 Evan Judge, 6-2, 205, Jr.**
- 9 Blake Mackey, 6-3, 200, Soph.
- 6 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 185, Fr.
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Fr.-RS

SPLIT TACKLE

- 74 Sam Wilder, 6-5, 295, Sr.***
- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 275, Fr.-RS
- 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 290, Soph.

SPLIT GUARD

- 78 Terrance Barreau, 6-1, 295, Sr.
- 52 Derek Stemrich, 6-6, 285, Sr.**
- 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 290, Soph.

CENTER

- 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 290, Soph.*
- 78 Terrance Barreau, 6-1, 295, Sr.
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 300, Fr.

TIGHT GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-5, 300, Soph.*
- 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Jr.**
- 68 Carl Zoellner, 6-2, 290, Fr.

TIGHT TACKLE

- 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 300, Jr.**
- 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Jr.**
- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-5, 300, Fr.-RS

TIGHT END

- 89 Joe Klopfenstein, 6-6, 250, Jr.**
- 86 Jesse Wallace, 6-3, 245, Sr.**
- 46 Dan Goettsch, 6-5, 240, Soph.
- (45 Q. Sypniewski, 6-7, 255, Sr.***-injured)

QUARTERBACK

- 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 205, Jr.**
- 10 James Cox, 6-3, 215, Soph.
- 3 Brian White, 6-5, 210, Fr.-RS
- 13 Erik Greenberg, 6-2, 195, Jr.*

TAILBACK

- 42 Bobby Purify, 6-0, 215, Sr.****
- 31 Isaiah Crawford, 5-9, 190, Fr.-RS
- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 185, Fr. AND
- 22 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 195, Fr.

V-BACK (FB's & TB's)

- 17 Lawrence Vickers, 6-2, 240, Jr.**
- 8 Daniel Jolly, 6-0, 235, Soph.*

FULLBACK

- 30 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 245, Soph.*
- 43 Brendan Schaub, 6-4, 240, Jr.

DEFENSE

(4-3 Pro Style)

DEFENSIVE END

- 51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 240, Soph.*
- 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 235, Soph.
- 56 Greg Newman, 6-4, 235, Fr.

NOSE TACKLE

- 93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 285, Jr.**
- 98 Brandon Dabdoub, 6-1, 290, Sr.***
- 99 McKenzie Tilmon, 6-3, 310, Sr.*

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 60 Matt McChesney, 6-4, 290, Sr.*** (also DE)
- 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 290, Jr.
- 96 Marcus Jones, 6-4, 290, Soph.

DEFENSIVE END (rush)

- 82 James Garee, 6-6, 265, Jr.**
- 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 240, Fr.
- 94 David Veikune, 6-2, 245, Fr.

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-1, 230, Jr.**
- 49 Thaddaeus Washington, 5-11, 240, Soph.*
- 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 235, Soph.*

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 220, Fr.
- 50 Chris Hollis, 6-1, 230, Jr.**
- 55 Jason Ackermann, 6-1, 220, Soph.
- 28 Kyle Griffith, 6-2, 220, Jr.**

BUFF (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 27 Brian Iwuh, 6-0, 220, Jr.**
- 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 220, Fr.-RS
- 19 Ben Carpenter, 6-3, 220, Soph.
- 40 Brad Jones, 6-4, 210, Fr.

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 22 Lorenzo Sims Jr., 5-11, 180, Soph.*
- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 170, Soph.*
- 4 Chris Russell, 6-2, 205, Fr.-RS

FREE SAFETY

- 3 Tyrone Henderson, 5-10, 180, Soph. OR
- 5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 190, Jr.**

STRONG SAFETY

- 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-1, 195, Soph.*
- 9 Tom Hubbard, 6-5, 215, Jr.
- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Soph.
- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 170, Soph.*
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER

- 29 John Torp, 6-2, 205, Jr.*
- 23 Tyler Littlehales, 6-4, 200, Soph.
- 41 J.P. Heaton, 6-1, 195, Soph.

PLACEKICKER

- 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 200, Soph.*
- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-10, 185, Soph.*
- 13 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 180, Fr.

KICKOFF RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS
- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 170, Soph.*
- 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Soph.
- 42 Bobby Purify, 6-0, 215, Sr.****

PUNT RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS
- 81 Mike Duren, 5-9, 190, Sr.
- 4 Ron Monteilh, 6-0, 200, Sr.**
- 6 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 185, Fr.

HOLDER

- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 185, Soph.
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Fr.-RS

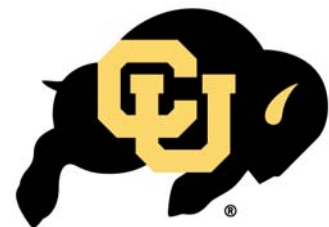
SNAPPER (Long & Short)

- 59 Greg Pace, 5-11, 240, Jr.**
- 90 Matt Hammond, 6-3, 210, Jr.
- 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 290, Jr.

INJURED (Out For Extended Time)

Brandon Caesar, Soph., TB (knee surgery)
 Nick Clement, Sr., DT (torn pec muscle)
 *—Chad Cusworth, Soph., OLB (torn ACL)
 *—J.T. Eberly, Sr., PK (torn Achilles)
 *—Ryan Walters, Fr., FS (broken thumb)
 *—Vance Washington, Jr., CB (shoulder)
 *—Patrick Williams, Fr., WR (broken hands)
 (*—Out for the season.)

Fifth-Year Seniors: All but one of the 12 seniors on the roster are fifth-year seniors (Tilmon is the lone fourth-year senior).



*—denotes number of letters earned; *Players listed in italics are injured (status as questionable or doubtful; probables listed as normal).*

CAPTAINS: 14 Joel Klatt QB; 60 Matt McChesney DT; 42 Bobby Purify TB; 74 Sam Wilder, OT.