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2004 CU FOOTBALL: GAME 7—TEXAS A & M

Saturday, October 23 at College Station, Texas (11:30 a.m. MDT; no live TV)

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QUICKLY The **Colorado Buffaloes** (4-2, 1-2 Big 12) will try to even their conference record when they travel to College Station to take on the **Texas A&M Aggies** (5-1, 3-0 Big 12) this Saturday, October 23 in an 11:30 a.m. mountain kickoff at Kyle Field... There is no live television of the game, as the networks passed (no pay-per-view either), so it's old school with radio only... This will be CU head coach Gary Barnett's **150th game** as a Division I-A head coach; it's his 69th at Colorado after coaching 81 games at Northwestern... Colorado has lost six straight games to Big 12 South Division teams, dating back to a 27-11 loss at Oklahoma in 2002; OU has dealt CU three of those, with Baylor, OSU and Tech defeating CU once in the streak (CU is 14-3 in its last 17 games against Big 12 North opposition)... Colorado is currently playing the nation's 45th toughest schedule according to NCAA calculations; 10 Big 12 schools are currently in the top 37, with the one other, Missouri's, ranked at No. 77... For the second time in the last three games, CU will face an opponent that enters the game with just 1 turnover on the season (OSU also had just 1)... ABC will televise the Texas-CU game from Boulder on October 30; kickoff will be 1:30 p.m. ... CU's website, www.CUBuffs.com features game day updates and live stats for all games, home and road. [DEPTH CHART ON PAGE 42](#)

IN-THE-POLLS CU was unranked in both the *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today*/ESPN (coaches) polls of Sunday, October 16, receiving no votes in either (CU had climbed to No. 27 in the coaches and No. 30 in the AP before the loss to Missouri). The Buffs were last ranked on September 7 of last year, having risen 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 **255** polls (*AP*; 71%), 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 (80), trailing Florida (87), Florida State (86) and Michigan (84).

STAT OF THE WEEK Iowa State was **0-of-5** when penetrating the Buff 20-yard line (red zone), as the Cyclones had two series end on downs, two end in missed field goals and one end abruptly with a fumble. For the year, Colorado had allowed just five touchdowns and seven scores overall in 19 opponent penetrations of its 20, and its actually been a team trademark back to 1988, Mike Hankwitz' first year in his first stint as defensive coordinator. Since then, opponents have cracked the CU 20 a total of 594 times, scoring a touchdown just under half the time (296), with 150 field goals and 148 non-scores; that's 25% of the time allowing nothing, and 50% allowing three points or less. CU and Hank's best year in this stat was 1991, when opponents scored just 18 times in 32 red zone trips (**56.3%**), with only 13 touchdowns.

OBSCURER NOTE OF THE WEEK A companion note to the above, as CU has allowed just one score—a touchdown—in eight possessions opponents have started in Colorado territory.

60, 61*, 61* No, not Ruth and Maris, but Crosby and Torp, as in CU's kicker duo of **PK Mason Crosby** and **P John Torp**. Crosby kicked a CU record 60-yard field goal in the 19-14 win over Iowa State, while Torp had a pair of 61 yard punts from inside the CU 25 late in the game to help keep Iowa State at bay. He punted six times on the day for a gaudy 51.2 average, a week after he averaged 52.2 on five kicks against Oklahoma State. In addition, all five of Crosby's kickoffs went for touchbacks, including one after a penalty from the CU20 he booted about 87 yards (22 of 30 this year have done so). It all adds up to some of the best kicking play CU has ever had,

2004 COLORADO SCHEDULE (4-2, 1-2 BIG 12)

Date	CU*	Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	Record	Series	This-N-That
SEPT. 4	NR	COLORADO STATE	NR	FSN	W 27-24	2-4	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	3-3	4-2-0	Defense racks up 8 sacks, TD; 2 blocked punts/TD
SEPT. 18	NR	NORTH TEXAS	NR	PPV	W 52-21	2-4	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	4-2	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	L 14-42	5-1	25-17-1	Offense nets 445; big plays and ST play hurt Buffaloes
OCT. 16	NR	+IOWA STATE (<i>FW</i>)	NR	FSN	W 19-14	2-4	46-12-1	Crosby's 4 FG's pace Buffs, including record 60-yarder
Oct. 23	NR	+at Texas A & M	17	none	11:30 a.m.	5-1	4-1-0	CU 2-0 at Kyle Field (24-10 in '96, 26-19 in 2000)
OCT. 30		+TEXAS		ABC	1:30 p.m.	5-1	7-6-0	First meeting since '01 Big 12 title game (CU, 39-37)
Nov. 6		+at Kansas		TBA	TBA	3-3	39-21-3	CU owns 16-3 edge since '85 (KU 2-1 in last 3 at home)
NOV. 13		+KANSAS STATE		TBA	TBA	2-4	41-17-1	First November meeting since '99 (KSU, 20-14)
Nov. 26		+at Nebraska		ABC	10:00 a.m.	4-2	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-dooob)
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)
STEPHONE 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)
Oklahoma State	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Vickers	Wallace (TE)
Iowa State	Monteilh	Judge	Wilder	Barreau	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Cox	Purify	Vickers
DEFENSE	DE	NT	DT	DE	ILB	ILB	OLB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Colorado State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Dizon	lwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
Washington State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Dizon	lwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
North Texas	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	lwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
Missouri	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	Dizon	lwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
Oklahoma State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	Dawn	T. Washington	lwuh	Sims	Henderson	Brooks	Burl
Iowa State	Ligon	Manupuna	McChesney	Garee	T. Washington	Dizon	lwuh	Sims	Brooks	Hubbard	Burl

(N)—Nickel Back. **MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Wilder 29, Daniels 15, Garee 14., Klopfenstein 8. **MOST CAREER STARTS**—Wilder 29, Billingsley 18, McChesney 18, Dabdoub 17.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Colorado State 94/56; Washington State 69/56; North Texas 92/66; Missouri 69/56; Oklahoma State 91/59; Iowa State 92/57.

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 lwuh	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 lwuh	none	DB Charlie Sherman	DT David Veikune
Oklahoma State	VB Lawrence Vickers	none	P John Torp	TB Lenny Miles	ILB Walter Boye-Doe
Iowa State	none	DT Matt McChesney CB Lorenzo Sims	PK Mason Crosby	QB Erik Greenberg	CB A.J. Anderson

VICTORY CLUB COUNT: Colorado State (25), Washington State (19), North Texas (23), Missouri (5), Oklahoma State (10), Iowa State (18).

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)

PK MASON CROSBY (Special Teams; October 16 vs. Iowa State: 4-4 FG, including a school record 60-yarder; 5 KO's, all for touchbacks).

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)

PK MASON CROSBY (October 16 vs. Iowa State: 4-4 FG, including a school record 60-yarder; 5 KO's, all for touchbacks).

ESPN/PONTIAC 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 CU came through the ISU fairly unscathed, other than **TB Bobby Purify** re-injuring his shoulder. FS J.J. Billingsley had a second knee surgery last week, and is out for the season, and **ILB Chris Hollis** is also out for the year with a spinal cord contusion; both played minimally and have redshirt years available if granted. The injury report as of October 18 (a.m.) and status for Texas A&M:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status: Texas A&M
OG	Terrance Barreau	ankle (sprain)	suffered in Iowa State game	PROBABLE
TB	Brandon Caesar	knee (surgery)	injured in camp, surgery repaired torn patella tendon, out 6-8 weeks	OUT
WR	Bernard Jackson	elbow (dislocated)	injured when tackled on a punt return vs. North Texas	PROBABLE
QB	Joel Klatt	neck (strain)	precautionary x-rays were negative	PROBABLE
TB	Bobby Purify	shoulder (sprain)	suffered against Missouri, limited action vs. OSU, dinged it a bit vs. ISU	DAY-TO-DAY
TE	Quinn Sypniewski	ankle/lower leg (break)	suffered in practice on September 24, out 2-4 weeks	OUT
ILB	Thaddaeus Washington	arm (contusion)	suffered against Iowa State	PROBABLE

OUT FOR THE SEASON: FS J.J. Billingsley (Oct. 12 knee surgery); DT Nick Clement (torn pec muscle), OLB Chad Cusworth (torn ACL), PK J.T. Eberly (torn Achilles), ILB Chris Hollis (spinal cord contusion), 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. TEXAS A & M Colorado leads the series by a 4-1 count, as the series dates all the way back to Windows '95 (okay, stop me when I'm funny). The Buffs won the initial encounter between the two, 29-21 in Boulder, as the No. 7 Buffaloes defeated the No. 3 Aggies in the now-famous game where John Hessler came off the bench for an injured Koy Detmer to lead the team to the win. In 1996, and the only encounter at College Station, the two played their inaugural Big 12 Conference game against each other in College Station, with the Buffs winning, 24-10. On the opening kickoff, Ryan Sutter forced a fumble that Brandon Southward recovered at the A & M 28-yard line. It took one play for CU to score, as Rae Carruth ran around the left side on a reverse for an easy touchdown and a 7-0 Buff lead, the fastest Colorado has ever scored from scrimmage in a game. In 1997, A&M came to Boulder and dealt CU a 16-10 loss in what was basically a real snoozer. The Buffs won again in College Station in 2000 in a thrilling 26-19 game, and was also Craig Ochs' first start at quarterback, and in '01, CU rallied from 14-6 for a 31-21 win (recap on next page). CU coach Gary Barnett is 2-0 against Iowa State, while A&M's Dennis Franchione is coaching his first time against Colorado.

Series Did You Know? — In the first five meetings, both teams were ranked three times with one game where neither was (2000).

CU-TEXAS A&M BY THE NUMBERS Here's a look at some numbers related trivia in the CU-A&M series:

- 0 The number of meetings between the two schools prior to 1995;
- 0-2 Texas A & M's home record against Colorado (1996 & 2000 games);
- 63-4-1 Texas A & M's home record in a 68-game span between 1990 to 2001 against all opponents except Colorado;
- 3 The third straight game in the series, almost unbelievably, that won't be televised even on a regional basis;
- 5 The number of meetings between the two schools since 1995;
- 5 The number of times one team or the other in the series has been held to under 100 yards rushing (A&M four times, CU once);
- 5 The number of times the team with the most rushing yards has won the game;
- 10 The minimum number of points scored by the losing team in each game f the series;
- 52 The number of rushing yards by A&M Heisman candidate Leland McElroy was limited to in the '95 game;
- 64 The number of passing attempts by Texas A & M in the 1996 game, the most ever at the time in a game against Colorado (the record lasted for six years);
- 177 The number of yards passing John Hessler had in relief on an injured Koy Detmer in the 1995 game;
- 232 The number of rushing yards A&M had in the four losses combined to the Buffaloes;
- 260 The number of rushing yards A&M had in its only win in the series (in 1997);
- 447 The highest number of yards gained by one team in the series, the only game over 376, by A&M in 1996.

SERIES TRENDS Here's a look at some team statistical trends in the CU-Texas A&M series:

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU A&M	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	A&M FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
Sept. 23, 1995	Boulder	W 29-21	53,849	7 3	22	49 130 2	30-16-0 243 1	79 373	14	26 57 1	31-15-1 182 1	57 239	ABC (r)
Sept. 28, 1996	College Station	W 24-10	70,339	12 —	10	29 91 1	27-16-1 246 2	56 337	27	33 62 0	64-34-0 385 1	97 447	ABC (r)
Oct. 4, 1997	Boulder	L 10-16	50,877	16 21	12	31 105 1	27-15-1 194 0	58 299	17	57 260 1	15- 6-1 72 0	72 332	ABC (r)
Oct. 7, 2000	College Station	W 26-19	48,674	— —	19	42 112 2	25-15-0 239 1	67 351	25	36 71 1	45-28-0 291 1	81 362	
Oct. 13, 2001	Boulder	W 31-21	49,521	20 25	19	52 170 1	28-14-1 183 1	80 353	19	19 42 0	50-30-2 334 3	69 376	PPV

THE SET-UP This is the fourth time that Texas A&M enters the Colorado game undefeated; in 1995, the No. 3 Aggies were 2-0 before falling victim in Boulder; in 1997, a 3-0 and No. 21 A&M escaped Boulder with a 16-10 win, and in 2001, A&M was 5-0 and had just cracked the rankings at No. 25 but fell to the Buffs 31-21, also in Boulder. CU won the game the one time it came in without a loss (1995), and in 2000, the Buffs won their first game of the year after an 0-4 start in miserable weather with a 26-19 win in College Station.

A&M LAST TIME OUT Texas A&M rolled into Stillwater and made a statement with a 36-20 victory, as the Aggies built a 27-6 halftime lead and led 36-6 after three quarters in winning their fifth straight game. Reggie McNeal passed for 288 yards and two scores on 19-of-25 accuracy, and ran for 98 yards and two more scores as he had 386 yards of total offense in accounting for 24 of his team's points. A&M did to Oklahoma State what the Cowboys did to the Buffs the previous week, scoring on a long pass play as time expired in the first half; DeQawn Mobley caught a 55-yard pass from McNeal, via a tip, just 33 seconds after OSU had scored its first points. A&M had 479 yards of total offense (191 rush, 288 pass), while the Cowboys had 374 (172 rush, 202 pass), but two costly early fumbles while A&M did not commit a turnover paved the way for the Aggies. McNeal was named the Big 12 's Offensive Player of the Week for his accomplishments.

IN BUFF HISTORY: OCTOBER 23 The Buffaloes own a 9-6-1 record in games played in their history on **October 23**. That includes a 4-1-1 mark in road games, which include a 7-0 win at Wyoming in **1920**, a 16-16 tie at Kansas State in **1993**, and a 16-12 win at Iowa State in **1999**. In that last one, Zac Colvin started in place of an injured Mike Moschetti and led CU to the victory in Ames. In **1971**, the Buffs rushed for 330 yards but completed just one pass in a 27-7 win over Missouri; that game was sandwiched in-between road games at No. 2 Oklahoma and No. 1 Nebraska. In **1976**, CU used a 33-14 win over Iowa State to move to 2-1 in the Big Eight and 5-2 overall, also earning its first ranking of the year at No. 19 (it was just the top 20 back then). In **1965**, a 3-0-2 Colorado team traveled to No. 3 Nebraska and lost its first real big game of the Eddie Crowder Era, as the Buffs fell, 38-13. And in **1948**, the Buffs defeated Kansas State in Boulder, 51-7, evening its league mark at 2-2 in their first year in the Big Seven; CU entered the game with just 39 points in its first four games and scored its most points since defeating Colorado Mines 54-0 in the 1942 season opener.

TALE OF THE TAPE Here's a comparative look at Colorado and Texas A & M in several statistical categories through games of October 16 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis):

Category	Colorado	Texas A & M
Overall Record, 2004.....	4-2	5-1
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	0-1	1-1
Overall Record, 1989-current.....	129-55-4 (9)	132-56-2 (8)
Versus Ranked Teams.....	40-38-2	26-32-1
In Conference Play.....	81-32-3 (8)	83-34-2 (9)
Players On NFL Rosters (as of Oct. 18).....	27	31
Rushing Offense.....	142.2 (69)	196.7 (22)
Average Per Rush	4.04	5.09
Passing Offense	205.0 (67)	241.2 (33)
Completion Percentage	60.9	59.6
Average Per Attempt.....	6.41	8.72
Passing Efficiency	112.9 (86)	148.8 (18)
Total Offense.....	347.2 (78)	437.8 (20)
Average Per Play	5.17	6.60
Scoring Offense.....	23.5 (70)	31.8 (27)
Rushing Defense.....	157.5 (67)	119.0 (35)
Average Per Rush	3.89	3.00
Passing Defense	276.7 (110)	225.8 (77)
Average Per Attempt.....	8.34	6.24
Pass Efficiency Defense	135.7 (92)	112.1 (40)
Total Defense.....	434.2 (102)	344.8 (51)
Average Per Play	5.76	4.55
Scoring Defense.....	21.7 (50)	16.7 (21)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed	16 / 7	20 / 4
Net Punting.....	41.2 (5)	36.7 (49)
Punt Returns	8.1 (72)	9.7 (51)
Kickoff Returns	24.7 (14)	15.1 (114)
Turnovers.....	13 (66)	1 (1)
Turnover Margin.....	-0.33 (74)	+2.33 (1)

THE LAST TIME

COLORADO 31, TEXAS A&M 21

(October 13, 2001)

BOULDER — Colorado entered this game against Texas A&M ranked for the first time in 22 weeks, and played like it wanted to stay there for a while as the No. 20 Buffaloes defeated the No. 25 Aggies, 31-21.

A pair of Jeremy Flores field goals, the shortest of his career (18 yards) followed by the longest (51 yards) gave CU a 6-0 lead early in the second quarter. But a pair of Mark Farris-to-Jamaar Taylor touchdown passes later in the period, the first a 64-yard bomb and the second a 5-yard toss on third down, put A&M up 14-6 with 5:20 remaining in the half.

CU took over at the A&M 46 with 1:47 left in the half, and quarterback Craig Ochs then coolly led the Buffs on a nine-play march over the next 1:35, a drive that included a key fourth down pass to Cortlen Johnson at the 0:55 mark. After a 14-yard pass to Roman Hollowell, an Ochs scramble for six and a 7-yard pass to Daniel Graham, Ochs found Derek McCoy in the end zone for a 7-yard touchdown play and hooked up with McCoy again for the two-point conversion to knot the score 14-14 at halftime.

Another Flores field goal, this one from 39 yards out, put the Buffs ahead for good with 2:59 to play in the third quarter. Cortlen Johnson's first touchdown of the year, a 2-yard run, pumped the Buff lead to 24-14 with 11:45 left in the game.

But the undefeated Aggies had some fight left in them, as two series later, Farris hooked up with Terrence Murphy on a 36-yard scoring pass to slice the CU lead to 24-21. The Buffs had marched from their own 21 to the A&M 37, but Ochs was intercepted by Wes Bautovich to end the threat. It took two plays for the Aggies to score, and they would have another chance to tie or take the lead, getting the ball back on their own 9 with 2:16 remaining.

Farris completed five straight passes and had the Aggies making some noise at the Colorado 35, but with just over a minute remaining, Kori Mossoni came around the right side and sacked Farris for a 13-yard loss, also forcing a fumble on the play. Joey Johnson was right there to scoop up the ball, and he raced 52 yards for a clinching CU score.

Johnson, making the second start of his career, led CU with eight tackles and along with his fumble return for a score was named the Big 12's defensive player-of-the-week. CU's other Johnson, Cortlen, led the Buffs with 14 rushes for 64 yards, while Ochs passed for 183 yards, many of those to McCoy, who finished with a career-best 113 receiving yards on five receptions.

Texas A&M.....	0	14	0	7	—	21
COLORADO.....	3	11	3	14	—	31
COLORADO—Flores 18 FG						3- 0 10:49 1Q
COLORADO—Flores 51 FG						6- 0 14:12 2Q

Texas A & M—Taylor 64 pass from Farris (Scates kick)	6- 7	8:44	2Q
Texas A & M—Taylor 5 pass from Farris (Scates kick)	6-14	5:20	2Q
COLORADO—McCoy 7 pass from Ochs (McCoy pass from Ochs)	14-14	0:12	2Q
COLORADO—Flores 39 FG	17-14	2:59	3Q
COLORADO—C. Johnson 2 run (Flores kick)	24-14	11:45	4Q
Texas A & M—Murphy 36 pass from Farris (Scates kick)	24-21	5:09	4Q
COLORADO—J. Johnson 52 fumble return (Flores kick)	31-21	0:58	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS A&M
First Downs	19	19
Rushes—Net Yards	52-170	19-42
Passing Yards	183	334
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	28-14-1	50-30-2
Total Offense	353	376
Punts: No-Average	8-38.5	8-42.4
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	4/31	6/34
Time of Possession	24:07	35:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: C.Johnson 14-64, Purify 11-42, Brown 14-40, Houston 6-22, Hollowell 1-2, Ochs 5-1, Team 1-minus 1. **Texas A&M:** Farmer 11-38, Murphy 2-20, Joseph 3-6, Farris 2-minus 21, Team 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Ochs 28-14-1, 183, 1 td. **Texas A&M:** Farris 49-30-2, 334, 3 td; Bautovich 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: McCoy 5-113, Graham 4-29, C.Johnson 3-18, Hollowell 1-14, Drumm 1-9. **Texas A&M:** Murphy 10-146, Taylor 9-146, Weber 4-11, Derek 3-minus 5, Jones 2-14, Flemming 1-13, Goynes 1-9.

Punting—Colorado: Flores 8-308, 38.5 (4 In20, 2 50+). **Texas A&M:** Scates 8-339, 42.4 (1 In20, 1 50+).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Hollowell 3-41. **Texas A&M:** Gentry 3-18.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Hollowell 2-29. **Texas A&M:** Gentry 2-50, Davis 2-31.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wood 2-0. **Texas A&M:** Bautovich 1-9.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: J.Johnson 5,3—8; Harris 5,1—6; Strickland 5,1—6; Tufts 5,1—6; Robinson 4,2—6; Lewis 3,3—6; Bannan 3,2—5. **Texas A&M:** Kiel 8,4—12; Bernard 8,3—11; Buhl 6,3—9; Gamble 6,2—8; Brooks 5,3—8; Perroni 2,6—8.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Mossoni 1-13, Bannan 1-8. **Texas A&M:** Rodriguez 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 16:

TEAM											
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
8th	69th	RUSHING OFFENSE	142.2	11th	71st	RUSHING DEFENSE	157.5	10th	72nd	PUNT RETURNS	8.1
8th	67th	PASSING OFFENSE	205.0	12th	110th	PASSING DEFENSE	276.7	1st	14th	KICKOFF RETURNS	24.7
9th	78th	TOTAL OFFENSE	347.2	12th	102nd	TOTAL DEFENSE	434.2	1st	5th	NET PUNTING	41.2
10th	70th	SCORING OFFENSE	23.5	7th	50th	SCORING DEFENSE	21.7	8th	74th	TURNOVER MARGIN	-0.33
INDIVIDUAL											
Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm
Bobby Purify	6th	42nd	88.3	Mason Crosby	5th	50th	7.5	Mason Crosby	t-1st	t-24th	7.5
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Bobby Purify	24th	.....	5.0	Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm
Joel Klatt	9th	78th	161.0	All-Purpose Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Mason Crosby	1st	12th	1.67
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating	Bobby Purify	10th	89th	101.8	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Joel Klatt	11th	85th	111.2	Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Lorenzo Sims	t-6th	t-59th	0.33
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	John Torp	2nd	4th	46.1	Tackles	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Joel Klatt	12th	89th	162.5	Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Jordon Dizon	1st/Fr.	.....	7.5
Bobby Purify	18th	.....	88.3	Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Quarterback Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	Total
Receiving	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Stephone Robinson ..	9th	68th	7.8	Alex Ligon	t-4th	.....	3.5
Evan Judge	15th	.....	43.8	Terrence Wheatley	3rd	23rd	26.1				

CHART WATCH

Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts six 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 11th in field goals made (17) and is tied for 39th in scoring and is 15th in kick scoring (98 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 (3,580), is fifth in completions (325), is sixth in attempts (513), is seventh in touchdown passes (24) and is 10th in total offense (3,498).
- ⇒ **WR RON MONTEILH** is 35th in career receptions (46), and is 76th in career receiving yards (378).
- ⇒ **TB BOBBY PURIFY** is sixth in rushing yards (2,529), is tied for 37th in receptions (44), is 66th in receiving yards (424), is 11th in all-purpose yards (2,953) and is tied for 36th in scoring (102).
- ⇒ **P JOHN TORP** is fifth in career punting average (43.9), is tied for sixth in punts inside-the-20 (30) and is 17th in total punts (97).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is sixth in games coached (68), sixth in wins (38) and is sixth in conference wins (26).

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	60	18	0	.769
Tennessee	56	18	2	.750
Nebraska	54	22	1	.708
Michigan	56	22	3	.710
Ohio State	52	24	2	.679
Florida	44	21	1	.674#
Colorado	53	26	1	.669
Alabama	51	26	0	.662
Notre Dame	48	27	2	.636
Penn State	47	33	1	.586

NINTH BEST SINCE '89

Colorado has the nation's ninth best record over the last 15-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **129-55-4** record. Over the last 19-plus years, Colorado's **157-74-4** 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. 16:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2004
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida State	193	162	30	1	.842	86	61-24-1	5-1
2	Miami, Fla.	186	154	32	0	.828	68	43-25-0	5-0
3	Nebraska	194	159	34	1	.822	57	32-24-1	4-2
4	Tennessee	192	151	38	3	.794	73	43-27-3	5-1
5	Michigan	190	145	42	3	.771	84	51-31-2	6-1
6	Florida	194	149	44	1	.771	87	49-37-1	4-2
7	Ohio State	192	142	47	3	.747	77	40-34-3	3-3
8	Texas A & M	190	132	56	2	.700	59	26-32-1	5-1
9	COLORADO	188	129	55	4	.697	80	40-38-2	4-2
10	Kansas State	189	129	59	1	.685	46	17-28-1	2-4
(11)	Penn State	189	129	59	1	.685	69	32-37-0	2-4)

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 sixth with 2,529. 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 Bieniemy/J.J. Flannigan, James Mayberry/Tony Reed and the '50s trio of Carroll Hardy/Frank Bernardi/Emerson Wilson). *Through three games, they were separated by just one carry and one yard; Purify's shoulder injury and Brown's big Monday night against Green Bay created a little separation, though Bobby says he'll catch him!.*

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	27	13											120
Yards	100	152	101	55	148	52											608
TD	0	1	1	0	2	0											4 (5.07)
Bobby Purify, Colorado	CSU	WSU	UNT	MU	OSU	ISU	A&M	UT	KU	KSU	NU						TOTALS
Attempts	26	23	15	22	6	13											105
Yards	189	53	112	81	26	69											530
TD	1	0	3	1	0	0											5 (5.05)

PURIFY MOVING ON UP

Senior **TB Bobby Purify** keeps on moving up the career rushing list at Colorado, as he is No. 6 all-time (he is also the 16th active-leading rusher in the NCAA). He now has 2,529 career yards, as he has his sights set next on passing James Mayberry (2,544) into Colorado's all-time top five. That's not bad for a player who had never led the team in rushing prior to this season. He is now one of just six players to gain 2,500 career rushing yards and is bidding to be third to gain 3,000 or more career yards at Colorado. Throw in his career receiving, and he has 2,953 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. He is currently 11th in all-purpose yards, but he's really pretty close to vaulting in the top five; the fifth spot is held by Charlie Davis (1971-73), who had 3,164 yards, or just 211 more than Purify's total.

- ➔ Purify has also taken care of the ball in his CU career: he has 535 touches (491 rushes, 44 receptions) and has just seven fumbles, or one for every **76.4** touches,
- ➔ Against Washington State, 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, a nice bolstering in his quest to reach 3,000.
- ➔ He's been slowed a bit due to a shoulder sprain (19-for-95 since suffering it against Missouri), but he still had 38 carries for five or more yards on the season (16 for 10 or more), with the second longest play from scrimmage this season when he had a 35-yard run against Iowa State.

2004 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS**North Division (-6)****School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)**

Missouri	2	1	.667	67	47
Nebraska	2	1	.667	83	105
COLORADO	1	2	.333	42	73
Kansas	1	2	.333	69	73
Iowa State	0	3	.000	24	89
Kansas State	0	3	.000	79	104

conference-----

W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp
2	1	.667	67	47
2	1	.667	83	105
1	2	.333	42	73
1	2	.333	69	73
0	3	.000	24	89
0	3	.000	79	104

overall-----

W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp
4	2	.667	181	90
4	2	.667	180	160
4	2	.667	141	130
3	3	.500	170	110
2	4	.333	105	147
2	4	.333	167	182

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0 23 OKLAHOMA STATE
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0 23 at Texas A & M
0 23 at Oklahoma
0 23 at Baylor
0 23 NEBRASKA

South Division (+6)**School (AP/USAT-ESPN Rank)**

Oklahoma (#2/#2)	3	0	1.000	71	34
Texas A & M (#17/#20)	3	0	1.000	112	53
Oklahoma State (#22/#21)	2	1	.667	98	57
Texas (#8/#9)	2	1	.667	72	46
Texas Tech (NR/#24)	2	1	.667	114	68
Baylor	0	3	.000	51	133

conference-----

W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp
3	0	1.000	71	34
3	0	1.000	112	53
2	1	.667	98	57
2	1	.667	72	46
2	1	.667	114	68
0	3	.000	51	133

overall-----

W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp
6	0	1.000	205	78
5	1	.833	191	100
5	1	.833	226	105
5	1	.833	194	79
4	2	.667	235	143
2	4	.333	126	220

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CROSBY MAKES HISTORY AND LOU GROZA AWARD PUSH Sophomore **PK Mason Crosby**, just barely half way into the year, has started an assault on the school's field goal records. The crown jewel to date is a school and Folsom Field record **60-yard** field goal he made in the second quarter against Iowa State in Boulder. The kick had plenty of distance, but did hit the left upright and caromed through. One of four field goals in the game, he earned notice from the Lou Groza Award committee, which selected him as one of its three "Stars of the Week."

His **55-yard** field goal in the fourth quarter against Colorado State proved to be the winning points and got him off to a good start after scoring a freshman record 52 points in 2003, so no sophomore slump from the get-go. It was the first 50-plus yard field goal made by a Buffalo in 11 seasons (Sept. 25, 1993, when Mitch Berger made a 54-yard kick against Miami, Fla., in Boulder). 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 ever by a Buffalo away from home (and the fourth longest at sea level in the NCAA in 2004). Other Crosby crafts:

- ➔ He's already set three school records (*see page 10*), to go with his record for points by a freshman (52) he established in 2003.
- ➔ The **60-yarder** against Iowa State is the longest in the NCAA this season (see chart below) and is the longest in the NCAA since 1999. It was just the 10th field goal of 60 yards or more in the NCAA since 1988, when tees were no longer allowed; no kicker has made two.
- ➔ He has four field goals of 50 yards or longer this year, which is not only a CU single season record (several had two), it's already a career mark. Dave DeLine and Jim Harper had three career kicks of 50 yards or longer, now topped by Crosby's four.
- ➔ He is **17-of-22** in field goals in his career (77.3%), and is already 11th in career field goals made and 15th in kick scoring (**98 points**). The 17 field goals is already a school best for a sophomore, topping the 16 Jeremy Aldrich made his frosh (4) and soph (12) seasons.
- ➔ Perhaps his best kick in the Iowa State game was an **87-yard** kickoff for a touchback after he had to boot it from the 20-yard line following a penalty. *"I didn't even expect that. I was just trying to get it up in the air to give the coverage team time to get down there,"* Crosby said of the monster kick.
- ➔ He was one of the **Lou Groza Award Top Three Stars of the Week** for October 10-16 for his performance against Iowa State.
- ➔ The four field goals he made against ISU are a career-high; the CU single game record is five by Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in 1999; it was the ninth time a Buff has made four in a game. The four field goals added to **185** yards (28, 60, 54, 33), topping the old 4-made in a game best of 162 by Mark Zetterberg against Nebraska in 1976 (50,46,37,29). Aldrich's five added to 220 yards.

TOP FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN COLORADO HISTORY

(22 overall, top 10 listed through October 16, 2004)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date	Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
60	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004	54	Jerry Hillebrand vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, September 30, 1961
58	Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, October 24, 1981	54	Jim Harper vs. Illinois at Champaign, September 15, 1990
57	Dave DeLine vs. Nebraska in Boulder, October 25, 1976	54	Mitch Berger vs. Miami, Fla., in Boulder, September 25, 1993
55	Fred Lima vs. California in Boulder, September 9, 1972	54	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004
55	Mason Crosby vs. Colorado State in Boulder, September 4, 2004	53	Mitch Berger vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, October 17, 1992

Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Career: Mason Crosby 4; Dave DeLine 3, Jim Harper 3, Mitch Berger 2, Pat Blottiaux 2, Tom Field 2, Fred Lima 2.

Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Season: Mason Crosby 4 (2004); Fred Lima 2 (1972), Tom Field 2 (1979), Dave DeLine 2 (1984), Jim Harper 2 (1990), Pat Blottiaux (1992).

FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN NCAA DIVISION I-A IN 2004 (30; through October 16)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date	Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
60	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16	52	Andrew Wellock, Eastern Michigan vs. Idaho in Ypsilanti, October 2
56	Justin Ayat, Hawai'i vs. Tulsa in Honolulu, October 2	52	Taylor Begley, Kentucky vs. Alabama in Lexington, October 9
55	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Colorado State in Boulder, September 4	52	Ian O'Connor, Marshall vs. Ohio at Athens, October 9
55	Mike Nugent, Ohio State vs. Marshall in Columbus, September 11	51	Johnny Beck, Kansas vs. Tulsa in Lawrence, September 4
55	Mike Nugent, Ohio State vs. Wisconsin in Columbus, October 9	51	Matt Prater, UCF vs. Wisconsin at Madison, September 4
55	Alexis Serna, Oregon State vs. Washington at Seattle, October 16	51	Taylor Begley, Kentucky vs. Florida at Gainesville, September 25
54	Brad Cooper, West Virginia vs. UCF at Orlando, September 11	51	James Wilhoit, Tennessee vs. Georgia at Athens, October 9
54	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16	50	Nate Meyer, Western Michigan vs. Illinois at Champaign, September 18
53	Matt Payne, BYU vs. Notre Dame in Provo, September 4	50	Mike Nugent, Ohio State vs. N.C. State at Raleigh, September 18
53	John Deraney, N.C. State vs. Virginia Tech at Blacksburg, September 25	50	James Wilhoit, Tennessee vs. Florida in Knoxville, September 18
53	Dustin Bell, Houston vs. Southern Miss at Hattiesburg, October 7	50	Garrett Palmer, San Diego State vs. Nevada in San Diego, September 25
52	Justin Medlock, UCLA vs. Oklahoma State in Pasadena, September 4	50	Connor Hughes, Virginia vs. Clemson in Charlottesville, October 7
52	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Washington State at Seattle, September 11	50	Matt Payne, BYU vs. UNLV in Provo, October 8
52	Reagan Schneider, UTEP vs. Weber State in El Paso, September 11	50	Connor Barth, North Carolina vs. N.C. State in Chapel Hill, October 9
52	Matt Payne, BYU vs. Colorado State at Fort Collins, October 2	50	Ben Jones, Purdue vs. Penn State at University Park, October 9

Most 50-Yard Field Goals By Kicker: Mason Crosby, Colorado 4; Mike Nugent, Ohio State 3; Matt Payne, BYU 3; Taylor Begley, Kentucky 2; James Wilhoit, Tennessee 2.

CROSBY CAREER STATS

KICKOFFS													SCORING/FIELD GOALS										
Season	Total	Ret.	FC	MF	NA	TB	In20	EZ+	OB	O/Sq	Opp. OSY	ASY	PAT	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	FG-FGA	Pct.	Long	PTS
2003.....	37	10	0	0	0	26	2	17	1	(1)	847	023	31-37	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	7- 9	77.8	44	52
2004.....	30	8	0	0	0	22	3	16	0	(1)	604	020	15-16	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-4	3-4	1-1	10-13	76.9	60	45
TOTALS	67	18	0	0	0	48	5	33	1	(2)	1451	022	46-53	0-0	6-6	2-2	5-8	3-5	1-1	17-22	77.3	60	97

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

TORP UP FOR RAY GUY AWARD

Junior punter **John Torp**, one of 36 candidates on the official watch list for the Ray Guy Award, is having the kind of season that has made him worthy of being on the list. He is second in the Big 12 and fourth in the NCAA with a **46.1** average, but looking inside his numbers, he is averaging **52.3** on nine kicks inside the Buff 25, as well as **47.5** yards per punt on CU's side of the field. He has 11 punts inside-the-20, or 35.4 percent of his 31 kicks. Some other Torp "torpedoes"...

- ➔ Torp currently owns the **sixth** highest career average, **43.9**, among active punters in the NCAA. Wake Forest's Ryan Plackemeier holds down the number one spot at 45.2; Baylor's Daniel Sepulveda is third at 44.1, as he and Torp are the only Big 12 punters in the active top 20.
- ➔ Torp also owns two of the top 20 net punting games in Colorado history, both this season: his **48.8** net average for five punts against Oklahoma State (Oct. 9) is the 12th best effort, while his **46.7** for three kicks against Colorado State in the season opener (Sept. 4) is ranked 19th.
- ➔ **Fourth Quarter Punting.** Torp owns an average of **45.4** on eight fourth quarter punts (3 In20, 2 In10); inside-the-CU25, he has three fourth quarter kicks for 169 yards, or **56.3** per (and is averaging **49.0** on six punts adjusted from the 50 back).
- ➔ **No Easy Way Out.** Torp has **31** punts on the year, but **none** have gone for touchbacks. Five have been downed, leaving **26** to either be returned (**21**) or fair caught (**5**). Opponents are averaging just 7.3 yards per return against him.
- ➔ Perhaps lost late in CU's 27-24 victory over CSU was the **61-yard** punt that Torp launched to get the Buffs out of a hole at their own 16 yardline with 4:30 remaining.

TOP GROSS PUNTING SEASONS IN COLORADO HISTORY

Player	Season	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	50+	In20
Mark Mariscal	2002	61	2,941	48.21	68	29	16
Zack Jordan	1950	38	1,830	48.16	71	13	7
Mitch Berger	1992	53	2,493	47.0	74	21	9
John Torp	2004	31	1,429	46.1	61	8	11
Barry Helton	1985	52	2,390	46.0	68	17	13
Tom Rouen	1989	36	1,651	45.9	63	13	14
Barry Helton	1986	57	2,599	45.6	68	20	17
Zack Jordan	1952	56	2,532	45.2	78	19	12
Boyd Dowler	1958	33	1,486	45.0	65	11	13
Keith English	1988	51	2,297	45.0	77	19	21
Mark Mariscal	2001	37	1,647	44.5	64	11	9
Barry Helton	1987	40	1,758	44.0	58	6	13

NCAA PUNTING LEADERS (2004)

Player, School	No.	Yards	Avg.
Brandon Fields, Michigan St	32	1,575	49.22
Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor	34	1,591	46.79
Ryan Plackemeier, Wake Forest	28	1,308	46.71
John Torp, Colorado	31	1,429	46.10
Adam Podlesh, Maryland	29	1,324	45.66

TOP GROSS PUNTING GAMES IN COLORADO HISTORY

Player	Date	Opponent	No.	Yards	Avg.	Return Yards	Net Yards	Net Avg.
Keith English	Sept. 24, 1988	OREGON STATE	5	299	59.8	19	280	56.0
Zack Jordan	Sept. 27, 1952	OKLAHOMA	7	412	58.9	44	368	52.6
Mark Mariscal	Oct. 26, 2002	TEXAS TECH	4	231	57.8	19	212	53.0
Mark Mariscal	Sept. 14, 2002	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	8	459	57.4	31	428	53.5
Zack Jordan	Oct. 21, 1950	ARIZONA	6	343	57.2	57	286	47.7
Barry Helton	Oct. 18, 1986	IOWA STATE	5	283	56.6	17	266	53.2
Andy Mitchell	Aug. 31, 1996	WASHINGTON STATE	3	169	56.3	2	167	55.7
Zack Jordan	Nov. 18, 1950	OREGON	4	220	55.0	18	202	50.5
Steve Doolittle	Oct. 21, 1978	NEBRASKA	6	322	53.6	39	283	47.2
John Torp	Sept. 4, 2004	COLORADO STATE	3	157	52.3	17	140	46.7
Barry Helton	Nov. 2, 1985	OKLAHOMA STATE	5	261	52.2	0	261	52.2
John Torp	Oct. 9, 2004	OKLAHOMA STATE	5	261	52.2	17	244	48.8
Zack Jordan	Oct. 14, 1950	NEBRASKA	3	155	51.7	0	155	51.7
Nick Pietsch	Dec. 25, 1998	Oregon (Aloha Bowl)	6	309	51.5	56	253	42.2
Boyd Dowler	Sept. 29, 1956	KANSAS STATE	3	154	51.3	4	150	50.0
Doug Stewart	Oct. 16, 1971	at Oklahoma	3	154	51.3	11	143	47.7
Tom Rouen	Nov. 4, 1989	NEBRASKA	5	256	51.2	23	233	46.6
John Torp	Oct. 16, 2004	IOWA STATE	6	307	51.2	58	249	41.5
Bob Manire	Nov. 26, 1949	COLORADO STATE	8	409	51.1	61	348	43.5
Carroll Hardy	Nov. 20, 1954	KANSAS STATE	3	152	50.7	5	147	49.0
Barry Helton	Oct. 26, 1985	at Nebraska	8	404	50.5	27	377	47.1

TORP CAREER PUNTING

TORP CAREER PUNTING															Inside Own 25			Opp Terr.		Adjusted 50 & Out		
Season	Punts	Yards	Avg.	No. Ret.	Return Yards	Avg. Return	Long Return	Pct. Not Returned	Net Avg.	In20	In10	TB	FC	60+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	No.Yards	No.	Yds.	Avg.	
2002	3	149	49.67	1	1	1.0	1	66.7	49.33	3	1	0	0	1	1	63	63.0	0-0	3	149	49.7	
2003	63	2679	42.52	32	326	10.2	58t	49.2	37.35	16	8	4	6	4	21	885	42.1	6-170	57	2509	44.0	
2004	31	1429	46.10	21	153	7.3	25	32.3	41.16	11	3	0	5	5	9	471	52.3	3-99	28	1330	47.5	
TOTALS	97	4257	43.89	54	480	8.9	58t	44.3	38.94	30	12	4	11	10	31	1419	45.8	9-269	88	3988	45.3	

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 six games, Dizon is leading the team in tackles with **45**; 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.

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. The Buffs have been out-rushed in their last three games, however.

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That has been the fumble line in two of Colorado's last three games (at Missouri, Iowa State; a 4-1 was wedged in against Oklahoma State). Colorado had three fumble-free games in 2003, and in the last 12 games, the Buffs have lost just six fumbles.

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 (9/ 9 new, 0 tied; *—denotes three actual records)

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 Receptions By A Running Back, Game—9, Lawrence Vickers vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, Oct. 9, 2004 **RECORD**

Old Record: 8, John Farler vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 6, 1965.

Longest Field Goal Made—60, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Oct. 16, 2004 **RECORD**

Old Record: 58, Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, Oct. 24, 1981.

Most 50-Yard Field Goals Made, Season—4, Mason Crosby. **RECORD**

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

Most 50-Yard Field Goals Made, Career—4, Mason Crosby. **RECORD**

Old Record: 3, by Dave DeLine (1983-86) and Jim Harper (1990-91).

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—24, Nov. 2, 2002 to Oct. 16, 2004 (*current*). **RECORD**

CU HALL OF FAME TO INDUCT SEVEN ON OCTOBER 28 The fifth class that will be inducted into the University of Colorado Athletic Hall of Fame this October 28 spans seven decades of athletic achievement at the school, with the group collectively participating in six different sports ranging from football and basketball to baseball and track.

The 2004 class includes three-sport star **Don Branby** (football, basketball and baseball, 1950-52), **Eddie Crowder** (football coach and athletic director, 1963-84), **Cliff Meely** (basketball, 1968-71), long-time coach **Frank Potts** (cross country/track and football, 1927-68), **Shelly Sheetz** (women's basketball, 1991-95), Olympic gold medal winner **Bill Toomey** (track, 1959-61) and **John Wooten** (football, 1956-58).

Potts passed away in 1990 at the age of 87; Crowder and Meely have established permanent roots in Colorado; Branby is retired and lives in Washington state; Toomey owns his own long-standing business in California and is currently attending the Summer Olympic games in Athens; and Wooten went into player personnel in the National Football League following his playing days and resides in Texas.

Here's a capsule look at those being inducted as the fifth class of CU's Athletic Hall of Fame:

Don Branby was one of the last three-sport lettermen in Colorado history, as he earned nine in all playing football, basketball and baseball. His top honor was being named an *Associated Press* All-American in football in 1952, when he set what are still CU records with seven fumble recoveries and nine takeaways. Published reports at the time said he had at least 20 tackles in a 21-21 tie with Oklahoma, the Sooners' lone blemish in their famous Big 7 Conference run. He was just the sixth CU player to be invited to play in a postseason all-star game when he appeared in the 1953 East-West Shrine Game. A seventh round draft pick by the New York Giants in the 1953 Draft (the 79th player selected overall), he went on After his playing days, he went into coaching in college at Montana State, and then in the Canadian Football League with the British Columbia Lions and the Ottawa Roughriders. In basketball, he scored 165 points in 45 career games in primarily a reserve role, though he led the Buffaloes in free throw percentage in 1951-52, making a then unheard of 39-of-48 tries (81.3%). In baseball, he played first base, third base and in the outfield; his 16 runs batted in were the third most on the team his senior year. He also spent four years in the Air Force, playing service football in which he also earned high accolades. Branby is currently retired and resides in Anacortes, Wash.

Eddie Crowder compiled a 63-49-2 record in 11 seasons as head coach of the Buffaloes between 1963-73, and most importantly, returned CU to national prominence following NCAA penalties in 1962 that all but crushed the program. The banner year was 1971, when Colorado enjoyed its first 10-win season in its history, as the Buffs attained their highest final ranking ever at the time (No. 3), finishing with an Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl win over Houston and a 10-2 record. He coached CU to five bowl appearances, with three wins, or two more than the school had overall prior to his arrival. In 1965, he became CU's second-ever athletic director, holding that post for 20 years until retiring in 1984. Prominent coaching hires of Crowder's included Bill McCartney (football), Ceal Barry (basketball) and Mark Simpson (golf), three of the most successful coaches in school history. He also was a steady and guiding force in leading CU through many changes in college athletics, including the addition of women's athletics in the late 1970s. In 1990, he was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. As a collegian, he was an All-American quarterback at Oklahoma, and as coach of the Buffaloes, he defeated his alma mater four times, including 20-14 victory in 1972 when the Sooners were ranked No. 2. He entered private business after leaving CU, is semi-retired and lives in Boulder.

Cliff Meely exited CU following his senior year with all the scoring records and as the runner-up in all the rebounding marks, and some 33 years later still holds the mark for single game (47) and season (729) scoring and is second in career points (1,940) and rebounds (971). His name remains either at or near the top in over a dozen statistical categories, and he still owns the two top single season scoring averages in CU history: 28.0 as a senior in 1970-71 and 23.8 as a sophomore in 1968-69. The 12.1 rebounds per game average for his career remains one of the top numbers ever posted collegiately. He led Colorado to the Big Eight title in 1968-69, as the Buffaloes were 21-7 with a 10-4 mark in league play. A three-time All-Big Eight team member, he earned first-team All-America honors as a senior, and set 16 school and eight conference records during his career. Overall, the Buffs won 49 games in his time here under late coach Russell "Sox" Walseth, the fourth most over any three-year span in CU history, with his jersey number (20) just one of two retired in CU annals. Meely went on to play six seasons in the National Basketball Association with the Houston Rockets and Los Angeles Lakers. He is currently a counselor at Manual High School in Denver and resides in Boulder, remaining one of the most faithful fans of the basketball program.

Frank Potts arrived in Boulder near the end of the roaring 20s and remained until the end of the turbulent 60s, as his tenure at the University of Colorado ranks second to none. Potts coached the cross country and track teams for 41 years (1927-1968), coaching scores of all-conference and all-Americans in addition to five NCAA individual champions and over fifty conference champions. And in the days of World War II, he even coached the football team three seasons, compiling a not-to-shabby 16-8-1 record with mix-and-match rosters. A 1927 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, where he was an NCAA champion pole vaulter, he accepted the track and field coach position that summer and CU turned out to be the only job of his professional career. He developed many CU athletes, including CU's first NCAA champion, high jumper and one-time world record holder Gil Cruter. In 1970, he became the third person associated with CU to be inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. The track at CU is named for him, and he played a significant role in recruiting Byron White to Colorado. He died May 28, 1990 at the age of 87.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES continued...

Shelley Sheetz capped a record-setting career by being named CU's first, and only, Kodak All-American following the 1995 season, when she led the Buffaloes to a 30-3 record. That same year, she was also afforded the honor from the Associated Press, *Basketball Times* and the USBWA, and was one of five finalists for the prestigious Naismith Award. She finished her career as CU's second all-time leading scorer with 1,775 points, a figure that still ranks third a decade later; she is also second all-time in assists (514), third in both free throws made (425) and attempts (501), third in steals (287) and is CU's all-time leader in three-point field goals made (252), a number that finished as the most all-time in the Big Eight Conference. Sheetz was a three-time, first-team All-Big Eight performer, the only player selected thrice in school history, and was a two-time team MVP and the Big Eight Player of the Year for 1994-95. She averaged scoring in double figures all four of her seasons, leading the team as a sophomore and was the second-leading scorer the other three years. CU was 106-21 during her career, including a 49-7 mark and three league titles in Big Eight play. She is currently an assistant coach at the University of San Diego.

A two-time All-American in the pentathlon (1960, 1961), **Bill Toomey** is the only CU athlete to win a gold medal as an individual in the Olympics. In winning the decathlon at the 1968 summer games in Mexico City, he set a record at the time by scoring 8,193 points. At CU, he was considered one of the nation's top five intermediate hurdlers and won numerous AAU national titles in both the pentathlon and decathlon. As a senior in 1961, he received the Alumni "C" Award for academic and scholastic achievement, graduating with a degree in advertising; he went on to earn his master's in education from Stanford. He was the national Amateur Athlete of the Year for 1966, when he was the U.S. decathlon champion. In fact, Toomey won that event four straight years prior to his Olympic gold. A member of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, he was the fourth with CU ties when inducted in 1971. Currently a resident of Arroyo Grande, Calif., he has owned his own company, Sports Directions Unlimited, for over two decades and has extensively worked with underprivileged children.

John Wooten was just the fifth player in Colorado history to earn All-America honors, the first lineman to do so when he was honored in 1958. A three-year letterman at guard (1956-57-58), the AFCA named him an All-American his senior year, after he had earned first-team all-Big Seven accolades as a junior the previous year. He was described as a quick, agile tackle that provided bone-crushing lead blocks in helping to make Colorado one of the top offensive teams of his day (and also played tackle on defense). One of the first two African-American varsity football players at CU (with Frank Clarke), in 1989, he was selected as a first-team member of CU's All-Century Team. A fifth round draft pick by Cleveland in the 1959 NFL Draft, he had a stellar NFL career as he played nine seasons (136 games) with the Browns and one with Washington, attaining All-Pro status in his Cleveland days. He went on to have a long career in NFL administration with Dallas, Philadelphia and Baltimore; he was in player personnel from 1975 to 1989, and was named director of pro personnel in 1989, a position he held for three years. After one year in the NFL office, where he created player programs in continuing education and financial planning among several innovations, he returned to the front office with Philadelphia (1992-97) and the Baltimore (1998-2003) as a personnel executive; with the Eagles, he was one of the first to hold the title of Vice President of Player Personnel. He retired from the NFL in 2003, and is now president of Wooten Printing, Inc., as well as Chairman of the Fritz Pollard Alliance, which works with the NFL to increase job opportunities for minorities in the league. He currently resides in Arlington, Texas.

CU's Hall of Fame was initiated in 1998 with sole inductee, the late **Byron "Whizzer" White** (football, basketball, baseball, track, 1935-38), CU's first All-American in any sport. The second class was inducted in 1999, as the Hall took in **Gil Cruter** (track, 1934-37); **Burdette "Burdie" Haldorson** (basketball, 1952-55), **William "Kayo" Lam** (football, 1933-35), **Joe Romig** (football, 1959-61) and **Lisa Van Goor** (basketball, 1981-85).

The third class in 2000 class was comprised of **Ambassador David Bolen** (track, 1946-48); **Jimmie Heuga** (skiing, 1961-63), **Dean Lahr** (wrestling, 1962-64) and **Pat Patten** (wrestling/cross country & track, 1940-47). The fourth and previous class was inducted in 2002 and featured **Dick Anderson** (football, 1965-67), **Harry Carlson** (baseball coach and athletic director, 1927-65), **Darian Hagan** (football, 1988-91), **Carroll Hardy** (baseball, football and track, 1951-54), **Hale Irwin** (golf and football, 1964-67) and **Sox Walseth** (men's and women's basketball, 1956-76 and 1980-83).

This year's Hall of Fame events will take place the weekend of the CU-Texas football game, with functions starting **Thursday, October 28**, at the Omni Interlocken Hotel & Resort (the official induction). The honorees will be introduced publicly at halftime of the Texas game.

FIVE BUFFS UP FOR ORANGE BOWL LEGEND Five Colorado greats are among more than 50 other legendary names from the Orange Bowl's storied past that have been nominated for the honor of "Orange Bowl Championship Legend." Buffalo fans have the chance to vote for these top players: **Eric Bieniemy**, **Chad Brown**, **Deon Figures**, **Joel Steed** and **Alfred Williams**. Players nominated for the team have played in one of the 17 Orange Bowl games that have crowned a consensus National Champion, with players from both the winners and runners-up among the nominees. Fans can have their say on the team by voting for their top-10 favorites at www.orangebowl.org. The team will be made of 13 players and two coaches, with the coaches being selected independently by the Orange Bowl Committee. Other former collegiate All-Americans and NFL All-Pros have also been nominated such as Joe Namath of Alabama, Ozzie Newsome of Alabama, William "The Refrigerator" Perry of Clemson, and Michael Irvin of Miami. Selected Legends will be honored on January 4 during pre-game ceremonies at the FedEx Orange Bowl 2005 National Championship game. Voting is already underway and will end December 5.

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 **38-30** record at Colorado, along with a **73-75-1** record in 12-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and has an overall career mark of **81-86-2** 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 December 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.....	38-30	21-11	13-13	4- 6	11-16	27-14	11-12	27-18	1- 2
Career (NCAA I-A)	73-75-1	40-30-1	29-35	4-10	20-36-1	53-39	23-24-1	27-18	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 **27** in **67** games (going 11-16); so in his 21 years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **91** ranked opponents in **243** 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 **149** Division I-A games (73-75-1); he will coach in his 150th this week at Texas A&M. His 12 seasons as a D I-A head coach rank 27th among active coaches, as are his 149 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 16 (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	61	11	.847	*Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	36	31	.537	✚Rick Neuheisel, Washington	33	16	.674
*Terry Hoepfner, Miami-Ohio	44	22	.667	Lou Holtz, South Carolina	32	34	.485	✚Dennis Erickson, Oregon State	31	17	.646
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn	45	24	.652	*Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech	31	35	.470	✚Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe	8	28	.222
*David Cutcliffe, Mississippi	43	26	.623	John Robinson, UNLV	28	38	.424	✚*Kevin Steele, Baylor	9	36	.200
June Jones, Hawai'i	42	28	.600	Chris Scelfo, Tulane	27	38	.415	✚Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette	6	27	.182
Tommy Bowden, Clemson	40	28	.588	Randy Walker, Northwestern	27	38	.415	✚*Carl Franks, Duke	7	45	.135
Gary Barnett, Colorado	38	30	.559					(✚—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).

COACH'S CORNER/WITH GARY BARNETT Comments from Colorado head coach Gary Barnett following CU's 19-14 win over to Iowa State:

General: *"There really were some tremendous efforts today. John Torp for one and the punt team again, two weeks in a row. Mason Crosby was just sensational. We made enough plays on offense to win the game. Defensively I thought we really played hard. I hate to see the defense give up that one last score. That was the only score they gave up all day. So, it was a win and we are four and two. It hasn't been easy getting four and two and we know it. That may be the way it is. I thought that special teams were really good. Iowa State played hard and their quarterback played a heck of a game. It was just a good college football game."*

"We had way too many (turnovers) on our side. One went for a touchdown. Joel Klatt did a good job coming in. Right when we needed it, when we wanted it, Joel was there. Right now we just want to enjoy the victory, be thankful for the victory, appreciate our fans for being there. We had a great day for football."

On Importance Of The Kicking Game: *"You never know when those (important kicking games) are coming. That's why you get a Torp or a Mason Crosby. When it does come down to these types of games, you have guys like that here. We're blessed to have both those guys. (Today) was a kicking game. We got points off (Iowa State's) fumbled punts. Mason's big kicks were critical and two of them with penalties."*

On Advice To Crosby Before The 60-yard Field Goal: *"I learned long ago that you don't say anything to (kickers). Actually, this time, I did tell him to just 'swing easy.' What a kick, and he got the bank to go his way. The second one (54 yards) he really drilled, came back to the center, and might even have cleared from another 10 yards."*

On The CU D-Line: *"We got some sacks, especially at the end of the game, when we had to have them. We played hard and it wasn't beautiful and not top 20ish. It was a good hard football game. That's all I could ask from the guys. When we had to get a first down, we got a first down. When we had to get a sack, we got a sack or two. That's what you really relish in, when it's on the line, you go and get it."*

On Penalty Discussion At Halftime: *"We didn't bring (our penalties) up, other than we just talked about shooting ourselves in the foot. We sure had a lot of penalties. We must be doing a lot of things more wrong than other people. We have to fix what we can fix. We have to play smarter."*

On The Quarterback Switch: *"I just said 'We're playing Joel.' I wanted experience in (the game). I thought he (Joel Klatt) did some great stuff. He made a couple great throws that we didn't hang on to."*

On Overall Team Play: *"(The team's play) was just the way we have been. Other than last week, we were probably better than the score indicated. I think it was sort of the typical game for us."*

On Tom Hubbard's Start: *"(Tom) Hubbard played because it was a coaches choice to make that kind of decision. Secondly, we won the game. I think he did some good things."*

PLAYER QUOTES Some comments from select players following the win over Iowa State:

QB JAMES COX

ON QUARTERBACK BATTLE: *"I don't know; it's up to the coaches. I just go out and practice hard and leave it up to the coaches. I want to play; I am a competitor, but again I leave it up to the coaches."*

ON HIS INTERCEPTION: *"The route was an out to the X (receiver) with one-on-one coverage; I tried to look the safety with my eyes but the corner just sat on the route and stole it."*

ILB JORDON DIZON

ON DEFENSIVE PLAY: *"For us to give up that many yards and to continuously stop them in the red zone gives us a lot of momentum and confidence and hopefully it will carry over to next week. Today was a stepping block for us as a team, and we just have to continue to build off of this performance."*

PK MASON CROSBY

ON OVERALL FIELD GOAL PERFORMANCES: *"You feel bad for them (Iowa State), but you're glad that your team is doing better (in the kicking game). It was a pretty good day for me and I was glad that I was given the opportunity to make those kicks. I feel great about the win, and I am glad to help the team get a victory."*

ON 60-YARD FIELD GOAL: *"No one really said anything to me (before the kick). Nick (Holz) told coach that we should kick it, and he's done a great job holding for me this year. I saw it drawing toward the left upright but it caught it at the right angle and dropped over."*

ON 54-YARD FIELD GOAL: *"It was a weird kick, I hit it left and it just worked its way back into the uprights."*

ON PRACTICING FIELD GOALS: *"I only kick two to three 50 plus yard field goals a day. I usually work shorter than this one was, usually within 40 yards."*

ON REKICKING FIELD GOALS (DUE TO PENALTIES): *"It's kind of frustrating because they are all illegal procedures, and I don't know why that was happening. But, the line was blocking great and they're expecting me to make them so I still need to go out and execute."*

ILB AKARIKA DAWN

ON RED ZONE DEFENSE: *"It was one of the team's goals to play well in the red zone and we were able to execute today. We wanted to get rid of those blunders from last week. Our emphasis was getting pressure on the team and giving everything we've got. We have a mentality of bending but not breaking and we might give up yards, but if they're not scoring points, we're doing our job. The defensive unit has been flying around more and not being as hesitant. We're proud of our effort and for being a good unit."*

QB JOEL KLATT

ON HIS PERFORMANCE: *"It's not about any individuals in the locker room. It's all about getting a win for the team. James (Cox) had some tough situations come up while he was playing, but I prepared myself to come in, in the back-up role, so that the team could win. Our team was able to come together and win."*

ON LAWRENCE VICKERS' FIRST DOWN CONVERSION IN FOURTH QUARTER: *"The coaches did a great job calling the correct play. It was just a great call. We wanted to win the game on the field and not give their offense a chance to come back and win the game."*

ON FOURTH QUARTER FIELD GOAL DRIVE: *"On that drive, we realized that we had the ball and altitude and knew it would be to our advantage. Ron (Monteilh) was able to make a great catch. Evan (Judge) was able to go up over their cornerback and make a play, and (Tyler) Littlehales was able to avoid a defender and go down the sideline for a first down. We got the first downs we needed to get, and the three points at the end."*

ON FINISHING DRIVES: *"We had the ball in the red zone a lot today, and we weren't able to capitalize on that. We have correcting to do and hopefully we'll be able to start finishing (the drives)."*

WR RON MONTEILH

ON TODAY'S WIN: *"It's a key win anytime you get a Big 12 win and it's not any better what team it is versus or how many points you get. Any conference win is a big win."*

ON MASON CROSBY: *"He's the best kicker I've ever seen and I'm glad he's on our side."*

CB LORENZO SIMS

ON HIS INTERCEPTION: *"I have to give credit to my coaches. On that play, I was just being a student of the game because the coaches knew what was coming and I was able to come up and make a play on the ball."*

ON RED ZONE DEFENSE: *"It was all about making plays today. We did a good job of playing good defense in tight situations."*

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. 11 on that list).

- ➔ Klatt's career rating of **131.6** is currently the **21st** best among active NCAA quarterbacks.
- ➔ 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.

JUDGE & FLURRY Junior **WR Evan Judge**, a former walk-on, is currently leading the team in receiving with 22 catches for 263 yards and a TD, as he's become a favorite target with 18 catches in the last four 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. Judge is the only other walk-on to have recorded over 200 yards receiving, so he has made a little history himself.

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, improving to **14-10-1** 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.

Oklahoma State

- ◆ Oklahoma State's 42-14 win was the most decisive in the series since CU's 28-0 win in Boulder in 1992; it was the largest margin of victory by the Cowboys against the Buffaloes since a 42-7 win in Stillwater in 1980.
- ◆ **Long Play.** The 40-yard pass from Joel Klatt to Blake Mackey on the second play of the game was the longest play from scrimmage by the Buffs this season.
- ◆ Oklahoma State became the third team in a row to score a touchdown on the **opening drive of the game** against the Buffs; North Texas did it in two plays, Missouri in 12 plays and Oklahoma State in three.
- ◆ OSU led 21-0 at the half, and ran all of **1** play in Colorado territory for the half. The last time CU did not score in the **first half** was in the 2002 Big 12 Championship game, when the Buffs trailed Oklahoma, 13-0.
- ◆ **Oklahoma State.** The Cowboys may just have amassed their total offensive yardage (429) in one or the more unusual ways in recent memory. First, OSU ran just **9** plays all game in CU territory (for 52 yards); the also Cowboys ran 23 first down plays for 90 yards (just **3.9** per). But second and third down were OSU's gravy: 19 second plays gained 158 yards (**8.3**) and 12 third down tries netted 181 (**15.1**, including OSU's three long plays of the game, the pair of 58-yard touchdowns and the 38-yard completion on 3rd-and-13).
- ◆ **Buffs On First Down.** Last week, CU struggled on first down, gaining just 43 yards on 23 plays (1.9 per); this week, CU turned that around, gaining 196 on 33 first down plays, or **5.9** per.
- ◆ **UNIFORMS.** The OSU game marked the first time CU has worn its traditional black jersey with gold pant at home; earlier in the week, the shipment a gold cordura pant arrived and the players had the choice to select a gold for the first time this year. Equipment manager **Mike Smith** had been trying to find a gold that came close to matching the metallic gold pant CU has worn the past several years, and finally found one late last month.
- ◆ **Firsts.** QB **James Cox** saw his first extensive action, and threw his first career TD pass; WR **Dusty Sprague** had his first career TD reception. WR **Blake Mackey** had his first multiple catch game (6-129), the first 100-plus yard game this season by a Buffalo (he came into today with one career catch for 16 yards, in the opener against CSU).

Iowa State

- ◆ Opponents had scored on their opening drive in **three straight games**; CU shut out Iowa State 10-0 in the first quarter, the first time the opponent was held scoreless in the opening stanza since CU led 3-0 after one against Washington State.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** His **60-yard field goal** in the second quarter was a school record, wiping out the 23-year old mark of 58 yards set by **Jerry Hamilton**, also against Iowa State, in Ames on October 24, 1981. It is also a Folsom Field record, eclipsing the 59-yard kick by Kansas' Johnny Beck on Sept. 22, 2001. It is the third longest field goal in Big 12 history, topped only by Kansas State's Martin Gramatica (65 vs. Northern Illinois in 1998) and Texas A&M's Terrance Kitchens (62 vs. Southern Miss in 1999).
--The four field goals he made was a career-high and improved to 10-of-13 on the year; the CU single game record is five by Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in 1999; this was the ninth time a Buff has made four in a game. The four field goals added to **185** yards (28, 60, 54, 33), topping the old 4-made in a game best of 162 by Mark Zetterberg against Nebraska in 1976 (50, 46, 37, 29). Aldrich's five added to 220 yards.
- ◆ **P John Torp.** The Ray Guy Award candidate punted six times for 307 yards, or a **51.2** average, on the heels of a 5-52.2 effort against OSU. It was the 18th best gross punting day in Colorado history, of which Torp owns three, all this season (three or more punts). He had two kicks inside-the-CU 25, both going 61 yards.
- ◆ **Weird Stat of the Day.** Because of the two Iowa State fumbles on punts and the Cyclones' interception return for a touchdown, Colorado had **9** possessions in the first half to just **5** for ISU (and it was 15 to 11 for the game).
- ◆ Iowa State was **0-of-5** when penetrating the CU 20 (or the red zone); CU allowed just **seven** scores and five touchdowns the first **19** times the opponent cracked the Buff 20.
- ◆ Colorado has now won 20 of the last 21 games with Iowa State, the first time the Buffs own that many wins in that span against any team; the closest is a 20-1-1 mark CU had in a 22-game span against Wyoming.
- ◆ Colorado had scored 20 or more points in 12 straight games, but now has scored sub-20 in the last three. The last time Buffs failed to score 20 in three consecutive games was a four-game streak in 1998.

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.

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

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

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
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.

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

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
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.

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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.

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

NORTH TEXAS — Thomas 57 run (Bazaldia kick)	0- 7	14:17	1Q
COLORADO — Purify 11 run (Crosby kick)	7- 7	8:08	1Q
NORTH TEXAS — Thomas 25 run (Bazaldia 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

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 (Bazaldia kick)	45-21	12:41	4Q
COLORADO — Cox 3 run (Crosby kick)	52-21	10:39	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NORTH TEXAS
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.

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

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
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.

GAME #5—OKLAHOMA STATE 42, COLORADO 14

(October 9; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — The good news was that Oklahoma State ran just nine plays in plus territory all afternoon against Colorado, but the bad news was that they didn't really need to as the No. 21 Cowboys ruined the Buffaloes' annual homecoming with a 42-14 victory.

Three of OSU's touchdowns were over 50 yards in length, with a fourth scored on a late interception return. Otherwise, the Cowboys sustained just one drive in the game that produced a touchdown, while the other set up on a muffed punt return by the Buffs. But it was more than enough for OSU to improve to 5-0 on the season while CU dropped to 3-2 overall.

The tone for the game came down to three plays: on OSU's third play from scrimmage, tailback Vernand Morency broke around the left side and raced 58 yards for a touchdown just 3:35 into the game. A defensive struggle started to ensue, but Hugh Charles collided with Stephone Robinson as the latter tried to reel in an OSU punt, with the Cowboys recovering on the CU 11. After a penalty, Morency ran it in from six yards out for a 14-0 Cowboy lead with just over six minutes left in the half.

But perhaps the back breaker came on the last play of the half. OSU seemingly was satisfied with the two touchdown lead going into the lockerroom, running three rushing plays after it got the ball back with 1:20 left. But with nine seconds left, OSU quarterback Donovan Woods drifted back and launched what would be a 58-yard touchdown pass to Prentiss Elliott as time ran out and the lead grew to 21-0.

The Buffaloes didn't throw in the towel, holding the Cowboys to three-and-out on their first second half possession, but what followed basically sealed CU's fate. James Cox replaced an injured Joel Klatt at quarterback, and drove the Buffs from their own 28 deep into OSU territory. In fact, the Buffs were apparently on the board with a 29-yard catch and run by Lawrence Vickers, but it was negated by a holding call. Still, CU came back to face a 3rd-and-3 from the OSU 10, but Paul Duren intercepted a Cox pass at the 5 to end the threat.

OSU then countered with a 95-yard drive in 13 plays, capped by a 20-yard touchdown pass from Woods to Luke Frazier, to take a 28-0 edge late in the quarter. Vickers finally did get the zero off the Buff side of the scoreboard with a 6-yard run in the fourth, and Cox also found Dusty Sprague for a 21-yard touchdown pass, the first by both in their collegiate careers, but the game was already in the bank for the Cowboys.

Oklahoma State.....	7	14	7	14	—	42
COLORADO.....	0	0	0	14	—	14

OKLA. STATE — Morency 58 run (Ricks kick)	0- 7	11:25	1Q
OKLA. STATE — Morency 6 run (Ricks kick)	0-14	6:12	2Q
OKLA. STATE — Elliott 58 pass from Do. Woods (Ricks kick)	0-21	0:00	2Q

OKLA. STATE — Frazier 20 pass from Do. Woods (Ricks kick)	0-28	1:33	3Q
COLORADO — Vickers 6 run (Crosby kick)	7-28	10:31	4Q
OKLA. STATE — D.J. Woods 53 pass from Do. Woods (Ricks kick)	7-35	7:24	4Q
COLORADO — Sprague 21 pass from Cox (Crosby kick)	14-35	5:44	4Q
OKLA. STATE — Duren 34 interception return (Ricks kick)	14-42	2:07	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA STATE
First Downs	22	15
Third Down Efficiency	3-14	4-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-4	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	30-127	43-236
Passing Yards	318	193
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	48-28-2	11-8-1
Total Offense	445	429
Return Yards	30	51
Punts: No-Average	5-52.2	7-48.1
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards	9/60	5/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	1-9
Time of Possession	30:43	29:17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Vickers 15-72, Purify 6-26, Cox 4-21, Klatt 1-9, Jolly 4-1, Wilder 0-minus 2.
Okla. State: Morency 27-165, Willis 5-39, Shaw 6-19, Woods 5-13.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 24-12-0, 133, 0 td; Cox 21-15-2, 175, 1 td; White 1-1-0, 10, 0 td.
Okla. State: Do. Woods 11-8-1, 193, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Vickers 9-96, Mackey 6-129, Judge 6-50, Klopfenstein 3-12, Sprague 2-27, Montbeilh 1-4, Wallace 1-0. **Okla. State:** Elliott 2-64, D.J. Woods 2-60, Bajema 2-46, Frazier 2-23.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 5-52.2 (60 long, 3 In20). **Okla. State:** Farden 48.1 (63 long, 4 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-23. **Okla. State:** Elliott 4-17.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 1-6. **Okla. State:** R.Jones 1-13.

Interceptions—Colorado: Sims 1-7. **Okla. State:** Duren 2-34.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: T.Washington 6, 4—10; Brooks 6, 3—9; Iwuh 8, 0—8; Henderson 6, 0—6; Dizon 3, 3—6; Sims 3, 3—6; Garee 2, 3—5; Dawn 3, 1—4. **Okla. State:** R.Jones 7, 2—9; McInmore 5, 4—9; Holland 4, 4—8; Thompson 6-1—7; three with 4, 1—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Oklahoma State:** Peterson 1-9.

GAME #6—COLORADO 19, IOWA STATE 14

(October 16; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — If you like exciting special teams play, then Folsom Field was the place to be on this Saturday, as Mason Crosby kicked four field goals, including a school record 60-yarder, to lead the Colorado Buffaloes to a 19-14 win over the Iowa State Cyclones.

The Buffs moved to an early, and easy, 10-0 lead in the first 10 minutes of the game, perhaps being lulled into believing they would have their way with the Cyclones. On the games first possession, CU drove to midfield before stalling, only to have Todd Miller fumble a John Torp punt with Colorado's Lawrence Vickers recovering at the ISU 11. Three plays later, James Cox, making his first career start at quarterback, drilled a 3-yard touchdown pass to Jesse Wallace, with Crosby's PAT kick putting the Buffs up 7-0. But that would be CU's only touchdown on the day.

After Iowa State went three plays and out, Crosby kicked his first field goal, a chip shot from 28 yards after CU drove to just outside the Iowa State 1-yard line on the strength of a 17-yard pass from Cox to Bobby Purify, followed by a 35-yard run by Purify to the ISU 3 and a personal foul call. But a false start, a slip by Cox and an incompleat left the Buffs settling for three and a 10-0 lead.

From that point on, the game turned into a dogfight. ISU drove into CU territory on its next two possessions, only to turn the ball over the first time and then miss a 22-yard field goal. The latter set the stage for Crosby's record-setting kick, as he had plenty of distance but needed a friendly bounce off the upright to extend the lead to 13-0. Iowa State finally got on the board 82 second before halftime when Ellis Hobbs picked of a Cox pass and raced 34 yards for a touchdown.

At that point, Joel Klatt came in at quarterback for the Buffs, but the ISU defense stifled his first possession, forcing a punt. This time, Terrance Highsmith bobbled the ball with Stephone Robinson right there to recover for the Buffs at the Cyclone 18. Two plays later, CU was at the ISU 6, but a touchdown pass from Klatt to Wallace with eight second left was wiped out on an interference call on the CU tight end. That drew a 15-yard penalty, and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Buffs set CU back to the ISU 36. Crosby trotted in and nailed a 54-yarder at the halftime gun, becoming the first CU player to ever hit two from over 50 yards in the same game.

Crosby 'a fourth and final kick was from 33 yards out with 8:28 to play, as it came after Iowa State failed to score after driving three times in a row inside the Buff 20. The Cyclones turned it over on downs at the CU 7, missed a 25-yard field goal, and then fumbled it back to the Buffs at the CU 18. After the field goal, ISU again marched to the CU 12, only to misfire on four straight plays and turned the ball back over on downs. A 43-yard touchdown pass from Bret Meyer to Todd Blythe, on a 3rd-and-20 play, netted Iowa State's its only offensive points with 2:38 left. But CU earned two first downs, both on Vickers runs, to seal the victory.

Iowa State.....	0	7	0	7	—	14
COLORADO.....	10	6	0	3	—	19

COLORADO — Wallace 3 pass from James Cox (Crosby kick)	7- 0	9:24	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 28 FG	10- 0	5:15	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 60 FG	13- 0	5:43	2Q
IOWA STATE — Hobbs 34 interception return (Jansen kick)	13- 7	1:22	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 54 FG	16- 7	0:00	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 33 FG	19- 7	8:28	4Q
IOWA STATE — Blythe 43 pass from Meyer (Culbertson kick)	19-14	2:38	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs	17	24
Third Down Efficiency	6-16	10-21
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-2
Rushes—Net Yards	34-141	47-164
Passing Yards	163	239
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	34-18-3	33-16-1
Total Offense	304	403
Return Yards	50	128
Punts: No-Average	6-51.2	4-41.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0	3-3
Penalties/Yards	12/104	8/47
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	4-29	1-0
Time of Possession	29:35	30:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 13-69, Vickers 9-28, Ellis 2-15, Cox 5-11, Klatt 1-10, Charles 1-9, Mackey 1-1, Team 2-minus 2. **ISU:** Hicks 29-108, Davis 2-43, Meyer 14-11, Scales 1-3, Moses 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 18-11-2, 96; Cox 16-7-1, 67, 1 td. **ISU:** Meyer 33-16-1, 239, 1 td.
Receiving—Colorado: Montbeilh 4-43, Vickers 4-19, Judge 3-30, Purify 2-20, Sprague 1-22, Littlehales 1-15, Klopfenstein 1-8, Ellis 1-3, Wallace 1-3. **Iowa State:** Blythe 6-135, Wright 3-33, Davis 2-27, Hicks 2-16, Miller 2-15, Moses 1-13.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 6-51.2 (61 long, 3 In20). **ISU:** Blankenship 4-41.5 (44 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-43. **ISU:** Highsmith 5-57, Miller 1-1.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 1-31. **ISU:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Sims 1-7. **ISU:** Hobbs 1-34, Dobbins 1-25, Smith 1-11.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Iwuh 6, 4—10; T.Washington 6, 2—8; McChesney 3, 5—8; Dawn 5, 1—6; Dizon 4, 1—5; Garee 4, 1—5; Brooks 4, 0—4; Hubbard 3, 1—4; Wheatley 3, 1—4.

ISU: Moser 6, 1—7; Curvey 4, 3—7; Jackson 6, 0—6; Leaders 4, 2—6; Moorehead 1, 4—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dawn 1½-14, McChesney 1-7, Wright 1-3, Ligon ½-5. **ISU:** Team 1-0.

TRENDS Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is 157-74-4, the 14th best record nationally in this span). In these 235 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	96-15-2	♦ 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	102-19-3	♦ when leading after three quarters (<i>129-9-3 in last 141</i>)	133-11-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	99-25-1	♦ when leading at halftime (<i>114-11-2 in last 127</i>)	130-13-2
♦ 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	154-47-4
♦ when scoring first	99-18-1	♦ 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	61-47-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	96-15-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	86-13-2

TRENDS II Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's ninth best overall record at 129-55-4. Here's are some trends during this time frame (188 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	73-21-3	➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	110-18-2
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>43-4 with 500-plus</i>)	82-15-2	➤ 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>48-38-1 when not</i>)	81-17-3	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	86-22-1	➤ 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	65-30-2
➤ when scoring first (<i>66-9-1 the last 76 times</i>)	77-12-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>9-0-1 400-plus</i>)	23-10-1
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>21-6-2 with zero</i>)	94-26-2	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	61-47-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	72- 8-1	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	68-12-2
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	59- 6-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	100-16-1
➤ 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>)	91-23-2	➤ 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 38-30 overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (68 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>14-18 when not</i>)	24-12	➤ 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	33-12	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	18-5
<i>last 26 games when plus or even</i>	24-3	➤ 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>10-25 when not</i>)	28-5	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	23-10
➤ when leading at halftime	30-5	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	15-2
➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>2-2 when tied</i>)	6-23	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	30-3
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	17-3	➤ 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 (6 games):** Seniors (31), Juniors (51), Sophomores (45), Freshmen (5: redshirts 0, true 5).
- **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, **50** of the **132** starters have been underclassmen (**38%**; **56** of **144** 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 61, followed by Michigan (51), Florida (49), Tennessee (43), Miami, Fla. (43), **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 (26) and Oklahoma (24). (*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 ahead by a **288-259** edge after six games. Return yards are a staple of the Barnett Era at Colorado, as CU now has **3,717** in the 68 games he has coached, **815** 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 16:

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	5	1	47
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	4	1	43
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	3	0	37
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	1	1	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
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	1	1	30

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total
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
Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	2	2	22
TCU	5	3	4	6	3	0	1	22
Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	4	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.....	24-758-3	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.....	66-119-3	40-38-2	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).

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, four fairly regularly: **ILB Jordon Dizon**, **TB Hugh Charles**, **TB Byron Ellis** and **DE Alonzo Barrett**. **WR Reggie Joseph** as seen spot play, and **WR Patrick Williams** will seek a medical redshirt after suffering bone breaks in both hands.

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	16	0	CROSBY	18	—	GRIFFITH	27	0	MACKEY	8	0	SYNIEWSKI	42	11
ADAMS	0	0	CUSWORTH	0	0	GUYDON	6	0	MANUPUNA	29	8	TILMON	6	0
ANDERSON	0	0	ABDOUB	42	17	HAMMOND	6	0	MARTIN	0	0	TIPTON	8	0
BARREAU	6	6	DAME	0	0	HARRIS	6	0	MCCHESNEY	37	18	TORP	20	—
BARRETT	5	0	DANIELS	17	15	HARRISON	4	0	MONTEILH	30	8	VEIKUNE	0	0
BILLINGSLEY	28	18	DAWN	32	9	HEATON	0	0	MOORE	24	1	VICKERS	28	11
BOYE-DOE	15	3	DIZON	6	5	HENDERSON	6	5	NEWMAN	0	0	WALLACE	32	9
BROOKS	16	9	DUREN	18	0	HOLLIS	16	2	O'NEAL	23	10	WASHINGTON, T.	17	4
BROWN, C.	0	0	EBERLY	3	—	HOLZ	6	0	PACE	30	0	WASHINGTON, V.	24	0
BROWN, R.	0	0	EBERHART	5	—	HUBBARD	12	1	POLUMBUS	3	0	WHEATLEY	18	2
BURL	6	6	ELLIS	3	0	IWUH	30	12	PURIFY	41	10	WHITE	1	0
CAESAR	9	0	ENGLISH	0	0	JACKSON	2	0	REID	0	0	WILDER	40	29
CANTRELL	0	0	ENRIGHT	0	0	JOLLY	13	0	ROBINSON	6	0	WILLIAMS	2	0
CARPENTER	1	0	FENTON	16	6	JONES, B.	0	0	RUSSELL	6	0	WILSON	0	0
CHARLES	5	0	FORD	0	0	JONES, M.	5	0	SANDERS, D.	0	0	WRIGHT	6	0
CLEMENT	1	0	GARDEN	0	—	JOSEPH	5	0	SANDERS, J.	6	0	ZOELLER	0	0
COLLINS	0	0	GAREE	25	14	JUDGE	32	6	SCHAUB	6	0	TEAM	1052	292
COX	5	1	GOETTSCH	1	0	KLATT	20	15	SHERMAN	0	0	2003 Final	1510	503
CRAWFORD, C.	0	0	GOETZ	0	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	24	15	SIMS	10	7			
CRAWFORD, I.	3	0	GONZALES	1	0	LIGON	17	7	SPRAGUE	6	0			
CREIGHTON	17	0	GREENBERG	7	2	LITTLEHALES	11	0	STEMRICH	27	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 Sypniewski, ILB Sean Tufts (2000).

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

LAST TRUE 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 Thaddeus 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 29 (with the first 11 of those coming at DT). OG Brian Daniels is next with 15, followed by DE James Garee (14) and TE Joe Klopfenstein (8). Wilder's 29 total also leads the team in career starts, followed by FS J.J. Billingsley (18), DT Matt McChesney (18) and DT Brandon Dabdoub, while TE Quinn Sypniewski has played in a team-high 42 career games.

TWENTY-SIX "SEASONED" TO DATE 2004

Through six games, 26 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 (10): TB Isaiah Crawford, SS Lionel Harris, OL Edwin Harrison, *QB/WR Bernard Jackson, OL Tyler Polumbus,

*CB/KR Stephone Robinson, *CB Chris Russell, OLB Joe Sanders, WR Dusty Sprague, QB Brian White.

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.

EIGHT 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. Six started for the first time 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; the two others did so against Iowa State: QB James Cox and SS Tom Hubbard. 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 (8).

SCOUT WATCH

CU's senior class numbers just 12 this season (and one is out for the season with an injury), but 22 scouts representing 15 NFL teams have already scouted CU games: Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, 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 **130 different starting lineups in its last 81 games**, or just 32 under the maximum.

DINOSAURS Through six games in 2004, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** has worked 412 CU football games, including a current run of 395 in a row (220 of which are at home; he's seen 432 all told). The radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 387 games in his career, including 127 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 289, including the last 247 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 247 in all (97 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 188 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 234 CU games. **Gary Barnett** has coached in 163 Buffalo games (95 as an assistant), while **Mike Hankwitz**, in his second tour as a CU assistant, has notched 126. Equipment man **Mike Smith** has now worked 115 straight, 164 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	12	.647
Nebraska	20	12	.625
Oklahoma	17	12	.586
Texas A&M	18	16	.529
Colorado	17	16	.515
Texas Tech	15	19	.441
Oklahoma State	11	21	.344
Missouri	10	24	.294
Iowa State	7	27	.206
Kansas	4	29	.121
Baylor	0	34	.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	18	8	.692
Kansas State	16	10	.615
Colorado	15	10	.600
Missouri	15	11	.577
Iowa State	6	20	.231
Kansas	5	20	.200

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	20	5	.800
Texas A&M	16	10	.625
Oklahoma	15	10	.600
Texas Tech	12	14	.462
Oklahoma State	12	14	.462
Baylor	4	22	.154

(does not include title games)

2004 Network TV Appearances

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

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; but swelling persisted, and a second operation (Oct. 12) ended his season.
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	He's overcome some injuries (a lower leg one hampered him most of 2003), but he had a breakout game in the loss to Oklahoma State. He caught six passes for 129 yards, easily both career highs.
10 James Cox	He was in the mix for the starting job a year ago, but with Klatt entrenched at starter, he worked hard to ascend into the No. 2 spot and made his first start vs. ISU. 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 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 made 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.

42 Bobby Purify	He's the sixth player at CU to reach 2,500 career rushing yards, and he's looking to become the ninth to top 3,000 in all-purpose yards... 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. Bad luck then hit him again with the lower leg injury.
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, but has played sparingly as wear and tear on the knee limits his snaps.
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 got 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. He has both the confidence of the quarterbacks as well as being an accomplished blocker.
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 won a starting spot as a junior after promising his late sister, Mele (she passed last spring) that he would never quit and work hard to become a defensive starter.
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.	0:00 (56:25)
IOWA STATE	54:24
TEXAS A & M	
TEXAS	
KANSAS	
KANSAS STATE	
NEBRASKA	

Time Spent In The Lead: 172:10
Time Opp. In The Lead: 119:16
Games Held Lead In: 4
Games Trailed In: 3

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 103 games over the last eight-plus seasons, CU has led in 83 of them; the Buffs have also had a lead in 56 of 69 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 **1,068** 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 **40-38-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **89** of its last **188** 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 **188** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **110-24-2** (CU is **19-31-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed only **296** touchdowns in the last **594** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **298** times have yielded **150** field goals as well as **148** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 25% 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 **59** touchdowns in **151** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **80** scores overall, meaning **71** 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 1-of-8 to date.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **40** of its last **86** contests (twice 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 **139** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **76** times (55 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **39** of the **139** games since the '93 season opener (28%)... and remember CU has played **61** 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: **188** plays have netted just **733** yards, or a **3.9** average. Another way of looking at it is the opponent has had **40** drives with plays in the plus zone, or just an average of **18** yards once they cross the 50. The opponent has started **8** drives in plus territory and CU has allowed just one score (a TD) in that situation, and of the 19 times the opponent have cracked the 20 (or red zone), CU's allowed seven scores which include just five 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 **64** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **51** scores by return in **115** games (45 regular season, seven bowl), or one almost every two games.
- ➔ CU has allowed a touchdown pass in **24** 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 **67** games, and have recorded the feat **30** times in their last **138** 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 **47-30-1** in its last **78** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**44-23** in the last **67**, including a **21-11** 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 **308** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for **184** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **308** sacks allowed for **4,542** pass plays called, or one for every **14.7** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **136** interceptions in **4,234** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.21** percent (one every **31.1** 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 **46-of-106, 43.4%**, but have gained **846** yards on the **46** conversions (**18.4** per) and have just **104** yards on **60** misses (**1.7**). *(For comparison, CU has 307 yards on 26 conversions, 11.8 per, and 119 on 54 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, 34 of 95 touchdown drives have taken under 2:00. In 2004, **5** of **13** 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 four lasting 3:30 or longer through week five.
- ➔ Colorado is **82-32-3** in its last **117** 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 **3-of-61** 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-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 this season, however). 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 **16** of **24** 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 **190** of **272** quarters (70 percent), as well as in four of five overtime periods. All tolled, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **416** of its last **546** 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 (335 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 **78** of its last **82** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead (**6** 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 **71-15-2** in their last 88 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **102-17-2** in the last 121. The Buffs are **140-56-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (7-7 in bowls); **96-40-3** 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. 6	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 18); that's tied for the second most in the Big 12 Conference behind Texas A&M (31). Nationally, CU is tied for the 12th most players produced with Nebraska; Miami, Fla., leads with 43, followed by Florida State (39) and Notre Dame (38). CU tied for 13th in 2003 with 29, and 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? **P Mark Mariscal** is a member of the Montreal Alouettes, joining the team in mid-September, while **OG Marwan Hage** is on the inactive roster with the Hamilton Tiger-cats.

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 Stoltzenberg, 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 Stoltzenberg	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 SERVES AS HOMECOMING MARSHAL Former University of Colorado quarterback **John Hessler** was CU's honorary homecoming parade marshal on October 8. It was just 11 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. He has one more operation ahead of him (on his hip), and then the hope is that he soon will be able to walk on his own.

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.....	#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	Arizona	8,500
*Missouri	10,000	(14.6)	Virginia Tech	17,000	Clemson.....	#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.....	#South Florida	7,500
Nebraska	8,200	(11.1)	Brigham Young.... 15,000	Michigan State..... 10,347	Michigan State..... 10,347	Mississippi	7,200
Oklahoma	8,000	(9.9)	LSU	14,700	East Carolina	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.....		

(*—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 **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. He is currently living in Colorado Springs and is training at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

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 was set back for a couple of weeks, but he's back healthy and is probable for Texas A&M.

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 six 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 (if not a CU player, of course)?

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.

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.

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.
- 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-K/P-QB*); Joe Klopfenstein (*Explosion/TE-FB-LB-DS*); James Garee (*Power/OL-DL*).

STREAKING Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 15 major schools. The list: **5**—Air Force; **4**—Iowa State, San Jose State; **3**—Kansas, Minnesota, Utah State; **2**—California, Colorado State, Iowa, Northeast Louisiana, Notre Dame, 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 **190** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, now the longest streak in the Big 12), last being shutout on Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **104** 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 **119** straight league games (all **69** 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 **242** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **422** 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 16):** Colorado **190**, Nebraska 108, Kansas State 99, Texas Tech 86, Oklahoma 74, Oklahoma State 43, Kansas 21, Missouri 19, Baylor 10, Iowa State 9, Texas A&M 8, Texas 1. CU was the last team to shutout Kansas State (12-0 in 1996).

SCORING STREAKS II The school record **190** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **seventh** longest active streak in the nation. The list of the 10 Division I-A schools that have scored in every game since at least the start of the 1993 season, through games of October 16:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Washington	271	Nov. 7, 1981 at UCLA (0-31)	Colorado	190	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Michigan	245	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	TCU	147	Nov. 16, 1992 at Texas (0-32)
Washington State	233	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	Nevada	146	*All games: joined Div I-A in 1993
Oregon	227	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Air Force	140	#Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida State	204	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	(*—285 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl)		
Florida	198	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)			

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

- ❑ Colorado is **64-22** in its last **86** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **63-12** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **56-16-1** in its last **73** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **17-9** since 1986 against teams ranked between Nos. 20 and 25 in the AP poll (**8-3** in the last 11);
- ❑ Colorado is **62-10-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**15-3** last 18; **69-43-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **64-26-2** 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 (4)	33	25	-	.569

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 **ninth** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**129-55-4**). Of these 188 games, Colorado has played **80** 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 **40-38-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-15** record *on the road*); CU is also **89-17-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 11-plus years (**60** of its last **138** contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000, 5-2 in 2001, 2-3 in 2002, 2-3 in 2003 and 0-1 so far in 2004. **NOTE: In 1990, CU became only the second team in NCAA history to win the national championship after playing the nation's toughest schedule (opponents won 63% of their games; Penn State was the first to accomplish the feat, in 1982). CU also played the nation's toughest in 1997: opponents won 67% of their games as the Buffs played both co-national champions, Michigan and Nebraska.**

'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 (2-4)

24	at Colorado	27
0	at Southern California	49
16	MINNESOTA	34
39	MONTANA STATE	14
21	✚BRIGHAM YOUNG	31
21	✚at San Diego State	17
0 22	✚WYOMING	
0 30	✚NEW MEXICO	
N 6	✚at Utah	
N 13	✚UNLV	
N 20	✚at Air Force	

MISSOURI (4-2)

52	ARKANSAS STATE	20
14	at Troy	24
48	BALL STATE	0
17	◆COLORADO	9
30	◆at Baylor	10
20	◆at Texas	28
0 23	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	
0 30	◆at Nebraska	
N 6	◆KANSAS STATE	
N 20	◆KANSAS	
N 27	◆at Iowa State	

TEXAS A & M (5-1)

21	at Utah	41
31	WYOMING	0
27	CLEMSON	6
42	◆KANSAS STATE	30
34	◆at Iowa State	3
36	◆at Oklahoma State	20
0 23	◆COLORADO	
0 30	◆at Baylor	
N 6	◆OKLAHOMA	
N 13	◆TEXAS TECH	
N 26	◆at Texas	

KANSAS STATE (2-4)

27	WESTERN KENTUCKY	13
21	FRESNO STATE	45
40	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	20
30	◆at Texas A & M	42
28	◆at Kansas	31
21	◆OKLAHOMA	31
0 23	◆NEBRASKA	
0 30	◆TEXAS TECH	
N 6	◆at Missouri	
N 13	◆at Colorado	
N 20	◆IOWA STATE	

WASHINGTON STATE (3-3)

21	at New Mexico	17
12	COLORADO (<i>in Seattle</i>)	20
49	IDAHO	8
20	✚at Arizona	19
38	✚OREGON	41
17	✚STANFORD	23
0 23	✚at Oregon State	
0 30	✚SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
N 6	✚at UCLA	
N 13	✚at Arizona State	
N 20	✚WASHINGTON	

OKLAHOMA STATE (5-1)

31	at UCLA	20
38	TULSA	21
59	SOUTHERN METHODIST	7
36	◆IOWA STATE	7
42	◆at Colorado	14
20	◆TEXAS A & M	36
0 23	◆at Missouri	
0 30	◆OKLAHOMA	
N 6	◆at Texas	
N 13	◆BAYLOR	
N 27	◆at Texas Tech	

TEXAS (5-1)

65	NORTH TEXAS	0
22	at Arkansas	20
35	RICE	13
44	◆BAYLOR	14
0	◆Oklahoma (<i>at Dallas</i>)	12
28	◆MISSOURI	20
0 23	◆at Texas Tech	
0 30	◆at Colorado	
N 6	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	
N 13	◆at Kansas	
N 26	◆TEXAS A & M	

NEBRASKA (4-2)

56	WESTERN ILLINOIS	17
17	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	21
24	at Pittsburgh	17
14	◆KANSAS	8
10	◆at Texas Tech	70
59	◆BAYLOR	27
0 23	◆at Kansas State	
0 30	◆MISSOURI	
N 6	◆at Iowa State	
N 13	◆at Oklahoma	
N 26	◆COLORADO	

NORTH TEXAS (2-4)

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

IOWA STATE (2-4)

23	NORTHERN IOWA	0
10	at Iowa	17
48	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	41
7	◆at Oklahoma State	36
3	◆TEXAS A & M	34
14	◆at Colorado	19
0 23	◆at Baylor	
0 30	◆KANSAS	
N 6	◆NEBRASKA	
N 20	◆at Kansas State	
N 27	◆MISSOURI	

KANSAS (3-3)

21	TULSA	3
63	TOLEDO	14
17	at Northwestern	20
30	◆TEXAS TECH	31
8	◆at Nebraska	14
31	◆KANSAS STATE	28
0 23	◆at Oklahoma	
0 30	◆at Iowa State	
N 6	◆COLORADO	
N 13	◆TEXAS	
N 20	◆at Missouri	

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 **639-393-36** in **1,068** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 21st in all-time winning percentage (.615). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **274-130-10** in 80-plus seasons on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **235-200-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB Colorado is **42-18-2** in its last **62** October games, dating back to 1989. 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 2002, which came to Boulder ranked No. 13 at 4-0 and lost, 35-31. Two bit the dust in 2001: Nebraska (11-0, No. 1 in the BCS and No. 2 in the polls) dropped a 62-36 game to the Buffs, as did Texas A&M (5-0, No. 20), 31-21. In 1998, No. 22 Texas Tech (6-0) fell to CU 19-17; in 1995, No.3 Texas A&M (2-0) lost, 29-21; in 1994, No. 10 Wisconsin (2-0) was crushed, 55-17; and in 1990, No. 12 Washington (3-0) left a 20-14 loser. In 1989, No. 10 Illinois (2-0) lost 38-7 and No. 3 Nebraska (8-0) fell, 27-21.

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 are 0-1 against ranked opponents in 2004 (the loss to Oklahoma State).**

TV LAND

Colorado has now had **116** of its last **176** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes five 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, **79** of CU's **103** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 77 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

WIDE RECEIVER (x)

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

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.

TIGHT GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-5, 300, Soph.*
- 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Jr.**

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

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.

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.

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 Jordan Dizon, 6-0, 220, Fr.
- 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.

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

- 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-1, 195, Soph.*
- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS

STRONG SAFETY

- 9 Tom Hubbard, 6-5, 215, Jr. OR
- 3 Tyrone Henderson, 5-10, 180, Soph.

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.

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)
 ✱—J.J. Billingsley, Jr., FS(knee surgery)
 ✱—Chad Cusworth, Soph., OLB (torn ACL)
 ✱—J.T. Eberly, Sr., PK (torn Achilles)
 ✱—Chris Hollis, Jr., ILB (spinal cord contusion)
 ✱—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.