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QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The **Colorado Buffaloes** (5-5, 3-3 Big 12) play their regular season road finale this Saturday, traveling to Ames to take on the **Iowa State Cyclones** (2-8, 1-5 Big 12) in a 10:30 a.m. kickoff at Jack Trice Stadium (55,000)... The game will be televised on a limited regional basis by the fledgling Fox College Sports Network, with **Andrew Monaco** (play-by-play) and **Richard Baldinger** (analyst) to call the action; currently in about four million homes, it is available on the Front Range (Comcast Ch. 414 in Denver/Boulder, Ch. 172 Colorado Springs)... CU coach **Dan Hawkins** is sniffing the century mark as he takes a second crack at winning No. 100 in his career, entering this game with a **99-38-1** record as a collegiate head coach (60-26 in Division I-A/FBS)... Colorado is also going for its 400th win all-time in conference play this Saturday... This is also the 500th road game in school history (in opponent stadiums, neutral sites not included), as the Buffs are 29 games over .500 on the road (255-226-18, .529)... The Buffs need one win (or two if they're bowl bound) to avoid back-to-back losing seasons for the first time in 22 years (a six-year run between 1979-84); that's the 18th longest active run in the NCAA without going below .500 two straight years... CU is coming off a 55-10 loss to No. 9 Missouri in Boulder; the Buffs tend to rebound well after a loss to a top 10 team, as Colorado is 14-5 in its next game since 1993 after an in-season loss to one of the top 10 teams in the AP poll... The Buffs are 3-4 against teams that beat them in 2006 (wins over CSU, Oklahoma and Baylor; losses to Arizona State, Kansas State, Kansas and Minnesota); they can pull even with a win over Nebraska in the season finale... There are about 5,000 for the home finale against Nebraska on Nov. 23... **CUBuffs.com** features game day updates and live stats for all games.

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FRESHMAN RECORD ON HORIZON

Through 10 games, starts have been made by **41** freshmen (25 redshirt, 16 true); that is one off of the school record, which was 42 in 1998 (34 redshirt, 8 true). This is the fourth time freshmen have accounted for 40 starts, as that many started in 1987 and 1991; the 16 starts by true frosh likely won't reach the record 29 set in '91... two other times CU had 20 or more true newbies make starts, in 1987 (23) and 1980 (20).

STAT OF THE WEEK

Colorado's defense has generally done a pretty good job when the opponent has taken over in plus territory. So far, the enemy has started 20 drives on CU's side of the 50, with just 11 scores (7 touchdowns). And the Buffs haven't surrendered a lot of long marches, either; of 39 drives started at or inside the opponent 20, only six times have they driven for a touchdown (whereas CU has done it eight times in 25 situations).

OBSCURE NOTES OF THE WEEK

- **Misery Loves Company.** Or so they say, but for only the third time ever, the Buffs and Denver Broncos both lost on the same weekend by 20 or most points, and the first time by 30 or more. Colorado lost 55-10 to Missouri, while Denver lost 44-7 at Detroit (a combined 82 points). The only other occasions where both lost by 20 or more happened in 1960 (Nov. 12, Kansas 34, CU 6 in Lawrence; Nov. 13, Dallas Texans 34, Denver 7 in Dallas) and in 1972 (Sept. 30: Oklahoma State 31, CU 6 in Stillwater; Oct. 1, Kansas City 45, Denver 24 in Denver).
- **Third Quarter Head Scratcher.** Colorado has been outscored 102-59 after halftime (third quarter), yet have outgained the opponent in the quarter by 1,005 to 978. The difference? CU has seven turnovers in the quarter to the opponents two; that's the CU high for a quarter and the opponent low for same.

2007 COLORADO SCHEDULE & RESULTS (5-5, 3-3 BIG 12)

| Date | CU* | Opponent | Opp* | TV | Result/Time | 2007 | Series | This-N-That |
|----------|-----|-------------------------|------|-------|---------------------|--------|---------|---|
| | | | | | | Record | | |
| Sept. 1 | NR | Colorado State (Denver) | NR | FSN | W 31-28 (OT) | 1-8 | 58-19-2 | PK Eberhart ties it and wins it with two FG; McKnight 108 rec yds, TD |
| Sept. 8 | NR | at Arizona State | NR | FSN | L 14-33 | 8-1 | 0- 2-0 | Buffs take early 14-0 lead, but ASU scores last 33 in 102 degree heat |
| SEPT. 15 | NR | FLORIDA STATE | NR | ESPN | L 6-16 | 6-3 | 0- 2-0 | First encounter went FSU's way by 47-7 in Tallahassee in 2003 |
| SEPT. 22 | NR | MIAMI-OHIO | NR | none | W 42- 0 | 5-5 | 1- 0-0 | CU rolls up 634 yards (359 rushing, most since '02), limits Miami to 139 |
| SEPT. 29 | NR | OKLAHOMA (H) | 3 | FSN | W 27-24 | 8-1 | 17-39-2 | Buffs defeat top 5 team for first time since '01 Big 12 title game (Texas) |
| Oct. 6 | NR | at Baylor | NR | none | W 43-23 | 3-7 | 9- 6-0 | Sumler (3 TDs), Eberhart (5 FGs) pace CU as Buffs race to 40-9 lead |
| Oct. 13 | NR | at Kansas State | NR | ESPN2 | L 20-47 | 5-4 | 43-19-1 | Buffs play catch-up after falling behind early; Charles 171, 1 TD rushing |
| OCT. 20 | NR | KANSAS (FW) | 15 | ESPN | L 14-19 | 9-0 | 41-23-3 | Colorado D limits potent KU offense but CU rally falls short in last minute |
| Oct. 27 | NR | at Texas Tech | NR | ABC | W 31-26 | 7-3 | 5- 4-0 | Wheatley's 3 INTs, Dizon INT/TD key first win by road team in series |
| NOV. 3 | NR | MISSOURI | 9 | FSN | L 10-55 | 8-1 | 31-38-3 | Tigers hand CU third-worst home loss in history, score last 48 points |
| Nov. 10 | NR | at Iowa State | NR | FCS^ | 10:30a | 2-8 | 47-13-1 | CU leads 24-7 all-time in Ames, with wins in 10 of last 11 |
| NOV. 23 | | NEBRASKA | | ABC | 10:00a | 4-6 | 17-46-2 | NU win in Lincoln in '06 snapped 4-game winning streak by road team |

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

MEDIA SERVICES

- Coach **Dan Hawkins** holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Hawkins beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 4-11-18-25, Oct. 2-9-16-23-30, Nov. 6-19 (Monday)-27, Dec. TBA (bowl). NOTE that there is no organized press luncheon on Nov. 13 (bye week). The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on www.CUBuffs.com (in the BuffsTV area); all press conferences on CUBuffs.com are free and thus do not require access codes.
- Hawkins can be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. MT. All coaches participate; please call 706/679-2026 for access (media only—you must register). A teleconference replay is available after 2 p.m. MT the same day by phone (706/634-1618) or on www.Big12sports.com.
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available anytime provided by the Big 12 Conference through www.CollegePressBox.tv. Highlights will be in files in Quicktime format, with all available for viewing prior to downloading. First-time visitors will need to register on-line for access; information: contact Ted Gangi at 214/909-9314 or webmaster@collegepressbox.com. Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (Deric Swanson or Eric Pelloni: 303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed after games; following the customary 10-minute cooling off period, players will be made available (a list of players will be solicited immediately following the game; no cutoff to request players).
- Colorado's regular season **football practices** are closed to the general public (exception: Sundays) but are open to the media (exception: Thursdays). The first 25 minutes of practices (Sun-Tues-Wed) in-season are open for photography/video needs from the end zones and sidelines. Extensive parameters listed in CU media policies.
- This year's standard **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (3:15-5:00, 5:15-6:15); Monday (off); Tuesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Wednesday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:30), Thursday (2:30-3:40/4:00-6:00), Friday (3:00-4:00, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed post-practice on Sundays, pre- and post-practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and pre-practice Thursdays (the cutoff moves up to pre-Wednesday practice for Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all four days in all time slots. Interviews on Mondays are at the discretion of the player, as it being the standard player day off (no meetings/practice), CU can't arrange due to NCAA rules.
- **Collegepressbox.com** is the official media website for Big 12 football. Access and download weekly game notes, statistics, quotes, media guides and more for the conference and each member school throughout the season. The conference office will distribute login information to accredited media, and media members can also apply for a password by sending an e-mail to password@collegepressbox.com.
- **CU On-Line Photo Database**. The CU sports information service has an online photo database that allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality head shots of all CU coaches and student-athletes as well as action shots of key players. Registration is easy: for a login and password, simply log on to www.CUBuffs.com, select "Sports Information" from the "Athletic Department" menu located on the left navigation bar and follow the instructions.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE INTERNET

- Colorado has its information available to both the media and fans alike on the Internet. Visit the official CU site at www.CUBuffs.com for the latest information, releases, game notes and press conference broadcasts (free). Simply type www.cubuffs.com/media into your web browser, then click on Media Center, and it will link you to everything you'll need to know about CU football. "BuffsTV" offers the opportunity to listen and/or watch live game action of several CU athletic teams. Breaking news with the program will be found here first every time and delivered in full without others editing out what they might deem unessential.
- **Yahoo.com** is the official site for subscription service for audio-only broadcasts, as all football and men's and women's basketball games are streamed through Yahoo! Sports. Just visit the Multimedia area of the CUBuffs.com, go to the football schedule page and click on the corresponding audio icon, or visit yahoosports.com.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE AIRWAYS

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his fourth year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. **Larry Zimmer** (analysis) is in his 34th season broadcasting Colorado football (he handled play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** (pre- and postgame shows/sidelines) is in his third year on the broadcast team.
- Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the **Dan Hawkins Show** originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Mark Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program.
- **Satellite Radio**: Sirius Radio is the satellite home of the Buffaloes; the CU-ISU broadcast will air on channel **140** (CU/KOA radio network feed; ISU feed on Ch. 143).
- **FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" is seen in the six-state FSN area every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. Assistant AD and former CU QB **Charles Johnson** hosts the program; the show airs through the end of basketball season for the men and/or women. FSN will also replay Dan Hawkins' weekly press conference three times each week (day of and/or after) at various times. The network will also replay the CU-CSU game twice and the CU-ASU game once.

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

Number Change: TB Kevin Moyd (#22, from #23). **Position Change:** Nate Vaionmunga (OLB, from DB). **Ineligible (Academics):** WR Alvin Barnett, ILB Marcus Burton. **Suspended (Season):** ILB Michael Sipili.

DUPE NUMBERS: While there are several duplicate numbers, those who appear below are the ones most likely to see action (at the three other dupes, **19** (Cope), **21** (McKnight) and **25** (Harris) are the only ones expected to see action). CU jerseys *DO* have names on the back; key: A—African-American, C—Caucasian, P—Polynesian:

Offense/Kicker
3 Nick Nelson (C)

Defense/Kicker
3 Jimmy Smith (A)

Offense/Kicker
9 Josh Smith (A)

Defense/Kicker
9 Daniel Dykes (C)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

| Coaches/Staff | Defense/Kicker | Offense/Kicker | Defense/Kicker |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Brian CABRAL (cuh-browl) | Blake BEHRENS (bear-ens) | Jordon DIZON (dye-zonn) | Samson JAGORAS (juh-gore-us) |
| Mark HELFRICH (hel-fritch) | Jake BEHRENS (bear-ens) | Justin DRESCHER (dresh-er) | TAJ Kaynor (as in Taj Mahal) |
| Eric KIESAU (key-saw) | Austin BISNOW (bizz-no) | Erick FAATAGI (fuh-tah-gee) | KAI MAIAYA (ky my-ah-vuh) |
| ROMEO Bandison (row-may-oh) | CHA'PELLE Brown (shuh-pell) | Joe FRUECHTEL (freck-tell) | Kevin MOYD (moid, as in void) |
| | JALIL Brown (juh-leal) | RIAR Geer (rye-er) | Conrad OBI (oh-bee) |
| | Kendrick CELESTINE (cell-uh-steen) | Eugene GOREE (gore-ray) | Wes PALAZZI (puh-la-zee) |
| | Patrick DEVENNY (duh-vain-E) | MARQUEZ HERROD (mar-qwez her-rod) | Tyler POLUMBUS (as in Columbus) |
| Players | Tyson DeVREE (duh-vray) | George HYPOLITE (hip-puh-light) | STEPHONE Robinson (steff-on) |
| Tyler AHLES (alice) | Matt DiLALLO (di-lah-low) | | LAGRONE Shields (luh-gronn) |
| Matthew BAHR (bar) | | | |
| B.J. BEATTY (bay-tee) | | | |
| | | | MARKQUES SIMAS (marcus see-muss) |
| | | | Michael SIPILI (sih-pill-E) |
| | | | Nate SOLDER (sold-er) |
| | | | Tom SUAZO (swoz-as in Oz-oh) |
| | | | SIONE TAU (see-own-E towe, as in now) |
| | | | Nate VAIONMUNGA (vy-oh-moun-guh) |
| | | | JARRELL Yates (juh-rell) |

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are CU's starters for the 2007 season (**bold** indicates first career start); this list often does not reflect who might "listed" first at a position, as especially on offense, the first play selected often involves a particular grouping:

| OFFENSE | WR | WR | LT | LG | C | RG | RT | TE | QB | TB | FB / Other |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Colorado State | Williams | McKnight | Polumbus | Palazzi | D.Sanders | Head | Harrison | Sumler (WR) | C.Hawkins | Ellis | Sprague (WR) |
| Arizona State | Williams | Robinson | Polumbus | Palazzi | D.Sanders | Head | Harrison | Geer | C.Hawkins | Sumler | Sprague (WR) |
| Florida State | Jo. Smith | McKnight | Polumbus | Palazzi | D.Sanders | Head | Harrison | Geer | C.Hawkins | Ellis | J.Sanders (TE) |
| Miami-Ohio | Williams | Sprague | Polumbus | Palazzi | D.Sanders | Head | Harrison | DeVree | C.Hawkins | Ellis | Jagoras |
| Oklahoma | Jo. Smith | McKnight | Polumbus | Maiava | D.Sanders | Head | Harrison | Celestine (WR) | C.Hawkins | Ellis | Sprague (WR) |
| Baylor | Williams | Solder (TE) | Polumbus | Maiava | D.Sanders | Head | Harrison | Geer | C.Hawkins | Sumler | Cantrell |
| Kansas State | Williams | McKnight | Polumbus | Maiava | D.Sanders | Harrison | Miller | DeVree | C.Hawkins | Lockridge | J.Behrens |
| Kansas | Jo. Smith | McKnight | Polumbus | Maiava | D.Sanders | Harrison | Miller | Geer | C.Hawkins | Charles | J.Behrens |
| Texas Tech | Williams | Sprague | Polumbus | Maiava | D.Sanders | Harrison | Miller | Geer | C.Hawkins | Ellis | Solder (TE) |
| Missouri | Jo. Smith | McKnight | Polumbus | Maiava | D.Sanders | Harrison | Miller | Geer | C.Hawkins | Charles | Solder (TE) |

| DEFENSE | LE | DT | NT | RE | MLB | WLB | SLB | LCB | FS | SS | RCB |
|----------------|----------------------|----------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|---------|--------------|--------|
| Colorado State | Lucas | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | C.Brown (N) | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |
| Arizona State | Lucas | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | Duren | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |
| Florida State | Lucas | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | R.Brown | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |
| Miami-Ohio | C.Brown (N) | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | Smart | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |
| Oklahoma | C.Brown (N) | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | Smart | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |
| Baylor | Lucas | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | Smart | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |
| Kansas State | Lucas | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | Smart | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |
| Kansas | C.Brown (N) | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | Smart | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |
| Texas Tech | C.Brown (N) | Hypolite | Nicolas | Barrett | Smart | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |
| Missouri | Lucas | Hypolite | Nicolas | C.Brown (N) | Smart | Dizon | B.Jones | Wheatley | Walters | Dykes | Burney |

(**N**)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Polumbus 23, Wheatley 22, D.Sanders 21, Dizon 17. **CAREER STARTS**—Dizon 44, Wheatley 29, Polumbus 25, D.Sanders 25, Charles 21.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Colorado State 89/49; Arizona State 69/52; Florida State 93/50; Miami-Ohio 97/62; Oklahoma 95/54; Baylor 70/56; Kansas State 70/55; Kansas 95/60; Texas Tech 70/54; Missouri 95/58.

COLORADO COACHES' WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

A look at Colorado's weekly award winners for each game as selected by the coaching staff (#—chosen if a linemen does not win offensive or defensive; *—denotes nominated for Big 12 player-of-the-week):

| Opponent | Offensive | Defensive | Special Teams | #Lineman (Off or Def) | Scout Team (Offense, Defense, Special Teams) | | |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Colorado State | WR Scotty McKnight* | ILB Jordon Dizon | PK Kevin Eberhart* | DT George Hypolite | TB Brian Lockridge | ILB Michael Sipili | S Jason Espinoza |
| Miami-Ohio | C Daniel Sanders | DT Brandon Nicolas | CB Gardner McKay | ..... | OL Shawn Daniels | DE Conrad Obi | S Bret Smith |
| | | | | | OL Joe Fruechtel | | |
| Oklahoma | TB Hugh Charles* | SS Daniel Dykes* | WR Chase McBride* | OT Edwin Harrison | WR Steve Melton | DE Conrad Obi | S Joel Adams |
| Baylor | TB Hugh Charles | ILB Jordon Dizon* | P Matt DiLallo* | C Daniel Sanders | TB Cory Nabors | DT Eugene Goree | SN Justin Drescher |
| | WR Dusty Sprague* | | | | OL Joe Fruechtel | | |
| Texas Tech | OG Edwin Harrison | CB Terrence Wheatley* | CB Jalil Brown | ..... | WR Markques Simas | ILB Josh Hartigan | SN Austin Bisnow |

None awarded in losses (Arizona State, Florida State, Kansas State, Kansas, Missouri)

INJURY UPDATE

The Buffs had a few players rattled with varying degrees of concussions in the Missouri game, and are steal dealing, like all teams, with late season chronic bumps and bruises. Colorado's injury list as of Tuesday, November 5:

| Pos | Player | Injury | Notes | Status/Iowa State |
|-----|-------------------|------------|---|-------------------|
| FB | Jake Behrens | ankle | sprained in conditioning the Sunday after the Kansas game (Oct. 21) | QUESTIONABLE |
| OLB | Brad Jones | concussion | suffered in the Missouri game | DAY-TO-DAY |
| CB | Terrence Wheatley | foot | sprained in the Missouri game | DAY-TO-DAY |
| FS | Ryan Walters | concussion | suffered in the Missouri game; taken to the hospital, where all tests were negative | DAY-TO-DAY |

OUT FOR SEASON: ILB R.J. Brown (concussion); WR Cameron Ham (broken fibula); DE Drew Hudgins (ruptured Achilles).

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

SEASON AWARD WINNERS

Those honors earned by Colorado players to date:

AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

DT **GEORGE HYPOLITE** (*one of 11 I-A/FBS players selected*)

MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICA

ILB **JORDON DIZON** (*first-team: Rivals.com, SI.com, Phil Steele's College Football*)

PK **KEVIN EBERHART** (*second-team: SI.com*)

MIDSEASON ALL-BIG 12 (*As selected by Phil Steele's College Football*)

First-Team: ILB Jordon Dizon, DT George Hypolite

Second-Team: TB Hugh Charles, OT Tyler Polumbus, CB Terrence Wheatley

NATIONAL PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

CB **TERRENCE WHEATLEY** (*FWAA/Nagurski, Walter Camp Defensive: October 27 vs. Texas Tech: 3 interceptions, 7 tackles (7,0), 1 PBU*)

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

PK **KEVIN EBERHART** (*Special Teams—Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State: 3-3 PAT, 3-4 FG, 11 points; included game-tying and game-winning field goals*)

WR **CHASE MCBRIDE** (*Special Teams—Sept. 29 vs. Oklahoma: returned 4 punts for 87 yards, with his long of 31 setting up CU's game winning field goal*)

PK **KEVIN EBERHART** (*Special Teams—Oct. 6 vs. Baylor: 4-4 PAT, 5-6 FG, 19 points; tied CU record for field goals made and attempted and kick points in a game*)

CB **TERRENCE WHEATLEY** (*Defensive—October 27 vs. Texas Tech: 3 interceptions, 7 tackles (7,0), 1 PBU*)

CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

ILB **JORDON DIZON** (*Sept. 1 vs. Colorado State: 22 tackles, 17 solo; one TFL, one TFZ, FF, PBU, one caused INT, 4th down stop, one special teams tackle*)

DT **GEORGE HYPOLITE** (*Sept. 15 vs. Florida State: 10 tackles, eight solo; three TFLs, two sacks, two third down stops*)

OLB **BRAD JONES** (*Sept. 22 vs. Miami-Ohio: 6 tackles, four solo; one TFL, two hurries, two third down stops, one tackle for zero*)

TB **HUGH CHARLES** (*Oct. 13 vs. Kansas State: 22-171, 1 TD rushing, 1-9 receiving*)

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

PK **KEVIN EBERHART** (*September 1 vs. Colorado State: 3-3 PAT, 3-4 FG, 11 points; included game-tying and game-winning field goals*)

TB **HUGH CHARLES** (*September 29 vs. Oklahoma: 24-110, 1 TD rushing, 5-48 receiving*)

CB **TERRENCE WHEATLEY** (*October 27 vs. Texas Tech: 3 interceptions, 7 tackles (7,0), 1 PBU*)

OTHER IN-SEASON HONORS

PK **KEVIN EBERHART** (*Lou Groza Award Top Three Stars of the Week vs. Colorado State & Oklahoma*)

COLORADO TEAM (*Collegesportsreport.com Team-of-the-Week: Sept. 22 vs. Miami-Ohio*)

BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL LISTS**(SEMIFINALIST, FINALIST, WATCH)**

Chuck Bednarik Award (defensive player of the year): **ILB Jordon Dizon** (one of 65 candidates on official watch list)

Dick Butkus Award (top linebacker): **ILB Jordon Dizon** (one of 10 semifinalists)

Vincent Draddy Trophy (academic "Heisman"): **PK Kevin Eberhart** (one of 153 semifinalists)

Ronnie Lott Award (top defensive impact player): **ILB Jordon Dizon** (one of 17 quarterfinalists)

Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player): **CB Terrence Wheatley** (on official watch list)

Dave Rimington Award (top center): **C Daniel Sanders** (one of 54 candidates on official watch list)

Jim Thorpe Award (top defensive back): **CB Terrence Wheatley** (one of 35 on official watch list)

Doak Walker Award (top running back): **TB Hugh Charles** (one of 51 candidates on official watch list)

WHEATLEY NAMED NATIONAL PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK

CB Terrence Wheatley was named the national defensive player of the week by both the Walter Camp Foundation and the FWAA/Nagurski Committee for his three interceptions of highly regarded Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell in Colorado's 31-26 win over Texas Tech. The senior cornerback picked off his 12th, 13th and 14th career passes, tying **Dick Anderson** for third on CU's all-time list; he is the first Buff to pick two off in the same game since last year's game against Tech, when **Ryan Walters** snared a pair of Harrell passes. ... AND he was the first to pick off three in a game since **Victor Scott** picked off three at Oklahoma State on Oct. 16, 1982 (in a wild 25-25 tie).

He is the eighth player this season to pick off three passes in a game in Division I-A/FBS, and also the eighth to do so in CU history (with two in the fourth quarter, he was the 11th player to have two in the same quarter). He is Colorado's first national player of the week since **QB Joel Klatt** earned the honor for his first career start in a 42-35 win over Colorado State in the 2003 season opener.

Most Interceptions, Game—3, eight times: Malcolm Miller vs. Kansas in Boulder, Sept. 24, 1949; Roy Shepherd vs. Colorado A & M in Boulder, Nov. 29, 1952; Frank Bernardi & Carroll Hardy vs. Utah in Boulder, Nov. 7, 1953; Dick Anderson vs. Oregon at Eugene, Sept. 23, 1967; Rich Bland vs. Air Force in Boulder, Oct. 13, 1973; Victor Scott vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 16, 1982; Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech in Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007.

DIZON NAMED BUTKUS AWARD SEMIFINALIST; AMONG NATION'S LEADING TACKLERS AS WELL AS NUMBER TWO ACTIVE CAREER TACKLER

Senior **ILB Jordan Dizon** was named one of 10 semifinalists for the Dick Butkus Award on October 18, presented annually to the nation's best linebacker by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando. Dizon is looking to become the third Colorado Buffalo to win the award, one of the first created to honor the best at a specific position. Outside linebacker **Alfred Williams** won from CU's national championship team in 1990, with inside 'backer **Matt Russell** claiming the honor in 1996.

Dizon is officially fifth in the nation in tackles by press box figures, which are largely inaccurate; he's actually been the nation's leading tackler for all but two weeks this season. He has 133 (ACTUAL TOTALS—NOT INACCURATE PRESS BOX COUNT NCAA USES), or an average of 13.3 per game, with 98 being solo stops. But that doesn't begin to tell the story of what he has accomplished or meant to CU's defense.

The Buffs' defensive captain, he's played 651 snaps this season—all but 32 by the CU defense. He has 11 tackles for losses, including four quarterback sacks, and another 10 for zero gains by the opponent, all team bests, as are his 15 third down stops. The school record in the latter is 18, which he flirted with a season ago in coming up one short.

He has two interceptions, one of which he returned for his first career touchdown early in the second half at Texas Tech, which gave CU a 24-6 lead at the time in an eventual 31-26 win. He also has two pass break-ups, seven hurries, two near-sacks, a forced fumble and a caused interception. On special teams, he's had another tackle and two knockdown blocks. Dizon has 12 or more tackles in eight of CU's 10 games (10-plus nine times), including a career-high 22 in the opener against Colorado State. He had 17 in game two at Arizona State in 100-degree heat, along with four third down stops and three for losses, and racked up 15 at Baylor when he made his first career interception.

In Colorado's 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma, he had 13 tackles, including a key fourth quarter sack on third down against Sooners signal caller Sam Bradford.

The always humble Dizon was modest about being selected as a semifinalist. "It's definitely an honor, but it would mean more to me to win the Big 12 Championship than any individual accolades."

"Great players are a reflection of great coaches, and I have to give all credit to Coach (**Brian**) **Cabral**," Dizon added. "He's been there to help me improve since Day One and I just have to keep working hard for him and my team." Cabral also coached Russell and was on the staff when Williams earned it.

Dizon is now fourth all-time at Colorado in tackles with 413, which also includes the third-most solo stops with 271. **Barry Remington** is CU's all-time leader with 493, with Russell second (446) and **Greg Biekert** third (441); he recently passed **Ted Johnson** (409) into fourth. Biekert was a semifinalist for the Butkus Award in 1992, while Johnson was a finalist in '94.

"He's probably the most complete, every down player that I've ever coached," Cabral said, which is saying something consider that he has coached eight of the top 15 tacklers in school history. "He's the only player I've had start for me for four years, which is a tremendous accomplishment for him. He's enjoying his best season as Buffalo."

Dizon was the lone semifinalist from the Big 12 Conference; joining him in the final 10 are Dan Connor (Penn State), Shawn Crable (Michigan), Erin Henderson (Maryland), Ali Highsmith (LSU), James Laurinaitis (Ohio State), Jeremy Leman (Illinois), Ben Moffitt (South Florida), Keith Rivers (USC) and Wesley Woodyard (Kentucky). The list will be narrowed to three finalists by the Butkus selection committee on November 9, with the winner to be announced in Orlando in December.

He was also named one of 17 quarterfinalists for the Lott Trophy on October 23, as that award recognizes on field play along with sportsmanship, leadership and citizenship.

See the differences below in press box versus coaches tackle counts. He is also second active leading career tackler, based on total tackles, in the NCAA; here's a look at the top eight active career tacklers in Division I-A/FBS (*—includes 9 tackles in 2003):

| Player, Pos, School | G | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | Total | Player, Pos, School | G | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | Total |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|----|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Thomas Keith, LB, Central Michigan | 36 | 95 | 104 | 127 | 89 | 415 | Vince Hall, LB, Virginia Tech | 39 | 64 | 112 | 128 | 61 | 365 |
| Jordan Dizon, ILB, Colorado | 39 | 82 | 61 | 137 | 133 | 413 | *Nelson Coleman, LB, Tulsa | 41 | 50 | 117 | 98 | 90 | 364 |
| Matt Castelo, LB, San Jose State | 31 | 36 | 91 | 165 | 99 | 391 | Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky | 34 | 34 | 100 | 122 | 74 | 330 |
| Dan Connor, LB, Penn State | 32 | 85 | 76 | 113 | 105 | 379 | Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee | 37 | 65 | 65 | 96 | 53 | 279 |

➤ **Passed His Coach.** Dizon passed his position coach, **Brian Cabral**, with his effort against Colorado State. Cabral had 297 tackles in his CU career, which at the time was a school record. Since he became CU's linebackers coach in 1989, he has fallen to 16th on the list, but much of it is due to his own coaching; eight of the players who have passed him he has tutored, including Dizon.

➤ **Where His Career Effort Ranked.** Dizon's 22 stops (17 solo) against Colorado State tied for the 17th most in school history, the most since **ILB Hannibal Navies** recorded 28 (19 solo) against Missouri in 1997. The 17 solo tackles by Dizon tied for the third most in a game, trailing Navies as well as **ILB Greg Biekert**, who had 19 at Illinois in 1990.

➤ Dizon had posted 10 or more tackles in five consecutive games, dating back to the end of the 2006 season (he had 82 tackles for those quintet of games, or 16.2 per); the run stopped when he had five in the Miami game, but alas, the first-team defense was out there for only 42 plays. He has **19** career double figure games: he had two as a frosh but amazing never had more than six in a game his sophomore season.

➤ **Third Down Terror.** Dizon has **15** third/fourth down stops this year, picking up where he left off in 2006, when he snuck up on a school record in the category. In posting **17** third down stops, he was one shy of the record first set by **OLB Chad Brown** in 1992 and then equaled in 2005 by **OLB Brian Iwuh**. An under appreciated statistic, one that CU may be the only school to track (starting in 1991 in earnest); Dizon now has **44** in his career, the fourth most-ever by a Buff; **ILB Greg Biekert** holds the school record with 47, followed by Brown and **ILB Matt Russell** (45 each).

PRESS BOX vs. COACHES TACKLE COUNT (Solo-Total)

| Game | CSU | ASU | FSU | MIA | OU | BU | KSU | KU | TTU | MU | ISU | NU | Totals |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-----|----|--------|
| COACHES (CU official) | 17-22 | 14-17 | 9-12 | 3- 5 | 8-13 | 11-15 | 9-13 | 9-14 | 10-12 | 8-10 | | | 98-133 |
| PRESS BOX (NCAA official) | 15-20 | 12-15 | 8-14 | 3- 6 | 6- 9 | 7-14 | 7-11 | 10-12 | 8- 9 | 9- 9 | | | 85-119 |

DIZON ON HIS INTERCEPTION AND FIRST CAREER SCORE: *"It was one of those deals where he really just threw me the ball, so I figured I might as well catch it. My job on that play is to read his eyes once he gets out of the pocket and get into position to make a play, and he threw it right at me."*

RIISING UP THE CHARTS

QB Cody Hawkins, one of 12 freshman starting quarterbacks in the nation (5 at BCS schools) now has a 2,000-yard passing season under his belt (2,190), with a 2,500-yard season a distinct possibility. That's already the seventh highest single-season total; and he's on pace to throw for 2,600 yards, which is unfamiliar territory for most throughout CU history; only four times have CU quarterbacks passed for over 2,500 yards, and just one over 2,700—Koy Detmer for 3,156 in 1996. Hawkins is moving up all the single season lists that go with passing yards, such as attempts, completions and total offense. His 15 touchdown passes are tied for the fifth most in a single season (record: 22, Koy Detmer in 1996), and his 15 interceptions are also tied for the second most in a single year (record: 16, John Hessler in 1997, followed by 15, Joel Klatt 2004). The interception counts a bit skewed—seven have been by deflection. He already has set a host of freshmen records (*see page 25*).

3-0 VERSUS THE BIG BAD SOUTH

The North Division schools have taken their lumps, not only in games but also publicly, but perhaps things are changing; they are for Colorado. The 31-26 win at Texas Tech gave the Buffaloes a season-sweep against the South Division, the third time CU has done so. This was the eighth time in 12 years that CU won the season series with the South schools. Colorado is 21-15 all-time against the South in the regular season, the best mark of any North Division team. The Buffs also have won the season series against the South in 1996 (3-0), 1998 (3-0), 1999 (2-1), 2000 (2-1), 2001 (2-1), 2002 (2-1) and 2005 (2-1). Seems some have forgotten that the North was the dominant division in this league at the on-set, and these things are in fact cyclical.

TOUGHEST SCHEDULES / BUFFS IN AT NO. 3 (SAGARIN), 25 (NCAA)

In the two most noteworthy schedule rating systems, the Buffs are playing either the third or 25th toughest schedule in the nation. In the Sagarin computer rankings, which uses a complex formula of who a team has played and who they have played, CU is third, trailing Washington and Notre Dame. In the NCAA rankings, based purely on won-loss records, CU currently is playing the 25th toughest schedule in the nation when taking into consideration both past and future opposition. Oklahoma State tops the chart, as its opponents are 57-32 for a 64.0 winning percentage, with Texas A & M second (56-32, .636). Colorado's opponents are 56-41 (57.7). Iowa State is 14th in the NCAA ranking (54-36, .600) as well as in the Sagarin tabulation.

➤ **BCS Playing The BCS.** Colorado was one of 21 BCS schools to schedule at least two BCS colleagues in 2007 (meaning 45 played either one or in some cases, none). Notre Dame is playing the most (10), with Duke and Syracuse three each. The other 18 scheduled two: Auburn, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida State, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Miami-Fla., Michigan, Michigan State, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, South Florida, Virginia and Washington.

41 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS SEVENTH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 41 wins over *Associated Press* ranked teams since the start of the 1989 season is the seventh most in the nation in this time frame. Florida State has the most with 67, followed by Florida (58), Michigan (58), Ohio State (53), Miami, Fla. (51), Tennessee (50), **Colorado (41)** and Notre Dame (40). Penn State (39), Alabama (36), Nebraska (35) and Texas (35) round out the top 10. As for the Big 12, after CU, NU and UT, the next schools on this list are Oklahoma (33), Texas A&M (20) and Texas Tech (17). All-time, Colorado's 64 wins over ranked teams are the 23rd most in history. (*AP polls used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

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

RANDOM LINERS

- **Iron Man.** There is just one player who has played every snap (all offense or all defense), and that's **OT Tyler Polumbus**. He's been in there for every one of the 740 snaps on offense. **C Daniel Sanders** has played 730 of 740, while **ILB Jordan Dizon** has played the most on defense (651 of 683).
- **Mr. Do-it-All.** Not only does (true) freshman **PK Tyler Cope** kickoff, but good or bad, he has often finished his own business as he has seven solo tackles (and two assists) on return coverage. To put that in perspective, the most any kicker has had in a season since charting special teams tackles was separated out in 1987 was two (Mitch Berger in 1993, Mason Crosby in 2003). And those were the only two Crosby had in his entire career.
- **Smothering Coverage.** Opponents have 27 punt returns for 192 yards (7.1 average) on the season, but as of late CU has really stepped it up. The first 14 returns netted 149 yards (10.6 per), but over the course of the last five games, the last 13 have gone for just 43 (3.3 per).
- **DT George Hypolite.** He has a team-best four sacks this season (now has 6.5 for his career); that's the most sacks by a defensive tackle since 2002, when Tyler Brayton wrapped up his senior season with seven.
- **TB Hugh Charles.** He is well on his way to leading CU in rushing for a third straight year (737 yards; he still has a shot at 1,000 despite missing the better part of the three games to open the season). Herchell Troutman was the last player to lead CU for three straight years (1995-97); there haven't been many to do it three times, as he is looking to join Merwin Hodel (1949-51), John Bayuk (1954-56), Bobby Anderson (1967-69), Charlie Davis (1971-73), Lamont Warren (1991-93) and Troutman.
- **No Guts, No Glory...** Colorado is tied for second (with Idaho and Texas Tech) in the nation in fourth down conversion attempts with 23 (Notre Dame leads with 27); the Buffs have converted 11 times (47.8%), which ranks them 66th by percentage. The 11 makes are tied for 14th in the NCAA, but the Buffs are likely first in touchdowns scored with four (all passes to tight ends). Missouri leads the nation in percentage, but is just 4-for-4.
- When Florida State completed "only" 8-of-18 passes against the Buffaloes, or 44.4 percent of its throws, it ended a streak of 19 consecutive games in which CU opponents had completed over 50 percent of their passes (there were no 50 percent games, all were over). The streak went in the other direction, as the Buffs held the next three opponents under the break-even mark. Miami-Ohio was just 11-of-32 (34.4%) and Oklahoma just 8-of-19 (42.1%). The effort against Miami was the first time since Sept. 11, 2004 that an opponent failed to complete 40 percent of its passes (Washington State in Seattle, 19-of-52 for 36.5 percent). The last time the opponent was held below 50 percent for three straight games was actually a four-game stretch that ended the 1999 regular season (Oklahoma, Kansas State, Baylor and Nebraska); the streak made it to five when including the Insight.com Bowl against Boston College.

2007 COLORADO HONORS CANDIDATES & CHECKLIST

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

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

CU's rushing leader with 737 yards, including five 100-yard games... He got rolling three weeks into the season, once he was fully healed from a hamstring injury suffered on CU's third play of the season... Has 51 carries of five or more yards and 23 of 10-plus out of 86... Has earned 41 first downs, 29 rushing and 12 receiving, as he has 21 catches for 160 yards... Colorado's eighth all-time leading rusher with 2,407 yards.

ILB JORDON DIZON *All-American Candidate (Butkus Semifinalist; Bednarik, Lott, Nagurski Candidate)*

The nation's leading tackler (13.3 per game officially through coaches video; fifth in NCAA from inaccurate press box counts), and has been for all but two weeks of the 2007 season; is first in the nation in solo stops... 98 of 133 stops have been unassisted; 21 for zero or minus yardage (11 of the latter, including four sacks)... Owns a team-best 15 third down stops, and has dabbled in every other category as well, citing how much he is all over the field: he has eight hurries, two near-sacks, a forced fumble, two pass break-ups, two interceptions (one for a TD), a TD save and a caused INT. He has double-figure tackles in nine of 10 games, including a career-best 22 in the opener against Colorado State... has played all but 32 snaps out of CU's 683 on defense.

PK KEVIN EBERHART *All-Big 12 Candidate*

He has two game winning field goals this season, in overtime against Colorado State and then a more dramatic 45-yard kick to beat No. 3 Oklahoma, 27-24, as time expired (just the second time that has occurred in CU history)... Has made good on 14-of-21 field goal attempts (8-of-11 from 40-plus), including both his tries over 50 yards—both on road at that (54 at Baylor, 50 at Kansas State)... Tied the school record for most FG's in a game with five at Baylor... Has clicked on all 26 of his PAT kicks and is CU's leading scorer with 68 points.

DT GEORGE HYPOLITE *All-American Candidate*

One of CU's most vocal players and leaders, he has 35 tackles (27 solo) as he has played a big part in stopping the opponent running game as well as providing pressure on pass plays... He has a team-best four sacks, with six pressures, along with five third down stops and four tackles for zero. His first career interception paved the way for CU to take a 7-0 lead against Missouri... One of the 11 players honored on the AFCA's 2007 Good Works Team for his off-the-field achievements, on the field he's played 574 snaps out of 683, a high percentage for a defensive lineman.

DT BRANDON NICOLAS *All-Big 12 Candidate*

Quietly goes about his business, most of which is limiting the opponent running game... he has 31 tackles (25 solo), but does a great job of filling gaps and forcing runners out of their desired lanes... He has 10 tackles for loss (including three sacks), and has eight stops for zero; that translates to 18 of his 31 tackles going for zero or minus yardage... Also has a pass broken up and two pressures.

OT TYLER POLUMBUS *All-Big 12 Candidate*

Has played every snap on offense (740) this season... Owns a team-best eight games where he has graded out at 80 percent or higher (current; all consecutive), which includes two of the four best single game grades of the year by any lineman, 92% versus Kansas and 89% against Florida State... Has 59.5 knockdown blocks and has allowed just one sack.

C DANIEL SANDERS *All-Big 12 Candidate (Rimington Award List)*

Affectionately known as "Girthy" for his 6-3, 310 frame... Team leader in knockdown blocks with 80.5 (14.5 at Texas Tech, a team single-season high), he has graded out to 80 percent or higher in six games, including a season-best 90% against Missouri... He has not allowed a sack and has been flagged for just one penalty... Owns a team-best three touchdown blocks... Has played all but 10 snaps on offense this season (730 of 740).

CB TERENCE WHEATLEY *All-American Candidate (Jim Thorpe Award List)*

Surprisingly did not advance to semifinalist stage of Thorpe competition... One of the top cornerbacks in the country, and no other Big 12 cornerback up for honors has played tougher competition than he has had to face (CU's playing the third toughest schedule nationally depending on who you listen to)... He has five interceptions, including one for a TD at Arizona State and three at Texas Tech, to go with 42 tackles (32 solo)... He has 10 pass deflections, so that adds to 15 combined including his picks against just eight completions (2 TD) allowed in man coverage... Also has four third down stops, three touchdown saves and a forced fumble.

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FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN CONSIDERATION**QB CODY HAWKINS**

One of 12 freshman quarterbacks starting in 2007 (5 BCS)... Threw at least one touchdown pass in nine consecutive games to start his career (school record for start of career AND tied the mark at any point during a career)... Has thrown for 2,190 yards in completing 56 percent of his passes... The 12th player at Colorado to throw for 2,000 yards in a season... Has led team to 40 scores (26 TD/14 FG) in 137 drives against third toughest schedule in NCAA.

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN CONSIDERATION**OG KAI MAIAVA**

He saw his first action of the season in game four (Miami-Ohio), playing once the coaches knew he was ready; he proceeded to record 11 knockdown blocks in 40 plays... He started the next game, against No. 3 Oklahoma, and had 12 knockdowns in 70 plays... He became the eighth true freshman to ever start a game on the offensive line in school history... Has four games with 10 or more knockdowns, with 62.0 on the season, and has allowed just two sacks.

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN CONSIDERATION**OT RYAN MILLER**

When he started against Kansas State, he became the first true freshman to ever start a game at offensive tackle in CU history (and just the ninth true frosh lineman overall)... He made his first appearance in the fourth game of the year (Miami-Ohio) as the coaches would not play him until he was ready (same as with Maiava)... Top game grade was 83% against No. 3 Oklahoma; has 41.5 knockdown blocks in just 361 plays from scrimmage and has graded out to 80-plus percent three times in seven games.

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN CONSIDERATION**WR SCOTTY McKNIGHT**

Colorado's leading receiver since the season opener (35 catches, 400 yards, 2 TD), as he is closing in on school records for receptions by a freshman (39); he is dueling with fellow frosh Josh Smith for the receiving yards mark (old was 337). No freshman wide receiver has ever led CU in receptions (and only one, a tight end, has period).

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN CONSIDERATION**WR JOSH SMITH**

One of the most exciting freshman receivers in the country, he's got the knack for the big play. He has 18 receptions for 399 yards (the latter a team high and on pace for a school frosh record), an average of 22.2 yards per catch; he missed the first two games of the year after suffering a bruised kidney in fall camp. Of his 18 catches, 15 have earned first downs.

CROSSING MIDFIELD

Colorado has had 137 possessions on offense through 10 games this year, and on 79 of them, CU ran at least one play in plus territory (the 50-yard line-on in), which translates to 58 percent of the time the Buffs are roaming into the opponents' end of the field. CU has run 322 plays in plus territory (or 44 percent of its total); the opponent has run 316 of 683 (46%) while venturing into plus territory 56 percent of the time (75 of 134).

SPREADING THE BALL AROUND THE ROSTER

Through 10 games, 18 different players have caught passes for the Buffaloes, with nine different players catching touchdown passes. That's just one off the school record of 19, set in 1999 and matched in 2004. Fifteen of the 18 have at least two grabs, with a dozen with five or more. In 1999, 14 had two or more catches (12 five-plus), and in 2004, 13 had two or more and 10 had at least five.

➤ Nationally, that ranks third behind Nebraska (20) and Troy (19), while tied with TCU and USC for the number of players with receptions: CU is tied for fourth in the number of players with TD catches (Troy has had 14 players score via receiving TD, Hawaii and USC 10; *research by the Troy SID Office*).

ALUMNI ROLL CALL

ABC and ESPN are using school celebrities or area connections to introduce the starting lineups this season. So far, **Kordell Stewart** (Florida State, ESPN), **Darian Hagan** (Kansas State, ESPN2), **Mason Crosby** (Kansas, ESPN) and **Misti Hawkins** (Dan's wife; Texas Tech, ABC) have done them for CU's four ABC/ESPN games. Something extra special is in the works for the Nebraska game (on ABC).

HOW YOUNG ARE THE BUFFALOES?

How young is this 2007 Colorado Buffalo team? There are all kinds of examples that show how the youth movement is developing in the second year of the Dan Hawkins Era. Some factoids:

- Seven true freshmen have played, the most since 2003 and tied for the fifth-most in school history (11 in 2002, 10 in 1984 and 2000, 9 in 1992);
- Two true freshmen are offensive line starters, just the second time that has ever occurred (**OG Kai Maiava**, **OT Ryan Miller**); the other time was in 1991 (OG Clint Moore, 8 games; OG Dolyn Jackson, 3 games);
- Quite often, eight of the 11 players in the offensive lineup are freshmen or redshirts: **WR Kendrick Celestine**, **QB Cody Hawkins** (RS), **TB Brian Lockridge**, **OG Kai Maiava** (who replaced a RS, **Wes Palazzi**), **WR Scotty McKnight** (RS), **OT Ryan Miller**, **WR Josh Smith** and **TE Nate Solder**. And yes, all eight have been in the game at the same time (Maiava and Palazzi have not, but one or the other has been with the other seven).
- Of course there are trials and tribulations: of the 12 penalties CU had in the Missouri game, eight were whistled on freshmen or true freshmen.
- Thirty-four of the players who are regularly playing, of about 56 on the average, are underclassmen.

DILALLO AN INSIDE-THE-20 MACHINE

Sophomore **P Matt DiLallo** has 49 punts on the season, with 18 placed inside-the-20. He is currently 54th in the nation, but that doesn't tell the whole story. His personal net average is 36.1, and here's the reason: the average yardline of DiLallo's kicks have been the CU36; he owns an average of 41.0 for all kicks on CU's side of the 50, and it jumps to 43.5 for 12 kicks inside the Buff 25.

ROOKIES ON THE LINE

Two true freshman busted into the lineup in the Miami game, **OG Kai Maiava** and **OT Ryan Miller**. They became just the fourth and fifth offensive linemen to play as true freshmen at CU in the last 15 seasons, joining **OG Marwan Hage** (2000), **OG Drew Shader** (2001) and **OG Brian Daniels** (2003). It's the first time since 1991 that two played in the same season (**OG Dolyn Jackson**, **OG Clint Moore**). Miller is the first tackle to play as a true frosh since **Bryan Campbell**, who played as a reserve behind **Mark VanderPoel** on the 1989 and 1990 teams. Maiava, who has made a definite impact, started for the first time against No. 3 Oklahoma, becoming just the eighth true freshman to start a game on the offensive line since freshmen were allowed to play again in 1972. The list:

| Player | Pos | Season | Starts | Player | Pos | Season | Starts |
|---------------|-----|--------|--------|---------------|-----|--------|--------|
| Leon White | OG | 1973 | 3 | Marwan Hage | OG | 2000 | 2 |
| Guy Thurston | OG | 1979 | 3 | Brian Daniels | OG | 2003 | 9 |
| Eric Coyle | OG | 1982 | 4 | Kai Maiava | OG | 2007 | 6 |
| Clint Moore | OG | 1991 | 8 | Ryan Miller | OT | 2007 | 4 |
| Dolyn Jackson | OG | 1991 | 3 | | | | |

When freshman **OT Ryan Miller** made his first career start against Kansas State, there was a little more significance to it than your normal freshman doing so: it's the first time a true frosh has ever started at offensive tackle in CU history. He became the ninth true freshman to start on the offensive line since 1972, joining Maiava. With both starting at Kansas State, they become just the fourth pair of true freshmen in school history to start at the same position in the same game, the second instance this year. Here are those four occasions (the first time of which also happened here in Manhattan):

Nov. 21, 1987 vs. Kansas State at Manhattan (CU 41, KSU 0)

Kanavis McGhee and **Alfred Williams**, both recruits out of Houston, are bookend outside linebackers for the first of many times in their CU careers.

Sept. 21, 1991 vs. Minnesota in Boulder (CU 58, Minnesota 0)

Clint Moore and **Dolyn Jackson** are the starting offensive guards in the third game of the season; the pair also started the following week at Stanford.

Sept. 29, 2007 vs. Oklahoma in Boulder (CU 27, Oklahoma 24)

Kendrick Celestine and **Josh Smith** are two of the players who started in a four-receiver set that opened the game for the Buffs.

Oct. 13, 2007 vs. Kansas State at Manhattan (Kansas State 47, CU 20)

Kai Maiava (guard) and **Ryan Miller** (tackle) started on the offensive line.

SERIES HISTORY—COLORADO VS. IOWA STATE

Colorado owns a **47-13-1** lead in the series, which includes a **24-7** margin in Ames and a **23-6-1** edge in Boulder. Colorado had won **10** straight games at Jack Trice Stadium, four by five points or less and four by 32 points or more, until the 30-16 loss in 2005, which also snapped a four-game win streak in the series by Colorado. CU has won 11 of the last 12 meetings in Boulder, thus the Buffs have a **21-2** overall edge in the series dating back to 1984. The other ISU win in this time frame came in 2000 in Boulder, in the snow, by a 35-27 score. Since 1966, CU has dominated the series by a 34-7 count, and in the last 22 games, CU has outscored the Cyclones 742-407 and has outgained ISU 9,621 to 6,855 (or an average of 437-312). Though Colorado has recent command of the win column, many of the games have been dogfights, with seven of the last 16 decided by eight points or less. The last shutout in the series was a 14-0 Colorado win in 1969; the winner has scored 30 or more in 11 of the last 13 games, while the loser has scored 20 or more points in seven of those games. This is the 14th time in the last 17 meetings these two schools, the most western and northern in the Big 12, will meet in November. CU coach **Dan Hawkins** is 2-0 against Iowa State (including a 34-16 win while at Boise State in the 2002 Humanitarian Bowl), while ISU's **Gene Chizik** is 0-0 against Colorado.

SERIES DID YOU KNOW — CU has fewer than 21 points against ISU only four times since 1983, winning three times: 17-14 in 1991, 16-12 in 1999 and 19-14 in 2004 and losing last year, 30-16. Also, in CU's only 1-win seasons in the modern era (1980, 1984), the one win came at the expense of the Cyclones.

SERIES SIGNATURE ANNIVERSARY GAME — 10th. In 1997, **Dwayne Cherrington** scored from one yard out with nine seconds remaining to complete the third biggest comeback in school history as Colorado defeated Iowa State in Ames, 43-38. The Cyclones twice had leads of 18 points, leading 28-10 at halftime and 35-17 with 8:20 left in the third quarter. But the Buffs proved to be a resilient bunch, staging one of their greatest rallies in eventually outscoring ISU 26-3 over the final 18 minutes. The Cyclones did most of their offensive damage in the first quarter, outgaining the Buffs 154-13 in building a 14-0 lead; a Jeremy Aldrich field goal and Herchell Troutman touchdown run cut lead to 14-10. ISU came right back with a TD, and Colorado seemingly was ready to match it, but with 1:24 left before the half, Dustin Avey picked off a John Hessler pass and raced 94 yards in the other direction for a score and the 28-10 intermission lead. After the two swapped TDs to open the third quarter, the comeback began. Cherrington scored the first of his two touchdowns with 2:52 remaining in the third, and then Hessler capped a drive with a short scoring run to pull CU to within 35-31 just under a minute into the fourth quarter. The Buffs then took their first lead of the day on their next possession, as Hessler hooked up with Javon Green on a 30-yard TD pass. But to Iowa State's credit, the 'Clones churned out a 14-play, 68-yard drive with Jamie Kohl making a 24-yard field goal to put ISU back up, 38-37, with 2:54 left. Ben Kelly returned the ensuing kickoff 33 yards to the Buff 48, giving Hessler one last shot. He coolly marched the Buffs 52 yards in 11 plays, including a clutch 11-yard pass to Chris Anderson on a 4th-and-10, with the drive capped by Cherrington's game winning score. Hessler passed for 299 yards and Troutman rushed for 108 in the game, including 21 on the game winning drive, as CU outgained ISU 479-311, or 466-157 after the first quarter.

COLORADO-IOWA STATE SERIES TRENDS

Here's a quick look at the last 13 games and some team statistical trends in the **Colorado-Iowa State** series:

| Date | Site | Result | Attend. | Rank CU ISU | CU FD | Rushing att yds td | Passing a-c-i yds td | Tot Off no yds | ISU FD | Rushing att yds td | Passing a-c-i yds td | Tot Off no yds | TV |
|---------------|-------------|---------|---------|----------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Nov. 19, 1994 | Boulder | W 41-20 | 46,113 | 7 — | 25 | 47 380 5 | 21-14-0 196 0 | 68 576 | 15 | 48 73 1 | 19-14-0 170 0 | 67 243 | KCNC (I) |
| Oct. 21, 1995 | Ames | W 50-28 | 34,669 | 9 — | 23 | 49 326 5 | 23-11-2 173 0 | 72 499 | 22 | 47 196 3 | 36-17-1 161 0 | 83 357 | KCNC (I) |
| Nov. 9, 1996 | Boulder | W 49-42 | 49,662 | 7 — | 31 | 36 190 2 | 47-27-1 401 5 | 83 591 | 23 | 48 252 3 | 27-16-2 153 2 | 75 405 | |
| Nov. 8, 1997 | Ames | W 43-38 | 32,080 | — — | 26 | 36 180 5 | 40-24-1 299 1 | 76 479 | 20 | 38 102 1 | 32-16-0 209 3 | 70 311 | FSN |
| Nov. 14, 1998 | Boulder | W 37- 8 | 49,438 | — — | 22 | 54 267 3 | 18-11-0 196 1 | 72 463 | 14 | 34 89 1 | 32-15-3 93 0 | 66 182 | |
| Oct. 23, 1999 | Ames | W 16-12 | 34,892 | — — | 17 | 40 180 1 | 23-14-1 116 1 | 63 296 | 22 | 43 195 0 | 27-16-2 184 1 | 70 379 | |
| Nov. 11, 2000 | Boulder | L 27-35 | 46,430 | — — | 23 | 38 132 3 | 34-25-1 307 1 | 72 439 | 23 | 47 277 3 | 27-15-1 173 1 | 74 450 | FSN |
| Nov. 10, 2001 | Ames (N) | W 40-27 | 39,204 | 21 — | 26 | 57 255 2 | 27-18-0 247 2 | 84 502 | 22 | 35 132 1 | 36-22-1 279 3 | 71 411 | FSN |
| Nov. 16, 2002 | Boulder (N) | W 41-27 | 48,728 | 17 — | 28 | 51 331 2 | 29-17-0 187 2 | 80 518 | 27 | 38 207 3 | 35-24-1 265 1 | 73 472 | FSN |
| Nov. 15, 2003 | Ames | W 44-10 | 36,977 | — — | 19 | 45 110 4 | 29-21-1 288 2 | 74 398 | 17 | 32 102 0 | 40-16-1 121 1 | 72 223 | |
| Oct. 16, 2004 | Boulder | W 19-14 | 44,285 | — — | 17 | 34 141 0 | 34-18-3 163 1 | 68 304 | 24 | 47 164 0 | 33-16-1 239 1 | 80 403 | FSN |
| Nov. 12, 2005 | Ames | L 16-30 | 49,242 | 22 — | 23 | 38 79 1 | 42-25-2 284 0 | 80 363 | 15 | 25 36 0 | 38-20-0 251 1 | 63 287 | FSN |
| Nov. 11, 2006 | Boulder | W 33-16 | 43,056 | — — | 18 | 38 263 1 | 19-13-0 200 2 | 57 463 | 19 | 30 102 1 | 29-18-0 209 2 | 59 311 | |

BUFFS & CYCLONES BY THE NUMBERS

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

- 1 Ralphie I officially retired following the 1978 game in Boulder (a 20-16 Iowa State win);
- 2 The number of games CU has had with zero punts since 1978, both against Iowa State (in 1989 and 1994);
- 9 The length of a Kordell Stewart-to-Chris Anderson pass in '94, making Stewart the Big 8 all-time total offense leader;
- 16 The number of consecutive wins CU posted over Iowa State between 1984 and 1999, a school record for the most in a row over one opponent;
- 17 The game-time temperature of the 1991 game at Ames, played in sub-zero wind-chill and blizzard conditions;
- 33 The field goal length made by Frank Rogers in 1965, which he booted through with 21 seconds left to give CU a 10-7 win;
- 46 The number of points scored by PK Mason Crosby against the Cyclones, the most by any Buff against one team in school history;
- 47 The number of rushing attempts by Iowa State's Dwayne Crutchfield in the 1981 game, the most ever against a CU team;
- 66 The length of *two* defensive returns for touchdowns (fumble, interception) by Iowa State in the 2005 game;
- 67 The number of yards Rashaan Salaam dashed down the east sideline for a touchdown in the 1994 game, sending him over the 2,000-yard mark and on his way to winning CU's first Heisman Trophy;
- 85 The number of receiving yards in the '57 game by CU quarterback Boyd Dowler (who went on to be a receiver in the NFL);
- 105/172 The number of receiving and rushing yards by Cortlen Johnson in 2001, the first Buff to have 100 of both in the same game;
- 301 The number of rushing yards Bobby Purify (174) and Chris Brown (127) combined for in the 2002 game;
- 1750 The estimated attendance of the 1991 game at Ames, played in sub-zero wind-chill and blizzard conditions.

SERIES FAST FACTS

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

| TEAM | | | INDIVIDUAL | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Most Points | | | Most Yards Rushing | | |
| CU: | 61, on Oct. 10, 1970 | | CU: | 259, Rashaan Salaam, Nov. 19, 1994 | |
| ISU: | 57, on Oct. 20, 1962 | | ISU: | 228, Troy Davis, Nov. 9, 1996 | |
| Fewest Points | | | Most Yards Passing | | |
| CU: | 0, on Oct. 17, 1959 | | CU: | 401, Koy Detmer, Nov. 9, 1996 | |
| ISU: | 0, on eight occasions | | ISU: | 265, Seneca Wallace, Nov. 16, 2002 | |
| Most First Downs | | | Most Receptions | | |
| CU: | 31, on Nov. 9, 1996 | | CU: | 9, Javon Green, Nov. 11, 2000 | |
| ISU: | 32, on Oct. 23, 1982 | | ISU: | 7, on two occasions | |
| Fewest First Downs | | | Most Yards Receiving | | |
| CU: | 4, on Oct. 19, 1963 | | CU: | 167, Javon Green, Nov. 11, 2000 | |
| ISU: | 6, on Sept. 21, 1946 | | ISU: | 148, Kim Tidd, Oct. 31, 1953 | |
| Most Yards Rushing | | | | | |
| CU: | 447, on Oct. 14, 1989 | | | | |
| ISU: | 377, on Nov. 20, 1993 | | | | |
| Fewest Yards Rushing | | | | | |
| CU: | -16, on Oct. 13, 1984 | | | | |
| ISU: | 3, on Oct. 11, 1969 | | | | |
| Most Yards Passing | | | | | |
| CU: | 401, on Nov. 9, 1996 | | | | |
| ISU: | 279, on Nov. 10, 2001 | | | | |
| Fewest Yards Passing | | | | | |
| CU: | 14, on Oct. 19, 1985 | | | | |
| ISU: | -1, on Nov. 9, 1955 | | | | |
| Most Total Plays | | | | | |
| CU: | 90, on Oct. 9, 1971 | | | | |
| ISU: | 93, on Oct. 23, 1982 | | | | |
| Fewest Total Plays | | | | | |
| CU: | 44, on Oct. 23, 1982 | | | | |
| ISU: | 42, on Oct. 15, 1960 | | | | |
| Most Yards Total Offense | | | | | |
| CU: | 662, on Oct. 14, 1989 | | | | |
| ISU: | 571, on Oct. 23, 1982 | | | | |
| Fewest Yards Total Offense | | | | | |
| CU: | 121, on Oct. 17, 1959 | | | | |
| ISU: | 76, on Nov. 19, 1955 | | | | |

IOWA STATE NOTES

Iowa State is 2-8 overall, defeating its bitter rival Iowa 15-13 back in September and then knocking off Kansas State, 31-20, last Saturday, the latter snapping a six-game losing streak. The Cyclones jumped to a quick 14-0 first quarter lead and built it to 21-3 before K-State cut it to 21-10 at halftime and 28-20 going into the fourth quarter. The Iowa State defense stopped KSU on fourth down at the 1-yard line with 4:15 left to help preserve the win. KSU had the offensive edge, gaining 425 yards (347 passing) to ISU's 348 (228 through the air), but committed three turnovers to the 'Clones one. Chris Singleton was responsible for two of those, as he picked off two passes, returning one for a touchdown midway through the third quarter.

- ➔ Iowa State head coach **Gene Chizik** is 2-8 in his first season at the reins of the Cyclones, his first season as a head coach. He accepted the position after spending time as the defensive coordinator at Texas.
- ➔ Cyclone QB **Bret Meyer** has started 46 consecutive games, dating back to 2004, going over 10,000 yards in career total offense in the K-State game (he had 10,136: 9,247 yards passing and 889 rushing). WR **Todd Blythe** needs 48 receiving yards for 3,000 in his career.
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THE LAST TIME... COLORADO 33, IOWA STATE 16

NOVEMBER 11, 2006 / BOULDER

BOULDER — Bernard Jackson threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third as Colorado concluded its home schedule and sent 23 seniors out with a 33-16 win over Iowa State.

Jackson completed 13-of-19 passes for 200 yards and the two scores, the first a 26-yard laser to Alvin Barnett starting a run of seven consecutive drives the Buffs scored on. It was by far Colorado's best offensive game of the year, as CU rolled up a season-high 463 yards on offense.

Mell Holliday rushed for 126 yards, setting up four of the Buff scores in logging a team season-high in single game yards. Two of those were Mason Crosby field goals, as the senior All-American kicked four in the game, the fourth time in his career and the second time against the Cyclones.

With CU jumping to a 30-7 lead after scoring 23 consecutive points one Iowa State tied the score at 7-7, one of the most exciting moments of the game came when Crosby attempted a 65-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, but the try came up less than a yard short.

But there was plenty of excitement en route to that moment, as Crosby made kicks of 47, 38, 41 and 42 yards sandwiched around two other CU touchdowns. Jackson scored on a 5-yard run midway through the second quarter to cap a 15-play, 95-yard drive that put the Buffs ahead 17-7. Jackson then threw his second scoring pass, this one to Patrick Williams from 39 yards out after the Buffs took possession on a punt, with that score building the Buffalo lead to 30-7 with 5:06 left in the third quarter.

ISU played the game just three days after learning head coach Dan McCarney was forced to step down at the end of the season. The Cyclones matched CU's first score on their first possession, marching 86 yards in 10 plays with Bret Meyer and Jon Davis hooking up on a 21-yard TD pass. Other than a field goal as the third quarter expired, the only other ISU score came following Crosby's long field goal miss.

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|
| Iowa State | 7 | 0 | 3 | 6 | — | 16 |
| COLORADO | 10 | 10 | 10 | 3 | — | 33 |

| | | | |
|---|-------|-------|----|
| COLORADO — Barnett 26 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick) | 7- 0 | 13:32 | 1Q |
| Iowa State — Davis 21 pass from Meyer (Culbertson kick) | 7- 7 | 8:33 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 47 FG | 10- 7 | 1:47 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Jackson 5 run (Crosby kick) | 17- 7 | 6:52 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 38 FG | 20- 7 | 0:32 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 41 FG | 23- 7 | 9:43 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Williams 39 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick) | 30- 7 | 5:06 | 3Q |
| Iowa State — Culbertson 27 FG | 30-10 | 0:00 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Crosby 42 FG | 33-10 | 9:20 | 4Q |
| Iowa State — Kock 5 run (pass failed) | 33-16 | 3:58 | 4Q |

Attendance: 43,056 Time: 2:55 Weather: 46 degrees, cloudy skies, 4 mph winds from the east

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | IOWA STATE |
|--|----------|------------|
| First Downs | 18 | 19 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 6-12 | 5-12 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 38-263 | 30-102 |
| Passing Yards | 200 | 209 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int) | 19-13-0 | 29-18-0 |
| Total Offense | 463 | 311 |
| Return Yards | 34 | 4 |
| Punts: No-Average | 1-58.0 | 5-43.0 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 10/93 | 7/46 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 2-15 | 1-6 |
| Time of Possession | 31:10 | 28:50 |
| Drives/Average Field Position | 9/C31 | 10/IS22 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) | 3-3 (13) | 2-2 (10) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Holliday 18-126, Jackson 9-69, Charles 11-68. **Iowa State:** Kock 18-82, Meyer 8-12, Johnson 4-8.

Passing—Colorado: Jackson 19-13-0, 200, 2 td. **Iowa State:** Meyer 28-17-0, 190, 1 td; Flynn 1-1-0, 19, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Barnett 4-77, Williams 4-71, Crawford 3-27, DeVree 1-18, Geer 1-7. **Iowa State:** Moses 5-38, Flynn 5-37, Davis 4-49, Sumrall 3-66, Meyer 1-19.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 1-58.0 (0 In20). **Iowa State:** Brandtner 5-43.0 (49 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 3-34. **Iowa State:** Sumrall 1-4.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Ellis 1-29, Charles 1-13. **Iowa State:** Moses 4-66.

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

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 6,6—12; B.Jones 5,5—10; Billingsley 4,5—9; Te.Washington 6,2—8; Sims 6,1—7; Sipili 2,3—5; Nicolas 2,2—4; Hypolite 3,0—3; Wright 3,0—3; four with 2,1—3 (Boye-Doe, C.Brown, Ligon, Th.Washington). **Iowa State:** Bowen 8,2—10; Banks 6,1—7; McKenzie 5,2—7; Berg 3,2—5; Moorehead 3,1—4; Singleton 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Lucas 1-4, Dizon ½-6, B.Jones ½-5. **Iowa State:** Bowen 1-6.

THE SET-UP

- ➔ This will be the eighth time that the Buffs will face ISU heading into the bye week prior to the post-Thanksgiving battle with Nebraska. The Buffs are 5-2 in the previous seven games; the average winning margin for CU has been 21.4 points (11.0 for ISU), with just one game decided by less than 13 points.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Iowa State** in several statistical categories through games of November 3 (NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis; national rankings include bowl games):



| Category | Colorado | | Iowa State | |
|---|----------|---------|------------|---------|
| Overall Record, 2007 | 5-5 | | 2-8 | |
| Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game)..... | 1-2 | | 0-4 | |
| *Opponents Played Combined Record (schedule strength) | 50-28 | (8) | 41-31 | (25) |
| Overall Record, 1989-current | 147-79-4 | (19) | 95-129-3 | |
| Versus Ranked Teams..... | 41-51-2 | | 5-64 | |
| In Conference Play..... | 94-45-3 | (10) | 39-102-3 | |
| Alumni On NFL Rosters (as of November 6)..... | 25 | | ? | |
| Rushing Offense..... | 136.6 | (75) | 127.0 | (89) |
| Average Per Rush | 3.7 | | 3.1 | |
| Passing Offense | 222.1 | (60) | 206.8 | (78) |
| Completion Percentage..... | 55.3 | | 61.5 | |
| Average Per Attempt..... | 6.1 | | 5.9 | |
| Passing Efficiency | 111.5 | (95) | 110.4 | (101) |
| Total Offense | 358.7 | (86) | 333.8 | (98) |
| Average Per Play..... | 4.8 | | 4.4 | |
| Scoring Offense..... | 23.8 | (83) | 18.0 | (112) |
| Rushing Defense..... | 136.6 | (80) | 127.0 | (89) |
| Average Per Rush | 3.8 | | 3.7 | |
| Passing Defense | 246.8 | (82) | 243.5 | (82) |
| Completion Percentage..... | 58.7 | | 69.4 | |
| Average Per Attempt..... | 6.9 | | 7.5 | |
| Pass Efficiency Defense | 127.0 | (69) | 143.7 | (105) |
| Total Defense | 371.2 | (56) | 369.9 | (54) |
| Average Per Play..... | 5.4 | | 5.5 | |
| Scoring Defense..... | 27.1 | (64) | 30.8 | (85) |
| Third Down Conversion Offense..... | 33.1 | (103) | 42.9 | (36) |
| Third Down Conversion Defense..... | 35.2 | (29) | 45.7 | (103) |
| Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed | 16 / 15 | (89/37) | 18 / 14 | (73/29) |
| Net Punting | 35.5 | (53) | 33.9 | (77) |
| Punt Returns | 10.0 | (45) | 3.9 | (115) |
| Punt Return Yardage Defense..... | 7.1 | (39) | 9.2 | (68) |
| Kickoff Returns | 22.3 | (47) | 17.8 | (116) |
| Kickoff Return Yardage Defense..... | 20.4 | (39) | 24.1 | (99) |
| Turnovers | 24 | (104) | 23 | (97) |
| Turnover Margin..... | -0.70 | (99) | -0.60 | (96) |
| Time of Possession | 31:34 | (13) | 33:04 | (6) |

*—does not include one I-AA (FCS) team for Iowa State: 9-0 Northern Iowa.

CONFERENCE GAMES ONLY (with conference rank)

| Category | Colorado | | Iowa State | |
|-----------------------|----------|------|------------|------|
| Rushing Offense..... | 145.5 | (6) | 115.7 | (10) |
| Passing Offense | 211.2 | (10) | 207.0 | (11) |
| Total Offense | 356.7 | (10) | 322.7 | (11) |
| Scoring Offense..... | 24.2 | (8) | 17.2 | (11) |
| Rushing Defense..... | 135.0 | (6) | 117.0 | (5) |
| Passing Defense | 291.5 | (10) | 296.2 | (11) |
| Total Defense | 426.5 | (9) | 413.2 | (7) |
| Scoring Defense..... | 32.3 | (9) | 35.3 | (10) |
| Net Punting | 36.1 | (6) | 32.6 | (10) |
| Punt Returns | 10.1 | (3) | 5.0 | (6) |
| Kickoff Returns | 21.3 | (8) | 15.0 | (12) |
| Turnover Margin..... | -0.17 | (8) | +0.17 | (7) |

NOT SO FAST AGAINST THE BUFFS...

Three times this season, Colorado has faced an opponent ranked in the top 10 in both total offense and scoring offense and held them considerably below their average in both; on two occasions, that same foe was near the top in third down conversions. The fourth time, CU wasn't ask lucky as Missouri got the best of the Buffs. Still, it's fairly uncommon to keep bumping up against teams constantly ranked as high in these categories. A look at what transpired:

| Opponent | Avg. Prior (Rk) | Yards | Diff. | Avg. Prior (Rk) | Points | Diff. | Avg. Prior (Rk) | 3rd Down | Diff. |
|------------|-----------------|-------|---------|-----------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------|--------|
| Oklahoma | 562.2 (3) | 230 | - 332.2 | 61.5 (1) | 24 | - 37.5 | 51.2 (9) | 15.4 (2-13) | -36.8 |
| Kansas | 515.8 (7) | 333 | - 182.8 | 50.3 (2) | 19 | - 31.3 | NA (45) | | |
| Texas Tech | 557.8 (1) | 470 | - 87.8 | 45.0 (4) | 26 | - 19.0 | 52.5 (3) | 33.3 (3- 9) | - 19.2 |
| Missouri | 498.6 (7) | 598 | + 99.4 | 40.4 (8) | 55 | + 14.6 | 56.9 (1) | 58.8 (10-17) | + 1.9 |

IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: NOVEMBER 10

Colorado is **8-5-2** all-time on **November 10**, having won its last two times on the date after going 0-4-1 between 1956 and 1984. The Buffs have played Iowa State once on 11/10, with CU leaving Ames in 2001 a 40-27 winner. Here's a brief look at some of the games played on the date: **1934**—A Jim Counter to Kenny Anderson touchdown pass in the second quarter stood up as CU defeated Utah, 7-6, in CU's annual homecoming game, snapping a 9-game Ute winning streak in the process. **1951**—Four CU players rushed for over 75 yards as CU rolled up 452 yards rushing and 627 overall in a 54-0 drubbing of Utah in Boulder. Ron Johnson (10 carries, 90 yards), Zack Jordan (10-81), Carroll Hardy (8-80) and Woody Shelton (11-79) as CU actually overcame three turnovers in the win. **1956**—The Buffs could clinch an Orange Bowl berth with at least a tie against Missouri, and got just that as the two dueled to a 14-14 impasse. CU rallied from 14-0 down late in the third quarter; the tying touchdown for CU was aided by a personal foul on Missouri—a Tiger lineman bit the forearm of CU's John Bayuk at the bottom of a fumble pile, with the ensuing 15-yard penalty aiding the drive. **1979**—The 1-7 Buffaloes appeared to have their second win all but wrapped up, leading Oklahoma State 20-0, but the Cowboys rallied for three fourth quarter touchdowns, the last with 1:29 remaining, to steal a 21-20 win in Boulder. **1984**—No. 9 Oklahoma bested CU in Boulder, 42-17, as two Steve Sewell touchdowns in the final minutes of the first half broke the game open, providing OU a 28-10 intermission lead. OU's final points were scored on a 3-yard run by a quarterback who would soon transfer—Troy Aikman. **1990**—Darian Hagan threw for a then-school record four touchdown passes and a career-high 237 yards to lead the No. 3 Buffaloes to a 41-22 win over Oklahoma State. CU built a 38-7 lead, as Hagan threw two of his scoring strikes to Mike Pritchard (six catches, 151 yards), with Eric Bieniemy adding a score in rushing 22 times for 148 yards. **2001**—The Buffs scored 23 straight points over a 35-minute span to forge a 33-14 lead en route to a 40-27 win at Iowa State, setting up a battle with No. 2 Nebraska for the Big 12 North Division title in the process. CU used a balance attack (255 rush, 247 pass)

NOVEMBER 10 COLORADO MVP: Cortlen Johnson, 2001. Johnson did something on this date never before (or since) accomplished in Colorado history, as in the 40-27 win at Iowa State, he became the first player in school history to have at least 100 yards both rushing and receiving in the same game. He rushed 27 times for 172 yards and caught six passes for 105 more, scoring a touchdown in both varieties.

IN THE POLLS

Colorado was not ranked in the *Associated Press* (media) or *USA Today Coaches* polls of November 4, but did receive a couple of votes in the coaches balloting. CU was last ranked in 2005, when the Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the November 6 coaches' ballot (No. 22 in the AP and Harris Interactive), but dropped out after a Nov. 12 loss at Iowa State. CU was ranked three times in 2005, reaching No. 18 in the BCS Standings at one point (Nov. 6) and had returned to the polls after a 25-month hiatus on October 9. Dating back to the 1989 preseason, CU has been ranked in **185** of the last **305** polls (*AP*; 61%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). CU has been ranked **292** times in its history, the 21st most all-time. Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (95), trailing Florida (104), Florida State (97) and Michigan (96).

COLORADO IN THE POLLS — 2007 WEEKLY

A weekly look at if and where Colorado has placed weekly in each of the four major polls in 2007 (RV—denotes received votes; NV—denotes no votes):

| Poll | PS | 9/04 | 9/09 | 9/16 | 9/23 | 9/30 | 10/07 | 10/14 | 10/21 | 10/28 | 11/04 | 11/11 | 11/18 | 11/25 | 12/02 | Final |
|--------------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|---------|---------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <i>Associated Press</i> | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | RV (36) | RV (28) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| <i>USA Today Coaches</i> | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | RV (41) | RV (39) | --- | --- | RV (40) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Harris Interactive | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | RV (41) | RV (36) | --- | --- | RV (44) | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| BCS Standings | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2007

- 0:00** The amount of time CU led against Oklahoma, as the Buffs won on the final play of the game.
- 0** The number of opponent turnovers in the previous 16 quarters until Terrence Wheatley's overtime interception in the CSU game.
- 0-3** Colorado's record against the North Division, the third time CU has opened with three losses in division play (1998, 2006).
- 3-0** Colorado's record against the South Division, its first undefeated run against the division since 1998.
- 5** The number of players who have rushed for 100-plus yards against CU in the last **34** games; CSU's Kyle Bell had 135, but needed 40 carries to do it...
- 16** The number of tackles **FS Ryan Walters** had in the season opener, the third highest total in school history that did not lead the team in a game.
- 21-12** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 21-12.
- 22** The number of tackles in 83 defensive plays by **ILB Jordan Dizon** against Colorado State, the most tackles by a Buff defender in 10 seasons.
- 23** The number of tackles Dizon had against CSU when adding in one he had on special teams.
- 25** The number of years in-between CU players intercepting three passes in a game (Terrence Wheatley 2007, Victor Scott 1982).
- 31.3** The number of points below its average coming in (50.3) that the Buffs held Kansas to on the scoreboard.
- 34.4** The completion percentage for Miami-Ohio (11-of-32), the first CU opponent to complete less than 40 percent of its passes in 39 games.
- 45.0** Terrence Wheatley's kickoff return average for three returns against Colorado State.
- 53.3** The school record for average kickoff return for a single game (minimum 3), set by Walter Stanley versus Oklahoma in 1980.
- 62** The number of punt return yards Colorado had in the 2007 season opener against Colorado State.
- 66** The number of combined yards **WR Patrick Williams** gained on the first plays of the year for 2005 and 2006 (42 on a reception against Montana State in 2006, 24 on a reverse against CSU in 2007; both are CU records for the longest gains on the first play of the year for both disciplines).
- 106** The number of receiving yards by **WR Scotty McKnight** against Colorado State, the most ever by any CU player in his first career game.
- 112** The number of points scored by Colorado in games 4 through 6, the most in a three-game span since 2002.
- 123** The number of punt return yards Colorado had the entire 2006 season.
- 171** The number of rushing yards by **TB Hugh Charles** against Kansas State, a career-high and the most by a Buff since 2004.
- 232** Colorado has scored in 232 consecutive games, the fifth longest active streak in the nation (and the 11th longest of all-time).
- 291** The number of receiving yards by **WR Scotty McKnight** in the first four games in 2007, which was 30 more than CU's 2006 leader (TE Riar Geer).
- 720** The number of days between field goal attempts in a game for senior **PK Kevin Eberhart** (last was Sept. 10, 2005 before this year's opener).

100 RUSHING YARDS TOUGH TO GET AGAINST THE BUFFALOES

When an opponent back goes for a hundred against the Buffs, they usually have to earn it. Case in point, CSU's Kyle Bell gained 135 yards in the opener, but needed 40 carries to do it (3.4 per; 25 of his carries went for three yards or less). K-State's James Johnson had 159 on 20 tries, but topped 100 thanks to a pair of late runs (68, 40 yards). CU allowed just two opponents an individual 100-yard rushing game in 2006, Oklahoma's Allen Patrick (110, but on 35 carries; 3.1 per carry, with 23 rushes for three yards or less). Nebraska's Brandon Jackson picked up 142 on 34 tries (4.2 per). The last two to do it prior to Patrick and Jackson were Clemson's James Davis (150) in the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl, and OU's Adrian Peterson in the 2004 Big 12 Championship game. Since 1950, there have only been three occasions where CU did not allow a 100-yard rusher over an entire season (1957, 1965, 1967).

➤ The Buffs have allowed five 100-yard rushers over the last 35 games (since the start of the 2005 season). In this time frame, only Kansas (two) has allowed fewer in the Big 12 Conference, while all other schools have allowed at least six.

➤ **The Last 100-Yard Opponent To Rush For 100 Yards In Boulder?** Kansas State's Alan Webb had 24 carries for 103 yards on Nov. 13, 2004.

SUB-300 BECOMING COMMONPLACE; BUFFS IN GOOD COMPANY IN 500 CLUB

Starting in 2005, the 300 yards of total offense figure has been anything but automatic for the opponent: Colorado has held 13 of its last 34 opponents to under 300 yards on offense (including three in a row earlier this season), with just 10 teams picking up over 400 (Missouri became the first team to pick up 500 since Texas A&M racked up 532 on Oct. 23, 2004; *see below*). Florida State was the first victim in 2007, gaining just 221 yards though it did leave town with a 16-6 win; Miami the next week wasn't so lucky, amassing just 139 in a 42-0 CU win and the Buffs held the high-octane Oklahoma Sooners to just 230. Five did not reach CCC (that's 300 in roman numerals) last season, with just three topping the "CD" mark (400). This year, four teams have eclipsed 400, all of which run some form of the spread offense, but CU has held its ground for the most part in those games (Arizona State, Baylor, Kansas State and Texas Tech).

500 Colorado was in some very good company when it comes to how long the Buffaloes have gone without allowing the opponent to gain 500 yards in a game... that is until Missouri put 598 into the books on Nov. 3. In fact, only five schools had gone more games than Colorado's 41 at the time: Maryland (82), Penn State (71), Utah (50), Florida State (48) and Alabama (46).

SPECIAL TEAMS IMPROVEMENT

Colorado's special teams plays has significantly improved overall in 2007. And check out this research by the Georgia Tech SID office; the NCAA ranks all 119 I-A/FBS teams in five special teams categories, and there are just four schools that rank in the top half (well, 60) in all five:

| School | Punting | Punt Returns | Kickoff Returns | PR Defense | KOR Defense | Total | Avg. |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Georgia Tech | 1 | 33 | 16 | 10 | 1 | 61 | 12.2 |
| Georgia | 28 | 12 | 48 | 31 | 46 | 165 | 33.0 |
| Texas-El Paso | 51 | 13 | 50 | 56 | 27 | 197 | 39.4 |
| COLORADO | 53 | 45 | 47 | 39 | 39 | 223 | 44.6 |
| COLORADO (2006) | 31 | 104 | 95 | 72 | 87 | 389 | 77.8 |

Individually, in 2006, just two players had double-digit counts in special team points, Terry Washington (20) and Ben Carpenter (15); with two games remaining this year, four guys have 12 or more, with two others with nine. **CB Jalil Brown** has 25, including 10 in the Missouri game; that's the most by a single player since **ILB Andy Peeke** had 26 in 1999.

SENIOR ANALYSIS

Colorado has 17 seniors on its 2007 roster, most of whom are in the two-deep and see regular action. Ten are on offense, including incumbent first-teamers **TB Hugh Charles**, **OT Edwin Harrison** and **OT Tyler Polumbus**; rounding out the other nine are **TE Tyson DeVree**, **TB Byron Ellis**, **FB Samson Jagoras**, **WR Chase McBride**, **WR Stephone Robinson**, **TE Joe Sanders** and **WR Dusty Sprague** (McBride and Robinson will see plenty of action returning kicks as well). Defensively, **DE Alonzo Barrett**, **ILB Jordon Dizon** and **CB Terrence Wheatley** are all starters, with **SS Lionel Harris** to see extended playing time. **PK Kevin Eberhart**, is out from Mason Crosby's All-American shadow and is shining in his role. The other two seniors, **WR Alvin Barnett** and **QB Bernard Jackson** are academically ineligible; Barnett has a fifth-year, Jackson is finished this season.

GRADUATION STAT(U)S

Two of CU's 17 seniors on the roster have already graduated: **PK Kevin Eberhart** (Aerospace Engineering) and **TE Joe Sanders** (Ethnic Studies). Seven are on schedule to graduate this December: **DE Alonzo Barrett** (Sociology), **SS Lionel Harris** (Sociology), **OT Edwin Harrison** (double in Communication & Ethnic Studies), **WR Chase McBride** (Geography), **OT Tyler Polumbus** (Business Management), **WR Dusty Sprague** (Business Management) and **CB Terrence Wheatley** (Economics); all are fifth-year seniors. The remaining eight are all likely May '08 candidates to walk: **WR Alvin Barnett** (Ethnic Studies), **TB Hugh Charles** (Sociology), **TE Tyson DeVree** (Education), **ILB Jordon Dizon** (Economics), **TB Byron Ellis** (Integrative Physiology), **QB Bernard Jackson** (Ethnic Studies), **FB Samson Jagoras** (Integrative Physiology) and **WR Stephone Robinson** (double in Business & Sociology).

► **NOTE:** Over the last five years (2002-06), CU has had 93 of its 111 seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 83.8 percent (with seven of the 18 non-grads still in school and looking to graduate within the next year, while three are in the NFL). NCAA numbers will not match these (it doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate, i.e., Wayne Lucier in '02 or WR Mike Duren in '04), but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. It's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially at tougher academic schools like Colorado.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs rank statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of November 3:

| TEAM | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------|------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|---------|
| B12 | NCAA | Category | Stat | B12 | NCAA | Category | Stat | B12 | NCAA | Category | Stat |
| 8th | 80th | RUSHING OFFENSE | 136.6 | 5th | 33rd | RUSHING DEFENSE | 124.4 | 4th | 45th | PUNT RETURNS | 10.0 |
| 10th | 60th | PASSING OFFENSE | 222.1 | 7th | 86th | PASSING DEFENSE | 246.8 | 5th | 47th | KICKOFF RETURNS | 22.3 |
| 10th | 86th | TOTAL OFFENSE | 358.7 | 7th | 56th | TOTAL DEFENSE | 371.2 | 6th | 53rd | NET PUNTING | 35.5 |
| 10th | 83rd | SCORING OFFENSE | 23.8 | 8th | 64th | SCORING DEFENSE | 27.1 | 10th | 99th | TURNOVER MARGIN | -0.70 |
| INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rushing | | | | Receiving Yards | | | | Field Goals | | | |
| Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | | Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | | Big 12 | NCAA | FG/Gm | |
| Hugh Charles | 5th | 56th | 81.9 | Josh Smith | 21st | ..... | 49.9 | Kevin Eberhart | 5th | 40th | 1.40 |
| Demetrius Sumler | 20th | ..... | 33.5 | Scotty McKnight | 29th | ..... | 40.0 | Interceptions | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg./Gm |
| Passing | | | | Punting | | | | Terrence Wheatley | 1st | 18th | 0.50 |
| Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. | | QB Sacks | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg./Gm |
| Cody Hawkins | 9th | 45th | 219.0 | Matt DiLallo | 7th | 63rd | 40.7 | George Hypolite | 6th | ..... | 0.40 |
| Pass Efficiency | | | | Punt Returns | | | | Jordon Dizon | 6th | ..... | 0.40 |
| Big 12 | NCAA | Rating | | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. | | Tackles For Loss | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg./Gm |
| Cody Hawkins | 10th | 93rd | 113.4 | Chase McBride | 3rd | 46th | 9.6 | Jordon Dizon | 3rd | 57th | 1.10 |
| Total Offense | | | | Kickoff Returns | | | | Brandon Nicolas | 6th | 83rd | 1.00 |
| Big 12 | NCAA | Yds/Gm | | Big 12 | NCAA | Avg. | | Tackles | CU uses coaches' video; numbers don't match | | |
| Cody Hawkins | 11th | 60th | 216.9 | Terrence Wheatley | 2nd | 48th | 24.8 | | | | |
| Hugh Charles | 17th | ..... | 81.9 | Scoring | | | | Big 12 | NCAA | Pts/Gm | |
| Receptions | | | | Big 12 | NCAA | No./Gm | | Kevin Eberhart | 14th | 101st | 6.8 |
| Scotty McKnight | 27th | ..... | 3.5 | Kick Scoring | | | | Big 12 | NCAA | Pts/Gm | |
| Patrick Williams | 36th | ..... | 2.6 | Kevin Eberhart | 8th | 52nd | 6.8 | | | | |

CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts 10 games into the 2007 season (*Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history*):

- ⇒ **WR ALVIN BARNETT** is tied for 53rd in receptions (38) and 90th in receiving yards (363).
- ⇒ **TB HUGH CHARLES** is eighth in rushing yards (2,407), ninth in all-purpose yards (3,011), eighth in yards from scrimmage (2,886), 62nd in receiving yards (479), 30th in receptions (57) and 58th in scoring (78 points).
- ⇒ **ILB JORDON DIZON** is fourth in total tackles (413), third in solo tackles (271), 11th in tackles for loss (35) and 21st in sacks (12).
- ⇒ **PK KEVIN EBERHART** is 14th in field goals made (15), 16th in field goals attempted (24) and 65th in scoring (72 points).
- ⇒ **TB BYRON ELLIS** is tied for 87th in rushing yards (500).
- ⇒ **QB CODY HAWKINS** is 15th in passing yards (2,190), is 10th in touchdown passes (15) and tied for 17th in interceptions (15).
- ⇒ **WR SCOTTY MCKNIGHT** is 63rd in receptions (35) and is 83rd in receiving yards (400).
- ⇒ **KR STEPHONE ROBINSON** is seventh in punt return yards (647), fifth in punt returns (79), seventh in kickoff return yards (867), tied for fourth in kickoff returns (49) and fifth in combined kick return yards (1,514).
- ⇒ **WR JOSH SMITH** is 84th in receiving yards (399).
- ⇒ **WR DUSTY SPRAGUE** is ninth in receptions (98) and is 14th in receiving yards (1,184).
- ⇒ **CB TERRENCE WHEATLEY** is tied for third in interceptions (14), is tied for seventh in pass deflections (29) and is second in kickoff return yards (1,350).
- ⇒ **WR PATRICK WILLIAMS** is 20th in receptions (73) and is 28th in receiving yards (744).

CAPITAL RETURNS

CU's success often correlates directly with if it owns a hefty margin in return yards, as was the case in the 2001, 2002 and 2004 seasons—when the Buffs won the Big 12 North. The Buffs had advantages of **854-417** (2001), **803-607** (2002) and **574-499** (2004) in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs (in 2006, the opponent had the upper hand at **390-277**, but this year, CU has **514** and owns a **120-yard** edge on the enemy). And the Buffs have 40 return and/or non-offensive touchdowns over the last nine seasons (36 regular season, four bowl game), the 10th most in the nation for this span. The overall list through games of November 3:

| School | 99 | 00 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | Bowls | Total | School | 99 | 00 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | Bowls | Total |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|-------|
| Virginia Tech | 8 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 63 | Southern California | 9 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| Kansas State | 9 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 58 | Nebraska | 6 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 39 |
| Miami, Fla. | 3 | 13 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 57 | California | 6 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 38 |
| Texas | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 57 | Hawaii | 0 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 38 |
| Oklahoma | 4 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 50 | Boise State | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 37 |
| Fresno State | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 43 | East Carolina | 7 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 36 |
| Notre Dame | 4 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 41 | San Jose State | 5 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 36 |
| N.C. State | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 41 | Texas Tech | 3 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 35 |
| Ohio State | 1 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 41 | TCU | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 34 |
| COLORADO | 5 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 40 | Wake Forest | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 34 |

2007 LEADERS: Hawai'i 9, Wake Forest 9, Connecticut 7, Cincinnati 6, Kansas State 6, Troy 6, Virginia Tech 6, Army 5, California 5, Kansas 5, Missouri 5, TCU 5, UCLA 5.

ON THE ROAD (1988-2007)

| School | G | W | L | T | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Miami, Fla. | 101 | 75 | 26 | 0 | .743 |
| Florida State | 94 | 68 | 26 | 0 | .723 |
| Michigan | 95 | 67 | 25 | 3 | .721 |
| Tennessee | 92 | 65 | 25 | 2 | .717 |
| Ohio State | 93 | 65 | 26 | 2 | .710 |
| Nebraska | 96 | 63 | 30 | 3 | .672 |
| Florida | 80 | 52 | 27 | 1 | .656 |
| Notre Dame | 93 | 59 | 32 | 2 | .645 |
| Texas | 95 | 61 | 34 | 0 | .642 |
| Southern Cal | 107 | 66 | 39 | 2 | .626 |
| Alabama | 90 | 56 | 34 | 0 | .622 |
| COLORADO | 97 | 59 | 37 | 1 | .613 |

| Rk | School | G | W | L | T | Pct. | vs. AP Ranked Teams | | 2007 |
|----|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | G | W- L-T | |
| 1 | Florida State | 234 | 187 | 46 | 1 | .801 | 97 | 67-29-1 | 6-3 |
| 2 | Miami, Fla. | 227 | 179 | 48 | 0 | .789 | 85 | 51-34-0 | 5-4 |
| 3 | Ohio State | 233 | 179 | 51 | 3 | .775 | 93 | 53-37-3 | 10-0 |
| 4 | Nebraska | 235 | 181 | 53 | 1 | .772 | 71 | 36-34-1 | 4-6 |
| 5 | Florida | 235 | 180 | 54 | 1 | .768 | 104 | 59-44-1 | 6-3 |
| 5 | Tennessee | 232 | 176 | 53 | 3 | .765 | 90 | 50-37-3 | 6-3 |
| 7 | Michigan | 230 | 174 | 53 | 3 | .763 | 96 | 58-36-2 | 8-2 |
| 8 | Texas | 230 | 162 | 66 | 2 | .709 | 77 | 36-39-2 | 8-2 |
| 9 | Virginia Tech | 227 | 158 | 67 | 2 | .700 | 61 | 28-32-1 | 7-2 |
| 10 | Auburn | 226 | 155 | 68 | 3 | .692 | 74 | 32-41-1 | 7-3 |
| 11 | Penn State | 229 | 158 | 70 | 1 | .692 | 85 | 40-45-0 | 7-3 |
| 12 | Oklahoma | 228 | 155 | 70 | 3 | .686 | 73 | 33-39-1 | 8-1 |
| 13 | Notre Dame | 228 | 151 | 75 | 2 | .667 | 88 | 40-46-2 | 1-8 |
| 19 | COLORADO | 230 | 147 | 79 | 4 | .648 | 95 | 41-52-2 | 5-5 |

CU VS. THE BIG 12 NORTH: Colorado owns the best record in intra-division competition going back to the start of the 2001 season against Big 12 North Division rivals, as the Buffaloes are **21-12** in this time frame. Other records in this span: Nebraska 20-13, Kansas State 19-14, Missouri 14-19, Kansas 13-20 and Iowa State 12-21. Colorado is **12-5** at home in this stretch versus the North, the only losses to NU (2003, 2005), KSU (2006) and KU and MU this season.

2007 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

| North Division (E) | | | | | | conference----- | | | | | overall----- | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| School (AP/Coaches/Harris) | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | Next Up | | | | | | |
| Kansas (#5/#5/#5)..... | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | 202 | 98 | 9 | 0 | 1.000 | 416 | 121 | N 10 | at Oklahoma State | | | | | |
| Missouri (#7/#7/#7)..... | 4 | 1 | .800 | 210 | 95 | 8 | 1 | .889 | 378 | 195 | N 10 | TEXAS A & M | | | | | |
| Kansas State..... | 3 | 3 | .500 | 222 | 156 | 5 | 4 | .556 | 330 | 203 | N 10 | at Nebraska | | | | | |
| COLORADO..... | 3 | 3 | .500 | 145 | 194 | 5 | 5 | .500 | 238 | 271 | N 10 | at Iowa State | | | | | |
| Nebraska..... | 1 | 5 | .167 | 133 | 243 | 4 | 6 | .400 | 277 | 359 | N 10 | KANSAS STATE | | | | | |
| Iowa State | 1 | 5 | .167 | 103 | 212 | 2 | 8 | .200 | 180 | 308 | N 10 | COLORADO | | | | | |
| South Division (E) | | | | | | conference----- | | | | | overall----- | | | | | | |
| School (AP/Coaches/Harris) | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | W | L | Pct. | Pts | Opp | Next Up | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma (#4/#4/#4) | 4 | 1 | .800 | 152 | 100 | 8 | 1 | .889 | 398 | 147 | N 10 | BAYLOR | | | | | |
| Texas (#15/#14/#12) | 4 | 2 | .667 | 195 | 142 | 8 | 2 | .800 | 343 | 214 | N 10 | TEXAS TECH | | | | | |
| Oklahoma State (--RV/--)..... | 3 | 2 | .600 | 193 | 160 | 5 | 4 | .556 | 311 | 245 | N 10 | KANSAS | | | | | |
| Texas Tech (--RV/RV) | 3 | 3 | .500 | 196 | 152 | 7 | 3 | .700 | 424 | 223 | N 10 | at Texas | | | | | |
| Texas A & M..... | 3 | 3 | .500 | 126 | 143 | 6 | 4 | .600 | 282 | 243 | N 10 | at Missouri | | | | | |
| Baylor | 0 | 6 | .000 | 73 | 255 | 3 | 7 | .300 | 183 | 347 | N 10 | at Oklahoma | | | | | |

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS

Dan Hawkins is in his second season as head coach of the University of Colorado football program, which is his seventh year as a Division I-A head coach and his 12th season as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **7-15** record at Colorado, along with a **60-26** record in the Division I-A ranks (53-11 at Boise State) and an overall career mark of **99-38-1** including five years at NAIA Willamette (Ore.) College. In his final year at Willamette (1997), his team posted a 13-1 record, falling in the NAIA Championship game, before he moved on to Boise State where he was assistant head coach under Dirk Koetter, coaching the tight ends and special teams while coordinating recruiting. When Koetter left BSU for Arizona State after the 2000 season, Hawkins was promoted to head coach. He took the Broncos to four bowl games in five years, with his 2004 team compiling an 11-0 regular season mark and ascending to No. 10 in the national polls; in the most anticipated non-BCS bowl game to date, Boise dropped a thriller to No. 7 Louisville, 44-40. In the modern history of Division I-A football, only three coaches won more games in their first five seasons than Hawkins (53: bested by Bob Pruett, Marshall; Bob Stoops, Oklahoma; and Pete Carroll, USC). **Hawk's Handiwork:**



| | Overall | Home | Road | Neutral | Ranked | Unranked | Non-league | Big 12 | Bowls |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hawkins at Colorado | 7-15 | 4- 7 | 2- 7 | 1- 1 | 1- 7 | 6- 8 | 2- 6 | 5- 9 | 0- 0 |
| Career (NCAA I-A) | 60-26 | 35- 9 | 23-15 | 2- 2 | 3-12 | 57-14 | 18-14 | 6- 9 | 2- 2 |

- ◆ **Hawkins** has been a head coach for **138** games (99-38-1), with that record and 72.1 winning percentage 10th in the nation for active coaches with 100 or more games coached for their career.
- ◆ In 13 seasons as a head coach, Hawkins' teams have never been shutout, had never dropped more than two games in a row in the same season (which happened just three times) until his first season at Colorado and had won at least eight games seven times (10-plus four times).
- ◆ A sample of what **Hawkins** tells his players: "You're in America, you're going to college, you live in Colorado. You have it better than 90 percent of the people in the world."
- ◆ Hawkins has used the term "conflama" when referring to some people's desire for conflict and drama (i.e., the reason someone like Jerry Springer and that lot is even on the air). He references the term when people on the outside of a program choose to look at the negative without choosing to understand why something may very well be the way it is.
- ◆ Hawk on depth charts: "To be honest, we really don't pay too much attention to depth charts, we run a lot of personnel in and out of there at several positions. For example, I view the defensive line like hockey; they're playing in shifts as we want them fresh." As a result, especially on offense at receiver, tight end and in the backfield, CU utilizes different "groupings" as opposed to following a depth chart.
- ◆ Hawk on the vertical passing game: "I love the long pass. As I've come along in this game, I've learned you've got to pound it and launch it."
- ◆ Hawk's philosophy on big wins, like CU's 27-24 win over No. 3 Oklahoma: "You enjoy it on Saturday, but come Sunday, it's in the vapor trail."
- ◆ One of his beliefs is, "Once is a mistake; twice is a behavior." He applies it to football, whether for things on or off the field, and to life.
- ◆ Hawk's response about potential for disaster after the 0-3 start in 2006: "There's always potential. When you get in your car and get out on the freeway, there's potential for disaster. I knew when I left Boise State there was potential for disaster. That doesn't scare me... there's also the potential for greatness. So you can hide behind the shadow if you want, but that's not living."
- ◆ Versus' **Ron Thulin** on Hawkins' optimism: "His glass isn't half-full, it's overflowing. He's not going to change. He said they are going to keep fighting and doing the little things everyday. I think everyone on our crew was ready to put on a football helmet after talking to this man yesterday. He is excitable and he cares." Chimed in analyst **Charles Davis**: "I was looking to get taped and get out to practice that day. If you're around him long enough you can't help but be positive."
- ◆ As with many coaches, at the end of practice, the team will run for turnovers, mistakes, missed field goals, etc. One day in 2006 after **PK Mason Crosby** missed a kick within his range, Hawk felt a little bad as he wondered to himself, "How many coaches are making their kids run for a missed 64-yard field goal?"
- ◆ **Hawkins** is one of the 60 Division I-A coaches voting in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches poll in 2007 (the seventh straight year he is a voter and the 21st straight year CU's head coach has participated).

Dan Hawkins Year-By-Year Coaching Record

| Season | School | Overall | | | | | | Conference | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------|----|---|------|------|------|------------|----|---|-------|------|------|--------------------|
| | | W | L | T | Pct. | Pts | Opp | W | L | T | Pct. | Pts | Opp | Finish/Conf. |
| 1993 | Willamette..... | 5 | 4 | 0 | .556 | 293 | 281 | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 | 179 | 143 | t-2nd / Mt. Hood |
| 1994 | Willamette..... | 6 | 3 | 0 | .667 | 218 | 214 | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 | 111 | 108 | 2nd / Mt. Hood |
| 1995 | Willamette..... | 6 | 2 | 1 | .722 | 314 | 171 | 4 | 0 | 1 | .900 | 195 | 103 | t-1st / Mt. Hood |
| 1996 | Willamette..... | 9 | 2 | 0 | .818 | 374 | 246 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 158 | 100 | 1st / NWC (a) |
| 1997 | Willamette..... | 13 | 1 | 0 | .929 | 470 | 187 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 200 | 47 | 1st / NWC (b) |
| 2001 | Boise State..... | 8 | 4 | - | .667 | 411 | 280 | 6 | 2 | - | .750 | 307 | 184 | t-2nd / WAC |
| 2002 | Boise State..... | 12 | 1 | - | .923 | 593 | 240 | 8 | 0 | - | 1.000 | 409 | 111 | 1st / WAC |
| 2003 | Boise State..... | 13 | 1 | - | .929 | 602 | 239 | 8 | 0 | - | 1.000 | 375 | 143 | 1st / WAC |
| 2004 | Boise State..... | 11 | 1 | - | .917 | 587 | 308 | 8 | 0 | - | 1.000 | 401 | 196 | 1st / WAC |
| 2005 | Boise State..... | 9 | 4 | - | .692 | 469 | 317 | 7 | 1 | - | .875 | 339 | 178 | t-1st / WAC |
| 2006 | Colorado..... | 2 | 10 | - | .167 | 196 | 267 | 2 | 6 | - | .250 | 160 | 199 | 5th / Big 12 North |
| 2007 | Colorado..... | 5 | 5 | - | .500 | 238 | 271 | 3 | 3 | - | .500 | 145 | 194 | |
| Colorado Totals..... | | 7 | 15 | - | .318 | 434 | 538 | 5 | 9 | - | .357 | 305 | 393 | |
| Division I-A Totals | | 60 | 26 | - | .698 | 3096 | 1922 | 42 | 12 | - | .778 | 2136 | 1205 | |
| Career Totals | | 99 | 38 | 1 | .721 | 4765 | 3021 | 63 | 15 | 1 | .804 | 2979 | 1706 | |

KEY: (a)—NAIA National Quarterfinalist; (b)—NAIA National Runner-up.

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS CONTINUED

So far this season, Hawkins coached against two teams for the first time, Florida State and Miami-Ohio. Next season, with the rotational change for the Big 12 South Division teams, he'll get his first look at Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A & M. He has now coached against **39** different teams in his career:

Dan Hawkins vs. the Nation (I-A/FBS Only)

| School | W | L | Pts | Opp | School | W | L | Pts | Opp | School | W | L | Pts | Opp | School | W | L | Pts | Opp |
|-----------------------|---|---|-----|-----|---------------------|---|---|-----|-----|---------------------|---|---|-----|-----|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Arizona State..... | 0 | 2 | 17 | 54 | Georgia..... | 0 | 2 | 26 | 62 | Missouri..... | 0 | 2 | 23 | 83 | SMU..... | 2 | 0 | 83 | 23 |
| Arkansas..... | 0 | 1 | 14 | 41 | Hawai'i..... | 5 | 0 | 244 | 124 | Montana State..... | 0 | 1 | 10 | 19 | South Carolina..... | 0 | 1 | 13 | 32 |
| Baylor..... | 1 | 1 | 74 | 57 | Idaho..... | 5 | 0 | 242 | 86 | Nebraska..... | 0 | 1 | 14 | 37 | TCU..... | 1 | 0 | 34 | 31 |
| Boston College..... | 0 | 1 | 21 | 27 | Idaho State..... | 1 | 0 | 62 | 0 | Nevada..... | 5 | 0 | 256 | 52 | Texas Tech..... | 2 | 0 | 61 | 32 |
| Bowling Green..... | 1 | 0 | 48 | 20 | Iowa State..... | 2 | 0 | 67 | 32 | New Mexico State... | 1 | 0 | 56 | 6 | Tulsa..... | 4 | 0 | 165 | 96 |
| Brigham Young..... | 2 | 0 | 78 | 39 | Kansas..... | 0 | 2 | 29 | 39 | Oklahoma..... | 1 | 1 | 30 | 48 | Utah State..... | 2 | 0 | 108 | 59 |
| Central Michigan..... | 1 | 0 | 26 | 10 | Kansas State..... | 0 | 2 | 41 | 81 | Oregon State..... | 1 | 2 | 104 | 90 | UTEP..... | 4 | 0 | 198 | 72 |
| Colorado State..... | 1 | 1 | 41 | 42 | Louisiana Tech..... | 4 | 1 | 206 | 122 | Portland State..... | 1 | 0 | 21 | 14 | Washington State.... | 0 | 1 | 20 | 41 |
| Florida State..... | 0 | 1 | 6 | 16 | Louisville..... | 0 | 1 | 40 | 44 | Rice..... | 1 | 1 | 63 | 52 | Wyoming..... | 2 | 0 | 68 | 30 |
| Fresno State..... | 4 | 1 | 173 | 111 | Miami-Ohio..... | 1 | 0 | 42 | 0 | San Jose State..... | 5 | 0 | 272 | 98 | Totals..... | 60 | 26 | 3096 | 1922 |

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

| Category | W | L | Category | W | L | Category | W | L | Category | W | L |
|---------------------|----|----|-------------------------|----|----|----------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|
| Overall..... | 60 | 26 | Scoring 50+ Points..... | 19 | 0 | Non-Conference..... | 18 | 14 | Sunday..... | 0 | 0 |
| At Colorado..... | 7 | 15 | Scoring 20+ Points..... | 60 | 9 | At Colorado..... | 2 | 6 | Monday..... | 0 | 0 |
| At Boise State..... | 53 | 11 | Scoring <20 Points..... | 0 | 17 | 7-Point Games Or Closer... | 13 | 10 | Tuesday..... | 2 | 0 |
| Home..... | 35 | 9 | Ranked Teams..... | 3 | 12 | Overtime..... | 2 | 1 | Wednesday..... | 1 | 1 |
| Boulder..... | 4 | 7 | No. 1..... | 0 | 0 | 1 OT..... | 1 | 0 | Thursday..... | 1 | 1 |
| Boise..... | 31 | 2 | Top 5..... | 1 | 0 | 2 OT..... | 1 | 0 | Friday..... | 5 | 2 |
| Road..... | 23 | 15 | Top 10..... | 1 | 3 | 3 OT..... | 0 | 1 | Saturday..... | 51 | 22 |
| At Colorado..... | 2 | 7 | Unranked Teams..... | 57 | 14 | August..... | 1 | 0 | Eastern Time Zone..... | 0 | 3 |
| Neutral..... | 2 | 2 | As A Ranked Team..... | 16 | 2 | September..... | 15 | 13 | Central Time Zone..... | 10 | 9 |
| Bowl Games..... | 2 | 2 | Conference Games..... | 42 | 12 | October..... | 24 | 6 | Mountain Time Zone..... | 41 | 11 |
| Day Games..... | 36 | 18 | Home..... | 23 | 4 | November..... | 17 | 5 | Pacific Time Zone..... | 6 | 3 |
| Night Games..... | 24 | 8 | Big 12 Games..... | 5 | 9 | December..... | 3 | 2 | Hawaii-Aleutian Time Zone | 3 | 0 |
| Shutouts..... | 2 | 0 | Home..... | 3 | 4 | January..... | 0 | 0 | See Trends III for more Hawk numbers | | |

HAWKINS AMONG THE BEST

Dan Hawkins has one of the top records among all-active Division I-A (FBS) coaches. He owns the 13th best mark and is listed among some of the top names in the profession (10th for those with 100-plus games). A closer look through games of November 3:

| Coach, School | W | L | T | Pct. |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Pete Carroll, USC..... | 72 | 14 | 0 | .837 |
| Bob Stoops, Oklahoma..... | 94 | 20 | 0 | .825 |
| Urban Meyer, Florida..... | 67 | 15 | 0 | .817 |
| Mark Richt, Georgia..... | 68 | 19 | 0 | .782 |
| Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee..... | 143 | 44 | 0 | .765 |
| Bobby Bowden, Florida State..... | 372 | 116 | 4 | .760 |
| Lloyd Carr, Michigan..... | 120 | 38 | 0 | .759 |
| Steve Spurrier, South Carolina..... | 163 | 54 | 2 | .749 |
| Joe Paterno, Penn State..... | 370 | 124 | 3 | .747 |
| Jim Tressel, Ohio State..... | 207 | 71 | 2 | .743 |
| Brian Kelly, Cincinnati..... | 145 | 53 | 2 | .730 |
| Paul Johnson, Navy..... | 104 | 39 | 0 | .727 |
| Dan Hawkins, Colorado..... | 99 | 38 | 1 | .721 |
| Gary Patterson, TCU..... | 59 | 24 | 0 | .711 |

THE CLASS OF '06

In 2006, 10 programs hired new head coaches, including Colorado (with Northwestern being the 11th to do so when head coach Randy Walker passed away unexpectedly in July '06). Here's a look at what coaches make up the "class of 2006" and their record through games of November 3 (*—denotes first college head coaching job):

| Coach, School | W | L | Pct. |
|---|----------|-----------|-------------|
| *Chris Peterson, Boise State..... | 21 | 1 | .955 |
| *Bret Bielema, Wisconsin..... | 19 | 4 | .826 |
| *Ron Prince, Kansas State..... | 12 | 10 | .545 |
| *Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee..... | 12 | 11 | .522 |
| *Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern..... | 9 | 13 | .409 |
| Dan Hawkins, Colorado..... | 7 | 15 | .318 |
| *Chuck Long, San Diego State..... | 6 | 14 | .300 |
| *Turner Gill, Buffalo..... | 6 | 16 | .273 |
| *Al Golden, Temple..... | 4 | 17 | .190 |
| No longer with same program: | | | |
| Todd Graham, Rice..... | 7 | 6 | .538 |
| Dennis Erickson, Idaho..... | 4 | 8 | .333 |

FIRST & SECOND YEAR COACHING COMPARISONS

Dan Hawkins isn't the only coach in Colorado history who struggled in his first season. In fact, for whatever reason, it's more the norm, as going back to **Dal Ward's** inaugural year (1948, when CU became a member of the Big Seven Conference), only two coaches had winning records with one other a .500 mark out of the 10 who have piloted the Buffs over the last 59 seasons. **Bill Mallory** is the coach that had the most improvement in W-L record, going 9-3 in 1975 after a 5-6 mark his inaugural year (+4), followed by **Bill McCartney** (+1½) and **Sonny Grandelius** (+1). Six of the nine current Big 12 coaches all had better records in their second seasons (the other three matched their first year mark); **Bob Stoops** (Oklahoma) had the top improvement, going from 7-5 in 1999 to 13-0 and the NC.

| Head Coach | Inaugural Season | Record | ---Points--- ForAgainst | ---A vg Win--- Win Loss | Offense----- Rush Pass Total | Defense----- Rush Pass Total | Turnover Margin | Problem Spot(s) | 2nd Yr. Record |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dal Ward..... | 1948 | 3-6 | 168 164 | 23.7 11.2 | 167.4 79.3 246.8 | 193.0 78.7 271.7 | -0.22 | CU: 15 INT in 120 pass attempts | 3-7 |
| Sonny Grandelius..... | 1959 | 5-5 | 144 177 | 8.6 15.2 | 133.1 135.5 268.6 | 160.2 95.3 255.5 | 0.00 | CU: 4-of-15 on 2-Pt. PAT | 6-4 |
| Bud Davis..... | 1962 | 2-8 | 122 346 | 15.0 31.8 | 134.0 116.0 250.0 | 269.7 116.5 386.2 | -0.90 | Opponent: 51.7% on 3rd Down | ... |
| Eddie Crowder..... | 1963 | 2-8 | 100 245 | 19.5 23.0 | 167.0 72.2 239.2 | 217.9 108.9 326.8 | -0.60 | Outscored 62-0 in 2nd quarter | 2-8 |
| Bill Mallory..... | 1974 | 5-6 | 226 307 | 10.4 21.7 | 221.9 114.4 336.3 | 251.3 116.8 368.1 | -0.18 | Opp: 32-of-40 TDs in red zone | 9-3 |
| Chuck Fairbanks..... | 1979 | 3-8 | 168 274 | 10.0 17.0 | 139.8 136.9 276.7 | 234.5 97.4 331.8 | -1.09 | CU QBs sacked 55 times | 1-10 |
| Bill McCartney..... | 1982 | 2-8-1 | 160 301 | 18.5 22.3 | 104.8 175/6 279.5 | 238.3 158.5 396.7 | -0.09 | Opponent +12.5 plays per game | 4-7 |
| Rick Neuheisel..... | 1995 | 10-2 | 444 240 | 24.3 19.5 | 189.5 297.2 486.6 | 143.6 184.3 329.4 | +0.18 | 97 penalties (Opponent: 53) | 10-2 |
| Gary Barnett..... | 1999 | 7-5 | 405 311 | 22.6 12.8 | 151.2 273.7 424.9 | 171.5 176.1 347.6 | +0.18 | CU QBs sacked 32 times | 3-8 |
| Dan Hawkins..... | 2006 | 2-10 | 196 267 | 20.5 11.2 | 172.9 118.5 291.4 | 112.4 228.5 340.9 | +0.67 | Opp: 66.9 CP; 47.8 3rd Down | 5-5 |

COACHES ON GAME DAY

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

EXPERIENCE

Colorado's 2007 coaching staff is youthful, yet experienced. Through nine games in 2007, the 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective **83** seasons in Division I-A and have combined to coach in **1,126** games (with a record of **669-453-4, .596**). The aggregate age of the 10 is 407 years, thus making the average age **40.7**, one of the younger staffs in the nation. Linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** is the elder statesman at 51, followed by secondary coach **Greg Brown** (50); four of the coaches are over 40, including head coach **Dan Hawkins** (46), with six under, with offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** the youngest (34). Helfrich is the third youngest offensive coordinator in the Division I-A ranks; the only two who are younger include Major Applewhite, Alabama (29) and Brian Harsin, Boise State (31). A closer look:

YOUNGEST COORDINATORS (as of November 5, 2007)

| Name | School | Position | Birthdate | Age | Name | School | Position | Birthdate | Age |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------|--|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----|
| Major Applewhite | Alabama | Offensive | July 26, 1978 | 29 | Tyrone Nix | South Carolina | Defensive | Sept. 30, 1972 | 35 |
| Charlie Jackson | Buffalo | Defensive | Nov. 4, 1976 | 31 | Tim Tibesar | Kansas State | Defensive | Aug. 27, 1972 | 35 |
| Brian Harsin | Boise State | Offensive | (private) | 32 | Danny Langsdorf | Oregon State | Offensive | June 28, 1972 | 35 |
| Justin Wilcox | Boise State | Defensive | (private) | 32 | Dan Mullen | Florida | Offensive | April 27, 1972 | 35 |
| Mike Elston | Central Michigan | Co-Defensive | Nov. 1, 1974 | 33 | Patrick Nix | Georgia Tech | Offensive | April 7, 1972 | 35 |
| Dave Fipp | San Jose State | Co-Defensive | Aug. 8, 1974 | 33 | James Franklin | Kansas State | Offensive | Feb. 2, 1972 | 35 |
| Manny Diaz | Middle Tennessee | Defensive | March 3, 1974 | 33 | Mike Groh | Virginia | Offensive | Dec. 19, 1971 | 35 |
| Jeremy Rowell | Troy | Co-Defensive | Nov. 21, 1973 | 33 | Dave Doeren | Wisconsin | Co-Defensive | Dec. 3, 1971 | 35 |
| Mark Helfrich | Colorado | Offensive | Oct. 28, 1973 | 34 | Dana Holgorsen | Texas Tech | Co-Offensive | June 21, 1971 | 36 |
| Todd Ford | North Texas | Offensive | March 28, 1973 | 34 | Todd Orlando | Connecticut | Defensive | March 24, 1971 | 36 |
| Rod Smith | South Florida | Offensive | Feb. 22, 1973 | 34 | (Five others born between Dec. 25, 1969 and July 30, 1970) | | | | |

2007 NEW FACES

There was only one change on the coaching staff, as **Jeff Grimes** replaced **Chris Strausser** as assistant head coach and offensive line coach; Grimes, who joined CU from BYU, is also the running game coordinator. Former Buff and NFL veteran **Brad Bedell** is the new offensive technical assistant, replacing **Mike Babcock** who got a full-time position at San Diego. Otherwise, the staff and support staff are intact, unlike a year ago, when CU also welcomed a new strength coach and new head trainer along with the new coaching staff under **Dan Hawkins**.

OLD-TIMER

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

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); 3. **Brian Cabral 18 (1990-current)**; 4. Dan Stavelly 15 (1958, 1963-76); 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74), Mike Hankwitz 12 (1985-94, 2004-05) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 9. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

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

THE SIMULATOR

Coors Field brought "The Humidor" into vogue; CU kind of did the same with "**The Simulator**?" A computer program from Gridiron Technologies that simulates every play, and aspect for that matter, of the offense tests quarterbacks on their assignments and reads. Coaches monitor the progress through printouts that summarize how the players did. While every offensive player has access to the simulator, offensive coordinator **Mark Helfrich** finds it particularly valuable for the quarterbacks. Helfrich brought the idea with him from Arizona State, where the program was first developed and tested by an Arizona State alum. Helfrich calls the simulator a hybrid between the standard playbook and videotape. The Buffs used it a lot more in 2006, not as much so far this year, but it is still available to the kids.

TURNOVER MARGIN

Colorado finished +0.67 in turnover margin in 2006, having committed 16 on the year while forcing 22; that is tied for second in the Big 12 and 17th nationally. It was the best by a CU teams since 1993, when the Buffs were a healthy plus-13 (fourth best in the NCAA). There have been only eight seasons in school history where the number was better than a plus-six: 1951 (+8), 1956 (+18), 1960 (+10), 1967 (+17), 1972 (+11), 1976 (+16), 1989 (+12), 1993 (+13) and now 2006 (+8).

➤ In 2007, CU is minus-7 through 10 games (-3 in the wins, -4 in the losses). CU was plus-1 in the big win versus Oklahoma and plus-4 at Tech.

COACHES CORNER... WITH DAN HAWKINS

Some select comments from head coach Dan Hawkins following CU's 55-10 loss at the hands of Missouri last Saturday; for more from Hawk, check out his blog at CUBuffs.com (located at <http://www.coachhawkins.com/stepout.htm>):

GENERAL—*"(QB Chase Daniel) is pretty darn good. They have a good team, good personnel, and a good scheme. They really know how to run it. It's very efficient. You really have to dot your I's and cross your T's to have a chance against a team like this."*

ON WHAT WENT AGAINST COLORADO—*"It's a lot of mojo things. You get a penalty or a bad play that makes you sputter a little bit. You just have to deal with that. It was some chemistry things that went wrong. (Missouri) really took it to us tonight."*

ON CU'S CONFIDENCE—*"These guys have been through a lot. We try to address these things week-to-week in a stable manner. That's just life; you have to learn to deal with it."*

ON THIS YEAR'S ROLLERCOASTER OF EMOTIONS—*"There's always newness to every season and every game. It's just part of the process."*

ON POSITIVES TAKEN FROM THIS GAME—*"We just have to make sure that the young guys can take this pain and manifest it into future success. You just wonder if guys can put it in the right context and use it positively. That's life, that's football."*

ON MISSOURI'S OFFENSE—*"You have to have respect for them. They run a bit of a unique system. They have a lot of talent and good players and they run it well."*

ON THE MU LONG COMPLETIONS—*"It's a lot of things, it could be a fast guy, a good throw, sometimes it's just a vision thing. Sometimes it's just an alignment thing and most of those plays (Missouri) took."*

ON LOSING BY 45 POINTS—*"You never expect to go down like that. A number of things come together to cause this. You really need someone to stick their thumb in the dike and try to slow down the tide. As things erode they become cumulative. We have a really young team. I thought in the first quarter we did a good job."*

ON THE DAY AFTER—*"This may have been our worst loss (as a coaching staff), but in a nutshell, you have to learn, improve and move on."* (Editor's Note: It was his worst loss as a head coach, surpassing two 35-point losses: 49-14 to Linfield when he was at Willamette; and 48-13 to Georgia while he was at Boise State.)

PLAYER QUOTES

Player and assistant coach quotes following the 55-10 loss to Missouri:

DT GEORGY HYPOLITE

GENERAL—*"They run a tricky offense, and they run it very well. We didn't tackle well and we missed some assignments. We were not ourselves tonight. We are not that bad of a team. We didn't get dominated physically. They just had a lot of big plays. We have a good team, but there's just a small margin of error and Missouri exploited that tonight. We knew coming in that they were a big-play offense. We really focused in practice on limiting big plays, we just didn't do a good job of executing."*

ON HIS INTERCEPTION—*"Big plays like that happen and you hope your team can feed off of that. But you have to just keep playing. You cannot get so high on one play and then get so low on the next play."*

ON THE REST OF THE SEASON—*"This was only one game. You can't let your season be defined by one win or one loss. We just have to show up and work hard for next week."*

ON COLORADO'S DEFENSE—*"We never got that big spark to get us going. You just have to keep battling as a defense. We just couldn't get another big play. (QB Chase) Daniel kept making big plays on us and we just couldn't get it back. We don't get tired and we don't use excuses. We bend and don't break. We don't let people score touchdowns, but they scored touchdowns on us tonight."*

ON QB CHASE DANIEL—*"I kind of think he's the best of the three (Kansas QB Todd Reesing, Texas Tech QB Graham Harrell) that we've played these last few weeks. He's like Reesing but he's a shorter guy and he can scramble but he has a much stronger arm. He made some great throws and that really hurt us."*

ON MISSOURI OFFENSE—*"There definitely weren't any surprises, we just didn't tackle well. Normally we are a very strong tackling team, we just weren't tonight. Daniel did a good job of getting the ball to the right guy at the right time. Once he did that, they did a good job of breaking tackles and making plays; now we just have to move on and get ready to play Iowa State."*

OT RYAN MILLER

GENERAL—*"We kind of struggled with communication on the offensive line but really, it's (the Missouri game) all over right now and we have to work towards next week and continue to get better."*

WR DUSTY SPRAGUE

GENERAL—*"You can definitely say we were out of sync. There were a lot of penalties and missed opportunities. As an offense, we need to focus on doing things right and doing good things on first down. We need to get better at that. At this level, we all know it's a game of momentum. The key is to just keep going. We were excited to get going early, but it's a 60-minute game and we didn't play all 60 minutes. You have to tip your hat to Missouri—they did that."*

ON WHAT HE TAKES FROM THIS GAME—*"I know that a win is better than a loss. We have a lot to take into next week. We just have to take this in stride. Learn from it and go forward."*

ON RECOVERING—*"Many players are perfectionists and they have a hard time putting things away. You have to know that you're going to have good times and bad times. Us old guys who have been around need to show these young guys how to do that."*

ON GAME PREPARATION—*"We had a good week of practice. When you put yourself out there against good teams like we do, sometimes you're going to get bit. We have to come back tomorrow and continue to get better, get after it all week and prepare to play a good team in Iowa State."*

ON IOWA STATE—*"They've been getting better every week. We have to be prepared and go in there, play hard and get after them. We have to come back tomorrow with renewed spirits and prepare for Iowa State. We still have a lot to play for and lot of time left in this season."*

QB CODY HAWKINS

ON IOWA STATE—*"Ames is a tough place to play; it's a very hostile environment. They have crazy fans and the weather can be bad and unpredictable. The wind can get going and you can have hurricane-like conditions. We just have to come out, be ready to go and play the way we're capable of playing."*

DE MAURICE LUCAS

ON TEAM CONFIDENCE—*"Our confidence is still good and actually, I think it makes us more confident and believe in ourselves more. I'm really looking forward to getting back here tomorrow, looking at the film and fixing our mistakes and getting ready for Iowa State."*

DEFENSIVE RARITY

The Buff defense accomplished a rarity in the 42-0 win over Miami-Ohio, as it marked just the 17th time in the last 46 seasons that Colorado limited an opponent to under both 100 yards rushing and passing in the same game. Colorado last did this in 1999, when it held Baylor to under 100 yards in both. Eddie Crowder teams did it six times, Bill McCartney defenses four times, Rick Neuheisel squads three times, Bill Mallory units twice, Gary Barnett D's once and now Dan Hawkins' stoppers once. Here's a look at them all, since the 1961 season (when Colorado had three that year alone):

| Year | Opponent | Rush | Pass | Total | Result | Year | Opponent | Rush | Pass | Total | Result |
|------|-----------------|------|------|-------|----------|-------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| 1963 | OKLAHOMA STATE | 66 | 93 | 159 | W, 25- 0 | 1988 | FRESNO STATE | 97 | 80 | 177 | W, 45- 3 |
| 1964 | at Iowa State | 87 | 53 | 140 | W, 14- 7 | 1992 | KANSAS STATE | -24 | 40 | 16 | W, 54- 7 |
| 1965 | at Kansas State | -19 | 56 | 37 | W, 36- 0 | 1992 | OKLAHOMA STATE | 44 | 74 | 118 | W, 28- 0 |
| 1965 | OKLAHOMA STATE | 64 | 71 | 135 | W, 34-11 | 1997 | KANSAS | 88 | 89 | 177 | W, 42- 6 |
| 1967 | at Kansas State | 69 | 30 | 99 | W, 40- 6 | 1998 | BAYLOR | 89 | 89 | 178 | W, 18-16 |
| 1971 | OKLAHOMA STATE | 50 | 74 | 124 | W, 40- 6 | 1998 | IOWA STATE | 89 | 93 | 182 | W, 37- 8 |
| 1977 | KENT STATE | 82 | 55 | 137 | W, 42- 0 | 1999 | at Baylor | 74 | 40 | 114 | W, 37- 0 |
| 1978 | MIAMI, FLA. | 67 | 80 | 147 | W, 17- 7 | 2007 | MIAMI-OHIO | 44 | 95 | 139 | W, 42- 0 |
| 1986 | at Kansas State | 90 | 76 | 166 | W, 49- 3 | | | | | | |

LIKE NIGHT AND DAY

Colorado's running game enjoyed a 386 yard improvement from the Florida State game to the Miami-Ohio game. Where did that stand in Buff history for a one-game in-season improvement? Research revealed it topped the chart from one game to the next. The old one game improvement best was in 1991, when CU in the height of its I-Bone era had 153 in a 28-21 loss at Stanford, but came back after an open week to throttle Missouri with 502 rushing yards (the Buffs were on a mission, it was the first game with Mizzou after the Fifth Down game and CU had had it with all that talk; so the Buffs played smash mouth ball in a 55-7 win). Here are the top 10 jumps in rushing yards from one week to the next in CU history:

| Diff. | First Game | Rush | Second Game | Yards | When | Diff. | First Game | Rush | Second Game | Yards | When |
|------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------|------|---------------|-------|------------------|
| 386 | FLORIDA STATE | -27 | MIAMI-OHIO | 359 | Sept. 15-22, 2007 | 277 | at Oklahoma | 75 | KANSAS STATE | 352 | Nov. 16-23, 1985 |
| 349 | at Stanford | 153 | MISSOURI | 502 | Sept. 28-Oct. 12, 1991 | 276 | DENVER | 100 | COLORADO A&M | 376 | Nov. 16-28, 1946 |
| 288 | SOUTHERN CAL | 37 | at UCLA | 325 | Sept. 14-21, 2002 | 274 | at Utah | 219 | KANSAS STATE | 493 | Nov. 13-20, 1954 |
| 285 | MIAMI-FLA. | 166 | DRAKE | 451 | Sept. 25-Oct. 2, 1976 | 261 | at Kansas State | 10 | at Baylor | 271 | Nov. 6-13, 1999 |
| 280 | OKLAHOMA | 127 | at Kansas State | 407 | Nov. 15-22, 1986 | 255 | at Oklahoma | 158 | at Iowa State | 413 | Oct. 24-31, 1987 |

CHARLES IN RARE TERRITORY

CU senior **TB Hugh Charles** had four straight 100-yard rushing games at one point this season, the longest streak by a Buff since **TB Chris Brown** had eight consecutive games reaching the century mark in 2002. Colorado is one of the national leaders in 1,000-yard career rushers (48), but that doesn't necessarily translate into an overt number of 100-yard games in a row. In fact, Charles run of four straight was just the seventh time that happened in Colorado history (by six players). Here's a closer look at those who have done it:

| | | | |
|----------|---------------------|-------------|--|
| 9 | Rashaan Salaam | 1994 | Michigan 22-141, Texas 35-317, Missouri 28-166, Oklahoma 25-161, Kansas State 28-202, Nebraska 22-134, Oklahoma State 29-174, Kansas 30-232, Iowa State 29-259 |
| 8 | Eric Bieniemy | 1990 | Washington 29-143, Missouri 29-217, Iowa State 21-131, Kansas 18-174, Oklahoma 28-188, Nebraska 38-137, Oklahoma State 22-148, Kansas State 22-115 |
| 8 | Chris Brown | 2002 | UCLA 26-188, Kansas State 26-167, Kansas 25-309, Baylor 23-167, Texas Tech 26-149, Oklahoma 25-103, Missouri 35-211, Iowa State 25-127 |
| 5 | Byron White | 1937 | Colorado State 19-138, Colorado Mines 8-117, Utah 19-154, Colorado College 18-213, Denver 21-119 |
| 5 | James Mayberry | 1977 | Nebraska 21-113, Missouri 26-136, Iowa State 27-111, Oklahoma 20-108, Kansas State 40-174 |
| 4 | Eric Bieniemy | 1988 | Kansas 34-195, Oklahoma 20-114, Iowa State 24-166, Missouri 30-106 |
| 4 | Hugh Charles | 2007 | Miami-Ohio 17-123, Oklahoma 24-110, Baylor 19-109, Kansas State 22-171 |

CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES LEADERS: Eric Bieniemy 22, Chris Brown 14, Rashaan Salaam 14, Charlie Davis 13, Bobby Anderson 11, James Mayberry 11, **Hugh Charles 10**, Merwin Hodel 10, Cortlen Johnson 10, Bobby Purify 10, Darian Hagan 9, Tony Reed 9, Lamont Warren 9.

FALL PERSONNEL MOVES

THE SCHOLARSHIP ADDITIONS On September 18, the coaches awarded a scholarship to **ILB Jeff Smart**, who joined the team as an invited walk-on back in the fall of 2005, has seen his playing time increase as he has steadily improved; the Boulder High school graduate will start in place of Michael Sipili today. A week later on September 25, **WR/PR Chase McBride**, was placed on scholarship; the Broomfield High product promptly went out and was named the Big 12 Special Teams player of the week. The awarding of a scholarship to Smart, a fifth-semester sophomore, counts only against the team's overall total of 85 and not toward an initial count for a particular year (thus the reason for no scholarship right now for **WR Scotty McKnight**, among others; any walk-on awarded a scholarship in his first four semesters must count as an initial).

SIPILI SUSPENDED FOR SEMESTER Sophomore **ILB Michael Sipili** was suspended September 21 by the university for the remainder of the fall semester (through Dec. 21) for violating two articles of CU's Student Code of Conduct. Sipili had been suspended by coach **Dan Hawkins** for CU's first three games, though was allowed to practice, and was scheduled to play today prior to the university's ruling. He will eligible for readmission for the 2008 spring semester; he is currently in good academic standing and is in position to be eligible for fall 2008, pending spring and summer course work. He does have a redshirt year available to him and thus he would still have three years of eligibility remaining. He will return to CU for the spring semester.

INELIGIBLE Senior **QB Bernard Jackson** and junior **OG Erick Faatagi** have not been able to become academically eligible and it is extremely unlikely that either will play this season. Jackson is a fifth-year senior, so he would be done, while Faatagi has one more year of eligibility remaining.

ALL-TIME COMEBACKS

The 17-point comeback against Oklahoma tied for the fourth biggest in school history (the second biggest ever at Folsom Field). Here's a look at the top ones:

| Trailed By | Time, Qtr, | Final | Opponent, Site (Date) | Trailed By | Time, Qtr, | Final | Opponent, Site (Date) |
|------------|------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|---|
| 20 (7-27) | 8:01, 3Q | 28-27 | Missouri at Columbia (Oct. 28, 1978) | 17 (0-17) | 7:00, 3Q | 21-20 | Minnesota at Minneapolis (Sept. 19, 1992) |
| 19 (0-19) | 13:18, 4Q | 20-19 | Kansas in Boulder (Oct. 7, 1961) | 17 (7-24) | 8:11, 3Q | 27-24 | Oklahoma in Boulder (Sept. 29, 2007) |
| 18 (17-35) | 8:20, 3Q | 43-38 | Iowa State at Ames (Nov. 8, 1997) | 15 (13-28) | 8:52, 2Q | 41-34 | Iowa State in Boulder (Oct. 31, 1953) |

It was the 30th time in school annals that the Buffs rallied to win or tie a game in the final two minutes, and just the second time the Buffaloes won a game on a field goal as time expired. The only other occasion was on October 18, 1947, when John Zisch kicked a 36-yard field goal to beat BYU 9-7 (in Boulder). Two times, CU scored touchdowns as the clock ran out, both famous games: 33-31 at Missouri in 1990 (Fifth Down) and 27-26 at Michigan in 1994 (The Catch). Two times, CU tied games with field goals as time expired (25-25 at Oklahoma State in 1982 and 24-24 versus Oklahoma in 1992).

CU's previous largest deficit it overcame against OU was 11 points, when the Buffs fought back from 31-20 down to win 42-31 in Boulder on Oct. 30, 1976.

THE OKLAHOMA WIN WAS HANDED TO CU? OU SELF-DESTRUCTED? WHAT KOOL-AID ARE SOME DRINKING?

We had to endure a week nationally of how Oklahoma blew its game against Colorado instead of the Buffaloes getting credit for the comeback. Now Oklahoma did have a couple of (forced) turnovers and two key penalties, but some would have you believe that CU just hung around long enough until the Sooners imploded last Saturday. Not so fast (apologies to Lee Corso): OU had just 230 yards of offense (with exactly half—115—coming on four plays, otherwise the Sooners averaged 2.7 yards per play); two of its three touchdowns drives followed interceptions off deflected balls that combined went for 28 yards; the Sooners were 1-of-9 on third down, while CU was 6-of-19 (13 points higher than OU opponents had fared in the first four games); CU ran 82 plays to OU's 46; the Buffs didn't run any trick or gadget plays; and the OU offense went three plays (or fewer) and out six times in 13 drives. Sure sounds like Colorado had a lot to do with creating the circumstances for its own victory.

TRIFECTA OF DEFENSE

On September 8, Colorado left the southwestern desert allowing 402 yards to Arizona State, but the next three games were a whole different ball game. The Buffaloes allowed just **590** yards in the three games after the ASU loss, which stood as the second lowest three-game total over the last 42 seasons. Going back to 1966, here are the best three-game defensive efforts by the Buffaloes:

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|
| 1992 510 | Missouri (187), Oklahoma (307), Kansas State (16) | 1999 628 | Oklahoma (317), Kansas State (197), Baylor (114) |
| 1977 593 | Kent State (137), New Mexico (175), Army (281) | 1998 649 | Fresno State (330), Utah State (141), Baylor (178) |
| 1969 597 | Penn State (229), Indiana (167), Iowa State (201) | 2007 590 | Florida State (221), Miami-Ohio (139), Oklahoma (230) |

THE VERTICAL GAME

Dan Hawkins noted that one thing missing from CU's offense in 2006 that has been prevalent of his past offenses at Boise State was the vertical passing game. "By the end of the season, we'd always be up in the 70s or 80s in the number of pass plays over 20 yards" he said on his radio show last Oct. 18. "I don't want to tell you how many we have this season." Except we have always publicized the count in our stat pages, and he was definitely on mark with his assessment. CU had just **35** total, **18** rushing and **17** passing, the Buffs' fewest overall 20-yard plays since 2000 (38) as well as pass plays of 20 yards or more since 2002 (23, also the last time CU had a quarterback quit the team after the season began). Colorado did have 18 rushing plays of 20 yards or more, and while not an overly large number, it was its most since 2002 and higher than nine of the totals in the 12 season snapshot below. *In 2007, CU has 46 plays of 20 yards or longer through 10 games, and is on pace to increase its count from last year by 50 percent.* Here's a look at CU's 20-plus plays in recent memory, going back to 1994, when CU had a high of 76 plays over 20-yards, almost equal in nature (37 rush, 39 pass):

| Season | Total | Rush | Pass | Season | Total | Rush | Pass | Season | Total | Rush | Pass | Season | Total | Rush | Pass |
|--------|-------|------|------|--------|-------|------|------|--------|-------|------|------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1994 | 76 | 37 | 39 | 1998 | 40 | 11 | 29 | 2002 | 58 | 35 | 23 | 2006 | 35 | 18 | 17 |
| 1995 | 61 | 11 | 50 | 1999 | 57 | 12 | 45 | 2003 | 47 | 5 | 42 | 2007 | 46 | 15 | 31 |
| 1996 | 64 | 12 | 52 | 2000 | 38 | 8 | 30 | 2004 | 48 | 13 | 35 | | | | |
| 1997 | 46 | 9 | 37 | 2001 | 58 | 21 | 37 | 2005 | 54 | 16 | 38 | | | | |

BOUNCING BACK

The 55-10 loss to Missouri was the 74th in program history by 28 or more points (just the 10th since 1985). But CU has been fairly resilient, posting a **31-40-2** record in games following losses of that size, including eight wins the last 11 times it has occurred. And in the three losses, the opponent didn't have a cakewalk in victory. A closer look (*—Big 12 Championship game; ^—Houston Bowl; #—Champs Sports Bowl):

| Season | Loss (28-plus) | Next Game | Season | Loss (28-plus) | Next Game |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1984 | (45) 7-52 at Missouri | W 23-21 IOWA STATE | 2003 | (40) 7-47 at Florida State | L 30-42 at Baylor |
| 1985 | (31) 0-31 at Oklahoma | W 30- 0 KANSAS STATE | 2003 | (29) 20-49 at Kansas State | L 20-34 OKLAHOMA (#1) |
| 1986 | (28) 0-28 OKLAHOMA | W 49- 3 at Kansas State | 2004 | (28) 14-42 OKLAHOMA ST. | W 19-14 IOWA STATE |
| 1992 | (45) 7-52 at Nebraska | W 28- 0 OKLAHOMA STATE | 2004 | (39) 3-42 *Oklahoma | W 33-28 ^ Texas-El Paso |
| 2001 | (34) 7-41 at Texas | W 22-19 at Oklahoma State | 2005 | (67) 3-70 *Texas | L 10-19 #Clemson |
| 2002 | (37) 3-40 USC | W 31-17 at UCLA | | | |

WALK-ONS HOLD THEIR OWN AS BUFFS TIE FOR NATION'S LEAD IN CONTRIBUTORS

CU has five starters that either are or were walk-ons, which is tied for the most in the country. **ILB's R.J. Brown** and **Jeff Smart**, **SS Daniel Dykes**, **FB Samson Jagoras** and **WR Scotty McKnight** and **PR Chase McBride** all joined the Buffs via the walk-on route (Brown, McBride and Smart have since earned scholliques). Now that adds to six players, but Brown has been sidelined with concussion issues and Smart has stepped into the starting role. Florida International also has five, followed by Central Michigan, Florida Atlantic and Utah with four; several had three, including Boise State, East Carolina, Fresno State, Texas Tech, Troy and Virginia.

EIGHT NATIONAL BROADCASTS TO BE A SCHOOL RECORD

The Colorado Buffaloes may not be "America's Team," but there aren't many if any football teams with more games on television at this point. With the regular season TV schedule now complete as far as CU is concerned, 10 of 12 games will be telecast, including eight national broadcasts. This week's game (Nov. 10) at Iowa State game will be on limited regional television (Fox College Sports), but the regular season finale against Nebraska is already set for national broadcast by ABC from Folsom on Nov. 23.

Thus, that will be eight national broadcasts during the regular season, which will be a school record, besting the six in CU's national championship year in 1990; the Orange Bowl that season was the seventh. Colorado was on national TV seven times as recent as 2005, but that count included the Big 12 Championship game and the Champs Sports Bowl, with 11 of 13 overall on the air. The most television appearances (national or regional) in one season by the Buffs came in 2002, when 12 of 14 games were televised. CU had 10 of 11 games broadcast nationally or regionally in 1997, 10 of 12 in 1996, and 10 of 13 in 2001 and 2004.

FACULTY COACH OF THE WEEK

The coaches have begun a new program in 2007, selecting a member of the UCB faculty as the "Faculty Coach of the Week." The honoree for today's game is **Jim Marlatt**, a professor from CU's Leeds School of Business. He serves as a liaison between academics and athletics. The recipients to date:

Sept. 15 Susan Morley, Business
Sept. 22 David Clough, Engineering
Sept. 29 Jim Marlatt, Business

Oct. 20 Kevin McMahon, Business
Nov. 3 Bruce Sanders, Engineering

EBERHART MAKING OWN FOOTPRINTS

PK Kevin Eberhart had to replace a two-time All-American in **Mason Crosby**, but he's already done enough to make his own mark, both on the field and in the record books. Against Baylor, he tied the school record for field goals made in a game with five, joining **Jeremy Aldrich** (five against Kansas on Sept. 18, 1999, in a 51-17 win) and also tied the mark for attempts with six. He also made good on all four PAT kicks to score 19 points, tying CU's record for the most points in a game by a kicker (Aldrich's point count in that '99 KU game). Some Ebbies:

👉 His 54-yard field goal at the end of the first half at Baylor was a career best, topping the 45-yard effort against Oklahoma the previous week which was the game winner as time expired in CU's dramatic 27-24 upset of No. 3 Oklahoma. It was the 32nd field goal of 50 yards or longer in CU history, and tied for the 11th longest overall. It was the longest by a Buff other than Crosby (13 50+) since **Mitch Berger** hit a 54-yard kick against Miami-Florida in Boulder on Sept. 25, 1993. It tied for the fourth longest on the road by a Buff, and tied CU's longest in the state of Texas (Crosby had a 54-yard kick in the 2004 Houston Bowl).

👉 He became the seventh Buff to make four (or more) field goals in a game, joining Aldrich, **Mark Zetterberg**, **Tom Field**, Berger, **Jeremy Flores** and Crosby. He is just the second to make four in game from 40 yards or longer, joining Aldrich, who made all five of his kicks against Kansas in Boulder from between 40 and 49 yards.

👉 His then career-long 45-yard field goal came with 0:00 on the clock against Oklahoma, just the second game winning kick of such nature in school history (not including one in overtime, which he made earlier this year to beat Colorado State, 31-28). The only other came on Oct. 18, 1947, when **John Zisch** made a 36-yard field goal as time expired to lead CU to a 9-7 win over BYU in Boulder.

THIRD DOWN DEFENSE "ON FIRE"

When Colorado State scored on its first two second half possessions to take a 28-17 lead in the season opener, at that point the Rams were 9-of-12 on third down conversions. However, since that time, the CU defense has fortified itself on the down. How much so? Since that third defensive series of the second half of the opener, the opponent is a combined **42-of-133** (31.6 percent) converting on the down, with four of those teams CU stifled ranked in the top 10 in converting at the time of the game. For the season, the Buffs are ranked 29th nationally in third down defense (51-of-145, 35.2%), though did have a run in the top 10 for a three-game stretch. Sans those first 12 tries, the Buffs would be right up there. How far up there? In 15th, actually; Troy leads with a 24.0 figure and it's bunched up from the get-go.

FOURTH DOWN T.D.

Senior TE **Tyson DeVree** is utilizing his initials to the max this season, with five touchdown catches in 2007. Three of those have come on fourth down plays—11 yards against Florida State, 1 yard against Miami-Ohio and 4 yards against Oklahoma. All the passes were thrown by **QB Cody Hawkins**. DeVree skipped the Baylor game for precautionary reasons after suffering a recurrence of a concussion which first happened against Miami, but he returned the next week and has become a favorite target. On the year, he has 22 catches for 248 yards, 11.3 per, with 12 for 10-plus yards. But looking closer at his statistics and you find he's been pretty clutch this fall, and not only evidenced by his fourth down scoring ability. He has earned 13 first downs off the 22 receptions, with 11 of those coming on third and fourth down.

➤ Sophomore **TE Riar Geer** got into the fourth down act, as he caught his first touchdown pass in 2007 at Texas Tech, from Hawkins, covering 2 yards on yes, fourth down. It put Colorado ahead 14-0 at the time en route to a 31-26 victory.

HEAD COACHING FATHERS AND THEIR PLAYER SONS

There have been **55** known players in Division I-A (FBS) history who have played for their head-coaching fathers in college, including **21** quarterbacks and **seven** active pairings, according to a survey of I-A sports information departments (*most schools responded, we checked others as best we could*). The count includes CU head coach **Dan Hawkins** and his oldest son, **Cody**.

The most famous and perhaps best head coach father (HCF) and quarterback son (QBS) tandem in NCAA history is **Jim** and **Kevin Sweeney** at Fresno State. Kevin played for his father from 1982-86, when he became the first player in NCAA history to throw for 10,000 career passing yards (Jim was FSU's head coach for 19 years, retiring No. 17 on the all-time win list with 200 in his 32-year coaching career). The most famous "near-miss" happened at Stanford, where **John Elway** played quarterback from 1979-82 and his father, **Jack**, took over as head coach from 1984-88. And at Marshall, when they were a I-AA powerhouse just before moving up to I-A, **Todd Donnan** started at QB for his father, **Jim**, in 1993-94.

STARTING FROSH. Cody started the first game of his redshirt frosh year, which made him the ninth known son to start at quarterback for his head coach father in I-A/FBS history, and just the third freshman to do so. Kevin Sweeney started the first two games of his true freshman season at Fresno State in 1982, but was injured in the second game and granted a medical hardship for the season; he came back to start as a redshirt frosh through his senior season. **Tim Salem** started all 11 games of his true frosh year at Minnesota in 1980; he lettered that year, but played sparingly thereafter.

The only other active HCF-QBS combo also has Colorado ties; at the University of Minnesota, **Tim Brewster** is head coach with his son, Clint, a true freshman on the 2007 team. He is expected to redshirt. The list (#—denotes active):

| -----Quarterbacks----- | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| School | Head Coach | Son (Position) | Years |
| Army | Earl "Red" Blaik | *Robert (QB) | 1949-50 |
| Ball State | Bill Lynch | Joey (QB) | 2002 |
| #Colorado | Dan Hawkins | *Cody (QB) | 2006-07 |
| Fresno State | Jim Sweeney | *Kevin (QB) | 1982-86 |
| Iowa | Bob Commings | *Bobby Jr. (QB) | 1977-78 |
| Kansas State | Jim Dickey | *Darrell (QB) | 1979-82 |
| Kentucky | Hal Mumme | Matt (QB) | 1997-98 |
| Memphis | Rip Scherer | Scott (QB) | 1998-00 |
| Miami, Fla. | Dennis Erickson | Bryce (QB) | 1993 |
| Michigan | Lloyd Carr | Jason (QB) | 1994-95 |
| Minnesota | Joe Salem | *Tim (QB) | 1980-82 |
| #Minnesota | Tim Brewster | Clint (QB) | 2007 |
| Ohio | Cleve Bryant | *Rodney (QB) | 1989-90 |
| Penn State | Joe Paterno | Jay (QB) | 1986-89 |
| San Diego State | Tom Craft | Kevin (QB) | 2005 |
| SMU | Rusty Russell | *H.N. (QB) | 1950-51 |
| Texas | Fred Akers | Danny (QB) | 1983-85 |
| Tulsa | Glen Dobbs | Glenn III (QB) | 1963-67 |
| Tulsa | Glen Dobbs | Johnny (QB) | 1966-68 |
| USC | Larry Smith | Corby (QB) | 1992 |
| Western Michigan | Bill Cubit | *Ryan (QB) | 2003-06 |
| -----Non-Quarterbacks----- | | | |
| Alabama-Birmingham | Watson Brown | *Steven (WR) | 2005-06 |
| Arizona State | Frank Kush | *Danny (PK) | 1973-76 |
| Arizona State | Larry Marmie | Larry Jr. (DB) | 1989-91 |
| Ball State | Bill Lynch | Billy (WR) | 1998-01 |
| Baylor | Bill Beal | *Phil (S) | 1970-71 |
| BYU | LaVell Edwards | *Jimmy (WR) | 1981, 84-86 |
| Chicago, U of. | Amos Alonzo Stagg | Amos Alonzo Jr. | 1922 |
| Florida | Doug Dickey | Don (DB) | 1975-76 |

| School | Head Coach | Son (Position) | Years |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| Houston | Art Briles | Kendal (WR/QB) | 2004-05 |
| Indiana | Lee Corso | *Steve (SE) | 1979-80 |
| Iowa | Kirk Ferentz | *Brian (OL) | 2002-05 |
| Iowa State | Jim Criner | Mark (LB) | 1986 |
| Kansas State | Bill Snyder | *Sean (P) | 1991-92 |
| Louisiana Tech/Mississippi | %Billy Brewer | Brett (P) | 1980-84 |
| #Louisiana-Lafayette | Rickey Bustle | Brad (OG) | 2006-07 |
| Louisiana-Monroe | Pat Collins | *Mike (C) | 1981-82 |
| Maryland | Jerry Claiborne | Jonathan (S) | 1975-77 |
| #Memphis | Tommy West | Turner (WR) | 2006-07 |
| Notre Dame | Ara Parseghian | Mike (RB) | 1971-74 |
| Notre Dame | Lou Holtz | Skip (WR) | 1986 |
| Oklahoma State | Bob Simmons | Nathan (RB) | 1996-99 |
| Oregon | Jim Aiken | *James Jr. (RB) | 1948 |
| Oregon | Rich Brooks | Brady (FS) | 1988-89 |
| #Oregon | Mike Bellotti | Luke (PK) | 2003-07 |
| #South Carolina | Steve Spurrier | Scott (WR) | 2006-07 |
| #SMU | Phil Bennett | *Sam (LS) | 2006-07 |
| Southern Miss | Jim Carmody | Steve (C) | 1982-83 |
| Southern Miss | Jim Carmody | Keith (DT) | 1985-86 |
| Tulsa | John Cooper | John, Jr. (DB) | 1981-84 |
| USC | John McKay | *John, Jr. (WR) | 1972-74 |
| Virginia Tech | Frank Beamer | *Shane (LS/WR) | 1996-99 |
| Washington State | Mike Price | *Aaron (PK) | 1991-93 |
| West Virginia | Bobby Bowden | *Tommy (WR) | 1973-75 |
| West Virginia | Bobby Bowden | Terry (RB) | 1975 |

*—denotes started/first-team (at some point when father was head coach at the time; in some cases, they became the starter after the father moved on).
%—The elder Brewer moved on to Mississippi in 1983 and son followed.

While this is the first time that CU has had the head coach father-player son active combo, the Buffaloes have seen it against them in the past. Iowa State (**Criners**), Kansas State (**Dickeys, Snyders**), Oklahoma State (**Simmons**) and perhaps one of the most famous father-son duos, **Lee** and **Steve Corso** at Indiana. When confirming with Lee, he was pretty proud that Steve caught the game winning TD in a 36-30 win against Kentucky his senior year, and reminded us that he had two pretty good games against Colorado (5 catches for 87 yards in a 17-16 CU win in 1979, and 3-38 in a 49-7 Indiana win in 1980).

FOX SPORTS NET COLORADO FOOTBALL COVERAGE

Fox Sports Net Rocky Mountain has extensive coverage of 2007 University of Colorado football. The network is the home of the BUFFALO STAMPEDE, the half-hour weekly magazine show covering CU sports; it is in its fourth season on FSN Rocky Mountain and generally airs Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. (check local listings against Colorado Rockies baseball in September). Former CU quarterback **Charles Johnson** once again hosts the show. FSN also replays Dan Hawkins' weekly Tuesday press conferences at variable times (depending on Rockies coverage) and repeats it at least twice weekly.

➤ The CU-CSU telecast on Sept. 1 was the **second highest rated college football game** on FSN Rocky Mountain, registering a 9.6 rating and a 33 share; that means an average 134,400 homes were watching the game. It was the most watched program in the Denver market area, topping all other games, U.S. Open tennis and all local newscasts. The 2004 CU-CSU game owns the top spot with an 11.3 rating.

QUARTERBACK DEBUTS

Redshirt freshman **QB Cody Hawkins** made his first career start in the season opener against Colorado State, the 42nd player set to start at quarterback for Colorado dating back to the 1959 season. He was the 17th to do so in a season opener but the first freshman, true or redshirt. A look at past Buffalo quarterback debuts:

| Year | Quarterback | Class | First Game | Result | Rushing | Passing | †Career Record | | | |
|------|-----------------|--------|------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----|---|-------|
| | | | | | | | W | L | T | Pct. |
| 1959 | Gale Weidner | So. | *WASHINGTON | L 12-21 | 3-(-12), 0 td | 19-11-2, 140, 0 td | 20 | 11 | 0 | .645 |
| 1962 | Frank Cesarek | So. | *at Utah | L 21-37 | 2-(-24), 0 td | 12- 5-1, 83, 0 td | 3 | 15 | 0 | .167 |
| 1962 | Larry Ethridge | So. | KANSAS STATE | W 6- 0 | 1- 3, 0 td | 2- 0-0, 0, 0 td | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 |
| 1964 | Hale Irwin | So. | *at Southern Cal | L 0-21 | 10- 42, 0 td | 5- 2-1, 22, 0 td | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 |
| 1964 | Bernie McCall | So. | OREGON STATE | L 7-14 | 15- 18, 0 td | 2- 1-0, 11, 0 td | 12 | 10 | 2 | .542 |
| 1966 | Dan Kelly | Jr. | *MIAMI, FLA. | L 3-24 | 4-(-14), 0 td | 4- 2-1, 37, 0 td | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 |
| 1967 | Bobby Anderson | So. | *BAYLOR | W 27- 7 | 15- 83, 2 td | 21-11-0, 129, 0 td | 14 | 9 | 0 | .609 |
| 1969 | Paul Arendt | So. | INDIANA | W 30- 7 | 20- 72, 1 td | 15- 8-0, 103, 0 td | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 |
| 1969 | Jim Bratten | Jr. | MISSOURI | W 31-24 | 20- 20, 0 td | 8- 4-0, 47, 0 td | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 |
| 1971 | Ken Johnson | So. | *at Louisiana State | W 31-21 | 11- 18, 0 td | 19- 9-3, 82, 1 td | 17 | 6 | 0 | .739 |
| 1971 | Joe Duenas | So. | WYOMING | W 56-13 | 15-106, 3 td | 7- 4-1, 111, 1 td | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1973 | Clyde Crutchmer | Jr. | *at Louisiana State | L 6-17 | 6- 15, 0 td | 7- 1-1, 15, 0 td | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 |
| 1974 | David Williams | Jr. | *at Louisiana State | L 14-42 | 4- (-3), 0 td | 9- 3-0, 28, 0 td | 14 | 9 | 0 | .609 |
| 1976 | Jeff Austin | Sr. | *at Texas Tech | L 7-24 | 11-(-14), 0 td | 19- 5-5, 67, 0 td | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 |
| 1976 | Jeff Knappe | So. | NEBRASKA | L 12-24 | 5- 23, 0 td | 19- 6-0, 94, 0 td | 12 | 6 | 1 | .658 |
| 1978 | Bill Solomon | Jr. | *OREGON | W 24- 7 | 10- 40, 1 td | 7- 4-1, 46, 0 td | 9 | 13 | 0 | .409 |
| 1980 | Charlie Davis | Jr. | *at UCLA | L 14-56 | 16- 60, 0 td | 23-13-1, 143, 1 td | 0 | 5 | 0 | .000 |
| 1980 | Randy Essington | Fr. | at Missouri | L 7-45 | 4-(-19), 0 td | 22-11-1, 58, 0 td | 3 | 14 | 1 | .194 |
| 1980 | Scott Kingdom | Jr. | IOWA STATE | W 17- 9 | 11- 6, 0 td | 6- 2-1, 16, 0 td | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 |
| 1981 | Steve Vogel | Fr.-RS | at Iowa State | L 10-17 | 2- (-3), 0 td | 16-12-0, 89, 0 td | 4 | 17 | 0 | .190 |
| 1983 | Derek Marshall | So. | at Kansas | W 34-23 | 4- 4, 0 td | 22-11-0, 148, 0 td | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 |
| 1984 | Craig Keenan | Jr. | at Oklahoma State | L 14-20 | 9- (-2), 0 td | 25-10-0, 178, 1 td | 0 | 4 | 0 | .000 |
| 1985 | Mark Hatcher | So. | *COLORADO STATE | W 23-10 | 12- 62, 2 td | 9- 3-0, 36, 0 td | 13 | 12 | 0 | .520 |
| 1985 | #Rick Wheeler | So. | at Nebraska | L 7-17 | 5- 38, 0 td | 1- 1-0, 12, 0 td | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 |
| 1986 | Marc Walters | Fr. | at Kansas State | W 49- 3 | 18- 88, 2 td | 4- 4-0, 111, 1 td | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1987 | Sal Aunese | So. | at Colorado State | W 29-16 | 18- 83, 1 td | 6- 4-0, 139, 1 td | 13 | 6 | 0 | .684 |
| 1989 | Darian Hagan | So. | *TEXAS | W 27- 6 | 14-116, 1 td | 12- 7-0, 95, 1 td | 28 | 5 | 2 | .829 |
| 1990 | Charles Johnson | Jr. | at Missouri | W 33-31 | 9- 17, 1 td | 18-10-0, 151, 1 td | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1992 | Kordell Stewart | So. | *COLORADO STATE | W 37-17 | 9- 21, 0 td | 36-21-1, 409, 4 td | 27 | 5 | 1 | .833 |
| 1992 | Duke Tobin | Jr. | at Minnesota | W 21-20 | 11-(-12), 0 td | 10- 2-0, 12, 0 td | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1992 | Koy Detmer | Fr. | OKLAHOMA | T 24-24 | 9-(-22), 0 td | 50-33-5, 418, 2 td | 14 | 3 | 1 | .806 |
| 1995 | John Hessler | So. | at Oklahoma | W 38-17 | 6-(-18), 0 td | 34-24-0, 348, 5 td | 11 | 8 | 0 | .579 |
| 1998 | Mike Moschetti | Jr. | *Colorado State (Denver) | W 42-14 | 5- 13, 0 td | 32-21-0, 257, 3 td | 14 | 9 | 0 | .609 |
| 1999 | Zac Colvin | Fr.-RS | at Iowa State | W 16-12 | 6- (-1), 0 td | 23-14-1, 116, 1 td | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 |
| 2000 | Bobby Pesavento | Jr. | WASHINGTON | L 14-17 | 12-(-13), 0 td | 27-15-0, 174, 1 td | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 |
| 2000 | Craig Ochs | Fr. | at Texas A&M | W 26-19 | 6- 6, 1 td | 25-15-0, 239, 1 td | 10 | 6 | 0 | .625 |
| 2002 | Robert Hodge | Sr. | SOUTHERN CAL | L 3-40 | 8-(-10), 0 td | 9- 1-1, 20, 0 td | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 |
| 2003 | Joel Klatt | So. | *Colorado State (Denver) | W 42-35 | 14-(-10), 0 td | 34-21-0, 402, 4 td | 19 | 15 | 0 | .559 |
| 2003 | Erik Greenberg | So. | at Florida State | L 7-47 | 6-(-23), 0 td | 30-14-0, 192, 1 td | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 |
| 2004 | James Cox | So. | IOWA STATE | W 19-14 | 5- 11, 0 td | 16- 7-1, 67, 1 td | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 |
| 2006 | Bernard Jackson | Jr. | Colorado State (Denver) | L 10-14 | 18- 30, 1 td | 13- 8-0, 70, 0 td | 2 | 9 | 0 | .182 |
| 2007 | Cody Hawkins | Fr.-RS | *Colorado State (Denver; OT) | W 31-28 | 3- 2, 0 td | 31-18-1, 201, 2 td | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |

(*—season opener; #—injured in the first quarter; †—Colorado's record as the starting quarterback.)

Looking inside the numbers, when a CU signal caller has made his starting debut against **Colorado State**, they have generally enjoyed success. It has now happened seven times, with Colorado winning six of the games including Hawkins' debut. **Kordell Stewart** and **Joel Klatt** had the top starts, both throwing for over 400 yards and four touchdowns. In fact, when combined, CU's throwers are 78-of-120 for 1,313 yards with 12 touchdowns and just one interception; that would work to an average passer rating of 188.24. Here are those games singled out from the above:

| Year | Quarterback | Class | Site | Result | Rushing | Passing |
|------|-----------------|--------|--------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1985 | Mark Hatcher | So. | BOULDER | W 23-10 | 12- 62, 2 td | 9- 3-0, 36, 0 td |
| 1987 | Sal Aunese | So. | Fort Collins | W 29-16 | 18- 83, 1 td | 6- 4-0, 139, 1 td |
| 1992 | Kordell Stewart | So. | BOULDER | W 37-17 | 9- 21, 0 td | 36-21-1, 409, 4 td |
| 1998 | Mike Moschetti | Jr. | Denver | W 42-14 | 5- 13, 0 td | 32-21-0, 257, 3 td |
| 2003 | Joel Klatt | So. | Denver | W 42-35 | 14-(-10), 0 td | 34-21-0, 402, 4 td |
| 2006 | Bernard Jackson | Jr. | Denver | L 10-14 | 18- 30, 1 td | 13- 8-0, 70, 0 td |
| 2007 | Cody Hawkins | Fr.-RS | Denver (OT) | W 31-28 | 3- 2, 0 td | 31-18-1, 201, 2 td |

BIG 12 BOWL TIE-INS ALTERED LAST SEASON

The Big 12 Conference signed new agreements with the Gator, Sun and Insight bowls beginning in 2006, and ended previous arrangements with the Champs Sports and Fort Worth bowls. The new agreements run through 2009, and the league also re-upped for that same period of time with the bowls it retained relationships with: Fiesta, Cotton, Holiday, Alamo, Independence and Houston. The new Big 12 bowl lineup:

BCS/Tostitos **Fiesta** (vs. BCS)

MasterCard **Alamo** (vs. Big 10)

Insight (vs. Big 10)

AT&T **Cotton** (vs. SEC)

*Toyota **Gator** (vs. ACC)

Independence (vs. SEC)

Pacific Life **Holiday** (vs. Pacific 10)

*Vitalis **Sun** (vs. Pacific 10)

Ev1.net **Houston** (vs. Big East)

*—For the Gator and Sun bowls, the Big 12 is guaranteed a spot each season in one of the bowls, with no more than two appearances in either game over the four years of the contract; the Sun Bowl selected a Big 12 team (Missouri) in 2006, so the Gator may very well make a run at a Big 12 school this winter.

RECORD WATCH

The list of records set or tied to date in 2007; *NOTE: A reminder that when it comes to records, CU did not adopt the NCAA 2002 policy of adding bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers.*

INDIVIDUAL (19)

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| Most Passing Attempts, Season, Freshman — 355, Cody Hawkins, 2007 <i>Old Record: 245, Craig Ochs, 2000</i> | RECORD |
| Most Pass Completions, Season, Freshman — 199, Cody Hawkins, 2007 <i>Old Record: 145, Craig Ochs, 2000</i> | RECORD |
| Most Passing Yards, Season, Freshman — 2,190, Cody Hawkins, 2007 <i>Old Record: 1,778, Craig Ochs, 2000</i> | RECORD |
| Most Touchdown Passes, Season, Freshman — 15, Cody Hawkins, 2007 <i>Old Record: 8, Koy Detmer, 1992</i> | RECORD |
| Most Consecutive 200-Yard Passing Games — 6, Cody Hawkins, Sept. 15-Oct. 20, 2007 <i>Record: 6, Koy Detmer (first six games of 1996 season)</i> | TIED RECORD |
| Most Consecutive Games With A Touchdown Pass, Start of Career —9, Cody Hawkins, Sept. 1-Oct. 27, 2007 <i>Old Record: 3, Mike Moschetti (1998) and Bobby Pesavento (2000),</i> | RECORD |
| Most Consecutive Games With A Touchdown Pass —9, Cody Hawkins, Sept. 1-Oct. 27, 2007 <i>Record: 9, Koy Detmer (first nine games of 1996 season)</i> | TIED RECORD |
| Most Consecutive Games Throwing An Interception —8, Cody Hawkins, Sept. 1-Oct. 20, 2007 <i>Old Record: 6, Koy Detmer, Oct. 19-Nov. 29, 1996.</i> | RECORD |
| Most Total Offense, Season, Freshman — 2,169, Cody Hawkins, 2007 <i>Old Record: 1,884, Craig Ochs, 2000</i> | RECORD |
| Most Receptions, First Game of Career (All Classes) — 8, Scotty McKnight, vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007. <i>Old Record: 6, Monte Huber vs. Baylor in Boulder, Sept. 16 1967 (74 yards).</i> | RECORD |
| Most Receiving Yards, First Game of Career (All Classes) — 106, Scotty McKnight, vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007. <i>Old Record: 60, Phil Savoy vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 3, 1994 (4 receptions).</i> | RECORD |
| Most Receiving Yards, Game, True Freshman — 103, Josh Smith vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007 <i>Old Record: 94, Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002.</i> | RECORD |
| Most Receiving Yards, Season, Freshman — Scotty McKnight AND 399, Josh Smith (both have eclipsed record) <i>Old Record: 337, Chris McLemore, 1992 (39 receptions).</i> | RECORD |
| Most Interceptions, Game — 3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. <i>Record: 3, on seven occasions. Last: Victor Scott vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 16, 1982.</i> | TIED RECORD |
| Most Kickoff Returns, Season — 37, Terrence Wheatley, 2007 <i>Old Record: 30, Walter Stanley, 1980</i> | RECORD |
| Most Kickoff Return Yards, Season — 919, Terrence Wheatley, 2007. <i>Old Record: 777, Ben Kelly, 1997</i> | RECORD |
| Most Field Goals Made, Game — 5, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. <i>Record: 5, Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.</i> | TIED RECORD |
| Most Field Goals Attempted, Game — 6, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. <i>Record: 6, Fred Lima vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 11, 1972; and Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.</i> | TIED RECORD |
| Most Points Scored By Kicking, Game — 19, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007 (4 PAT, 5 FG). <i>Record: 5, Jeremy Aldrich vs. Kansas in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999 (4 PAT, 5 FG).</i> | TIED RECORD |

TEAM (4)

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|---|---------------|
| Fewest Rushing Yards, Game — Minus-27, vs. Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15 <i>Old Record: Minus-16, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Oct. 13, 1984.</i> | RECORD |
| Least Amount Of Time In The Lead And Won — 0:00, vs. Oklahoma in Boulder, Sept. 29, 2007 <i>Old Record: 0:12, versus Stanford in Boulder, Sept. 15, 1990.</i> | RECORD |
| Most First Downs By Penalty, Game — 7, vs. Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8 <i>Old Record: 5, on four previous occasions. Last: vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Nov. 12, 1983.</i> | RECORD |
| Points Scored In Consecutive Games — 232, November 19, 1998 to current. | RECORD |

Opponent Records: Graham Harrell, Texas Tech (single game marks for completions, 46; old: 39)

CHARLES IS COLORADO'S 48TH TO 1,000

TB Hugh Charles became the 48th player in Colorado history to have rushed for 1,000 or more yards in a career when he surpassed the mark in 2006. Research indicates that the Buffs are one of the all-time leaders in the number of players who have rushed for 1,000-plus yards for a career. Oklahoma currently tops the list with 64, followed by Nebraska and USC (both 54); three prominent schools never responded with their counts but likely are on the lost. Regardless, CU is among the national leaders in the number of players who have reached the career 1K plateau:

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|----|---------------|----|----------------|----|----------------|----|-------------|----|--------------|----|
| Oklahoma | 64 | Colorado | 48 | Minnesota | 39 | South Carolina | 36 | Air Force | 34 | Georgia Tech | 32 |
| Nebraska | 54 | Texas | 44 | North Carolina | 37 | Penn State | 35 | Virginia | 34 | Michigan | NA |
| Southern Cal | 54 | West Virginia | 41 | Iowa | 36 | Texas A & M | 35 | Miami, Fla. | 33 | Ohio State | NA |

TRENDS**1985-2007**

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **175-98-4**, the 19th best record nationally in this span). In these 277 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

| | | | |
|--|----------|--|----------|
| ◆ with 400-plus yards total offense | 103-17-2 | ◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense | 85-17-1 |
| ◆ with 500-plus yards total offense | 51- 5-0 | ◆ when leading at halftime | 143-17-2 |
| ◆ when leading in time of possession | 115-26-3 | ◆ when leading after three quarters (142-12-3 in last 157) | 146-14-3 |
| ◆ when making 20-plus first downs | 105-30-1 | ◆ when scoring 24 or more points | 143-18-2 |
| ◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down | 67- 7-1 | ◆ when scoring 14 or more points | 172-56-4 |
| ◆ when punting three or fewer times | 65-13-1 | ◆ when held to 13 points or less | 3-40-0 |
| ◆ when scoring first | 114-29-1 | ◆ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack | 13- 0-0 |
| ◆ with zero turnovers (125-45-2 with two or fewer) | 32-10-2 | ◆ when passing for more yards than rushing | 73-63-2 |
| ◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 103-18-1 | ◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time | 95-19-2 |
| ◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 89-11-1 | | |

TRENDS II**1989-2007**

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 19th best overall record at **147-79-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (230 games, including bowls):

| | | | |
|--|----------|---|----------|
| ➤ when running more plays than the opponent | 81-29-3 | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards | 77- 5-1 |
| ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (46-5 with 500-plus) | 89-17-2 | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards | 52- 2-1 |
| ➤ when scoring 30 or more points | 98- 6-1 | ➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards | 31- 0-1 |
| ➤ when leading in possession time (53-55-1 when not) | 94-24-3 | ➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards | 33- 2-0 |
| ➤ when making 20-plus first downs | 92-27-1 | ➤ when passing for 200-plus yards | 79-36-2 |
| ➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down | 53- 6-1 | ➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (10-0-1 400-plus) | 25-12-1 |
| ➤ when scoring first (82-19-1 the last 102 times) | 93-22-1 | ➤ when passing for more yards than rushing | 73-63-2 |
| ➤ with zero turnovers (108-41-2 with two or fewer) | 26-10-2 | ➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time | 77-18-2 |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 79-11-1 | ➤ when holding edge in field position | 117-21-1 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 73-11-1 | ➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack | 12- 0-0 |
| ➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense | 63-12-1 | ➤ when out-rushing the opponent | 119-13-3 |
| ➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (25-2 40+) | 108-32-2 | ➤ when owning the edge in return yards | 111-28-2 |
| ➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls | 123-28-2 | | |

TRENDS III**HAWKINS**

Some trends of Colorado coach **Dan Hawkins** both overall and at his former school, Boise State; totals are for **86** games including bowls (**60-26**; the Broncos were 53-11 under his guidance in five seasons):

| Category | At CU | Overall | Category | At CU | Overall |
|--|-------|---------|---|-------|---------|
| ➤ when scoring 20 or more points (0-17 when not) | 7- 3 | 60- 9 | ➤ when leading after three (8-20 trailing, 2-1 tied) | 5- 2 | 50- 3 |
| ➤ when scoring 30 or more points | 6- 1 | 53- 3 | ➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing | 4- 4 | 36- 6 |
| ➤ when scoring 40 or more points | 2- 0 | 37- 2 | ➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards offense | 2- 5 | 26- 5 |
| ➤ when scoring 50 or more points | 0- 0 | 19- 0 | ➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards | 4- 1 | 36- 1 |
| ➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less | 3- 3 | 32- 3 | ➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards (7-0 300-plus) | 2- 1 | 24- 1 |
| ➤ in games decided by 7 points or less | 3- 5 | 13-10 | ➤ when rushing for more yards than passing | 4- 6 | 22- 7 |
| ➤ with two or fewer turnovers (9-2 with zero) | 5-10 | 43-18 | ➤ with a 100-yard rusher | 5- 3 | 32- 3 |
| ➤ when turnover margin was plus or even | 5- 8 | 44-15 | ➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards | 2- 0 | 27- 0 |
| ➤ when scoring first (18-15 when not) | 6- 8 | 42-11 | ➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (43-1 last 44) | 3- 1 | 47- 3 |
| ➤ when leading at halftime | 6- 3 | 49- 6 | ➤ with 500-plus yards total offense (6-0 with 600-plus) | 1- 0 | 24- 1 |
| ➤ when trailing at halftime (4-0 when tied) | 1-11 | 7-19 | | | |

TURNOVERS ARE INDEED COSTLY

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

| | Turnovers Committed | Turnovers Forced | +/- | Scoring Off Turnovers PF | PA | +/- |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|------|
| 147 WINS | 247 | 373 | +126 | 1,236 | 490 | +746 |
| HAWKINS ERA (7 WINS) | 12 | 16 | + 4 | 38 | 34 | + 4 |
| 79 LOSSES (& 4 TIES) | 205 | 136 | - 69 | 308 | 670 | -362 |
| HAWKINS ERA (15 LOSSES) | 28 | 25 | - 3 | 46 | 88 | - 42 |
| 19-SEASON TOTALS (229 Games) | 452 | 509 | +57 | 1,544 | 1,160 | +384 |
| HAWKINS ERA (21 Games) | 40 | 41 | + 1 | 84 | 122 | - 38 |

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored **117** times in **182** tries, including **20** game winning or tying scores, when the offense has gone into the “two-minute offense” drill since 1988; that’s 65 percent of the time. CU is **5-of-7** this season, utilizing the drill to score field goals at the end of each half against CSU, twice in the fourth quarter against Florida State (scoring one TD), once for six before the half versus Miami and for the game winning field goal, though a bit less rushed, against Oklahoma. The Buffs were 2-of-6 in 2006: 1-of-1 against Texas Tech (field goal), 0-of-2 versus Montana State, 0-of-1 versus Colorado State, 0-1 at Georgia and 1-of-1 versus Iowa State (field goal). In 2005, CU also used the drill to score the game winning field goal against CSU. CU was very productive in 2004 (4-of-5), including a second half go-ahead score at Texas A&M and the game winning touchdown versus Kansas State. In 2003, the Buffs scored twice in as many tries in the season opener against Colorado State, registering a TD at the end of the first half and the game-winning score at the end of the game—CU’s first in the two-minute drill since 1999. Lo and behold, the Buffs did it again in the offense the following week, putting the game winning score on the board with 2:15 left against UCLA. One of the most prolific years in the drill came in 1994, when CU was 7-of-8; that included two scores in the final two minutes at Michigan, including that certain play of the decade. Between 1988 and 1994, Colorado was an amazing **61-of-81** in the two-minute offense, with 44 touchdowns. The chart showing CU’s scores:

| 2-Min. Offense/Scores | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | Totals | Pct. |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------|------|
| Total..... | 10-13 | 11-11 | 11-14 | 8-12 | 6-12 | 8-11 | 7-8 | 5-8 | 4-6 | 6-11 | 3-5 | 6-13 | 6-10 | 5-9 | 1-4 | 5-8 | 4-5 | 4-9 | 2-6 | 5-7 | 117-182 | 64.3 |
| First Half..... | 6-7 | 10-10 | 6-7 | 4-5 | 4-9 | 6-7 | 4-4 | 4-6 | 4-6 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 5-8 | 4-5 | 4-7 | 1-2 | 2-4 | 2-2 | 3-5 | 2-4 | 2-3 | 76-107 | 71.0 |
| TDs/FGs..... | 4/2 | 7/3 | 2/4 | 3/1 | 2/2 | 5/1 | 3/1 | 3/1 | 3/1 | 0/1 | 0/2 | 2/3 | 2/2 | 4/0 | 1/0 | 2/0 | 1/1 | 3/0 | 0/2 | 1/1 | 48/28 | |
| Second Half..... | 4-6 | 1-1 | 5-7 | 4-7 | 2-3 | 2-4 | 3-4 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 5-8 | 1-2 | 1-5 | 2-5 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 3-4 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 0-2 | 3-4 | 41-75 | 54.7 |
| TDs/FGs..... | 4/0 | 1/0 | 4/1 | 4/0 | 1/1 | 2/0 | 2/1 | 1/0 | 0/0 | 5/0 | 0/1 | 1/0 | 1/1 | 1/0 | 0/0 | 2/1 | 2/0 | 0/1 | 0/0 | 1/2 | 32/9 | |
| Winning/Tying Scores | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 20 | |

SAFELY AHEAD

The Buffs have been a virtual lock to win once they have a lead of two or more scores (nine-plus points) over the past 30 seasons. Since 1976 (game 1), CU has protected a two-score lead **208** of **224** times, losing 13 and tying three when it blew the lead. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

| Date | Opponent | CU Lead (when) | Result | Date | Opponent | CU Lead (when) | Result |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 09/08/07 | at Arizona State | 14 (14-0; 2nd Quarter) | L, 14-33 | 10/23/93 | at Kansas State | 9 (9-0; 2nd Quarter) | T, 16-16 |
| 10/28/06 | at Kansas | 9 (9-0; 3rd Quarter) | L, 15-20 | 09/18/93 | at Stanford | 10 (37-27; 4th Quarter) | L, 37-41 |
| 09/23/06 | at Georgia | 13 (13-0; 4th Quarter) | L, 13-14 | 09/15/90 | at Illinois | 14 (17-3; 2nd Quarter) | L, 22-23 |
| 10/23/04 | at Texas A&M | 12 (19-7; 3rd Quarter) | L, 26-29 OT | 08/26/90 | *Tennessee | 14 (31-17; 4th Quarter) | T, 31-31 |
| 11/01/03 | at Texas Tech | 14 (14-0; 1st Quarter) | L, 21-26 | 09/27/86 | ARIZONA | 9 (21-12; 4th Quarter) | L, 21-24 |
| 10/04/03 | at Baylor | 9 (23-14; 3rd Quarter) | L, 30-42 | 11/03/84 | KANSAS | 11 (27-16; 4th Quarter) | L, 27-28 |
| 11/11/00 | Iowa State | 11 (20-9; 2nd Quarter) | L, 27-35 | 10/16/82 | at Oklahoma State | 13 (13-0; 1st Quarter) | T, 25-25 |
| 09/02/00 | Colorado State (Den) | 10 (24-14; 3rd Quarter) | L, 24-28 | 09/19/81 | WASHINGTON ST. | 10 (10-0; 4th Quarter) | L, 10-14 |

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

- Colorado has won **92** of its last **100** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—and **19** of the last **23**). A 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 26-game winning streak in such situations on the road, and an overall streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).
- In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 31 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 this season against CSU (rallying from 28-17 down in the third and 28-25 in the fourth to win 31-28 in overtime) and Oklahoma (down 24-7 late in the third, eventually tying the fourth largest comeback in school history in winning 27-24).

DOMINATION

Colorado has only **27** losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl); Stanford (1991); Missouri (1997); Kansas (1998); CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999); CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000); Fresno State (2001); CSU and Wisconsin (2002); Washington State, Baylor and Kansas State (2003); Missouri (2004); Iowa State and Nebraska (2005); five games in 2006 and Arizona State, Florida State and Kansas State this year. On several occasions, teams used the win over the Buffs to gain national notoriety and/or move into the rankings following the win. The Buffs are **88-25-2** in their last 115 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **119-27-2** in the last 146. The Buffs are **157-79-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-8 in bowls); **109-56-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four league title games) and **48-23-1** 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 **27** occasions (and is **21-6** in games when this occurs). It’s happened seven times this decade, most recently at Baylor this season (**TB High Charles** 109 yards, and **WR Josh Smith** 103). It hadn’t happened since 2004, when it occurred thrice: at Texas A&M (**TB Bobby Purify**/WR **Dusty Sprague**), versus Kansas State (Purify/WR **Ron Monteilh**) and at Nebraska (Purify/WR **Blake Mackey**). It happened three games in a row late in 2001, including the first time the same player had 100 yards in both in the same game (**TB Cortlen Johnson** at Iowa State: 172 rushing and 105 receiving); Johnson and **TE Daniel Graham** did it against Missouri, Graham and **TB’s Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. *A closer look at this unique list can be found on page 171 of the 2004 CU football media guide (yes, from three years ago; thanks again, NCAA).*

SCORING STREAKS

The Buffs have scored in a school record **232** consecutive games, last being shutout on November 12, 1988 by Nebraska in Lincoln (7-0). CU has scored in **123** 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 **91** consecutive road games (**118** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **147** straight league games (all **97** in Big 12 play, including the four title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **124** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at Folsom Field over the course of the last **262** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **463** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only four schools have administered them: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through November 3):** Colorado 232, Nebraska 149, Kansas State 137, Texas Tech 127, Oklahoma 116, Kansas 59, Missouri 58, Iowa State 49, Texas A&M 48, Texas 43, Oklahoma State 29, Baylor 9. CU is the last team to shutout both Kansas State (12-0 in 1996) and Oklahoma State (34-0 in 2005).

SCORING STREAKS II

The school record **232** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **fifth** longest active streak in the nation. Since the start of the 1993 season, just eight Division I-A/FBS schools have scored in every game. The list, through games of November 3:

| School | Streak | Last Shutout | | School | Streak | Last Shutout |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--------|--|
| Michigan | 285 | Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26) | : | TCU | 186 | Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32) |
| Washington State | 270 | Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44) | : | Nevada | 184 | *—All games: joined Div I-A in 1992 |
| Oregon | 266 | Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63) | : | Air Force | 178 | #—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13) |
| Florida | 239 | Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16) | : | (*—326 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl) | | |
| Colorado | 232 | Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7) | : | | | |

232 AND COUNTING

Colorado's **232**-game scoring streak is tied for the 10th longest in Division I-A college history; of the top 14 all-time, nine were started in the 1980s while the other five began in the 1970s. Here's that list:

| School | Streak | Dates | Ended By | School | Streak | Dates | Ended By |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Brigham Young | 361 | 9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003 | Utah | Florida | 239 | 11/05/1988 - present | ..... |
| Michigan | 285 | 10/27/1984 - present | ..... | Nebraska | 233 | 1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991 | Miami, Fla. |
| Texas | 281 | 11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004 | Oklahoma | Colorado | 232 | 11/19/1988 - present | ..... |
| Washington | 272 | 11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004 | USC | Florida State | 232 | 9/10/1988 - 11/11/2006 | Wake Forest |
| Washington State | 270 | 10/22/1984 - present | ..... | Hawaii | 219 | 12/04/1976 - 11/04/1995 | Colorado State |
| Oregon | 266 | 10/05/1985 - present | ..... | Arizona | 214 | 9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990 | Syracuse |
| UCLA | 245 | 10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992 | Arizona State | Virginia | 195 | 9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000 | Georgia Tech |

The streak of **232** games started on November 19, 1988; here's a look at some of things in the news that day and week CU began its record scoring run:

- ◆ The media reported on President **Ronald Reagan** signing three executive orders the previous day in relation to FEMA and catastrophic nuclear accidents. Reagan was wrapping up his second term, as George H.W. Bush was elected into office 11 days earlier on November 8;
- ◆ Weatherwise, the high temperature in Boulder that day was 37 degrees, with the low 21.
- ◆ In the NBA, the **Doug Moe**-coached Denver Nuggets crushed the L.A. Clippers, 134-107 (**Alex English** was the highest paid player on Denver, at \$1.65 million);
- ◆ **Hakeem Olajuwon** scored 34 points and had 12 rebounds as Houston posted a 109-98 win at Detroit, ending the Pistons' 8-0 run to start the season;
- ◆ **Robert Plant** of Led Zeppelin fame was touring that night in Tulsa, Okla.;
- ◆ The **Escape Club** owned the nation's top single on that date with their hit, *Wild, Wild West*, taking the spot over from the **Beach Boys'** *Kokomo*; **Bon Jovi** would take it over the next week with *Bad Medicine*.
- ◆ The Top 10 television shows at the time included: *The Cosby Show*, *Roseanne*, *A Different World*, *Cheers*, *The Golden Girls*, *Who's The Boss*, *60 Minutes*, *Murder She Wrote*, *Empty Nest* and *Anything But Love*. L.A. Law's **Corbin Bernson** married actress **Amanda Pays** (who?);
- ◆ Movies that opened the previous night included *Fresh Horses* (so bad that critics said to chew your leg off to get away from this one), *1969*, *High Spirits*, *The Land Before Time* and *Oliver & Company*; *Scrooged* and *Cocoon: The Return* opened four days later, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
- ◆ **Christine Onassis**, heir and stepdaughter of Jackie O., died of heart failure at the age of 37;
- ◆ **John Lithgow** hosted that's evening's Saturday Night Live; and

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS

Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2007 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Aug. 9 Dusty Sprague (23) | Oct. 2 David Clark (19) | Nov. 5 Andy Avalos (26) | Dec. 13 Tom Suazo (22) |
| Aug. 11 R.J. Brown (22) | Oct. 2 Kevin Cooney (19) | Nov. 10 *Dan Hawkins (47) | Dec. 19 Riar Geer (21) |
| Aug. 20 Gardner McKay (21) | Oct. 10 Greg Brown (50) | Nov. 11 Tyson DeVree (23) | Dec. 21 Conrad Obi (19) |
| Aug. 25 Josh Hartigan (18) | Oct. 13 *Mark Nolan (24) | Nov. 14 Kevin Moyd (20) | Dec. 23 Eric Lawson (21) |
| Aug. 31 Bret Smith (20) | Oct. 14 Jalil Brown (20) | Nov. 17 Miguel Rueda (36) | Dec. 29 Josh Smith (20) |
| Sept. 1 *Eugene Goree (18) | Oct. 14 Mile Iltis (19) | Nov. 18 Edwin Harrison (23) | Dec. 30 Lagrone Shields (20) |
| Sept. 8 *Jean Onaga | Oct. 15 Devin Shanahan (21) | Nov. 22 Jeff Smart (21) | Dec. 31 Stephone Robinson (23) |
| Sept. 18 Drew Hudgins (22) | Oct. 16 Jarrell Yates (21) | Nov. 24 Eric Kiesau (35) | Jan. 1 Justin Drescher (19) |
| Sept. 18 Lamont Smith (19) | Oct. 23 Joe Bever (27) | Nov. 28 Ethan Adkins (19) | Jan. 5 Lionel Harris (22) |
| Sept. 23 Jeff Grimes (39) | Oct. 27 *Erick Faatagi (21) | Nov. 28 Kevin Eberhart (22) | Jan. 6 Joel Adams (23) |
| Sept. 25 Kyle Black (20) | Oct. 28 Mark Helfrich (34) | Dec. 6 Tyler Ahles (19) | Jan. 6 Cody Crawford (22) |
| Sept. 25 Jashon Sykes (28) | Oct. 30 Alvin Barnett (22) | Dec. 6 Blake Behrens (19) | |
| Sept. 30 Daniel Dykes (22) | Nov. 3 *Nate Vaioumounga (18) | Dec. 11 Jake Duren (21) | |

ANATOMY OF THE SCORING STREAK

Colorado has more often than not extended its scoring streak rather quickly. In the **232**-game run, CU has scored on its first possession **93** times, plus another three occasions where it scored on returns on its first touch of the game. The Buffs have scored in the first quarter **162** times during the streak, and had it extended by halftime **210** times. A closer look (*—includes score on a kickoff return to start the 1998 Aloha Bowl; an interception return prior to the first offensive possession in the 2002 Alamo Bowl; and an interception return for a score on the first touch against Arizona State in 2007):

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

| Season | Games | Scored On/In: | | | | Points Scored----- | | |
|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | 1st Poss. | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | Wins | Losses |
| 1999 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 313 | 92 |
| 2000 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 91 | 161 |
| 2001 | 13 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 367 | 45 |
| 2002 | 14 | 8* | 10 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 335 | 63 |
| 2003 | 12 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 173 | 146 |
| 2004 | 13 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 245 | 59 |
| 2005 | 13 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 253 | 52 |
| 2006 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 63 | 133 |
| 2007 | 10 | 5* | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 174 | 64 |
| Totals | 232 | 96 | 162 | 48 | 13 | 9 | 5280 | 1263 |

Colorado has a **149-79-4** record during the scoring streak, averaging **35.4** points in the wins and **16.0** points in the losses (and 23.5 the four tied games). The Buffs have had only nine occasions where it extended the streak in the fourth quarter. The most recent came earlier this year in a 16-6 loss to Florida State on September 15, where it marked the latest in a game CU scored to maintain the streak; it was also the only fourth quarter touchdown in the streak that took place on fourth down. Here's a look at those occasions (*—denotes in Denver):

| Date | Game | Opponent | Fourth Quarter Score (first if multiple scores) | Time Left (4Q) | Result |
|----------------|------|-----------------|---|----------------|---------|
| Nov. 3, 1990 | 24 | at Nebraska | Eric Bieniemy 1 run | 14:43 | W 27-12 |
| Oct. 10, 1998 | 116 | KANSAS STATE | Marcus Stiggers 5 pass from Mike Moschetti | 5:42 | L 9-16 |
| Sept. 4, 1999 | 123 | *Colorado State | Roman Hollowell 43 pass from Mike Moschetti | 8:49 | L 14-41 |
| Nov. 6, 1999 | 131 | at Kansas State | Javon Green 64 pass from Mike Moschetti | 6:21 | L 14-20 |
| Aug. 31, 2002 | 159 | *Colorado State | Jeremy Bloom 75 punt return | 14:42 | L 14-19 |
| Oct. 9, 2004 | 189 | OKLAHOMA STATE | Lawrence Vickers 6 run | 10:31 | L 14-42 |
| Sept. 24, 2005 | 200 | at Miami, Fla. | Mason Crosby 58 FG | 11:57 | L 3-23 |
| Oct. 21, 2006 | 218 | at Oklahoma | Mason Crosby 39 FG | 6:13 | L 3-24 |
| Sept. 15, 2007 | 225 | FLORIDA STATE | Tyson DeVree 11 pass from Cody Hawkins | 3:39 | L 6-16 |

There have been **16** occasions where Colorado scored just once to continue the streak. **PK Mason Crosby** by far has played the biggest individual role, personally extending the streak six times, or four more than the only other player do it even twice, **WR/KR Jeremy Bloom**. A look at these 16 times with one score (*—denotes Orange Bowl; #—denotes Big 12 Championship):

| Date | Game | Opponent | The Lone Buff To Score | Time Left | Result |
|----------------|------|---------------------|--|-----------|--------|
| Jan. 1, 1990 | 14 | *Notre Dame | Darian Hagan 39 run | 0:01, 3Q | L 6-21 |
| Oct. 31, 1992 | 48 | at Nebraska | James Hill 3 run | 3:34, 2Q | L 7-52 |
| Oct. 29, 1994 | 70 | at Nebraska | Rashaan Salaam 6 run | 1:06, 3Q | L 7-24 |
| Sept. 13, 1997 | 101 | at Michigan | Jason Lesley 52 FG | 3:32, 3Q | L 3-27 |
| Oct. 20, 2001 | 152 | at Texas | Cortlen Johnson 9 run | 8:32, 2Q | L 7-41 |
| Sept. 14, 2002 | 161 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | Patrick Brougham 42 FG | 2:51, 3Q | L 3-40 |
| Dec. 7, 2002 | 171 | #Oklahoma | Jeremy Bloom 80 punt return | 13:03, 3Q | L 7-29 |
| Sept. 20, 2003 | 176 | at Florida State | Jeremy Bloom 81 pass from Erik Greenberg | 7:59, 2Q | L 7-47 |
| Oct. 30, 2004 | 192 | TEXAS | Terrence Wheatley 37 interception return | 8:50, 1Q | L 7-31 |
| Dec. 4, 2004 | 196 | #Oklahoma | Mason Crosby 34 FG | 2:01, 3Q | L 3-42 |
| Sept. 24, 2005 | 200 | at Miami, Fla. | Mason Crosby 58 FG | 11:57, 4Q | L 3-23 |
| Nov. 25, 2005 | 208 | NEBRASKA | Mason Crosby 33 FG | 12:25, 1Q | L 3-30 |
| Dec. 3, 2005 | 209 | #Texas | Mason Crosby 25 FG | 14:48, 2Q | L 3-70 |
| Sept. 16, 2006 | 213 | ARIZONA STATE | Mason Crosby 29 FG | 12:57, 1Q | L 3-21 |
| Oct. 21, 2006 | 218 | at Oklahoma | Mason Crosby 39 FG | 6:13, 4Q | L 3-24 |
| Sept. 15, 2007 | 225 | FLORIDA STATE | Tyson DeVree 11 pass from Cody Hawkins | 3:39, 4Q | L 6-16 |

The One-Scorers (16): Crosby 6, Bloom 2, Brougham 1, DeVree 1, Hagan 1, Hill 1, C.Johnson 1, Lesley 1, Salaam 1, Wheatley 1 (eight field goals, four rushing touchdowns, 2 receiving touchdowns, one interception return, one punt return)

SCORING DUEL JUST 25 MILES APART

Colorado has scored in **232** straight games dating back to 1988; down the road, the NFL **Denver Broncos** have scored in **237** consecutive contests, the second longest active pro streak which dates back to 1992. Their fiercest rivals inflicted the last shutouts of each: Nebraska and the Raiders (then in L.A.). Combined, the pair has scored in **469** straight games. Many traits are eerily similar; the Broncos have extended it on their first possession **92** times, in the first quarter **156** times and by halftime on **226** occasions, although have had to wait to extend it in the fourth quarter just twice (including last Sunday at Detroit).

➤ And if you count in the **Air Force Academy's** streak of **178** games, the Front Range trio has a **647** game streak going among them.

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **291-11-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **207-3** with 35-plus points and **192-2** with 36-plus, **169-1** with 38-plus and **108-0** 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 **1,110** 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 **8-15-1** in its last **24** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **14-30-2** against top 10 schools and **41-52-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado is **14-5** (in-season) following a loss to a top 10 team since the middle of 1993. That includes one game in 2006 (CU lost 28-13 at Missouri after losing 14-13 at No. 9 Georgia) and two games in 2005 (when CU bested Kansas, 44-13, after falling at No. 2 Texas in October, and the losses at the end to No. 2 Texas in the Big 12 title game and to Clemson in the bowl).
- ➔ Colorado is **95-46-3** in its last **144** league games, and has the 10th fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **105** of its last **230** games, posting a **98-6-1** record. The losses were at Stanford, 41-37 in 1993, to Missouri in Boulder in 1997, 41-31, and twice to Nebraska (in Boulder in 1999, 33-30, in overtime; and 34-32 at Lincoln in 2000) and to Baylor (42-30 in 2003 and 34-31 in 3 OT this year); the tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **157** of these **230** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **127-28-2** (CU is **20-51-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed **390** touchdowns in the last **751** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **361** times have yielded **185** field goals as well as **176** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 24% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 48% of the time, which are astonishing numbers. Under Dan Hawkins, the opponent has penetrated the CU red zone 75 times, with 46 touchdowns, 16 field goals and 13 non-scores.
- ➔ Since the middle of the 1998 season, the Buffalo "D" has rose to the occasion when the opponent has started a drive inside CU territory. Going back to the last six games in 1998 to the present, CU has allowed just **90** touchdowns out of **219** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **126** scores overall, meaning **93** non-scores). In 2007, the opponent has 11 scores (7 TD/4 FG) out of **20** drives started in CU territory; over the last five seasons, CU's allowed just **85** scores (63 TD/22 FG) in **142** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **49** of its last **127** contests (thrice thus far in 2007, after one time in '06), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **181** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **85** times (47 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **42** of the **181** games since the '93 season opener (24%)... and note that CU has played **76** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong CU team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. The last time the Buffs averaged six or more for a season was 2001, their Big 12 Championship year. Colorado did it six times between 1989 and 1997, including a team record best of **7.2** in both 1989 and 1994.
 - ➔ Colorado is averaging **5.2** per first down play in 2007, still trying to find some consistency, gaining five or more yards just 117 times in 312 tries while being held to two or fewer 144 times.
 - ➔ Colorado averaged **5.5** per first down play in Hawkins' first year, 2006, though over half (181 of 304) of the plays netted four or less yards.
- ➔ Dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **40** scores by return in their last **106** games (including seven in the 2001 and 2002 seasons). Since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **61** scores by return in **157** games (54 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado reached 200 yards both rushing and passing against Miami-Ohio as CU has accomplished the 200 "double-double" **12** times in the last **107** games (and **33** times in the last **180**, 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 **33-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only 19 times in its first 929 games in its history.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **59-50-1** in its last **110** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**56-43** in the last **99**, including a **31-20** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **92-31-3** in its last **126** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **59-24-3** in conference games. CU is 2-1 on the fake stuff in 2007 after going 0-3 in 2006 (but 2-0 in '05 and 3-1 in '04).
- ➔ CU quarterbacks have traditionally taken care of the football, as Buff slingers have thrown just **175** interceptions in **5,532** attempts since the start of the 1993 season, an interception rate of just **3.16** percent (or one every **31.6** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs have been an enigma on **third down** defensively the last four seasons. In 2003, while opponents converted at an ordinary 34.6 percent clip (56-of-162), it's what they accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents gained 966 yards on those 56 makes, or an average of **17.3** per play; otherwise, CU allowed just 61 yards on the other 106 plays, or just 0.6 per. In 2004, opponents were 92-of-205 (44.9%), but gained 1,300 yards on the 92 conversions (**14.1** per). In 2005, that number was down a bit to **10.2** on the 73 conversions, but jumped to **12.0** in 2006 (**1,022** yards on the **85** conversions).
 - ➔ The trend is still continuing in '07, as in 10 games, opponents have **672** yards on 51 makes (**13.2** per), and just 108 on 94 misses (1.1).
- ➔ **Second Down "Conversions."** The CU defense has some pretty good numbers in an interesting category: opponents are just **60-of-221** earning first downs on second down plays (27.1%; roughly the same as the 26.1 a year ago); Kansas was just 2-of-18, with 16 tries from 5 or more. Only 44 of those tries have come from four yards or less as well (28 makes). By comparison, CU is a tad better at **71-of-242** overall (29.3%), with 48 tries from four yards or shorter (26 makes).
- ➔ **Third Down & 36 Inches.** Colorado was 12-of-13 on 3rd-&-1 plays in 2006, but was just 40-of-145 from all other distances (27.6%). CU is a subpar **9-of-15** on 3rd-&-1 in 2007, though have picked it up three out of four tries on fourth.
- ➔ **No Turns Or Sacks.** Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **13-0** in games when not allowing a sack or committing a turnover. The latest occurrence of this was in CU's 31-26 win at Texas Tech on Oct. 27, the first time it happened since 2005, when CU did it twice in a three-game span (in a 41-20 conquest of Texas A & M and a 44-13 win over Kansas). Those were the first times since 2001, when CU also did it twice (San Jose State and Nebraska). In these 13 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **505-233**, with only two games decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993 and the Tech game).
- ➔ Colorado rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder in 1993, opponents are just **3-of-82** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 in 2003 (WSU converted on a 3rd-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 in 2004). The CU offense is **5-of-70** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ Under Dan Hawkins, the Buffs have scored in **56** of **88** quarters (64 percent) and **3** of **4** overtime periods. All told, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **525** of **704** quarters (75%). Those numbers include **26** of **40** quarters this season, including **10** in a row at one point (and **21** of the last **28** since a six-quarter dry spell that covered the Arizona State and Oklahoma games).

NFL SCOUT WATCH

Colorado has 17 seniors on its roster this season, and history will show that most, if not all NFL teams pass through Boulder or a road site for CU game every season. In 2007, **37** total scouts (representing 20 teams) from Arizona, Atlanta, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Miami, Minnesota, New England, N.Y. Jets, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Seattle and Tampa Bay have been in attendance at games thus far; in 2006, **52** scouts from **26** teams saw the Buffs in person on game day. It's the norm, as in 2005, 55 scouts representing 25 NFL teams attended games (49 from 23 did so in 2004), and this decade, all 32 teams have seen CU games in person (**324** scouts in the six-year period). Reps from the Colorado Crush (Arena Football League) also routinely attend games in Boulder.

"OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS"

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

- ❑ Colorado is **78-36** in its last **114** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **71-19** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **63-24-1** in its last **88** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **74-18-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**75-57-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **516-240-25** all-time in games played in the Mountain Time Zone (Colorado, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)

A BAKER'S DOZEN OF THEFTS & SCORES

CU players have a penchant to return their first career interceptions for touchdowns, as since 1992, **13** Buffaloes have scored after stealing their first college pass. The latest was one of the most spectacular of the lot: **ILB Marcus Burton** returned a pick 99 yards at Oklahoma State in 2005, preserving CU's shutout in the waning seconds of the game. Three did it in 2004: **OLB Brian Iwuh** did it off the bat when he made his first career pick and returned it 37 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown against Colorado State in the season opener; a week later, he was injured early against Washington State, and his sub, **Joe Sanders**, plucked off a ball and raced 51 yards for six, snapping a 3-3 deadlock in the process. Against Texas, **CB Terrence Wheatley** plucked one off and race 37 yards for six with his first theft. Two did it in 2001: **S Medford Moorer** picked off his first career pass and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown against Texas in the Big 12 Championship game, while **CB Donald Strickland** returned his first career pick 31 yards for a touchdown just one minute into the CSU game. Frosh redshirt **CB Phil Jackson** did it in 2000, as he returned his first career INT 28 yards for a TD against Washington. **SS Rashidi Barnes** had his first one in CU's win over CSU in 1997, returning it 26 yards for a score, rallying the Buffs into a 14-14 tie early in the second half. Barnes was the fourth Buff in a 14-game span to return a first career pick for a TD—**Marcus Washington** had a 95-yard theft for a score in the '96 Cotton Bowl against Oregon; **Vili Maumau** had a 33-yard interception for six (and a Hula dance) at Colorado State in 1996; and **Nick Ziegler** stole one for a 31-yard score against Washington in the '96 Holiday Bowl. **Ben Kelly** didn't do with an interception, but he did take his first career punt return back for a TD (against Utah State). In 1992, **Dwayne Davis** returned one 31 yards for a TD in a 21-20 win at Minnesota to start this amazing run.

BUFFALO DINOSAURS

Through 10 games in 2007, the longtime radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 429 CU games in his career, including 166 in a row (he's only missed three bowl games, two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts, and three regular season games due to travel conflicts); his 400th at CU was also the 1,000 of his professional career. **SID Dave Plati** has worked 331, including the last 289 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 289 in all (138 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 230 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 276 CU games. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. Senior associate AD **Jon Burianek**, who retired in June 2006, is next as he worked 432 CU football games, including a closing run of 415 in a row (229 of which were at home; he'd seen 453 all told at the time he left CU). And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw *every* CU home game (394 of 'em) from 1921 until 1999, when he passed away at the age of 94.

CONFERENCE CHARTS

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

On The Big 12 Road

| School | W | L | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Texas | 31 | 10 | .756 |
| Oklahoma | 27 | 14 | .659 |
| Nebraska | 25 | 21 | .543 |
| Kansas State | 25 | 22 | .532 |
| Texas A&M | 24 | 23 | .511 |
| Colorado | 23 | 24 | .489 |
| Texas Tech | 20 | 27 | .426 |
| Oklahoma State | 14 | 31 | .311 |
| Missouri | 14 | 32 | .304 |
| Iowa State | 11 | 36 | .234 |
| Kansas | 9 | 38 | .191 |
| Baylor | 2 | 45 | .043 |

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

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

| School | W | L | Pct. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Colorado | 21 | 15 | .583 |
| Kansas State | 20 | 16 | .556 |
| Nebraska | 20 | 16 | .556 |
| Missouri | 18 | 17 | .514 |
| Iowa State | 9 | 27 | .250 |
| Kansas | 7 | 28 | .200 |

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

| School | W | L | Pct. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| Texas | 29 | 7 | .806 |
| Oklahoma | 25 | 11 | .694 |
| Texas A&M | 21 | 14 | .600 |
| Texas Tech | 19 | 17 | .528 |
| Oklahoma State | 17 | 18 | .486 |
| Baylor | 8 | 28 | .222 |

(does not include title games)

2007 Network TV Appearances

| School | Tot | ABC | FSN | ESPN | Oth |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Oklahoma | 11 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Texas | 11 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Colorado | 10 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Texas A&M | 9 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Kansas | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Kansas State | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Missouri | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Nebraska | 8 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Oklahoma State | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Texas Tech | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Baylor | 6 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Iowa State | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |

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

vs. Ranked Non-League Teams (AP, since 1990; by games played)

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

(regular season; does not include bowls)

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 1937** The 70th anniversary of CU's first All-American in any sport, as **Byron "Whizzer" White** earned the honor. He led CU to an 8-0 regular season, led the nation in rushing, total offense and scoring, and guided CU into its first bowl game in school history (Cotton Bowl, where CU lost 28-14 to Rice).
- 1947** (Nov. 27) A state of Colorado football tradition ends, as CU and the University of Denver meet for the final time on their traditional Thanksgiving day match-up; the Pioneers win the finale, 26-20.
- 1952** (Sept. 27) Colorado and Oklahoma battle to a 21-21 tie in Boulder, the Sooners only blemish in a 47-0-1 record in Big Seven Conference play.
- 1967** The Anderson brothers lead Colorado back to the postseason, as CU posts an 8-2 regular season mark and then defeats Miami, Fla., 31-21 in the Bluebonnet Bowl, one of the most entertaining bowl games of the '67 season. **Dick Anderson** intercepts nine passes and leads the team in tackles (102), while **Bobby Anderson** leads the team in rushing and passing and comes off the bench with an injured ankle to run for 108 yards and two touchdowns in the bowl win on New Year's Eve.
- 1972** (Oct. 21) Thirty-five years ago, some had Colorado pegged to be a national champion contender, but a stunning 38-6 loss at Oklahoma State sidetracked the dream; Oklahoma rolled into town ranked No. 2, but behind **Gary Campbell** and **Jon Keyworth**, the Buffaloes pull the 20-14 upset. The latter, played on October 22, drew a then-record 52,022 in attendance for any sporting event in the state of Colorado.
- 1977** (Oct. 1) Colorado's last trip to the Northeast results in a 31-0 whitewash of Army at West Point; CU is scheduled to return in 2015 versus Syracuse.
- 1982** The 25th anniversary of the hiring of **Bill McCartney** as CU head coach (June 9), signaling the start of the McCartney Era and eventual rise to three-time Big Eight Conference champion and the 1990 national championship. During the season, a wild 25-25 tie at Stillwater sees the Buffs tie the game at the gun on a 49-yard field goal by **Tom Field**; **CB Victor Scott** returns two interceptions for touchdowns for CU. **TB Derek Singleton** passed away on New Year's Day after nearly a three-month fight against spiral meningitis.
- 1987** (Oct. 3) **Sal Aunese** makes his first career start at quarterback and leads the Buffaloes to a 29-16 win over Colorado State in Fort Collins. Aunese rushed for 83 yards and passed for 139, in scoring one TD and throwing for another, as CU built a 26-0 lead early in the second quarter and never looked back.
- 1992** (Oct. 17) **Mitch Berger's** 53-yard field goal at the gun completes a furious Colorado rally as the Buffs tie Oklahoma, 24-24, in Boulder; it extends CU's unbeaten streak in Big Eight play to 24 games; the streak would reach 25 (23-0-2) before coming to an end with a loss two weeks later at Nebraska.
- 1997** Following a 33-29 loss at Oklahoma State, CU drops out of the polls for the first time since the 1988 season; it ends a 143-consecutive week run being ranked, the 10th longest of all-time.
- 2002** **TB Chris Brown** rushes for 1,744 yards, third in the nation, but his Heisman hopes are dashed by a late season ankle injury that forced him to miss the better part of three games. **WR Jeremy Bloom** makes his CU debut in style, returning a punt 75 yards for a touchdown the first time he touches the ball as a collegian in the season-opener against Colorado State. CU opens 9-3 in defending its Big 12 North Division title, but drops the league title game to Oklahoma and the Alamo Bowl to Wisconsin to finish 9-5, with the 14 games the most in a single season in school history.

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 | 1989-07 Record | Dan Hawkins Record | Coach With The Most Wins |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| versus Top 5..... | 12-48-2 | 8-16-1 | 1-0 | 5 / Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 10..... | 25-84-3 | 14-29-2 | 1-2 | 8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 15..... | 37-102-3 | 20-35-2 | 1-3 | 10 / Bill McCartney |
| versus Top 25..... | 67-133-3 | 41-52-2 | 1-7 | 20 / Bill McCartney |

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 12-year old league owns a **28-71** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own eight of those wins. CU is **8-11** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 8-6, Texas 5-6, Kansas State 2-5, Oklahoma 2-2, Baylor 1-4, Iowa State 1-8, Texas Tech 1-8, Kansas 0-2, Missouri 0-5 Oklahoma State 0-5, and Texas A&M 0-9. CU has played 17 of the 91 games, with Nebraska next with 12 followed by Texas (11).

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 41-7, Kansas State 38-7, Oklahoma State 31-10, Texas 36-10, Oklahoma 34-11, Missouri 31-11, Texas A&M 32-13, Kansas 29-11, Texas Tech 33-14, Iowa State 28-15, Baylor 23-16 and **Colorado 25-21** (remember traditionally CU plays one of the Big 12's, and the nation's, more challenging schedules and has avoided scheduling automatic wins for non-league games).

2007 NCAA RULES CHANGES

The NCAA Football Rules Committee approved several changes this past April; here are the most significant:

- **Game Clock.** The rules adopted for the 2006 season were basically thrown out, as they altered the games greater than the NCAA rules committee had expected (though others figured it out immediately; Division I-A coaches had limited input into the change). The committee's prediction of six fewer plays per game was way off—10 per team in some cases—with other unforeseen problems also cropping up. The change this year is that the play clock will start at 15 seconds instead of 25 upon the return from live action following a TV timeout.
- **Timeouts/TV Games.** As is the case in the NFL, a team timeout will be only 30 seconds in length plus the 25-second clock; this will vary due to TV contracts with conferences and when the timeout is called; most TV timeouts are not taken in conjunction with ones called by teams unless more time than expected has already run off the clock and the network needs to get in the three or four it has slotted for a particular quarter.
- **Kickoffs.** All kickoffs will now be from the 30-yard line instead of the 35, which will reduce the number of touchbacks with the side benefit of fewer clock stoppages since the ball will in play for more returns. The kicking tee remains one inch in height, a change made last season.

BUFFALO ROUNDUP HAS SUCCESSFUL DEBUT AT FLORIDA STATE GAME; BECOMING TRADITION

The 2007 Colorado Buffaloes are trying something new this fall upon its arrival at Folsom Field prior to home games. Instead of busses just pulling up and unloading the team at the Dal Ward Center, the team is now dropped off at Libby Hall off of Colorado Avenue (approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes prior to kickoff). At that point, the **Buffalo Roundup** will commence; the team walks over to the stadium through the plaza area between Folsom and the MCDB (biology) building, touching the bronze buffalo along the way and accompanied by the pep band. They then enter the stadium at Gate 1 and proceed to the lockerrooms to get dressed for the game. The initial Buffalo Round was prior to the Florida State game and was judged a success.

PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS

There are **25** former Colorado Buffaloes on National Football League rosters as of November 5. There were 29 CU alums on the final 2006 rosters, which was second in the Big 12 behind Nebraska (32); Oklahoma had 27, Texas 25, Kansas State 2 and Oklahoma State 11. CU has continually been one of the top 20 producers for the last 18 years of NFL talent, and at one time in the late 1970's had the most active players (47) of any school in the nation. Last year, CU was 19th with the 29 former Buffs playing on Sundays; The last time Colorado was in the top 10 was in 2002, coming in 10th, ironically with the same number (29) as were playing last year. CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was second in 2002 and 2003, and was third in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The active list (#—denotes starter/first-team performer in 2006; †—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; 2R—denotes second-year rookie; i—denotes on injured reserve; p—denotes practice squad):

| Player | Pos. | Team | Exp. |
|-------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| #Tom Ashworth | OT | Seattle Seahawks | 6 |
| #Justin Bannan | DT | Baltimore Ravens | 6 |
| #Tyler Brayton | DT | Oakland Raiders | 4 |
| Chris Brown | RB | Tennessee Titans | 4 |
| †Brian Calhoun | RB | Detroit Lions | 2 |
| Mason Crosby | PK | Green Bay Packers | R |
| Brian Daniels | OG | Minnesota Vikings | R |
| p-Mark Fenton | OG | Denver Broncos | R |
| Christian Fauria | TE | Jacksonville Jaguars | 12 |
| #Daniel Graham | TE | Denver Broncos | 5 |
| #Andre Gurode | OG | Dallas Cowboys | 5 |
| #D.J. Hackett | WR | Seattle Seahawks | 3 |
| †Marques Harris | DE | San Diego Chargers | 2 |
| Brian Iwuh | OLB | Jacksonville Jaguars | 2 |
| #Joe Klopfenstein | TE | St. Louis Rams | 2 |
| #Matt Lepsis | OT | Denver Broncos | 10 |
| #Michael Lewis | SS | San Francisco 49ers | 5 |
| i-Matt McChesney | OG | New York Jets | 2R |
| #Chris Naeole | OG | Jacksonville Jaguars | 10 |
| Hannibal Navies | LB | San Francisco 49ers | 8 |
| Donald Strickland | CB | San Francisco 49ers | 4 |
| #Quinn Sypniewski | TE | Baltimore Ravens | 2 |
| Lawrence Vickers | RB | Cleveland Browns | 2 |
| p-Sam Wilder | OT | Indianapolis Colts | 3R |
| Abraham Wright | DE | Miami Dolphins | R |

On Regular Season Rosters Or In Camps But Waived

| Player | Pos. | Team | Exp. |
|----------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Chad Brown | OLB | New England Patriots | 14 |
| Vaka Manupuna | DT | Washington Redskins | 2R |
| Thaddeaus Washington | ILB | Buffalo Bills | R |

COACHES

| Name | Pos. | Team | Tie To Colorado |
|-------------------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Mike Barry | OL | Detroit | Asst. Coach, 1987-92 |
| Ronnie Bradford | DB | Denver | Player, 1989-92 |
| Eric Bieniemy | RB | Minnesota | Player, 1987-90 & AC |
| Tom Cable | OL | Oakland | Asst. Coach, 1998-99 |
| Jim Caldwell | AHC/QB | Indianapolis | Asst. Coach, 1982-84 |
| Jon Embree | TE | Kansas City | Player, 1983-86 & AC |
| David Gibbs | DB | Kansas City | Player, 1987-90 |
| Vance Joseph | DB | San Francisco | Player, 1990-94 |
| Steve Marshall | OL | Cleveland | Asst. Coach, 2000-01 |
| Rick Neuheisel | OC/QB | Baltimore | Head Coach, 1995-98 |
| Rod Perry | DB | Indianapolis | Player, 1973-74 |
| Kennedy Pola | RB | Jacksonville | Asst. Coach, 1997-98 |
| Vernon Stephens | Str/Cond | San Diego | Asst. S&C Coach, 2003-06 |
| NFL Europe | | | |
| Donnie Holmes | WR | Cologne | Player, 1979 |
| Kanavis McGhee | DL | Amsterdam | Player, 1987-90 |

BY TEAM (18 of 32)—Denver 3, San Francisco 3, Baltimore 2, Jacksonville 2, Seattle 2, Cleveland 1, Dallas 1, Detroit 1, Green Bay 1, Indianapolis 1, Miami 1, Minnesota 1, Oakland 1, New England 1, Philadelphia 1, San Diego 1, St. Louis 1, Tennessee 1.

AND IN CANADA? One former Buff is making his living north of the border in the Canadian Football League, as **C Marwan Hage** is in his fifth year with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: Several former Buffaloes are serving as high school head coaches in the state. Here's the list of eight who head prep programs: **Jim Bratten** (Holy Family), **Spencer Colter** (Boulder), **Dave Logan** (Mullen), **Mike Marquez** (Northglenn), **Bill Mondt** (Eaton), **Tom Tesone** (Bishop Machebeuf), **Ron Woolfork** (Denver East) and **Scott Yates** (Kent Denver).

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

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

O-LINEMEN PIPELINE?

In recent times, CU has been a solid conduit to the National Football League when it has come to linebackers, encroaching a bit on the title justifiably thrown Penn State's direction. However, some research has indicated CU may very well be the place to go if an offensive lineman wants to take it to the next level. Dating back to the 1991 NFL draft, or the '87 recruiting class, 21 of 28 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):

| Player | Pos | Full Years As A Starter | NFL (Round or FA) |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Brian Daniels | G | (4) 2003-06 | Minnesota (FA) |
| Mark Fenton | C | (3) 2004-06 | Denver (FA) |
| Clint O'Neal | T | (2) 2004-05 | Washington (FA) |
| Sam Wilder | T | (2) 2003-04 | Dallas (FA) |
| Marwan Hage | G/C | (3) 2001-02-03 | Jacksonville (FA) |
| Wayne Lucier | G/C | (2) 2001-02 | N.Y. Giants (7) |
| Justin Bates | T/G | (3) 2000-01-02 | Dallas (7) |
| Andre Gurode | G/C | (3) 1999-00-01 | Dallas (2) |
| Victor Rogers | T | (3) 1999-00-01 | Detroit (7) |
| Brad Bedell | G | (2) 1998-99 | Cleveland (6) |
| Shane Cook | T | (2) 1998-99 | New Orleans (FA) |
| Ryan Johanningmeier | G/T | (3) 1997-98-99 | Atlanta (FA) |
| Melvin Thomas | G/T | (3) 1995-96-97 | Philadelphia (7) |

| Player | Pos | Full Years As A Starter | NFL (Round or FA) |
|---------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Chris Naeole | G | (3) 1994-95-96 | New Orleans (1) |
| Heath Irwin | G | (3) 1993-94-95 | New England (4) |
| Bryan Stoltzberg | C | (4) 1992-93-94-95 | San Diego (6) |
| Derek West | T | (3) 1992-93-94 | Indianapolis (5) |
| Tony Berti | T | (2) 1993-94 | San Diego (6) |
| Jay Leeuwenburg | C | (3) 1989-90-91 | Kansas City (9) |
| Mark VanderPoel | T | (3) 1988-89-90 | Indianapolis (4) |
| Joe Garten | G | (4) 1987-88-89-90 | Green Bay (6) |
| One-Year Starters: | | | |
| Tom Ashworth | T | (1) 2000 | New England (FA) |
| Ben Nichols | G | (1) 1998 | Atlanta (FA) |
| Ariel Solomon | T | (1) 1990 | Pittsburgh (10) |

ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS

RUSHING

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | Att. | Yards | Avg. | TD | Net |
|----|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | Eric Bieniemy (1987-90) | 699 | 3,940 | 5.63 | 41 | |
| 2 | Rashaan Salaam (1992-94) | 486 | 3,057 | 6.29 | 33 | |
| 3 | Bobby Purify (2000-04) | 595 | 3,016 | 5.07 | 20 | |
| 4 | Charlie Davis (1971-73) | 538 | 2,958 | 5.50 | 24 | |
| 5 | Chris Brown (2001-02) | 465 | 2,690 | 5.78 | 34 | |
| 6 | James Mayberry (1975-78) | 546 | 2,544 | 4.66 | 25 | |
| 7 | Herchell Troutman (1994-97) | 568 | 2,487 | 4.38 | 21 | |
| 8 | Hugh Charles (2004-07) | 463 | 2,407 | 5.20 | 11 | |
| 9 | Bob Anderson (1967-69) | 568 | 2,367 | 4.17 | 34 | |
| 10 | Lee Rouson (1981-84) | 581 | 2,296 | 3.95 | 10 | |
| 11 | Lamont Warren (1991-93) | 488 | 2,242 | 4.59 | 22 | |
| 12 | Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001) | 445 | 2,199 | 4.94 | 20 | |
| 13 | Kayo Lam (1933-35) | 313 | 2,140 | 6.84 | 18 | |
| 14 | Mervin Hodel (1949-51) | 502 | 2,102 | 4.19 | 24 | |
| 15 | J.J. Flannigan (1987-89) | 328 | 2,096 | 6.39 | 27 | |
| | | | | | | |
| 80 | Michael Simmons (1987-90) | 101 | 535 | 5.30 | 5 | |
| 87 | Byron Ellis (2004-07) | 160 | 500 | 3.13 | 2 | |

PASSING

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | Att-Com-Int | Pct. | Yards | TD | Rating |
|----|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | Joel Klatt (2002-05) | 1095-666-33 | 60.8 | 7,375 | 44 | 124.63 |
| 2 | Kordell Stewart (1991-94) | 785-456-19 | 58.1 | 6,481 | 33 | 136.47 |
| 3 | Koy Detmer (1992-96) | 594-350-25 | 58.9 | 5,390 | 40 | 148.95 |
| 4 | Mike Moschetti (1998-99) | 607-366-19 | 60.3 | 4,797 | 33 | 138.36 |
| 5 | John Hessler (1994-97) | 627-347-26 | 55.3 | 4,788 | 34 | 129.09 |
| 6 | Steve Vogel (1981-84) | 688-309-33 | 44.9 | 3,912 | 27 | 96.03 |
| 7 | Darian Hagan (1988-91) | 424-213-19 | 50.2 | 3,801 | 27 | 137.59 |
| 8 | Craig Ochs (2000-02) | 453-265-15 | 58.5 | 3,325 | 16 | 125.19 |
| 9 | Gale Weidner (1959-61) | 480-218-32 | 45.4 | 3,033 | 18 | 97.76 |
| 10 | Randy Essington (1980-82) | 496-247-26 | 49.8 | 2,773 | 10 | 92.95 |
| 11 | David Williams (1973-75) | 366-198-19 | 54.1 | 2,449 | 13 | 111.64 |
| 12 | Bernie McCall (1964-66) | 361-177-28 | 49.0 | 2,332 | 4 | 91.44 |
| 13 | Zack Jordan (1950-52) | 311-159-22 | 51.1 | 2,287 | 13 | 113.93 |
| 14 | Bobby Anderson (1967-69) | 375-188-21 | 50.1 | 2,198 | 9 | 96.09 |
| 15 | Cody Hawkins (2007) | 355-199-15 | 56.1 | 2,190 | 15 | 113.37 |
| 16 | Ken Johnson (1971-73) | 348-148-19 | 42.5 | 2,175 | 13 | 96.44 |
| 17 | Bill Solomon (1977-79) | 343-168-22 | 49.0 | 2,115 | 13 | 100.47 |
| 18 | Jeff Knapple (1976-77) | 316-139-23 | 44.0 | 2,107 | 7 | 92.75 |

RECEIVING (Receptions)

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|----|---|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | Michael Westbrook (1991-94) | 167 | 2,548 | 15.3 | 19 |
| 2 | Phil Savoy (1994-97) | 152 | 2,176 | 14.3 | 14 |
| 3 | Javon Green (1997-2000) | 136 | 2,031 | 14.9 | 17 |
| 4 | Rae Carruth (1992-96) | 135 | 2,540 | 18.8 | 20 |
| 5 | Derek McCoy (2000-03) | 134 | 2,038 | 15.2 | 20 |
| 6 | Charles E. Johnson (1990-93) | 127 | 2,447 | 19.3 | 15 |
| 7 | Monte Huber (1967-69) | 111 | 1,436 | 12.9 | 5 |
| 8 | Daniel Graham (1998-2001) | 106 | 1,543 | 14.6 | 11 |
| 9 | Dusty Sprague (2004-07) | 98 | 1,184 | 12.1 | 4 |
| 10 | Christian Fauria (1991-94) | 98 | 1,058 | 10.8 | 11 |
| 11 | Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98) | 97 | 1,199 | 12.4 | 6 |
| 12 | D.J. Hackett (2002-03) | 93 | 1,194 | 12.8 | 9 |
| 13 | Dave Hestera (1981-83) | 91 | 1,057 | 11.6 | 2 |
| 14 | Lee Rouson (1981-84) | 86 | 699 | 8.1 | 4 |
| 15 | Marcus Stiggers (1996-99) | 80 | 1,223 | 15.3 | 10 |
| 15 | Jon Embree (1983-86) | 80 | 1,166 | 14.6 | 5 |
| 15 | Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05) | 80 | 937 | 11.7 | 12 |
| 18 | John Minardi (1998-2001) | 79 | 971 | 12.3 | 6 |
| 19 | Loy Alexander (1983-85) | 78 | 1,107 | 14.2 | 8 |
| 20 | Patrick Williams (2005-07) | 73 | 744 | 10.2 | 1 |
| 24 | Roman Hollowell (1998-2001) | 66 | 680 | 10.3 | 3 |
| | | | | | |
| 25 | J.V. Cain (1971-73) | 61 | 873 | 14.3 | 3 |
| 25 | Chris Anderson (1994-97) | 61 | 858 | 14.1 | 4 |
| 27 | Herchell Troutman (1994-97) | 60 | 725 | 12.1 | 5 |
| 28 | James Kidd (1993-96) | 58 | 944 | 16.3 | 9 |
| 28 | Ron Monteilh (2002-04) | 58 | 562 | 9.7 | 1 |
| 30 | Ron Brown (1981-85) | 57 | 1,217 | 21.4 | 8 |
| 30 | Hugh Charles (2004-07) | 57 | 479 | 8.4 | 2 |
| 54 | Alvin Barnett (2005-06) | 38 | 363 | 9.6 | 1 |
| 63 | Scotty McKnight (2007) | 35 | 400 | 11.4 | 2 |

RECEIVING (Yards)

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|-----|---|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | Michael Westbrook (1991-94) | 167 | 2,548 | 15.3 | 19 |
| 2 | Rae Carruth (1992-96) | 135 | 2,540 | 18.8 | 20 |
| 3 | Charles E. Johnson (1990-93) | 127 | 2,447 | 19.3 | 15 |
| 4 | Phil Savoy (1994-97) | 152 | 2,176 | 14.3 | 14 |
| 5 | Derek McCoy (2000-03) | 134 | 2,038 | 15.2 | 20 |
| 6 | Javon Green (1997-2000) | 136 | 2,031 | 14.9 | 17 |
| 7 | Daniel Graham (1998-2001) | 106 | 1,543 | 14.6 | 11 |
| 8 | Monte Huber (1967-69) | 111 | 1,436 | 12.9 | 5 |
| 9 | Mike Pritchard (1987-90) | 47 | 1,241 | 26.4 | 10 |
| 10 | Marcus Stiggers (1996-99) | 80 | 1,223 | 15.1 | 10 |
| 11 | Ron Brown (1981-85) | 57 | 1,217 | 21.4 | 8 |
| 12 | Darrin Chiaverini (1995-98) | 97 | 1,199 | 12.4 | 6 |
| 13 | D.J. Hackett (2002-03) | 93 | 1,194 | 12.8 | 9 |
| 14 | Dusty Sprague (2004-07) | 98 | 1,184 | 12.1 | 4 |
| 15 | Jon Embree (1983-86) | 80 | 1,166 | 14.6 | 5 |
| | | | | | |
| 25 | Chris Anderson (1994-97) | 61 | 858 | 14.1 | 4 |
| 26 | Jeff Campbell (1986-89) | 28 | 802 | 28.6 | 1 |
| 27 | Emery Moorehead (1974-76) | 40 | 751 | 18.8 | 4 |
| 28 | Patrick Williams (2005-07) | 73 | 744 | 10.1 | 1 |
| 29 | Herchell Troutman (1994-97) | 60 | 725 | 12.1 | 5 |
| 30 | Steve Gauntly (1975-77) | 33 | 715 | 21.7 | 3 |
| 45 | Ken Blair (1960-62) | 47 | 591 | 12.6 | 3 |
| 50 | Mervin Hodel (1949-51) | 48 | 540 | 11.3 | 4 |
| 57 | Bob Masten (1969-71) | 34 | 509 | 15.0 | 1 |
| 58 | Bobby Purify (2000-04) | 50 | 508 | 10.2 | 1 |
| 59 | Ed Pudlik (1946-48) | 24 | 503 | 21.0 | 9 |
| 60 | Willie Nichols (1969-71) | 25 | 493 | 19.7 | 5 |
| 61 | Walter Stanley (1980-81) | 28 | 490 | 17.5 | 3 |
| 62 | Hugh Charles (2004-07) | 57 | 479 | 8.4 | 2 |
| 83 | Scotty McKnight (2007) | 35 | 400 | 11.4 | 2 |
| 84 | Josh Smith (2007) | 18 | 399 | 22.2 | 0 |
| --- | Alvin Barnett (2005-06) | 38 | 363 | 9.6 | 1 |

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | Rush | Rec | KOR | PR | Total |
|-----|--|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | Eric Bieniemy (1987-90) | 3,940 | 380 | 31 | 0 | 4,351 |
| 2 | Byron White (1935-37) | 1,864 | 234 | 506 | 973 | 3,577 |
| 3 | Herchell Troutman (1994-97) | 2,487 | 725 | 240 | 91 | 3,543 |
| 4 | Bobby Purify (2000-04) | 3,016 | 508 | 0 | 0 | 3,524 |
| 5 | Rashaan Salaam (1992-94) | 3,057 | 412 | 13 | 0 | 3,482 |
| 6 | Charlie Davis (1971-73) | 2,958 | 131 | 75 | 0 | 3,164 |
| 7 | Carroll Hardy (1951-54) | 1,999 | 38 | 853 | 225 | 3,115 |
| 8 | Kayo Lam (1933-35) | 2,140 | 111 | 331 | 530 | 3,112 |
| 9 | Hugh Charles (2004-07) | 2,407 | 479 | 125 | 0 | 3,011 |
| 10 | Charles E. Johnson (1990-93) | 82 | 2,447 | 217 | 261 | 3,007 |
| 11 | Lee Rouson (1981-84) | 2,296 | 699 | 0 | 0 | 2,995 |
| 12 | James Mayberry (1975-78) | 2,548 | 171 | 265 | 0 | 2,984 |
| 13 | Rae Carruth (1992-96) | 196 | 2,540 | 200 | 9 | 2,945 |
| 14 | Mervin Hodel (1949-51) | 2,102 | 540 | 255 | 13 | 2,910 |
| 15 | Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001) | 2,199 | 691 | 0 | 0 | 2,890 |
| 16 | Billy Waddy (1973-76) | 1,537 | 475 | 849 | 26 | 2,887 |
| 17 | Michael Westbrook (1991-94) | 84 | 2,548 | 226 | 0 | 2,858 |
| 18 | Chris Brown (2001-02) | 2,690 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 2,766 |
| 19 | Bob Stransky (1955-57) | 1,868 | 37 | 459 | 396 | 2,760 |
| 20 | Lamont Warren (1991-93) | 2,242 | 432 | 0 | 0 | 2,674 |
| --- | Stephone Robinson (2004-07) | 31 | 75 | 867 | 646 | 1,619 |

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | Rush | Rec | Total |
|----|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | Eric Bieniemy (1987-90) | 3,940 | 380 | 4,320 |
| 2 | Bobby Purify (2000-04) | 3,016 | 508 | 3,524 |
| 3 | Rashaan Salaam (1992-94) | 3,057 | 412 | 3,469 |
| 4 | Herchell Troutman (1994-97) | 2,487 | 725 | 3,212 |
| 5 | Charlie Davis (1971-73) | 2,958 | 131 | 3,089 |
| 6 | Lee Rouson (1981-84) | 2,296 | 699 | 2,995 |
| 7 | Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001) | 2,199 | 691 | 2,890 |
| 8 | Hugh Charles (2004-07) | 2,407 | 479 | 2,886 |
| 9 | Chris Brown (2001-02) | 2,690 | 76 | 2,766 |
| 10 | Rae Carruth (1992-96) | 196 | 2,540 | 2,736 |
| 11 | James Mayberry (1975-78) | 2,548 | 171 | 2,719 |
| 12 | Lamont Warren (1991-93) | 2,242 | 432 | 2,674 |
| 13 | Mervin Hodel (1949-51) | 2,102 | 540 | 2,642 |

ACTIVE COLORADO CAREER STATISTICAL CHARTS

KICKOFF RETURNS

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|----|--|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | Ben Kelly (1997-99) | 64 | 1,798 | 28.1 | 3 |
| 2 | Terrence Wheatley (2003-07) | 56 | 1,350 | 24.1 | 0 |
| 2 | M.J. Nelson (1986-89) | 51 | 1,198 | 23.5 | 0 |
| 3 | Walter Stanley (1980-81) | 49 | 1,172 | 23.9 | 1 |
| 5 | Bill Symons (1962-64) | 43 | 1,051 | 24.4 | 1 |
| 6 | Roman Hollowell (1998-2001) | 44 | 914 | 20.8 | 0 |
| 7 | Stephone Robinson (2004-07) | 49 | 867 | 17.7 | 0 |
| 8 | Carroll Hardy (1951-54) | 31 | 853 | 27.5 | 0 |
| 9 | Billy Waddy (1973-76) | 32 | 849 | 26.5 | 2 |
| 10 | Howard Ballage (1976-78) | 30 | 764 | 25.5 | 2 |
| 11 | Cliff Branch (1970-71) | 30 | 755 | 25.2 | 2 |
| 12 | Mike Pritchard (1987-90) | 30 | 693 | 23.1 | 0 |

PUNT RETURNS

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|----|--|-----------|------------|------------|----------|
| 1 | Charlie Greer (1966-68) | 65 | 975 | 15.0 | 1 |
| 2 | Byron White (1935-37) | 82 | 973 | 11.9 | 3 |
| 3 | Jeff Campbell (1986-89) | 84 | 904 | 10.8 | 0 |
| 4 | Roman Hollowell (1998-2001) | 49 | 752 | 15.3 | 3 |
| 4 | Jo Jo Collins (1984-88) | 83 | 752 | 9.1 | 0 |
| 6 | Cliff Branch (1970-71) | 44 | 733 | 16.7 | 6 |
| 7 | Stephone Robinson (2004-07) | 79 | 647 | 8.2 | 2 |
| 8 | Mike E. Davis (1976-79) | 84 | 632 | 7.5 | 0 |
| 9 | Jeremy Bloom (2002-03) | 44 | 625 | 14.2 | 2 |
| 10 | Dave McCloughan (1987-90) | 34 | 559 | 16.4 | 2 |

TACKLES

| Rk | Player (Position, Seasons) | UT | AT | — | TOT |
|-----|--|------------|------------|---|------------|
| 1 | Barry Remington (LB, 1982-86) | 245 | 248 | — | 493 |
| 2 | Matt Russell (LB, 1993-96) | 282 | 164 | — | 446 |
| 3 | Greg Biekert (LB, 1989-92) | 280 | 161 | — | 441 |
| 4 | Jordon Dizon (LB, 2004-07) | 271 | 142 | — | 413 |
| 5 | Ted Johnson (LB, 1991-94) | 253 | 156 | — | 409 |
| 6 | Laval Short (DL, 1976-79) | 141 | 231 | — | 372 |
| 7 | Chad Brown (LB, 1989-92) | 242 | 127 | — | 369 |
| 8 | Michael Jones (LB, 1986-89) | 218 | 131 | — | 349 |
| 9 | Thaddeus Washington (LB, 2003-06) | 202 | 136 | — | 338 |
| 10 | Michael Lewis (DB, 1998-2001) | 225 | 111 | — | 336 |
| 11 | Mickey Pruitt (DB, 1984-87) | 201 | 131 | — | 332 |
| 12 | Jashon Sykes (LB, 1998-2001) | 212 | 118 | — | 330 |
| 13 | J.J. Billingsley (DB, 2002-06) | 211 | 96 | — | 307 |
| 14 | Steve Rosga (DB, 1992-96) | 181 | 123 | — | 304 |
| 14 | Don DeLuzio (LB, 1984-88) | 175 | 129 | — | 304 |
| 16 | Brian Cabral (LB, 1974-77) | 120 | 177 | — | 297 |
| 16 | Kanavis McGhee (LB, 1987-90) | 179 | 118 | — | 297 |
| --- | Brad Jones (LB, 2005-07) | 95 | 62 | — | 157 |
| --- | Terrence Wheatley (CB, 2003-07) | 124 | 32 | — | 156 |

QUARTERBACK SACKS

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | No. | Yards |
|----|---------------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1 | Alfred Williams (1987-90) | 35 | 242 |
| 2 | Ron Woolfork (1990-93) | 33 | 241 |
| 3 | Greg Jones (1992-96) | 25 | 158 |
| 4 | Laval Short (1976-79) | 24½ | 192 |
| 5 | Abraham Wright (2004-06) | 21 | 151 |
| 6 | Herb Orvis (1969-71) | 20 | 182 |
| 6 | Dan McMillen (1982-85) | 20 | 135 |
| 8 | Bill Brundige (1967-69) | 19 | 151 |
| 8 | Curt Koch (1984-87) | 19 | 119 |
| 8 | Leonard Renfro (1989-92) | 19 | 97 |

QUARTERBACK SACKS, continued

| | | | |
|----|---|-----------|-----------|
| 16 | Garry Howe (1989-90) | 13½ | 90 |
| 17 | Four tied (A.Walker, Steed, Sykes, Brayton) | 12½ | 119 |
| 21 | Stuart Walker (1976-78) | 12 | 75 |
| 21 | Jordon Dizon (2004-07) | 12 | 97 |
| 23 | Three tied (M.Harris, S.Rogers, D.Capra) | 11½ | ... |
| 29 | Bud Magrum (1971-72) | 10 | 78 |

TACKLES-FOR-LOSS

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | No-Yds. |
|-----|--|---------------|
| 1 | Alfred Williams (1987-90) | 59-303 |
| 2 | Ron Woolfork (1990-93) | 53-303 |
| 3 | Greg Jones (1992-96) | 45-205 |
| 4 | Matt Russell (1993-96) | 44-144 |
| 5 | Leonard Renfro (1989-92) | 43-142 |
| 6 | Curt Koch (1984-87) | 39-212 |
| 7 | Chad Brown (1989-92) | 38-169 |
| 7 | Kanavis McGhee (1987-90) | 38-163 |
| 9 | Laval Short (1976-79) | 37-239 |
| 9 | Bill Brundige (1967-69) | 37-176 |
| 11 | Jordon Dizon (2004-07) | 35-137 |
| 12 | Arthur Walker (1986-89) | 34-165 |
| 13 | Jashon Sykes (1998-2001) | 33- 97 |
| 14 | Greg Biekert (1989-92) | 33- 73 |
| 15 | Herb Orvis (1969-71) | 32-214 |
| 16 | Joel Steed (1988-91) | 31-109 |
| --- | George Hypolite (2005-07) | 22- 83 |

INTERCEPTIONS

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|----|--|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | John Stearns (1970-72) | 16 | 339 | 21.2 | 0 |
| 2 | Chris Hudson (1991-94) | 15 | 204 | 13.6 | 2 |
| 3 | Dick Anderson (1965-67) | 14 | 151 | 10.8 | 0 |
| 3 | Terrence Wheatley (2003-07) | 14 | 154 | 11.0 | 2 |
| 5 | Tim James (1987-90) | 13 | 120 | 9.2 | 0 |
| 6 | Deon Figures (1988-92) | 12 | 96 | 8.0 | 0 |
| 7 | Steve Rosga (1992-96) | 11 | 174 | 15.8 | 1 |
| 7 | Ben Kelly (1997-99) | 11 | 97 | 8.8 | 0 |
| 9 | Victor Scott (1980-83) | 10 | 203 | 20.3 | 3 |
| 9 | Roy Shepherd (1950-52) | 10 | 157 | 15.7 | 2 |
| 9 | Cullen Bryant (1970-72) | 10 | 139 | 13.9 | 1 |
| 9 | Boyd Dowler (1956-58) | 10 | 75 | 7.5 | 0 |

PASS DEFLECTIONS

| Rk | Player (Seasons) | No. |
|----|--|-----------|
| 1 | Marcus Washington (1995-97) | 42 |
| 2 | Damen Wheeler (1996-99) | 39 |
| 3 | Ben Kelly (1997-99) | 34 |
| 4 | Donald Strickland (1999-2002) | 33 |
| 4 | Lorenzo Sims (2003-06) | 33 |
| 6 | Mickey Pruitt (1984-87) | 32 |
| 7 | Phil Jackson (2000-03) | 29 |
| 7 | Terrence Wheatley (2003-07) | 29 |
| 9 | Dalton Simmons (1992-96) | 28 |
| 10 | Deon Figures (1988-92) | 27 |
| 11 | Alfred Williams (1987-90) | 25 |
| 12 | Victor Scott (1980-83) | 24 |
| 12 | Gerett Burl (2004-05) | 24 |
| 14 | Pat Murphy (1968-70) | 20 |
| 14 | Michael Jones (1986-89) | 20 |
| 14 | Chris Hudson (1991-94) | 20 |

THIS-N-THAT

- **12.** The game at Arizona State was the 12th for Colorado in the state of Arizona; that ranks fourth among the seven states that border Colorado (*Kansas 66, Oklahoma 51, Utah 44, Nebraska 33, Arizona 12, Wyoming 6, New Mexico 2*).
- **22.** The Colorado State game marked the 22nd time that CU will have played in Denver, the eighth time versus the Rams. Most of the other games came against the University of Denver; CU is 14-8 all-time in the Mile High city.
- **400.** Colorado has 399 combined wins in the seven different conferences it has lined up to play football in (one in 2007), thus the Buffs are now one victory away from 400 all-time wins in conference play, dating back to the Colorado Football Association in the 1890s.
- **500.** The final road game of the year at Iowa State will be the 500th road game in school history, as CU entered the season with 495 and 29 games over .500 in their history in enemy stadiums (253-224-18, .529). CU is 2-2 on the road this year.
- **1,100.** The '06 season finale (Nov. 24) at Nebraska was the 1,100th game in school history.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below are the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2007 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in **853** games, with **251** starts entering the season. Recent past numbers entering a season have been **1,053** games played/**295** started (2006), **1,080/314** (2005), **761/182** (2004), **845/239** (2003), **883/278** (2002), **694/223** (2000) and **790/229** (1999). The list (includes bowls):

| Player | G | GS | Player | G | GS | Player | G | GS | Player | G | GS | Player | G | GS |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----|----|-------------|----|----|--------------|----|----|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| ADAMS | 19 | 0 | CLARK | 0 | 0 | HARRISON | 44 | 26 | MELTON | 2 | 0 | SIPILI | 12 | 2 |
| ADKINS | 0 | 0 | COONEY | 0 | 0 | HARTIGAN | 0 | 0 | MEYER | 0 | 0 | SMART | 21 | 7 |
| AHLES | 0 | 0 | COPE | 10 | — | HAWKINS, C. | 10 | 10 | MILLER | 7 | 4 | SMITH, B. | 7 | 0 |
| BARR | 0 | 0 | CRAWFORD | 22 | 3 | HAWKINS, J. | 0 | 0 | MODROVSKY | 0 | 0 | SMITH, Jm. | 10 | 0 |
| BALLENGER | 0 | 0 | DANIELS | 0 | 0 | HEAD | 13 | 7 | MOYD | 16 | 0 | SMITH, Jo. | 8 | 4 |
| BARNETT | 25 | 9 | DEVENNY | 5 | 0 | HERROD | 10 | 0 | NABORS | 4 | 0 | SMITH, L. | 0 | 0 |
| BARRETT | 39 | 11 | DeVREE | 20 | 5 | HUDGINS | 0 | 0 | NELSON | 3 | 0 | SOLDER | 10 | 3 |
| BEATTY | 3 | 0 | DILALLO | 22 | — | HYPOLITE | 34 | 18 | NICOLAS | 22 | 21 | SPRAGUE | 45 | 20 |
| BEHRENS, B. | 0 | 0 | DIZON | 48 | 44 | ILTIS | 0 | 0 | OBI | 0 | 0 | STENGEL | 0 | 0 |
| BEHRENS, J. | 7 | 2 | DRESCHER | 22 | 0 | JACKSON | 24 | 11 | PALAZZI | 7 | 4 | STEVENS | 1 | 0 |
| BISNOW | 0 | 0 | DUREN | 9 | 1 | JAFFEE | 0 | 0 | PERKINS | 0 | 0 | SUAZO | 1 | — |
| BLACK | 0 | 0 | DYKES | 10 | 10 | JAGORAS | 22 | 3 | PERRI | 7 | 0 | SUMLER | 10 | 2 |
| BRACE | 20 | 0 | EBERHART | 17 | — | JONES | 35 | 21 | POLUMBUS | 45 | 25 | TAU | 0 | 0 |
| BROWN, C. | 22 | 10 | ELLIS | 44 | 10 | KAYNOR | 18 | 0 | POREMBIA | 0 | 0 | VAIOMOUNGA | 4 | 0 |
| BROWN, J. | 10 | 0 | ESPINOZA | 0 | 0 | LAWSON | 3 | 0 | ROBINSON | 47 | 2 | WALTERS | 34 | 20 |
| BROWN, R. | 20 | 1 | FAATAGI | 0 | 0 | LOCKRIDGE | 7 | 1 | SANDERS, D. | 31 | 25 | WHEATLEY | 47 | 29 |
| BURNEY | 33 | 12 | FRUECHTEL | 0 | 0 | LUCAS | 29 | 13 | SANDERS, J. | 45 | 1 | WILLIAMS | 37 | 13 |
| BURTON | 22 | 1 | GEER | 22 | 15 | MAIAVA | 7 | 6 | SANDERSFIELD | 0 | 0 | WRIGHT | 0 | 0 |
| CANTRELL | 26 | 6 | GOREE | 0 | 0 | McBRIDE | 14 | 0 | SHANAHAN | 0 | 0 | YATES | 12 | 0 |
| CELESTINE | 10 | 1 | HAM | 0 | 0 | McKAY | 31 | 0 | SHIELDS | 0 | 0 | TEAM | 1403 | 471 |
| CHARLES | 46 | 21 | HARRIS | 44 | 6 | McKNIGHT | 10 | 5 | SIMAS | 0 | 0 | 2006 Final | 1675 | 538 |

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: TB Brian Lockridge, OG Kai Maiava, OT Ryan Miller, WR Josh Smith (2007); CB Cha'pelle Brown, ILB Michael Sipili (2006); Maurice Lucas (2005); ILB Jordon Dizon (2004); ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, DB Lorenzo Sims (2003).

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 Lockridge (2007), Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).

LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: QB Cody Hawkins, WR Scotty McKnight, OG Wes Palazzi, TE Nate Solder, TB Demetrius Sumler (2007); OT Paul Backowski, TE Riar Geer, OG Devin Head (2006); OG Daniel Sanders (2005); DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).

LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: TE Joe Sanders (2007); Paul Creighton, TE Dan Goettsch, C Bryce MacMartin, TB Mell Holliday, WR Nick Holz (2006); WR Mike Duren, OG Terrance Barreau (2004); WR D.J. Hackett (2003); DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster, QB Robert Hodge, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002).

STARTING STREAKS

OT Tyler Polumbus owns the longest starting streak on the team at **23** games, followed by **CB Terrence Wheatley** with 22 and **C Daniel Sanders** with 21. The only other players with more than a handful of consecutive starts are **ILB Jordon Dizon** (17), **SS Ryan Walters** (16) and **OLB Brad Jones** (15). Yes, CU is young, but this also is a result of what **Dan Hawkins** thinks of depth charts; he prefers the term contributors, so whatever play they want to run to open a game could feature virtually anyone that fits a particular play or scheme.

TWENTY-EIGHT SEE FIRST CU ACTION THUS FAR IN 2007

A total of 28 players have stepped on to the field wearing a Colorado Buffalo uniform for the first time in 2007. Twelve players had their first taste of collegiate action in the opener against Colorado State, with three more hitting the field for the first time at Arizona State and two others in game three against Florida State. In game four, the floodgates opened again with seven players making their first appearance. In 2006, 19 players saw their first action, with 14 taking the field for the first time in the opener; 16 saw their first action in 2005 while 24 did so in both 2004 and 2003. The list of Buffs to hit the field for the first time in 2007 (*—mainly special teams duty):

TRUE FRESHMEN (7): WR Kendrick Celestine, *PK Tyler Cope, TB Brian Lockridge, OL Kai Maiava, OL Ryan Miller, WR Josh Smith,

*OLB Nate Vaionmunga

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (13): *ILB B.J. Beatty, *CB Jalil Brown, QB Cody Hawkins, *DE Marquez Herrod, DT Eric Lawson, WR Scotty McKnight,

*TB Cory Nabors, OG Wes Palazzi, *S Bret Smith, *CB Jimmy Smith, TE Nate Solder, OL Keenan Stevens, TB Demetrius Sumler

SOPHOMORES (4): *FB Jake Behrens, *TE Patrick Devenny, ILB Jake Duren, DE Chris Perri

JUNIORS (4): SS Daniel Dykes, WR Steve Melton, QB Nick Nelson, *P Tom Suazo

SENIORS (0).

SIXTEEN PLAYERS MAKE FIRST CAREER START IN 2007

Five players made their first career starts in the opener, four on offense: **QB Cody Hawkins**, **WR Scotty McKnight**, **OG Wes Palazzi** and **TB Demetrius Sumler** and one on defense, **SS Daniel Dykes**. At Arizona State in game two, **ILB Jake Duren** was in for the first play, and against Florida State in CU's home opener, **ILB R.J. Brown**, **TE Joe Sanders** and **WR Josh Smith** were out there for the first play. **ILB Jeff Smart** made his first start against Miami-OH in game four, just days after he was awarded a scholarship. **WR Kendrick Celestine** and **OG Kai Maiava** trotted out there for the first play against Oklahoma in game five, while **TE Nate Solder** did the same at Baylor. **FB Jake Behrens**, **TB Brian Lockridge** and **OT Ryan Miller** made their first starts at Kansas State. Twenty-four players made their first career starts in 2006, the third-most over the last 23 seasons (15 offense, nine defense). The 24 first-time starters in 2006 were the third-most over the last 23 seasons and were the most since 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. The high came in 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1984:

ANNUAL FIRST-TIME STARTERS: 1984 (29), 1985 (9), 1986 (15), 1987 (14), 1988 (16), 1989 (7), 1990 (16), 1991 (23), 1992 (15), 1993 (7), 1994 (6), 1995 (11), 1996 (8), 1997 (14), 1998 (27), 1999 (14), 2000 (16), 2001 (12), 2002 (16), 2003 (20), 2004 (12), 2005 (11), 2006 (24), 2007 (16).

2007 PARTICIPATION CHART

The participation chart for the 2007 Colorado Buffaloes; KEY: S—started; ✓—played; DNP—dressed, but did not play; INJ—injured; (—)—denotes did not dress; SSP—suspended; **—saw first action as a Buffalo:

| Player | CSU | ASU | FSU | MIA | OU | BAY | KSU | KU | TTU | MU | ISU | NU |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ADAMS | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| ADKINS | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| AHLES | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| BAHR | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| BALLENGER | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| BARRETT | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | ✓ | ✓ |
| **BEATTY | ✓ | DNP | DNP | ✓ | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| BEHRENS, B. | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| **BEHRENS, J. | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | S | INJ | INJ | INJ |
| BISNOW | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| BRACE | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| BROWN, C. | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | S | S |
| **BROWN, J. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| BROWN, R. | ✓ | ✓ | S | INJ | INJ | INJ | INJ | INJ | INJ | INJ | INJ | INJ |
| BURNEY | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| CANTRELL | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| **CELESTINE | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| CHARLES | ✓ | INJ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | S |
| CLARK | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| COONEY | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| **COPE | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| CRAWFORD | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| DANIELS | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| **DEVENNY | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| DeVREE | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | INJ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| DILALLO | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| DIZON | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| DRESCHER | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| **DUREN | ✓ | S | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| **DYKES | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| EBERHART | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| ELLIS | S | ✓ | S | S | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ |
| ESPINOZA | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| FAATAGI | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| FRUECHTEL | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| GEER | ✓ | S | S | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | S | S | S | S | S |
| GOLDBERG | — | — | — | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| GOREE | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| HARRIS | ✓ | ✓ | INJ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| HARRISON | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| HARTIGAN | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| **HAWKINS, C. | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| HEAD | S | S | S | S | S | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| **HERROD | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| HYPOLITE | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| ILTIS | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| JAFFEE | INJ | INJ | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| JAGORAS | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| JENNINGS | — | — | — | DNP | DNP | (quit) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| JONES | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| KAYNOR | SSP | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Player | CSU | ASU | FSU | MIA | OU | BAY | KSU | KU | TTU | MU | ISU | NU |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| **LAWSON | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| **LOCKRIDGE | DNP | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | INJ | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| LUCAS | S | S | S | ✓ | ✓ | S | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| **MAIABA | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| McBRIDE | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | INJ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| McCUDDEN | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| McKAY | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| **McKNIGHT | S | ✓ | S | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | S | ✓ | S |
| **MELTON | DNP | — | DNP | ✓ | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| MEYER | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| **MILLER | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| MODROVSKY | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| MOYD | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | INJ | INJ | ILL | ILL | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| **NABORS | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| **NELSON | DNP | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| NICOLAS | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| OBI | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| **PALAZZI | S | S | S | S | ✓ | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| PERKINS | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| **PERRI | SSP | SSP | SSP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| POLUMBUS | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| POREMBIA | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| ROBINSON | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| SANDERS, D. | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| SANDERS, J. | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| SANDERSFELD | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| SHANAHAN | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| SHIELDS | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| SIMAS | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| SIMMONS | — | — | — | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| SMART | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| SMITH, B. | DNP | — | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| **SMITH, Jm. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| **SMITH, Jo. | INJ | INJ | S | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| SMITH, L. | — | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| **SOLDER | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| SPRAGUE | S | S | ✓ | S | S | S | S | ✓ | S | S | S | S |
| STENGEL | DNP | — | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| **STEVENS | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| **SUAZO | DNP | ✓ | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP |
| **SUMLER | S | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| TAU | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| **VAIOMOUNGA | DNP | DNP | INJ | ✓ | DNP | DNP | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| WALTERS | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| WHEATLEY | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| WILLIAMS | S | S | ✓ | S | ✓ | S | S | S | S | S | ✓ | ✓ |
| WRIGHT | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP | — | DNP |
| YATES | DNP | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | — | DNP |
| TEAM: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DRESSED | 89 | 69 | 93 | 97 | 95 | 70 | 70 | 95 | 70 | 95 | 70 | 95 |
| PLAYED | 49 | 52 | 50 | 62 | 54 | 56 | 55 | 60 | 54 | 58 | 58 | 58 |

Inactive For 2007: Barnett (ineligible), Black (transfer), Burton (ineligible), Ham (injured), J.Hawkins (ineligible), Hudgins (injured), Jackson (ineligible), Sipili (suspended), L.Walters (ineligible)

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

Upperclassmen have started about two-thirds of CU's games in both 2006 and 2007, though seniors accounted for just over 34 percent of the '06 starts, the third lowest figure the last eight seasons. In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (25.1) since the 1995 team (which had only seven seniors), while 38.8 percent of the starts were made by underclassmen. That showed the youth of the team, especially since underclassmen also had 41.7 percent of the starts in 2003. Fast-forward to 2005 and 2006, and underclassmen accounted for 199 starts those two seasons. It's historically 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 since 1999:

- **2007 starters (10 games):** Seniors (67), Juniors (83), Sophomores (29), Freshmen (41; redshirts 25, true 16).
- **2006 starters (12 games):** Seniors (92), Juniors (84), Sophomores (71), Freshmen (17; redshirts 11, true 6).
- **2005 starters (13 games):** Seniors (116), Juniors (112), Sophomores (48), Freshmen (10; redshirts 4, true 5).
- **2004 starters (13 games):** Seniors (72), Juniors (103), Sophomores (100), Freshmen (11; redshirts 0, true 11).
- **2003 starters (12 games):** Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32; redshirts 14, true 18).
- **2002 starters (14 games):** Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9; redshirts 0, true 9).
- **2001 starters (13 games):** Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7; redshirts 7, true 0).
- **2000 starters (11 games):** Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33; redshirts 15, true 18).
- **1999 starters (12 games):** Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21; redshirts 20, true 1)

Upperclassmen: 68%
Upperclassmen: 67%
Upperclassmen: 80%
Upperclassmen: 39%
Upperclassmen: 58%
Upperclassmen: 93%
Upperclassmen: 69%
Upperclassmen: 71%
Upperclassmen: 56%

2007 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Here's a look at the 2007 schedules and results for the teams on CU's regular season schedule:

COLORADO STATE (1-8)

| | | |
|------|--------------------------|----|
| 28 | Colorado (in Denver; OT) | 31 |
| 28 | CALIFORNIA | 34 |
| 28 | at Houston | 38 |
| 12 | ✚ at TCU | 24 |
| 20 | ✚ SAN DIEGO STATE | 24 |
| 21 | ✚ AIR FORCE | 45 |
| 48 | ✚ at Nevada-Las Vegas | 23 |
| 3 | ✚ UTAH | 27 |
| 16 | ✚ at Brigham Young | 35 |
| N 10 | ✚ at New Mexico | |
| N 17 | GEORGIA SOUTHERN | |
| N 23 | ✚ WYOMING | |

MIAMI-OHIO (5-5)

| | | |
|------|--------------------|----|
| 14 | ■ at Ball State | 13 |
| 35 | at Minnesota (2OT) | 41 |
| 10 | CINCINNATI | 47 |
| 0 | at Colorado | 42 |
| 17 | SYRACUSE | 14 |
| 20 | ■ at Kent State | 13 |
| 47 | ■ BOWLING GREEN | 14 |
| 17 | ■ at Temple | 24 |
| 13 | at Vanderbilt | 24 |
| 31 | ■ BUFFALO | 28 |
| N 14 | ■ AKRON | |
| N 24 | ■ at Ohio | |

KANSAS STATE (5-5)

| | | |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 13 | at Auburn | 23 |
| 34 | SAN JOSE STATE | 14 |
| 61 | MISSOURI STATE | 10 |
| 41 | ◆ at Texas | 21 |
| 24 | ◆ KANSAS | 30 |
| 47 | ◆ COLORADO | 20 |
| 39 | ◆ at Oklahoma State | 41 |
| 51 | ◆ BAYLOR | 13 |
| 20 | ◆ at Iowa State | 31 |
| N 10 | ◆ at Nebraska | |
| N 17 | ◆ MISSOURI | |
| N 24 | at Fresno State | |

MISSOURI (8-1)

| | | |
|------|---------------------------|----|
| 40 | Illinois (in St. Louis) | 34 |
| 38 | at Mississippi | 25 |
| 52 | WESTERN MICHIGAN | 24 |
| 38 | ILLINOIS STATE | 17 |
| 41 | ◆ NEBRASKA | 6 |
| 31 | ◆ at Oklahoma | 41 |
| 41 | ◆ TEXAS TECH | 10 |
| 42 | ◆ IOWA STATE | 28 |
| 55 | ◆ at Colorado | 10 |
| N 10 | ◆ TEXAS A & M | |
| N 17 | ◆ at Kansas State | |
| N 24 | ◆ Kansas (in Kansas City) | |

ARIZONA STATE (8-1)

| | | |
|------|-----------------------|----|
| 45 | SAN JOSE STATE | 3 |
| 33 | COLORADO | 14 |
| 34 | SAN DIEGO STATE | 13 |
| 44 | ✚ OREGON STATE | 32 |
| 41 | ✚ at Stanford | 3 |
| 23 | ✚ at Washington State | 20 |
| 44 | ✚ WASHINGTON | 20 |
| 31 | ✚ CALIFORNIA | 20 |
| 23 | ✚ at Oregon | 35 |
| N 10 | ✚ at UCLA | |
| N 22 | ✚ SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | |
| D 1 | ✚ ARIZONA | |

OKLAHOMA (8-1)

| | | |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 79 | NORTH TEXAS | 10 |
| 51 | MIAMI, FLA. | 13 |
| 54 | UTAH STATE | 3 |
| 62 | at Tulsa | 21 |
| 24 | ◆ at Colorado | 27 |
| 28 | ◆ Texas (at Dallas) | 21 |
| 41 | ◆ MISSOURI | 31 |
| 17 | ◆ at Iowa State | 7 |
| 42 | ◆ TEXAS A & M | 14 |
| N 10 | ◆ BAYLOR | |
| N 17 | ◆ at Texas Tech | |
| N 24 | ◆ OKLAHOMA STATE | |

KANSAS (9-0)

| | | |
|------|-----------------------------|----|
| 52 | CENTRAL MICHIGAN | 7 |
| 62 | SE LOUISIANA | 0 |
| 45 | TOLEDO | 13 |
| 55 | FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL | 3 |
| 30 | ◆ at Kansas State | 24 |
| 58 | ◆ BAYLOR | 10 |
| 19 | ◆ at Colorado | 14 |
| 19 | ◆ at Texas A & M | 11 |
| 76 | ◆ NEBRASKA | 39 |
| N 10 | ◆ at Oklahoma State | |
| N 17 | ◆ IOWA STATE | |
| N 24 | ◆ Missouri (in Kansas City) | |

IOWA STATE (2-8)

| | | |
|------|-----------------|----|
| 14 | KENT STATE | 23 |
| 13 | NORTHERN IOWA | 24 |
| 15 | IOWA | 13 |
| 35 | at Toledo | 36 |
| 17 | ◆ at Nebraska | 35 |
| 17 | ◆ at Texas Tech | 42 |
| 3 | ◆ TEXAS | 56 |
| 7 | ◆ OKLAHOMA | 17 |
| 28 | ◆ at Missouri | 42 |
| 31 | ◆ KANSAS STATE | 20 |
| N 10 | ◆ COLORADO | |
| N 17 | ◆ at Kansas | |

FLORIDA STATE (6-3)

| | | |
|------|----------------------|----|
| 18 | ► at Clemson | 24 |
| 34 | ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM | 24 |
| 16 | at Colorado | 6 |
| 21 | ALABAMA | 14 |
| 27 | ► NORTH CAROLINA ST. | 10 |
| 21 | ► at Wake Forest | 24 |
| 29 | ► MIAMI, FLA. | 37 |
| 25 | ► DUKE | 6 |
| 27 | ► at Boston College | 17 |
| N 10 | ► at Virginia Tech | |
| N 17 | ► MARYLAND | |
| N 24 | at Florida | |

BAYLOR (3-7)

| | | |
|------|-------------------|----|
| 0 | at TCU | 27 |
| 42 | RICE | 17 |
| 34 | TEXAS STATE | 27 |
| 34 | at Buffalo | 21 |
| 10 | ◆ at Texas A & M | 34 |
| 23 | ◆ COLORADO | 43 |
| 10 | ◆ at Kansas | 58 |
| 10 | ◆ TEXAS | 31 |
| 13 | ◆ at Kansas State | 51 |
| 7 | ◆ TEXAS TECH | 38 |
| N 10 | ◆ at Oklahoma | |
| N 17 | ◆ OKLAHOMA STATE | |

TEXAS TECH (7-3)

| | | |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 49 | at SMU | 9 |
| 45 | TEXAS-EL PASO | 31 |
| 59 | at Rice | 24 |
| 45 | ◆ at Oklahoma State | 49 |
| 75 | NORTHWESTERN STATE | 7 |
| 42 | ◆ IOWA STATE | 17 |
| 35 | ◆ TEXAS A & M | 7 |
| 10 | ◆ at Missouri | 41 |
| 26 | ◆ COLORADO | 31 |
| 38 | ◆ at Baylor | 7 |
| N 10 | ◆ at Texas | |
| N 17 | ◆ OKLAHOMA | |

NEBRASKA (4-6)

| | | |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 52 | NEVADA | 10 |
| 20 | at Wake Forest | 17 |
| 31 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | 49 |
| 41 | BALL STATE | 40 |
| 35 | ◆ IOWA STATE | 17 |
| 6 | ◆ at Missouri | 41 |
| 14 | ◆ OKLAHOMA STATE | 45 |
| 14 | ◆ TEXAS A & M | 36 |
| 25 | ◆ at Texas | 28 |
| 39 | ◆ at Kansas | 76 |
| N 10 | ◆ KANSAS STATE | |
| N 23 | ◆ at Colorado | |

KEY: ◆—Big 12 Conference game; ►—Atlantic Coast Conference game; ■—Mid-American Conference game; ✚—Mountain West Conference game; ✚—Pacific 10 Conference game.

OPPONENTS IN 2007

The 2007 Colorado schedule figured to (again) be one of the toughest in the nation (and is), as for the 10th time in 12 seasons, it arguably boasts the toughest non-conference slate in the Big 12 Conference. It features two BCS schools, Arizona State on the road (in no doubt triple figure temps) and Florida State, along with intra-state rival Colorado State and an almost always sound program in Miami-Ohio. Then of course the Big 12 slate follows, with the second year of the Baylor-Oklahoma-Texas Tech rotation in place. The Buffs do get to open Big 12 play at home for the first time since the 2002 season, as CU has opened at Missouri twice, Baylor and Oklahoma State; that's the good news... CU opens league play against top-10 ranked Oklahoma on Sept. 29. Colorado has seven '06 bowl teams on its 2007 schedule; all combined to go **76-76** (50.0%); the records including bowl games: **Colorado State** (4-8), **Arizona State** (6-6), **Florida State** (7-6), **Miami-Ohio** (2-10), **Oklahoma** (11-3), **Baylor** (4-8), **Kansas State** (7-6), **Kansas** (6-6), **Texas Tech** (8-5), **Missouri** (8-5), **Iowa State** (4-8) and **Nebraska** (9-5).

OPPONENTS CORRALLED

Colorado allowed just **five** plays from scrimmage of 40 yards or longer in 2006 (three pass, two rush); those were the fewest since the 1987 season, when the Buffs surrendered just four (two rush, two pass). **In 2007, CU was doing as well, but with Missouri having three of that length, CU has now allowed 10.** Over the past 20 years, CU has limited the foe to six three times (1991, 1994, 1995) and to seven 40-plus plays seven times (last: 2005). The 12 allowed over the 2005 and 2006 ties the second fewest over a two-year span, trailing the 11 over the 1987-88 seasons and matching the dozen in the '94 and '95 campaigns. The seven allowed in '05 were reduced from 14 in 2003 and 15 in 2004, as opponents had piled up 70 plays of 40 yards or longer from 1999-2004 after allowing just 83 between 1987 and 1998. The three-year total thus is just 19, the lowest for any three-year span since this stat can be tracked.

CU ADDS WEST VIRGINIA, HAWAII TO FUTURE SCHEDULES; BUFF SLATES THROUGH 2013 BASICALLY COMPLETE

Call it the battle of the late John Denver's hit singles, but the **University of Colorado** and **West Virginia University** will meet for the first time on the football field in 2008 and 2009, one of the highlights announced this past summer as the University of Colorado released its complete football schedules for the 2008 through 2010 football seasons.

The Mountaineers replaced North Carolina in 2008 and 2009, as North Carolina opted out of the series. ESPN helped arrange the series, as the cable network will most likely televise one or both contests on either ABC or one of its cable outlets. West Virginia was 11-2 last season and finished as the No. 10 team in the country.

West Virginia will come to Boulder on Sept. 27, 2008, with the Buffaloes returning the game on Sept. 26, 2009. The late Denver had hits with *Take Me Home Country Roads* in 1971 (the No. 8 song of the year), showcasing the state of West Virginia, and the following year with *Rocky Mountain High*, doing the same for Colorado (the No. 29 song of 1973, as it was released late in '72).

CU completed its 2008 schedule with the addition of Eastern Washington, a member of the I-AA Big Sky Conference. EWU is the second I-AA opponent the Buffaloes will have ever played (joining Montana State last year), though all other future opponents either signed or CU is negotiating with are from I-A (now known as the Football Bowl Subdivision, or FBS).

Colorado has agreed to play Hawaii in a four-game set, in 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2015. A game on Sept. 18, 2010, completed the 2010 schedule. The Buffs will return the game in 2011, with that date in the process of being finalized.

The only unknown over the next three years are the locations of the Colorado and Colorado State games in 2009 and 2010; in the schools' latest five-year deal, the first three games are set in Denver with the final two up to the schools. CU is the home team in '09 and Colorado State in '10. The two schools have yet to discuss games beyond 2010, but the Buffs are holding an opening for the Rams in each year through 2015.

CU does not have complete schedules to release beyond 2013, but previously announced home-and-home series after that year include Oregon (2014, 2017) and Washington (2015, 2016) and the back half of a second Arizona State series (2018 in Tempe).

CU's 2008 through 2010 schedules (**FW**—Family Weekend; **H**—Homecoming; *—Big 12 Conference game; #—site to be determined):

| 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| A 30 Colorado State (Denver) | S 5 #Colorado State (Boulder/Denver) | S 4 #Colorado State (Fort Collins/Denver) |
| S 6 EASTERN WASHINGTON | S 12 at Miami, Ohio | S 11 at California |
| S 20 at Florida State | S 19 WYOMING | S 18 HAWAII |
| S 27 WEST VIRGINIA | S 26 at West Virginia | O 2 GEORGIA |
| O 4 *TEXAS (H) | O 10 *at Texas | O 9 *at Missouri |
| O 11 *at Kansas | O 17 *KANSAS (FW) | O 16 *BAYLOR (FW) |
| O 18 *KANSAS STATE (FW) | O 24 *at Kansas State | O 23 *TEXAS TECH (H) |
| O 25 *at Missouri | O 31 *MISSOURI (H) | O 30 *at Oklahoma |
| N 1 *at Texas A & M | N 7 *TEXAS A & M | N 6 *at Kansas |
| N 8 *IOWA STATE | N 14 *at Iowa State | N 13 *IOWA STATE |
| N 15 *OKLAHOMA STATE | N 21 *at Oklahoma State | N 20 *KANSAS STATE |
| N 28 *at Nebraska | N27/28 *NEBRASKA | N26/27 *at Nebraska |

| 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| at Hawaii (date TBA) | S 1 TBA | A 31 TBA |
| S 10 CALIFORNIA | S 8 at Minnesota | S 7 MINNESOTA |
| S 17 HOME TBA | S 15 LOUISIANA STATE | S 14 ARIZONA STATE |
| S 24 at Louisiana State | S 22 UTAH | S 21 at Utah |
| O 1 *MISSOURI (FW) | O 6 *TEXAS (H) | O 5 *at Texas |
| O 15 *at Baylor | O 13 *at Kansas | O 12 *KANSAS (FW) |
| O 22 *at Texas Tech | O 20 *KANSAS STATE (FW) | O 19 *at Kansas State |
| O 29 *OKLAHOMA (H) | O 27 *at Missouri | O 26 *MISSOURI (H) |
| N 5 *KANSAS | N 3 *at Texas A & M | N 2 *TEXAS A & M |
| N 12 *at Iowa State | N 10 *IOWA STATE | N 9 *at Iowa State |
| N 19 *at Kansas State | N 17 *OKLAHOMA STATE | N 16 *at Oklahoma State |
| N25/26 *NEBRASKA | N23/24 *at Nebraska | N29/30 *NEBRASKA |

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE

Colorado has the **19th** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**147-79-4**). Of these 230 games, Colorado has played **95** ranked teams (41%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 37 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **41-52-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-22** record *on the road*); CU is also **106-27-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 14 seasons (**71** of its last **169** contests), going 3-3 in 1993, 5-1 in 1994, 5-2 in 1995, 2-2 in 1996, 1-5 in 1997, 3-3 in 1998, 2-2 in 1999, 0-5 in 2000, 5-2 in 2001, 2-3 in 2002, 2-3 in 2003, 0-4 in 2004, 0-4 in 2005, 0-5 in 2006 and 1-2 thus far in 2007. **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.

USUALLY IN 'EM

Colorado's usually been in those games it's lost over the last 19 seasons, as of the 79 losses, 37 have been by eight points or less. Nebraska and Texas (five times), Kansas State, Missouri and Oklahoma (four) and Florida State (twice) are the only ones who have handled the Buffs by nine or more points more than twice since 1989. CU has really been dominated from the start only seven times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game), 2002 vs. USC, 2004 in the Big 12 title game with Oklahoma, and twice in 2005, both against Texas. K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03), Oklahoma State ('04), Miami and Nebraska ('05) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

CLOSE CALLS USUALLY GOING CU'S WAY

Colorado is 2-1 in "close calls" in 2007, defeating CSU in overtime and toppling Oklahoma at the final gun, and is **13-7** when the final margin has been seven or fewer points dating back to the start of the 2003 season. That included four setbacks last year (CSU, Georgia, Baylor, Kansas) and one this year; starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, CU is **17-9** in seven point decisions.

GRADLE OF COACHES

There are three current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado, and all three have enjoyed great success. **Les Miles** had a good run at Oklahoma State and is running the show at LSU (at Colorado between 1982-86); **Gregg Brandon** is the head man at Bowling Green (1999-2000) while **Karl Dorrell** has the reins at UCLA (two CU stints: 1992-93, 1995-97). Since **Bill McCartney** took over the program in 1982, CU has sent many an assistant coach into the head coaching ranks; **Gerry DiNardo** was the first, as after his CU stint between 1982-89 he went on to coach Vanderbilt, LSU and Indiana. **Lou Tepper** (CU: 1983-87), head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State; **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98 and then at CU from 1999 through 2005; **Jim Caldwell**, Wake Forest (at CU from 1982-84), **Steve Logan**, East Carolina (1985-86), **Rick Neuheisel**, at CU and Washington (1994), **Bob Simmons**, Oklahoma State (1988-94) and **Ron Vanderlinden**, Maryland (1983-91). All were assistants under McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94). In 2003, **Mike Hankwitz**, served as Arizona's interim head coach for the last two months of the season; he was at CU for 10 years (1985-94). **Tom Cable** (1998-99) was head coach for four seasons at Idaho, as he coached under Neuheisel and Barnett. Dorrell is the only one above to coach as an assistant under both McCartney and Neuheisel. In addition, two former CU players are collegiate head coaches: **Stan Brock** ('80) was named the head man this past summer at Army (where he had been an assistant), and **Pete Shinnick** ('88) served seven seasons as head coach at Azusa Pacific and is now in his second season as the head man at North Carolina-Pembroke.

TWENTY-THREE SKIDOO

Colorado is one of just **23** schools in I-A/FBS history to be able to make the claim of winning (or sharing) a national championship and also having a Heisman Trophy winner. The criteria for national championship consideration included those crowned by the *Associated Press*, the coaches and the BCS; 30 total schools at one point in the past have been able to claim the throne. This prestigious short list:

| School | National Championships | Heisman Trophies | School | National Championships | Heisman Trophies |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Army | 1944-45 | 1945-46-58 | Notre Dame | 1943-46-47-49-66-73-77-88 | 1943-47-49-53-56-64-87 |
| Auburn | 1957 | 1971-85 | Ohio State | 1942-54-57-68-2002 | 1944-50-55-74-75-95-2006 |
| Brigham Young | 1984 | 1990 | Oklahoma | 1950-55-56-74-75-85-2000 | 1952-69-78-2003 |
| Colorado | 1990 | 1994 | Penn State | 1982-86 | 1973 |
| Florida | 1996-2006 | 1966-96 | Pittsburgh | 1937-76 | 1976 |
| Florida State | 1993-99 | 1993-2000 | Syracuse | 1959 | 1961 |
| Georgia | 1980 | 1942-82 | Texas | 1963-69-70-2005 | 1977-98 |
| Louisiana State | 1958-2003 | 1959 | Texas A& M | 1939 | 1957 |
| Miami, Fla. | 1983-87-89-91-2001 | 1986-92 | TCU | 1938 | 1938 |
| Michigan | 1948-97 | 1940-91-97 | UCLA | 1954 | 1967 |
| Minnesota | 1936-40-60 | 1941 | USC | 1962-67-72-74-78-2003-04 | 1965-68-79-81-2002-04-05 |
| Nebraska | 1970-71-94-95-97 | 1972-83-2001 | | | |

Schools with national championships and no Heisman winner are Alabama (7 titles), Michigan State (2), Tennessee (2), Clemson (1), Georgia Tech (1), Maryland (1) and Washington (1).

TWENTY-TWO SKIDOO

Colorado has not suffered back-to-back losing seasons since a six-year run between 1979 and 1984; thus, it has been 22 years since the Buffs have had two or more consecutive sub-.500 records. That ranks 18th among I-A/FBS schools who have been full-fledged division members in this time frame. Tennessee is the runaway leader (95 seasons), followed by Ohio State (82), Southern Miss (72) and Arizona State (59); CU's figure is third among Big 12 Conference schools, trailing Nebraska (45) and Texas A&M (33). After posting a 7-5 record in 1985, the Buffaloes have had just four seasons where it did not finish with a winning regular season record: 1997 (5-6), 2000 (3-8), 2003 (5-7) and 2006 (2-10). Those four teams along with the 1987 squad (7-4) are CU's only squads not to go bowling over the last 22 years. Take a closer look at the leading schools and the years that have passed since they last posted losing marks in two or more consecutive seasons (*—denotes coming off a losing season in 2006):

| School | Years | Last | School | Years | Last | School | Years | Last | School | Years | Last |
|---------------|-------|---------|---------------|-------|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-------|---------|
| Tennessee | 95 | 1909-11 | Georgia | 43 | 1961-63 | *Virginia | 24 | 1980-82 | Oklahoma State | 5 | 1998-01 |
| Ohio State | 82 | 1922-24 | Texas A & M | 33 | 1968-73 | *Colorado | 22 | 1979-84 | Missouri | 4 | 1999-02 |
| Southern Miss | 72 | 1933-34 | Clemson | 30 | 1975-76 | The rest of the Big 12: | | | Kansas | 2 | 1996-04 |
| Arizona State | 59 | 1946-47 | Florida State | 30 | 1973-76 | Texas Tech | 21 | 1979-85 | Kansas State | 1 | 2004-05 |
| *Alabama | 49 | 1954-57 | Miami, Fla. | 29 | 1975-77 | Texas | 17 | 1988-89 | *Baylor | 0 | 1996-06 |
| Nebraska | 45 | 1956-61 | *Toledo | 28 | 1975-78 | Oklahoma | 8 | 1996-98 | | | |
| USC | 45 | 1960-61 | Florida | 27 | 1978-79 | *Iowa State | 7 | 1990-99 | | | |
| Michigan | 43 | 1962-63 | West Virginia | 27 | 1976-79 | | | | | | |

HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 118th season of competition with an all-time record of **657-417-36** in **1,110** games. CU currently stands 17th on the all-time win list and is 23rd in all-time winning percentage (.609; 21st for those schools with at least 50 seasons in Division I-A). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **284-139-10** in their 84th season on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **248-215-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB

Dating back to 1989, Colorado is **49-21-1** in its last **71** November games (**44-11** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-9-1 against NU in turkey month). The Buffs are **46-23** in their last **69** September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **48-26-2** in its last **76** October games, when conference play annually comes into full bloom. CU is **5-6** in December games since 1993, including bowls, and is **2-2-1** in August games in its history.

OVERTIME

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

| Date | Opponent | Score | Regulation | Coin Toss | Choice | ---Total Yards--- | | Notes |
|----------|-----------------|----------------|------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|--|
| | | | | | | Offense | Defense | |
| 10-09-99 | MISSOURI | W 46-39 | 39-39 | Missouri | Defense | 25 | 13 | Ends with Kelly INT |
| 11-26-99 | NEBRASKA | L 30-33 | 27-27 | Nebraska | Defense | 9 | 25 | CU trailed 27-3 early in 4th |
| 11-09-02 | at Missouri | W 42-35 | 35-35 | Missouri | Defense | 25 | 18 | Ends with Mossoni FR |
| 12-28-02 | Wisconsin | L 28-31 | 28-28 | Wisconsin | Defense | -2 | 5 | Alamo Bowl |
| 10-11-03 | KANSAS | W 50-47 | 44-44 | Colorado | Defense | 25 | 7 | Calhoun 3-25 rushing in OT |
| 10-23-04 | at Texas A & M | L 26-29 | 26-26 | Colorado | Defense | 14 | 33 | First CU turnover in OT ends it |
| 10-07-06 | BAYLOR | L 31-34 (3 OT) | 17-17 | Colorado | Defense | 42 | 72 | Ends in 3OT on Baylor INT |
| 9-01-07 | *Colorado State | W 31-28 | 28-28 | Colorado | Defense | 7 | 16 | Eberhart kicks GWFG after Wheatley INT |

RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM

Ten ranked, undefeated teams have lost their "0" in the loss column at Folsom Field since 1989. The last was Oklahoma this season, as the Sooners rolled in ranked No. 3 and left with a 27-24 setback to the Buffs. That was the first time since 2002, when Kansas State came to Boulder ranked No. 13 at 4-0 and lost, 35-31. Two bit the dust in 2001: Nebraska (11-0, No. 1 in the BCS and No. 2 in the polls) dropped a 62-36 game to the Buffs, as did Texas A&M (5-0, No. 20), 31-21. In 1998, No. 22 Texas Tech (6-0) fell to CU 19-17; in 1995, No. 3 Texas A&M (2-0) lost, 29-21; in 1994, No. 10 Wisconsin (2-0) was crushed, 55-17; and in 1990, No. 12 Washington (3-0) left a 20-14 loser. In 1989, No. 10 Illinois (2-0) lost 38-7 and No. 3 Nebraska (8-0) fell, 27-21.

STREAKING

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

THE BUFFS & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HARDWARE

Colorado is in an elite group when it comes to claiming college football's prestigious trophies dating back to the 1990 season. A proliferation of awards has emerged since the late 1980s, and the Buffs are near the top of the list when it comes to collecting these statues. CU has had seven different players win nine trophies over the last 17 seasons, which is the ninth most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Ohio State (11), Miami, Fla. (9), Oklahoma (9) and Nebraska (8) top the Buffs' seven. The postseason "hardware" includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O'Brien, Unitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Doak Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik, Mackey, Tatupu, Ray Guy, Rimington, Lott, Hendricks and ARA Sportsmanship awards (on-field player awards only—if the Draddy Award was included, the Buffs would have one more on each list). The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2006 (players only; LSU and Michigan players split the 2004 Rimington Award and thus were both compensated for in the trophy count):

| School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies | School | Players | Trophies |
|-----------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|----------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|
| Ohio State | 11 | 18 | Iowa | 5 | 5 | Pittsburgh | 2 | 3 | Baylor | 1 | 2 | Missouri | 1 | 1 |
| Florida State | 7 | 15 | Arizona | 4 | 5 | Virginia Tech | 2 | 3 | Maryland | 1 | 2 | N.C. State | 1 | 1 |
| Miami, Fla. | 9 | 15 | Notre Dame | 4 | 5 | Washington | 2 | 3 | North Carolina | 1 | 2 | Rutgers | 1 | 1 |
| Oklahoma | 9 | 15 | Brigham Young | 2 | 5 | California | 2 | 2 | Arkansas | 1 | 1 | Stanford | 1 | 1 |
| Michigan | 7 | 13 | Alabama | 4 | 4 | Georgia Tech | 2 | 2 | Auburn | 1 | 1 | Tulane | 1 | 1 |
| Penn State | 7 | 11 | UCLA | 4 | 4 | Illinois | 2 | 2 | Cincinnati | 1 | 1 | Virginia | 1 | 1 |
| Texas | 6 | 11 | Minnesota | 3 | 4 | Louisiana State | 2 | 2 | Colorado State | 1 | 1 | Wake Forest | 1 | 1 |
| Nebraska | 8 | 10 | Tennessee | 2 | 4 | Memphis | 2 | 2 | Fresno State | 1 | 1 | Washington State | 1 | 1 |
| Colorado | 7 | 9 | Northwestern | 1 | 4 | Oregon State | 2 | 2 | Hawai'i | 1 | 1 | West Virginia | 1 | 1 |
| USC | 4 | 8 | Kansas State | 3 | 3 | Texas A&M | 2 | 2 | Kentucky | 1 | 1 | Wyoming | 1 | 1 |
| Florida | 3 | 8 | Louisville | 3 | 3 | TCU | 2 | 2 | Louisiana Tech | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Wisconsin | 4 | 7 | Mississippi | 3 | 3 | Texas Tech | 2 | 2 | Marshall | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Georgia | 3 | 6 | Purdue | 3 | 3 | Arizona State | 1 | 2 | Michigan State | 1 | 1 | | | |

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 19 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing three of those occasions, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in both 2003 and 2005). CU had appeared in every AP preseason ballot between 1989 and 1997, ranked in the top 15 each year, before not gaining mention in the '98 poll following a 5-6 season. The Buffs reappeared in the '99 poll at No. 15, and rose to No. 14 prior to the season-opening loss to CSU. Only CU, Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska have been ranked 15th or higher at least 11 times in these 15 years, and CU is one of only 14 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 19 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2007:** Florida State 19, Michigan 19, Ohio State 19, Tennessee 18, Miami, Fla. 17, Florida 16, Nebraska 16, Oklahoma 15, Penn State 15, Texas 15, Notre Dame 14, Auburn 13, **Colorado 12**, Alabama 12, Georgia 11, LSU 11, Virginia Tech 11.

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

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

COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)

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

LONG STAY

Colorado was one of only two teams to be ranked in every poll (both the *Associated Press* and Coaches, be it UPI or USA Today/CNN-ESPN) from the 1989 preseason through Oct. 4, 1997 (143 AP polls, 138 coaches). Only Nebraska could also make that claim (CU was second only to the Huskers, as Nebraska had been ranked in 265 straight polls when CU hit the 143 mark). The 143 consecutive polls still ranks as the seventh longest all-time in college football history. 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 (1989-2006): Florida St. 12, Miami 8, Nebraska 5, Ohio St. 5, USC 5, **COLORADO 4**, Florida 4, Oklahoma 4, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Notre Dame 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2006): Florida St. 12, Florida 11, Miami 9, Michigan 9, Nebraska 8, Ohio State 8, Tennessee 8, **COLORADO 6**, Alabama 6, Kansas St. 6, Oklahoma 5.

...AND THE RETURN

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

16 OUT OF 20

Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State for the latter half of the span. Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with purpose as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU then defeated two ranked teams in both 2002 and 2003 to make it 15 out of 16 years with at least one win over a ranked opponent, but the smaller run ended as the Buffs went 0-4 in both 2004 and 2005 and 0-5 in 2006. But with the win over No. 3 Oklahoma in 2007, it's now 16 out of 20 years defeating at least one ranked program. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). The Buffs have defeated at least two in nine of the last 14 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons).

TV LAND

Colorado has had **145** of its last **218** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes eight games this year, seven in 2006, 10 in 2005, nine in 2004, seven in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **108** of CU's **145** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 74 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in that time frame). In addition, CU has had **24** of its last **29** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

CARRYING THE TV TORCH

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

BUFF BLEMISHES

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

18 OF 22

The Buffs have 18 winning (regular) seasons in the last 22 years (1985-2006), matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The exceptions came in 1997, 2000, 2003 and this season; in 1986, CU was 6-5 in the regular season but finished 6-6 after losing to Baylor in the Bluebonnet Bowl. CU has been invited to bowls in 17 of the previous 22 seasons, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006.

OFFENSE & DEFENSE

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

WHY CU AND NOT UC?

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

HISTORY OF THE "COLORADO"

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

QUARTERBACK HISTORY LESSON

The competition for the starting quarterback job this year was really just the sixth real battle in the last 16 years at Colorado, though third time in the last five years. There was a three-way competition for the job in 2006 among **James Cox**, the initial winner, **Bernard Jackson** (who would start games two through 12) and **Brian White** (who quit after the first game). The last time had been in 2003, when walk-on **Joel Klatt** earned the nod; in 2000, the competition between **Zac Colvin** and **Bobby Pesavento** raged from the start of spring ball to the final week of August camp. Colvin was named the opening game starter but four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and did not relinquish the role the remainder of the season. In 1998, the first real battle in six years, juniors **Mike Moschetti** and **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won the job and Weisinger subsequently transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety. Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91.

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

CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS

Here are the single-game career bests for those players who have regularly appeared in games through 2006 and are likely to see action in 2007:

ALVIN BARNETT, WR

Receptions—7, at Miami, 9/24/05
Receiving Yards—77, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Long Reception—38, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06

ALONZO BARRETT, DE

Total Tackles—6, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
Solo Tackles—5, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Third Down Stops—3, at Miami, 9/24/05
QB Hurries—2, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05

CHA'PELLE BROWN, CB

Total Tackles—12, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Solo Tackles—11, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Interceptions—1, at Missouri 9/30/06
Pass Deflections—4, at Baylor, 10/06/07

JALIL BROWN, FS

Total Tackles—3, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Solo Tackles—1, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Assisted Tackles—2, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
Interceptions—N/A

R.J. BROWN, ILB

Total Tackles—6, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Solo Tackles—5, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Assisted Tackles—1, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)

BENJAMIN BURNLEY, S

Total Tackles—8, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Solo Tackles—6, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Pass Deflections—1, five times (last: vs. Missouri, 11/04/07)

MARCUS BURTON, ILB

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

KENDRICK CELESTINE, WR

Receptions—3, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07
Receiving Yards—37, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Reception—37, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Receiving TDs—N/A

HUGH CHARLES, TB

Rushing Attempts—24, vs. Oklahoma, 9/29/07
Rushing Yards—171, at Kansas State, 10/13/05
Long Run—74, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05 (TD)
Rushing TDs—2, twice (last: at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05)
Receptions—6, twice (last: at Iowa State, 11/12/05)
Receiving Yards—85, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
Long Reception—51, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05 (TD)
Receiving TDs—1, twice (last: at Texas Tech, 10/27/07)

CODY CRAWFORD, WR

Receptions—5, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
Receiving Yards—79, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
Long Reception—31, vs. Nebraska, 11/24/06
Receiving TDs—N/A

TYSON DeVREE, TE*(at Colorado)*

Receptions—7, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07
Receiving Yards—90, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07
Long Reception—27, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07
Receiving TDs—1, 6 times (last: vs. Kansas, 10/20/07)

MATT DILALLO, P

Punts—11, vs. Missouri, 11/03/07
Average (*min. 5 punts*)—51.8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
Long Punt—73, vs. Colorado State, 9/09/06
50-Plus—2, vs. Arizona State, 9/16/06
Inside-the-20—4, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

JORDON DIZON, ILB

Total Tackles—22, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Solo Tackles—17, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Third Down Stops—4, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
QB Sacks—2, vs. Missouri 11/5/05; 2, at Arizona State 9/08/07
Passes Broken Up—2, at Washington State, 9/11/04

DANIEL DYKES, SS

Total Tackles—11, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Solo Tackles—7, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Assisted Tackles—5, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
QB Sacks—N/A

KEVIN EBERHART, PK

Field Goals Attempted—6, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Field Goals Made—5, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Long Field Goal—54, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Long Field Goal Attempt—54, at Baylor, 10/06/07
PAT Attempts—6, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
PAT Made—6, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

BYRON ELLIS, TB

Rushing Attempts—15, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)
Rushing Yards—45, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
Long Run—25, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
Rushing TDs—1, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/04/07)
Receptions—3, at Miami, 9/24/05
Receiving Yards—53, at Miami, 9/24/05
Long Reception—38, at Miami, 9/24/05
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07

RIAR GEER, TE

Receptions—7, at Georgia, 9/23/06
Receiving Yards—71, at Georgia, 9/23/06
Long Reception—32, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Receiving TDs—1, four times (last: at Texas Tech, 10/27/07)

LIONEL HARRIS, S

Total Tackles—12, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06
Solo Tackles—10, vs. Kansas State, 11/04/06
Interceptions—1, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
Third Down Stops—3, at Kansas, 10/28/06
Forced Fumbles—2, at Nebraska, 11/24/06
Pass Deflections—1, twice (last: vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06)

CODY HAWKINS, QB

Pass Attempts—53, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Pass Completions—34, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Passing Yards—306, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Long Pass—65, at Baylor, 10/06/07
TD Passes—2, four times (last: at Baylor, 10/06/07)
Rushing Attempts—6, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07
Rushing Yards—20, at Texas Tech, 10/27/07
Long Rush—12, at Texas Tech, 10/27/07

MARQUEZ HERROD, DE

Total Tackles—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Solo Tackles—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Assisted Tackles—1, at Baylor, 10/06/07
QB Sacks—N/A

GEORGE HYPOLITE, DT

Total Tackles—10, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Solo Tackles—8, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)
Third Down Stops—2, twice (vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)
Tackles For Loss—3, thrice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)
Interceptions—1, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07
QB Sacks—2, twice (vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)

BRAD JONES, OLB

Total Tackles—10, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06; at ASU, 9/08/07
Solo Tackles—8, vs. Baylor, 10/07/06
QB Sacks— $\frac{1}{2}$, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Interceptions—1, at Kansas, 10/28/06
Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07)

BRIAN LOCKRIDGE, TB

Rushing Attempts—14, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Rushing Yards—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Run—43, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07 (TD)
Rushing TDs—1, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

MAURICE LUCAS, DE

Total Tackles—8, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Solo Tackles—6, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
QB Sacks—2, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07

SCOTTY McKNIGHT, WR

Receptions—8, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Receiving Yards—106, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Long Reception—40, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07, at ASU, 9/08/07

KEVIN MOYD, TB

Rushing Attempts—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Rushing Yards—9, twice (last: vs. Miami-Ohio 9/22/07)
Long Run—9, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Rushing TDs—N/A

NICK NELSON, QB

Pass Attempts—3, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/04/07)
Pass Completions—2, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07.
Passing Yards—12, vs. Missouri, 11/04/07.
Long Pass—10, at Arizona State, 9/08/07.
TD Passes—N/A

BRANDON NICOLAS, DT

Total Tackles—9, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
Solo Tackles—5, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Assisted Tackles—5, at Oklahoma, 10/21/06
Tackles For Loss—3, twice (last: vs. Florida State, 9/15/07)
Third Down Stops—2, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07

STEPHON ROBINSON, WR/KR

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

JOE SANDERS, TE

Receptions—3, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Receiving Yards—35, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Long Reception—14, at Arizona State, 9/08/07
Receiving TDs—N/A

JOSH SMITH, WR

Receptions—4, vs. Kansas, 10/20/07
Receiving Yards—103, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Long Reception—65, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Receiving TDs—N/A

NATE SOLDER, TE

Receptions—3, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Receiving Yards—50, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Reception—23, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Receiving TDs—N/A

DUSTY SPRAGUE, WR

Receptions—9, at Miami, 9/24/05
Receiving Yards—101, at Texas A&M, 10/23/04
Long Reception—63, at Missouri, 9/30/06
Receiving TDs—1, four times (last: at Baylor, 10/06/07)

DEMETRIUS SUMLER, TB

Rushing Attempts—16, twice (last: at Arizona State 9/08/07)
Rushing Yards—90, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Long Run—30, vs. Miami-Ohio, 9/22/07
Rushing TDs—2, at Baylor, 10/06/07
Receptions—2, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Receiving Yards—16, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Long Reception—12, vs. Florida State, 9/15/07
Receiving TDs—1, at Baylor, 10/06/07

RYAN WALTERS, S

Total Tackles—16, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07
Solo Tackles—8, twice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07)
Interceptions—2, vs. Texas Tech, 10/14/06
Pass Deflections—2, at Arizona State, 9/08/07

TERRENCE WHEATLEY, CB

Total Tackles—8, at Baylor, 10/4/03
Solo Tackles—6, twice (last: vs. Kansas State, 11/13/04)
Interceptions—3, at Texas Tech, 10/27/07
Pass Deflections—3, at Missouri, 9/30/06
Kickoff Returns—6, at Kansas State, 10/13/07
Kickoff Return Yards—135, vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07

PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR

Receptions—5, thrice (last: vs. Colorado State, 9/01/07)
Receiving Yards—71, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06
Long Reception—42, vs. Montana State, 9/02/06
Receiving TDs—1, vs. Iowa State, 11/11/06

THE LAST TIME

INDIVIDUAL

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| Kickoff Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (88 yards). |
| | Opponent: Sammy Moore, Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003 (97 yards). |
| Punt Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards). |
| | Opponent: Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards). |
| Interception Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Jordon Dizon vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007 (42 yards). |
| | Opponent: Troy Nolan, Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007 (26 yards). |
| Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown | Colorado: Ryan Walters vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 28, 2006 (95 yards). |
| | Opponent: Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards). |
| Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards). |
| | Opponent: Courtney Herndon, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007 (6 yards). |
| Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown | Colorado: Has not occurred. |
| | Opponent: Has not occurred. |
| Blocked Punt | Colorado: Alonzo Barrett vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 4, 2007. |
| | Opponent: Daniel Gonzalez, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007. |
| Blocked PAT Kick | Colorado: James Garee vs. Clemson in Orlando, Dec. 27, 2005 (<i>Champs Sports Bowl</i>). |
| | Opponent: Brodney Pool, Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 25, 2003. |
| Blocked Field Goal | Colorado: James Garee vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005. |
| | Opponent: Dale Dixon, Georgia in Atlanta, Sept. 23, 2006. |
| Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown | Colorado: Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone). |
| | Opponent: Has not occurred. |
| Defensive Two-Point Conversion | Colorado: Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991. |
| | Opponent: Has not occurred. |
| 300 Yards Total Offense | Colorado: 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. |
| | Opponent: 445, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007 (<i>421 pass, 24 rush</i>). |
| 400 Yards Total Offense | Colorado: 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. |
| | Opponent: 445, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007 (<i>421 pass, 24 rush</i>). |
| 100 Yards Rushing | Colorado: 121, Hugh Charles vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007 (<i>20 carries</i>). |
| | Opponent: 159, James Johnson, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007 (<i>20 carries</i>). |
| 200 Yards Rushing | Colorado: 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002. |
| | Opponent: 247, Jamarion Thomas, North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004. |
| 300 Yards Rushing | Colorado: 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. |
| | Opponent: Has not occurred (record is 268). |
| Three Touchdowns Rushing | Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. |
| | Opponent: 3, Vince Young, Texas at Austin, Oct. 15, 2005. |
| Four Touchdowns Rushing | Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005. |
| | Opponent: 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997. |
| Two 100-Yard Rushers | Colorado: Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002. |
| | Opponent: Ell Roberson (21-178) and Darrin Sproles (16-121), Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002. |
| Three 100-Yard Rushers | Colorado: Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970. |
| | Opponent: David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151), George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980. |
| 300 Yards Passing | Colorado: 306, Cody Hawkins vs. Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007. |
| | Opponent: 421, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| 400 Yards Passing | Colorado: 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003. |
| | Opponent: 421, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| Three Touchdowns Passing | Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. |
| | Opponent: 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| Four Touchdowns Passing | Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. |
| | Opponent: 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| Five Touchdowns Passing | Colorado: 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. |
| | Opponent: 5, Chase Daniel, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| Three Interceptions Thrown | Colorado: 3, Cody Hawkins vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007. |
| | Opponent: 4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. |
| Four Interceptions Thrown | Colorado: 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997. |
| | Opponent: 4, Graham Harrell, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. |
| 10 Receptions | Colorado: 11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003. |
| | Opponent: 12, Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. |
| 100 Yards Receiving | Colorado: 103, Josh Smith vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. |
| | Opponent: 109, William Franklin, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| 200 Yards Receiving | Colorado: 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996. |
| | Opponent: 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996. |
| Two Touchdowns Receiving | Colorado: 2, Joe Klopfenstein vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005. |
| | Opponent: 3, Chase Coffman, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| Three Touchdowns Receiving | Colorado: 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996. |
| | Opponent: 3, Chase Coffman, Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| Two 100-Yard Receivers | Colorado: Derek McCoy (6-171) and D.J. Hackett (4-143) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003. |
| | Opponent: William Franklin (2-109) and Jeremy Maclin (6-108), Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| 100-Yard Rusher & Receiver | Colorado: Hugh Charles (19-109 rushing) & Josh Smith (2-103 receiving) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. |
| | Opponent: Kyle Bell (40-135 rushing) & Kory Sperry (8-103 receiving), Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007 |
| 100-Yard Rusher & Receiver (<i>same player</i>) | Colorado: Cortlen Johnson (27-172 rushing; 6-105 receiving), vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 10, 2001. |
| | Opponent: Has not occurred. |

The Last Time, continued...

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| Four Touchdowns In A Game | Colorado: | 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush). |
| | Opponent: | 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush). |
| Four Field Goals In A Game | Colorado: | 5, Kevin Eberhart vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 6, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | 5, Todd Pegram, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004. |
| 50-Yard Field Goal | Colorado: | 50, Kevin Eberhart vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | 52, Brooks Rossman, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007. |
| Two Interceptions In A Game | Colorado: | 3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | 2, D.J. Wolfe, Oklahoma in Boulder, Sept. 29, 2007. |
| Three Interceptions In A Game | Colorado: | 3, Terrence Wheatley vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | 3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002. |
| Four Interceptions In A Game | Colorado: | Has not occurred. |
| | Opponent: | 4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946. |
| Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game | Colorado: | 3 (for 26), Abraham Wright vs. Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 9, 2006. |
| | Opponent: | 3 (for 20), Adell Duckett, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003. |
| Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game | Colorado: | 4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992. |
| | Opponent: | 4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984. |

TEAM

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| Shut Out (Defensive) | Colorado: | Game: 42-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. Through 3rd Qtr: 35-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. At Half: 28-0, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | Game: 0-7, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 5, 1988. Through 3rd Qtr: 0-13, by Florida State in Boulder, Sept. 15, 2007. At Half: 0-3, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 20, 2007. |
| Safety | Colorado: | vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try). |
| | Opponent: | by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 24, 2006 (Mell Holliday tackled in end zone). |
| Held To No Offensive Touchdowns | Colorado: | by Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006. |
| | Opponent: | vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| 30 First Downs In A Game | Colorado: | 33, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | 32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003. |
| Held Under 10 First Downs | Colorado: | 7, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | 6 vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| 500 Yards Total Offense In A Game | Colorado: | 634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | 598, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| 600 Yards Total Offense In A Game | Colorado: | 634, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | 639, by Missouri in Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984. |
| Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game | Colorado: | 196, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007 (84 rush, 112 pass). |
| | Opponent: | 139, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (44 rush, 95 pass). |
| Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game | Colorado: | 46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>). |
| | Opponent: | 74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999. |
| 300 Yards Rushing In A Game | Colorado: | 359, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | 326, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004. |
| 400 Yards Rushing In A Game | Colorado: | 427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002. |
| | Opponent: | 419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987. |
| 500 Yards Rushing In A Game | Colorado: | 502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000. |
| | Opponent: | 516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984. |
| Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game | Colorado: | 84, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | 39, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. |
| 400 Yards Passing In A Game | Colorado: | 401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005. |
| | Opponent: | 429, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 3, 2007. |
| 500 Yards Passing In A Game | Colorado: | 533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995. |
| | Opponent: | 523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 (<i>Aloha Bowl</i>). |
| Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game | Colorado: | 39, vs. Oklahoma at Norman, Oct. 21, 2006. |
| | Opponent: | 95, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play | Colorado: | 8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586). |
| | Opponent: | 8.62, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (68-586). |
| Held Under Three Yards Per Play | Colorado: | 2.79, by Arizona State at Tempe, Sept. 8, 2007 (73-204). |
| | Opponent: | 2.84, by Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007 (49-139). |
| Four Interception Game | Colorado: | 4, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | 4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999. |
| Five Interception Game | Colorado: | 5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003. |
| | Opponent: | 5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992. |
| Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles | Colorado: | 5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999. |
| | Opponent: | 5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980. |
| Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles | Colorado: | 6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983. |
| | Opponent: | 6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975. |
| Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game | Colorado: | 40:24, vs. Miami-Ohio in Boulder, Sept. 22, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | 42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997. |
| Turnover-Free Game | Colorado: | vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Oct. 27, 2007. |
| | Opponent: | by Kansas State in Manhattan, Oct. 13, 2007. |
| Did Not Punt | Colorado: | vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 19, 1994. |
| | Opponent: | by Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 22, 1983. |
| Recovered Own Onside Kick | Colorado: | vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999 (Damen Wheeler); 0-of-last 8. |
| | Opponent: | by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 1, 2007 (Jermaine Walters); 0-of-last-2. |

CHART-MANIA

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the 22 football seasons between 1985 through 2006 (*includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 22 seasons*):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2006)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|----|----------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Miami, Fla. | 218 | 48 | 0 | .820 |
| 2 | Florida State | 219 | 52 | 2 | .806 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 218 | 56 | 1 | .795 |
| 4 | Michigan | 205 | 60 | 5 | .769 |
| 5 | Tennessee | 201 | 64 | 6 | .753 |
| 6 | Florida | 202 | 68 | 2 | .746 |
| 7 | Ohio State | 198 | 67 | 5 | .743 |
| 8 | Oklahoma | 189 | 75 | 3 | .713 |
| 9 | Auburn | 185 | 74 | 5 | .710 |
| 10 | Penn State | 187 | 78 | 1 | .705 |
| 11 | Texas A & M | 184 | 82 | 2 | .690 |
| 12 | Notre Dame | 180 | 83 | 2 | .683 |
| 13 | Georgia | 180 | 83 | 3 | .682 |
| 14 | Alabama | 183 | 86 | 2 | .679 |
| 15 | Texas | 178 | 86 | 2 | .673 |
| 16 | Southern California | 178 | 87 | 5 | .669 |
| 17 | Virginia Tech | 171 | 89 | 3 | .656 |
| 18 | Brigham Young | 182 | 95 | 2 | .656 |
| 19 | Colorado | 170 | 93 | 4 | .644 |
| 20 | Fresno State | 171 | 94 | 3 | .644 |
| 21 | Clemson | 167 | 93 | 3 | .641 |
| 22 | LSU | 164 | 95 | 3 | .632 |
| 23 | Syracuse | 160 | 98 | 4 | .618 |
| 24 | UCLA | 159 | 98 | 3 | .617 |
| 25 | West Virginia | 158 | 98 | 4 | .615 |
| 26 | Washington | 158 | 99 | 3 | .613 |
| 27 | Oregon | 157 | 101 | 0 | .609 |
| 28 | Virginia | 160 | 103 | 1 | .608 |
| 29 | Air Force | 161 | 105 | 1 | .605 |
| 30 | Southern Miss | 152 | 101 | 1 | .600 |
| 31 | Utah | 150 | 107 | 0 | .584 |
| 32 | Iowa | 146 | 104 | 5 | .582 |
| 33 | Arizona State | 145 | 109 | 3 | .570 |
| 34 | Kansas State | 146 | 114 | 2 | .561 |
| 35 | North Carolina State | 145 | 114 | 4 | .559 |

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2006)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|----|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Florida (SEC) | 114 | 27 | 0 | .809 |
| 2 | Michigan (Big Ten) | 113 | 29 | 2 | .792 |
| 3 | Nebraska (Big 8/12) | 106 | 30 | 1 | .777 |
| 4 | Ohio State (Big Ten) | 107 | 34 | 3 | .753 |
| 5 | Tennessee (SEC) | 104 | 34 | 2 | .750 |
| 6 | Texas (SWC/Big 12) | 104 | 36 | 0 | .743 |
| 7 | BYU (WAC/MWC) | 102 | 35 | 1 | .743 |
| 8 | Toledo (MAC) | 100 | 39 | 0 | .719 |
| 9 | Colorado (Big 8/12) | 91 | 43 | 3 | .675 |
| 10 | Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12) | 93 | 45 | 2 | .671 |
| 12 | Southern Cal (Pac-10) | 95 | 46 | 3 | .670 |
| 13 | Oklahoma (Big 8/12) | 90 | 45 | 2 | .664 |
| 14 | Miami, Ohio (MAC) | 92 | 49 | 4 | .651 |
| 15 | Auburn (SEC) | 88 | 50 | 3 | .635 |
| 16 | Colorado State (WAC/MWC) | 86 | 50 | 0 | .632 |
| 17 | Alabama (SEC) | 88 | 53 | 0 | .624 |

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 (1989-2006)

| Rk | School | W | L | T | PCT. |
|----|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | Florida State | 181 | 43 | 1 | .807 |
| 2 | Miami, Fla. | 174 | 44 | 0 | .798 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 177 | 47 | 1 | .789 |
| 4 | Florida | 174 | 51 | 1 | .772 |
| 5 | Tennessee | 170 | 50 | 3 | .769 |
| 6 | Ohio State | 169 | 51 | 3 | .765 |
| 7 | Michigan | 166 | 51 | 3 | .761 |
| 8 | Texas | 154 | 64 | 2 | .705 |
| 9 | Virginia Tech | 151 | 65 | 2 | .697 |
| 10 | Auburn | 148 | 65 | 3 | .692 |
| 11 | Penn State | 151 | 67 | 1 | .692 |
| 12 | Notre Dame | 150 | 67 | 2 | .689 |
| 13 | Georgia | 147 | 69 | 1 | .680 |
| 14 | Oklahoma | 147 | 69 | 3 | .678 |
| 15 | Texas A & M | 148 | 70 | 2 | .677 |
| 16 | Southern California | 147 | 70 | 4 | .674 |
| 17 | Alabama | 147 | 73 | 1 | .667 |
| 18 | Toledo | 138 | 69 | 3 | .664 |
| 19 | Kansas State | 143 | 74 | 1 | .658 |
| 20 | Colorado | 142 | 74 | 4 | .655 |
| 21 | Brigham Young | 145 | 78 | 2 | .649 |
| 22 | Oregon | 135 | 80 | 0 | .628 |
| 23 | Virginia | 136 | 82 | 1 | .623 |
| 24 | Clemson | 133 | 81 | 1 | .621 |
| 25 | Washington | 130 | 82 | 1 | .613 |
| 26 | West Virginia | 130 | 81 | 3 | .614 |
| 27 | Fresno State | 135 | 85 | 2 | .613 |
| 28 | Wisconsin | 132 | 83 | 4 | .612 |
| 29 | LSU | 128 | 85 | 1 | .600 |
| 30 | Syracuse | 126 | 85 | 3 | .596 |
| 31 | Air Force | 129 | 88 | 1 | .594 |
| 32 | Southern Miss | 124 | 85 | 1 | .593 |
| 33 | Georgia Tech | 127 | 88 | 1 | .590 |
| 34 | Colorado State | 127 | 89 | 1 | .588 |
| 35 | Miami, Ohio | 118 | 82 | 6 | .587 |
| 36 | UCLA | 122 | 89 | 1 | .578 |

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (18-14-1)

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

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

DEPTH CHART

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

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (x)

- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 200, Jr. **
- 9 Josh Smith, 6-0, 180, Fr.
- 48 Cody Crawford, 5-11, 180, Jr. *
- 80 Jarrell Yates, 5-11, 200, Soph. *

WIDE RECEIVER GROUPING (z)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Sr.-5***
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 195, Sr.-5***
- 5 Kendrick Celestine, 5-11, 180, Fr.

LEFT TACKLE

- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 300, Sr.-5***
- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-7, 320, Fr.

LEFT GUARD

- 51 Kai Maiava, 6-0, 295, Fr.
- 65 Wes Palazzi, 6-1, 295, Fr.-RS

CENTER

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Jr. **
- 51 Kai Maiava, 6-0, 295, Fr.
- 56 Keenan Stevens, 6-3, 275, Fr.-RS

RIGHT GUARD

- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-4, 300, Sr.-5***
- 72 Devin Head, 6-4, 295, Soph. *
- 51 Kai Maiava, 6-0, 295, Fr.

RIGHT TACKLE

- 73 Ryan Miller, 6-7, 320, Fr.
- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-4, 300, Sr.-5***

TIGHT END GROUPING

- 87 Riar Geer, 6-3, 255, Soph. *
- 84 Tyson DeVree, 6-5, 245, Sr.-5*
- 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 235, Sr.-5**
- 92 Nate Solder, 6-8, 270, Fr.-RS
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Soph.

QUARTERBACK

- 7 Cody Hawkins, 5-11, 190, Fr.-RS
- 3 Nick Nelson, 6-1, 230, Jr.

TAILBACK GROUPING

- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 190, Sr. ***
- 8 Demetrius Sumler, 5-10, 215, Fr.-RS
- 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 215, Sr. ***
- 20 Brian Lockridge, 5-7, 175, Fr.
- 22 Kevin Moyd, 5-7, 195, Soph. *

FULLBACK

- 41 Jake Behrens, 6-0, 230, Soph.
- 43 Samson Jagoras, 5-10, 220, Sr.-5*
- 32 Maurice Cantrell, 6-0, 240, Jr. *

DEFENSE

(4-3/Base)

LEFT DEFENSIVE END

- 91 Maurice Lucas, 6-4, 260, Jr. **
- 90 Marquez Herrod, 6-2, 255, Fr.-RS

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 86 George Hypolite, 6-1, 285, Jr. **
- 78 Jason Brace, 6-4, 265, Soph. *
- 69 Eric Lawson, 6-3, 275, Fr.-RS

NOSE TACKLE

- 94 Brandon Nicolas, 6-3, 290, Jr. *
- 99 Chris Perri, 6-3, 270, Soph.
- 97 Taj Kaynor, 6-4, 275, Soph.

RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

- 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 235, Sr. ***
- 99 Chris Perri, 6-3, 270, Soph.

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 45 Jeff Smart, 5-11, 210, Soph. *
- 57 Jake Duren, 5-11, 230, Soph.

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 220, Sr. ***
- 52 Bryan Stengel, 6-2, 215, Soph.

SAM (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 40 Brad Jones, 6-3, 225, Jr. **
- 35 Nate Vaiomounga, 5-10, 195, Fr.
- 59 B.J. Beatty, 6-1, 220, Fr.-RS

LEFT CORNERBACK

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 175, Sr.-5***
- 6 Gardner McKay, 5-11, 160, Jr. **
- 3 Jimmy Smith, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS

FREE SAFETY

- 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 200, Jr. **
- 23 Jalil Brown, 6-1, 205, Fr.-RS

STRONG SAFETY

- 9 Daniel Dykes, 6-2, 210, Jr.
- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 195, Sr. **
- 30 Joel Adams, 5-11, 185, Jr. *

RIGHT CORNERBACK

- 42 Benjamin Burney, 5-11, 190, Jr. **
- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Soph. * (N)

(N—denotes nickel back)

**SPECIALISTS****PUNTER**

- 14 Matt DiLallo, 6-1, 200, Soph. * (L)
- 95 Tom Suazo, 5-11, 190, Jr.
- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5*

PLACEKICKER

- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-11, 195, Sr.-5*
- 19 Tyler Cope, 6-1, 180, Fr. (KO #1)

KICKOFF RETURN

- 26 Terrence Wheatley, 5-10, 175, Sr.-5***
- 27 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 215, Sr. ***
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 195, Sr.-5***
- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS

PUNT RETURN

- 38 Chase McBride, 5-7, 160, Sr.-5*
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-8, 195, Sr.-5***
- 9 Daniel Dykes, 6-2, 210, Jr.
- 29 Cha'pelle Brown, 5-7, 175, Soph. *

HOLDER (PINNER)

- 21 Scotty McKnight, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Sr.-5***

SHORT SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 235, Soph. *
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 310, Jr. **

LONG SNAPPER

- 70 Justin Drescher, 6-1, 235, Soph. *
- 50 Austin Bisnow, 6-0, 215, Fr.-RS
- 33 Patrick Devenny, 6-3, 240, Soph.

OUT FOR EXTENDED TIME / SEASON

- 34 * R.J. Brown, 6-1, 230, Jr. * (*concussion*)
- 54 * Marcus Burton, 6-0, 250, Jr. ** (*academics*)
- 61 Erick Faatagi, 6-2, 310, Jr. (*academics*)
- 86 * Cameron Ham, 6-1, 195, Fr.-RS (*leg*)
- 49 * Drew Hudgins, 6-4, 235, Jr. (*Achilles*)
- 10 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 200, Sr.-5* (*academics*)
- 10 Michael Sipili, 6-1, 250, Soph. * (*suspended*)
- *—denotes out for season.

(L)—throws or kicks left-handed/footed.

Seniors (17): Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (13); all others are fourth-year seniors (4).

GROUPING — indicates all listed will play and order of listing is not that significant.

AND — indicates those listed all play/rotate (basically co-first or second team status);
OR — indicates status at that spot up for grabs.

Freshmen expected to redshirt not listed unless listed in the two-deep.

*—denotes number of letters earned through 2006; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful—not out for extended time; probables listed as normal).* **CAPTAINS:** 77 Tyler Polumbus (offense), 44 Jordon Dizon (defense), 34 R.J. Brown (special teams).

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

The Colorado alphabetical roster (as of November 4 a.m.):

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Status |
|-----|----------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|---|--------|
| 30 | ADAMS, Joel | S | 5-11 | 185 | Jr. | 1L | Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat) | WO 2/2 |
| 63 | ADKINS, Ethan | OL | 6- 4 | 295 | Fr. | HS | Castle Rock, Colo. (Douglas County) | S 5/4 |
| 58 | AHLES, Tyler | ILB | 6- 2 | 245 | Fr. | HS | San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon) | S 5/4 |
| 71 | BAHR, Matthew | OL | 6- 4 | 285 | Fr. | HS | Dove Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo) | S 5/4 |
| 16 | BALLENGER, Matt | QB | 6- 4 | 225 | Fr. | HS | Nampa, Idaho (Skyview) | S 5/4 |
| 47 | BARRETT, Alonzo | DE | 6- 3 | 235 | Sr. | 3L | Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson) | S 2/1 |
| 59 | BEATTY, B.J. | OLB | 6- 1 | 220 | Fr. | RS | Kaaawa, Hawai'i (Kahuku) | S 4/4 |
| 66 | BEHRENS, Blake | OL | 6- 3 | 285 | Fr. | HS | Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep) | S 5/4 |
| 41 | BEHRENS, Jake | FB | 6- 0 | 230 | So. | VR | Omaha, Neb. (Millard North) | S 3/3 |
| 50 | BISNOW, Austin | SN | 6- 0 | 215 | Fr. | RS | Washington, D.C. (Landon School) | WO 4/4 |
| 78 | BRACE, Jason | DT | 6- 4 | 265 | So. | 1L | Spanaway, Wash. (Spanaway Lake) | S 4/3 |
| 29 | BROWN, Cha'pelle | CB | 5- 7 | 175 | So. | 1L | La Puente, Calif. (Los Altos) | S 4/3 |
| 23 | BROWN, Jalil | CB | 6- 1 | 205 | Fr. | RS | Phoenix, Ariz. (South Mountain) | S 4/4 |
| 34 | BROWN, R.J. | ILB | 6- 1 | 230 | Jr. | 2L | Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou) | S 2/2 |
| 42 | BURNEY, Benjamin | CB | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | 2L | Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen) | S 3/2 |
| 32 | CANTRELL, Maurice | FB | 6- 0 | 240 | Jr. | 1L | Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington) | S 2/2 |
| 5 | CELESTINE, Kendrick | WR | 5-11 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Mamou, La. (Mamou) | S 5/4 |
| 2 | CHARLES, Hugh | TB | 5- 8 | 190 | Sr. | 3L | Keller, Texas (Keller) | S 2/1 |
| 60 | CLARK, David | OL | 6- 4 | 300 | Fr. | HS | Aspen, Colo. (Aspen) | WO 5/4 |
| 53 | COONEY, Kevin | DE | 6- 6 | 215 | Fr. | HS | Arvada, Colo. (Faith Christian) | WO 5/4 |
| 19 | COPE, Tyler | PK | 6- 1 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Portland, Ore. (Jesuit) | WO 5/4 |
| 48 | CRAWFORD, Cody | WR | 5-11 | 180 | Jr. | 1L | San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines) | WO 2/2 |
| 68 | DANIELS, Shawn | OL | 6- 3 | 270 | Fr. | HS | Evergreen, Colo. (Denver Mullen) | S 5/4 |
| 33 | DEVENNY, Patrick | TE | 6- 3 | 240 | So. | VR | Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay) | S 3/3 |
| 84 | DeVREE, Tyson | TE | 6- 5 | 245 | Sr. | 1L | Hudsonville, Mich. (Hudsonville/Western Michigan) | S 1/1 |
| 14 | DiLALLO, Matthew | P | 6- 1 | 200 | So. | 1L | Wellington, Fla. (Wellington) | S 3/3 |
| 44 | DIZON, Jordan | ILB | 6- 0 | 220 | Sr. | 3L | Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea) | S 2/1 |
| 70 | DRESCHER, Justin | SN | 6- 1 | 235 | So. | 1L | Southlake, Texas (Carroll) | S 4/3 |
| 57 | DUREN, Jake | ILB | 5-11 | 230 | So. | TR | Littleton, Colo. (Mullen/Northern Colorado) | WO 3/3 |
| 9 | DYKES, Daniel (D.J.) | S | 6- 2 | 210 | Jr. | TR | Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos/Idaho) | WO 2/2 |
| 39 | EBERHART, Kevin | PK | 5-11 | 195 | Sr. | 1L | Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield) | S 1/1 |
| 27 | ELLIS, Byron | TB | 6- 0 | 215 | Sr. | 3L | Culver City, Calif. (Venice) | S 2/1 |
| 37 | ESPINOZA, Jason | FS | 5- 8 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Alamosa, Colo. (Alamosa) | WO 5/4 |
| 74 | FRUECHTEL, Joe | OL | 6- 3 | 285 | So. | TR | Portland, Ore. (Jesuit/Army/Oregon State) | WO 3/3 |
| 87 | GEER, Riar | TE | 6- 3 | 255 | So. | 1L | Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument) | S 3/3 |
| 62 | GOLDBERG, David | OLB | 6- 1 | 230 | Fr. | TR | Aspen, Colo. (Aspen/Penn State) | WO 5/4 |
| 98 | GOREE, Eugene | DL | 6- 2 | 285 | Fr. | HS | Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale) | S 5/4 |
| 25 | HARRIS, Lionel | SS | 6- 0 | 195 | Sr. | 2L | Manvel, Texas (Alvin) | S 1/1 |
| 76 | HARRISON, Edwin | OL | 6- 4 | 300 | Sr. | 3L | Houston, Texas (Westbury) | S 1/1 |
| 55 | HARTIGAN, Josh | OLB | 6- 1 | 215 | Fr. | HS | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Northeast) | S 5/4 |
| 7 | HAWKINS, Cody | QB | 5-11 | 190 | Fr. | RS | Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly) | S 4/4 |
| 18 | HAWKINS, Jonathan | CB | 5-11 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Perris, Calif. (Rancho Verde) | S 5/4 |
| 72 | HEAD, Devin | OL | 6- 4 | 295 | So. | 1L | Corona, Calif. (Centennial) | S 3/3 |
| 90 | HERROD, Marquez | DE | 6- 2 | 255 | Fr. | RS | Escondido, Calif. (San Pasqual) | S 4/4 |
| 86 | HYPOLITE, George | DT | 6- 1 | 285 | Jr. | 2L | Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola) | S 3/2 |
| 64 | ILTIS, Mike | OL | 6- 2 | 290 | Fr. | HS | Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview) | S 5/4 |
| 25 | JAFFEE, Arthur | TB | 5-11 | 205 | Fr. | HS | Boulder, Colo. (Fairview) | WO 5/4 |
| 43 | JAGORAS, Samson | FB | 5-10 | 220 | Sr. | 1L | Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Western New Mexico) | S 1/1 |
| 40 | JONES, Brad | OLB | 6- 3 | 225 | Jr. | 2L | East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing) | S 2/2 |
| 97 | KAYNOR, Taj | DT | 6- 4 | 275 | So. | VR | Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek) | S 3/3 |
| 69 | LAWSON, Eric | DE/DT | 6- 3 | 275 | Fr. | RS | Sedalia, Colo. (Douglas County) | S 4/4 |
| 20 | LOCKRIDGE, Brian | TB | 5- 7 | 175 | Fr. | HS | Trabuco Canyon, Calif. (Mission Viejo) | S 5/4 |
| 91 | LUCAS, Maurice | DE | 6- 4 | 260 | Jr. | 2L | Denver, Colo. (Rangeview) | S 3/2 |
| 51 | MAIABA, Kai | C | 6- 0 | 295 | Fr. | HS | Wailuku, Hawai'i (Baldwin) | S 5/4 |
| 38 | McBRIDE, Chase | WR | 5- 7 | 160 | Sr. | 1L | Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming) | S 1/1 |
| 36 | McCUDDEN, Greg | ILB | 6- 3 | 210 | Fr. | HS | Niwot, Colo. (Niwot) | WO 4/4 |
| 6 | McKAY, Gardner | CB | 5-11 | 160 | Jr. | 2L | Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw) | S 3/2 |
| 21 | McKNIGHT, Scotty | WR | 5-10 | 190 | Fr. | RS | Coto de Caza, Calif. (Tesoro) | WO 4/4 |
| 85 | MELTON, Steve | WR | 5-11 | 185 | Jr. | JC | San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente/UCLA/Saddleback) | WO 2/2 |
| 22 | MEYER, Matt | SS | 5-11 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Santa Margarita) | WO 5/4 |
| 73 | MILLER, Ryan | OL | 6- 7 | 320 | Fr. | HS | Littleton, Colo. (Columbine) | S 5/4 |
| 89 | MODROVSKY, Daniel | DT | 6- 6 | 255 | Fr. | HS | Park City, Utah (Park City) | WO 5/4 |
| 22 | MOYD, Kevin | TB | 5- 7 | 195 | So. | 1L | Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern) | S 3/3 |

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Colorado Alphabetical Roster, continued...

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Status |
|-----|---------------------|---------|------|-----|-------|------|--|--------|
| 36 | NABORS, Cory | TB | 5- 9 | 185 | Fr. | RS | Aurora, Colo. (Rangeview) | WO 4/4 |
| 3 | NELSON, Nick | QB | 6- 1 | 230 | Jr. | JC | Mission Viejo, Calif. (Tesoro/Saddleback College) | S 3/2 |
| 94 | NICOLAS, Brandon | DT | 6- 3 | 290 | Jr. | 1L | Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame) | S 2/2 |
| 93 | OBI, Conrad | DE | 6- 3 | 250 | Fr. | HS | Grayson, Ga. (Grayson) | S 5/4 |
| 65 | PALAZZI, Wes | OL | 6- 1 | 295 | Fr. | RS | Plano, Texas (Plano West) | S 4/4 |
| 46 | PERKINS, Anthony | DB | 5-10 | 185 | Fr. | HS | Northglenn, Colo. (Northglenn) | S 5/4 |
| 99 | PERRI, Christopher | DL | 6- 3 | 270 | So. | JC | Alameda, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd/San Jose State/Laney College) | S 3/2 |
| 77 | POLUMBUS, Tyler | OL | 6- 8 | 300 | Sr. | 3L | Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek) | S 1/1 |
| 95 | POREMBBA, Tony | DE | 6- 0 | 210 | Fr. | HS | Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek) | WO 5/4 |
| 1 | ROBINSON, Stephone | WR | 5- 8 | 195 | Sr. | 3L | Denver, Colo. (Mullen) | S 1/1 |
| 75 | SANDERS, Daniel | OL | 6- 3 | 310 | Jr. | 2L | Vista, Calif. (El Camino) | S 2/2 |
| 13 | SANDERS, Joe | TE | 6- 3 | 235 | Sr. | 2L | Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro) | S 1/1 |
| 19 | SANDERSFELD, Travis | FS | 6- 0 | 190 | Fr. | HS | Limon, Colo. (Limon) | WO 5/4 |
| 88 | SHANAHAN, Devin | TE | 6- 5 | 235 | So. | VR | Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch) | WO 3/3 |
| 96 | SHIELDS, Lagrone | DL | 6- 2 | 265 | Fr. | HS | Memphis, Tenn. (Ridgeway) | S 5/4 |
| 6 | SIMAS, Markques | WR | 6- 2 | 195 | Fr. | HS | San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa) | S 5/4 |
| 82 | SIMMONS, Justin | PK | 6- 2 | 175 | Fr. | HS | Memphis, Tenn. (Christian Brothers) | WO 4/4 |
| 45 | SMART, Jeff | ILB | 5-11 | 210 | So. | 1L | Boulder, Colo. (Boulder) | S 3/3 |
| 28 | SMITH, Bret | S | 5-11 | 200 | Fr. | RS | Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Regis) | WO 4/4 |
| 3 | SMITH, Jimmy | CB | 6- 2 | 195 | Fr. | RS | Colton, Calif. (Colton) | S 4/4 |
| 9 | SMITH, Josh | WR | 6- 0 | 180 | Fr. | HS | Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark) | S 5/4 |
| 31 | SMITH, Lamont | DB | 5- 8 | 160 | Fr. | HS | Penn Hills, Pa. (Pittsburgh Central Catholic) | S 5/4 |
| 92 | SOLDER, Nate | TE | 6- 8 | 270 | Fr. | RS | Buena Vista, Colo. (Buena Vista) | S 4/4 |
| 83 | SPRAGUE, Dusty | WR | 6- 4 | 190 | Sr. | 3L | Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke) | S 1/1 |
| 52 | STENGEL, Bryan | ILB/OLB | 6- 2 | 215 | So. | VR | Durango, Colo. (Durango) | WO 3/3 |
| 56 | STEVENS, Keenan | OL | 6- 3 | 275 | Fr. | RS | Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer) | WO 4/4 |
| 95 | SUAZO, Tom | P | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | VR | Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Glenwood Springs/Arizona State) | WO 2/2 |
| 8 | SUMLER, Demetrius | TB | 5-10 | 215 | Fr. | RS | San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic) | S 4/4 |
| 79 | TAU, Sione | OL | 6- 5 | 330 | Fr. | HS | Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial) | S 5/4 |
| 35 | VAIOMOUNGA, Nate | OLB | 5-10 | 195 | Fr. | HS | Corona, Calif. (Corona) | S 5/4 |
| 15 | WALTERS, Ryan | FS | 5-11 | 200 | Jr. | 2L | Aurora, Colo. (Grandview) | S 2/2 |
| 26 | WHEATLEY, Terrence | CB | 5-10 | 185 | Sr. | 3L | Richardson, Texas (Plano East) | S 1/1 |
| 4 | WILLIAMS, Patrick | WR | 6- 2 | 200 | Jr. | 2L | DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto) | S 2/2 |
| 21 | WRIGHT, Anthony | DB | 6- 0 | 185 | Fr. | HS | Compton, Calif. (Compton) | S 5/4 |
| 80 | YATES, Jarrell | WR | 5-11 | 200 | So. | 1L | Denver, Colo. (Montbello) | S 3/3 |

EXPERIENCE KEY: #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2006; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2006; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of 2007 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

Inactive Roster Players (Injured/Ineligible)

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Reason | Status |
|-----|------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|--|------------------------|--------|
| 17 | BARNETT, Alvin | WR | 5-11 | 195 | Sr. | 2L | Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Okla. A&M) | Ineligible (Academics) | S 2/1 |
| 41 | BLACK, Kyle | S | 5-11 | 200 | Fr. | TR | Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Thunder Ridge/Air Force) | 4 Yr.-Transfer | WO 4/4 |
| 54 | BURTON, Marcus | ILB | 6- 0 | 250 | Jr. | 2L | Channelview, Texas (Channelview) | Ineligible (Academics) | S 3/2 |
| 61 | FAATAGI, Erick | OL | 6- 2 | 310 | Jr. | JC | Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey/El Camino College) | Ineligible (Acad.) | S 2/2 |
| 13 | GOODMAN, Aric | PK | 5-11 | 175 | So. | TR | Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (Cherry Creek/Wyoming) | 4 Yr.-Transfer | WO 4/3 |
| 86 | HAM, Cameron | WR | 6- 1 | 195 | Fr. | RS | Haxtun, Colo. (Haxtun) | Leg (Fibula) | WO 4/4 |
| 49 | HUDGINS, Drew | DE | 6- 4 | 235 | Jr. | JC | Spring Hill, Kan. (Spring Hill/Highland CC) | Achilles | S 3/2 |
| 10 | JACKSON, Bernard | QB/WR | 6- 0 | 200 | Sr. | 1L | Corona, Calif. (Santiago) | Ineligible (Academics) | S 1/1 |
| 10 | SIPILI, Michael | ILB | 6- 1 | 250 | So. | 1L | Honolulu, Hawai'i (Damien Memorial) | Suspended | S 4/3 |
| 81 | WALTERS, Luke | TE | 6- 3 | 240 | So. | TR | Lakewood, Colo. (ThunderRidge/New Mexico) | Transfer | WO 3/2 |

January Enrollment

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Class | Exp. | Hometown (High School/Previous College) | Status |
|-----|----------------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|---|--------|
| --- | JOHNSON, Devan | TE/HB | 6- 1 | 230 | Fr. | HS | Turtle Creek, Pa. (Woodland Hills) | S 5/4 |

2007 TEAM CAPTAINS: 77 Tyler Polumbus, OT (offense), 44 Jordon Dizon, ILB (defense), 34 R.J. Brown, ILB (special teams).

GAME #1—COLORADO 31, COLORADO STATE 28 (OT)*(September 1; Denver)*

DENVER — Kevin Eberhart dutifully waited for his chance playing behind two-time All-American Mason Crosby the last three seasons, and when the Colorado senior placekicker had his chance in the spotlight, he connected on field goals to force overtime and then to win the game as the Buffaloes defeated in-state rival Colorado State, 31-28.

The Buffs rallied from 11 down against the Rams, the second time in three years CU was down by that many and came back to claim the victory, both by the same final score. Crosby was the hero in 2005, and this time around Eberhart made clutch kicks from 22 yards out with 13 seconds left in regulation, and then the game winner in overtime from 35 yards after Terrence Wheatley snuffed out CSU's overtime chance with an interception in the end zone.

Both teams scored touchdowns on their first possessions, as the score was 14-14 just three minutes into the second quarter. Redshirt freshman Cody Hawkins got off to a good start, completing his first five passes, two of which went for touchdowns to Scotty McKnight and Tyson DeVree. Thing settled down a bit in the second quarter, and Eberhart's 38-yard field goal just before the halftime gun gave the Buffs a 17-14 lead heading into intermission.

CSU took its first lead of the game with an impressive opening drive in the second half, and then used the recovery of a fluke squib kickoff, which bounded off CU's R.J. Brown, to score quickly and take a 28-17 just five minutes into the second half.

From that point on, it was all CU, as the Buff defense stiffened in holding the Rams to just five first downs and 79 yards on their last six possessions. Meanwhile, Colorado inched closer as Hawkins led the Buffs on a 14-play, 86-yard march that culminated with a Demetrius Sumler 3-yard touchdown run that pulled the Buffs to within five. The CU coaches elected to go for two, which proved big after Hawkins connected with Riar Geer for the deuce to cut the lead to 28-25.

Special teams play was a deciding factor in this game, and the Buffs dominated their northern counterparts in a big way. The last blow came with two minutes left, when Chase McBride returned a punt 43 yards to the CSU 34. An interference penalty on fourth down that prevented a Patrick Williams catch moved the ball to the 14, and three plays later Eberhart made the first of his two late kicks to send the game into an extra session.

Wheatley made the pick of a Caleb Hanie pass on a third-and-goal play from CU's 9-yard line, as linebacker Jordon Dizon forced Hanie to throw on the run with Wheatley in the right place to snare the pass, which was CSU's only turnover of the game.

CU ran three short yardage plays that kept the ball near the middle of the field, giving Eberhart a straighter shot at the winning points, which he made with ease.

Sumler led all CU ground gainers with 86 yards, while Hawkins completed 18-of-31 passes for 201 yards and two scores. McKnight caught eight passes for 106 yards and a score, the most receiving yards in a first career game by any Colorado receiver.

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| Colorado State | 7 | 7 | 14 | 0 | 0 | — | 28 |
| COLORADO | 14 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 3 | — | 31 |

| SCORING SUMMARY | Score | Time | Qtr |
|--|-------|-------|-----|
| COLORADO — McKnight 24 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 7- 0 | 12:52 | 1Q |
| Colorado State — Sperry 6 pass from Hanie 3 run (Smith kick) | 7- 7 | 6:56 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — DeVree 10 pass from Hawkins (hart kick) | 14- 7 | 5:18 | 1Q |
| Colorado State — Sperry 4 pass from Hanie (Smith kick) | 14-14 | 12:22 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 38 FG | 17-14 | 0:01 | 2Q |
| Colorado State — Sperry 37 pass from Hanie (Smith kick) | 17-21 | 12:05 | 3Q |
| Colorado State — Bell 13 run (Smith kick) | 17-28 | 10:05 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Sumler 3 run (Geer pass from Hawkins) | 25-28 | 0:34 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 22 FG | 28-28 | 0:13 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 35 FG | 31-28 | ..... | OT |

Attendance: 68,133 Time: 3:35

Weather: 75 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 3 mph winds from the northeast

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | COLORADO ST. |
|---|------------|--------------|
| First Downs | 18 | 25 |
| Third Down Efficiency (Fourth) | 6-14 (0-0) | 11-19 (1-3) |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 28-129 | 56-157 |
| Passing Yards | 201 | 229 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 32-18-1 | 27-20-1 |
| Total Offense | 330 | 386 |
| Return Yards..... | 62 | 3 |
| Punts: No-Average | 2-36.5 | 4-41.5 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 3-2 | 1-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 4/30 | 6/49 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 3-24 | 1-6 |
| Time of Possession | 22:59 | 37:01 |
| Drives/Average Field Position..... | 11/C44 | 12/CS34 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 4-4 (20) | 3-4 (21) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 16-85, Williams 2-24, Moyd 1-9, Robinson 2-7, Ellis 3-4, Hawkins 3-2, Team 1-minus 2. **Colorado State:** Bell 40-135, Johnson 3-11, Hanie 11-11, Mosure 1-1, Team 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 31-18-1, 201, 2 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Colorado State:** Hanie 27-20-1, 229, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 8-106, Williams 5-59, Charles 1-15, DeVree 1-10, J.Sanders 1-9, Jagoras 1-4, Ellis 1-minus 2. **Colorado State:** Sperry 8-103, Walker 5-74, Roberts 3-22, Bell 2-16, Morton 1-12, Johnson 1-2.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-36.5 (37 long, 2 In20). **Colorado State:** Kaylor 4-41.5 (53 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 3-62. **Colorado State:** none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 3-135, Ellis 1-15, Brown 0-2, Team 1-minus 7. **Colorado State:** Hill 4-93, Bryson 2-21.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-0. **Colorado State:** Pagnotta 1-3.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 17, 5—22; Walters 8, 8—16; Dykes 7, 2—9; Lucas 6, 2—8; Jones 3, 5—8; R.Brown 5, 1—6; Hypolite 5, 1—6; Wheatley 4, 2—6; Burney 4, 1—5; Nicolas 4, 1—5; Smart 2, 3—5. **Colorado State:** Kubiak 6, 2—8; Pagnotta 4, 4—8; Horinek 4, 3—7; Pottorff 5, 1—6; Williams 5, 0—5; Cornelson 4, 1—5; Nading 2, 3—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Lucas 2-16, Hypolite 1-8. **Colorado State:** Pagnotta 1-6.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Dizon. **Colorado State:** Hill, Horinek, Nading, Pottorff, B.Smith.

GAME NOTES

ILB Jordon Dizon racked up 22 tackles, the most by a Buffalo since 1997 (28 by **Hannibal Navies** versus Missouri)... **WR Patrick Williams** ran a reverse for 24 yards on the first play of the game, the longest rush on the first play of the season; he also owns the longest reception mark of 42 which he set in 2006 against Montana State... CU had 10 different players pile up a combined 26 special team points, one of the highest single-game totals in school history... The last six CU-CSU games have been decided by 26 points... This was the first overtime game in the series, and CU's first in a season opener; it was one of only two overtime games involving I-A/FBS teams over the first weekend. CU is now 74-39-5 in season openers, with a 9-5 mark against CSU; **QB Cody Hawkins** won his debut to raise the mark to 6-1 against Colorado State for CU signal callers who had their starting initiations against the Rams; **Terrence Wheatley's** 68-yard kickoff return in the third quarter was the longest by a Buff since Oct. 18, 2003, when **Jeremy Bloom** returned one 88 yards for a TD at Kansas State; Wheatley's interception in overtime gave him 10 for his career, tying him for eighth on CU's all-time pick list... Colorado scored in its 223rd straight game... **Hawkins'** touchdown pass to **McKnight** with 12:52 left in the first quarter was CU's quickest first score of the season since 1989, when **Eric Bieniemy** scored from a yard out against Texas just 1:15 into the game.... **McKnight** had a great coming out party, as after suffering a broken ankle on the first day of spring practices, he rebounded to earn the top spot atop the grouping at the "Z" receiver position. He had eight receptions for 106 yards and a score, the first Buff to have a hundred yard receiving day since **Evan Judge** had 108 yards at Kansas State in 2005... Ten freshmen (two true) saw their first collegiate action in the game: **CB Jalil Brown**, **WR Kendrick Celestine** (true), **PK Tyler Cope** (true), **QB Cody Hawkins**, **DE Marquez Herrod**, **WR Scotty McKnight**, **OG Wes Palazzi**, **CB Jimmy Smith**, **TE Nate Solder** and **TB Demetrius Sumler**. In addition, **SS Daniel Dykes** played in his first CU game after transferring from Idaho and **ILB Jake Duren** after doing the same from UNC... CU freshman **Michael Knorps**, the victim in an on-campus stabbing on August 27, was a special guest of the team at the game. He watched from the sidelines, and when the Buffs took the podium for the Centennial Cup presentation, he was waved up by **PK Kevin Eberhart** to join in the celebration.

GAME #2—ARIZONA STATE 33, COLORADO 14*(September 8; Tempe)*

TEMPE, Ariz. — Colorado matched the game time temperature a hot start by zooming to a 14-0 lead, but the Buffaloes cooled off as the evening progressed as Arizona State shut CU out from the first quarter on in rallying for a 33-14 victory.

The 102 degree reading at kickoff was the warmest ever in school history, and it didn't seem to bother the Buffs in the least as Terrence Wheatley picked off a Rudy Carpenter pass just under a minute into the game and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown and a 7-0 CU lead.

Coupled with a stout early defensive performance, the Sun Devils went three plays and out three times in their first four possessions, while Colorado started three of its four drives inside ASU territory. But the Buffs struggled moving the ball and couldn't capitalize on great field position for their first six drives, which on average was the ASU 44, and managed just one score from those six opportunities, that coming on a 10-yard pass from Cody Hawkins to Scotty McKnight.

After spotting CU the two-score lead, ASU came back with 33 unanswered points in just under 17 minutes. After finally getting their wake up call, the Sun Devils started with a

19-point scoring blitz in the final four minutes of the first half to wrestle momentum away from the Buffs. Carpenter hit Michael Jones on a 12-yard scoring pass to cap a 12-play, 80-yard march to get on the board, and then pulled to within 14-13 on a 26-yard interception return by Troy Nolan, though the PAT kick sailed wide.

Following a CU punt, ASU had another crack in the half, though starting at its own 14 with 1:25 left. Using the two-minute offense to perfection and also capitalizing on a key fourth down play along the way, Carpenter drove the Sun Devils 86 yards in 71 seconds, finding Kyle Williams on a 22-yard pass play for the go-ahead score.

Arizona State used two short scoring drives for touchdowns in the third quarter to pull away from the Buffs, as both possessions started on CU's side of the 50 and took just nine plays between them.

The Sun Devils doubled up the Buffs on offense, owning a 407-204 edge in yards, and for the second straight week the opponent had as substantial advantage in time of possession (nearly an eight-minute edge for ASU). It was just the eighth time since 1993 that the Buffaloes had a two-score lead at any point in a game and didn't hold on for the win.

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| COLORADO | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 14 |
| Arizona State | 0 | 19 | 14 | 0 | — | 33 |

| SCORING SUMMARY | Score | Time | Qtr |
|---|-------|-------|-----|
| COLORADO — Wheatley 35 interception return (Eberhart kick) | 7- 0 | 14:06 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — McKnight 10 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 14- 0 | 6:21 | 1Q |
| Arizona State — Jones 12 pass from Carpenter (Weber kick) | 14- 7 | 4:11 | 2Q |
| Arizona State — Nolan 26 interception return (kick failed) | 14-13 | 3:03 | 2Q |
| Arizona State — Williams 22 pass from Carpenter (pass failed) | 14-19 | 0:14 | 2Q |
| Arizona State — Torain 7 run (Weber kick) | 14-26 | 9:37 | 3Q |
| Arizona State — Jones 20 pass from Carpenter (Weber kick) | 14-33 | 1:27 | 3Q |

Attendance: 58,417 **Time:** 3:41

Weather: 102 degrees, clear skies, variable winds

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | ARIZONA ST. |
|---|----------|-------------|
| First Downs | 15 | 22 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 4-18 | 5-18 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 0-4 | 2-3 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 26-32 | 44-138 |
| Passing Yards | 172 | 269 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 47-17-1 | 37-19-1 |
| Total Offense | 204 | 407 |
| Return Yards..... | 52 | 54 |
| Punts: No-Average | 8-40.2 | 8-37.9 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 1-1 | 3-2 |
| Penalties/Yards | 7/45 | 12/136 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 3-20 | 2-16 |
| Time of Possession | 26:09 | 33:51 |
| Drives/Average Field Position..... | 17/C36 | 15/AS30 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 1-1 (7) | 2-2 (14) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 16-34, Celestine 2-17, Ellis 2-0, Moyd 1-minus 2, Williams 1-minus 2, Nelson 1-minus 7, Hawkins 2-minus 7, Team 1-minus 1. **Arizona State:** Torain 17-91, Carpenter 11-21, Herring 10-19, Nance 5-18, Burgess 1-minus 11.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 43-16-1, 162, 1 td; Nelson 3-1-0, 10; DiLallo 1-0-0, 0. **Arizona State:** Carpenter 37-19-1, 269, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-63, J.Sanders 3-35, Williams 3-22, Sprague 2-14, Geer 1-32, Sumler 1-4, Robinson 1-2. **Arizona State:** Jones 6-96, McGaha 3-47, Miller 3-29, Burgess 2-29, Thompson 2-26, Williams 1-22, Kimbrough 1-14, Torain 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 7-39.1 (48 long, 4 In20); Suazo 1-48.0 (0 In20). **Arizona State:** Johnson 8-37.9 (47 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 4-17. **Arizona State:** Williams 2-27, Kimbrough 1-1, Thompson 1-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 5-102, McKnight 1-21. **Arizona State:** Tryon 2-46, McGaha 1-14.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-35, 1 td. **Arizona State:** Nolan 1-26, 1 td.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 14.3—17; Dykes 6.5—11; Jones 7.3—10; Burney 4.4—8; Walters 3.4—7; Smart 3.3—6; R.Brown 2.3—5; Barrett 3.0—3; Lucas 2.1—3; Nicolas 2.1—3.

Arizona State: James 6.3—9; Jones 4.1—5; Wooten 3.2—5; Baloney 4.0—4; Tryon 3.1—4; Nolan 3.1—4; Goethel 1.3—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dizon 2-13, Nicolas 1-7. **Arizona State:** James 1-9, Munns 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Walters 2, Wheatley 2, C.Brown, Dykes, Jones. **Arizona State:** Tryon 3, Baloney 2, James 2, Barrett, Goethel 1, Nolan.

GAME NOTES

The 102 degree temperature at kickoff was the warmest in school history, eclipsing the 99 degrees at kick on Sept. 21, 2002 at UCLA... Arizona State became just the 11th school (out of 47 with multiple games) to win its first two games in the series with Colorado; the fourth Pac-10 team to do so, joining Oregon State, UCLA and USC... Arizona State had 12 penalties, including seven of the personal foul variety, as CU earned a school record seven first downs by penalty... All seven Colorado penalties were on the offense... CU was without the services of tailback Hugh Charles, who missed the game with a strained hamstring; the Buffs running game never got untracked, netting just 49 yards on 23 tries when allowing for sacks and kneeldowns... CU was 1-of-22 on second down trying to earn a new set of downs, quite often leaving long situations on third down tries, as Colorado was 4-of-13, with the average distance-to-go from 9 yards... **DT Brandon Nicolas** recorded his first career quarterback sack in the game... **P Matt DiLallo's** first two punts were inside-the-20 boots, as his first four of the season were such before recording a touchback on his third kick of he game... CU is now 1-3 in ASU Sun Devil Stadium, 1-2 in Fiesta Bowls and 0-1 against host Arizona State... **QB Cody Hawkins** suffered his first loss as a starting quarterback dating back to Pop Warner ball, as he is now 60-1... It was CU's seventh straight road games, dating back to a 30-16 loss at Iowa State in 2005, its longest road losing streak since dropping 10 in a row over the 1980 and 1981 seasons (0-5 both years; CU won its last road game in '79 and their first in '82)... **CB Terrence Wheatley** returned a first quarter interception 35 yards for a touchdown, the second INT for a score in his career. His first came his sophomore year on Oct. 30, 2004 in Boulder when he returned one 37 yards for CU's only touchdown in a 31-7 loss to No. 8 Texas. It was CU's first interception since the Kansas game last year (Oct. 28, game 9), and was Wheatley's 11th for his career, tying him for sixth on CU's all-time pick list with **Steve Rosga** (1992-96) and **Ben Kelly** (1997-99)... **QB Nick Nelson** and **P Tom Suazo** saw their first college action in the game... **WR Scotty McKnight** caught 14 passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns in CU's first two games; he is rapidly approaching last year's leading numbers, as TE Riar Geer led CU last season in all three categories (24-261-3)... **ILB Jordon Dizon** had 17 tackles and has moved into 12th place all-time at Colorado, as he has 321 for his career. He is the nation's third active leading tackler, and his two sacks against ASU gave him 10 for his career, bumping him up into a tie for 29th in CU annals.

GAME #3—FLORIDA STATE 16, COLORADO 6*(September 15; Boulder)*

BOULDER — The opportunities were there for a second straight week but the Colorado Buffaloes couldn't capitalize before a "blacked-out" crowd of nearly 53,000 and a national television audience as the Florida State Seminoles escaped their first-ever trip to Boulder with a 16-6 victory.

In a game where CU dominated both the possession time and the play count on a warm night, Florida State did not wear down until late in the game, holding the Buffaloes scoreless for over 56 minutes until Colorado broke through with a touchdown to extend the nation's fifth longest active scoring streak to 225 games.

But the Cody Hawkins 11-yard pass to Tyson DeVree in the end zone, on fourth down at that, came quickly (eight plays and 71 yards in 58 seconds), but was just too late. CU got the ball back and again drove deep into FSU territory, but were rebuffed with two seconds remaining on a Tony Carter interception, his second of the game, with his theft in the end zone all but preserving the win.

The teams dueled to a scoreless tie after one quarter, but the Seminoles took command of the scoreboard in the second, using a 36-yard touchdown run by

Antone Smith to take a 7-0 lead and then a 31-yard field goal by Gary Cismesia to work to 10-0 lead. Cismesia would add field goals from 27 yards in the third and 37 early in the fourth to build a secure two-score lead for FSU.

Colorado couldn't swing momentum back its way until its final two drives in the game, though an interception by Brad Jones was ruled an incomplete pass by the Atlantic Coast Conference officiating crew, with no stoppage of the game for a review of the play. It happened on the second play of the second half, and had it been allowed, CU would have been in business inside the FSU 30.

Regardless, CU had its chances, driving four times deep into Seminole territory but could only produce the one score. Two missed field goals didn't help the Buffaloes, along with crucial wild center snaps in the shotgun that cost CU 31 yards in losses at inopportune times.

The CU defense had little to apologize for, containing Florida State to just 221 yards on offense and to 1-of-13 conversions on third down.

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| Florida State..... | 0 | 10 | 3 | 3 | — | 16 |
| COLORADO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | — | 6 |

SCORING SUMMARY

| | Score | Time | Qtr |
|---|-------|-------|-----|
| Florida State — Antone Smith 36 run (Gary Cismesia kick) | 0- 7 | 10:45 | 2Q |
| Florida State — Gary Cismesia 31 FG | 0-10 | 4:31 | 2Q |
| Florida State — Gary Cismesia 27 FG | 0-13 | 5:16 | 3Q |
| Florida State — Gary Cismesia 37 FG | 0-16 | 13:37 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Tyson DeVree 11 pass from Cody Hawkins (pass failed) | 6-16 | 3:39 | 4Q |

Attendance: 52,951 Time: 3:31

Weather: 77 degrees, partly cloudy, winds from the southwest at 5 mph

TEAM STATISTICS

| | COLORADO | FLORIDA ST. |
|---|----------|-------------|
| First Downs | 21 | 10 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 5-18 | 1-13 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 25-(-27) | 37-95 |
| Passing Yards | 306 | 126 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 54-34-2 | 18-8-0 |
| Total Offense | 279 | 221 |
| Return Yards..... | 17 | 104 |
| Punts: No-Average | 8-44.2 | 8-46.8 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 2-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 7/37 | 10/86 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 3-22 | 2-15 |
| Time of Possession | 34:08 | 25:52 |
| Drives/Average Field Position..... | 13/C20 | 14/FS38 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 1-3 (6) | 3-3 (9) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Sumler 8-14, Charles 4-9, Lockridge 4-2, Ellis 1-0, Robinson 1-0, J.Smith 2-minus 9, Hawkins 3-minus 12, Team 2-minus 31. **Florida State:** A.Smith 19-66, Edwards 5-15, Parker 1-14, McDaniel 1-9, Sims 3-4, Weatherford 6-minus 9, Team 2-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 53-34-2, 306, 1 td; Team 1-0-0, 0. **Florida State:** Weatherford 18-8-0, 126, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-62, Charles 5-41, DeVree 4-55, Williams 4-25, Geer 4-14, Crawford 3-19, J.Smith 2-40, Sprague 2-28, Sumler 2-16, Jagoras 1-8, Ellis 1-minus 2. **Florida State:** Carr 3-61, Fagg 2-31, A.Smith 2-16, Parker 1-18.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 8-44.2 (56 long, 0 In20). **Florida State:** Gano 8-46.8 (56 long, 3 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-11, McBride 3-6. **Florida State:** Parker 6-84.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 3-74. **Florida State:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Florida State:** Carter 2-20.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9.3—12; Hypolite 8.2—10; Smart 3.4—7; Nicolas 5.1—6; Dykes 4.2—6; Walters 2.4—6; Burney 2.2—4; Lucas 3.0—3; Wheatley 2.0—2.

Florida State: Nicholson 7.4—11; Carter 6.1—7; Hayes 6.0—6; Moffett 4.2—6; Garvin 5.0—5; Thacker 5.0—5; Watson 5.0—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Hypolite 2-14, Nicolas 1-8. **Florida State:** Boston 1-8, Brown 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown, Jones, Wheatley. **Florida State:** Robinson 2, Garvin, Nicholson, Watson.

GAME NOTES

Florida State improved to 2-1 on the season, while the Buffs dropped to 1-2... The **8:15 p.m.** kickoff was the latest in Folsom Field history, and with the game taking 3 hours and 31 minutes, the ending time of **11:46** was the latest a game ever ended in Boulder in CU annals... *in any sport* (the previous latest ending for football was 11:27; a women's NCAA regional game ended at 11:39 in the early 90s)... Colorado had allowed 173 yards in the first quarter in two games (86.5 per), but FSU mustered just **22** in the opening stanza... CU held the ball for **11:39** in the first quarter, only the second quarter in the first nine that the Buffs held an advantage... Matt DiLallo had his first 50-plus yard punt of the season (55 in the second quarter); it came on his 12th kick of the season (the average LOS for his punts was the CU 46; six of his first nine were inside-the-20)... The Buffaloes had 33 rushing yards in the first half, one more than for the entire game the previous week at Arizona State, but had 60 yards in losses in the second half to finish at minus-27; at one point, CU rushed nine straight times for negative yards... Two true freshmen saw action in the game **WR Josh Smith** (who started), and **TB Brian Lockridge**... The scoreless first quarter was just the second involving the Buffaloes over the last 48 games (dating back to 2003); the only other was the 2006 Kansas State game... Colorado attempted **54** passes, tied for the second most in school history; CU tried 55 against Washington State in 2003, and then later that year tossed 54 against Kansas. The **34** completions were the second most, trailing only the 38 against Kansas in '03. This was the 35th 300-yard passing game in CU history... Colorado's defense limited Florida State to 221 yards of offense on 55 plays; the Seminoles picked up 81 of them on their only two plays longer than 20 yards in the game. Of the 55 plays, 36 gained three yards or less. It was the fewest yards by an opponent since New Mexico State had 181 in Boulder on Sept. 10, 2005... Florida State converted just 1 of 13 third down plays (though it went for 45 yards), the best CU defense in that situation since 1999, when Kansas (1-of-13), Baylor (1-of-13) and KSU (1-of-14) were all held in check... Tony Carter picked off two passes for Florida State, the first opponent to steal two versus a CU team since 2004... FSU completed just 44 percent of its passes (8-of-18), the first CU opponent in 18 games not to complete over 50 percent of its throws... **PK Kevin Eberhart** missed two field goal tries; four of his five career misses at this point of his career have been against the Seminoles.

GAME #4—COLORADO 42, MIAMI-OHIO 0*(September 22; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Cody Hawkins threw for two touchdowns and passed for a third as he was one of many stars on offense and defense as Colorado stifled Miami (Ohio) at every turn in defeating the RedHawks, 42-0.

The Buffaloes, unable to get anything going on the ground the previous game against Florida State, had three different players run for 90 or more yards just seven days later, picking up 359 rushing yards as a team. With Hawkins passing for 275 more, Colorado amassed 634 total yards, or 495 more than its visitors from Oxford, Ohio.

Colorado needed a fourth down pass to get on the scoreboard as time dwindled in the first quarter. Hawkins floated a 1-yard toss to tight end Tyson DeVree to open the scoring, capping a 16-play, 72-yard drive that used almost eight minutes on the clock. The Buffs came right back with an 80-yard drive to go up 14-0 early in the second quarter, utilizing a Hugh Charles 22-yard run and then a 24-yard Hawkins to Josh Smith pass to get inside the MU red zone. Demetrius Sumler knocked it in from the 1 to complete the drive.

Hawkins topped off CU's next scoring effort with a 1-yard run, and then piloted a

successful two minute drive to end the half, engineering a 10-play, 84-yard march in just 1:45 and finishing it off with a 3-yard touchdown pass to sophomore tied end Patrick Devenny, his first reception and score of his career, which also came in his first career game played.

If the game wasn't already salted away, Charles burst through the line and scored from 17 yards out to put CU ahead 35-0 with 32 seconds left in third quarter, basically sealing the outcome. Brian Lockridge polished things off with a 43-yard run with just over nine minutes left in the game.

Charles (123), Sumler (91) and Lockridge (90) combined for 314 rushing yards, helping CU to dominate in first downs (33-6) and time of possession (40:24 for Colorado).

Miami only ventured into Colorado territory three times, and had just 11 yards of offense for nine plays on the Buff side of the 50, never penetrating deeper than the CU 38-yard line. The RedHawks were held under 100 yards in both rushing (44) and passing (95) in being limited to 139 yards overall.

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| Miami-Ohio | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |
| COLORADO | 7 | 21 | 7 | 7 | — | 42 |

| SCORING SUMMARY | Score | Time | Qtr |
|--|-------|-------|-----|
| COLORADO — DeVree 1 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 7- 0 | 4:19 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Sumler 1 run (Eberhart kick) | 14- 0 | 12:44 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Hawkins 1 run (Eberhart kick) | 21- 0 | 6:26 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Devenny 3 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 28- 0 | 0:15 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Charles 17 run (Eberhart kick) | 35- 0 | 0:32 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Lockridge 43 run (Eberhart kick) | 42- 0 | 9:03 | 4Q |

Attendance: 45,243 Time: 3:04

Weather: 79 degrees, clear skies, winds from the east at 6 mph

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | MIAMI |
|---|----------|---------|
| First Downs | 33 | 6 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 12-17 | 3-14 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 2-3 | 0-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 63-359 | 17-44 |
| Passing Yards | 275 | 95 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 30-19-2 | 32-11-0 |
| Total Offense | 634 | 139 |
| Return Yards..... | 93 | 25 |
| Punts: No-Average | 2-42.0 | 10-49.2 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 1-1 | 1-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 5/39 | 5/45 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Time of Possession | 40:24 | 19:36 |
| Drives/Average Field Position..... | 12/C30 | 12/M23 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 5-6 (35) | 0-0 (0) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 17-123, Sumler 14-91, Lockridge 14-90, Nelson 3-13, Ellis 5-13, Sprague 1-11, Moyd 2-9, Hawkins 2-8, Williams 1-5, Celestine 1-3, Robinson 1-minus 4, Team 2-minus 3.

Miami-Ohio: Sykes 9-29, Jones 2-9, Raudabaugh 2-8, Kokal 1-2, Merriweather 2-0, Rogers 1-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 30-19-2, 275, 2 td. **Miami-Ohio:** Raudabaugh 32-11-0, 95, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 3-60, Solder 3-50, J.Smith 3-44, Crawford 2-27, Sprague 2-21, DeVree 2-20, Celestine 1-37, Ellis 1-9, Sanders 1-4, Devenny 1-3.

Miami-Ohio: Harris 3-22, Sykes 2-0, Elliott 1-35, Jones 1-16, Robinson 1-7, Woods 1-5, Shepard 1-5, Rogers 1-5.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-42.0 (48 long, 2 In20). **Miami-Ohio:** Richardson 10-49.2 (64 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 7-92, Robinson 1-1. **Miami-Ohio:** Harris 2-10.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 1-27. **Miami-Ohio:** Rogers 6-138.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Miami-Ohio:** Hudson 1-13, Thompson 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dykes 5,1—6; Jones 4,2—6; Smart 4,1—5; Dizon 3,2—5; Duren 3,2—5; Burney 2,1—3; Nicolas 2,1—3; Perri 2,1—3; Walters 1,2—3; Herrod 2,0—2.

Miami-Ohio: Bostic 10,3—13; Mullins 9,4—13; Wilson 7,6—13; Gaines 6,3—9; Gafford 3,4—7; Hudson 6,0—6; Thompson 5,0—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Miami-Ohio:** none.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Wheatley 3, Barrett, C.Brown, Burney, Walters. **Miami-Ohio:** Gaines 2, Thompson, Wilson.

GAME NOTES

Colorado had 359 rushing yards in the game, the first time it topped 300 yards on the ground since going for 331 against Iowa State in Boulder on Nov. 16, 2002 (a 41-27 win) and its most since 372 at Missouri the week before (Nov. 9, 2002, a 42-35 overtime win)... Colorado's 634 yards on offense tied for its 11th most in its history, the highest team total since setting the school record with 767 against San Jose State in 1999... CU has played only one other Mid-American Conference team, that being 30 years ago almost to the day (Sept. 17, 1977 against Kent State in Boulder)—both games ended with the same final score (42-0)... Colorado ran 93 plays in the game, 15 for zero yardage (11 incompletions) and four for negative yards (including the last two plays of the game on kneeldowns)... CU's 33 first downs tied for the eighth most in its history, the most since 34 against NMSU in 2005 (its 40:24 in possession time was the first 40-plus minute effort since 40:14 in that same game against the Aggies); 12 different Buffs earned first downs... Colorado's first scoring drive took 16 plays and consumed 7:48; both season highs for plays and time in a scoring drive. It's the longest time-wise since a 15-play, 75-yard drive that took 7:51 against Iowa State last year; it's the most plays since a 17-play drive (55 yards, 7:55) against Kansas in 2004... This was the first five-plus touchdown game by the Buffs in the Dan Hawkins Era, and just the second 4-TD game... Colorado topped 200 yards in both rushing (359) and passing (275), improving to 33-2 since 1989 when hitting 200 in both... The 386-yard improvement in rushing from the previous week (-27 vs. Florida State) was a school best, topping the 349 yards CU picked up between the Stanford (153) and Missouri (502) games in 1991... Colorado's defense posted its first shutout since a 34-0 win at Oklahoma State in 2005, limiting Miami to 139 yards of total offense, the lowest by an opponent since Baylor mustered just 114 yards on Nov. 13, 1999 (a 37-0 CU win in Waco). Colorado outgained Miami by 495 yards (634-139), but it was only the *fourth* largest (positive) difference in game for the Buffaloes.

GAME #5—COLORADO 27, OKLAHOMA 24*(September 29; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Oklahoma scored late to pad the final score in its 2006 game with Colorado; the Buffaloes' answer a year later was the ultimate as Kevin Eberhart made a 45-yard field goal to complete the fourth biggest comeback in school history as CU dealt the No. 3 Sooners a stunning 27-24 defeat.

Eberhart's kick topped off a Colorado rally after Oklahoma had built a 24-7 lead by the middle of the third quarter, as he "sandwiched" the 20-point rally with a 41-yard field goal on the front end that had cut the lead to 24-10 with 4:10 remaining in the quarter. That was his career long, until he bested it when the Buffs needed it most. He drilled the kick as time ran out, only the fourth such instance in school history where the Buffs won on a score as time expired, and the second field goal.

In-between, Cody Hawkins threw a pair of touchdown passes, one on fourth down and the other following a muffed punt deep in the Sooner end that would eventually help CU end a 14-game losing streak to ranked teams.

For the third time in four games, Tyson DeVree snared a scoring toss from Hawkins on a fourth down play, none bigger than this one as it polished off a 62-yard march. Hugh Charles (23 yards) and Byron Ellis (12) had a pair big running plays on the drive. That cut the Sooner lead to 24-17 on the second play of the fourth quarter.

With just under five minutes remaining, Reggie Smith muffed a Matt DiLallo punt, as Gardner McKay raced down on the coverage unit to distract him enough to cough

up the ball. Justin Drescher recovered at the Oklahoma 16, and three plays later, Hawkins hit Dusty Sprague with a 15-yard dart into the end zone for the tying score.

The Buffs then snuffed out the Sooners in three plays, and Michael Cohen's 45-yard line drive punt was perfect for a big return. Chase McBride delivered, returning the kick 31 yards to the midfield stripe. A 16-yard pass from Hawkins to Kendrick Celestine set CU up at the OU 35, and three running plays moved the ball eight yards closer as time ticked down to the 2-second mark, setting up Eberhart's heroics.

Oklahoma took a 7-0 lead late in the first quarter, capitalizing on the first of two D.J. Wolfe interception returns. Sam Bradford hit Juaquin Iglesias on a 13-yard touchdown pass after the Sooners took over at the CU 11. The Buffs tied it two possessions later when Hugh Charles dashed around the right side for a 25-yard scoring run. OU built a 17-7 halftime lead, the second touchdown coming on an impressive 3-play, 80-yard drive capped by a 34-yard run by Allen Patrick. A Garrett Hartley field goal capped an 11-play drive 48 seconds before intermission.

Colorado's defense shined for a third straight game, holding the Sooners to 37 points under their scoring average, as well as 332 yards below its average offense per game entering the game. OU had just 230 yards offensively, its fourth lowest total ever against a CU team; exactly half of the yards came on just four plays, meaning the potent Sooner attack spent most of the day stifled as it went three-and-out six times on the afternoon.

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| Oklahoma..... | 7 | 10 | 7 | 0 | — | 24 |
| COLORADO | 0 | 7 | 3 | 17 | — | 27 |

| SCORING SUMMARY | Score | Time | Qtr |
|--|-------|-------|-----|
| Oklahoma — Iglesias 13 pass from Bradford (Hartley kick) | 0- 7 | 1:49 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Charles 25 run (Eberhart kick) | 7- 7 | 8:26 | 2Q |
| Oklahoma — Patrick 34 run (Hartley kick) | 7-14 | 7:37 | 2Q |
| Oklahoma — Hartley 28 FG | 7-17 | 0:48 | 2Q |
| Oklahoma — Patrick 17 run (Hartley kick) | 7-24 | 12:23 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 41 FG | 10-24 | 4:10 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — DeVree 4 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 17-24 | 14:50 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Sprague 15 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 24-24 | 4:05 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 45 FG | 27-24 | 0:00 | 4Q |

Attendance: 50,031 Time: 3:22

Weather: 68 degrees, mostly cloudy skies, winds from the northeast at 6 mph

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | OKLAHOMA |
|---|----------|----------|
| First Downs | 19 | 12 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 6-19 | 1-9 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 2-3 | 0-0 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 46-161 | 27-118 |
| Passing Yards | 220 | 112 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 36-22-2 | 19-8-2 |
| Total Offense | 381 | 230 |
| Return Yards..... | 87 | 92 |
| Punts: No-Average | 5-44.2 | 7-43.7 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 4-0 | 2-1 |
| Penalties/Yards | 6/45 | 3/27 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 1-8 | 2-13 |
| Time of Possession | 38:54 | 21:06 |
| Drives/Average Field Position | 15/C36 | 13/O37 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 2-3 (14) | 3-3 (17) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 24-110, Sumler 13-37, Ellis 5-29, Hawkins 3-minus 8, Team 1-minus 7. **Oklahoma:** Patrick 18-96, Murray 6-19, Bradford 2-3, Brown 1-0.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 36-22-2, 220, 2 td. **Oklahoma:** Bradford 19-8-2, 112, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Charles 5-48, Williams 4-43, DeVree 3-20, J.Smith 2-33, Sprague 2-30, Celestine 2-25, Ellis 2-8, Sumler 1-9, McKnight 1-4. **Oklahoma:** Iglesias 2-15, Finley 1-43, Gresham 1-21, Patrick 1-12, Johnson 1-11, Pleasant 1-9, Murray 1-1.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 5-44.2 (50 long, 3 In20). **Oklahoma:** Cohen 7-43.7 (59 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 4-87. **Oklahoma:** Smith 3-31.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 4-114, Ellis 1-19. **Oklahoma:** Iglesias 2-51, Murray 1-19.

Interceptions—Colorado: Dykes 1-0, Walters 1-0. **Oklahoma:** Wolfe 2-61.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 8,5—13; Dykes 5,1—6; Smart 4,1—5; Burney 3,2—5; Jones 4,0—4; Barrett 3,1—4; Wheatley 2,1—3; Harris 1,1—2; Walters 1,1—2.

Oklahoma: Lofton 8,8—16; Reynolds 11,4—15; Smith 12,1—13; Harris 7,3—10; L.Baker 4,2—6; D.J. Wolfe 4,1—5; McCoy 1,4—5; Walker 4,0—4; Holmes 4,0—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dizon 1-8. **Oklahoma:** Smith 1-8, Granger 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Burney, Nicolas, Smart, Wheatley. **Oklahoma:** Davis, Harris, Lofton, Smith, Wolfe.

GAME NOTES

The Buffs snapped a 5-game losing streak to the Sooners, as Colorado's last win over OU had been a 38-24 verdict in Boulder in 1999; two of the losses came in Big 12 Championship games (2002, 2004)... The Sooners' touchdown with 1:40 left in the first quarter following an interception was the first against the CU defense in nearly seven quarters; had the Buffs reached seven full quarters, it would have marked the first time in 30 seasons CU held an opponent without a TD that long (season finale in '77, a 23-0 shutout over Kansas State, and the first three quarters of the '78 opener against Oregon)... In the first half, OU averaged 7.8 yards on first down (13 plays, 102 yards), while CU netted just 1.8 (13 plays, 24 yards); Colorado did bounce back to average 5.8 per try in the third quarter and 4.5 for the game... Colorado dominated time of possession for a second straight week (38:54, including 21:30 in the second half); that was likely a factor in CU outgaining the Sooners 219-56 after halftime... This was Dan Hawkins' first win over a ranked team at Colorado, and his third in 13 games as a head coach; his other two wins over ranked teams came against #8 Fresno State (35-30 in 2001) and #19 TCU in the 2003 Fort Worth Bowl (34-31)... Colorado improved to 7-5 in Big 12 Conference openers... Thirty-five years ago, the Buffs toppled No. 2 Oklahoma in Boulder, 20-14, in the signature anniversary game for CU in the series his year... Oklahoma had been held to 24 points or less in a half just twice in its non-conference game schedule, much less to that few in a game; the Sooners came in with 246 points and a 61.5 average, but the latter number "dropped" to 54.0... CU's rally from 17 down tied the fourth largest comeback in school history; it was the biggest in a decade, when CU came back from 18 down (35-17) at Iowa State to win 43-38 on Nov. 8, 1997.

GAME #6—COLORADO 43, BAYLOR 23*(October 6; Waco)*

WACO, Texas — Cody Hawkins passed for 293 yards and two touchdowns, Demetrius Sumler scored three times and Kevin Eberhart tied a school record with five field goals as Colorado raced to a 40-9 third quarter lead in coasting to a 43-23 win over the Baylor Bears.

The victory snapped a 7-game road losing streak for the Buffaloes, which had not won outside the state's borders since a 23-20 verdict at Kansas State in October 2005.

Sumler's 7-yard catch early in the second quarter was the second touchdown thrown by Hawkins and propelled the Buffs to what turned out to be an insurmountable 17-0 lead. It came after CU dominated the first period, with Hawkins and Dusty Sprague playing catch on the first possession of the game. Sprague caught three passes for 81 yards on the drive, with the last one a 26-yard bullet for the game's first score. Eberhart missed his first field goal attempt early in the quarter, but came back to drill a 41-yard effort later in the quarter for a 10-0 CU lead.

Sumler scored on a 3-yard run just two plays after Ryan Walters recovered a Baylor fumble at the Bears 26-yard line. Hawkins completed a 23-yard pass to

Kendrick Celestine to the three, setting up Sumler's touchdown and a 24-3 CU lead. After a Baylor touchdown, Eberhart kicked three field goals in the next six minutes to run the lead to 33-9; within that trio of kicks was a career-best 54-yard kick as time expired in the first half, a play that was possible because D.J. Dykes sprinted some 30 yards up field to fair catch a short Baylor punt with just four seconds left before halftime.

The second half dragged a bit, especially since it was a hot, humid evening. Sumler added his third score on a 2-yard run midway through the third quarter to give CU its big lead at 40-9; the Bears added a couple of late cosmetic scores well after the game was decided, with Eberhart closing the Buff scoring with a 30-yard chip shot, as his first four efforts were all in excess of 40 yards.

Hugh Charles ran 19 times for 109 yards and Hawkins completed 17 of 26 passes in pacing a balanced Buffalo offense. Eberhart tied the school mark for field goals made (5), attempted (6) as well as points scored by a kicker for a game (19).

Baylor quarterback Blake Szymanski also entered the record book, as he completed 36 of 60 passes, both school marks, for 410 yards.

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| COLORADO | 10 | 20 | 10 | 3 | — | 43 |
| Baylor | 0 | 9 | 7 | 7 | — | 23 |

| SCORING SUMMARY | Score | Time | Qtr |
|---|--------------|-------------|------------|
| COLORADO — Sprague 26 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 7- 0 | 11:44 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 41 FG | 10- 0 | 2:09 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Sumler 7 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 17- 0 | 11:43 | 2Q |
| Baylor — Brewster 26 FG | 17- 3 | 7:29 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Sumler 3 run (Eberhart kick) | 24- 3 | 4:36 | 2Q |
| Baylor — Whitaker 2 run (kick failed) | 24- 9 | 4:04 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 44 FG | 27- 9 | 1:00 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 54 FG | 30- 9 | 0:00 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 42 FG | 33- 9 | 10:35 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Sumler 2 run (Eberhart kick) | 40- 9 | 6:08 | 3Q |
| Baylor — Akers 18 pass from Szymanski (Allen kick) | 40-16 | 1:08 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 30 FG | 43-16 | 10:49 | 4Q |
| Baylor — Finley 4 run (Allen kick) | 43-23 | 5:04 | 4Q |

Attendance: 32,376 **Time:** 3:32

Weather: 90 degrees, mostly cloudy skies, winds from the south at 11 mph

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | BAYLOR |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| First Downs | 18 | 24 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 5-15 | 6-15 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 1-2 | 1-2 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 42-157 | 18-55 |
| Passing Yards | 293 | 410 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int) | 27-17-1 | 60-36-2 |
| Total Offense | 450 | 465 |
| Return Yards | 90 | 24 |
| Punts: No-Average | 2-49.0 | 5-32.8 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 1-1 | 2-1 |
| Penalties/Yards | 11/105 | 10/71 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 0-0 | 1-7 |
| Time of Possession | 33:05 | 26:55 |
| Drives/Average Field Position | 14/C43 | 14/B28 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) | 4-5 (24) | 4-6 (23) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 19-109, Sumler 15-38, Lockridge 3-15, Robinson 1-2, Ellis 1-0, Jagoras 1-minus 2, Hawkins 2-minus 5. **Baylor:** Whitaker 11-26, Szymanski 4-18, Finley 3-11.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 26-17-1, 293, 2 td; Lockridge 1-0-0, 0. **Baylor:** Szymanski 60-36-2, 410, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Sprague 5-95, J.Smith 2-103, Celestine 2-31, Charles 2-13, Sumler 2-12, Williams 2-10, McKnight 1-16, Robinson 1-13. **Baylor:** Whitaker 11-166, Gettis 8-99, Taylor 5-61, White 4-23, Finley 3-17, Buerck 3-15, Akers 2-29.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 2-49.0 (56 long, 2 In20). **Baylor:** Epperson 4-36.2 (40 long), Allen 1-19.0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-42, Dykes 1-7. **Baylor:** Bennett 1-11.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 3-54. **Baylor:** Gettis 7-126, McElroy 1-7.

Interceptions—Colorado: Dizon 1-37, Barrett 1-4. **Baylor:** Stiggers 1-23.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 11,4—15; Smart 6,4—10; Dykes 7,1—8; Jones 3,2—5; McKay 4,0—4; Wheatley 4,0—4; Harris 3,0—3; Hypolite 2,1—3.

Baylor: Crawford 2,7—9; Bell 4,4—8; Pawelek, 2,6-8; Moore 1,7—8; Lake 2,5—7; Widemon 2,3—5; Francis 2,3—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Baylor:** Rhodes 1-7.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown 4, Burney, Hypolite, Smart, Wheatley. **Baylor:** Widemon 2, Moore.

GAME NOTES

Colorado opened 2-0 in the Big 12 for the sixth time in the 12-year history of the conference (previously done in 1996, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2005)... Colorado's 30-point first half was its highest since half leading Texas A&M 31-10 at intermission on Oct. 8, 2005... the 43 points were the most since a 44-13 win over Kansas that same season (Oct. 22) and were the second most points by the Buffs in the last 41 games... CU is now **19-4** the week after playing a top 5 team dating back to 1986... Colorado has now doubled its win total over last year's 2-10 mark; it's the 16th time in school history (118 seasons) that the Buffs will have at least doubled its win total from the previous season. This tied for the seventh quickest in doing so, but the second fastest in the last 75 seasons (1892, 1894, 1907, 1917, 1933, 1985)... The 60 passing attempts by Baylor were the fifth-most ever against CU (the most since Texas Tech set the record of 65 against CU in 2002); the 36 completions tied for the third most... The last team to throw for over 400 yards against CU was Colorado State, with 403 in the 2004 season opener... **WR Dusty Sprague** came in with eight catches for 93 yards and almost equaled the yards on CU's first scoring drive, as he caught three passes for 81 yards on CU's 7-play, 82-yard possession to open the game; he finished with five for 95 and the score... **TE Nate Solder** made his first career start tonight... **ILB Jordon Dizon** made his first interception of his career, coming in the first quarter; **DE Alonzo Barrett** had his first career interception, and the first interception by a CU defensive lineman since **DE Abraham Wright** at Oklahoma State on Oct. 1, 2005... **TB Cory Nabors** saw his first career action, in the first half on kickoff coverage; **DT Eric Lawson** played for the first time as a Buff (in the fourth quarter)... This was the **27th time** in CU history the Buffaloes had a 100-yard rusher and receiver in the same game, the first time since it happened three times in 2004 (**TB Hugh Charles** 20-122 rush; **WR Josh Smith** 2-103 receiving).

GAME #7—KANSAS STATE 47, COLORADO 20*(October 13; Manhattan)*

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State won the battle on every front, offense, defense and special teams, as the Wildcats gained over 200 yards rushing and passing in running away from the Colorado Buffaloes, 47-20.

K-State jumped to early leads of 10-0 and 17-3, and the Buffs were on their heels from the on-set, playing catch-up the entire evening. Though still a 10-point game after an impressive touchdown drive early in the second half, CU only had the ball one time after the first quarter needing just one score to tie or take the lead. A huge special teams play by the Wildcats sealed the verdict.

Hugh Charles' 1-yard touchdown run cut the KSU lead to 30-20 with 4:37 left in the third quarter, and the Wildcats came back with a 39-yard Brooks Rossman field goal to inch the lead back to 33-20. The Buffs stalled on their next possession, and when punter Matt DiLallo couldn't cleanly handle a low snap,

K-State's Daniel Gonzalez had an opening to block the kick, with Courtney Herndon scooping the ball up and taking it six yards for a touchdown.

Four Colorado turnovers (three interceptions) contributed to 10 KSU points along with going 2-or-14 combined on third and fourth downs kept CU from getting into any kind rhythm. Ten of CU's 16 possessions used less than 1:45 of clock time, none of which produced points. Defensively, K-State ran off a season-high seven plays of 20 or more yards against the Buffs, including the longest play from scrimmage on the year, a 68-yard James Johnson touchdown run that closed the scoring.

Despite Charles finishing the game with a career-high 171 yards, the Buffs were unable to string back-to-back wins together away from home for the first time in consecutive weeks since 1994.

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| COLORADO | 3 | 10 | 7 | 0 | — | 20 |
| Kansas State | 17 | 6 | 17 | 7 | — | 47 |

SCORING SUMMARY

| | Score | Time | Qtr |
|---|-------|-------|-----|
| Kansas State — Johnson 5 run (Rossman kick) | 0- 7 | 7:29 | 1Q |
| Kansas State — Rossman 20 FG | 0-10 | 4:06 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 50 FG | 3-10 | 1:44 | 1Q |
| Kansas State — Murphy 20 run (Rossman kick) | 3-17 | 0:25 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Behrens 1 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 10-17 | 12:12 | 2Q |
| Kansas State — Rossman 36 FG | 10-20 | 7:57 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 24 FG | 13-20 | 4:37 | 2Q |
| Kansas State — Rossman 52 FG | 13-23 | 0:00 | 2Q |
| Kansas State — Murphy 28 pass from Freeman (Rossman kick) | 13-30 | 6:19 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Charles 1 run (Eberhart kick) | 20-30 | 4:34 | 3Q |
| Kansas State — Rossman 39 FG | 20-33 | 2:11 | 3Q |
| Kansas State — Herndon 6 blocked punt return (Rossman kick) | 20-40 | 0:29 | 3Q |
| Kansas State — Johnson 68 run (Rossman kick) | 20-47 | 3:58 | 4Q |

Attendance: 46,637 Time: 3:34

Weather: 63 degrees, cloudy skies, winds from the east at 10 mph (gusting to 20 mph)

TEAM STATISTICS

| | COLORADO | KANSAS ST. |
|---|----------|------------|
| First Downs | 22 | 20 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 1-12 | 4-15 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 1-4 | 0-0 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 36-188 | 39-249 |
| Passing Yards..... | 223 | 214 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 41-19-3 | 28-15-0 |
| Total Offense | 411 | 463 |
| Return Yards..... | 12 | 49 |
| Punts: No-Average | 5-27.8 | 6-42.0 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 2-1 | 1-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 10/91 | 7/62 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 0-0 | 2-12 |
| Time of Possession | 29:19 | 30:41 |
| Drives/Average Field Position..... | 16/C26 | 16/KS37 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 3-4 (17) | 3-4 (13) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 22-171, Behrens 3-29, Ellis 1-14, Sumler 3-5, Lockridge 3-0, Hawkins 3-minus 5, Team 1-minus 26. **Kansas State:** Johnson 20-159, Patton 12-40, Murphy 3-37, Freeman 4-13.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 41-19-3, 223, 1 td. **Kansas State:** Freeman 27-15-0, 214, 1 td; Nelson 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: McKnight 6-63, DeVree 3-40, Sprague 3-14, J.Smith 2-70, Williams 1-13, Charles 1-9, Ellis 1-7, Crawford 1-6, Behrens 1-1. **Kansas State:** Nelson 4-93, Murphy 4-47, Brown 2-25, Mastrud 2-22, Patton 1-12, Johnson 1-9, Pooschke 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-34.8 (41 long, 0 In20, 1 blk); Team 1-0. **Kansas State:** Reyner 6-42.0 (47 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 4-12, Robinson 1-0. **Kansas State:** Gonzalez 1-9, Murphy 2-minus 2.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 6-128, Ellis 3-37. **Kansas State:** Patton 4-85, Johnson 1-11.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas State:** McKinney 1-32, Baldwin 1-4, Carney 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9,4—13; Burney 6,1—7; Dykes 5,2—7; Wheatley 5,2—7; Jones 4,3—7; Hypolite 6,0—6; Barrett 5,0—5; Smart 2,3—5; Nicolas 3,1—4; C.Brown 2,1-3; Duren 1,2—3. **Kansas State:** McKinney 10,2—12; Roland 2,6—8; Watts 2,6—8; Houlik 3,4—7; Garvin 4,2—6; Campbell 2,4—6; Walker 1,5—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Kansas State:** Manu 1-7, Roland 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Barrett, C.Brown, Burney, Dizon, Duren, Wheatley. **Kansas State:** McKinney 2, Garvin.

GAME NOTES

CU had scored in seven consecutive quarters entering the game, extending that to 10 before being shutout in the fourth quarter... **FB Jake Behrens** gained 23 yards on a rush to open the game on his first career touch; his first career reception in the second quarter (1-yard) was his first collegiate touchdown... First career starts tonight were made by Behrens, **TB Brian Lockridge** and **OT Ryan Miller**... **PK Tyler Cope** made his sixth solo tackle on kickoff coverage in the first half, the most by any CU kicker in recent memory... **QB Cody Hawkins** extended a pair of school records, as he threw a touchdown pass in his seventh straight game from his career on-set, and well as an interception for the seventh straight game. The record for the most consecutive games with a touchdown pass at any time in a career is nine (**Koy Detmer**, the first nine games of the '96 season)... **PK Kevin Eberhart** made both his field goal tries to extend his streak to seven; he made the second longest of his career (50 yards) in this game... CU had a punt blocked for the first time since the Arizona State game last year; the last time an opponent scored a touchdown on a blocked punt return was in the 2005 Big 12 Championship game, when Brandon Foster recovered the ball in the end zone for a Texas touchdown... This was the seventh time in the 12 year history of the league CU played back-to-back league games away from home, and CU still has never has never swept the pair, going 0-2-5 (losing both twice with five splits)... Colorado still owns the best intra-division record in the North since the start of the '01 season at 21-10, with a 9-7 road mark; K-State is third (19-13, with Nebraska in-between at 20-12)... The 47-20 loss (27 points) was the largest margin of defeat in Dan Hawkins' 19 games at Colorado, and the first time an opponent scored 40 or more points... Colorado allowed over 400 yards to the opponent in back-to-back games for the first time since the end of the '05 season (Nebraska, Texas in the Big 12 title game)... **ILB Jordon Dizon** had 13 tackles, cracking the top 5 all-time at CU as he passed Chad Brown and Laval Short into fifth place with 375 for his career... **TB Hugh Charles** had the ninth 100-yard rushing game of his career, his fourth in a row (the most since **TB Chris Brown** had eight consecutive games reaching the century mark in 2002). It was a career-high for Charles, as his best previous game of 132 yards came against Oklahoma State in Stillwater in 2005... **CB Terrence Wheatley** (6-128 kickoff returns) became just the fifth player in CU history to record 1,000 kickoff return yards, ending the game with 1,065 for his career.

GAME #8—KANSAS 19, COLORADO 14*(October 20; Boulder)*

BOULDER — An expected offensive shootout never materialized with defense ruling the roost as the No. 15 Kansas Jayhawks left Folsom Field a winner for the first time in 12 years in dealing the Colorado Buffaloes a 19-14 setback.

Ill-timed and costly turnovers thwarted CU's chances of knocking off the 11th undefeated, ranked team at Folsom since 1989. The biggest may have come late in the first quarter, as after stopping KU cold on its first two possessions, the Buffs drove to the Jayhawk 13-yard line where Hugh Charles lost control of the ball while trying to stretch for a first down, with Kendrick Harper recovering for KU. Colorado had a sure three and may have taken it for six, setting a different tone for the game.

Instead, Kansas took over and drove to the CU 31, where Scott Webb made a 48-yard field goal to put the Jayhawks up 3-0 just 78 seconds into the second quarter. That lone score stood at halftime, as the Buffs were well into KU territory three times before the halftime gun, with only a missed field goal, an interception and an incomplete pass into the end zone to show for it.

Colorado stormed out of the lockerroom and drove 80 yards in 10 plays to open the third quarter, with Cody Hawkins executing a perfect fake "fumble" in throwing to a wide open Tyson DeVree for a 27-yard touchdown. Hawkins pretended to fumble the ball, and with several offensive linemen yelling, "Fumble!," Kansas bought it and left DeVree all by himself.

But the lead was short-lived, as KU countered with a 58-yard drive in just five plays to go up 10-7, the big play a 27-yard pass from Todd Reesing to Marcus Henry that set Kansas up at the Buff 2. Jake Sharp took it in from there, and KU moved ahead for good. Webb added a 35-yard field goal two minutes later to make the score 13-7.

The backbreaker came after CU punter Matt DiLallo pinned KU at its 6-yard line with 2:31 left in the third. The Jayhawks methodically marched 94 yards in 15 plays, converting four third down plays and using over seven minutes of possession time (7:08) with Reesing connecting with tight end Derek Fine on a 4-yard TD throw. Reesing was stopped short on a 2-point try, and the 'Hawks were up 19-7 with 10:23 to play.

After swapping three downs and out possessions, the Buffs used another 10-play, 80-yard drive to cut the lead down to five. A pair of passes from Hawkins to DeVree gained 34 yards, and then a 27-yard reception by Patrick Williams had CU in business at the KU 5. From there, Hawkins hit Byron Ellis with a 5-yard throw as he leaped into the end zone.

The game had a storybook feel to it, but it was not meant to be for the Buffs. CU stuffed KU and forced a punt, taking over at its own 42 with 2:16 left. But a sack (with a face mask that was at first called and then waved off), fumble and two incomplete passes, the last of which went in and out of Josh Smith's hands, ended the rally.

Kansas improved to 7-0 with the win, but was held well under its season averages of 50.3 points and 515.8 yards of total offense.

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| Kansas..... | 0 | 3 | 10 | 6 | — | 19 |
| COLORADO | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | — | 14 |

| SCORING SUMMARY | Score | Time | Qtr |
|--|-------|-------|-----|
| Kansas — Webb 48 FG | 0- 3 | 13:42 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — DeVree 27 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 7- 3 | 9:50 | 3Q |
| Kansas — Sharp 2 run (Webb kick) | 7-10 | 8:20 | 3Q |
| Kansas — Webb 35 FG | 7-13 | 6:13 | 3Q |
| Kansas — Fine 4 pass from Todd Reesing (run failed) | 7-19 | 10:23 | 4Q |
| COLORADO — Ellis 5 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 14-19 | 3:42 | 4Q |

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | KANSAS |
|---|----------|----------|
| First Downs | 19 | 17 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 5-17 | 7-16 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 1-3 | 0-1 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 33-66 | 33-180 |
| Passing Yards | 287 | 153 |
| Passes (Att—Comp—Int)..... | 45-27-2 | 29-20-0 |
| Total Offense | 353 | 333 |
| Return Yards..... | 3 | 9 |
| Punts: No-Average | 4-41.8 | 5-43.8 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 3-1 | 3-2 |
| Penalties/Yards | 4/35 | 3/21 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 1-6 | 3-24 |
| Time of Possession | 30:53 | 29:07 |
| Drives/Average Field Position..... | 13/C33 | 12/K31 |
| Red Zone: Scores—Attempts (Points)..... | 1-2 (7) | 3-3 (16) |

Attendance: 51,940 Time: 3:19

Weather: 75 degrees, partly cloudy skies, winds from the west at 17 mph (gusting to 25 mph)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 11-39, Lockridge 4-23, Ellis 3-12, Williams 2-10, Sumler 4-6, Behrens 2-4, Celestine 1-minus 10, Hawkins 6-minus 18. **Kansas:** Reesing 7-84, Sharp 15-53, McAnderson 7-44, Fields 1-2, Team 3-minus 3.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 44-27-2, 287, 2 td; Team 1-0-0. 0. **Kansas:** Reesing 29-20-0, 153, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: DeVree 7-90, J.Smith 4-53, Williams 3-50, Celestine 3-24, Sprague 2-14, McKnight 2-13, Geer 2-10, Ellis 2-7, Crawford 1-21, Charles 1-5. **Kansas:** Sharp 6-18, Henry 5-81, Meier 3-15, Fine 3-13, McAnderson 2-9, Fields 1-17.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-41.8 (47 long, 2 In20). **Kansas:** Tucker 5-43.8 (53 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 3-6, McKay 0-minus 3. **Kansas:** Webb 2-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 4-95. **Kansas:** Herford 2-36.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Kansas:** McClinton 1-9, Thornton 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 9,5—14; Smart 7,3—10; Jones 5,3—8; Dykes 4,4—8; C.Brown 5,2—7; Wheatley 3,3—6; Nicolas 4,0—4; Burney 3,1—4; Walters 1,3—4. **Kansas:** Holt 12,3—15; Mortensen 9,2—11; Stuckey 7,1—8; Thornton 5,2—7; Talib 4,0—4; Harper 3,1—4; Rivera 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Barrett 1-6. **Kansas:** Laptad 1-10, McClinton 1-9, Wheeler 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: Smart. **Kansas:** Larson, McClintock.

GAME NOTES

The 33 points were the lowest combined in the series since a 20-7 Colorado win in 1996; this marked the first time the winning team did not score at least 20 since a 17-10 CU win in 1986... CU went from 11 penalties the previous week at Kansas State (and 21 over the last two games) to four, none in the first half... Colorado averaged just 1.7 yards per first down play in the first half (15 plays, 26 yards), but came back to average 5.4 in the second (16-87)... Eleven different players earned CU's 18 first downs by rushing or passing (the 19th was by penalty)... Colorado made Kansas earn its yards in plus territory, as KU ran 33 plays on CU's side of the 50 for 127 yards (3.8 per)... KU came into the game the NCAA leader in kickoff return average (31.4), but averaged just 18.0 on two returns... **DE Alonzo Barrett** had his first quarterback sack of the season—and just CU's second in the last five games... **QB Cody Hawkins** had a touchdown pass for the eighth straight game, a CU record at the on-set of career by five (old mark was three) to move within one of the all-time record of nine, set by Koy Detmer during the 1996 season... **TB Hugh Charles** had his string of 100-yard games snapped at four, which had tied the fifth longest streak in school history; This was the 19th time that Colorado played the Sunflower State schools in back-to-back games, the sixth straight year at that; the Buffs have now dropped both games back-to-back for the second consecutive year but for just the fourth time in the 19; the Buffs have swept KU and KSU nine times in this fashion with the other six split. The two will play back-to-back again in 2008, 2009, 2012 and 2013... **PK Mason Crosby** attended the game, as the Green Bay Packer rookie traveled back to Boulder during his team's bye week... CU found out the morning of the game that former tight end **Tennyson McCarty** ('97) had passed away, as his body was found in the mountains, near a vehicle parked in a turnout on the Peak-to-Peak Highway northeast of Peaceful Valley. He was 32.

GAME #9—COLORADO 31, TEXAS TECH 26*(October 27; Lubbock)*

LUBBOCK, Texas — In 2003, Colorado jumped to an early 14-0 lead here against Texas Tech, but couldn't hold the lead in an eventual five-point loss. Fast-forward four years later, where this time CU got up by that same score but this time did all the right things in leaving Jones AT&T Stadium with a five-point win, 31-26.

The win improved Colorado to 5-4 on the season and dramatically increased the Buffaloes' chances for a bowl invitation; it also enabled CU to sweep the three Big 12 South Division schools for the first time since 1998.

Hugh Charles rushed for 121 yards and a touchdown and caught five passes, one for a score, while Cody Hawkins threw for 123 yards and two TDs as the pair led CU's offense, which played a near-perfect game in the sense that it did not turn the ball over, did not allow a sack and had just one penalty.

But for CU to have won, it needed to neutralize the Red Raiders' high-powered offense, which came into the game ranked first overall (558 yards per game) as well as in passing (488 yards). The Buffaloes never let Tech establish any kind of consistent rhythm, harassing quarterback Graham Harrell all afternoon. Though he came close to getting his usual yardage, he threw 62 passes for 431, he was sacked three times, hurried nine times and most important, intercepted four times.

Terrence Wheatley made three of those picks, the first Buff to snare a hat-trick of interceptions in a game since 1982, with two coming in crunch time when the Red

Raiders tried to rally in the fourth quarter. He was named the Walter Camp National and Big 12 Conference defensive player of the week for his efforts.

The other theft was made by Jordon Dizon, whose 42-yard return for a touchdown early in the second half put the Buffaloes ahead, 24-6. Dizon, the nation's leading tackler, added another 12 to his stat sheet, including 10 solo.

Colorado built the 14-0 lead on its first two possessions in very workman like fashion. Charles' 31-yard run around the left side capped a 10-play, 91-yard drive for the first score, with Hawkins connecting with Riar Geer on a 2-yard fourth down pass for the second, polishing off a 12-play, 75-yard effort. All Tech could muster before halftime was a pair of Alex Trlica field goals, the second coming as time expired.

After Dizon's score, Texas Tech would never have the ball again needing just one score to tie or take the lead. After it cut the lead to 24-13, CU countered with another monster drive, one that covered 75 yards in 13 plays with Hawkins and Charles teaming up on a 6-yard TD pass and catch. TTU answered that with a score at the end of the third quarter, a Harrell to Michael Crabtree 19-yard touchdown pass that nearly was picked off by Wheatley.

Tech pulled to within the final margin with just 2:08 remaining, but CU forced that drive to take 17 plays and use up most of the remaining time, and when Tyson DeVree scooped up a Tech onside kick attempt, the win was cemented for the Buffs.

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| COLORADO | 7 | 7 | 17 | 0 | — | 31 |
| Texas Tech | 0 | 6 | 13 | 7 | — | 26 |

| SCORING SUMMARY | Score | Time | Qtr |
|--|-------|-------|-----|
| COLORADO — Charles 31 run (Eberhart kick) | 7- 0 | 8:13 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Geer 2 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 14- 0 | 13:38 | 2Q |
| Texas Tech — Trlica 30 FG | 14- 3 | 5:12 | 2Q |
| Texas Tech — Trlica 48 FG | 14- 6 | 0:00 | 2Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 44 FG | 17- 6 | 11:05 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Dizon 42 interception return (Eberhart kick) | 24- 6 | 10:50 | 3Q |
| Texas Tech — Morris 31 pass from Harrell (Trlica kick) | 24-13 | 9:20 | 3Q |
| COLORADO — Charles 6 pass from Hawkins (Eberhart kick) | 31-13 | 4:00 | 3Q |
| Texas Tech — Crabtree 19 pass from Harrell (pass failed) | 31-19 | 0:07 | 3Q |
| Texas Tech — Britton 7 pass from Harrell (Trlica kick) | 31-26 | 2:08 | 4Q |

Attendance: 49,084 Time: 3:29

Weather: 58 degrees, clear skies, winds from the northeast at 10 mph

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | TEXAS TECH |
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| First Downs | 19 | 29 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 7-16 | 3-9 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 2-2 | 3-3 |
| Rushes—Net Yards | 44-217 | 12-39 |
| Passing Yards | 132 | 431 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int) | 27-16-0 | 63-46-4 |
| Total Offense | 349 | 470 |
| Return Yards | 76 | 2 |
| Punts: No-Average | 4-43.8 | 1-38.0 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost | 2-0 | 1-0 |
| Penalties/Yards | 3/30 | 5/31 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards | 3-12 | 0-0 |
| Time of Possession | 34:05 | 25:55 |
| Drives/Average Field Position | 10/C34 | 11/T25 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points) | 2-3 (14) | 3-3 (16) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 20-121, Ellis 6-23, Hawkins 5-20, Sumler 7-19, Celestine 2-17, Lockridge 2-10, Sprague 2-7. **Texas Tech:** Crawford 2-31, Lewis 2-10, Britton 1-3, Harrell 6-0, Morris 1-minus 5.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 26-15-0, 123, 2 td; McKnight 1-1-0, 9. **Texas Tech:** Harrell 62-46-4, 431, 3 td; Team 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Charles 5-26, J.Smith 3-56, Geer 2-13, Williams 2-12, Hawkins 1-9, McKnight 1-6, DeVree 1-6, Ellis 1-4. **Texas Tech:** Crabtree 12-131, Morris 10-125, Britton 7-62, Amendola 7-57, Lewis 5-20, Walker 2-11, Leong 1-11, Reese 1-9, Crawford 1-5.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 4-43.8 (54 long, 1 In20). **Texas Tech:** LaCour 1-38.0 (38 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: McBride 1-4. **Texas Tech:** Amendola 1-2, Morris 1-0.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 4-82, DeVree 1-0. **Texas Tech:** Lewis 2-58, Britton 2-45.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 3-30, Dizon 1-42. **Texas Tech:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dizon 10,2—12; C.Brown 7,2—9; Wheatley 7,0—7; Walters 4,3—7; Jones 3,4—7; Smart 3,4—7; Burney 5,1—6; Dykes 4,1—5; McKay 4,0—4; Nicolas 3,0—3. **Texas Tech:** Duncan 6,2—8; Garcia 5,2—7; McBath 4,3—7; Wall 5,1—6; Williams 2,4—6; Parker 5,0—5; Hunter 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Hypolite 1-7, Jones 1-3, Nicolas 1-2. **Texas Tech:** none.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: C.Brown, Dykes, Wheatley. **Texas Tech:** Parker 2, Hines, Williams.

GAME NOTES

For the first time in the 9-game series, the visiting team left as the victor... Colorado survived the Tech offensive challenge and extended its streak to 41 games where the opponent has not gained 500 yards... **CB Terrence Wheatley** earned national player of the week honors for his three interceptions... ILB Jordon Dizon scored his first career points with his interception return for six... Colorado was 7-of-16 on third downs, the average length to go being 5.2 yards (10 of 16 tries from five yards or less, going 6-10); by comparison, Tech was 3-of-9 but on average had 8.3 yards to earn... Colorado's 217 rushing yards was its second most of the season to date (the Buffs had 359 against Miami-Ohio)... **P Matt DiLallo** had a solid day, with his second longest punt of the year (54 yards); his gross average was 43.8 and his net was 37.3, knocked down a bit due to only the second touchback in 38 punts this year... This was CU's first turnover-free game in 2007 (last was at Nebraska in the '06 season finale)... The Buffs had just three penalties and have just seven over the last two games... **QB Cody Hawkins** tied the school record for consecutive games throwing a touchdown pass with nine... TB Hugh Charles busted into the school's top 10 in all-time rushing as his fifth 100-yard game in the last six pushed him to 2,352 career yards (ninth all-time)... ILB Jordon Dizon had 12 tackles to become the fourth player in school history to reach the 400 mark (ending with 403)... This marked the 13th time in school history that CU did not commit a turnover or allow a quarterback sack (improving to 13-0 when those circumstances occur)... **PK Tyler Cope** made his seventh solo tackle on kickoff coverage; if school records were kept for that, he'd own it; CU kickers had three this decade before this season... Colorado posted its first sweep of the South Division since 1998, and once again owns the best record against the South by any North team at 21-15... Lubbock proved hospitable for Colorado this weekend, as the CU cross country teams left here Friday with titles, the 12th straight by the men and ninth in a row by the women.

GAME #10—MISSOURI 55, COLORADO 10*(November 3; Boulder)*

BOULDER — Chase Daniel threw five touchdown passes as Missouri became the first team to roll up over 500 yards of offense on Colorado in some four years as the No. 9 Tigers defeated the Buffaloes, 55-10.

The Buffs jumped out to leads of 7-0 and 10-7 but couldn't keep up with the potent Mizzou offense, as the Tigers put on a 24-point blitz in the second quarter to take a 31-10 halftime lead, then kept CU at an arm's length with 17 more in the third.

Daniel, an emerging contender for the Heisman Trophy, threw three of scoring passes in the first half, the last of which to tight end Chase Coffman built the 31-10 lead. He and Coffman then hooked up two more times in the third quarter. The only other player to ever throw for five TD's against the Buffaloes was Indiana's Tim Clifford in a 49-7 Hoosier win in Boulder in 1980.

Three Buff turnovers led to 17 Tiger points, the first with a tad bit of controversy, something not new to the series between these two. On the first play of the second quarter, CU quarterback Cody Hawkins appeared to have his arm going forward, but officials ruled a fumble on the play, giving the Tigers the ball at their own 48. Three plays later, Daniel hooked up with freshman speedster Jeremy Maclin on a 46-yard touchdown play, putting Missouri ahead for good at 14-10.

Colorado had struck first, thanks to an interception off a batted pass by defensive tackle George Hypolite. He snagged the ball at the MU 17 and returned it to the 11, where three plays later, Byron Ellis scored from two yards out for a 7-0 Colorado lead. The Tigers came right back, with Daniel hitting Martin Rucker on a short 3-yard TD pass, with the score set up by a 72-yard bomb to William Franklin to the CU 5 on the first play of the drive.

Defense then took over for both teams, as neither could do much on their next two possessions. After stopping the Tigers cold in three plays at the CU48, Alonzo Barrett blocked an Adam Crossett punt and the Buffs took over at the Tiger 37. CU picked up one first down and worked to a fourth-and-5 at the 7, where Kevin Eberhart kicked a 24-yard field goal for the 10-7 lead.

While Missouri was in the process of pulling away, the Buffs were stifled by the Tiger defense, which forced six straight three-and-outs following the Eberhart field goal. Colorado was held to a season-low 196 yards overall on offense, also a Missouri best defensively. MU had 598 total yards in running 87 plays to CU's 58.

Hawkins completed 12-of-25 passes for 100 yards and an interception, with no touchdowns for the first time in his college career. Daniel shined, as the junior was 26-of-44 for 421 yards with the five scores and one pick.

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| Missouri..... | 7 | 24 | 17 | 7 | — | 55 |
| COLORADO..... | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 10 |

| SCORING SUMMARY | Score | Time | Qtr |
|---|-------|-------|-----|
| COLORADO — Ellis 2 run (Eberhart kick) | 7- 0 | 13:27 | 1Q |
| Missouri — Rucker 3 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick) | 7- 7 | 12:18 | 1Q |
| COLORADO — Eberhart 24 FG | 10- 7 | 2:10 | 1Q |
| Missouri — Maclin 46 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick) | 10-14 | 14:04 | 2Q |
| Missouri — Wolfert 27 FG | 10-17 | 10:02 | 2Q |
| Missouri — Temple 4 run (Wolfert kick) | 10-24 | 5:54 | 2Q |
| Missouri — Coffman 25 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick) | 10-31 | 1:32 | 2Q |
| Missouri — Coffman 23 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick) | 10-38 | 9:29 | 3Q |
| Missouri — Wolfert 23 FG | 10-41 | 6:58 | 3Q |
| Missouri — Coffman 5 pass from Daniel (Wolfert kick) | 10-48 | 0:45 | 3Q |
| Missouri — Washington 3 run (Wolfert kick) | 10-55 | 4:23 | 4Q |

Attendance: 51,483 Time: 3:33

Weather: 67 degrees, clear skies, winds from the south at 5 mph

| TEAM STATISTICS | COLORADO | MISSOURI |
|---|----------|----------|
| First Downs..... | 7 | 25 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 3-17 | 10-17 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Rushes—Net Yards..... | 30-84 | 42-169 |
| Passing Yards..... | 112 | 429 |
| Passes (Att-Comp-Int)..... | 28-14-1 | 45-27-1 |
| Total Offense..... | 196 | 598 |
| Return Yards..... | 22 | 32 |
| Punts: No-Average..... | 11-37.1 | 5-28.0 |
| Fumbles: No-Lost..... | 5-2 | 1-0 |
| Penalties/Yards..... | 12/94 | 4/35 |
| Quarterback Sacks—Yards..... | 2-20 | 2-11 |
| Time of Possession..... | 25:43 | 34:17 |
| Drives/Average Field Position..... | 16/C33 | 17/M37 |
| Red Zone: Scores-Attempts (Points)..... | 2-2 (10) | 6-6 (34) |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 14-55, J.Smith 3-13, Lockridge 3-12, Sumler 3-6, Hawkins 4-4, Ellis 1-2, Nelson 2-minus 8. **Missouri:** Washington 8-48, Woods 5-32, Temple 10-27, Daniel 6-24, Jackson 4-23, Maclin 4-12, Rucker 1-6, Alexander 1-2, Team 3-minus 5.

Passing—Colorado: Hawkins 25-12-1, 100; Nelson 3-2-0, 12. **Missouri:** Daniel 44-26-1, 421, 5 td; Patton 1-1-0, 8.

Receiving—Colorado: Sprague 4-43, Ellis 3-8, Williams 2-27, Geer 1-11, DeVree 21-7, McKnight 1-7, J.Sanders 1-6, Charles 1-3. **Missouri:** Maclin 6-108, Rucker 6-26, Coffman 5-60, Alexander 3-46, Franklin 2-109, Perry 2-60, Washington 1-8, Goldsmith 1-6, Saunders 1-6.

Punting—Colorado: DiLallo 11-37.1 (47 long, 1 In20). **Missouri:** Crossett 4-35.0 (45 long, 2 In20, 1 blk), Team 1-0.

Punt Returns—Colorado: Barrett 1-15, McBride 1-1. **Missouri:** Maclin 4-23.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Wheatley 4-108, Charles 3-78, Robinson 1-10. **Missouri:** Maclin 2-44.

Interceptions—Colorado: Hypolite 1-6. **Missouri:** Moore 1-9.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: C.Brown 11,1—12; Dizon 8,2—10; Jones 4,5—9; Smart 5,2—7; Walters 4,3—7; Burney 3,4—7; Wheatley 4,1—5; Dykes 3,2—5; Harris 4,0—4; Lucas 3,1—4; Barrett 2,2—4. **Missouri:** Moore 7,4—11; Gettis 8,1—9; Alexaner 3,2—5; Christopher 4,0—4; Weatherspoon 3,1—4; Garrett 3,1—4; Chavis 2,2—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Harris 1-12, Dizon 1-8. **Missouri:** Corbett 1-6, Chavis 1-5.

Passes Broken Up—Colorado: McKay 3, C.Brown, Burney, Smart, Walters. **Missouri:** Sulake, Terrell.

GAME NOTES

This was Missouri's first win at Folsom Field since 1997 and just their second in the last 12 tries here... Colorado scored 10 points in the first quarter; Missouri had allowed 22 in its first nine games combined... CU did not have a first down in four second quarter possessions, going three plays and out all four times (MU scored 24 points and outgained CU 229-14 in the period)... In the weird stat of the night, Mizzou ran 10 plays in the red zone for 3 yards in the first half, but had 37 for 358 outside of it (for the game, it ran 17 in the red zone for 21 total)... Eight of CU's 12 penalties were called on freshmen or redshirt frosh... **TB Byron Ellis** scored the second rushing touchdown of his career to open the game's scoring; his other sent last year's game with Baylor into overtime (he caught a TD pass against Kansas earlier in the season)... The 72-yard pass play on Missouri's first series (Daniel to Franklin) was the longest by a CU opponent this season (the longest since the same weekend last year, when Josh Freeman and Jordy Nelson hooked up on a 74-yard pass play for Kansas State n Nov. 4, 2006)... **S Lionel Harris** recorded his first career sack in the fourth quarter, CU's first (and only) of the game... **QB Cody Hawkins** consecutive games streak with at least one touchdown pass came to an end at nine, leaving him tied with Koy Detmer for the school record... **P Matt DiLallo** had a career-high 11 punts tonight; his old high had been eight... The first half took one hour, 47 minutes to play (game time was 3:33)... **OLB Nate Vaiomounga** celebrated his 18th birthday; he's the youngest Buff... Missouri became the first opponent to score 50-plus points at Folsom since, well, Missouri... the Tigers won 59-20 on Oct. 8, 1983... The 45-point loss was CU's third worst loss in its home history, trailing a 103-0 loss to Colorado Mines on Nov. 22, 1890 and a 62-0 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 3, 1962 (45 years ago to the day); it was the 12th largest margin of defeat in school annals overall. It was CU's second most-lopsided loss to Missouri (MU won 57-0 in Columbia in 1962; it ties for the fourth largest margin of victory in the series, trailing that 57-point game and two CU wins (55-7 in 1991 and 49-3 in 1989)).