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2005 COLORADO FOOTBALL: GAME 6 — TEXAS

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QUICKLY SPEAKING...

The No. 24 **Colorado Buffaloes** (4-1, 2-0 Big 12) will travel to Austin to square off against No. 2 **Texas Longhorns** (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) in a 1:36 p.m. MDT kickoff at Memorial Stadium... ABC will televise the game on a regional basis, with **Mike Tirico** (play-by-play), **Tm Brant** (color analysis) and **Suzy Shuster** (sideline reporter) to call the action... Westwood One will also offer a national radio broadcast, with **Chuck Cooperstein** and **Shea Walker** behind the mikes... Two CU players celebrate their birthdays on Saturday, **DE Abraham Wright** (turns 21), and walk-on **TE Devin Shanahan** (19)... The last time CU was 2-0 and played a 2-0 conference foe was four years ago, also at Texas; the Longhorns won that day, 41-7, but CU avenged it in the league title game six weeks later... Colorado is 4-1 for the second time under Gray Barnett, 2001 being the previous time... This game concludes play against the South Division this regular season; the Buffs are 17-12 all-time versus the South, 2-0 this year, and 7-7 on the road... Colorado and Texas are two of the 32 schools in Division I-A (119 total) that have either no losses (9) or one loss (23); CU-UT is one of seven games among these teams this week, along with USC-Notre Dame, Minnesota-Wisconsin, Florida-LSU, Kansas State-Texas Tech, Nebraska-Baylor and West Virginia-Louisville... CU's website, www.CUBuffs.com features game day updates and live stats for all games... There are roughly 8,000 tickets remaining for CU's next home against Kansas on Oct. 22 (Family Weekend on the Boulder campus); the game will not be televised.

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IN THE POLLS

CU returned to the polls after a 25-month hiatus this past Sunday, as the Buffaloes were ranked No. 24 in both the *Associated Press* (media) and *USA Today Coaches* polls of October 9. The Buffaloes were last ranked on September 7, 2003, having risen to No. 17 in both after opening 2-0. Dating back to the preseason 1989 polls, CU has been ranked in **183** of the last **270** polls (*AP*; 69%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (84), trailing Florida (92), Michigan (89) and Florida State (88).

STAT OF THE WEEK

We're going to give this one to long-time CU radio announcer **Larry Zimmer**. The Texas game will be his **400th** broadcast as a member of the Colorado Football Network, dating back to the 1971 season. The play-by-play voice of the Buffs from 1971-81, and then 1985-2003 before shifting to commentary and analysis last season, Zimmer also hits another incredible milestone Saturday. When taking into account 50 games for the University of Michigan, 34 for Colorado State University, and 516 as either the play-by-play man or analyst for the Denver Broncos, it all adds up to this also being his **1,000th** football broadcast. Now this will be the 401st time he's called a game involving CU, but one of those came on the other side—in 1983, on CSU's radio team during the Buffs' three-year hiatus from KOA. So, hats off to Larry!

OBSCURE NOTE OF THE WEEK

Colorado did not have a turnover and also did not allow a quarterback sack in its 41-20 win over Texas A & M. Recipe for victory? Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **11-0** in games when both instances occurred, indicating that it might just be a rarity (and all since 1987). It's the third time in seven seasons under Gary Barnett, joining two occasions in 2001: CU played turnover-free ball and allowed no sacks versus San Jose State (51-15) and Nebraska (62-36). In the 11 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **430-194**, with only one game decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993).

2005 COLORADO SCHEDULE (4-1, 2-0 BIG 12)

Date	CU* Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result/Time	2005 Record	Series	This-N-That
SEPT. 3	NR COLORADO STATE	NR	TBS	W 31-28	3-2	57-18-2	Crosby 47 FG wins it; CU outscores CSU 13-7 in last 2:32
SEPT. 10	NR NEW MEXICO STATE (FN)	NR	FSN	W 39-0	0-6	1-0-0	Buff 'D' posts first shutout since '02; NMSU: 5 rush yards
Sept. 24	NR at Miami, Fla.	12	ABC	L 3-23	4-1	5-3-0	CU crosses midfield 8 times in 13 tries but nets only one FG
Oct. 1	NR +at Oklahoma State	NR	none	W 39-0	3-2	26-17-1	Charles 74-yard YD run on game's first play sets tone
OCT. 8	NR +TEXAS A & M (H)	NR	FSN	W 41-20	3-2	5-2-0	Klatt (398 yds, 3 TD passing), TE's (8-169, 1 TD) lead Buffs
Oct. 15	24 +at Texas	2	ABC	1:36 p.m.	5-0	7-7-0	UT won 3 of last 4, but CU win was in the '01 title game
OCT. 22	+KANSAS (FW)		none	TBA	3-2	40-21-3	CU has won 9 of last 10 at Folsom, four straight overall
Oct. 29	+at Kansas State		TBA	TBA	4-1	42-17-1	Klatt 64 TD pass to Monteilh with 0:05 left wins '04 game
NOV. 5	+MISSOURI		TBA	TBA	3-2	30-36-3	Barnett 5-1 vs. alma mater (CU leads 17-3 in last 20)
Nov. 12	+at Iowa State		TBA	TBA	3-2	46-12-1	CU, ISU garnered majority of preseason Big 12 North votes
NOV. 25	+NEBRASKA		ABC	1:00 p.m.	4-1	17-43-2	CU has won three of last four; NU leads 12-6-1 since '86
Dec. 3	Big 12 Championship Game		ABC	11:00 a.m.		(Houston, Texas)	Buffs have appeared in thee of last four title games

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

MEDIA SERVICES

- Coach Gary Barnett holds a **Tuesday press luncheon** in the Dal Ward Athletic Center, starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch, followed by Barnett beginning the interview session promptly at Noon. This year's dates: Sept. 6-20-27, Oct. 4-11-18-25, Nov. 1-8-21 (Monday)-29, Dec. TBA (bowl). NOTE that there are no organized press luncheons on Sept. 13 and Nov. 15 (Tuesdays of bye weeks).
- The **press conference portion of the luncheon is streamed live** on www.CUBuffs.com (in the Buffs Backstage Pass area); media can watch and listen by contacting David Plati in advance for free access codes (david.plati@colorado.edu).
- Barnett can be heard Mondays on the **Big 12 Football Teleconference Call** at 10:40 a.m. MT. All coaches participate; please call 913/981-4913 for access (media only—you must register). The teleconference replay is available after 3 p.m. MT that day; for access call 402/222-9912.
- **Video highlights** of CU football games are available Tuesdays on the Big 12 Conference's satellite highlights package, which can be found at Galaxy 3C, Transponder 6 (C-band), 4100 MHz vertical, standard audio 6.2-6.8 MHz between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. MT from Aug. 30 through Dec. 6 (trouble number: 972/868-1861 or 1446). Special requests can also be made through CU's **BuffVision** (303-735-3637).
- The **Colorado lockerroom** (home and road) is closed 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 public and media in 2005 (preseason practices between August 4 and 20 were open to all). The first 20 minutes of practices in-season are, however, open for photography (video) needs from the end zones and sidelines.
- This year's tentative **meeting/practice schedule** (mountain time, pre-time change): Sunday (off); Monday (2:15-3:30; 3:30-6:00); Tuesday (2:15-3:30/3:30-6:00), Wednesday (2:15-3:30/3:30-6:00), Thursday (2:15-3:30/3:30-5:30), Friday (5:00-5:45, evening meetings).
- **Interviews** with Colorado players are allowed both pre- and post-practice on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (the cutoff moves up to post-Tuesday practice for Friday games). Phone interviews with out-of-town media are allowed all three days in both time slots. Interviews on Sundays are at the discretion of the player, as it being the standard player day off (no meetings/practice), CU can't arrange due to NCAA rules.
- **On-Line Photo Database.** The CU sports information service is debuting an online photo database this fall. This database will allow 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 will be 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. Log on to the official site for CU athletics at www.CUBuffs.com for the latest information, releases, game notes and broadcasts of press conferences. "The Stampede On Line" offers the opportunity to listen to press conferences live, as well as to listen and/or watch live game action of several CU athletic teams. Breaking news with the program will be found here first every time and delivered in full without others editing out what they might deem unessential.
- **Yahoo.com** is now the official site for subscription service for audio-only broadcasts, as all football and men's and women's basketball games will be streamed through Yahoo! Just visit the Game Day Live area of the site or link through the Yahoo! Button on the left side navigation bars.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE AIRWAYS

- **KOA-Radio** in Denver (850 AM) originates the 14-station CU Football Network, with sports director **Mark Johnson** in his second year as the play-by-play voice of the Buffs. Larry Zimmer will handle the analysis duties, as he is in his 32nd season broadcasting Colorado football (he handled play-by-play from 1971-81 and 1985-2003). Former CU All-American **Bobby Anderson** in his 29th season on the broadcasts, doing pre- and postgame shows and providing coverage from the sidelines. Wednesdays at 7 p.m., the *Gary Barnett Show* originates from The Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, with Johnson and Zimmer hosting the program.
- **Satellite Radio:** The CU-Texas broadcast will be on Sirius satellite radio (channel 146; UT radio network broadcast).
- **FOX Sports Net Rocky Mountain** is the television home of the Buffaloes, as "The Buffalo Stampede" will be seen in the six-state FSN area every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. FSN anchor and college reporter **Dave Benz** hosts the program; the show airs September 2 and through the end of basketball season for the men and/or women.

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

Number Changes: WR Alvin Barnett (#8, from 5); OG Zach Jones (#50, from 88); WR Reggie Joseph (#18, from 6); WR Vance Washington (#21, from 7); FB Jake Behrens (#34, from 35); QB Patrick Devenny (#5, from 8).

Position Changes: Zach Jones (OG, from DE), Stephone Robinson (WR, from CB), Vance Washington (WR, from CB). **Position Augmentation:** Bernard Jackson (QB and "offensive specialist").

Transferred: DE Greg Newman (to Utah), CB Corey Reid (to Eastern Michigan), DE David Veikune (to Fresno City College).

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

Offense/Kicker

3 Brian White (C)
10 James Cox (C)
18 Isaac Garden (C)

Defense/Kicker

3 Tyrone Henderson (A)
10 Terry Washington (A)
18 Dominique Brooks (A)

Offense/Kicker

22 Byron Ellis (A)
47 Marcus Gonzalez (H)
82 Evan Judge (C)

Defense/Kicker

22 Lorenzo Sims (A)
47 Alonzo Barrett (A)
82 James Garee (C)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaches/Staff

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

Players

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

Jake **BEHRENS** (bear-ens)
Walter **BOYE-DOE** (boy-doe)
GERETT Burl (jair-it)
Nick **CLEMENT** (cluh-ment)
Chad **CUSWORTH** (cuss-worth)
AKARIKA Dawn (ock-ah-reek-ah)
Patrick **DEVENNY** (duh-vain-E)
Matt **DILALLO** (di-lah-low)
Jordon **DIZON** (dye-zonn)

James **GAREE** (gary)
Matthew **GARRATT** (as in garrett)
Dan **GOETTSCHE** (getch)
John **GUYDON** (guy-dunn)
George **HYPOLITE** (hip-puh-light)
Brian **IWUH** (E-woo)
TAJ Kaynor (as in Taj Mahal)
Joe **KLOPFENSTEIN** (Klof-N-stein)
Alex **LIGON** (lee-gone)

VAKA MANUPUNA (vah-kuh man-ah-poon-ah)
Kevin **MOYD** (moid, as in void)
Tyler **POLUMBUS** (as in Columbus)
STEPHONE Robinson (steff-on)
Brendan **SCHAUB** (shawb)
Quinn **SYPIEWSKI** (sip-new-ski)
Sam **ZIMMERER** (zimm-er-er)

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Here are CU's starters for the 2005 season (**bold** indicates first career start):

OFFENSE	WR	WR	ST	SG	C	TG	TT	TE	QB	TB	FB
Colorado State	Sprague	Judge	Polumbus	Tipton	Fenton	Daniels	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Charles	Vickers
New Mexico State	Sprague	Judge	Polumbus	Tipton	Fenton	D. Sanders	O'Neal	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Charles	Vickers
Miami, Fla.	Sprague	Judge	O'Neal	Harrison	Fenton	Tipton	Moore	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Charles	Sypniewski (TE)
Oklahoma State	Sprague	Judge	O'Neal	Harrison	Fenton	Daniels	Moore	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Charles	Vickers
Texas A & M	Sprague	Judge	O'Neal	Harrison	Fenton	Daniels	Moore	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Charles	Sypniewski (TE)
DEFENSE	DE	NT	DT	DE	ILB	ILB	OLB	CB	S	S	CB
Colorado State	Wright	Manupuna	Garee	Ligon	Th. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Billingsley	Henderson	Burl
New Mexico State	Wright	Manupuna	Garee	Ligon	Dawn	Dizon	Hubbard (N)	Sims	Billingsley	Henderson	Burl
Miami, Fla.	Wright	Manupuna	Garee	Ligon	Th. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Billingsley	Henderson	Burl
Oklahoma State	Wright	Manupuna	Garee	Barrett	Th. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Billingsley	Henderson	Burl
Texas A & M	Wright	Manupuna	Garee	Barrett	Th. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Billingsley	Henderson	Burl

(**N**)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Garee 26, Fenton 18, O'Neal 18, Sims 18. **CAREER STARTS**—Klatt 27, Klopfenstein 27, Garee 26, Daniels 25, Billingsley 23.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played): Colorado State 94/53; New Mexico State 92/62; Miami 70/54; Oklahoma State 68/63; Texas A&M 96/65.

COLORADO COACHES' PLAYERS-OF-THE-GAME

A look at Colorado's weekly players-of-the-game as selected by the coaching staff (*—denotes nominated for Big 12 player-of-the-week):

Opponent	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	Scout Team Offense	Scout Team Defense
Colorado State	TB *Hugh Charles TE Joe Klopfenstein	ILB Thaddaeus Washington S *J.J. Billingsley	PK *Mason Crosby	WR Nick Holz	S Joel Adams
New Mexico State	VB *Lawrence Vickers C Mark Fenton	ILB *Akarika Dawn S Tyrone Henderson	KR *Stephone Robinson	FB Samson Jagoras	CB Terry Wilson
Miami, Fla.	OT Clint O'Neal	CB Gerett Burl	P John Torp	FB Samson Jagoras	DE Maurice Lucas
Oklahoma State	TB *Hugh Charles OT Gary Moore	DE *Abraham Wright S Tyrone Henderson	P *John Torp	OL Backowski, Grubin, Hauck, Head, Z.Jones	DT Brandon Nicolas
Texas A & M	QB *Joel Klatt TE Quinn Sypniewski	ILB Thaddaeus Washington S *J.J. Billingsley	SN Greg Pace	OS Bernard Jackson	ILB R.J. Brown

VICTORY CLUB COUNT: Colorado State (19), New Mexico State (31), Miami, Fla. (12), Oklahoma State (27), Texas A&M (30).

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; September 3vs. Colorado State: 3-3 FG, including the game winner from 47 yards with 0:04 remaining*)

PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; September 24 vs. Miami, Fla.: 1-2 FG, 58-yard field goal longest without a tee at sea level and preserves CU scoring streak*)

CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

PK MASON CROSBY (*September 3vs. Colorado State: 3-3 FG, including the game winner from 47 yards with 0:04 remaining*)

VB LAWRENCE VICKERS (*September 10 vs. New Mexico State: 6-45, 2 TD rushing; 3-32, 1 TD receiving*)

DE ABRAHAM WRIGHT (*October 1 vs. Oklahoma State: 4,0—4 tackles, quarterback sack, interception, caused interception, forced fumble, third down stop*)

OTHER IN-SEASON HONORS

PK MASON CROSBY (*Lou Groza Award Top Three Stars of the Week vs. Colorado State & Miami, Fla.*)

BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL WATCH LISTS

Nine Buffaloes have been named to official watch lists for postseason awards. The listing:

Dick Butkus Award (*top linebacker*): **OLB Brian Iwuh, ILB Thaddaeus Washington** (two of 65 candidates on official watch list)

Draddy Trophy (*academic "Heisman"*): **P John Torp** (one of 63 Division I-A semifinalists)

Lou Groza Award (*top placekicker*): **PK Mason Crosby** (one of 30 candidates on official watch list; No. 3 candidate by *Street & Smith's*)

Ray Guy Award (*top punter*): **P John Torp** (one of 41 candidates on official watch list; No. 3 candidate, *Street & Smith's*)

Ronnie Lott Trophy (*defensive player of the year/on & off field*): **S Tom Hubbard** (one of 42 candidates on official watch list)

John Mackey Award (*top tight end*): **TE Joe Klopfenstein** (one of 20 candidates on official watch list)

Dave Rimington Award (*top center*): **C Mark Fenton** (one of 35 candidates on official watch list)

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (*top senior quarterback*): **QB Joel Klatt** (one of 22 candidates on official watch list)

Doak Walker Award (*top running back*): **VB Lawrence Vickers** (one of 47 candidates on official watch list)

INJURY UPDATE

The Buffs had just two injuries of note in the Texas A&M game, though both are fairly significant. CU's injury picture as of Monday, October 10:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status: Texas A&M
ILB	Jason Ackermann	knee	tore three ligaments; had surgery last November 19	OUT/INDEFINITELY
DE	Alonzo Barrett	knee sprain	tore his PCL against Texas A&M, will rehab without surgery	OUT/INDEFINITELY
WR	Cody Crawford	ankle	suffered a high sprain in practice (mid-August)	OUT/1-2 WEEKS
OG	Daniel Sanders	hamstring	suffered a slight tear against Texas A&M, likely out at least one game	DOUBTFUL

OUT FOR SEASON: **TB Brandon Caesar** (knee, surgery July 29); **WR Blake Mackey** (knee, surgery Aug. 16); **CB Terrence Wheatley** (wrist, surgery Aug. 10).

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 1905** CU, then mainly known as the Silver & Gold, went 8-1 in outscoring its opponents 359-28 in a season where it played as an independent with no conference affiliation due to a dispute with the Colorado Football Association;
- 1920** It's the 85th anniversary of CU's 40-7 win over Oklahoma State in Stillwater, CU's first road win at any current Big 12 member school;
- 1955** The last time CU opened a season with back-to-back shutout victories: 14-0 over Arizona and 12-0 over Kansas, both in Boulder;
- 1965** The 40th anniversary of the last 0-0 game in the program's history, as the Buffs and Wisconsin went scoreless in Madison;
- 1970** Thirty-five years ago, CU's 41-13 thrashing of Penn State on national TV ended the Nittany Lions' 31-game unbeaten streak and landed the Buffaloes on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* for the first time in their history;
- 1975** The 30th anniversary of CU's closest call with a No. 1 team, as the Buffs fall 21-20 at Oklahoma, missing a PAT kick in the game's waning moments in an attempt to play for the tie;
- 1980** (Gulp) The 25th anniversary of the infamous 82-42 loss to Oklahoma, a game that saw 63 NCAA, Big Eight and school records set or tied. One of many lowlights in a 1-10 season that included trailing UCLA 56-0 at the half and a second straight loss to Drake.
- 1985** Many think he's nuts, but Bill McCartney's decision to switch to the wishbone on offense ends a six-year run of losing seasons as the Buffs return to a bowl game for the first time in nine seasons;
- 1990** Has it been 15 years since CU won its first national championship? CU reels off 10 straight wins after a 1-1-1 start and does just that;
- 1995** The 10th anniversary of a guy named John Hessler coming off the bench to lead CU to wins over No. 3 Texas A&M and No. 10 Oklahoma in back-to-back games, the latter with the infamous asterisk comment from OU's Howard Schnellenberger.

CLOSE CALLS HAVE BEEN GOING CU'S WAY

Colorado is now **10-2** in its last 12 games where the final margin has been seven or fewer points, dating back to the start of 2003, including the season opening 31-28 victory over Colorado State. In head coach Gary Barnett's tenure, the Buffs are 17-12 in such games, but lost eight of the first 11 games decided by a touchdown or less, including the first three games of the 2000 season by a combined 10 points. But starting with a 22-19 come-from-behind win at Oklahoma State in 2001, CU is **14-4** in seven point contests.

TOUGHEST SCHEDULES TO DATE

Colorado is currently playing the nation's **17th** toughest schedule (through games of Oct. 8), as all 11 opponents have combined for a **29-17** overall record (.630). Oklahoma occupies the top spot (34-11, .756), followed by Michigan, Stanford, Florida and Purdue. Big 12 roll call: Oklahoma (1), Texas Tech (8), Texas A&M (11), Missouri (13), Kansas (16), Colorado (17), Nebraska (27), Iowa State (32), Oklahoma State (37), Texas (40), Baylor (44) and Kansas State (51). Games against Division I-A teams are not included.

DEFENSIVE COMEBACK?

Granted, we're only five games into 2005 and the Buffs are at the final point of a particularly nasty four-game stretch (three road games, with the four a combined 15-5 at present), but the Colorado defense has allowed its second fewest yards after five games in seven years—**1500**. Only the 2001 Big 12 champion team has surrendered fewer at this juncture. Colorado State had "just" 386 yards in the opener, marking the first time the CU defense has not had an average yards allowed number under 400 since the close of the 2002 regular season — a span of 25 games. NMSU had 181, including just five net rushing yards, and Miami earned every one of its 389 yards against CU, as 91 of them came on two plays. OSU had 208, with 49 coming on one pass play by its first team against CU's second team D, while Texas A&M had 336, but only 186 against the first unit.

- **Rushing D.** CU has allowed 388 rushing yards in five games this season (CSU 95, NMSU 5, UM 118, OSU 92, A&M 78), as no one has gone hog-wild on CU yet. Texas's running game is the next major test for the unit, as the Longhorns' 288.6 per game average is second in the nation (trailing Southern California's 291.2). CU is sixth nationally against the run (77.8), but with Texas 20th (101.8), they do see a solid run defense every week in practice.

SERIES HISTORY—COLORADO vs. TEXAS

The series is tied, 7-7, and has been a fairly entertaining one. Texas was 4-0 against the Buffs pre-Jimmy Carter and CU was 6-0 against UT basically during the advent of all this electronic/computer stuff that has taken over our lives. The Longhorns took the next pair to start the 21st century and tie the series at 6-6, but CU broke the tie with a 39-37 win in the 2001 Big 12 Championship game. Texas' 31-7 win last year in Boulder thus knotted things for third time. It has been a unique series in the fact that Texas put three waxings on CU in the 1940s (39-7, 34-6, 76-0), and did not meet again until the 1975 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl (Texas won 38-21). The two "neutral" site meetings in the series have both taken place in the 'Horns home state of Texas (one in Houston, the other in Dallas). The Buffs beat UT for the first time, 27-6, in the 1989 season opener in a game best remembered for Darian Hagan's 75-yard run on the contest's second play. CU's 34-31 win in Austin in 1994, on a field goal with :01 left, was the game that helped propel Rashaan Salaam to the Heisman Trophy—he had 35 carries for 317 yards and 362 all-purpose yards in near 100-degree heat. CU coach **Gary Barnett** is 1-3 against Texas, while UT's **Mack Brown** is 3-1 against Colorado.

SERIES DID YOU KNOW — In 1990, CU won at UT, 29-22, in what many point to as that turning point in the national championship season. The loser in the series has scored 21 or more points in six of the 13 games, and 30 or more three times (the latter all by Texas).

SERIES SIGNATURE ANNIVERSARY GAME — **30th.** In 1975, the two schools met in the postseason for the first time in the then-Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston, their first meeting in 9 years. Colorado, behind a pretty talented group of receivers like **Dave Logan**, **Emery Moorehead** and **Don Hasselbeck**, bolted to a 21-7 lead late in the first half. But Texas countered in the second half with 31 unanswered points, behind the power running of **Earl Campbell** and **Johnny Jones** to rally for a 38-21 win.

BUFFS & LONGHORNS BY THE NUMBERS

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

- 5** The number of interceptions by Colorado in the 1997 game;
- 10** The number of games, including 2004, in which at least one the two schools enters nationally ranked;
- 16** The number of Texas high school prep athletes on the Colorado roster;
- 21.6** The average number of points by Colorado in the 14 games in the series (302 total);
- 28** The number of points Texas scored in a 12-minute span to take control of the 2004 game (from down 7-0 to up 28-7 in the third quarter);
- 26.8** The average number of points by Colorado in the last 10 games in the series (268 total);
- 32** The number of points CU (22) and Texas (10) scored in the second quarter of the '01 Big 12 title game;
- 32.2** The average number of points by Texas in the 14 games in the series (451 total);
- 33.5** The average number of points scored by CU in its six game winning streak over the Longhorns (201 total);
- 36-10** The scoring spree the Buffs went on in a 21-minute span to take control of the '01 Big 12 Championship game vs. the Longhorns;
- 41** The number of days between games between the two in 2001 (Texas won 41-7 on Oct. 20 and CU won 39-37 on Dec. 1);
- 155** The combined distance of four Jeremy Aldrich field goals for CU in 1997, then tying the school record for most in a game;
- 317** The number of rushing yards by Rashaan Salaam in the 1994 game, keying his run to the Heisman Trophy.

COLORADO-TEXAS SERIES TRENDS

Here's a quick look at all 14 games and some team statistical trends in the **Colorado-Texas** series:

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU UT	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	UT FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
Sept. 28, 1940	Austin	L 7-39		— —	(no statistics available)								
Sept. 27, 1941	Boulder	L 6-34		— —	(no statistics available)								
Sept. 28, 1946	Austin	L 0-76	24,000	— —	5	29 -8 0	20- 7-3 67 0	49 59	12	40 307 7	14-11-1 287 4	54 594	
Dec. 27, 1975	#Houston	L 21-38	52,728	10 9	21	51 117 1	26-17-3 177 2	77 294	15	52 171 3	5- 4-0 66 1	57 237	ABC
Sept. 4, 1989	Boulder (N)	W 27- 6	47,269	14 —	16	55 290 2	13- 7-1 95 1	68 385	14	33 69 0	35-12-0 199 0	68 268	ESPN
Sept. 22, 1990	Austin (N)	W 29-22	77,273	20 22	19	53 239 3	12- 7-0 160 1	65 399	21	44 141 1	28-15-1 153 1	72 294	ESPN
Sept. 4, 1993	Boulder (N)	W 36-14	52,125	11 —	27	47 270 1	34-21-0 260 3	81 530	26	39 142 1	49-24-4 366 1	88 508	ESPN
Oct. 1, 1994	Austin	W 34-31	77,809	5 16	26	60 387 4	25-13-0 119 0	85 506	14	22 50 0	36-19-2 270 3	58 320	ABC (r)
Oct. 26, 1996	Boulder	W 28-24	51,100	8 —	27	50 182 3	34-18-2 295 1	84 477	21	34 139 0	35-16-2 224 3	69 363	ABC (r)
Oct. 25, 1997	Austin	W 47-30	78,005	— —	23	47 208 3	26-14-0 211 1	73 419	21	41 281 4	33-12-5 118 0	74 399	ABC (r)
Oct. 14, 2000	Boulder	L 14-28	46,424	— 25	13	36 55 1	36-12-2 78 0	72 133	22	41 166 1	40-23-1 308 2	81 474	
Oct. 20, 2001	Austin	L 7-41	83,156	14 9	12	32 124 1	28-15-1 165 0	60 289	25	40 161 2	33-21-0 264 0	73 425	ABC
Dec. 1, 2001	◆Dallas (N)	W 39-37	65,675	9 3	18	53 223 3	19- 8-2 111 1	72 334	22	23 92 1	43-24-3 370 2	66 462	ABC
Oct. 30, 2004	Boulder	L 7-31	51,571	— 8	13	18 3 0	37-21-2 218 0	55 221	23	66 326 4	15- 8-2 71 0	81 397	ABC

#—AstroBluebonnet Bowl; ◆—Big 12 Championship Game.

COLORADO VERSUS THE NUMBER TWOS

CU is **3-12** in 15 games against No. 2 teams, lining up against the second ranked team three times in a 12-month span between November 2001 and 2002. Colorado's last win over a No. 2 was the 62-36 triumph over Nebraska in 2001; six weeks later, the Buffs fell to No. 2 Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl, 38-16. The following November, the Buffs traveled to Norman, where the No. 2 Sooners dealt CU a 27-11 setback in some nasty cold and wet conditions. CU's last outing against a number two was last December in the Big 12 title game, a 42-3 setback to Oklahoma. Colorado's other two wins over a No. 2 came in 1989, when CU defeated Nebraska 27-21 (NU was No. 2 in the coaches poll but was No. 3 in the AP; CU held the spots in reverse), and in 1972, a 20-14 win over Oklahoma in Boulder. Colorado is **3-3** at home against No. 2 teams, but is **0-7** on the road and **0-2** at neutral sites.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Texas** in several statistical categories in 2005 (includes games of October 8; NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis, and the NCAA includes bowl games):

Category	Colorado	Texas
Overall Record, 2005.....	4-1	5-0
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	0-1	1-0
Overall Record, 1989-current.....	137-59-4 (8)	136-61-2 (10)
Versus Ranked Teams.....	40-42-2	30-37-2
In Conference Play.....	86-34-3 (9)	92-34 (7)
Players On NFL Rosters (as of October 10).....	23	21
Rushing Offense.....	163.0 (43)	288.6 (2)
Average Per Rush	4.3	6.4
Passing Offense	262.6 (27)	241.0 (46)
Completion Percentage	65.5 (12)	62.8
Average Per Attempt.....	7.5	9.2
Passing Efficiency	136.8 (42)	160.6 (9)
Total Offense	425.6 (25)	497.0 (11)
Average Per Play	59	7.3
Scoring Offense.....	29.6 (42)	46.4 (4)
Rushing Defense.....	77.6 (6)	101.8 (20)
Average Per Rush	2.6 (11)	2.6 (12)
Passing Defense	222.4 (55)	138.8 (4)
Average Per Attempt.....	6.2	4.8
Pass Efficiency Defense	107.8 (24)	86.2 (3)
Total Defense	300.0 (19)	240.6 (5)
Average Per Play	4.6	3.5
Scoring Defense.....	14.2 (11)	13.4 (8)
Third Down Conversion Offense.....	41.3 (43)	44.1 (29)
Third Down Conversion Defense.....	24.0 (5)	33.3 (35)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed	9 / 7	16 / 5
Net Punting.....	41.2 (1)	38.7 (15)
Punt Returns	5.8 (96)	16.1 (11)
Punt Return Yardage Defense.....	9.8 (72)	6.5 (35)
Kickoff Returns	19.4 (84)	24.8 (24)
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense.....	20.0 (51)	19.8 (48)
Turnovers.....	9 (44)	9 (44)
Turnover Margin.....	+0.20 (45)	0.00 (56)

THE SET-UP

Texas' No. 2 ranking is the highest the Longhorns will bring into a Colorado game; Texas 4-3 against a ranked Colorado team, while the Buffaloes are 6-2 against a ranked Longhorn team. This is the sixth time both teams enter this game ranked, with CU winning three of the previous five. Games between these two usually produce points; they average 54 overall and scored 65 or more four times (though one of those times was a 76-0 UT win in 1946). Last year, CU scored its only points on an interception return, while Texas was stymied much of the game before utilizing second half turnovers to crack open a 14-7 game.

TEXAS NOTES

The Longhorns come in as the nation's No. 2 team, where they have been since the start of the season in both polls (they have been Gary Barnett's No. 1 team since the preseason on his ballot, which he revealed back in August). Texas is in the top 25 in 13 major statistical categories, and come into the CU game fairly battle-tested, with top wins at Ohio State (25-22) and against arch-rival Oklahoma (45-12). The Longhorns are 5-0 overall, 2-0 in the conference, as they won at Missouri (51-20) in week one of league play; this game marks their first true home conference contest of the year in Austin.

➡ Texas ended a five-year drought against rival Oklahoma, blasting the Sooners 45-12 last Saturday in Dallas. The Longhorns took a 7-0 lead just under six minutes into the game and never trailed, though OU came back with two field goals to close to within 7-6. But UT came back with 31 unanswered points, methodically pulling away from the Sooners with a balanced attack. Texas had 444 total yards in the game, 203 rushing and 241 passing, while OU could muster just 171 yards, held under 100 in both disciplines (77 rush, 94 pass). Jamal Charles rushed nine times for 116 yards, as his 80-yard TD run started the run of points to put the game away late in the first quarter. Vince Young completed 14-of-27 passes for 241 yards and added 45 more on the ground, while Billy Pittman caught four passes for 100 yards and two touchdowns, including a 64-yard bomb with just 17 seconds left in the first half.

THE LAST TIME: TEXAS 31, COLORADO 7**OCTOBER 30, 2004 (BOULDER)**

BOULDER — Heisman Trophy candidate Cedric Benson rushed for 141 yards and two touchdowns with quarterback Vince Young adding 68 yards and two scores himself as No. 8 Texas slowly but surely pulled away in defeating Colorado, 31-7.

Things looked bright for the Buffaloes for the first quarter and a half of the game, as Terrence Wheatley picked off a Young pass at the Longhorn 37 and returned it for a touchdown to give Colorado a 7-0 lead. That score, with 8:50 left in the first quarter, turned out to be the only points of the day for CU, but the Buffs did hold that lead deep into the second quarter.

After Texas took over on its own 9, Benson would carry six times for 51 yards including runs of 18 and 14 yards, with Young scoring from a yard out to polish off a 12-play, 91-yard drive that tied the game with 5:32 left in the half.

UT's stifling defense held the Buffs in three plays and gave the ball back to its offense at the 4:27 mark. The 'Horns took the lead for good after a 10-play, 58-yard drive with Benson scoring on a 2-yard run with just 52 seconds left before halftime. Young hit tight end David Thomas for a 20-yard gain on the drive, as well as picking up 18 yards himself on a draw play to the CU 7 to set up Benson's score.

Texas pulled away in the first six minutes of the second half, turning two CU turnovers into touchdowns. Young scored on a 9-yard scamper following a fumble by Colorado quarterback Joel Klatt, and Benson added his second score after Michael Griffin snared a deflected Klatt pass. Both drives were short and totaled 37 yards combined. Dusty Mangum added a 33-yard field goal later in the quarter to complete the day's scoring.

Meanwhile, the Texas defense wouldn't budge against the Buffs, holding CU to just 88 yards through three periods while keeping CU from crossing midfield until two minutes into the fourth quarter. Two late CU drives that reached the Texas 23 and the 9 were also thwarted, one by an interception and another on downs.

Texas	0	14	17	0	—	31
COLORADO.....	7	0	0	0	—	7

COLORADO — Wheatley 37 interception return (Crosby kick)	7- 0	8:50	1Q
Texas — Young 1 run (Mangum kick)	7- 7	5:32	2Q
Texas — Benson 2 run (Mangum kick)	7-14	0:52	2Q
Texas — Young 9 run (Mangum kick)	7-21	12:21	3Q
Texas — Benson 6 run (Mangum kick)	7-28	8:39	3Q
Texas — Mangum 33 FG	7-31	2:19	3Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs	13	23
Third Down Efficiency	1-11	8-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	2-3
Rushes—Net Yards	18-3	66-326
Passing Yards	218	71
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	37-21-2	15-8-2
Total Offense	221	397
Return Yards	46	64
Punts: No-Average	6-50.8	3-45.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards	7/40	6/36
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-17	2-20
Time of Possession	22:01	37:59

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Purify 12-13, Ellis 2-5, Cox 1-2, Klatt 3-minus 17. **Texas:** Benson 32-141, Taylor 11-84, Young 15-68, Matthews 4-19, Hardy 1-6, Jeffery 1-5, Mock 1-3, Team 1-0.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 28-17-2, 142, 0 td; Cox 9-4-0, 76, 0 td. **Texas:** Young 15-8-2, 71, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Sprague 5-44, Mackey 4-48, Littlehales 4-40, Klopfenstein 2-49, Judge 2-16, Duren 2-12, Purify 1-9, Vickers 1-0. **Texas:** Sweed 2-27, Thomas 2-26, Jeffery 2-12, Benson 2-6.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 6-50.8 (57 long, 1 In20). **Texas:** McGee 3-45.0 (49 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-4. **Texas:** Ross 3-29.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-25. **Texas:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: Wheatley 1-37, Sims 1-5. **Texas:** C.Griffin 1-29, M.Griffin 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dawn 8,2—10; Dizon 7,3—10; T.Washington 1,9—10; McChesney 7,2—9; Garee 6,3—9; Henderson 5,3—8; Brooks 4,3—7; Manupuna 5,0—5; Sims 5,0—5; Iwuh 4,1—5. **Texas:** Johnson 3,2—5; Dibbles 2,3—5; Brown 4,0—4; M.Griffin 3,1—4; C.Griffin 3,0—3; Crowder 3,0—3; Jackson 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Ligon 1-11, Dizon 1-6. **Texas:** M.Griffin 1-11, Johnson 1-9.

SERIES FAST FACTS

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

TEAM			INDIVIDUAL		
Most Points			Most Yards Rushing		
CU:	47, on Oct. 25, 1987		CU:	317, Rashaan Salaam, Oct. 1, 1994	
UT:	76, on Sept. 28, 1946		UT:	201, Ricky Williams, Oct. 25, 1997	
Fewest Points			Most Yards Passing		
CU:	0, on Sept. 28, 1946		CU:	246, Kordell Stewart, Sept. 4, 1993	
UT:	6, on Sept. 4, 1989		UT:	347, Shea Morenz, Sept. 4, 1993	
Most First Downs			Most Receptions		
CU:	27, on two occasions		CU:	9, Christian Fauria, Sept. 4, 1993	
UT:	26, on Sept. 4, 1993		UT:	6, on three occasions	
Fewest First Downs			Most Yards Receiving		
CU:	5, on Sept. 28, 1946		CU:	97, Christian Fauria, Sept. 4, 1993	
UT:	12, on Sept. 28, 1946		UT:	139, Lovell Pinkney, Sept. 4, 1993	
Most Yards Rushing			Most Total Plays		
CU:	387, on Oct. 1, 1994		CU:	85, on Oct. 1, 1994	
UT:	326, on Oct. 30, 2004		UT:	88, on Sept. 4, 1993	
Fewest Yards Rushing			Fewest Total Plays		
CU:	-8, on Sept. 28, 1946		CU:	49, on Sept. 28, 1946	
UT:	50, on Oct. 1, 1994		UT:	54, on Sept. 28, 1946	
Most Yards Passing			Most Yards Total Offense		
CU:	295, on Oct. 28, 1996		CU:	530, on Sept. 4, 1993	
UT:	370, on Dec. 1, 2001*		UT:	594, on Sept. 28, 1946	
Fewest Yards Passing			Fewest Yards Total Offense		
CU:	67, on Sept. 28, 1946		CU:	59, on Sept. 28, 1946	
UT:	66, on Dec. 27, 1975		UT:	237, on Dec. 27, 1975	

IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: OCTOBER 15

The Buffaloes own a **10-3-2** record in games played on **October 15**, including a 6-2-2 mark on the road. Significant games on this date: **1899**—After a five-year hiatus, Colorado travels to Fort Collins and blows away Colorado State, then called Colorado A&M, 63-0; **1955**—Colorado defeats Kansas State in Manhattan, 34-14, to jump from 20th to 14th in the Associated Press poll, its second highest ranking ever; **1966**—In a 41-21 win at Iowa State, the Buffs amass 361 rushing yards, their most since 1963 and second most since '58; **1977**—The Buffs take a No. 3 national ranking and a 5-0 record into Lawrence, but the Jayhawks rally from 17-3 down to tie the Buffs at 17-17. KU was at the CU22 with 20 seconds remaining but Mike L. Davis recovered a fumbled pitchout to preserve the tie for the Buffaloes, who dropped to No. 7 with the tie; **1988**—Colorado defeats Kansas in Lawrence, 21-9, as the Buffs rush for 310 yards but pass for zero, going 0-of-4. **1994**—Rashaan Salaam runs for 161 yards and four touchdowns as the Buffs record their largest margin of victory ever against the Sooners, 45-7. CU, ranked No. 4 limited Oklahoma (No. 22) to just 40 rushing yards and lost its shutout bid with 23 seconds left in the game when the Sooner finally got on the scoreboard.

OCTOBER 15 COLORADO MVP: QB Dan Kelly, 1966. In a 41-21 win at Iowa State, he rushes for 156 yards and three touchdowns; it is the most rushing yards ever in a game at the time by a Buffalo quarterback and a number that still ranks as the sixth most today.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA through games of October 8:

TEAM											
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
4th	43rd	RUSHING OFFENSE	163.0	3rd	6th	RUSHING DEFENSE	77.6	12th	96th	PUNT RETURNS	5.8
2nd	27th	PASSING OFFENSE	262.6	6th	55th	PASSING DEFENSE	222.4	9th	84th	KICKOFF RETURNS	19.4
5th	25th	TOTAL OFFENSE	425.6	5th	19th	TOTAL DEFENSE	300.0	1st	1st	NET PUNTING	41.2
5th	42nd	SCORING OFFENSE	29.6	3rd	11th	SCORING DEFENSE	14.2	5th	45th	TURNOVER MARGIN	0.20
INDIVIDUAL											
Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Receiving Yards/TE's	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm
Hugh Charles	3rd	24th	97.4	Joe Klopfenstein	1st	8th	50.0	Mason Crosby	3rd	14th	9.0
Byron Ellis	22nd	.....	30.8	All-Purpose Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Hugh Charles	4th	47th	125.2	Mason Crosby	2nd	8th	2.00
Joel Klatt	2nd	34th	249.2	Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating	John Torp	1st	2nd	47.9	Eight tied	8th	.....	0.205
Joel Klatt	5th	39th	139.2	Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Passes Defended	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Stephone Robinson ..	12th	80th	6.7	Lorenzo Sims	1st	1st	1.8
Joel Klatt	5th	33rd	257.8	Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Tackles	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Receptions	Big 12	NCAA	No./Gm	Terry Washington	7th	85th	19.5	CU uses coaches video; numbers don't match			
Dusty Sprague	10th	.....	4.0	Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm				
Receiving Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Mason Crosby	4th	32nd	9.0				
Joe Klopfenstein	10th	.....	50.0	Hugh Charles	11th	85th	7.2				
Evan Judge	14th	.....	46.2	Lawrence Vickers	11th	85th	7.2				

CAREER CHART WATCH

Here's where several returning Buffs rank on some of CU's all-time statistical charts five games into the 2005 season (*Note: Colorado does not count bowl stats into career totals to protect past history*):

- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** is 51st in total tackles (204), and is tied for 19th in solo tackles (147).
- ⇒ **TB HUGH CHARLES** is 77th in rushing yards (536).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is tied for second in field goals made (36), is sixth in scoring and is third in kick scoring (182 points).
- ⇒ **OLB BRIAN IWUH** is tied for 80th in total tackles (168), and is tied for 42nd in solo tackles (120).
- ⇒ **WR EVAN JUDGE** is tied for 39th in receptions (45) and is tied for 45th in receiving yards (567).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** is second in passing yards (5,925), is first completions (532), is first in attempts (857), is first in completion percentage (62.1), is second in touchdown passes (36), is tied for third in interceptions (28), is fourth in starts by a QB (27) and is third in total offense (5,825).
- ⇒ **TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN** is 20th in receptions (62), is 26th in receiving yards (724) and is tied for 12th in receiving TDs (9); those same numbers rank him 5th, 6th and 4th among tight ends;
- ⇒ **KR STEPHONE ROBINSON** is 21st in punt return yards (356) and is eighth in punt returns (48).
- ⇒ **CB LORENZO SIMS** is tied for 27th in interceptions (6) and is 11th in pass deflections (21).
- ⇒ **WR DUSTY SPRAGUE** is tied for 44th in receptions (42) and is 62nd in receiving yards (463).
- ⇒ **P JOHN TORP** is second in punting average (45.13), is first in punts inside-the-20 (53), is first in 50-plus punts (50) and is fifth in total punts (159).
- ⇒ **VB LAWRENCE VICKERS** is 27th in receptions (55), is 57th in receiving yards (492) and is 86th in rushing yards (482).
- ⇒ **HC GARY BARNETT** is sixth in games coached (80), sixth in wins (46) and tied for fifth in conference wins (31).

ROSTER "TRANSACTIONS"

Here are the major roster moves that have occurred since the start of August camp:

August 7—WR **Blake Mackey** lost for the season after tearing his ACL, which required surgery.

August 9—CB **A.J. Anderson** (walk-on) quit the team.

August 15—OL **Colter Reisbeck** (walk-on) quit the team.

August 18—FB **Brendan Schaub** awarded a scholarship; DE **Greg Newman** leaves the team with the intention to transfer to Utah; DE **David Veikune** leaves the team with the intention to transfer to Fresno City College.

August 23—CB **Corey Reid** leaves the team with the intention to transfer to Eastern Michigan.

August 23—CB **Gardner McKay** and TB **Kevin Moyd** placed on ineligible list pending NCAA Clearinghouse paperwork (both reinstated on August 29).

August 25—TB **Mell Holliday** placed on ineligible list pending NCAA waiver request (appeal denied on September 16).

September 1—WR **Tim Lemon** placed on ineligible list pending resolution of NCAA rules regarding the St. Louis Cardinals and his college funding (reinstated September 9).

September 5—DB **Dominique Brooks** suspended by coaching staff for conduct unbecoming of a Buffalo (reinstated on September 15).

October 6—DB **Dominique Brooks** is reinstated and dresses for his first game of the year two days later.

ROAD-SWEET-ROAD

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 17 seasons. CU has been victorious 56 of the last 85 times in enemy stadiums and is **64-34-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 65.2 winning clip). During this time frame, CU won a school record 10 straight road games (between 1994 and 1996). Over the last 17 seasons, Colorado is **56-28-1** away from home (a 66.5 winning percentage), which stands eighth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **45-20-1** mark in their last 66 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, OSU, Texas and Texas A&M; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **20-17** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (1-0 in 2005, 2-2 in 2004). The chart to the right does not include neutral site games, despite some being anything but (i.e., Colorado vs. Texas at Irving for the '01 Big 12 title.)

ON THE ROAD (1988-2005)

School	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami, Fla.	70	20	0	.778
Florida State	63	19	0	.768
Tennessee	59	19	2	.750
Nebraska	57	23	3	.705
Michigan	58	24	3	.700
Florida	47	23	1	.669
Ohio State	53	26	2	.667
Colorado	56	28	1	.665
Notre Dame	53	28	2	.651
Alabama	52	28	0	.650
Texas	51	33	0	.607

EIGHTH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989

Colorado has the nation's eighth best record over the last 16-plus seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **137-59-4** record. Since opening 1-0 in '89, the Buffs have owned one of the top 10 overall records in the nation for **241 consecutive weeks**. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through games of October 8:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2005
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida State	204	171	32	1	.841	88	63-24-1	5-0
2	Miami, Fla.	198	162	36	0	.818	74	47-27-0	4-1
3	Nebraska	204	164	39	1	.806	60	33-26-1	4-1
4	Tennessee	204	159	42	3	.787	78	45-30-3	3-2
5	Florida	206	157	48	1	.765	92	51-40-1	5-1
6	Michigan	201	151	47	3	.759	88	53-33-2	3-3
7	Ohio State	203	150	50	3	.746	81	42-36-3	3-2
8	COLORADO	200	137	59	4	.695	84	40-42-2	4-1
9	Virginia Tech	198	136	60	2	.692	53	24-28-1	6-0
10	Texas	199	136	61	2	.688	69	30-37-2	5-0
11	Texas A & M	201	137	62	2	.687	62	26-35-1	3-2
12	Notre Dame	199	135	62	2	.683	79	39-38-2	4-1

THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12

The Big 12 Conference is in its 10th season, and the Buffaloes are second only to Oklahoma in the number of division titles won. Just half of the schools in the conference have won a division title. A closer look:

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

The six Big 12 North Division teams' struggles recently with their counterparts from the South have been well documented, and Colorado had dropped nine straight to South schools until opening 2-0 this year. But the Buffaloes own the best mark, **17-3**, in intra-division competition against Big 12 North opposition since the 2001 season; other records in the same span: Kansas State 15-6, Nebraska 12-9, Iowa State 8-13, Missouri 6-14 and Kansas 4-17.

RUMMY .500: Colorado has owned a .500 record or better for 18 consecutive weeks, fourth best in the Big 12 (and the longest of the six North Division teams). The roll call by school (through games of October 8): Texas 81, Texas Tech 43, Oklahoma State 29, **Colorado 18**, Iowa State 10, Baylor 5, Kansas 5, Kansas State 5, Missouri 5, Nebraska 5, Texas A & M 4, Oklahoma 0.

2005 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-2)		conference-----					overall-----					#	Next Up
School (AP/USAT-Coaches Rank)		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp		
COLORADO (24/24)		2	0	1.000	75	20	4	1	.800	148	71	O15	at Texas
Nebraska (RV /RV)		1	1	.500	58	54	4	1	.800	121	70	O15	at Baylor
Kansas State		1	1	.500	33	46	3	2	.600	143	93	O15	at Texas Tech
Missouri		1	1	.500	58	82	3	2	.600	189	165	O15	IOWA STATE
Iowa State		0	2	.000	33	50	3	2	.600	116	95	O15	at Missouri
Kansas		0	2	.000	20	42	3	2	.600	120	83	O15	Oklahoma (at Kansas City)
South Division (+2)		conference-----					overall-----					#	Next Up
School (AP/USAT-Coaches Rank)		W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp		
Texas (#2/#2)		2	0	1.000	96	32	5	0	1.000	232	67	O15	COLORADO
Texas Tech (#13/#11)		2	0	1.000	64	48	5	0	1.000	263	79	O15	KANSAS STATE
Baylor (RV/-)		1	1	.500	36	29	4	1	.800	132	76	O15	NEBRASKA
Texas A & M		1	1	.500	36	54	3	2	.600	170	111	O15	OKLAHOMA STATE
Oklahoma		1	1	.500	55	66	2	3	.400	120	139	O15	Kansas (at Kansas City)
Oklahoma State		0	2	.000	31	72	3	2	.600	89	91	O15	at Texas A&M

SENIOR QUARTERBACK KLATT MAKING HIS MARK

Senior QB **Joel Klatt** has a chance to exit his CU career with his name etched aside more records than any quarterback in Colorado history. He is now one of three players, along with Kordell Stewart and Koy Detmer, in school history to throw for more than 5,000 yards. He already owns **27** single-game, season or career records for the Buffaloes, and is putting a firm assault on five other major career passing and overall total offense marks (*see below*).

OTHER "KLATT-BITS" ...

- ➔ **RED ZONE PASSING**—Klatt has been about as effective as a quarterback can be in the red zone, as he owns a **20-to-1** career ratio of touchdowns to interceptions and he has never taken a sack. His lone pick came in the waning moments against Nebraska in 2003, and he's adept at throwing the ball away to avoid taking a loss (12 of his 33 incompletions). Stats: **2005:** 12-of-22, 69 yards (4 TD/0 INT/0 sacks); **2004:** 15-of-25, 105 yards (6 TD/1 INT/0 sacks); **2003:** 20-of-33, 165 yards (10 TD/1 INT/0 sacks). **Totals:** 47-of-80, 337 yards (20 TD/1 INT/0 sacks).
- ➔ He has not thrown an interception since the third quarter at Miami, a string of **85** consecutive; his personal best is 90 (2002-03), the school record is 104.
- ➔ He should become just the sixth player in school history to lead the Buffaloes in passing for three straight seasons. **Zack Jordan** was the first, doing so in 1950-51-52; **Gale Weidner** followed a decade later (1959-60-61), and was almost immediately followed by **Bernie McCall** (1964-65-66). A quarter century passed before the next pair, **Darian Hagan** (1989-90-91) and **Kordell Stewart** (1992-93-94). Klatt also hopes to join Stewart as the only players with three 2,000-yard passing seasons in school history.
- ➔ He entered this season with **4,679** career passing yards, the most ever by a Buffalo entering his senior year; **Kordell Stewart** held the old mark of 4,410 going into his senior campaign in 1994 (they are the only two Buffs to have had over 4,000 by the end of their junior seasons).
- ➔ **ACTIVE NCAA PASSING RANKINGS** (*includes his Houston Bowl stats, which CU does not include*): **Yards Per Game** (13th/195.6); **Completion Percentage** (6th/62.4); **Efficiency** (21st/129.2); **Completions** (12th/556); **Attempts** (15th/891); **Touchdowns** (17th/38); **Yards** (15th/6,258).
- ➔ He has **12** career 200-yard passing games, **five** of which have exceeded 300 yards (Koy Detmer holds the school record of six).
- ➔ Klatt's former minor league baseball teammate, San Diego's **Jake Peavy**, claimed the 2004 major league ERA title (2.27, 15-6 record), and he's had another fine year in 2005. Klatt and Peavy spent two spring trainings together in the Padres organization (2000, 2001) and were teammates in A-ball at one juncture.

THE COMEBACK KING

Colorado is the place where the comeback stat was made famous by former Denver Bronco **John Elway**, who had 47 fourth quarter or overtime, game-tying or game-winning drives in his NFL career (1983-98), compiling a 46-0-1 record in those games. CU senior QB **Joel Klatt** now has more of these comebacks than any other player in school history, as he registered his eighth against Colorado State. The count is defined by rallying CU to a victory or to send the game into overtime after trailing at any point in the fourth quarter. Klatt and Clemson's Charlie Whitehurst have the most of any active quarterback in the nation; the irony there is that both played Miami, Fla., in back-to-back games (Whitehurst rallied the "other CU" from 10 down in the fourth before the Tigers succumbed in three OT's (*chart below*)).

In the "little did they know at the time" department, when Klatt helped escort **John Hessler** out for the coin toss at the Colorado State game, the two had 14 fourth quarter comebacks between them, as each were tied for CU's all-time lead with seven. Klatt rallied the Buffs from 11 down in the fourth quarter for a 31-28 win, making him CU's all-time leader in fourth quarter comebacks.

Roll Call of Fourth Quarter Comebacks (8)— **2003:** Colorado State (tie to W); UCLA (trailed to W); Kansas (trailed, sent into and won in OT); **2004:** Colorado State (tie to W); Texas A&M (trailed to send into OT); Kansas State (tie to W); UTEP (Houston Bowl; trailed to W); **2005:** CSU (trailed to W). All-time comebacks:

COLORADO				NCAA ACTIVE				
	Seasons	No.	Record	Quarterback, School	Class	Seasons	No.	Record
Joel Klatt	2003-current	8	7-1	Joel Klatt, Colorado	Sr.	2003-current	8	7-1
John Hessler	1995-1997	7	7-0	Charlie Whitehurst, Clemson	Gr.	2002-current	8	7-1
Kordell Stewart	1992-1994	5	4-0-1	Tyler Palko, Pittsburgh	Jr.	2004-current	6	5-1
Darian Hagan	1989-1991	5	4-1	Vince Young, Texas	Jr.	2003-current	5	5-0
Gale Weidner	1959-1961	4	4-0	NCAA ALL-TIME (research stifled by lack of cooperation)				
David Williams	1974-1975	4	4-0	Quarterback, School	Seasons	No.	Record	
				Gino Guidugli, Cincinnati	2001-2004	11	8-3	
				Brooks Bollinger, Wisconsin	1999-2002	10	9-1	
				Marques Tuiasosopo, Washington	1997-2000	10	8-2	

KLATT & CU'S ALL-TIME CHARTS (PASSING / TOTAL OFFENSE)**PASSING YARDS**

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Yards
1	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	6,481
2	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	5,925
3	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	5,390

PASS ATTEMPTS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Att
1	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	857
2	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	785
3	Steve Vogel (1981-84)	688

PASS COMPLETIONS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Comp
1	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	532
2	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	456
3	Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	366

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Rk	Player (Seasons)	TD
1	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	40
2	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	36
3	John Hessler (1994-97)	34

INTERCEPTIONS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	INT
1	Steve Vogel (1981-84)	33
2	Gale Weidner (1959-61)	32
3	Bernie McCall (1964-66)	28
3	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	28

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (min. 400 att.)

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Pct.
1	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	62.1
2	Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	60.3
3	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	58.9

PASSER RATING

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rating
1	Koy Detmer (1992-96)	148.95
2	Bobby Pesavento (2000-01)	144.53
3	Mike Moschetti (1998-99)	138.36
4	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	137.59
5	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	136.47
6	John Hessler (1994-97)	129.09
7	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	127.63

TOTAL OFFENSE

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Yards
1	Kordell Stewart (1991-94)	7,770
2	Joel Klatt (2002-05)	5,825
3	Darian Hagan (1988-91)	5,808

CROSBY POSITIONING HIMSELF AS ONE OF THE FRONT-RUNNERS FOR ALL-AMERICAN, GROZA HONORS

PK Mason Crosby put an assault on the school's field goal records in 2004, with the crown jewel a school and Folsom Field record **60-yard** kick against Iowa State. The Lou Groza Award candidate then opened his junior season in grand style on his 21st birthday (Sept. 3), scoring 11 points (3-3 FG, 2-2 PAT) in the 31-28 win over Colorado State. Those included a 48-yard field goal to tie the score at 21-21 with 2:32 left, and a game-winning 47-yard boot with 0:04 on the clock.

He's already in the books in **2005**, as he set a record for consecutive field goals, and tied the school mark for the longest field goal on the road with a 58-yard field goal at Miami, the longest kick without a tee at sea level in NCAA history. Crosby facts:

- ➔ He set four school records in 2004, to go with his record for points by a freshman (52) he established in 2003.
- ➔ He established the school consecutive field goal made streak with 10, as he made 10 in a row dating back to the final three games of 2004 before a 55-yard try went wide left on him in the New Mexico State game. The old mark had been nine (*reminder: he was 4-of-6 in the Houston Bowl last year, but CU does not count bowl stats into its records as they are separated out*).
- ➔ The **60-yarder** against Iowa State last year was the longest in the NCAA last year as well as the longest in Division I-A since 1999. It was just the 10th field goal of 60 yards or more in the NCAA since 1988, when tees were no longer allowed; no kicker has made two.
- ➔ His **58-yard** field goal at Miami not only preserved CU's scoring streak at 200 games, it is the longest field goal in NCAA history at sea level without the use of a kicking tee (*see chart below*).
- ➔ He had five field goals of 50 yards or longer in the 2004 regular season, which was not only a CU single season record (several had two), it already set a career mark as the old best had been three, by both Dave DeLine and Jim Harper. Including the Houston Bowl, when he had a 54-yarder, he had six 50-plus for the year which led the nation, topping Ohio State's Mike Nugent, the Groza Award winner (the NCAA record is eight).
- ➔ He was **19-of-23** in 2004 in FGs, with the 19 makes covering 725 yards, an average of **38.2** yards per kick (his four misses: **46.3**).
- ➔ He is **36-of-45** in field goals in his career (40-of-51 including bowls), **20-of-21** inside 40 yards and a most respectable **16-of-24** from 41 yards or longer in the regular season. He is tied for second career field goals made and third in kick scoring (**182 points**).
- ➔ He has made four field goals in a game three times (Iowa State, Nebraska and UTEP in the Houston Bowl, all in 2004).
- ➔ He made four of the 10 longest field goals in the NCAA in 2004 (60, 55, 54, 54), including the only one longer than 50 yards in bowls; his 55-yard kick against CSU in the opener was CU's first from 50-plus yards in 11 seasons. A 52-yard kick the next week at WSU in Seattle was the eighth longest at sea level in the NCAA.
- ➔ The average field position for the opponent after his kickoffs is just ahead of the **21**, as **88** of his **126** kicks have gone for touchbacks; 12 of the 36 returned against him have not been brought back beyond the 20; only five have gone beyond the 30 and none beyond the 40.
- ➔ Perhaps his best kick ever was also in the 2004 Iowa State game--an **87-yard** kickoff for a touchback after he had to boot it from the 20-yard line following a penalty. *"I didn't even expect that. I was just trying to get it up in the air to give the coverage team time to get down there,"* Crosby said of the monster kick.
- ➔ He has been selected the **Big 12 Conference's** Special Teams Player-of-the-Week four times in his career (for CSU and Miami in 2005 and Iowa State and Nebraska in 2004).
- ➔ The **Lou Groza Award Committee** has named him one of its three "Stars of the Week" on three occasions (Iowa State in '04; CSU and Miami in '05).
- ➔ **ACTIVE NCAA KICKING RANKINGS** (*includes his Houston Bowl stats, which CU does not include*): **Field Goals Made** (6th/40); **FG Made/Game** (6th/1.3); **FG Accuracy** (8th/78.4).
- ➔ **Late Game Heroics.** Crosby has made a name for himself in the clutch, as he is 9-of-10 in the fourth quarter, including 8-of-8 in the final 8½ minutes with six kicks of 41 yards or longer (six with the score within six points). A closer look:

Season	Opponent	Score Prior		Kick	Revised Score	Notes
		To Kick	Time Left			
2003	Kansas	38-44	5:24 4Q	41 FG	41-44	puts CU in position where it needs a FG and not a TD to win or send into OT
		41-44	0:14 4Q	23 FG	44-44	sends game into OT, where CU wins
2004	Colorado State	17-17	6:43 4Q	55 FG	20-17	margin of victory in 27-24 win
	@Washington State	17-12	4:42 4Q	41 FG	20-12	holds up as final score
	Iowa State	16- 7	8:28 4Q	33 FG	19- 7	CU wins it, 19-14
	@Texas A&M	19-13	12:37 4Q	50 FGA	.....	missed wide left
2005	Oklahoma (@K.C.)	0-35	2:01 3Q	34 FG	3-35	basically meaningless, but a pressure kick to extend CU scoring streak to 196 games
	Colorado State	18-21	2:32 4Q	48 FG	21-21	completed 11-point rally by the Buffaloes
		28-28	0:04 4Q	47 FG	31-28	game winner
	@Miami, Fla.	0-16	11:57 4Q	58 FG	3-16	extends CU scoring streak to 200 games, gets CU back in it, even though momentarily icing on the cake
	@Oklahoma State	24- 0	2:07 4Q	42 FG	27- 0	

COLORADO ALL-TIME SCORING

Rk	Player (Seasons)	TD	2Pt	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	PTS
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90).....	42	1-1	0-0	0-0	254
2	Jeremy Aldrich (1996-99).....	0	0-0	87-95	48-64	231
3	Bobby Anderson (1967-69).....	35	1-2	0-0	0-0	212
4	Chris Brown (2001-02).....	34	0-0	0-0	0-0	204
5	Rashaan Salaam (1992-94).....	33	0-0	0-0	0-0	198
6	Tom Field (1979-83).....	0	0-0	82-86	36-55	190
7	Mason Crosby (2003-05).....	0	0-0	74-82	36-45	182
8	Byron White (1935-37).....	24	0-0	30-32	1-2	177
9	Merwin Hodel (1949-51).....	28	0-0	0-0	0-0	168
10	J.J. Flannigan (1987-89).....	27	0-0	0-0	0-0	162

TAKE THIS ALTITUDE ARGUMENT AND SHOVE IT

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

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

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

Yds	Player, Team/School, Opponent, Site, Date (Altitude)
63	Tom Dempsey, New Orleans vs. Detroit (NFL) in New Orleans, Nov. 8, 1970 (3 ft.)
60	Morten Andersen, New Orleans vs. Chicago (NFL) in New Orleans, Oct. 27, 1991 (3 ft.)
60	*Bubba Hicks, Baylor vs. Rice in Houston, Nov. 29, 1975 (43 ft.)
59	*Tony Franklin, Texas A&M vs. Rice in Houston, Nov. 15, 1975 (43 ft.)
58	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005 (7 ft.)
58	*Kendall Trainor, Arkansas vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Nov. 26, 1988 (7 ft.)
58	*Jeff Heath, East Carolina vs. UT-Arlington at Greenville, N.C., Nov. 6, 1982 (56 ft.)
58	Nick Lowery, Kansas City vs. Washington (NFL) at Washington D.C., Sept. 18, 1983 (23 ft.)
58	Pete Stoyanovich, Miami vs. Kansas City (NFL) in Miami, Jan. 5, 1991 (7 ft.)
57	*Rafael Septien, Louisiana-Lafayette vs. Lamar in Lafayette, La., Oct. 5, 1974 (minus-2 ft.)
Other college under 200 feet:	
60	*Chris Perkins, Florida vs. Tulane at Gainesville, Sept. 15, 1984 (177 ft.)
60	*Don Shafer, USC vs. Notre Dame in Los Angeles, Nov. 29, 1986 (170 ft.)

TOP FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN COLORADO HISTORY

(25 overall, top 11 listed through October 8)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date	Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
60	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004	54	Jerry Hillebrand vs. Oklahoma State in Boulder, September 30, 1961
58	Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, September 24, 2005	54	Jim Harper vs. Illinois at Champaign, September 15, 1990
58	Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, October 24, 1981	54	Mitch Berger vs. Miami, Fla., in Boulder, September 25, 1993
57	Dave DeLine vs. Nebraska in Boulder, October 25, 1986	54	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004
55	Fred Lima vs. California in Boulder, September 9, 1972	54	Mason Crosby vs. UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (Houston Bowl).
55	Mason Crosby vs. Colorado State in Boulder, September 4, 2004		

*Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Career: (includes bowls): **Mason Crosby 7**; Dave DeLine 3, Jim Harper 3, Mitch Berger 2, Pat Blottiaux 2, Tom Field 2, Fred Lima 2.

*Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Season: **Mason Crosby 5 (2004)**; Fred Lima 2 (1972), Tom Field 2 (1979), Dave DeLine 2 (1984), Jim Harper 2 (1990), Pat Blottiaux (1992).

*—Regular season only, bowl stats not included.

LONGEST FIELD GOALS IN NCAA DIVISION I-A IN 2005 (50-Plus Yards)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date	Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
58	Mason Crosby, Colorado at Miami, Fla., September 24	52	Peter Lococo, TCU at Wyoming, October 8
58	Brandon Coutu, Georgia vs. Louisiana-Monroe in Athens, September 17	51	Paul Martinez, Oregon at Houston, September 1
57	Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State vs. North Texas in Manhattan, September 24	51	Sam Swank, Wake Forest at Nebraska, September 10
53	Derric Yaussi, Wyoming at Air Force, September 24	51	Nicholas Folk, Arizona vs. Purdue in Tucson, September 17
52	Bruce Redden, Oklahoma State vs. Arkansas St. in Stillwater, September 17	51	Robert Lee, East Carolina at Wake Forest, September 17
52	Brad DeVault, Tulsa at Oklahoma, September 10	51	Justin Medlock, UCLA vs. Oklahoma in Los Angeles, September 17
52	Kyle Schlicher, Iowa at Ohio State, September 24	51	Matt Evenson, Oregon at Arizona State, October 8
52	Garrett Hartley, Oklahoma vs. Texas at Dallas, October 8	50	Daniel Kennard, Florida Atlantic at Louisville, October 1
52	Mike Friess, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri in Stillwater, October 8	50	Will Moseley, Mississippi at Tennessee, October 1
52	Jason Reda, Illinois at Indiana, October 8	50	Eric Neihouse, Arkansas State at Louisiana-Monroe, October 1
52	Bruce Redden, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri in Stillwater, October 8	50	Derric Yaussi, Wyoming at Air Force, September 17
52	Sergio Aguayo, UNLV vs. San Diego State in Las Vegas, October 8	50	Matt Nuzie, Connecticut vs. Syracuse at Storrs, October 7
52	Sergio Aguayo, UNLV vs. San Diego State in Las Vegas, October 8		

Most 50-Yard Field Goals By Kicker: Aguayo, UNLV 2; Redden, Oklahoma State 2; Yaussi, Wyoming 2; 19 tied with 1.

CROSBY CAREER STATS

Season	KICKOFFS											Opp. OSY	ASY	SCORING/FIELD GOALS											
	Total	Ret.	FC	MF	NA	TB	In20	EZ+	OB	O/Sq	PAT			10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	FG-FGA	Pct.	Long	PTS		
2003.....	37	10	0	0	0	26	2	17	1	(1)	847	023	31-37	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	7- 9	77.8	44	52		
2004.....	59	17	1	0	0	41	6	26	0	(1)	1215	021	28-30	1-1	5-5	5-5	3-5	4-6	1-1	19-23	82.6	60	85		
2005.....	30	9	0	0	0	21	4	16	0	(1)	624	021	15-15	0-0	2-3	3-3	4-5	1-2	0-0	10-13	76.9	58	45		
TOTALS	126	36	1	0	0	88	12	59	1	(3)	2686	021	74-82	1-1	11-12	8-8	10-14	5-9	1-1	36-45	80.0	60	182		

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

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

PUNTER TORP MAKING RUN AT ALL-AMERICA HONORS AND RAY GUY AWARD

Senior P **John Torp** arguably was the best punter in the nation in 2004, but once eliminated from the Ray Guy Award (for having too many punts returned through nine games) and losing out to Baylor senior Daniel Sepulveda (the eventual Guy winner) for first-team all-Big 12 honors, first-team All-America honors for Torp were pretty much out of the question. Some used the old altitude argument against him (though no opponent punter topped him in six games in Boulder), but his 43.7 road average would have ranked him 11th in the NCAA by itself. He was first in the Big 12 and second in the NCAA with a **46.4** average, but looking inside his numbers, he averaged **49.6** on 19 kicks inside the Buff 25, as well as **47.5** yards per punt on CU's side of the field. He had 22 punts inside-the-20 (a school record), or 32 percent of his 68 kicks. He's even better in 2005; some other Torp "torpedoes"...

- ➔ His punting paved the way for Colorado to lead the nation in net punting in 2004 with a **42.43** average, 1.29 yard ahead of runner-up BYU.
- ➔ **Pressure.** He owns an average of **52.0** in the fourth quarter when the margin is 10 points or less (1 punt, 1 In20) and a **50.1** average on punts inside-the-CU 25 (8).
- ➔ He has now won the punting battle against his opponent counterpart in **18** of the last **19** games (seven straight; he was edged at Nebraska, 43.8 to 43.3 last November). That includes 10 straight times at home and eight of the last nine times outside of Boulder. So tank any altitude arguments, please!
- ➔ He averaged 47.0 on seven punts at Miami, Fla. (elevation: 7 feet). His net was 38.4 for the game—his two touchbacks just missed being downed inside the 5.
- ➔ Torp owns the highest career average among active punters in the NCAA at **45.24** (includes bowls; Wake Forest's Ryan Plackemeier holds down No. 2 at 44.70).
- ➔ **No Easy Way Out.** Torp had **68** punts last year, but only **five** went for touchbacks. Nine were downed or were kicked out of bounds, leaving **54** to either be returned (**40**) or fair caught (**14**); opponents averaged just 6.7 yards per return. Four of 25 have gone for touchbacks in '05—but the net on those four kicks is still 41.3.
- ➔ Torp owns seven of the top 25 gross punting and five of the top 23 net punting games in CU history (*see below*).
- ➔ He's at it again in 2005, owning a **47.98** average (and NCAA best 41.2 net, including return yards and touchback yardage) after five games.

TOP GROSS PUNTING SEASONS IN COLORADO HISTORY

Player	Season	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	50+	In20
Mark Mariscal	2002	61	2,941	48.21	68	29	16
Zack Jordan	1950	38	1,830	48.16	71	13	7
Mitch Berger	1992	53	2,493	47.0	74	21	9
John Torp	2004	68	3,151	46.3	63	22	22
Barry Helton	1985	52	2,390	46.0	68	17	13
Tom Rouen	1989	36	1,651	45.9	63	13	14
Barry Helton	1986	57	2,599	45.6	68	20	17
Zack Jordan	1952	56	2,532	45.2	78	19	12
Boyd Dowler	1958	33	1,486	45.0	65	11	13
Keith English	1988	51	2,297	45.0	77	19	21

NCAA PUNTING LEADERS (2005)

Player, School	No.	Yards	Avg.
Danny Baugher, Arizona	27	1307	48.41
John Torp, Colorado	25	1197	47.88
Kenneth DeBauche, Wisconsin	25	1164	46.56
Ryan Plackemeier, Wake Forest	36	1656	46.00
Justin Brantly, Texas A&M	20	918	45.90
Road Averages: Baugher 43.6 (18-785); Torp 45.5 (13-591); DeBauche 46.7 (10-467); Plackemeier 48.6 (15-729), Brantly 45.7 (10-457).			

TOP GROSS PUNTING GAMES IN COLORADO HISTORY

Rk	Player	Date	Opponent	No.	Yards	Avg.	Return Yards	Net Yards	Net Avg.
1	Keith English	Sept. 24, 1988	OREGON STATE	5	299	59.8	19	280	56.0
2	Zack Jordan	Sept. 27, 1952	OKLAHOMA	7	412	58.9	44	368	52.6
3	Mark Mariscal	Oct. 26, 2002	TEXAS TECH	4	231	57.8	19	212	53.0
4	Mark Mariscal	Sept. 14, 2002	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	8	459	57.4	31	428	53.5
5	Zack Jordan	Oct. 21, 1950	ARIZONA	6	343	57.2	57	286	47.7
6	Barry Helton	Oct. 18, 1986	IOWA STATE	5	283	56.6	17	266	53.2
7	Andy Mitchell	Aug. 31, 1996	WASHINGTON STATE	3	169	56.3	2	167	55.7
8	Zack Jordan	Nov. 18, 1950	OREGON	4	220	55.0	18	202	50.5
9	Steve Doolittle	Oct. 21, 1978	NEBRASKA	6	322	53.6	39	283	47.2
10	John Torp	Sept. 4, 2004	COLORADO STATE	3	157	52.3	17	140	46.7
10	John Torp	Sept. 10, 2005	NEW MEXICO STATE	3	157	52.3	5	152	50.7
12	Barry Helton	Nov. 2, 1985	OKLAHOMA STATE	5	261	52.2	0	261	52.2
12	John Torp	Oct. 9, 2004	OKLAHOMA STATE	5	261	52.2	17	244	48.8
14	John Torp	Sept. 3, 2005	COLORADO STATE	4	208	52.0	12	196	49.0
15	Zack Jordan	Oct. 14, 1950	NEBRASKA	3	155	51.7	0	155	51.7
16	Nick Pietsch	Dec. 25, 1998	Oregon (Aloha Bowl)	6	309	51.5	56	253	42.2
17	Boyd Dowler	Sept. 29, 1956	KANSAS STATE	3	154	51.3	4	150	50.0
17	Doug Stewart	Oct. 16, 1971	at Oklahoma	3	154	51.3	11	143	47.7
19	Tom Rouen	Nov. 4, 1989	NEBRASKA	5	256	51.2	23	233	46.6
20	John Torp	Oct. 16, 2004	IOWA STATE	6	307	51.2	58	249	41.5
21	Bob Manire	Nov. 26, 1949	COLORADO STATE	8	409	51.1	61	348	43.5
22	John Torp	Oct. 30, 2004	TEXAS	6	305	50.8	29	276	46.0
23	Carroll Hardy	Nov. 20, 1954	KANSAS STATE	3	152	50.7	5	147	49.0
24	Barry Helton	Oct. 26, 1985	at Nebraska	8	404	50.5	27	377	47.1
25	John Torp	Dec. 29, 2004	UTEP (Houston Bowl)	4	200	50.0	11	189	43.8

TORP CAREER PUNTING

TORP CAREER PUNTING																Inside Own 25			Opp Terr.	Adjusted 50 & Out		
Season	Punts	Yards	Avg.	No. Ret.	Return Yards	Avg. Return	Long Return	Pct. Not Returned	Net Avg.	In20	In10	TB	FC	50+	60+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	No.Yards	No.	Yds.	Avg.
2002	3	149	49.67	1	1	1.0	1	66.7	49.33	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	63	63.0	0-0	3	149	49.7
2003	63	2679	42.52	32	326	10.2	58†	49.2	37.35	16	8	4	6	14	4	21	885	42.1	6-170	57	2509	44.0
2004	68	3151	46.34	40	266	6.7	28	41.2	42.43	22	5	5	14	22	8	19	942	51.6	7-252	61	2899	47.5
2005	25	1197	49.57	9	88	9.8	55	64.0	44.36	12	5	4	3	13	2	8	401	49.0	7-262	18	935	51.9
TOTALS	159	7176	45.13	83	681	8.2	58†	47.8	40.85	53	19	13	23	50	15	49	2291	46.8	20-684	139	6492	46.7

KLOPFENSTEIN ZOOMING UP TIGHT END CHARTS

Senior **TE Joe Klopfenstein**, a legitimate candidate for the John Mackey Award, is racing up the all-time receiving charts when it comes to numbers posted by a tight end. Adept at catching the ball as he is at blocking, he's the latest in a long line of successful tight ends at Colorado (three from the last decade own six Super Bowl rings among them: Christian Fauria, Matt Lepsis and Daniel Graham). He had his best regular season game, statistics-wise, against Texas A&M with five catches for 99 yards. A look at where Klopfenstein compares among CU tight ends all-time:

TIGHT END RECEIVING YARDS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106	1,543	14.6	11
2	Jon Embree (1983-86)	80	1,166	14.6	5
3	Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98	1,058	10.8	11
4	Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91	1,057	11.6	2
5	J.V. Cain (1971-73)	61	873	14.3	3
6	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	62	724	11.7	9
7	Jerry Hillebrand (1959-61)	40	696	17.4	6
8	Bob Niziolek (1977-80)	49	664	13.6	5
9	Chuck Mosher (1949-51)	36	663	18.4	5
10	Brody Heffner Liddiard (1996-99)	45	656	14.6	2

TIGHT END RECEPTIONS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	No.
1	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	106
2	Christian Fauria (1991-94)	98
3	Dave Hestera (1981-83)	91
4	Jon Embree (1983-86)	80
5	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	62
6	J.V. Cain (1971-73)	61
7	Don Hasselbeck (1973-76)	50
8	Bob Niziolek (1977-80)	49

TIGHT END TOUCHDOWNS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	TD
1	Christian Fauria (1991-94)	11
2	Daniel Graham (1998-2001)	11
3	Gary Knafelc (1951-53)	11
4	Ed Pudlik (1946-48)	9
4	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)	9

JK-TO-JK

The combination of **Joel Klatt** to **Joe Klopfenstein** has yielded eight touchdowns to date. Believe it or not, when the two first hooked up for a score in 2003, it was the first time two players with the same initials combined for a touchdown pass in CU history (how's that for research?!). The most TD passes between one quarterback and one receiver in CU history is 12 (Koy Detmer to Rae Carruth, 1992-96). Other "Klatt-to-Klop" factoids:

- ➔ The duo has hooked up on 57 pass plays in the regular season (61 including bowls) in their careers.
- ➔ They worked together for the longest reception in CU history by a tight end, when Klatt found Klop near midfield in the Houston Bowl against UTEP, with Klopfenstein outrunning two would be tacklers for a 78-yard touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter.

CHARLES RUNS FOR 101, JOINS IMPRESSIVE LIST

Sophomore **TB Hugh Charles** had quite an impressive debut in his first start at tailback for the Buffaloes against Colorado State. In rushing 15 times for 101 yards and two touchdowns, he became just the 14th player in school history to run for 100 or more yards in his first career start. He had runs of 31, 29 (for a TD), 23 (also for a TD) and 11 yards to pickup 94 of his yards on just four carries; what hurt his overall numbers was one 6-yard loss on a draw and a 16-yard loss he was credited with after he suffered a fumble. Still, he had eight carries of five or more yards, and perhaps just as impressive was the fact that 88 of his yards came *post*-contact. The list of players who gained 100 or more yards in their starting debuts for the Buffaloes:

Season	Player	Opponent	Att.	Yards	TD
1958	Chuck Weiss	at Arizona	15	159	2
1969	Ron Rieger	TULSA	23	100	1
1969	Bobby Anderson	INDIANA	29	161	3
1971	Charlie Davis	at Louisiana State	20	174	2
1973	Billy Waddy	at Wisconsin	24	202	2
1975	Tony Reed	MISSOURI	22	153	2
1987	Michael Simmons	OREGON	18	142	1

Season	Player	Opponent	Att.	Yards	TD
1993	Rashaan Salaam	NEBRASKA	25	165	2
1996	Lendon Henry	OKLAHOMA STATE	18	101	1
1998	Dwayne Cherrington	Colorado State (Denver)	25	100	1
1998	Marlon Barnes	at Oklahoma	26	135	0
2000	Marcus Houston	at Southern California	25	150	0
2002	Brian Calhoun	at Oklahoma	20	122	0
2005	Hugh Charles	COLORADO STATE	15	101	2

- In his second start, Charles went over the 100-yard mark for the second straight time with 105 against New Mexico State. The last player to open a season with a pair of 100-yard games back-to-back was Marcus Houston in 2000, who had 100 against Colorado State in Denver and 150 at Southern California. Think it's that common? The last time before that was in 1989, when Darian Hagan (now an offensive assistant coach), had 116 in the opener against Texas and then 103 versus Colorado State. He had 82 in game three at Miami; Eric Bieniemy is the last to open with three straight, doing so in 1988.
- In game number four, he not only had a career high 132 yards on 20 carries at Oklahoma State, he raced 74 yards untouched up the gut, thanks to a Lawrence Vickers monster block, the longest rush on a CU first possession since Darian Hagan went for 75 on the game's second play against Texas in 1989. Charles' score came just 18 seconds into the game, making it the second fastest from scrimmage in school history.

BACK TO BUSINESS ON FIRST DOWN

For years, the mark of a strong Colorado team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. Through four games in 2005, CU is averaging **6.6** yards on first down plays; the last time the Buffs did that for a season was 2001, their Big 12 Championship season. 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 a healthy 5.7 per rush and 8.0 per pass play on first down, and have topped the opponent on second, third and fourth down as well.

VICKERS SET TO JOIN EXCLUSIVE CLUB

VB Lawrence Vickers is often the team's unsung hero, as a lot of what he is asked to do is without the football in his possession. Sometimes you notice those things, like his earth-shattering block that cleared the way for Hugh Charles' 74-yard TD run on the first play of the game in CU's 34-0 win at Oklahoma State. But when he does get the ball, he's a threat, and he is now in position to become just the 11th player in Colorado history to accumulate 500 yards both rushing and receiving. A look at the 500-500 club:

500-500 CLUB

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rush	Rec	Total
1	Bobby Purify (2000-04)	3,016	508	3,524
2	Herchell Troutman (1994-97)	2,487	725	3,212
3	Lee Rouson (1981-84)	2,296	699	2,995
4	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001)	2,199	691	2,890
5	Merwin Hodel (1949-51)	2,102	540	2,642
6	Cliff Branch (1970-71)	1,354	665	2,019
7	Ron Brown (1981-85)	751	1,217	1,968
8	Mike Pritchard (1987-90)	585	1,241	1,826
9	Woody Shelton (1950-52)	1,065	586	1,651
10	Bill Symons (1962-64)	734	537	1,271
--	Lawrence Vickers (2002-05)	482	492	974

90, 80, 80, 70 OR MORE

Okay, did anyone think of what I wanted you to? *Snoopy versus The Red Baron*, the Royal Guardsmen? Maybe not... against Texas A&M, four CU receivers had 70 or more yards receiving: **TE Joe Klopfenstein** (5-99), **TB Hugh Charles** (6-85), **WR Evan Judge** (7-82) and **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (3-70). It marked the first time in 10 seasons as many as four Buffs accomplished the feat: against NE Louisiana in 1995, with Koy Detmer at the controls, **WR Rae Carruth** (5-121), **WR James Kidd** (3-98), **WR Chris Anderson** (5-92) and **WR Phil Savoy** (5-89) did the trick.

CALL THE COPS

The Colorado defense has 16 interceptions in its last eight games, starting this solid run at Lincoln last November. CU stole four balls in a 26-20 win over the Huskers, after having just eight interceptions in the first 10 games of the year prior to that point. CU then had two picks against Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game and added two more in the win over UTEP in the Houston Bowl, and has picked up on the thievery in 2005. The Buffaloes picked off four Colorado State passes in the opener (all in the final 13:20 of the game), it was second four-pick game in a span of four games, and CU followed it up with two more in game two against New Mexico State and two at Oklahoma State. The Buffs did get shut out theft-wise at Miami and against Texas A&M.

- Eight different Buffaloes already have interceptions this fall (all with one), and 11 different players have contributed to the 16 total.
- The eight interceptions in the first four games were the most at this point of the season since 1977, when the Buffs racked up nine in the first four.
- The 14 over five games was the most interceptions over a five-game span by Colorado in 35 years; you have to go back to the final three games of 1970 (seven interceptions) and the first pair of 1971 (seven more) to find a similar run by the Buffs.

FOCUS FROM THE START

Through five games, the Buffs have not allowed a first down on the opponents' first series of the game as all five have gone three plays (or less) and out. The five have combined for 82 total yards on the first series, with 60 of it on a pass play in the A&M game that ended in a turnover to CU. Overall in the first quarter, CU has allowed just 10 points and 371 yards.

CU IN SELECT COMPANY

Colorado is one of just three teams to have recorded two shutouts to date in 2004. The Buffs own whitewashings of New Mexico State (39-0) and Oklahoma State (34-0); Connecticut owns a pair, over Buffalo (38-0) and Liberty (59-0), as does Virginia Tech, defeating Duke and Ohio (both 45-0).

- ➔ The Buff first-team defense has allowed just **two** touchdowns over the last **16** quarters, and six all season.

BUFFS DOMINATE FIELD POSITION WARS

Special teams are the key to the Buffs winning the field position battle: opponents have started **43** of **69** drives at or inside its 20 on the season, or 62 percent of its possessions. But that's the raw number; eight of those drives started on CU's side of the field after turnovers, revising the above to 43 of 61, or an astonishing 71 percent. Chalk the bulk of it up to the legs of **PK Mason Crosby**, who has 21 touchbacks and four inside-the-20 on returns on 30 kickoffs, and **P John Torp**, with 12 boots inside-the-20, as the two have personally accounted for 37 of the 43 starts by the opponent deep in their territory.

- ➔ Average Field Position. So far, it all adds up to a healthy six yard advantage for CU in starting field position, as the Buffs have been starting on average at their own 32, and the opponent at its 26.
- ➔ Colorado has forced the opponent into three plays and out **29** times in **69** possessions this season, or **42** percent of the time. That's well over half the number of times CU did it last season—47 of 159, or 30 percent. In addition, opponents are averaging a touchdown every **41.1** snaps on offense, compared to 24.2 for the Buffs (and to 25.6 last season by the enemy). You have to go back to 1998 to find where the opponent averaged more than 26.2 snaps per offensive TD—that team surrendered one every 37.0 snaps. That's also the last team to force an opponent into three plays and out over one-third of the time for a season (62 of 166 times, or 37.3 percent).

DEFENSE BARNETT'S BEST... THROUGH FOUR GAMES

Colorado's defense has shown marked improvement this season, and though the year is only one-third of the way through, it is definitely shaping up as one of the best defenses in the Barnett Era.

The Buffs are allowing only 77.6 rushing yards per game, easily the low in Barnett's seven years through five games (by some 24 yards), with the 300.0 per game average topped only by the 2001 Big 12 champion team at the 5-game point. CU also has posted bests in scoring defense (14.2 per game) and third down defense (24.0) and tied the best for interceptions (8).

Here's a look at CU's defensive numbers through five games every season since 1999:

GAMES 1-5	Record	Rushing			Game	Passing			Game	Total			TFLs	Opp. 3rd D	Scoring			
		Att.	Yards	Pct.		Att.	Yards	Pct.		Att.	Yards	Pct.			Pts.	Avg.		
1999	3-2	202	898	4.4	179.6	157-84-6	53.5	1059	6.7	211.8	359	1957	5.5	391.4	24	21-70	163	32.6
2000	1-4	187	652	3.5	130.4	161-102-5	63.4	1386	8.6	277.2	348	2038	5.9	407.6	28	32-70	125	25.0
2001	4-1	175	509	2.9	101.8	172-84-8	48.8	851	4.9	170.2	347	1360	3.9	272.0	34	27-80	75	15.0
2002	3-2	174	757	4.3	151.4	164-99-3	60.4	1076	6.6	215.2	338	1833	5.4	366.6	38	28-73	121	24.2
2003	2-3	178	733	4.1	146.6	178-105-2	59.0	1519	8.5	303.8	356	2252	6.3	450.4	34	20-69	185	37.0
2004	3-2	206	781	3.8	156.2	166-93-3	56.0	1421	8.6	284.2	372	2202	5.9	440.4	37	36-85	116	23.2
2005	4-1	150	388	2.6	77.6	179-99-8	55.3	1112	6.2	222.4	329	1500	4.6	300.0	24	18-75	71	14.2

BUFF DEFENSE NOW A THIRD DOWN TERROR

Not too long ago, the Buffaloes struggled on third down, often giving up double-digit gains on third-and-6 or longer... but not any more, at least a third of the way into the 2005 season. Lo and behold, Colorado ranks fifth in the nation in third down efficiency defense, as opponents have converted just 18 times in 75 tries, or just 24.0 percent of the time. And for the first-team defense, it's even better, as the numbers are 13-of-60, or 21.7 percent. Some third down digits for study:

2005 NCAA 3RD DOWN DEFENSE LEADERS

Rk	School	Made	Att.	Pct.
1	Connecticut	12	73	16.4
2	Miami, Fla.	19	85	22.4
3	Kansas State	16	68	23.5
4	Nebraska	19	80	23.8
5	Colorado	18	75	24.0

COLORADO'S BEST ON 3RD DOWN DEFENSE

Rk	Season	Made	Att.	Pct.
--	2005	18	75	24.0
1	1957	31	119	26.1
2	1999	40	152	26.3
3	1958	39	134	29.1
4	1991	49	168	29.2
5	1992	50	171	29.2

CLAMPING DOWN ON THE BIG PLAY

Some other indicators that CU's defense is improved are the dwindling numbers of big plays against the Buffs. Over the past three seasons, CU allowed an average of 16 scores a year of 20 yards or longer (49 total from 2002-04); that number is sitting at two right now. CU has also allowed just 16 plays of 20 yards or longer on the year, having surrendered 110 over the last two seasons (60 in 2004).

BUFFS STOPPING THE RUN

While it is too early to forecast, Colorado's defense against the run in on target to be one of the best in school history. The Buffs are allowing 77.6 yards per game through five contests (sixth nationally); the school record over the course of a season is 114.2, set in 1990 and matched in 1994. Only two other years have the Buffs allowed fewer than 125, when the opponent had 115.5 in both 1965 and 1989. The Buffs have been consistent to date, allowing just 2.59 per rush (11th in the NCAA), and they seem to get stronger as each half wears on as evidenced by the below chart, allowing just 11.2 rushing yards in the second quarter and 21.0 in the fourth. The Buffs last finished in the top 20 in rushing defense in 1994, when they were 15th, also the highest a Colorado defense has ever finished against the run.

RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED BY QUARTER

Quarter	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Yards	104	56	123	105	388
Avg./Game	20.8	11.2	24.6	21.0	77.6

- ➔ Colorado has held the opponent to under 100 yards in four games this season. The most times the opponent failed to reach 100 came in 1994 with six; five times has been achieved nine times, all over the last 20 seasons (1986, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2004).
- ➔ Opponent longs: CU has allowed just one rushing play over 16 yards this year—a 38-yard run by Miami's Quadtrine Hill. Otherwise, dissecting the opponents 150 rushes on the year, you find these play counts: 20-plus: 1. 10-plus: 9. 5-Plus: 33. 2-or-less: 75. Zero: 15. Minus: 26. Thus, exactly half (75 of 150) of rushes against CU have gained two or fewer yards. And one of the 10-plus rushes was an 11-yard game by the Oklahoma State punter on a fake play.
- ➔ In Gary Barnett's tenure, CU is 24-5 when holding the opponent under 100 rushing yards (9-0 over the last two seasons); Colorado is 82-6-1 when doing so since the start of the 1985 season.

HEAD COACH GARY BARNETT

Gary Barnett is in his seventh season as head coach of the Colorado program, and his 16th overall as a collegiate head coach. He owns a **46-34** record at Colorado, along with an **81-79-1** record in 13-plus seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and an overall career mark of **89-90-2** including two years at NAIA Fort Lewis (Durango, Colo.). This is his second stint at Colorado, as he was an assistant in Boulder under Bill McCartney for eight years between 1984 and 1991. During that span, CU was 59-34-2 in 95 games, including a 30-5-2 mark the last three years, when CU won three Big Eight titles and the 1990 national championship. Northwestern hired Barnett as head coach on December 18, 1991 to replace Francis Peay, and he would take just four years to turn a dismal program into one of the nation's top teams. Barnett led Northwestern to back-to-back Big Ten championships in 1995 and 1996, earning berths in the Rose and Citrus bowls; he was the national coach of the year for '95 as selected by 18 different organizations. At the time, he was the third McCartney assistant to land a head coaching position, following Gerry DiNardo (Vanderbilt) and Lou Tepper (Illinois), both of whom started their careers in 1991. In both 2001 and 2004, he was selected as the *Associated Press* Big 12 Coach of the Year: in '01, he became just the fourth man to ever coach two different teams to the NCAA Most Improved Team title in leading CU to the Big 12 Championship, and in '04, he rallied the Buffs from a 1-4 start in league play to the North Division title.

- In 13 previous seasons in Division I-A, he's been recognized four times as a conference Coach of the Year (1995 and 1996 at Northwestern; 2001 and 2004 at Colorado).
- **COLORADO STREAKS:** 2-game plus wins, 2-game plus losses: **13, 8**. 3-game plus wins, 3-game plus losses: **6, 3**. 4-game plus wins, 4-game plus losses: **3, 1**. 5-game plus wins, 5-game plus losses: **3, 0**. Long winning streak: 5, three times (last: 2002). Longest losing streak: 4, in 2000. *Barney's™ Boxscore.*

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Barnett at Colorado.....	46-34	25-12	16-15	5- 7	11-20	35-14	14-13	32-21	2- 2
Career (NCAA I-A)	81-79-1	44-31-1	32-37	5-11	20-40-1	61-39	26-25-1	32-21	2- 4

- ◆ **Barnett** is no stranger to lining up across the sideline from ranked teams. In his 81 games at Northwestern, the Wildcats faced 30 ranked opponents (posting a 9-20-1 record). In his eight years as an assistant at Colorado, the Buffaloes played 34 ranked teams in 95 contests. As CU head coach, he's seen **31** in **80** games (going 11-20); so in his 21-plus years as Division I-A head or assistant coach, he's coached against **95** ranked opponents in **256** games, better than one in every three (37%).
- ◆ **Barnett** has been a head coach for **161** Division I-A games (81-79-1); his 13-plus seasons as a D I-A head coach rank 27th among active coaches, as are his 161 games coached.
- ◆ In an October 2000 Bloomberg poll of Division I-A head coaches, **Gary Barnett** ranked sixth in a listing of the best coaches in college football. Eighty-eight head coaches responded in the poll, which ranked Penn State's Joe Paterno first (20½ votes) and Florida State's Bobby Bowden second (19). The rest of the top 10 at the time: 3. Bill Snyder, Kansas State (12); 4. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech (10½); 5. Steve Spurrier (then at Florida, 5½); 6 (tie). **Gary Barnett, Colorado**, and Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin (3); 8. LaVell Edwards, (then at BYU, 2½); 9 (tie). Dennis Erickson, then at Oregon State, and Lloyd Carr, Michigan (2).
- ◆ **Barnett** first got to Colorado in a very matter-of-fact manner. He "road-tripped" from Missouri in the winter of 1971 with a friend, as both were hunting for teaching jobs. He didn't hear anything back from the interviews, and started his coaching career by helping out on Dan Devine's staff at Missouri, his alma mater. He had been selling insurance in Columbia while his wife, Mary, was finishing up her degree. He was soon offered a teaching and assistant coaching position at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs (at \$8,500 a year). They accepted, and headed west to begin their love affair with the state of Colorado.
- ◆ **Barnett** grew up in the small town of Mexico, Missouri (where his mother returned to live after the family moved to St. Louis when he was in the ninth grade; she still resides there). He used to chase down softballs at the adults' fast-pitch softball games, as every ball turned in was worth a nickel, and three would net him a Coke (at 15 cents), the going rate in the mid-1950s.
- ◆ **Barnett** did something extremely rare after he accepted the CU job on January 20, 1999. He made it a goal to meet the parents and families of all players on the CU roster. He pretty much pulled it off, visiting with all but three families of the returning players (all in obscure, hard to reach locations) by the end of the '99 season. He did it to find out more about the players on his team and to talk with the parents about promises that were kept or not met by the previous coaching staff. He says if you get a beat on what kind of environment each player grew up in, which gives a good indication on how you have to deal with each individually.
- ◆ **Barnett** figured he would never get a crack at the Colorado job. After Rick Neuheisel emerged as the internal hire following Bill McCartney's surprising retirement in November 1994, Barnett thought that with Rick being so young, the CU job would never even be an option. He was linked to many a job opening, but the only one he ever interviewed for was the Notre Dame position; not the Detroit Lions, Texas Longhorns, Oklahoma Sooners or UCLA Bruins as rumors had led many to believe.
- ◆ **Barnett** enjoyed many happy as well as sad moments in his first stop in Boulder between 1984 and 1991. Emotions ran the gamut from winning the national championship (1990) and three Big Eight Conference titles (1989-90-91), along with coaching a Heisman Trophy candidate (Darian Hagan) and a Rhodes Scholarship finalist (Eric McCarty) to dealing with the life-threatening injury to tight end Ed Reinhardt (1984), the death of quarterback Sal Aunese (1989, from stomach cancer) to his own son Clay being seriously injured when he was on the CU sidelines during a game. Another high included Charles S. Johnson being named the MVP of the 1991 Orange Bowl, supplanting the low that he had to replace an injured Hagan in that game. And in his final year at Colorado in 1991, he tutored a young true freshman by the name of Kordell Stewart, who went on to become the Big Eight's all-time total offense leader.
- ◆ **Barnett's** top six goals for the CU program each year are listed as: 6) Winning the Big 12 Conference championship; 5) Winning the Big 12 Conference North Division; 4) Winning a bowl game; 3) Have a winning season; 2) To be a relentless team; and 1) Attitude and Chemistry. They are displayed prominently on the wall in the team's main meeting room (which was renamed for Tom McMahon in 2003).
- ◆ **Barnett's** first game at Northwestern was against Notre Dame at Chicago's Soldier Field—deemed a neutral site. His first game at CU was against Colorado State at Denver's Mile High Stadium, also a neutral site. How many coaches had their first games with two different schools classified in this manner? Barnett was probably the first—the research would be most time consuming!
- ◆ **Barnett's** active off the field with several charities, most notably the Lupus Foundation and the Colorado ALS Association. Every October, he participates in Boulder's "Walk to d'feet ALS," a fundraiser to combat ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

- ♦ **Barnett** replaced Francis Peay at Northwestern, and other finalists included Earle Bruce (at Colorado State at the time), Paul Schudel and Gary Darnell. The president who hired Barnett at Northwestern, Arnold Weber, was the president of CU when it hired Bill McCartney in 1982. The parallels between McCartney and Barnett number many, right down to the record in their first three years as head coaches: Mac was 7-25-1 at Colorado (1982-84), Barnett 8-24-1 at Northwestern (1992-94), with exactly 10 years separating each, both their first career head coaching jobs.
- ♦ **Barnett & Bye Weeks.** Barnett is 8-10 in games following bye weeks (6-7 at Colorado, 2-3 at Northwestern). At Northwestern, he had his first win over a ranked team after an idle Saturday (22-21 over No. 22 Boston College in 1993); at CU, the 62-36 romp over Nebraska followed a bye (he is 3-3 against the Cornhuskers, all with that extra week to prepare). This year's game at Miami was his first after a bye week at Colorado that was not against a Big 12 foe.
- ♦ **Barnett** is again one of the 61 Division I-A coaches voting in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll in 2005 (the seventh straight year he is a voter and the 19th straight year CU's head coach has participated).

GARY BARNETT FOUNDATION

Gary Barnett, and his wife, **Mary** announced last February the formation of the Gary Barnett Foundation, a tax-exempt, non-profit organization dedicated to the support of educational programs for economically disadvantaged and at-risk youth. "Mary and I have been discussing the possibility of creating a foundation for years," Gary Barnett said, "After the passing of **Gabe Oderberg**, we decided the time was now to make this happen."

Oderberg, who was on the football team between 1999-2002 and worked as an undergraduate intern after back injuries ended his career, committed suicide last summer. Former Buff and '91 Orange Bowl MVP Charles Johnson is involved in the organization, as is Boulder physician **Dr. John Meyer** and Boston TV anchor **Paul Burton**. For more information, go to www.GaryBarnettFoundation.org.

THE CLASS OF '99

In 1999, 19 programs hired new coaches, including Colorado; nine remain with those programs. Here's a look at the entire class and their records through games of October 8 (includes bowls; *—denotes first college head coaching job):

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
*Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	68	15	.819
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn	55	25	.688
June Jones, Hawai'i	49	34	.590
Tommy Bowden, Clemson	46	32	.590
*Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	46	33	.582
Gary Barnett, Colorado	46	34	.575
*Jack Bicknell, Louisiana Tech	35	40	.467

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
Chris Scelfo, Tulane	33	42	.440
Randy Walker, Northwestern	33	43	.434
♦Rick Neuheisel, Washington	33	16	.674
♦*Terry Hoepfner, Miami-Ohio	48	24	.667
♦Dennis Erickson, Oregon State	31	17	.646
♦*David Cutcliffe, Mississippi	44	29	.603

Coach, School	W	L	Pct.
♦Lou Holtz, South Carolina	33	37	.471
♦John Robinson, UNLV	28	42	.400
♦Bobby Keasler, Louisiana-Monroe	8	28	.222
♦*Kevin Steele, Baylor	9	36	.200
♦Jerry Baldwin, Louisiana-Lafayette	6	27	.182
♦*Carl Franks, Duke	7	45	.135
(♦—has since moved on, retired, resigned or was fired.)			

COACH RETRO

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

EXPERIENCE

Including 2004, the 10 full-time coaches who comprise the Colorado coaching staff have coached a collective 151 seasons in Division I-A (includes 14 head coach seasons, 13 by **Gary Barnett** and one by **Mike Hankwitz**), as the 10 have combined to coach in **1,917** games through October 8. Barnett is the elder statesman at 59, followed by Hankwitz (57) **Craig Bray** (53) and then **Brian Cabral** (49); it's believed to be the first time that three 50-plus year olds have been on the Colorado staff. In fact, Barnett's the oldest head football coach in CU history by some five years (Bill McCartney was 54 when he retired in 1994; Dallas Ward's the only other to pilot the Buffs after his 50th birthday as he was 52 when he was not retained after the 1958 season).

COACHES ON GAME DAY

The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. For 2005, in the box will be offensive coordinator **Shawn Watson**, tight ends coach **John Wristen**, secondary coach **Craig Bray**, defensive line coach **William Inge** and graduate assistants **Hunter Hughes** and **Eric McCready**. Head coach **Gary Barnett** wears a headset on the sideline (he's on with the coordinators), along with defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz**, inside linebackers coach **Brian Cabral**, offensive line coach **Dave Borbely**, running backs coach **Shawn Simms** and offensive assistant coach **Darian Hagan**. Plays are generally shuttled in from substituting players.

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

OLD-TIMER

Assistant head coach and linebacker coach **Brian Cabral** has taken his place among legendary assistant coaches who have spent time at Colorado. He is now third all-time in years coached as a full-time member of the staff, as he trails two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both who assisted for 18 years each, and just passed one his mentors in life, the late Dan Stavelly, who coached 15 seasons in two stints. A closer look:

ASSISTANT COACH LONGEVITY: 1. Frank Potts 18 (1927-39, 1941-43, 1946-47) and Frank Prentup 18 (1941-58); **3. Brian Cabral 16 (1990-current)**; 4. Dan Stavelly 15 (1958, 1963-76); 5. Chet Franklin 12 (1963-74) and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 8. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), Mike Hankwitz 10 (1985-94) and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

COACHES CORNER / with GARY BARNETT

Comments from Colorado head coach Gary Barnett following his team's 41-20 win over Texas A & M:

General: *It was obvious that our team was ready to play tonight. I'm extremely pleased with the focus they had going into this game--they had it all week in practice. I knew they really wanted this football game for lots of reasons. We had a great plan. I thought (offensive coordinator) Shawn Watson called a great game tonight. We were able to take advantage of some things that we saw on film with our offense. Our tight ends got involved. We just had one of those days where we had a great plan that worked. Joel (Klatt) got in the zone tonight. Our offensive line, again, just did a great job protecting him. It let us convert some third downs and get some throws in there.*

"Our defense did a good job against (QB Reggie) McNeal. The game did get a little sloppy there in the last third of the game and that happens when somebody gets a lead like that.

"We got to play a lot of guys and that's always great. I thought we did a decent job on special teams but I was disappointed in the long punt return. We have to get better than that -- it's not like us. Overall it was a pretty solid game; I'm really proud of the way the guys prepared and they way they came out. For them to focus and get at it the way they did early on -- it was impressive to me. It says a lot about the leadership on this football team."

On Game Plan: *"You design it so it works, but you don't use the whole offense. You use pieces that work like they should into the game against the defense. It all starts with protection of the quarterback. We were able to protect Joel and give him a chance. We thought we could do some things with play-action -- and we did. We especially got our tight ends involved and we had them hidden most of the night. They came up with some big plays for us."*

On Play of Joel Klatt: *"Statistically, maybe (on if it was his best game as a Buff). He sure was sharp tonight. I can't remember those other games but he was pretty good tonight."*

On Team Goals: *"We've known all along that our goal is to win the (Big 12) North, play in the championship game and win the championship game. We have a lot of games to play before then. This was just the next one. We are trying to get better every week and we got better last week. That's what is important to a coach in a program. At this point in time, we've made a nice improvement since the first game."*

On Game Plan Against A&M QB Reggie McNeal: *"Tonight we were able to tackle him decently but he's a heck of a player. You saw him back there and we were trying to tackle him -- it looked like we were trying to swat flies. Offensively we were so dominant, it forced them out of what they wanted to do."*

PLAYER QUOTES

Some select player comments after the Buffs' 41-20 win over Texas A&M:

S J.J. BILLINGSLEY

ON STIFLING REGGIE MCNEAL: *"McNeal was flustered out there because we were able to stop his game. He started making bad decisions and it made us excited. Early on in the game he had a few chances to run, and I really don't think that he wanted to run against us."*

TB HUGH CHARLES

ON CATCHING THE BALL OUT OF THE BACK FIELD: *"This whole week during practice we were trying to add a new dimension to the offense. Getting the ball into Byron Ellis' hands and my hands is one way to do that because we were able to make some moves after we get the ball."*

ON HIS TD RECEPTION: *"Joel (Klatt) and I discussed connecting for a play like that before the game; we decided to try and get me the ball if there was anyone but a cornerback covering me. My eyes lit up when I saw someone besides a corner on me, and it was just a matter of getting to the end zone."*

ON CONTROLLING THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE: *"With our big line pushing hard we knew we could get them tired by pounding at them early, and then it was just a matter of taking the game over."*

ON JOEL KLATT'S LEADERSHIP: *"His leadership is so big to this team and especially this offense. Every down and every play we rely on him to be our leader."*

ON PLAYING IN HIS HOME STATE NEXT WEEK: *"Going and playing in my home state will be great because my family and friends will get to see me play."*

WR EVAN JUDGE

GENERAL: *"We really came out firing tonight--we were able to get out there early and from that point on it was just a matter of keeping it going."*

ON PLAYING NO. 2 TEXAS: *"I think that it is really important that we go in there with a little bit of a swagger and play with some confidence so we can go in there and make some things happen."*

QB JOEL KLATT

GENERAL: *"Coaching staff did a tremendous job this week, we owe our success to them. Coach Watson called an extremely aggressive game early on and it got us going. We were able to isolate some guys and get some plays allowing us to do whatever we wanted to do. It wasn't like we were scoring quick TDs, we just had a good game plan and executed with attention to detail."*

ON THE O-LINE BLOCKING WELL: *"We got off early on them and those big old Texas boys started breathing hard early."*

ON TD PASS TO QUINN SYPNIEWSKI: *"I was just happy that I didn't over throw him. When they are wide open like that it is the toughest throw to make during a game."*

ON FIRST DOWN EFFICIENCY: *"They never really jumped any eight-yard patterns; we started picking up eight or nine yards on first downs. After that it was really hard to stop us when you have players like Hugh Charles and Lawrence Vickers."*

DE ALEX LIGON

ON HAVING DE ALONZO BARRETT GO DOWN WITH INJURY: *"As a defensive unit we all have to be prepared when someone goes down. All the defensive ends really had to pick it up and make plays especially playing against a quarterback like Reggie McNeal."*

ON HOLDING REGGIE McNEAL TO NEGATIVE RUSHING YARDS: *"McNeal is a great player and last year he absolutely killed us with his feet. We really concentrated on containing him and not allowing him to make any plays."*

DT JAMES GAREE

ON STOPPING REGGIE McNEAL: *"The biggest key was closing the door on him early, we did such a good job of stopping him before he could get to the corner and scrambling too much. Guys on this defense are really jelling together."*

ON PLAYING NO. 2 TEXAS AND VINCE YOUNG: *"Vince Young is every good an athlete as Reggie McNeal, but with a better arm so we need to be prepared. I don't know if they are really worried about us at all because they are the number two team and just beat the heck out of the Sooners."*

TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN

ON BEING WIDE OPEN: *"It seem like our running game was successful in the beginning. It is never that easy, things just popped open, wide open. Their defense over pursued the run and we were able to get behind them."*

ON THE PLAY OF JOEL KLATT: *"He played a great game tonight, he executed the offense very well."*

ON MATCHUP WITH TEXAS: *"(I wasn't looking toward that game at any point tonight) personally. It is going to be a great challenge; they are playing really well right now."*

VB LAWRENCE VICKERS

GENERAL: *"It wasn't an easy win for us at all. They have a good defense but our plan was to be physical with them. It was one of those days where we just clicked. Our eyes are on Texas now, we're just trying to knock (teams) out one by one."*

DE ABRAHAM WRIGHT

GENERAL: *"I think that you have to credit Coach Mike Hankwitz for what he did all week. He had us mentally prepared and all we had to do was take what he said and execute. You also have to credit the scout team because they did everything they could to make us prepared for this game."*

ON STOPPING REGGIE McNEAL: *"We just tried to take McNeal out of the game every play that we executed. We didn't give him any options for him to beat us with his feet."*

ON PLAY OF THE RESERVES: *"A&M may have scored some points on reserves, but there were just a few break downs that caused that to happen. They are really good and we all have confidence in their play."*

CU & THE WONDERLIC

The Buffs, or former Buffs to be more precise, ranked 13th in a recent Wall Street Journal survey of NFL players and an intelligence test known as the Wonderlic. Similar to an IQ test with 50 questions, Stanford came in first with an average reported score of 28.8 for 21 former players. Colorado averaged 21.8 (29 players), second out of the six Big 12 Conference schools that had enough players meet the criteria for the survey. An average Wonderlic score is 21, according to company officials. The list and rankings of the 39 schools that qualified under the criteria, which included a minimum of 20 alums that had their scores reported over the last seven years (number in parenthesis denotes the number of players):

1 Stanford (21)	28.8	11 Notre Dame (36)	22.5	t21 Southern Cal (30)	20.3	31 Arkansas (27)	18.6
2 Purdue (21)	25.3	12 Boston College (22)	22.0	t21 West Virginia (25)	20.3	t32 Auburn (28)	18.5
t3 Brigham Young (29)	25.2	13 COLORADO (29)	21.8	23 Arizona State (30)	20.2	t32 Louisiana State (31)	18.5
t3 California (22)	25.2	14 Michigan (36)	21.7	t24 Georgia (39)	19.8	34 Clemson (21)	18.3
5 UCLA (21)	24.0	15 Virginia (24)	21.5	t24 Kansas State (34)	19.8	35 Alabama (28)	18.2
6 Oregon (22)	23.5	16 Texas A&M (31)	21.0	26 Texas (28)	19.7	36 South Carolina (21)	17.9
7 Wisconsin (29)	23.2	t17 Florida (44)	20.8	27 N.C. State (21)	19.6	37 Tennessee (46)	17.7
8 Iowa (33)	23.0	t17 Ohio State (43)	20.8	28 Florida State (47)	19.4	38 Michigan State (28)	16.6
9 Oregon State (21)	22.8	t19 Penn State (26)	20.7	29 Oklahoma (34)	19.0	39 Miami, Fla. (40)	16.3
10 Nebraska (34)	22.6	t19 Virginia Tech (29)	20.7	30 North Carolina (24)	18.9		

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GAME #1—COLORADO 31, COLORADO STATE 28

(September 3; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — It is always said that things often come in threes, and that is certainly the case with the CU-Colorado State football series.

For the third straight year, the outcome wasn't known until the final play of the game, and for the Buffaloes, all three times have been charms as this time CU rallied from an 11-point fourth quarter deficit to topple the Rams, 31-28, before a record Folsom Field crowd of 54,972.

Mason Crosby, arguably America's best kicker, drilled a 47-yard field goal with four seconds remaining to provide the winning points; that kick came just 148 seconds after he made a 48-yard kick that tied the game at 21. In-between, there were plenty of fireworks that amounted to a classic shootout between in-state rivals.

After Crosby's tying kick, the Rams took over at their own 20. On second-and-10, Justin Holland was flushed to his left and pressured by Alex Ligon to throw on the run, where downfield Gerrett Burl picked off his pass at the CSU 37 and returned it 14 yards. On CU's very first offensive play, Hugh Charles put a couple of nifty moves on the Ram defense and went 23 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with just 1:30 left.

But Holland, being the competitor that he is, would not be denied, as he marched his team 80 yards in eight plays and in just 54 seconds to tie the game at 28. In completing six passes on the drive (for all 80 yards), he used throws of 23 and 22 yards to David Anderson to pick up real estate in chunks before finding Kory Sperry in the end zone with a 9-yard scoring toss with only 36 seconds remaining.

CSU opted to squib kick the ensuing kickoff, but the plan backfired to a degree thanks to Stephone Robinson's muffing the football. As he scooted over to pickup the ball, many on the coverage team were now out of position, enabling him to break free for a 30-yard return to the Buff 40. Joel Klatt hit Patrick Williams with a 22-yard pass on the first play from scrimmage, and after an incompletion, he found Dusty Sprague on the right side for eight more to set Crosby up for his winning kick from the Ram 30.

CSU had built its lead to 21-10 after Holland threw a 1-yard touchdown pass, via defender tip, to Matt Bartz with 5:04 left in the third quarter.

CSU got on the board first on a 1-yard touchdown run by Jimmy Green after the Rams recovered a Dusty Sprague fumble at the Buff 28. CU scored the next 10 points on a 32-yard Crosby field goal and a 1-yard run by Lawrence Vickers on a fourth-and-goal play to cap off an 11-play, 73-yard drive. CSU took a 14-10 halftime lead when Holland and Anderson hooked up on a 1-yard TD pass with 33 seconds left before intermission.

The Buffs held the Rams to just 95 yards rushing, the sixth time in the last 10 games CSU failed to reach 100 against CU. Colorado had a slight edge in total offense by 396-386, but saw 90 additional yards and a touchdown called back due to six offensive penalties.

Colorado State	7	7	7	7	—	28
COLORADO	0	10	0	21	—	31

GAME #2—COLORADO 39, NEW MEXICO STATE 0

(September 10; Boulder, Colo.)

BOULDER — Lawrence Vickers scored three touchdowns and the Colorado defense posted its first shutout since 2002 as the Buffaloes defeated New Mexico State, 39-0.

Joel Klatt passed for 186 yards and two touchdowns, joining Kordell Stewart and Koy Detmer as the only Colorado players with 5,000 career passing yards while also jumping past Stewart with the most career completions in a CU uniform.

New Mexico State's defense kept the Aggies in the contest, as the Buffs didn't put the game away until logging back-to-back touchdown drives to open the third quarter to add to their 22-0 halftime lead. The Buffs led 7-0 after the first quarter and were ahead by just 10-0 until putting 12 points on the board in the final 1:52 of the first half, taking control of the game in the process.

Mason Crosby started that spree, tacking on a 28-yard field goal that had followed up a 33-yard effort earlier in the quarter to put CU ahead, 13-0. The Buff defense forced three straight incomplete passes by Royal Gill, and then on fourth down, the center snap for the Aggie punt sailed over Brad Evan's head; he chased it down in the back of the end zone and kicked it toward the stands for a Buff safety. Taking over after the free kick at its own 37, it took just four plays to score, all completed passes by Klatt to Hugh Charles (eight yards), Dusty Sprague (24), Evan Judge (28), and the last to Vickers for three yards and the touchdown.

CU salted things away with the two TD drives to start the second half. The first was culminated with 11-yard pass from Klatt to Sypniewski, the sixth-year senior's first career touchdown reception. The second came at the end of an impressive 11-play, 89-yard march with Vickers bowling over several would-be tacklers with an 11-yard run. He had a 19-yard run and a 17-yard reception earlier in the drive as he accounted for 46 yards in four plays.

The Buffs held the Aggies to just 5 yards rushing, though an errant 20-yard center snap and 16 yards in quarterback sacks contributed to the low total. NMSU had just 181 yards overall, the fewest allowed by the Buffs since 2001 when they held Kansas State to 196 in Manhattan.

New Mexico State	0	0	0	0	—	0
COLORADO	7	15	14	3	—	39

COLORADO — Vickers 2 run (Crosby kick)	7-	0	9:26	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 33 FG	10-	0	11:49	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 28 FG	13-	0	1:52	2Q
COLORADO — Safety, Evans kicks ball out of end zone after bad punt snap	15-	0	1:27	2Q
COLORADO — Vickers 3 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	22-	0	0:06	2Q
COLORADO — Sypniewski 11 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	29-	0	10:36	3Q
COLORADO — Vickers 11 run (Crosby kick)	36-	0	4:43	3Q
COLORADO — Eberhart 23 FG	39-	0	0:53	4Q

Colorado State — Green 1 run (Mark kick)	0-	7	2:39	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 32 FG	3-	7	12:22	2Q
COLORADO — Vickers 1 run (Crosby kick)	10-	7	2:39	2Q
Colorado State — Anderson 1 pass from Holland (Mark kick)	10-14	0:33	2Q	
Colorado State — Bartz 1 pass from Holland (Mark kick)	10-21	5:04	3Q	
COLORADO — Charles 29 run (Judge pass from Klatt)	18-21	13:32	4Q	
COLORADO — Crosby 32 FG	21-21	2:32	4Q	
COLORADO — Charles 23 run (Crosby kick)	28-21	1:30	4Q	
Colorado State — Sperry 9 pass from Holland (Mark kick)	28-28	0:36	4Q	
COLORADO — Crosby 47 FG	31-28	0:04	4Q	

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	COLORADO STATE
First Downs	19	21
Third Down Efficiency	3-10	7-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	29-113	34-95
Passing Yards	283	291
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	33-22-1	43-28-4
Total Offense	396	386
Return Yards	37	45
Punts: No-Average	4-52.0	4-45.2
Fumbles: No-Lost	5-2	1-0
Penalties/Yards	9/87	9/73
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	1-5	4-20
Time of Possession	27:32	32:28

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 15-101, V.Washington 1-14, Vickers 3-4, Ellis 3-1, Klatt 7-minus 7.

CSU: Bell 14-66, Green 11-30, Ohaeri 7-16, Holland 1-minus 5, Kaylor 1-minus 12.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 33-22-1, 283, 0 td. **CSU:** Holland 43-28-4, 291, 3 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Sprague 5-61, Klopfenstein 4-76, Williams 3-38, Charles 3-34, Sypniewski 2-44, Judge 2-23, Vickers 2-1, Barnett 1-6. **CSU:** Anderson 12-119, Sperry 7-62, Bartz 3-36, Walker 3-10, Hill 1-33, Osborn 1-19, Roberts 1-12.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 4-52.0 (72 long, 3 In20). **CSU:** Kaylor 4-45.2 (53 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 2-16. **CSU:** Osborn 1-12.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-30. **CSU:** Herbert 2-58, Hill 2-46.

Interceptions—Colorado: Burl 1-14, Dawn 1-5, Sims 1-2, Billingsley 1-0. **CSU:** Kochevar 1-33.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 9,3—12; Billingsley 7,4—11; Henderson 8,2—10; Sims 8,0—8; Burl 4,0—4; Hubbard 4,0—4; Iwuh 3,1—4; Dawn 1,3—4. **Colorado State:** Herbert 9,0—9; Hall 4,4—8; Kochevar 6,1—7; C.Jones 6,1—7; Horinek 3,4—7.

QB Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-5. **CSU:** Kochevar 1-10, Parke 1-5, Nadling 1-4, B.Smith 1-1.

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NEW MEXICO STATE
First Downs	34	7
Third Down Efficiency	9-16	2-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-2
Rushes—Net Yards	50-238	22-5
Passing Yards	233	176
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	33-22-0	31-17-2
Total Offense	471	181
Return Yards	118	5
Punts: No-Average	3-52.3	7-45.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-2	3-1
Penalties/Yards	7/70	6/49
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	3-16	1-10
Time of Possession	40:14	19:46

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 21-105, Vickers 6-45, Ellis 15-45, Klatt 6-33, Barnett 1-20, Cox 1-minus 10. **NMSU:** Buries 12-26, J.Williams 3-20, Ali 1-2, Baiaomonte 1-minus 2, Dombrowski 1-minus 5, Gill 3-minus 16.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 25-18-0, 186, 2 td; Cox 8-4-0, 47, 0 td. **NMSU:** Gill 30-17-1, 176, 0 td; Dombrowski 1-0-1, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Judge 3-48, Vickers 3-32, Sypniewski 3-21, Williams 3-18, Klopfenstein 2-24, Barnett 2-19, Charles 2-12, Sprague 1-24, Ellis 1-15, Joseph 1-13, Schaub 1-7. **NMSU:** Quick 4-48, Dombrowski 3-77, Lonon 3-20, Tolbert 2-7, Buries 1-19, Harris 1-7, Allen 1-1, Kaufman 1-1, C.Williams 1-minus 2, J. Williams 1-minus 2.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 3-52.3 (61 long, 0 In20). **NMSU:** Evans 7-45.0 (54 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-36, McBride 1-minus 2. **NMSU:** Byrd 1-5.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Te. Washington 1-30, Robinson 1-24. **NMSU:** Dubois 1-14.

Interceptions—Colorado: Burney 1-16, Harris 1-0. **NMSU:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dawn 6,1—7; Henderson 5,0—5; Billingsley 2,2—4; Dizon 2,2—4; Burl 3,0—3; Sims 3,0—3; Boye-Doe 2,1—3; Garee 2,1—3; Manupuna 2,1—3, Walters 1,2—3. **NMSU:** Cottrell 16,3—19; Griebel 9,7—16; Carrie 8,3—11; Spicer 3,4—7; McManigal 6,0—6; Howell 5,1—6; Sober 5,1—6.

QB Sacks—Colorado: Billingsley 1-7, Dawn 1-6, Garee ½-2, Boye-Doe ½-1. **NMSU:** Howell 1-10.

GAME #3—MIAMI 23, COLORADO 3

(September 24; Miami, Fla.)

MIAMI, Fla. — Kyle Wright passed for one touchdown and rushed for another and the Miami defense stifled Colorado one time after another once it crossed midfield as the No. 12 Hurricanes slowly pulled away tin defeating the Buffaloes, 23-3.

Mason Crosby's 58-yard field goal just under four minutes into the fourth quarter, the longest without a tee at sea level in NCAA Division I-A history, were CU's lone points on the day. But the way the game started, it didn't appear head coach Gary Barnett would have to wait almost 50 minutes for his team to dent the scoreboard.

In perhaps what set the tone for the game, the Buffs moved from their own 46 to the Miami 7 in just two plays on their first possession. Hugh Charles picked up 29 yards on an outside scamper and Joel Klatt then hit Quinn Sypniewski with an 18-yard pass to get the Buffs deep into Hurricane territory. But Charles was thrown for a 4-yard loss on the next play, and after two straight incomplete passes, Crosby missed a 28-yard field goal wide left, the kick being affected by a bad snap.

Locked in a classic field position battle, Miami eventually broke through first with a 34-yard field goal from Jon Beattie to take a 3-0 lead with 6:07 left in the first quarter. He added a 20-yard boot with 11:12 remaining in the half to make it 6-0, the kick coming after the Buffs stopped the Hurricanes on a first-and-goal from the CU 4.

Penalties started to mount for CU, who was called for 17 on the day. Two offside calls helped set UM up for the game's first touchdown, as on a first-and-5, Wright went deep and connected with Sinorice Moss for a 53-yard touchdown along the right sideline to get the Hurricanes some breathing room. Peattie's PAT kick made it 13-0 eight minutes before the half. CU would again be thwarted on its next possession, in part due to an illegal formation penalty after driving to the Miami 35.

The Buffs came out blazing again in the second half, even though starting at their own 10 after a short kickoff return. CU moved just past midfield, but a delay of game penalty and a three-yard loss by Charles helped stall the drive. Two series later, Miami turned a Brandon Meriweather interception of a Klatt pass into a third Peattie field goal, this one from 33 yards, to take a 16-0 lead.

Crosby's kick not only got CU on the board and put the Buffs back into it, albeit temporarily, it marked the 200th straight game Colorado had scored, becoming only the 12th school in history to score in that many consecutive games. The celebration was short-lived however, as any hopes for a fourth quarter comeback were dashed when Miami countered with a 9-play, 80-yard drive resulting in a 2-yard touchdown run by Wright. The play was aided by two CU penalties, as the Buffs were flagged 17 times in the game, the second most in their history.

Miami outgained Colorado by 389-331, with the statistics close to even in most categories. The Hurricanes had a decided edge in penalties (5-17), return yards (131-5) and tackles for loss (10-2). A telling stat was once the teams crossed the 50; the Buffs ran 21 plays for 66 yards, including 38 on one play late in the game, while Miami ran 34 for 140 yards.

COLORADO.....	0	0	0	0	—	3
Miami, Fla.	3	10	3	7	—	23

Miami — Peattie 34 FG	0- 3	6:07	1Q
Miami — Peattie 20 FG	0- 6	11:12	2Q
Miami — S. Moss 53 pass from Kyle Wright (Peattie kick)	0-13	8:00	2Q
Miami — Peattie 33 FG	0-16	6:07	3Q
COLORADO — Crosby 58 FG	3-16	11:57	4Q
Miami — Wright 2 run (Peattie kick)	3-23	8:44	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MIAMI
First Downs.....	19	21
Third Down Efficiency	5-18	3-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	0-2
Rushes—Net Yards	32-93	28-118
Passing Yards	228	271
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	42-25-2	40-21-0
Total Offense	321	389
Return Yards	5	131
Punts: No-Average.....	7-47.0	5-34.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards.....	17/99	5/75
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	0-0	1-12
Time of Possession.....	33:41	26:19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 19-82, Ellis 8-30, Klatt 5-minus 19. **Miami:** Hill 4-55, T.Moss 13-39, Bryant 1-8, Thomas 4-8, Wright 4-6, Hester 1-4, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—CU: Klatt 42-25-2, 228, 0 td. **Miami:** Wright 39-20-0, 264, 1 td; Freeman 1-1-0, 7.

Receiving—Colorado: Sprague 9-55, Barnett 7-59, Ellis 3-53, Klopfenstein 1-23, Sypniewski

1-18, Judge 1-15, Williams 1-6, Vickers 1-5, Garee 1-minus 6. **Miami:** S.Moss 5-111,

Leggett 4-39, Jenkins 3-33, Olsen 3-25, Ortega 2-43, Jolla 2-15, Moore 2-5.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 7-47.0 (54 long, 2 In20). **Miami:** Monroe 5-34.0 (45 long, 1 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 2-5. **Miami:** Hester 2-20.

Kickoff Returns—CU: Te. Washington 4-64, Jackson 1-25, Robinson 1-12. **Miami:** S.Moss 1-16.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Miami:** Maxey 1-32, Meriweather 1-8.

Tackle Leaders—CU: Th. Washington 8,5—13; Henderson 8,0—8; Billingsley 3,3—6; Burl 4,1—5; Iwuh 4,1—5; Dizon 3,2—5; Garee 0,5—5; Dawn 4,0—4; Sims 1,2—3. **Miami:** Meriweather 8,4—12; Phillips 7,0—7; L.Williams 4,3—7; McIntosh 2,4—6; Phillips 4,1—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Miami:** Campbell 1-12.

GAME #4—COLORADO 34, OKLAHOMA STATE 0

(October 1; Stillwater, Okla.)

STILLWATER, Okla. — The first play for Colorado covered 74 yards and the last one 99 as the Buffaloes snapped a nine-game losing streak to Big 12 Conference South Division schools with a resounding 34-0 win over host and previously unbeaten Oklahoma State.

In the conference opener for both schools, the Buffs set the tone early as on the first play from scrimmage, Hugh Charles cut through the middle untouched and raced 74 yards for a touchdown just 18 seconds into the game. It was the second fastest score from scrimmage in CU history, topped only in 1996 when the Buffs scored 13 seconds into the game at Texas A&M.

That score would stand alone until two seconds before halftime, when Mason Crosby's 48-yard field goal extended the CU lead to 10-0. Though the Buffs had a 230-94 edge in total offense, they had two penetrations into Cowboy territory ended by a blocked field goal and a fumble. That, and OSU's defense sucked it up and did all it could to keep things close.

That changed in the opening moments of the second half, when Abraham Wright made his first career interception, setting the Buffs up for business at the OSU 29. Two plays later, Charles ran around the left end for 15 yards and a touchdown to provide the Buffs some breathing room at 17-0. CU sealed things on its next possession, marching 59 yards in just six plays to take a 24-0 lead. Joel Klatt hooked up with Evan Judge on a 27-yard pass play to the OSU 11, and then found Joe Klopfenstein in the end zone for the touchdown, with the play covering the final 11 yards.

Crosby added a 42-yard field goal with 2:07 remaining, but the Cowboys still did their best to avert being shutout. Bobby Reid hit D'Juan Woods along the right sideline for a 49-yard gain to the CU 31, with the 'Pokes driving to the CU 8 with 43 seconds remaining. On a third-and-five play, Reid was intercepted by CU freshman Marcus Burton, who raced 99 yards back down the right sideline for the closing touchdown. It was the longest play by a freshman in Colorado history in addition to preserving the shutout, CU's second this season. It marked the first time since 1992 the Buffs posted two in one year, and the first time in 40 years the Buffs had two in a three-game span.

Charles rushed for a career-high 132 yards, the third time in four games this year he topped the 100-yard mark, while Klatt moved into second place on CU's all-time passing yards list and into third on the total offense list. Wright had four tackles to go with his interception, also recording a sack, a forced fumble, a third down stop and a pass deflection in being one of several defensive stars for the Buffs on the afternoon.

CUnracked up 381 yards of total offense while limiting OSU to 208, including just 92 on the ground. This was just the fifth shutout ever posted in the series, all by Colorado and the first since 1992.

COLORADO.....	7	3	14	10	—	34
Oklahoma State.....	0	0	0	0	—	0

COLORADO — Charles 74 run (Crosby kick)	7- 0	14:42	1Q
COLORADO — Crosby 48 FG	10- 0	0:02	2Q
COLORADO — Charles 15 run (Crosby kick)	17- 0	13:14	3Q
COLORADO — Klopfenstein 11 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	24- 0	9:28	3Q
COLORADO — Crosby 42 FG	27- 0	2:07	4Q
COLORADO — Burton 99 interception return (Crosby kick)	34- 0	0:24	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA STATE
First Downs.....	18	11
Third Down Efficiency	6-16	2-17
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	2-3
Rushes—Net Yards	41-213	38-92
Passing Yards	168	116
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	28-16-0	29-14-2
Total Offense	381	208
Return Yards	118	22
Punts: No-Average.....	6-43.7	9-41.6
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-1	3-0
Penalties/Yards.....	8/95	6/56
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	3-30	1-4
Time of Possession.....	29:51	30:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 20-132, Ellis 11-39, Klatt 4-26, Vickers 2-12, Jackson 3-8,

Cox 1-minus 4. **OSU:** Hamilton 14-52, Jones 3-12, Fodge 1-11, Reid 15-10, Willis 2-7,

Crosslin 2-1, Team 1-minus 1.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 26-14-0, 151, 1 td; Cox 2-2-0, 17. **OSU:** Reid 29-14-2, 116, 0 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Judge 3-63, Sprague 3-27, Klopfenstein 2-28, Williams 2-15, Barnett 2-11,

Charles 2-8, Vickers 1-14, Schaub 1-2. **Okla. St.:** Woods 4-66, McCown 3-14, Frazier 3-7,

Hamilton 2-7, Pettigrew 1-13, Devereaux 1-9.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 6-43.7 (52 long, 5 In20). **Okla. St.:** Fodge 9-41.6 (49 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-15, Joseph 1-2. **Okla. St.:** McLemore 3-minus 1.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Te. Washington 1-23. **Okla. St.:** McLemore 3-62, Jones 1-14.

Interceptions—Colorado: Burton 1-99, Wright 1-2. **Okla. St.:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Dawn 5,2—7; Billingsley 5,1—6; Henderson 5,1—6; Iwuh 4,2—6;

Barrett 3,3—6; Manupuna 3,3—6; Dizon 3,2—5; Burton 4,0—4; Wright 4,0—4;

Burl 3,1—4; Garee 3,1—4; Th. Washington 2,2—4. **Okla. St.:** Duren 6,0—6; Ransom 5,1—6;

Thompson 4,2—6; Smith 4,1—5; DeGrote 4,0—4; Pinson 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—CU: Burton 1-11, Th. Washington 1-10, Wright 1-9. **OSU:** McBean 1-4.

GAME #5—COLORADO 41, TEXAS A & M 20*(October 8; Boulder)*

BOULDER — On the popular College GameDay program on ESPN, when it came time for the crew to make their selections for possible game breakers of the week, long-time host and Colorado alum Chris Fowler selected CU quarterback Joel Klatt.

Klatt made Fowler look like both a prophet and a genius, as he completed 28-of-36 passes for 398 yards and three touchdowns in leading the Buffaloes to a 41-20 victory of Texas A&M, propelling Colorado back into the national rankings for the first time in 25 months.

Colorado stormed to a 21-0 first quarter lead, though A&M provided the first gasp for the crowd. On the second play of the game, Reggie McNeal connected with a streaking DeGawn Mobley along the right sidelines for an apparent long gainer. Mobley caught it, but never secured the ball and eventually fumbled the ball, with CU's J.J. Billingsley recovering at the Buff 20. Klatt then went to work.

After four plays set CU up at its 49, on a third-and-six, Klatt hooked up with speedster Hugh Charles who ran away from the Aggie defense for a 51-yard catch and run touchdown, starting the onslaught of Buff points. CU held A&M to three-and-out on its next series, and after taking over on its 35, marched 65 yards with Klatt throwing for 51 yards, including a 27-yard completion to Lawrence Vickers to the A&M 17. Three plays later, Charles scooted around the end for a 4-yard score to put CU up 14-0.

Texas A&M earned three first downs on its next possession, but eventually had to punt the ball away. The Buffs responded with an 80-yard drive in seven plays, capped off by a 3-yard touchdown run by Vickers. But two passes from Klatt to Charles for 18 yards and then a big catch-and-run throw from Klatt to Joe Klopfenstein that covered 44 yards set CU up again in the A&M red zone. When the smoke cleared, CU was up 21-0 and Klatt set a school record for the most yards passing in a quarter with 211.

Four of the next five scores in the game were field goals, sandwiched around another 80-yard Colorado drive, this one in the mid-second quarter and polished off by a 1-yard pass from Klatt to Vickers. Klatt ended his day with a 36-yard pass to Quinn Sypniewski, who raced around the left side and leapt into the end zone for a 41-6 Colorado lead, with 6:59 remaining in the quarter.

A&M added two fourth quarter touchdowns against mostly second- and third-teamers on the CU defense; up until that point, the Buffs had dominated, holding A&M to just 186 yards through three quarters while rolling up 548 yards and 24 first down. Otherwise, CU limited Aggie Heisman candidate McNeal to just 132 yards of total offense—after he put 382 up in the 2004 game.

Four Colorado receivers had 70-plus yards in receiving, with Charles (152 yards rushing and receiving) and Vickers (84) combining for 236 and four touchdowns. When the polls were released the next day, CU checked in at No. 24, its first ranking since possessing the No. 17 spot two games into the 2003 season.

Texas A&M.....	0	6	0	14	—	20
COLORADO.....	21	10	10	0	—	41

COLORADO — Charles 51 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	7- 0	13:03	10
COLORADO — Hugh Charles 4 run (Crosby kick)	14- 0	9:06	10
COLORADO — Lawrence Vickers 3 run (Crosby kick)	21- 0	3:57	10
Texas A&M — Pegram 33 FG	21- 3	11:57	20
COLORADO — Vickers 1 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	28- 3	6:23	20
Texas A&M — Pegram 43 FG	28- 6	4:05	20
COLORADO — Crosby 20 FG	31- 6	0:37	20
COLORADO — Crosby 30 FG	34- 6	10:12	30
COLORADO — Sypniewski 36 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	41- 6	6:59	30
Texas A&M — Lane 1 run (Pegram kick)	41-13	5:05	40
Texas A&M — Carter 40 pass from McGee (Pegram kick)	41-20	0:41	40

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS A&M
First Downs	25	16
Third Down Efficiency	8-15	4-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards	37-158	28-78
Passing Yards	401	258
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	38-29-0	36-19-0
Total Offense	559	336
Return Yards	17	52
Punts: No-Average	5-48.2	7-48.1
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties/Yards	11/91	7/62
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-12	0-0
Time of Possession	31:51	28:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 17-67, Vickers 8-48, Ellis 7-39, Barnett 1-8, Cox 1-5, Jackson 1-3, White 1-minus 10, Team 1-minus 2. **Texas A&M:** Taylor 13-40, Lane 6-29, McGee 2-15, Carter 1-4, Lucas 1-4, McNeal 5-minus 14.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 36-28-0, 398, 3 td; Cox 2-1-0, 3, 0 td. **Texas A&M:** McNeal 21-10-0, 146, 0 td; McGee 15-9-0, 112, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Judge 7-82, Charles 6-85, Klopfenstein 5-99, Vickers 5-36, Sypniewski 3-70, Sprague 2-18, Williams 1-11. **Texas A&M:** Carter 5-78, Schroeder 5-57, Bennett 4-39, Brown 2-16, Mobley 1-60, Morrow 1-8, Lane 1-0.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 5-48.2 (54 long, 2 In20). **Texas A&M:** Brantly 7-48.1 (80 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-15. **Texas A&M:** Chambless 2-52.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Sprague 1-5. **Texas A&M:** Brown 1-10.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Texas A&M:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th. Washington 6,2—8; Billingsley 7,0—7; Dizon 3,3—6; Henderson 4,0—4; McKay 3,0—3; Wright 2,1—3; Boye-Doe 1,2—3; Iwuh 1,2—3; Sims 2,0—2; Walters 2,0—2. **Texas A&M:** Warren 8,3—11; Appel 7,1—8; Jolly 4,2—6; Bullitt 4,1—5; Gorrer 4,0—4; Foliaki 3,1—4.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Th. Washington 1-8, Wright 1-4. **Texas A&M:** none.

SEASON NOTE PROGRESSION

A running list of major notes and/or accomplishments from the postgame notes of all games in 2005:

Colorado State

- ◆ **ATTENDANCE.** The **54,972** in attendance established a Folsom Field record, as the sellout crowd bested the previous mark by 18 bodies (54,954) set against CSU in 2004 (Sept. 4).
- ◆ This marked just the fourth time since 1967 that the Buffaloes won a season opener when the opponent scored first. CU is now **4-14-1** when the opponent has scored first in this span, with the wins coming in 1969 (a 35-14 win over Tulsa after falling behind 7-0), in 1995 (a 48-13 win over NE Louisiana after spotting NLU a 3-0 lead), in 2003 (the 42-35 conquest of CSU after the Rams jumped ahead 7-0) and this year. Colorado has won **20** straight openers when it has scored first (dating back to 1967 when it defeated Baylor 27-7). The last time the Buffs scored first and lost an opener was in 1966, scoring their only points of the game on a field goal before succumbing to Miami, Fla., 24-3.
- ◆ Colorado now leads the series with CSU by **57-18-2**, including 31-8-2 in Boulder, where the Buffs have won six in a row. CU has won the last three, but by a combined 13 points (the last four have been decided by 18 points). No other 3- or 4-game span in the series has been decided by so few points.
- ◆ The temperature at kickoff—89 degrees—tied for the sixth warmest in CU history, and was the third warmest in Boulder (it was 91 against Washington in 2000 and 91 versus Fresno State in 2001); complete list on page 299 of the 2004 CU Media Guide (*not included in 2005 version, among a lot of things, thanks to asinine NCAA page limit legislation*).
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** He finishes his career 3-0 against CSU as the starting quarterback, believed to be the first player in CU history to do so against the Rams.
- ◆ **P John Torp.** The Ray Guy candidate's first punt went for 72 yards after hitting at the 11 with the return man allowing it to roll into the end zone. It was the longest punt of his career, and the first 70-plus yard effort by a Buff since **QB Mike Moschetti** surprised Kansas State in Manhattan with a 70-yard bomb in Manhattan in 1999. Overall, it tied for the 14th longest in school history. Torp finished the day with four punts for a 52.0 average, with three inside-the-20.
- ◆ **ILB Akarika Dawn.** His interception to open the fourth quarter was the second pick of his career; the other came as a sophomore (2003) at Iowa State.
- ◆ **CB Gerett Burl.** He had his first career interception at the most opportune time, setting up Hugh Charles 29-yard go-ahead touchdown run with 1:30 left in the fourth quarter.
- ◆ **CU Tight Ends.** CU's lanky/burly tight end duo had quite the day, as **Joe Klopfenstein** (4-76) and **Quinn Sypniewski** (2-44) combined for six receptions for 120 yards.
- ◆ **TB Hugh Charles.** The diminutive sophomore had the first 100-yard rushing game of his career, with 15 carries for 101 yards and two scores.

New Mexico State

- ◆ **Game Time.** The 8:10 p.m. kickoff was the latest in Folsom Field history, topping the 8:07 kickoff for the 1996 Colorado-Oklahoma State game. That game ended took 3:19 and ended at 11:26; the NMSU game took 3:17 and ended at 11:27, making it the latest ending game in stadium history.
- ◆ **Gary Barnett** went over .500 for the first time in his Division I-A coaching history; tonight's win improves him to 79-78-1 (44-33 at Colorado; he started 8-24-1 in his first three years at Northwestern and is 71-54 since).
- ◆ The Buffs recorded their first safety in almost five years... and in basically the same exact fashion against a team nicknamed the Aggies. At Texas A&M in 2000 (Oct. 7), the A&M center snapped the ball out of the end zone on a punt try; this time, the same thing happened but the ball didn't make it through the end zone on its own and the punter helped it out with a kick.
- ◆ The 39-0 **shutout** was the first recorded by Colorado since a 34-0 win over Baylor in Boulder on Oct. 19, 2002 (a span of 33 games).
- ◆ Colorado had 14 first downs in the third quarter, a school record for the most in a single quarter; the old best was 13 on two occasions: at Arizona on Oct. 11, 1958 (fourth quarter) at Kansas on Nov. 13, 1993 (third quarter).
- ◆ Colorado is now **18-3** in the second game of the season since 1985 (**2-0** for the second straight season and for the 53rd time in its history).
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** He joined Kordell Stewart (6,481) and Koy Detmer (5,390) as the only players in Colorado history to top the 5,000-yard mark in career passing yardage. He came into the game with 4,962 yards and hit the milestone with a 9-yard completion to Evan Judge late in the first quarter. In finishing with 186 yards for the game, he has 5,148 for his career.
--His 10th pass completion of the game, on a screen pass to Hugh Charles late in the second quarter, made him the all-time leader in pass completions at Colorado, as he came in with 447 and pass Kordell Stewart (456) into first place. He ended the game with 18 for 465 for his career.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** His school record string of 10 consecutive field goals came to an end in the first quarter with the miss (wide left) from 55 yards. However, with makes from 33 and 28 yards, he has now made at least one field goal in six consecutive games, just two off the school record of eight by Fred Lima (set between Oct. 7, 1972 and Sept. 15, 1973).
- ◆ **TE Quinn Sypniewski.** The sixth-year senior (CU's first in modern times) caught his first career touchdown pass with the 11-yard grab from Joel Klatt on the opening drive of the second quarter. Those were not his first career points, as he had a key 2-point conversion catch at Missouri in 2002 (it gave CU a 7-point edge late in the game; CU won in overtime).
- ◆ **PK Kevin Eberhart.** He made his first career field goal—23 yards—late in the game in his first action since 2003; he was 1-1 on PAT kicks and 0-2 on field goals that season.
- ◆ **Other First Career Stuff**—Interceptions: **S Ben Burney, Lionel Harris.** Reception: **FB Brendan Schaub.**
- ◆ The 5 rushing yards by New Mexico State tied for the seventh lowest by an opponent in Colorado history. The list of CU's top 10 defensive efforts against the run:

Season Note Progression, continued:

Miami, Fla.

- ◆ The temperature at kickoff (86 degrees) tied the 11th warmest at kickoff for the Buffaloes in their history; CU was prepared with 27 cases (648 total 20 oz. Bottles) of water and Gatorade.
- ◆ The Buffs fell to 4-5 all-time in Miami (well, Miami/Fort Lauderdale); in addition to a 2-1 mark against the Hurricanes (9-7 in 1961 and 23-10 in 1975 previously), CU is 2-3 in Orange bowls and 0-1 in the old Blockbuster Bowl.
- ◆ **Penalties.** The Buffs had the second most penalties in their history with 17 for 99 yards; the record is 18 (for 115) versus Kansas in 1950.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby (1-2 FG/58 yards)** missed his first regular season field goal from inside 40 yards with the 28-yard wide left kick in the first quarter (caused by a bad snap). He had been 19-for-19 before that kick; however, he bounced back with his sixth career field goal of 50 yards or longer with the 58-yard kick in the fourth; that tied for the second longest field goal in CU history, tied for the longest on the road, tied for the longest in the NCAA this season and tied for the longest ever at the Orange Bowl. It was Crosby's sixth career field goal of 50 yards or longer in the regular season.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** He had the 11th 200-yard passing game of his career, tying him for fourth all-time with John Hessler.
- ◆ **Field Position.** Miami started seven of its 14 drives at or inside the 20, bring the opponent total on the year to 24 of 42.
- ◆ **Long Play.** The 38-yard pass from Joel Klatt to Byron Ellis in the fourth quarter was CU's longest play from scrimmage this season.
- ◆ **Defense.** Miami had 394 yards, marking the first three-game stretch Colorado has held the opponent under 400 since a four-game stretch in 2002.
- ◆ **Against The Ranked.** This was CU's sixth straight loss overall to ranked teams (0-4 in 2004), and has dropped seven straight to those ranked in the top 15. Colorado's last win over a ranked team was on Nov. 8, 2003, when it defeated No. 22 Missouri, 21-16; it's last win over a top 15 team was on Oct. 6, 2002, with a 35-31 win over No. 13 Kansas State.
- ◆ **Instant Replay.** CU had its first taste of "the play is under review." The play was overturned, as a ball was spotted by some two yards off on a Klatt run.

Stat Changes: There were several stat changes from the Miami game; Klatt had one more pass attempt; Colorado's team penalty count was 17 for 99; Tyrone Moss for Miami had one less rush and five fewer yards, lowering the count of plays and yard for Miami rushing and total offense (he was inadvertently credited with a 5-yard gain on a play where he lost a yard but CU was offside); Miami had one sack for 12 yards, credited on the intentional grounding call on Klatt—the correct way to score the play is to award a sack for the yardage lost and a penalty for zero yards; and CU was 1-of-3 on fourth downs, not 1-of-2.

Oklahoma State

- ◆ **Series Stuff.** Colorado leads the OSU series 26-17-1; this was the fifth shutout in the series, all posted by Colorado; the last was in Boulder in 1992 when CU won 28-0. The only other shutout in Stillwater was a 6-0 verdict by CU in 1933.
- ◆ **Shutouts II.** The last time CU posted two shutouts in the same season was in 1992, with a 6-0 win at Missouri and a 28-0 win over Oklahoma State; those came over a 5-game stretch. The last time the CU defense posted two shutouts in a three-game span prior to this year (CU beat New Mexico State 39-0 on Sept. 10) was 40 years ago; in 1965, when the Buffs tied Wisconsin 0-0 in the opener at Madison and beat Kansas State in Manhattan 36-0 two weeks later.
- ◆ CU snapped two losing streaks with the win: the Buffs had lost two straight conference openers (at Baylor in 2003 and at Missouri in 2004) as well as nine straight games against Big 12 South Division teams. CU's last win against a South team before today came on Oct. 26, 2002 with a 37-13 win over Texas Tech, with its last conference road win also in Stillwater on Oct. 27, 2001 (22-19).
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt (26-14-0, 151, 1 TD passing).** He moved into second all-time at Colorado in passing yards with 5,527, as he passed Koy Detmer (5,390) into second place. Kordell Stewart is the all-time leader with 6,481. He also passed Detmer (5,359) into third place all-time in total offense with 5,417 yards, trailing only Stewart (7,770) and Darian Hagan (5,808). He upped his ratio of touchdowns to interceptions in the red zone to 19-to-1, thanks to his eighth career TD pass to Joe Klopfenstein.
- ◆ **TB Hugh Charles.** His 74-yard run for a touchdown was the longest rushing play by a Buffalo since Chris Brown had a 78-yard run (also for a TD) at Kansas on Oct. 12, 2002. It tied for the 24th longest in school history, and is the longest on CU's first possession of a game since Darian Hagan's 75-yard run against Texas on Sept. 4, 1989 (it was the game's second play; he was tackled at the 1).
- ◆ **Quick.** Charles' 74-yard run was the second fastest score from scrimmage in a game in Colorado history, coming 18 seconds in; the fastest was at Texas A&M on Sept. 28, 1996, when Rae Carruth scored on a 28-yard reverse following a Ryan Sutter (yes, Mr. Bachelorette) fumble recovery on the opening kickoff.
- ◆ **Marcus Burton.** His 99-yard interception return for a touchdown tied for the fourth longest in school history; there are three 100-yard returns: Dick Kearns at Denver (Nov. 24, 1938); Johnny Ziegler vs. Colorado Mines (Sept. 6, 1942); and Steve Rosga vs. Oklahoma State (Oct. 12, 1996). Isaac Howard had the other 99-yard return, at Missouri in 1966. ***It was the longest play, scrimmage or returns, by a true freshman in Colorado history.*** It was also CU's 35th return touchdown since 1999 (tied for the sixth most in the NCAA with USC), and the 13th time since 1992 that a CU player returned his first career interception for a touchdown.
- ◆ **Defense.** Colorado held OSU to 208 yards of total offense, the ninth time in 10 games the opponent has not reached 400 yards, basically the new national average in this era of high-powered offenses. The only opponent to put more than 400 on the CU defense in the last nine games was Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship game.

Season Note Progression, continued:

Texas A&M

- ◆ The 2-0 start by Colorado in Big 12 is its first in league play since 2002 (opened 4-0) and is the sixth time in 10 years CU has opened with a pair of wins. The 41 points is the second most CU has scored against a Big 12 South team in league play, topped only by CU's 47-30 win at Texas on Oct. 25, 1997.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt** (12-15, 211 yards, First Quarter). Klatt set school records for both the most passing yards and for total offense in a single quarter. He held the old passing mark for a quarter with 196 against North Texas (second quarter, Sept. 18, 2004); also the previous total offense quarter best.
- ◆ Colorado has scored 24 or more points in six of the seven games in the Texas A&M series (exception: 16-10 loss in 1997).
- ◆ Of the nine kickoff returns against **PK Mason Crosby** this year, four have not been brought out beyond the 20.
- ◆ **TE Joe Klopfenstein (5-99, 0 TD)**. He set a regular season best with 99 receiving yards; he does have one 100-yard career game, coming in last December's Houston Bowl against UTEP (5-134, 1 TD).
- ◆ **TE Quinn Sypniewski (3-70, 1 TD)**. He matched his career best with three catches, but the 70 yards was easily a single-game best for him (topping the 44 against Colorado State).
- ◆ **TE's**. Thus, note Colorado's two-headed tight end monster had eight catches for 169 yards and 1 TD.
- ◆ **Colorado Offense**. The Buffs amassed **559** yards this evening, ranking as the sixth most in a Big 12 Conference game in its history. The top five: 598 vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (OT, W 50-47); 591 vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996 (W, 49-42); 581 vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2001 (W, 62-36); 575 vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002 (OT, W 42-35); 562 vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996 (W 41-13); **559 vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005 (W, 41-6)**.
- ◆ **Colorado Defense**. After both teams combined for 347 yards in the first quarter (CU 233, A&M 114), the Buffs held the Aggies to just 72 in the second and third quarters combined, while gaining 315 themselves. A&M's second team got the best of CU's second unit in the fourth by 150-11.
- ◆ **P John Torp**, with his first punt that pinned A&M at its two, set the school record for most career punts inside-the-20. He had entered the game tied with Stan Koleski (1973-76) with 51; he had two for 53 total.
- ◆ **Crosby/Torp**. They did it again, as A&M started **10** of its 13 drives at or inside the 20.
- ◆ **Gary Barnett** won his 31st in conference play, tying him for the fifth most league wins by a coach in CU history.

INSTANT REPLAY

The roll call of instant replay situations (where play was stopped for review) in Colorado games in 2005:

Date	Opponent	Play Reviewed	Result	Length
Sept. 24	at Miami, Fla.	Klatt 2 run for first down	Overtuned	1:45
Oct. 8	Texas A&M	Charles 4 run for a touchdown	Upheld	1:20
Oct. 8	Texas A&M	Vickers 3 run for a touchdown	Upheld	1:02
Oct. 8	Texas A&M	Sypniewski 36 pass from Klatt for a touchdown	Upheld	0:36

RECORD WATCH

Here is a listing of records that have been set to date in 2005. The first entry of the year was **PK Mason Crosby** establishing a new career mark for consecutive field goals made. *NOTE: CU did not adopt the NCAA 2002 policy of adding bowl game statistics in its season or career numbers; these will be final after the regular season.*

INDIVIDUAL (7/6 new, 1 tied)

Most Pass Completions, Career—465, Joel Klatt, 2002-current **RECORD**
Old Record: 456, Kordell Stewart, 1991-94 (785 attempts).

Most Passing Yards, Quarter—211, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005 (first quarter). **RECORD**
Old Record: 196, Joel Klatt vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (second quarter).

Most Total Offense, Quarter—211, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005 (first quarter; 211 pass, 0 rush). **RECORD**
Old Record: 192, Joel Klatt vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (second quarter; 196 pass, 0 rush).

Most Punts, 50-Plus Yards, Career—45, John Torp, 2002-current **RECORD**
Old Record: 44, Mitch Berger, 1991-93.

Consecutive Field Goals Made—10, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Sept. 10, 2005 (five games). **RECORD**
Old Record: 9, Jeremy Aldrich, Nov. 15, 1997 to Sept. 19, 1998 (five games).

Longest Field Goal Made, Road—58, Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005. **TIED RECORD**
Record: 58, Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, Oct. 24, 1981.

Longest Play, Scrimmage or Return, By a Freshman—99, Marcus Burton (interception return) at Oklahoma State, Oct. 1, 2005. **RECORD**
Record: 94, Jeremy Bloom pass from Robert Hodge vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002 (TD).

TEAM (2/ 2 new, 0 tied)

Most First Downs, Quarter—14, vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, September 10 (third quarter). **RECORD**
Old Record: 13, vs. Arizona at Tucson on Oct. 11, 1958 (fourth); vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 13, 1993 (third).

Points Scored In Consecutive Games—202, November 19, 1998 to current. **RECORD**

NFL SCOUT WATCH

Colorado has 20 seniors on its roster this season, and history will show that most, if not all the NFL teams will pass through Boulder or a road site for a game in 2005. So far this year, 18 scouts from these 15 teams have seen the Buffs in person: Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Green Bay, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Minnesota, N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Jets, Philadelphia and Washington. In Last year, 49 scouts representing 23 NFL teams attended games, and this decade, all 32 teams have seen CU games in person (over 250 scouts in the five-year period).

SENIOR ANALYSIS

Colorado has 20 seniors on its 2005 roster, 14 of which are starters or practically co-starters in the rotation or on special teams: **ILB Akarika Dawn**, **DE James Garee**, **S Tom Hubbard**, **OLB Brian Iwuh**, **WR Evan Judge**, **QB Joel Klatt**, **TE Joe Klopfenstein**, **NT Vaka Manupuna**, **OT Clint O'Neal**, **SN Greg Pace**, **FB Brendan Schaub**, **TE Quinn Sypniewski**, **P John Torp** and **VB Lawrence Vickers**. Two others are in the regular rotation mix from scrimmage, **OL Gary Moore** and **DT John Guydon**. The remaining three seniors figure to see limited action at this time: **DT Nick Clement**, **WR Marcus Gonzales** and **SN Matt Hammond** (Hammond is on at least one special teams unit, however).

GRADUATION STAT(U)S

Two of the 20 seniors on the roster have already graduated, as **OG John Guydon** (journalism/broadcast production) and **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (journalism/news-editorial) have earned their degrees (Sypniewski is now seeking a second bachelor's in history). Six more are on schedule to graduate this December: **DT Nick Clement** (film studies), **DT James Garee** (economics/sociology), **SN Matt Hammond** (psychology), **DT Vaka Manupuna** (ethnic studies), **OT Gary Moore** (economics) and **OT Clint O'Neal** (history). Ten are set for graduation next May: **ILB Akarika Dawn** (Black & Ethnic studies), **WR Marcus Gonzales** (international affairs), **ILB Kyle Griffith** (business/finance), **S Tom Hubbard** (business/accounting & finance), **WR Evan Judge** (business management—he will study in Italy in the spring), **QB Joel Klatt** (economics), **TE Joe Klopfenstein** (sociology), **SN Greg Pace** (communication, with a minor in history), **FB Brendan Schaub** (sociology) and **P John Torp** (political science & economics). The remaining two, both fourth-year seniors, are on schedule for either next summer or December '06: **OLB Brian Iwuh** (economics) and **VB Lawrence Vickers** (sociology).

► **NOTE:** Over the last three years, Colorado has had 59 of its 67 seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 88.1 percent (with two of the eight non-grads still in school and looking to graduate within the next year). 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. However, numbers that will be released this fall, for the incoming freshman in 1999, will be 79 percent for CU, one of its best numbers in years, but is still skewed lower because of transfers.

WHAT'S A V-BACK?

What's a **V-Back**, you ask? In short, it stands for "versatile" back, which most definitely applies to the one player Colorado lists at VB on the roster, senior **Lawrence Vickers**. The moniker dates back to last year, when Vickers and Daniel Jolly (who has since transferred to Texas State) were asked to come up with a name for what they felt they brought to their position. They had previously been listed No. 1 and 2 at fullback and that sort of "pigeonholed" what they can really do. Since they blocked like fullbacks, ran like tailbacks and played like receivers, "V-Back" fit them perfectly. "What's asked of the position is that the players have to be very versatile and fill a number of roles, and we want to excel at each and every one of those," Vickers said. "Running, catching and blocking are three of the biggest components for any football player to be successful, but doing those well as a V-back makes us multi-dimensional and we opponents never know for sure what we'll be doing when I'm in the game." **Gary Barnett** joked that Vickers liked it because it can also stand for "Vickers-Back."

40 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS SIXTH BEST SINCE '89

CU's 40 wins over *Associated Press* ranked team since the start of the 1989 season are tied for the sixth most in the nation in this span. Florida State has the most with 63, followed by Michigan (53), Florida (51), Miami, Fla. (47), Tennessee (45), Ohio State (42) and **Colorado (40)**. As for the Big 12, after CU, the next schools on this list are Nebraska (33), Texas (30), Texas A&M (26) and Oklahoma (26). (*The AP poll is used for these figures because the coaches' poll omits teams on probation, but AP still ranks those teams.*)

36 SECONDS SEEMS TO BE ENOUGH FOR THE BUFFS

Let's examine what has happened at Folsom Field the last two times it has hosted games. In the 2004 finale, Kansas State rallies to tie the game at 31-31 with 36 seconds remaining. After the kickoff, the Buffs were faced with a 1st-and-10 from their 23 with 0:30 left; after two incomplete passes, **VB Lawrence Vickers** gains 13 on a draw, and on the next play, **QB Joel Klatt** and **WR Ron Monteilh** hook up on a 64-yard touchdown pass with just 0:05 showing to give CU a 38-31 victory.

Fast forward to the '05 season opener; CSU mounts a furious drive to catch CU at 28-28, with 36 seconds remaining. The Buffs take over on their 40-yard line after **CB Stephone Robinson** returns a squib kickoff 30 yards. Klatt connects with **WR Patrick Williams** for 22 yards and again with **WR Dusty Sprague** for eight more setting CU up at the CSU 30, where **PK Mason Crosby** drills a 47-yard field goal with 0:04 remaining to lead CU to a 31-28 win.

At least the last two times out, give the Buffaloes 36 seconds, and it's been enough to conjure up victory.

TRENDS

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **165-78-4**, the 15th best record nationally in this span). In these 247 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

♦ with 400-plus yards total offense	100-16-2	♦ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	80-11-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	50- 5-0	♦ when leading after three quarters (<i>135-10-3 in last 168</i>)	139-12-3
♦ when leading in time of possession	107-20-3	♦ when leading at halftime (<i>118-12-2 in last 130</i>)	134-14-2
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	102-26-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	134-17-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	64- 7-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	162-48-4
♦ when punting three or fewer times	59-11-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-30-0
♦ when scoring first	105-20-1	♦ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	11- 0-0
♦ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>29-6-2 with zero</i>)	118-34-2	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	67-51-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	98-15-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	90-13-2
♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	82- 6-1		

TRENDS II

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's eighth best overall record at **137-59-4**. Here's are some trends during this time frame (200 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	77-22-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	73- 4-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense (<i>45-5 with 500-plus</i>)	86-16-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	50- 1-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	90- 5-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>51-40-1 when not</i>)	86-18-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	31- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	89-23-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	71-32-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	50- 6-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>10-0-1 400-plus</i>)	25-11-1
➤ when scoring first (<i>72-11-1 the last 84 times</i>)	83-14-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	67-51-2
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>23-6-2 with zero</i>)	100-28-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	72-12-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	74- 8-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	108-16-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	66- 6-1	♦ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	10- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	59- 6-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent (<i>71-3 the last 74</i>)	110- 5-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>23-2 40+</i>)	98-23-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	103-22-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	116-18-2		

TRENDS III

Gary Barnett took over the reins of the CU program in 1999. CU has a **46-34** overall record with him as mentor, and here are some trends during his tenure (80 games, including bowls):

➤ when scoring 30 or more points	33- 3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	21- 2
➤ when taking a lead after trailing (<i>19-5 last 24</i>)	24-11	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	16- 0
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>17-21 when not</i>)	29-13	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	8- 0
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>6-3 with zero</i>)	19- 9	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	22- 5
➤ when CU turnover margin is plus or even (<i>31-4 last 35</i>)	40-13	➤ with a 100-yard rusher (<i>24-4 last 28</i>)	27- 9
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	13- 4	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	9- 1
➤ when scoring first (<i>12-27 when not</i>)	34- 7	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	27-11
➤ when leading at halftime	34- 6	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	16- 3
➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>3-2 when tied</i>)	9-26	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	37- 3
➤ when leading after three (<i>5-27 trailing, 4-1 when tied</i>)	37- 6	➤ when allowing 50 or fewer rushing yards	9- 0
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	19- 3	♦ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	3- 0
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	24- 5	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	31-13
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	12- 2	➤ in games decided by 7 points or less (<i>10-2 in the last 12</i>)	17-12
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	38-10		

TURNOVERS UNDER BARNETT

Gary Barnett drills home to his teams the importance of taking care of the football. The statistics back up his argument, as the below will show that it is definitely better to take than to give during the Barnett Era:

	Turnovers Committed	Turnovers Forced	+/-	Scoring Off Turnovers		
				PF	PA	+/-
46 WINS	67	111	+44	396	166	+230
34 LOSSES	93	60	-33	153	298	-145
7-SEASON TOTAL (80 Games)	160	171	+11	549	464	+85

The biggest disparity (20) was in 2001: CU was plus-9 in its 10 wins and minus-11 in the three losses (and outscored 44-0 on turnovers). In the 42 wins, CU has outscored the opponent 348-159 on points off turnovers, and it's really magnified in the four bowl seasons, 324-122 (1999, 2001, 2002, 2004).

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (**25.1**) in Gary Barnett's six years as head coach, 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 in the first five games, **79** percent of the starters have been juniors (43) and seniors (44), with sophomores starting in all but one of the other 23 slots. In 2002, the numbers were flopped as well: upperclassmen started **93** percent of the games. It's basically a cyclical pattern, and that shows up when looking at the breakdown of the starters over the course of the season. A year-by-year look at starts by class:

➤ 2005 starters (5 games): Seniors (44), Juniors (43), Sophomores (22), Freshmen (1; redshirts 1, true 0).	Upperclassmen: 79%
➤ 2004 starters (13 games): Seniors (72), Juniors (103), Sophomores (100), Freshmen (11: redshirts 0, true 11).	Upperclassmen: 39%
➤ 2003 starters (12 games): Seniors (105), Juniors (49), Sophomores (78), Freshmen (32: redshirts 14, true 18).	Upperclassmen: 58%
➤ 2002 starters (14 games): Seniors (155), Juniors (130), Sophomores (14), Freshmen (9: redshirts 0, true 9).	Upperclassmen: 93%
➤ 2001 starters (13 games): Seniors (102), Juniors (95), Sophomores (83), Freshmen (7: redshirts 7, true 0).	Upperclassmen: 69%
➤ 2000 starters (11 games): Seniors (55), Juniors (116), Sophomores (38), Freshmen (33; redshirts 15, true 18).	Upperclassmen: 71%
➤ 1999 starters (12 games): Seniors (115), Juniors (42), Sophomores (86), Freshmen (21: redshirts 20, true 1).	Upperclassmen: 56%

UNDERCLASSMEN ROLE

In 2002, when CU finished 9-5 in the school's only ever 14-game season, underclassmen started a total of 23 games (14 sophomore/9 freshmen). Jump to 2003, and that total was surpassed after just four games (25), with the underclassmen start count for the year at 110 (78 sophomore/32 freshmen). In CU's Big 12 championship year in 2001, 90 underclassmen made starts, with the 71 starting in 2000 and 107 in 1999 during the Barnett era. Including the two kicking spots (P, PK), the 2002 numbers remained 23 out of a possible 336 starts (6.5%) by underclassmen; the 2003 numbers jumped to 134 (90 soph/44 frosh) out of 288, or 46.5%. In 2004, 110 of the 286 starters were underclassmen (38%; 123 of 312 including kickers, or 39%), setting the table for 2005.

CAPITAL RETURNS

CU's success often correlates directly with if it owns a hefty margin in return yards, as was the case in the 2001 and 2002 seasons. The Buffs had an **854-417** edge in 2001 and an **803-607** lead in 2002 in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs. In 2003, the opponent held a 599-453 edge, but in 2004, CU finished ahead by **574-499**. Return yards are a staple of the Barnett Era at Colorado, as including the postseason, CU now has **4,301** in the 80 games he has coached, **994** more than the opponent. And the Buffs have **35** return touchdowns over the last seven seasons (31 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the sixth most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through games of October 8:

School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Bowls	Total	School	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Bowls	Total
Miami, Fla.	3	13	11	5	9	8	0	3	52	Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	2	2	32
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	5	1	50	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	3	0	3	31
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	1	1	39	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	2	0	31
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	1	0	39	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	2	1	31
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	4	3	37	Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	4	2	29
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	6	1	4	35	Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	0	0	29
Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	2	0	35	Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	1	2	27
N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	5	0	1	34	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	3	1	26

2005 LEADERS: UCLA 5, Virginia Tech 5, Boise State 4, Fresno State 4, Nebraska 4, Ohio 4, Stanford 4, Texas 4, Toledo 4, six with 3.

THE BUFFS AGAINST THE BEST

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

Games	All-Time Record	1989-05 Record	Gary Barnett Record	Coach With The Most Wins
versus Top 5.....	11-46-2	7-14-1	2-7	5 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	24-80-3	13-25-2	2-13	8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	36-97-3	19-30-2	5-15	10 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	66-123-3	40-42-2	11-20	20 / Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the nine-year old league owns a **25-56** record against ranked non-conference opponents (including bowls) since its inception in 1996, and the Buffs own eight of those wins. CU is **8-8** against ranked non-Big 12 foes; Nebraska is 7-4, Texas 3-5, Kansas State 2-3, Oklahoma 1-1, Baylor 1-3, Iowa State 1-6, Kansas 0-2, Oklahoma State 0-4, Missouri 0-5, Texas Tech 1-6 and Texas A&M 0-9.

Against all-non league foes (non-conference opponents and bowl games), the records are: Nebraska 34-5, Kansas State 33-5, Oklahoma State 26-7, Texas 28-9, Oklahoma 26-10, Iowa State 24-10, Kansas 21-10, Texas Tech 26-12, Texas A&M 25-12, Missouri 22-11, **Colorado 23-14** and Baylor 19-12 (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).

HOLLIDAY DENIED NCAA WAIVER APPEAL

Junior **TB Mell Holliday**, a walk-on from Omaha, Neb., via Wayne State University and the University of Nebraska, had an appeal filed on his behalf by school officials denied by the NCAA regarding the one year-in-residency rule. CU declared Holliday, who had an impressive camp and rose to third on the depth chart by mid-August, ineligible after a second review of his academic history prior to enrolling in Boulder. CU's compliance staff first interpreted him to be eligible, but upon the second review, decided to rule him ineligible until the NCAA ruled on the matter, which it did Sept. 16. Holliday played two years at Wayne State and then transferred to NU, where he had hoped to make the Husker team; he wound up attending school but was not a member of the football squad.

LINER NOTES

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

1 Stephone Robinson	Midway through fall camp in 2004 he switched to cornerback from wide receiver; he is CU's primary punt and kick returner. He was named second-team All-Big 12 by conference coaches in 2004. He developed an M.O. quickly—most punts others would fair catch, he prides himself on catching and trying to gain even just a yard or two, preventing longer punts on bounces in the process.
2 Hugh Charles	He enjoys flying planes; he earned his solo license in a Cessna 172 as a sophomore in high school. He served in the Civil Air Patrol for two years. Charles was on CU's track and field team last season, participating in the long jump. He won his first competition in early February 2004 as a true freshman at the Air Force meet with only a week to prepare.
3 Tyrone Henderson	He was in the mix for a lot of playing time in 2004 before he became a starter due to a knee injury to J.J. Billingsley, as he figured to be the first man in off the bench for the nickel defense. He blocked two punts against Washington State to become the first Buff ever to block two kicks of any kind in a single game and quickly became a mainstay in the secondary.
4 Patrick Williams	Williams possesses a rare combination of speed and athletic ability, giving the Buffs a legitimate deep threat to stretch opposing defenses. He returns as a redshirt freshman after having the misfortune last season of breaking bones in both of his hands.
5 J.J. Billingsley	Billingsley was to be the veteran leader on defense, especially in the secondary, in 2004; however, he underwent arthroscopic surgery on August 19 to clean up a knee injury and returned to practice just six days later, but swelling persisted and a second operation (Oct. 12) ended his season. He is fully recovered and is one of the reasons for CU's improved secondary play in 2005.
6 Gardner McKay	McKay quickly climbed to No. 2 on the depth chart at cornerback behind junior Lorenzo Sims during fall camp. Although he has a small frame (5'11, 160 pounds), coaches have raved about his coverage skills. He has bulked up this fall in order to be a factor in defending the running game.
7 Dominique Brooks	"DB the DB," he's the first letterman to play in the secondary where his initials match the position... The coaches call him "The Voice of Reason," because as Shawn Watson puts it, "He usually has the answers, he calls it like he sees it, and he'll be a natural for television." Only the third player to have a two INT game as a true frosh at CU.
8 Alvin Barnett	He struggled to adapt to the fast pace of Division I football upon his arrival, but the coaches have been amazed with his progress since the spring, tabbing him as one of the team's most improved players. O-coordinator Shawn Watson: "He's made the biggest jump and is night and day compared to where he was in the spring. He's the biggest surprise out of the whole crew of receivers."
9 Tom Hubbard	He missed most of spring practices because of a knee injury but came back healthy for fall camp. Hubbard is one of 42 players on the 2005 Lott Trophy watch list: the award goes to the college defensive players of the year who has the biggest impact on and off the field. He got the attention of the Lott people by being named the defensive MVP in the Houston Bowl win over UTEP.
10 James Cox	He was in the mix for the starting job a year ago, but with Klatt entrenched at starter, he worked hard to ascend into the No. 2 spot and made his first start vs. ISU. He is considered the most pure passer of all the quarterbacks.
10 Terry Washington	He is one of the fastest players on the team with great instincts. Washington should see significant playing time this fall as he continues to learn the Buffs' defensive system after transferring from Garden State, Kan. Community College. The Buffs originally recruited him as a running back in 2003.
12 Akarika Dawn	Dawn can bounce between the will and mike positions, as he's practiced extensively at both, and played earlier in his career as a strong safety. He speaks fluent Spanish (his fiancé is Colombian). One of the more unsung players on the team, but offers consistent play at linebacker and can register a hit as fierce as anyone.
13 Joe Sanders	Former CU basketball center and current Indiana Pacer David Harrison helped persuade Sanders to become a Buff. Harrison, who also hails from Nashville and attended a nearby high school, has known Sanders since 1998. During high school, he traveled to South Africa to volunteer at an orphanage.
14 Joel Klatt	He played two-plus seasons in the San Diego Padres organization (A-ball: 2000, 2001 some of 2002). Some of his teammates back then are approaching stardom, topped by Padres ace Jack Peavy (<i>16-6 with an MLB best 2.27 ERA in 2004</i>). Others include Justin Germano (September call-up by SD), Tagg Bozied (Portland, AAA/Padres) and Josh Barfield (AA/Padres). Klatt was only the fourth junior elected captain since 1964 (end of the platoon era) and is just the fifth to serve in multiple seasons.
16 Mason Crosby	He has one of the strongest legs in college football, proving it out of the gate in 2004 with a 55-yard field goal in the opening win over Colorado State (it split the uprights and cleared with 10 yards to spare). This year, his 58-yard field goal at Miami was the longest without a tee at sea level in NCAA history (and of course he has a 60-yarder). The coaches feel CU can be in field goal range 65 yards on in. As with most kickers, he has a ritual: he'll sometimes hit 40-60 golf balls at the range two days before games.
17 Lawrence Vickers	One of the most versatile players in all of college football as he has good speed, solid blocking ability and has good hands; thus, he's a threat at tailback, fullback and receiver (and so was born his position moniker: V-Back.). Used to wear No. 34, but switched to 17 as after several personal tragedies, he decided to "skim things down a bit; thus the number serves as a personal reminder.
22 Byron Ellis	Ellis plays with a different style than starter Hugh Charles, as he runs with more of a bruising style and likes to shoot the ball up the middle. He is majoring in integrative physiology at CU and was 4.0 student in high school.
22 Lorenzo Sims, Jr.	His cousin (Ricky Manning) was a defensive back at UCLA, while another (DeShawn Stevenson) plays guard for the Utah Jazz; second cousin (Bruce Bowen) is a forward for the San Antonio Spurs. Sims is CU's most physical corner, evident from his conversion from safety.
27 Brian Iwuh	In 2004, he was moved to the new position in CU's new defensive scheme—Buff (outside) linebacker—and adjusted very well as he led the team in tackles. He had a rough 2003, as within four days, he lost his stepfather (Oct. 4) and older brother (Oct. 8) both to cancer. He had his knee scoped on Sept. 6 (hurt vs. CSU), but returned to practice Sept. 19 and started at Miami.
29 John Torp	He had the tough job of replacing '02 Ray Guy Award winner Mark Mariscal, and now, he's one of the leading candidates himself for the award. He averaged 42.5 per punt in 2003, and ratcheted that up to 46.3 last season (<i>see full page of notes on Torp</i>).

LINER NOTES

30 Paul Creighton	Creighton is listed as the No. 3 fullback on the depth chart, as well as the No. 3 tight end. His versatility essentially gives the coaches an extra player at both positions, as well as a valuable contributor on special teams.
31 Gerett Burl	He returned to CU in 2004 after a one-semester hiatus, and his return was welcomed. His grandfather, Alex “The Bullet” Burl, played tailback at Colorado State and then one year (1956) with the Chicago Cardinals. Another grandpa, Eddie Callaway, coached basketball (the first African-American to do so in Colorado) and was principal at Manual. Uncle, Eddie Callaway Jr., coached former CU basketball player and NBA Finals MVP Chauncey Billups at George Washington.
33 Walter Boye-Doe	He moved to defensive end from inside linebacker, a move that was delayed, as he did not participate in spring drills due to an ankle injury. An older brother, Howard, is a senior linebacker at Wisconsin.
43 Brendan Schaub	He entered his senior season having ascended to No. 2 at fullback. He had outstanding spring and fall practices that prompted Barnett to place Schaub on scholarship. He will likely see plenty of action in special teams duty as well.
44 Jordon Dizon	He became the first true freshman since 1991 and just the sixth-ever to start a season opener at CU in 2004 (the first ILB). He lived up to his nod, racking up 8 tackles, to go with a caused interception, one PBU, a TD save and a third down stop against CSU. His given Hawaiian name, Kainalu (<i>pronounced kye-ah-na-loo</i>) means “ocean wave.”
45 Quinn Synlewski	A nagging turf toe suffered in 2002 eventually required surgery in 2003, ending his true senior year; but with a redshirt year available, he opted to gear toward last season. Bad luck then hit him again with the lower leg injury. As a result, he is the first six-year player in modern history, and he finally scored his first college TD in his 44th career game (against New Mexico State).
47 Alonzo Barrett	Barrett had a monster spring capped by the annual spring game in which he finished with six solo tackles, including five sacks for a losses of 22 yards, two third down stops and a forced fumble. He earned his first career start at Oklahoma State.
49 Thaddeus Washington	If Iwuh is the hardest hitter on the team (Thaddeus disagrees), then Washington is a close second. He boasts the team’s second best squat (567 pounds during spring testing). Hails from the same high school that produced former CU QB Kordell Stewart.
51 Alex Ligon	Seasoned and bigger (up 15 pounds from ‘03), he came into his own last season; he had three quarterback sacks at Washington State, the first Buff to have that many since 2000, and claimed Big12 Defensive POW honors.
53 Abraham Wright	An explosive player with great speed, Wright has a knack for getting in the backfield. He finished the 2004 regular season second in QB pressures with six and tied with Ligon in sacks (4½).
58 Mark Fenton	He got the attention of the coaching staff during CU’s 2002 Alamo Bowl practices, as that’s when he first got an extensive look at the center position. CU’s had a long line of all-conference centers, and he’s just a sophomore.
59 Greg Pace	He approached long snapping like a financial analyst plots strategies; he started attending special team camps as a prep, and through hard work and dedication, was awarded a scholarship this fall. He is strictly a snapping specialist and plays no other spot.
62 John Guydon	Guydon, who has already graduated with a degree in broadcast production, is also interested in stand-up comedy. He has performed on occasion in front of small audiences and gets pretty good reviews. His second cousin, Damian Anderson, played tailback at Northwestern (under coach Gary Barnett) and is now with the Arizona Cardinals in the NFL.
66 Brian Daniels	In 2003, he started the most games—9—as a true freshman at CU since Eric Bieniemy started 11 at halfback in 1987; that number also tied for the fourth most starts at the time by a true frosh and most by any true frosh OL in school history.
73 Clint O’Neal	His weight is hovering around 300, his peak as a Buffalo as he’s found it difficult to gain and keep it on. He has been as low as 270 pounds during his CU career, but now that he’s bulked up, he enters his second consecutive season as a starter on the O-line. OL coach Dave Borbely said he had a great summer conditioning and took things to a new level, and it’s paid dividends.
76 Edwin Harrison	For his efforts and strong play towards the end of last season, Harrison was named to <i>The Sporting News</i> Freshman All-Big 12 squad. His grandfather (Calvin Jones) won the Outland Trophy as the nation’s outstanding interior lineman as a senior at Iowa in 1955; Jones was the first two-time consensus All-American in Iowa history, and his No. 62 was retired by the Hawkeyes.
77 Tyler Polumbus	The tallest player on the Buffs at 6-8, Polumbus has bulked up to 280 pounds. Two members of his family played sports at CU: Father (Tad) lettered in both football and golf (1965-66), and an uncle (Gary Polumbus) lettered three years in golf and twice made it to the NCAA Championships.
79 Gary Moore	Has played both guard and tackle during his CU career and thus could see time at both. His physique has been Completely overhauled, as he’s down between 315-320 pounds, some 50-60 pounds lighter than his true freshman year. An accomplished singer, he sang God Bless America the first home game following 9/11 and has a desire to one day be on “American Idol.”
82 James Garee	Garee weighed 205 when he signed with Colorado in the winter of 2001, and he’s progressively bulked up to 275. He moves to the interior on the defensive line to help replace graduated tackles Matt McChesney and Brandon Dabdoub. He was named a starter for the ‘03 Big 12 opener and has been a starter on the line ever since, and is a legitimate all-Big 12 candidate at his new position.
82 Evan Judge	He has the second-most career receiving yards by a walk-on (or former walk-on) in CU history, trailing only Jeff Campbell, perhaps the most famous Buffalo to ever join the team as a walk-on.
83 Dusty Sprague	He steadily improved last season, and had his first career 100-yard receiving game at Texas A&M (8-101). He fractured his clavicle vs. Texas but returned after only three games. This year, he’s emerged as the favorite go-to-guy for Joel Klatt.
89 Joe Klopfenstein	“Klop” runs well, has solid blocking skills and has great hands, and is a favorite target of the quarterbacks. A John Mackey Award candidate, he has a knack for the big play... which is aided by his 4.53 speed, making him the fifth fastest player on the team.
93 Vaka Manupuna	A spot player as a sophomore while coping with his mother’s death back in Hawaii, he won a starting spot as a junior after promising his late sister, Mele (she passed in the spring of 2004) that he would never quit and work hard to become a starter. He’s been a mainstay in the starting lineup ever since, and gets the attention of opposing coaches for his play at nose tackle.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the players on the 2005 Colorado Buffaloes. The players on this year's opening roster collectively had played in 1,080 games, with 314 starts, making it the most experienced team entering a season under Gary Barnett. That's a complete turnaround from last year, when with 761 games and 182 starts, it was his least-experienced team. The 2001 team was the most experienced until the season, as it entered the year with 924 games played with 326 starts; similar numbers were 761/182 (2004), 845/239 (2003), 883/278 (2002), 694/223 (2000) and 790/229 (1999). The list (includes bowls):

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ACKERMANN	19	0	CRAWFORD, C.	0	0	GUYDON	17	0	LEMON	0	0	STENGEL	0	0
ADAMS, Jo.	0	0	CREIGHTON	29	0	HAMMOND	15	0	LIGON	29	14	SYNIEWSKI	47	13
ADAMS, Ju.	0	0	CROSBY	30	—	HARRIS	15	0	LUCAS	0	0	TIPTON	16	3
AGOSTINO	0	0	CUSWORTH	5	0	HARRISON	16	3	MACKEY	15	2	TORP	32	—
BACKOWSKI	0	0	DANIELS	27	25	HAUCK	0	0	MacMARTIN	5	0	VICKERS	40	16
BARNETT	5	0	DAWN	44	11	HEAD	0	0	MANUPUNA	41	19	WALTERS	5	0
BARRETT	16	2	DEVENNY	0	0	HENDERSON	18	15	McBRIDE	1	0	WASHINGTON, Te	5	0
BEHRENS	0	0	DILALLO	0	0	HOLZ	18	0	McKAY	4	0	WASHINGTON, Th	29	15
BILLINGSLEY	33	23	DIZON	18	16	HUBBARD	24	6	MOORE	36	4	WASHINGTON, V.	29	0
BOYE-DOE	27	3	EBERHART	7	—	HYPOLITE	4	0	MOYD	0	0	WHEATLEY	25	7
BROOKS	24	13	ELLIS	14	0	IWUH	41	23	O'NEAL	35	22	WHITE	2	0
BROWN, M.	0	0	ENGLISH	0	0	JACKSON	9	0	PACE	42	0	WILLIAMS	7	0
BROWN, R.	0	0	FENTON	28	18	JAGORAS	0	0	POLUMBUS	15	2	WILSON	0	0
BURL	18	14	FOSTER	0	0	JONES, B.	5	0	ROBINSON	18	0	WRIGHT	19	8
BURNEY	3	0	GARDEN	0	—	JONES, M.	8	0	SANDERS, D.	5	1	YATES	0	0
BURTON	5	0	GAREE	37	26	JONES, Z.	0	0	SANDERS, J.	18	0	ZIMMERER	0	0
CAESAR	9	0	GARRATT	0	0	JOSEPH	15	0	SCHAUB	18	0	TEAM	1377	424
CANTRELL	3	0	GEER	0	0	JUDGE	43	16	SHANAHAN	0	0	2004 Final	1442	447
CARPENTER	7	0	GOETTSCH	4	0	KACHMER	0	0	SHERMAN	0	0			
CHARLES	17	5	GONZALES	6	0	KAYNOR	0	0	SIMS	22	19			
CLEMENT	4	0	GRIFFITH	37	0	KLATT	32	27	SMART	0	0			
COX	10	1	GRUBIN	0	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	36	27	SPRAGUE	15	5			

LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START: ILB Jordon Dizon (2004); ILB Walter Boye-Doe, CB Terrence Wheatley, S Dominique Brooks, OG Brian Daniels, DB Lorenzo Sims (2003); J.J. Billingsley, TB Brian Calhoun, DB Brian Iwuh (2002); G Marwan Hage, DE Marques Harris, TB Marcus Houston, TB Bobby Purify, TE Quinn Sypniewski, ILB Sean Tufts (2000).
LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT QUARTERBACK: Craig Ochs (2000), Koy Detmer (1992). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Has not occurred.
LAST TRUE FRESHMEN TO START AT RUNNING BACK: Brian Calhoun (2002), Marcus Houston (2000). **IN A SEASON OPENER:** Kent Kahl (1991).
LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: OG Daniel Sanders (2005); CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddaeus Washington (2003).
LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR: WR Mike Duren, OG Terrance Barreau (2004); WR D.J. Hackett (2003); DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster, QB Robert Hodge, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002), WR Matt Brunson (2001), DE Anwawn Jones (2000).

OUT THERE FROM THE GET-GO

DE James Garee owns the longest starting streak on the team at 26 games, with the next longest streaks all at 18 by **C Mark Fenton**, **OT Clint O'Neal** and **CB Lorenzo Sims**. **QB Joel Klatt** and **TE Joe Klopfenstein** share the team lead with the most career starts with 27, followed by Garee with 26 and **OG Brian Daniels** with 25. **TE Quinn Sypniewski** has played in 47 games, including bowls (45 regular season); he is well within reach of the regular season school record of 48. Daniels had a team-best string of 23 consecutive starts snapped when he missed the New Mexico State game with a fractured rib.

THIRTEEN "SEASONED" TO DATE IN 2005

Through five games, 13 players have now had their first taste of action in a Colorado uniform. In the opener against Colorado State, eight players hit the field for the very first time as a Colorado Buffalo, including one true freshman (**ILB Marcus Burton**, who played eight snaps from scrimmage); five followed suit for their first game action in game two against New Mexico State. In 2004, 26 saw their first collegiate action for the Buffaloes, with 24 players doing so in 2003; the latter included two scholarship kickers making CU likely the first team in the nation in a very long time that had two freshmen scholarship kickers play in the first game of the year. The list (*—mainly special teams duty to date):

TRUE FRESHMEN (4): S Ben Burney, ILB Marcus Burton, DT George Hypolite, CB Gardner McKay.
REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (4): *ILB Maurice Cantrell, OLB Brad Jones, OG Daniel Sanders, S Ryan Walters.
SOPHOMORES (1): *WR Chase McBride.
JUNIORS (4): WR Alvin Barnett, *OLB Chad Cusworth, OL Bryce MacMartin, *CB Terry Washington.
SENIORS (0).

SEVEN HAVE MADE FIRST CAREER STARTS IN 2005

Four players started for the first time in their CU careers in opener against Colorado State, all on the offensive side of the ball: **TB Hugh Charles**, **OT Tyler Polumbus**, **WR Dusty Sprague** and **OG Jack Tipton**. A week later, **OG Daniel Sanders** made his first start in place on of an injured Brian Daniels against New Mexico State. At Miami, **OG Edwin Harrison** started for the first time in a retooled line to combat several injuries. In the league opener at Oklahoma State, **DE Alonzo Barrett** was rewarded with his first career start. In 2004, 12 players made their first career starts in a CU uniform, with 10 of those returning this fall. In 2003, 20 players made their first career starts, the most first starts in since 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. Those were the most since 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1984:

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

STARTING SHUFFLE

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

- ⇒ In **1999**, CU started 20 different lineups (12 offense, 8 defense), due to personnel and formations in about half of the instances and to injuries for the rest. The 20 were the second most in team history to the 1998 count. In **2000** and **2001**, the numbers continued to grow.
- ⇒ CU had started different lineups on offense for 41 consecutive games, starting in mid-1997 until the start of 2001. On defense, the Buffs started a different 11 for 30 straight contests until having the same starting lineup in there for games two and three in 2001 (CSU, San Jose State).
- ⇒ CU used 21 different lineups (11 offense, 10 defense) in **2002** and 21 different lineups in 12 games in **2003** (CU started the same 11 on both offense and defense just twice in '03). In **2004**, even though the same five O-linemen started all 13 games, CU had 16 different lineups (6 offense, 10 defense).
- ⇒ In 2005, the opening game lineups were of course new, but so were they in games two and three with the offense; both were in game four and the offense was different in game five; thus, CU has utilized **147 different starting lineups in its last 93 games**, or just 39 under the maximum.

A BAKER'S DOZEN OF THEFTS & SCORES

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

BUFFALO DINOSAURS

Through October 8, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** has worked 424 CU football games, including a current run of 407 in a row (226 of which are at home; he's seen 444 all told). The radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 399 games in his career, including 139 in a row (he's only missed three bowl games, two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts, and three regular season games due to travel conflicts). **SID Dave Plati** has worked 301, including the last 259 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 259 in all (109 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 200 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 246 CU games. **Gary Barnett** has coached in 175 Buffalo games (95 as an assistant), while **Mike Hankwitz**, in his second tour as a CU assistant, has notched 138. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. And the late **F.M. "Dutch" Westerberg** is the all-timer; he saw every CU home game (394 of 'em) from 1921 until 1999, when he passed away at the age of 94.

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	23	9	.719
Oklahoma	20	12	.625
Kansas State	23	14	.622
Nebraska	20	15	.571
Colorado	20	17	.541
Texas A&M	18	19	.486
Texas Tech	16	21	.432
Oklahoma State	12	23	.343
Missouri	12	25	.324
Iowa State	9	28	.243
Kansas	5	33	.132
Baylor	1	37	.026

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

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

School	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska	18	10	.643
Colorado	17	12	.586
Kansas State	16	12	.571
Missouri	16	13	.552
Iowa State	7	21	.250
Kansas	5	23	.179

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	22	5	.815
Oklahoma	18	10	.643
Texas A&M	17	11	.607
Texas Tech	15	14	.517
Oklahoma State	13	16	.448
Baylor	5	23	.179

(does not include title games)

2005 Network TV Appearances

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

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

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

School	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	25	13	11	1	.540
Texas	21	7	12	2	.381
Nebraska	12	8	4	0	.667
Oklahoma	12	6	6	0	.500
Texas A&M	12	4	8	0	.333
Texas Tech	11	0	11	0	.000
Baylor	9	2	7	0	.222
Missouri	9	1	8	0	.111
Iowa State	8	1	7	0	.000
Kansas	6	0	6	0	.000
Oklahoma State	5	0	5	0	.000
Kansas State	2	1	1	0	.500

(regular season; does not include bowls)

TWO-MINUTE WARNING

Colorado has scored **109** times in **165** tries, including **18** game winning or tying scores, when the offense has been put into the two-minute drill since 1988 (or 66 percent of the time). CU is 3-of-5 in 2005: the Buffs were 1-for-2 against CSU, including the game winning field goal, 1-of-1 with a first half TD march against New Mexico State, 0-of-1 at Miami and 1-of-1 at OSU (first half field goal). CU was 4-for-5 in 2004, including a second half go-ahead score at Texas A&M and the game winning touchdown versus Kansas State. In 2003, the Buffs scored twice in as many tries in the season opener against Colorado State, registering a TD at the end of the first half and the game-winning score at the end of the game—CU's first in the two-minute drill since 1999. Lo and behold, the Buffs did it again in the offense the following week, putting the game winning score on the board with 2:15 left against UCLA. In Gary Barnett's tenure, the Buffs are **30 of 54** in the drill (18 TD/12 FG). 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	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	3- 5	109-165	66.1
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	2- 3	71- 98	72.4
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	2/0	46/25	
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- 2	38- 67	56.7
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	31/ 7	
Winning/Tying Scores	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	18	

TIME SPENT IN THE LEAD

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

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 458:01

Time Opp. In The Lead: 169:15

Games Held Lead In: 12

Games Trailed In: 7

2000	In Lead	(Behind)
COLORADO ST.	19:29	(31:37)
USC	0:00	(12:59)
WASHINGTON	16:43	(29:13)
KANSAS STATE	0:00	(57:03)
TEXAS A & M	36:03	(11:17)
TEXAS	0:00	(44:20)
KANSAS	2:32	(47:09)
OKLAHOMA ST.	56:47	
MISSOURI	57:58	
IOWA STATE	30:37	(26:01)
NEBRASKA	9:46	(41:17)

(no bowl game)

Time Spent In The Lead: 229:55

Time Opp. In The Lead: 300:56

Games Held Lead In: 8

Games Trailed In: 9

2004	In Lead	(Behind)
COLORADO ST.	50:27	
WASHINGTON ST.	26:17	
NORTH TEXAS	41:02	(8:21)
MISSOURI	0:00	(54:30)
OKLAHOMA ST.	0:00	(56:25)
IOWA STATE	54:24	
TEXAS A & M	35:35	(16:53)
TEXAS	18:18	(30:52)
KANSAS	20:29	(36:59)
KANSAS STATE	42:08	
NEBRASKA	51:31	
OKLAHOMA	0:00	(55:21)
*UTEP	11:10	(42:22)

Time Spent In The Lead: 351:21

Time Opp. In The Lead: 301:43

Games Held Lead In: 10

Games Trailed In: 8

1997	In Lead	(Behind)
COLORADO ST.	35:31	(5:11)
MICHIGAN	0:00	(54:28)
WYOMING	15:44	(34:53)
TEXAS A & M	18:41	(30:51)
OKLAHOMA ST.	35:22	(18:01)
KANSAS	43:08	(2:29)
TEXAS	49:42	(4:15)
MISSOURI	10:11	(45:34)
IOWA STATE	6:19	(48:33)
KANSAS STATE	4:06	(44:21)
NEBRASKA	0:00	(49:16)

(no bowl game)

Time Spent In The Lead: 218:44

Time Opp. In The Lead: 337:52

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 11

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 419:10

Time Opp. In The Lead: 227:48

Games Held Lead In: 11

Games Trailed In: 9

2005	In Lead	(Behind)
COLORADO ST.	3:04	(43:01)
NEW MEXICO ST.	54:26	
MIAMI, FLA.	0:00	(51:07)
OKLAHOMA ST.	59:42	
TEXAS A&M	58:03	
TEXAS		
KANSAS		
KANSAS STATE		
MISSOURI		
IOWA STATE		
NEBRASKA		

Time Spent In The Lead: 175:15

Time Opp. In The Lead: 94:08

Games Held Lead In: 4

Games Trailed In: 2

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 389:07

Time Opp. In The Lead: 222:57

Games Held Lead In: 10

Games Trailed In: 9

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 425:21

Time Opp. In The Lead: 261:28

Games Held Lead In: 11

Games Trailed In: 11

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 349:31

Time Opp. In The Lead: 258:51

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 8

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

Time Spent In The Lead: 255:59

Time Opp. In The Lead: 347:54

Games Held Lead In: 9

Games Trailed In: 10

#—led in OT. In 115 games over the last nine-plus seasons, CU has led in 93 of them; the Buffs have also had a lead in 63 of 77 Big 12 games.

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **283-10-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **203-3** with 35-plus points and **188-2** with 36-plus, **164-1** with 38-plus and **106-0** with 43 or more tallies. The three losses with 35 more points came to Air Force (58-35 in 1968), Oklahoma (82-42 in 1980) and Stanford (41-37 in 1993). Colorado has played **1,080** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- ➔ Colorado is **7-13-1** in its last **21** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-26-2** against top 10 schools and **40-42-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **96** of its last **200** games, posting a **90-5-1** record. The losses were at Stanford, 41-37 in 1993, to Missouri in Boulder in 1997, 41-31, and twice to Nebraska (in Boulder in 1999, 33-30, in overtime; and 34-32 at Lincoln in 2000) and at Baylor in 2003 (42-30). The tie was a 31-31 affair with Tennessee in the 1990 Disneyland Pigskin Classic. The Buffs have scored at least three touchdowns in **145** of these **200** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **118-25-2** (CU is **19-34-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed only **324** touchdowns in the last **642** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **317** times have yielded **160** field goals as well as **157** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 25% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 49% of the time, which are astonishing numbers.
- ➔ Since the middle of the 1998 season, the Buffalo "D" has rose to the occasion when the opponent has started a drive inside CU territory. Going back to the last six games in 1998 to the present, CU has allowed just **66** touchdowns out of **168** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **92** scores overall, meaning **76** non-scores). In 2004, the opponent had **nine** scores (7 TDs, 2 FG) out of **18** drives started in plus territory (four scores in seven times in 2005, but only 1 TD); over the last four seasons, CU's allowed just 47 scores (37 TD/10 FG) in **88** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards total offense per game figure in **45** of its last **98** contests (once in 2005, five times in '04), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **151** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **82** times (54 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **41** of the **151** games since the '93 season opener (27%)... and remember CU has played **65** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong Colorado team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. Through five games in 2005, CU is averaging **6.6** yards on first down plays; the last time the Buffs did that for a season was 2001, their Big 12 Championship season. 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 a healthy **5.7** per rush and **8.0** per pass play on first down, and have topped the opponent in 20-plus yard gains (18-6), 10-plus (42-21) and 5-plus (81-49).
- ➔ Colorado had seven touchdowns by returns in 2001 (4 interception, 2 punt, 1 fumble), a school record; but guess what? The 2002 team matched it (3 fumble, 2 interception, 2 punt). In 2004, the Buffs had six; dating back to the fifth game of the 1999 season, an OT win over Missouri, the Buffs have **35** scores by return in their last **76** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **56** scores by return in **127** games (49 regular season, seven bowl), or one almost every two games.
- ➔ **The Torp/Crosby Factor.** These guys control field position; opponents started over half their drives in 2004 either at (27) or inside (53) the 20, or **80** out of **159** (50.3%). By comparison, Colorado started 65 of 158 at or inside its 20, or 41.1%. And it's continued into '05: through five games, **43** of **69** opponent drives have started at or inside the 20 (62.3%).
- ➔ **200/200.** Colorado topped 200 yards both rushing and passing against New Mexico State, as CU has accomplished the 200 "double-double" **10** times in the last **79** games (and **31** times in the last **151**, dating to 1993). CU averaged over 200 in each for the season in both 1993 and 1994 (the first times ever at CU), as well as in 2001 (228.5/205.9). The Buffs are **31-2** since 1989 when they have reached the 200 plateaus in both. *Prior to '93, CU had accomplished the feat only 19 times in its first 929 games in its history.*
- ➔ **Grass.** Colorado is **52-34-1** in its last **87** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**49-27** in the last **76**, including a **25-12** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **89-27-3** in its last **119** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **56-20-3** in conference games. CU is 1-0 this year on artificial surfaces (and was 3-1 in 2004).
- ➔ Colorado has allowed **330** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for **196** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **330** sacks allowed for **4,966** pass plays called, or one for every **15.0** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **147** interceptions in **4,636** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.17** percent (one every **31.5** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs were an enigma on **third down** defensively in 2003, and remained so in 2004. In 2003, while opponents converted at an ordinary 34.6 percent clip (56-of-162), it's what they accomplished on the ones they made. Opponents gained 966 yards on those 56 makes, or an average of 17.3 per play; otherwise, CU allowed just 61 yards on the other 106 plays, or just 0.6 per. In 2004, opponents were **92-of-205** (**44.9%**), but gained **1,300** yards on the **92** conversions (**14.1** per) and had just **171** yards on **113** misses (**1.5**). *(For comparison, CU had 660 yards on 59 conversions, 11.2 per, and 222 on 112 misses for 2.0.)*
--Through five games in 2005, that number is down a bit to **12.1** on the 18 conversions (219 yards total; four plays with "excessive" yards: 40, 33, 24 and 21). On the 57 failures by the opponent, CU has allowed just 103 yards, or **1.8** per try.
- ➔ **Quick Strike.** Colorado has made a habit of scoring quickly the past three seasons. Dating back to the start of 2002, 46 of 127 touchdown drives have taken under 2:00. In 2005, 7 of 15 have used less than 2:00; in 2004, 9 of 28 fit that mold; 13 of 43 did so in 2003 and 17 of 41 in 2002.
- ➔ Colorado is **87-34-3** in its last **124** league games, and has the 10th fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- ➔ Colorado rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder on Sept. 25, 1993, opponents are just **3-of-66** 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 has converted **4-of-54** times when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ In the Barnett Era, the Buffs have scored in **225** of **320** quarters (70 percent), as well as in four of six overtime periods. All tolled, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **451** of its last **594** quarters (76%), including **14** of **20** in 2005.

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 29+ seasons. Since the start of 1976 (347 games), CU has blown a two-or-more score lead only 13 times, losing 10 and tying three. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

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

Colorado has lost only 16 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 loss came at Texas A&M last year, where the Buffs led 19-10 entering the quarter and regained the lead 26-23 after falling behind 23-19. In conference play, only Kansas (1984), Nebraska (1984, 1998, 1999, 2001), Oklahoma State (1997) and Texas A&M (2004) have rallied in the fourth to topple CU in this span. The ties came against Tennessee in 1990 (31-31, after leading 31-17) and Kansas State in 1993 (16-16 after taking a late 16-13 lead).

- In this same span, **Colorado has rallied to win 29 games and tie two others dating back to 1981 after once trailing at some point in the fourth quarter** (not including coming from 27-3 down against Nebraska in 1999 before losing in OT). The two most recent wins of this variety came against Texas-El Paso in the 2004 Houston Bowl and in the season opener against CSU this season (rallying from 9 and 11 points down, respectively).
- Colorado has won **84** of its last **89** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead (current streak is **6** and **12** of the last **13**); a 2003 loss to Baylor snapped a 19-game winning streak in such situations (and one of 26 straight on the road), and two games later, Texas Tech mustered a similar comeback. A streak of 49 consecutive wins between 1993 and 1999 was snapped in 2000 (to CSU; Iowa State also did it later that year).

DOMINATION

Colorado has only 17 losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl), Stanford (1991), Missouri (1997), Kansas (1998), CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999), CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000), Fresno State (2001), CSU and Wisconsin (2002), Washington State, Baylor and Kansas State (2003) and Missouri this year. BYU reappeared in the '88 final rankings; Stanford went 7-1 after CU to crack the top 20; in '97, MU almost beat Nebraska the following week and made its way into polls for the first time in 14 seasons; CSU appeared at No. 24 after defeating CU in '99; in '01, Fresno toppled No. 10 Oregon State the next week and zoomed into the rankings; in '02, CSU climbed as high as No. 13; and WSU cracked the polls after its win in Boulder in 2003. The Buffs are **79-15-2** in their last 96 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **110-17-2** in the last 129. The Buffs are **147-60-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-7 in bowls); **101-43-3** in Big 8/12 games (including three league title games) and **46-17-1** in non-conference regular season action.

LITTLE KNOWN RARITY

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

SPECIAL TEAMS INVITE

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

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS

Here's the list of those coaches and players who have birthdays to celebrate during the 2005 season, including camp (*—denotes on a game day):

Aug. 8 Gerett Burl (22)	Sept. 22 Reggie Joseph (20)	Oct. 31 Brian Daniels (21)	Dec. 16 Brandon Caesar (24)
Aug. 9 Dusty Sprague (21)	Sept. 22 Vance Washington (22)	Nov. 9 Joe Klopfenstein (22)	Dec. 17 William Inge (32)
Aug. 11 R.J. Brown (20)	Sept. 23 Tim Lemon (25)	Nov. 11 Tyson DeVree (21)	Dec. 18 Craig Bray (54)
Aug. 18 John Guydon (22)	Sept. 24 *Blake Mackey (22)	Nov. 14 Kevin Moyd (18)	Dec. 18 Terry Washington (21)
Aug. 19 John Torp (23)	Oct. 1 *David Hansburg (37)	Nov. 14 Mark Fenton (22)	Dec. 19 Riar Geer (19)
Aug. 20 Gardner McKay (19)	Oct. 2 Evan Judge (23)	Nov. 14 Gary Moore (23)	Dec. 28 Ben Carpenter (22)
Aug. 25 Alex Ligon (21)	Oct. 3 Walter Boye-Doe (21)	Nov. 14 Eric McCready (28)	Dec. 29 James Cox (22)
Aug. 30 Lorenzo Sims (20)	Oct. 6 Th. Washington (22)	Nov. 16 J.J. Billingsley (22)	Dec. 31 Paul Backowski (19)
Sept. 3 *Mason Crosby (21)	Oct. 15 *Devin Shanahan (19)	Nov. 18 Edwin Harrison (21)	Dec. 31 Stephone Robinson (21)
Sept. 15 Mack Brown (19)	Oct. 15 *Abraham Wright (21)	Nov. 19 Chad Cusworth (22)	Jan. 1 Justin Adams (19)
Sept. 15 Terry Wilson (19)	Oct. 16 Jarrell Yates (19)	Nov. 22 Jeff Smart (19)	
Sept. 20 Brian White (21)	Oct. 25 Jeremy Hauck (19)	Nov. 28 Kevin Eberhart (21)	
Sept. 21 Shawn Watson (46)	Oct. 30 Alvin Barnett (20)	Dec. 14 Mike Hankwitz (58)	

SCORING STREAKS

The Buffs have scored in a school record **202** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the longest streak in the Big 12), last being shutout on November 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **109** 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 **80** consecutive road games (**103** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **127** straight league games (all 77 in Big 12 play, including the three title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **115** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at home over the course of the last **247** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **434** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only four schools have done it: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through October 8): Colorado 202**, Nebraska 118, Kansas State 109, Texas Tech 97, Oklahoma 86, Kansas 31, Missouri 29, Iowa State 20, Texas A&M 19, Texas 12, Baylor 5, Oklahoma State 1. CU is the last team to shutout both Kansas State (12-0 in 1996) and Oklahoma State (34-0 this year).

SCORING STREAKS II

The school record **202** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **sixth** longest active streak in the nation. The list of the nine Division I-A schools that have scored in every game since at least the start of the 1993 season, through games of October 8:

School	Streak	Last Shutout	School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	256	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	Colorado	202	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Washington State	243	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	TCU	158	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	238	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	Nevada	155	*—All games: joined Div I-A in 1992
Florida State	215	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	Air Force	151	#—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	210	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)			(*—297 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl)

202 AND COUNTING

It was a close call, but Mason Crosby's 58-yard field goal extended CU's scoring streak to 200 games in a 23-3 loss at Miami. The 202-game streak currently stands as the 13th longest in Division I-A college history:

School	Streak	Dates	Ended By	School	Streak	Dates	Ended By
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/95	Colorado State
Washington	271	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	Florida State	215	9/10/1988 - present	.....
Michigan	256	10/27/1984 - present	.....	Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	Florida	210	11/05/1988 - present	.....
Washington State	243	10/22/1984 - present	.....	Colorado	202	11/19/1988 - present	.....
Oregon	238	10/05/1985 - present	.....	Virginia	195	9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000	Georgia Tech

The streak of 202 games started on November 19, 1988; here's a look at some of things in the news that day and week CU began its record scoring run:

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

THIRD TIME THE CHARM

For the first time in school history, a player was granted a sixth-year of eligibility as **TE Quinn Sypniewski** returned this fall after the NCAA allowed him another shot at a full senior season. Sypniewski originally received a medical redshirt for 2004 after battling a toe injury for the better part of two seasons, and received another after suffering a fractured lower leg in just his third game of the '05 campaign. So it's his third try as a senior. Sypniewski also became the first player to record statistics in six different seasons at CU. He is definitely making the most of it and has scored his first career touchdowns.

➤ **DID YOU KNOW:** The only five players in modern CU history who have posted statistics in five different seasons are Sypniewski, **ILB Barry Remington** (1982-86), **WR/KR Jo Jo Collins** (1984-88), **TB Marlon Barnes** (1994-98) and **TB Bobby Purify** (2000-2004). The first three played as true freshmen and suffered in-season ending injuries either their sophomore or junior seasons; Purify was injured in his original true senior season.

2005 OPPONENT SCHEDULES & RESULTS

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

COLORADO STATE (3-2)

28	at Colorado	31
24	at Minnesota	56
42	NEVADA	21
41	✚AIR FORCE	23
21	✚UTAH	17
0 15	✚at Brigham Young	
0 22	✚WYOMING	
0 28	✚at New Mexico	
N 5	✚at TCU	
N 12	✚SAN DIEGO STATE	
N 19	✚at UNLV	

NEW MEXICO STATE (0-6)

17	TEXAS-EL PASO	34
0	at Colorado	39
21	at New Mexico	38
13	CALIFORNIA	41
14	✚at Louisiana Tech	34
7	✚FRESNO STATE	37
0 15	✚at Hawai'i	
0 29	✚IDAHO	
N 5	✚at Boise State	
N 12	✚NEVADA	
N 19	✚at San Jose State	
N 26	✚UTAH STATE	

MIAMI, FLA. (4-1)

7	►at Florida State	10
36	►at Clemson (3 OT)	30
23	COLORADO	3
27	SOUTH FLORIDA	7
52	►DUKE	7
0 15	at Temple	
0 22	►GEORGIA TECH	
0 29	►NORTH CAROLINA	
N 5	►at Virginia Tech	
N 17	►at Wake Forest	
N 26	►VIRGINIA	

OKLAHOMA STATE (3-2)

15	MONTANA STATE	10
23	at Florida Atlantic	3
20	ARKANSAS STATE	10
0	◆COLORADO	34
31	◆MISSOURI	38
0 15	◆at Texas A&M	
0 22	◆at Iowa State	
0 29	◆TEXAS	
N 12	◆TEXAS TECH	
N 19	◆at Baylor	
N 26	◆at Oklahoma	

TEXAS A & M (3-2)

24	at Clemson	25
66	SMU	8
44	TEXAS STATE	31
16	◆BAYLOR (OT)	13
20	◆at Colorado	41
0 15	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	
0 22	◆at Kansas State	
0 29	◆IOWA STATE	
N 5	◆at Texas Tech	
N 12	◆at Oklahoma	
N 25	◆TEXAS	

TEXAS (5-0)

60	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	3
25	at Ohio State	22
51	RICE	10
51	◆at Missouri	20
45	◆Oklahoma (at Dallas)	12
0 15	◆COLORADO	
0 22	◆TEXAS TECH	
0 29	◆at Oklahoma State	
N 5	◆at Baylor	
N 12	◆KANSAS	
N 25	◆at Texas A&M	

KANSAS (3-2)

30	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	19
36	APPALACHIAN STATE	8
34	LOUISIANA TECH	14
17	◆at Texas Tech	30
3	◆at Kansas State	12
0 15	◆Oklahoma (at Kansas City)	
0 22	◆at Colorado	
0 29	◆MISSOURI	
N 5	◆NEBRASKA	
N 12	◆at Texas	
N 26	◆IOWA STATE	

KANSAS STATE (4-1)

35	FLORIDA INT'L	21
21	at Marshall	19
54	NORTH TEXAS	7
21	◆at Oklahoma	43
12	◆KANSAS	3
0 15	◆at Texas Tech	
0 22	◆TEXAS A&M	
0 29	◆Colorado	
N 5	◆at Iowa State	
N 12	◆at Nebraska	
N 19	◆MISSOURI	

MISSOURI (3-2)

44	Arkansas State (at KC)	17
35	NEW MEXICO	45
52	TROY	21
20	◆TEXAS	51
38	◆at Oklahoma State	31
0 15	◆IOWA STATE	
0 22	◆NEBRASKA	
0 29	◆at Kansas	
N 5	◆at Colorado	
N 12	◆BAYLOR	
N 19	◆at Kansas State	

IOWA STATE (3-2)

32	ILLINOIS STATE	21
23	IOWA	3
28	at Army	21
20	◆at Nebraska (2OT)	27
13	◆BAYLOR	23
0 15	◆at Missouri	
0 22	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	
0 29	◆at Texas A&M	
N 5	◆KANSAS STATE	
N 12	◆COLORADO	
N 26	◆at Kansas	

NEBRASKA (4-1)

25	MAINE	7
31	WAKE FOREST	3
7	PITTSBURGH	6
27	◆IOWA STATE (2OT)	20
31	◆TEXAS TECH	34
0 15	◆at Baylor	
0 22	◆at Missouri	
0 29	◆OKLAHOMA	
N 5	◆at Kansas	
N 12	◆KANSAS STATE	
N 25	◆at Colorado	

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

OPPONENTS IN 2005

The 2005 schedule marks a first for the Buffaloes in Big 12 Conference play: CU will close its regular season schedule with its last five games against the other North Division teams (CU closed with four straight the first three years of the league's existence, in 1996-97-98). Colorado has five bowl teams on its 2005 schedule (Iowa State, Miami, Fla., Oklahoma State, Texas, Texas A&M) with this year's 11 foes combining overall for a **68-58** record in 2004, a winning percentage of 54.0. Three teams just missed out on the postseason after recording **5-6** records (New Mexico State, Missouri, Nebraska), with the three remaining teams all posting **4-7** records, with all three playing schedules ranked in the top 31 in the nation last fall (Kansas No. 17, CSU No. 27, Kansas State No. 31). The roll call of 2005 opponents and their 2004 records: **Colorado State** (4-7), **New Mexico State** (5-6), **Miami, Fla.** (9-3), **Oklahoma State** (7-5), **Texas A&M** (7-5), **Texas** (11-1), **Kansas** (4-7), **Kansas State** (4-7), **Missouri** (5-6), **Iowa State** (7-5) and **Nebraska** (5-6).

- Colorado gets three schools this year one week after one of their most intense rivalries: On Sept. 10, the Buffs played New Mexico State a week after the Aggies squared off against neighbor UTEP (and a week ahead of the NMSU-New Mexico clash); on Oct. 15, CU travels to Austin to face Texas a week after its Red River Shootout with Oklahoma; and on Nov. 5, the Buffs host Missouri seven days after the annual MU-Kansas battle.

USUALLY IN 'EM

Colorado's usually been in those few games it has lost over the last 16 seasons. Of the 59 losses, 32 have been by eight points or less (including 15 of the 34 losses in the Barnett Era). Teams that have defeated CU by more than eight are Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas State and Texas (three times), Kansas and Missouri (twice), Baylor, and Colorado State, Florida State, Miami, Michigan, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Texas Tech, USC and Washington State. CU has really been dominated from the start only five 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 and in the 2004 Big 12 title game with Oklahoma. K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03), Oklahoma State ('04) and Miami ('05) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

'04 BOWL TEAMS

Colorado played six bowl teams in 2004 (not including UTEP in the Houston Bowl), tied for the 15th most in the nation, and including the 2003 slate, CU has seen 16 of its last 24 opponents earn bowl bids. Only one of CU's non-conference opponents advanced to bowl play (North Texas), the fewest in recent memory. In October, CU lined up against four consecutive bowl teams (Oklahoma State, Iowa State, Texas A&M and Texas), and then added Oklahoma to the list in the title game. **MOST BOWL TEAMS PLAYED (2004):** Texas A&M 9, Syracuse 8, Arkansas 7, Arizona 7, Arizona State 7, Iowa 7, Michigan 7, Louisiana Tech 7, Northwestern 7, Notre Dame 7, Ohio State 7, Oklahoma State 7, South Florida 7, USC 7, **Colorado 6** (with 17 other schools).

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE

Colorado has the **eighth** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**137-59-4**). Of these 200 games, Colorado has played **84** ranked teams (42%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 27 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **40-42-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-17** record *on the road*); CU is also **97-17-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 12 years (**64** of its last **147** 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 and 0-1 in 2005. **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.**

RANKED "UNDEFEATEDS" FALL AT FOLSOM

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

CU-GEORGIA SIGN ON FOR HOME-AND-HOME SERIES, FUTURE SCHEDULES TAKING SHAPE

Colorado and Georgia jointly announced on May 31 an agreement to play each other on the football field for the first time in school history. Initiated by CU officials in anticipation of approval of a 12th game, the two schools moved quickly to schedule a home-and-home series beginning next year and concluding at the end of the decade. The Buffaloes will travel to Athens to face the Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium on September 23, 2006, with UGA to return the game at Folsom Field on October 2, 2010. The contract will call for CU to receive \$750,000 for its trip to Georgia next year; allowing for inflation with four years to elapse between games, UGA will earn \$825,000 for its trip to Boulder in 2010. It will be the largest payout CU has ever received for a regular season road game, topping the \$600,000 it received for past games at Michigan and Florida State.

"This series with Georgia is significant for several reasons," CU athletic director **Mike Bohn** said. "Outside of the obvious in that we get to play in a great venue in Athens and in turn bring a quality opponent to Folsom Field, we have a large and active alumni base in the Atlanta area, and it was fortuitous to add a quality road game in 2006 when we already have six games in Boulder and a seventh in Denver in the Colorado State game." Bohn added that including television dollars, the game next year could result in anywhere from \$1.1 to 1.3 million in revenue for the athletic department.

The Buffs have played just 10 games against Southeastern Conference schools, owning a 2-7-1 all-time record. The two wins were significant: a 47-33 win over Alabama in the '69 Liberty Bowl, and a 31-21 win at Louisiana State to open the '71 campaign, starting Eddie Crowder's Buffs on their way to a 10-2 season and No. 3 final ranking. In 1990, No. 5 CU opened the year with a 31-31 tie with No. 8 Tennessee in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic; the Buffs went on to finish 11-1-1 and claim the national championship. Six of the 10 games have been against LSU, and the Buffs last played an SEC team in 1991, when Alabama rallied for a 30-25 win in the Blockbuster Bowl.

FUTURE CU SCHEDULES: Colorado's immediate future football schedules (updated as of August 10):

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
S 2 MONTANA STATE	S 1 COLORADO STATE	A30 Colorado State (Denver)	S 5 Colorado State (Ft. C/Den)	S 4 COLORADO STATE
S 9 Colorado State (Ft. C /Den)	S 8 at Arizona State	S 6 HOME TBA	S12 HOME TBA	S11 at California
S16 ARIZONA STATE	S15 HOME TBA	S13 NORTH CAROLINA	S19 WYOMING	S18 ARIZONA
S23 at Georgia	S22 FLORIDA STATE	S20 at Florida State	S26 at North Carolina	O 2 GEORGIA
S30 *at Missouri	S29 *OKLAHOMA (H)	Big 12 Games	Big 12 Games	Big 12 Games
O 7 *BAYLOR (H)	O 6 *at Baylor	(October 4-on; dates TBA)	(October 3-on; dates TBA)	(October 9-on; dates TBA)
O14 *TEXAS TECH (FW)	O13 *at Kansas State	IOWA STATE	KANSAS	BAYLOR
O21 *at Oklahoma	O20 *KANSAS (FW)	KANSAS STATE	MISSOURI	IOWA STATE
O28 *at Kansas	O27 *at Texas Tech	OKLAHOMA STATE	NEBRASKA	KANSAS STATE
N 4 *KANSAS STATE	N 3 *MISSOURI	TEXAS	TEXAS A& M	TEXAS TECH
N11 *IOWA STATE	N10 *at Iowa State	at Kansas	at Iowa State	at Kansas
N24 *at Nebraska	N23 *NEBRASKA	at Missouri	at Kansas State	at Missouri
		at Nebraska	at Oklahoma State	at Nebraska
		at Texas A & M	at Texas	at Oklahoma

FW—Family Weekend

HC—Homecoming

THE AVERAGE BUFF

The 105 players on the 2005 opening week roster (active and inactive, as of August 29) were 7,934 inches in height and weighed 22,900 pounds, or an average of 6-3, 218 pounds per player (very similar to last four averages: 6-2, 223 in 2004; 6-2¼, 226 in 2003; 6-2¼, 227 in 2002; and 6-2, 227 in both 2000 and 2001). The 7,934 inches translate roughly into 661 feet or 220 yards (or a pro's 8-iron at The International at Castle Pines), while the weight of 22,900 pounds is about the equivalent of the fuel needed for a jetliner to make the coast-to-coast trip from New York to Los Angeles. Here's a look at position-by-position averages (LW—denotes lettermen):

Position	Players	LW	Height	Weight	Position	Players	LW	Height	Weight
Cornerbacks	10	5	5-10	182	Quarterbacks	6	2	6-3	212
Defensive Ends	10	4	6-3	245	Safeties	7	4	6-0	194
Defensive Tackles	6	3	6-3	280	Special Teams Snappers	2	2	6-1	225
Fullbacks	4	2	6-2	235	Tailbacks	6	2	5-9	198
Inside Linebackers	11	6	6-1	223	Tight Ends	7	2	6-4	235
Kickers/Punters	5	3	6-1	194	V-Backs (Versatile)	1	1	6-2	235
Offensive Linemen	13	7	6-4	290	Wide Receivers	13	5	6-1	190
Outside Linebackers	4	1	6-1½	220	Team	105	49	6-3	218

The most popular letter to begin surnames are the letters B (12 each), followed by H and S (both 10), and then G and W (9); five last names are similar, but none are brothers (Adams, Brown, Jones, Sanders, Washington). There was no overly popular first name (there were three Maurice's), and the more unique ones include Akarika, Dusty, Taj, Thaddaeus and Vaka.

AROUND THE NATION

Colorado gets most of its players from primarily three states: Colorado, California and Texas (72 percent of the entire roster—76 of 105 players). The roll call of state producers for the Buffs: Colorado **35**, California **25**, Texas **16**, Hawai'i **3**, Iowa **3**, Florida **2**, Illinois **2**, Kansas **2**, Louisiana **2**, Michigan **2**, Minnesota **2**, Nebraska **2**, Oklahoma **2**, Alabama **1**, Arizona **1**, Connecticut **1**, Missouri **1**, Oregon **1** and Tennessee **1**. That's **19** states plus Canada (one player) that produced the make-up of this year's team.

2005 TEAM MAKE-UP

The 105 players listed on the roster as of August 29 breaks down into 20 seniors, 32 juniors, 17 sophomores and 36 freshmen (including 10 redshirt frosh). An expanded breakdown:

Lettermen Returning: 49 (21 offense, 23 defense, 5 specialists)
Scholarship Players: 84

Lettermen Lost: 16 (10 offense, 5 defense, 1 specialist)
Walk-On Players: 25

Starters Returning (17)—Offense 7: OG Brian Daniels (22/13), C Mark Fenton (13/13), WR Evan Judge (11/11), QB Joel Klatt (22/12), TE Joe Klopfenstein (21/12), OT Clint O'Neal (17/13), VB Lawrence Vickers (13/7). **Defense 10:** S Dominique Brooks (13/10), ILB Jordon Dizon (11/11), DE James Garee (21/13), S Tyrone Henderson (10/10), OLB Brian Iwuh (19/13), DE Alex Ligon (11/10), DT Vaka Manupuna (14/13), CB Lorenzo Sims (14/13), ILB Thaddaeus Washington (11/10), CB Terrence Wheatley (7/5).

(Career/2004 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those who had six or more starts in 2004 OR were starting at the end of the year.)

Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (6; min. 3 career starts)— FS J.J. Billingsley (18/0), ILB Walter Boye-Doe (3/0), CB Gerett Burl (9/9), ILB Akarika Dawn (10/5), S Tom Hubbard (5/5), TE Quinn Sypniewski (11/0), DE Abraham Wright (3/3).

Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (12; two or fewer career starts)— DE Alonzo Barrett, TB Hugh Charles, QB James Cox, FB Paul Creighton, TB Byron Ellis, DT John Guydon, OT Edwin Harrison, LB Chris Hollis, WR Blake Mackey, OG Gary Moore, OLB Joe Sanders, WR Dusty Sprague.

Starters Lost (5)—Offense 4: OG Terrance Barreau (13/13), WR Ron Monteilh (14/12), TB Bobby Purify (17/12), ST Sam Wilder (36/13).

Defense 1: DT Matt McChesney (25/13).

Others Lost With Starting Experience (5)— DT Brandon Dabdoub (18/1), QB Erik Greenberg (2/0), OL Derek Stemrich (11/0), TE Jesse Wallace (14/6).

Specialists Returning (5)— PK Mason Crosby, PK Kevin Eberhart, SN Greg Pace, KR Stephone Robinson, P John Torp. **Specialists Lost (0).**

TOP CONDITIONED BUFFS

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

Bench Press: Edwin Harrison 414, Jack Tipton 414, Vaka Manupuna 409, James Garee 405, John Guydon 405, Joe Klopfenstein 403, Clint O'Neal 403.

40-Yard Dash: Hugh Charles 4.37, Blake Mackey 4.38, Vance Washington 4.45, Patrick Williams 4.49, Joe Sanders 4.52, Joe Klopfenstein 4.53.

Power Clean: Alex Ligon 335, Akarika Dawn 330, Hugh Charles 325, Brian Iwuh 325, Marcus Jones 315, Joe Klopfenstein 315, T. Washington 305.

Vertical Jump: Vance Washington 40-½, Hugh Charles 38-0, Joe Klopfenstein 38-0, Patrick Williams 37-5, Brian Iwuh 37-0, Blake Mackey 37-0.

Champions: Hugh Charles (*Speed/RB-DB-WR-K/P-QB*); Joe Klopfenstein (*Explosion/TE-FB-LB-DS*); Alex Ligon (*Power/OL-DL*).

STREAKING

Colorado has active multiple win streaks going against 14 major schools. The list: **5**—Air Force; **4**—Iowa State, Kansas, San Jose State; **3**—Colorado State, Minnesota, Utah State; **2**—California, Iowa, Louisiana-Monroe, Notre Dame, Oregon State, UCLA and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by LSU and Oklahoma (4) and Michigan State (3 each).

"OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS"

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

- ❑ Colorado is **70-25** in its last **95** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **67-12** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **60-16-1** in its last **77** games against schools that include the word "State" (dating to 1986);
- ❑ Colorado is **17-9** since 1986 against teams ranked between Nos. 20 and 25 in the AP poll (**8-3** in the last 11);
- ❑ Colorado is **67-10-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**18-3** last 21; **72-47-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **73-29-2** in games where the starting quarterback had the letter "K" in his first or last name (dating to 1992: **Kordell Stewart**, **Duke Tobin**, **Koy Detmer**, **Mike Moschetti**, **Joel Klatt**, **Erik Greenberg**).

SIX BUFFS PLAY IN SUPER BOWL XXXIX, FOUR WIN RINGS

CU had six players either on the New England Patriots or the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX last February 6 in Jacksonville, with the four on the Pats winning championship rings for the second straight year. The combined count of six was the most representing any school on both rosters in the game.

Offensive tackle **Tom Ashworth** (CU class of 2000) tight ends **Christian Fauria** ('94) and **Daniel Graham** ('01) and linebacker **Ted Johnson** ('94) all have won Super Bowl rings with New England the last two seasons. Ashworth and Johnson also earned rings three years ago when the Pats won their first Super Bowl over the St. Louis Rams. All-pro safety **Michael Lewis** ('01) and quarterback **Koy Detmer** ('96) were unfortunately on the losing end for the Eagles. Lewis has been a regular in the Philly secondary since his rookie season in 2002, and Detmer, the backup to Donovan McNabb, is the team's holder and one of its most popular players.

The six Buffaloes in this year's game also represented the most Colorado alumni ever on the overall rosters (active, inactive or injured reserve) for a Super Bowl game, topping the five on two previous occasions. That happened in 1980, when four played for the champion Oakland Raiders (**Cliff Branch**, **Mike L. Davis**, **Odis McKinney** and **Greg Westbrook**) and one for the Philadelphia Eagles (**Charlie Johnson**), and in 1998, when four were members of the champion Denver Broncos (**Matt Lepsis**, **Viliani Maumau**, **Tom Rouen** and **Alfred Williams**) with one on the Atlanta Falcons (**Ronnie Bradford**).

FOUR SENIORS NAMED CAPTAINS FOR 2005 SEASON

The Buffaloes elected seniors **DT James Garee**, **OLB Brian Iwuh**, **QB Joel Klatt** and **VB Lawrence Vickers** as the team's 2005 captains on August 26.

- Klatt, who was just the fourth player since 1985 to be named as a captain as a junior, becomes just the fifth player to serve as a Buffalo captain in multiple seasons. TB Bobby Purify did so in 2003 and 2004, though in part being awarded a second chance at a senior season after his fourth-year ended early due to an ankle injury. ILB Barry Remington was the last player selected by his teammates to serve as a captain both his natural junior and senior years (1985 and 1986). The other two players who held the honor twice were in CU's first decade of intercollegiate football, when Pat Carney served as team captain for the 1891, 1892 and 1893 seasons with Harry Gamble the choice in 1894 and 1896. He has a chance to take over almost all of the school's major passing records, as he entered his senior season at Colorado in the top five in the five major passing categories.
- Garee, a fifth-year senior from Colorado Springs (Mitchell High School), moves inside to tackle from end this year, has started 21 consecutive games, the second longest current streak on the team. He had 60 tackles last season and has 7.5 career quarterback sacks.
- Iwuh, who cracked the starting late in his true freshman year at weak safety in 2002, has 151 career tackles, including 109 solo stops. A second-team all-Big 12 Conference performer a year ago, he led the Buffs in tackles with 98 in 2004, which also included a team-best 14 for losses.
- Vickers, a fourth-year performer from Houston, is referred to by many as the best fullback in the Big 12, but who can also play tailback and had excellent hands as a receiver, thus the "V-back" tag for his versatility. He has 373 career rushing and 404 career receiving yards, and should easily join the short list in school history of players who have 500 or more of each.

CRADLE OF COACHES

There are four current head coaches in Division I college football who have had assistant coaching stints at the University of Colorado. The most obvious is **Gary Barnett**, who was an assistant at CU from 1984-91 and was head coach at Northwestern from 1992-98. Others include: **Les Miles**, Oklahoma State (1982-86), **Gregg Brandon**, Bowling Green (1999-2000) and **Karl Dorrell**, UCLA (1992-93, 1995-97). **Gerry DiNardo** was on that list last year, as the former head man at Vanderbilt and LSU coached at Indiana (he was at Colorado from 1982-89); In 2003, **Mike Hankwitz**, served as Arizona's interim head coach for the last two months of the season; he was at CU for 10 years (1985-94). **Lou Tepper** (1983-87) was head coach at Illinois for five years and is now the head man at Edinboro (Pa.) State. All were assistants under Bill McCartney, CU's all-time winningest head coach (93-55-5 between 1982-94). Five others who assisted under McCartney have also worked as head coaches: **Jim Caldwell**, Wake Forest (at CU from 1982-84), **Steve Logan**, East Carolina (1985-86), **Rick Neuheisel**, at CU and Washington (1994), **Bob Simmons**, Oklahoma State (1988-94) and **Ron Vanderlinden**, Maryland (1983-91). **Tom Cable** (1998-99) was head coach for four seasons at Idaho, as he coached under Rick Neuheisel and Barnett. Dorrell is the only one above to coach as an assistant under both McCartney and Neuheisel. In addition, former CU player **Pete Shinnick** ('88) is entering his seventh season as head coach at Azusa Pacific.

PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS

There are 23 Colorado Buffaloes on the 2005 National Football League rosters (as of October 10). CU had 32 at the start of camps in July, with the 21 that are currently on the rosters tied for third in the Big 12, trailing Nebraska (32) and Texas A&M (27) and tied with Oklahoma; Kansas State has 22 and Texas 21. Nationally in 2004, CU was tied for the 12th most players produced; Miami, Fla., led with 43, followed by Florida State (39) and Notre Dame (38). CU tied for 13th in 2003 with 29, and was 10th in 2002, also with 29. The Buffs had 42 report to camps in 2003, which led the Big 12 Conference. CU led the Big 12 in this area in the first four years of the conference's existence, was third in 2000 and 2001 and second in 2002 and 2003. Nationally, CU was in the top four between 1996-99 (fourth in 1996-97-99, third in 1998). The 2005 list (*--denotes on injured/reserve; p—denotes on the practice squad; #—denotes starter/first-team member; †—denotes one-time Buffalo who finished at another school; 2R—denotes second-year rookie):

Player	Pos.	Team	Exp.	Waived (In camps or from season rosters):			
#Tom Ashworth	OT	New England Patriots	4	Brad Bedell	OG	Green Bay Packers	4
Justin Bannan	DT	Buffalo Bills	4	Brandon Dabdoub	DT	Tennessee Titans	R
#Mitch Berger	P	New Orleans Saints	11	#Wayne Lucier	C	New York Giants	2
#Tyler Brayton	DT	Oakland Raiders	2	Mark Mariscal	P	Philadelphia Eagles	2R
#Chad Brown	OLB	New England Patriots	12	Matt McChesney	DT	St. Louis Rams	R
#Chris Brown	RB	Tennessee Titans	2	Derek McCoy	WR	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2R
Koy Detmer	QB	Philadelphia Eagles	8	Gabe Nyenhuis	DE	Indianapolis Colts	2R
Christian Fauria	TE	New England Patriots	10	*Craig Ochs	QB	San Diego Chargers	R
#Daniel Graham	TE	New England Patriots	3	Victor Rogers	OT	Detroit Lions	3
#Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	3	Jashon Sykes	LB	Denver Broncos	3
D.J. Hackett	WR	Seattle Seahawks	1	Retired			
†Marques Harris	DE	San Diego Chargers	R	Ted Johnson	LB	New England Patriots	10
#Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	8	COACHES			
#Michael Lewis	SS	Philadelphia Eagles	3	Name	Pos.	Team	Tie To Colorado
#Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	8	Ronnie Bradford	ST	Denver	Player, 1989-92
Hannibal Navies	LB	Cincinnati Bengals	6	Greg Brown	CB	New Orleans	Asst. Coach, 1991-93
p-Bobby Purify	RB	Green Bay Packers	R	Jim Caldwell	QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
Kordell Stewart	QB	Baltimore Ravens	10	Steve Marshall	OL	Houston	Asst. Coach, 2000-01
#Tom Rouen	P	Seattle Seahawks	13	Rod Perry	DB	Carolina	Player, 1973-74
#*Donald Strickland	CB	Indianapolis Colts	2				
p-Sean Tufts	LB	Carolina Panthers	2R				
Drew Wahlroos	LB	St. Louis Rams	1				
p-Sam Wilder	OL	San Francisco 49ers	R				

BY TEAM (18 of 32)—New England 4, Philadelphia 2, Seattle 2, Baltimore 1, Buffalo 1, Carolina 1, Cincinnati 1, Dallas 1, Denver 1, Green Bay 1, Indianapolis 1, Jacksonville 1, New Orleans 1, Oakland 1, St. Louis 1, San Diego 1, San Francisco 1, Tennessee 1.

AND IN CANADA? Two former Buffs took their wares north to the Canadian Football League: **C Marwan Hage** played with the Hamilton Tigercats, while **CB Ben Kelly** is on the Calgary Stampeders.

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

NOTE: How good was CU's 1994 offense? Ten of the 11 starters were drafted into the NFL (Tony Berti, Rae Carruth, Fauria, Irwin, Naeole, Rashaan Salaam, Stewart, Bryan Stoltzberg, Derek West and Westbrook), with the 11th signing as a free agent (Lepsis). All played, and three remain on NFL rosters some 10 years later. And six of the '94 defensive starters wound up playing professionally as well.

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, 18 of 24 players who started at least two years on the Buff offensive line were either drafted or signed as free agents. The list is impressive (with three others who started just one season):

Full Years				Full Years			
Player	Pos	As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)	Player	Pos	As A Starter	NFL (Round or FA)
Sam Wilder	T	(2) 2003-04	Dallas (FA)	Heath Irwin	G	(3) 1993-94-95	New England (4)
Marwan Hage	G/C	(3) 2001-02-03	Jacksonville (FA)	Bryan Stoltzberg	C	(4) 1992-93-94-95	San Diego (6)
Wayne Lucier	G/C	(2) 2001-02	N.Y. Giants (7)	Derek West	T	(3) 1992-93-94	Indianapolis (5)
Justin Bates	T/G	(3) 2000-01-02	Dallas (7)	Tony Berti	T	(2) 1993-94	San Diego (6)
Andre Gurode	G/C	(3) 1999-00-01	Dallas (2)	Jay Leeuwenburg	C	(3) 1989-90-91	Kansas City (9)
Victor Rogers	T	(3) 1999-00-01	Detroit (7)	Mark VanderPoel	T	(3) 1988-89-90	Indianapolis (4)
Brad Bedell	G	(2) 1998-99	Cleveland (6)	Joe Garten	G	(4) 1987-88-89-90	Green Bay (6)
Shane Cook	T	(2) 1998-99	New Orleans (FA)	One-Year Starters:			
Ryan Johanningmeier	G/T	(3) 1997-98-99	Atlanta (FA)	Tom Ashworth	T	(1) 2000	New England (FA)
Melvin Thomas	G/T	(3) 1995-96-97	Philadelphia (7)	Ben Nichols	G	(1) 1998	Atlanta (FA)
Chris Naeole	G	(3) 1994-95-96	New Orleans (1)	Ariel Solomon	T	(1) 1990	Pittsburgh (10)

HISTORICALLY

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 116th season of competition with an all-time record of **647-397-36** in **1,080** games. CU currently stands 15th on the all-time win list and is 21st in all-time winning percentage (.616). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **278-131-10** in their 82nd season on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **241-202-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB

The Buffs are **44-20-2** in its last **66** October games, when conference play annually blooms. Dating back to 1989, Colorado is **43-16** in its last **59** September games, a pretty decent record considering the quality of non-conference schedule CU annually plays, and is **2-2-1** in August games in its history. The Buffs are **47-16-1** in their last **64** November games (**42-8** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-8-1 against NU in turkey month) and is **5-4** in December games since 1993.

OVERTIME

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

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

NCAA CHANGES FORMULA FOR NET PUNTING

This season, the NCAA has begun to allow for touchbacks when computing net punting average. This isn't new stuff—the NFL has done it for years—so it really will be more reflective of what a player and team's net punting numbers are. To calculate, return yards and touchback yards (touchbacks x 20) are deducted from the gross yardage total with that number divided by the number of punts to attain the net average. As for CU, not much need to worry about it deflating John Torp's numbers; he had five touchbacks out of 68 punts all last season, which would have lowered his and the team's net by 1.47 yards to 41.22, still higher than No. 2 BYU's figure of 41.14 before accounting for any touchbacks by Cougar punters. For his career, Torp has just 13 touchbacks for 148 punts.

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 the 15 seasons, which is the seventh most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Miami (9), Oklahoma (9), Ohio State (8) 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 and Hendricks awards. The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 2004 (players only; LSU and Michigan players split the 2004 Rimington Award and thus got ½ in the trophy count):

School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies	School	Players	Trophies
Florida State	7	15	Virginia Tech	2	3	Michigan State	1	1
Miami, Fla.	9	15	Washington	2	3	Minnesota	1	1
Oklahoma	9	15	Illinois	2	2	Missouri	1	1
Ohio State	8	13	Mississippi	2	2	N.C. State	1	1
Michigan	6	11½	Texas A&M	2	2	Stanford	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	TCU	2	2	Tulane	1	1
Colorado	7	9	Texas Tech	2	2	Virginia	1	1
Penn State	4	8	Arizona State	1	2	Washington State	1	1
Florida	3	8	Maryland	1	2	Wyoming	1	1
Texas	3	7	North Carolina	1	2			
Georgia	3	6	Louisiana State	2	1½			
Wisconsin	3	6	Auburn	1	1			
Arizona	4	5	Baylor	1	1			
Brigham Young	2	5	California	1	1			
Iowa	5	5	Cincinnati	1	1			
USC	3	4	Colorado State	1	1			
Tennessee	2	4	Fresno State	1	1			
Northwestern	1	4	Georgia Tech	1	1			
Alabama	3	3	Hawaii	1	1			
Kansas State	3	3	Kentucky	1	1			
Notre Dame	3	3	Louisiana Tech	1	1			
Purdue	3	3	Louisville	1	1			
UCLA	3	3	Marshall	1	1			
Pittsburgh	2	3	Memphis	1	1			

INSIDE-THE-POLL NUMBERS

Colorado has been ranked 12 times in the last 17 seasons in the *Associated Press* preseason football poll (just missing three of the times, No. 27 in 2001 and No. 32 in both 2003 and 2005). CU had appeared in every AP preseason ballot between 1989 and 1997, ranked in the top 15 each year, before not gaining mention in the '98 poll following a 5-6 season. The Buffs reappeared in the '99 poll at No. 15, and rose to No. 14 prior to the season-opening loss to CSU. Only CU, Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska have been ranked 15th or higher at least 11 times in these 15 years, and CU is one of only 10 teams to be ranked in as many as 12 of the last 17 preseason polls. **Number of times ranked in the *Associated Press* Preseason Poll, 1989-2005:** Florida State 17, Michigan 17, Ohio State 17, Miami, Fla. 16, Tennessee 16, Nebraska 14, Notre Dame 13, Penn State 13, **Colorado 12**, Alabama 12.

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

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

COACHES (UPI, USA Today/CNN, ESPN)

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

LONG STAY

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

Associated Press Poll

MOST TOP 5 FINISHES (1989-2004): Florida St. 12, Miami 8, Nebraska 5, **COLORADO 4**, Oklahoma 4, Tennessee 4, Alabama 3, Florida 3, Notre Dame 3, Ohio St. 3, USC 3.

MOST TOP 10 FINISHES (1989-2004): Florida St. 12, Florida 10, Miami 9, Michigan 8, Nebraska 8, Tennessee 8, **COLORADO 6**, Kansas St. 6, Ohio State 6, Alabama 5, Oklahoma 5.

...AND THE RETURN

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

15 OUT OF 17

Colorado defeated at least one top 25 team for 12 consecutive seasons between 1988 and 1999, the second longest active streak in the nation behind Florida State for the latter half of the span. Colorado didn't go down easy when the streak ended in 2000, losing to five ranked teams by a combined 45 points (3, 3, 23, 14 and 2). The Buffs started a new streak in 2001, doing so with a vengeance as they tied the school record for most ranked teams defeated in a single season with five. CU then defeated two ranked teams in both 2002 and 2003 to make it 15 out of 16 years with at least one win over a ranked opponent, but the smaller run ended last year as the Buffs went 0-4. CU defeated at least three ranked teams in six of those 12 years, including five twice (1990, 1995). CU has defeated at least two in nine of the last 12 years (and three ranked foes five of those seasons). 2005: CU is **0-1** against ranked foes.

TV LAND

Colorado has now had **124** of its last **188** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes four games this year, nine games in 2004, seven games in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **87** of CU's **115** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 76 percent. In addition, CU has had **18** of its last **21** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

CARRYING THE TV TORCH

Colorado and Texas started carrying the torch in the 1990s when it came to scheduling regular season games against traditionally ranked opponents, games most likely to be selected for TV and making the two hits of league revenue that come with it. Here are the counts (and records) since 1990 when it comes to playing ranked non-league teams (*not including bowls*): **Colorado 25** (13-11-1), Texas 21 (7-12-2), Nebraska 12 (8-4), Oklahoma 12 (6-6), Texas A&M 12 (4-8), Texas Tech 11 (0-11), Baylor 9 (2-7), Missouri 9 (1-8), Iowa State 8 (1-7), Kansas 6 (0-6), Oklahoma State 5 (0-5) and Kansas State 2 (1-1).

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

BUFF BLEMISHES

Colorado has inflicted a few blemishes on some of the teams who had the best home records in the 1990s. The top five home records last decade (1990-99) belonged to Florida State (55-1-1), Nebraska (62-3), Florida (57-4), Texas A & M (55-4-1) and Kansas State (57-5-1). That's a combined 287-17-3; but of those 20 losses or ties, CU was responsible for five of them. CU won at Nebraska in 1990, at Texas A & M in 1996, and was 2-2-1 at Kansas State in the 90s. 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.

17 OF 20

The Buffs now have 17 winning (regular) seasons in the last 20 years, including 2004, matched only by a handful of schools across the nation. The exceptions came in 1997, 2000 and 2003; in 1986, CU was 6-5 in the regular season but finished 6-6 after losing to Baylor in the Bluebonnet Bowl. CU has been invited to bowls in 15 of the previous 19 years, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000 and last year.

OFFENSE & DEFENSE

Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball. **DT John Guydon** is a candidate to switch sides if injuries dictate such, and DE James Garee caught a pass as an end at Miami. Previously, **DT Sam Wilder** had been the last, 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 (though a nice 5-yard run was wiped out by a penalty). In the last 12 years, several Buffs have played on both sides of the ball; in 1998 **OG Brad Bedell** played some goal-line defense. That's happened often at CU, having one of the O-linemen come over to defense for goal line or short yardage defense—**OG Heath Irwin**, **OG Clint Moore**, **OG Chris Naeole** and **OT Melvin Thomas** all did the same in the mid-90s. In 1990, **OLBs Alfred Williams** and **Kanavis McGhee** played some tight end in a 64-3 win over Kansas State (Williams caught a pass for 17 yards, McGhee didn't catch the one thrown his way). The last offensive skill player to swing over and try some defense was **WR Michael Westbrook**, who played four snaps at strong safety against Baylor in 1993.

WHY CU 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. Senior associate A.D. **Jon Burianek** said that we tried to grow grass and bushes there, but none took. The first artificial field was installed during the summer of 1971, and that area was then covered with asphalt and the large, block COLORADO was painted on it, then in all-white block lettering. Trim was later added, and at one time, when blue was one of the school colors, the end zone as well was painted blue instead of the familiar black.

QUARTERBACK HISTORY LESSON

The competition for the starting quarterback job in 2003 was only the fourth real battle in just over a decade at Colorado. The last was in 2000, when the competition between **Zac Colvin** and **Bobby Pesavento** raged from the start of spring ball to the final week of August camp. Colvin was named the opening game starter on Aug. 27; four weeks into the season, freshman **Craig Ochs** came in during the second quarter of the Kansas State game and never relinquished the role. There was no battle for starting quarterback in 1999, as senior **Mike Moschetti** was entrenched as the starter. However, the battle for the starting job in 1998 was the first in some six years; Moschetti, junior **Jeremy Weisinger** and sophomore **Adam Bledsoe** duked it out for the starting role. Moschetti won on Aug. 24, when then-head coach Rick Neuheisel named him as the starter (Weisinger subsequently transferred to Texas A & M, where he became a free safety). Moschetti was the first junior college transfer to start a game at quarterback for Colorado since 1976, when **Jeff Austin** started the first three games of the year. Back in 1992, it was a four-way battle between a hero off the bench in junior **Vance Joseph**, an unknown sophomore named **Kordell Stewart**, the younger brother of a Heisman winner, **Koy Detmer**, and a transfer from Illinois, **Duke Tobin**. Stewart emerged as the winner and held the reins for three years, with Detmer the heir in 1995. **John Hessler**, of course, subbed for an injured Detmer most of that season and assumed control his senior year (1997). **Darian Hagan** had piloted the ship from 1989-91.

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

THE LAST TIME

INDIVIDUAL

Kickoff Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (88 yards).
	Opponent: Sammy Moore, Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003 (97 yards).
Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 6, 2004 (48 yards).
	Opponent: Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards).
Interception Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Marcus Burton vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005 (99 yards).
	Opponent: Ted Sims, Kansas State in Boulder, Nov. 13, 2004 (37 yards).
Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown	Colorado: Dominique Brooks vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 6, 2004 (41 yards).
	Opponent: Jamaal Harper, Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003 (7 yards).
Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards).
	Opponent: Joe Lawson, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (0 yards).
Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Has not occurred.
	Opponent: Has not occurred.
Blocked Punt	Colorado: Gerett Burl vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004.
	Opponent: Rashad Washington, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003.
Blocked PAT Kick	Colorado: Akarika Dawn vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
	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: Jerry Don Bray, Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005.
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: 382, Reggie McNeal, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
400 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003.
	Opponent: 402, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004.
100 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 132, Hugh Charles vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005.
	Opponent: 172, Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
200 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 211, Chris Brown vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 9, 2002.
	Opponent: 247, Jamario Thomas, North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004.
300 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 309, Chris Brown vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002.
	Opponent: Has not occurred (record is 268).
Three Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 3, Bobby Purify vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004.
	Opponent: 3, Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
Four Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 6, Chris Brown vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2001.
	Opponent: 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997.
Two 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002.
	Opponent: Ell Roberson (21-178) and Darrin Sproles (16-121), Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002.
Three 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970.
	Opponent: David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151), George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
300 Yards Passing	Colorado: 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent: 306, Joe Dailey, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 2004.
400 Yards Passing	Colorado: 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003.
	Opponent: 403, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004.
Three Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 3, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent: 3, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005.
Four Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Colorado State in Denver, Aug. 30, 2003.
	Opponent: 4, Joey Harrington, Oregon at Tempe, Jan. 1, 2002 (<i>Fiesta Bowl</i>).
Five Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 5, Koy Detmer vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996.
	Opponent: 5, Steve Stenstrom, Stanford at Palo Alto, Sept. 18, 1993.
Three Interceptions Thrown	Colorado: 3, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 6, 2004.
	Opponent: 4, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005.
Four Interceptions Thrown	Colorado: 4, John Hessler vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Sept. 13, 1997.
	Opponent: 4, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005.
10 Receptions	Colorado: 11, Derek McCoy vs. Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003.
	Opponent: 12, David Anderson, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005.
100 Yards Receiving	Colorado: 134, Joe Klopfenstein vs. UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (<i>Houston Bowl</i>).
	Opponent: 111, Sinorice Moss, Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005.
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, Evan Judge vs. Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
	Opponent: 2, Mark Clayton, Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
Three Touchdowns Receiving	Colorado: 3, Rae Carruth vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 9, 1996.
	Opponent: 3, Justin Armour, Stanford at Palo Alto, Sept. 18, 1993.
Two 100-Yard Receivers	Colorado: Derek McCoy (6-171) and D.J. Hackett (4-143) vs. Baylor at Waco, Oct. 4, 2003.
	Opponent: Javson Boyd (7-140) and Johnnie Higgins (7-122), UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (<i>Houston Bowl</i>).
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver	Colorado: Bobby Purify (22-130 rushing) & Blake Mackey (8-116 receiving) vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 26, 2004.
	Opponent: Adrian Peterson (28-172 rushing) & Mark Clayton (8-106 receiving), Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004. (<i>Big 12 Ch.</i>)
100-Yard Rusher & Receiver (<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...

Four Touchdowns In A Game	Colorado:	6, Chris Brown vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 23, 2001 (6 rush).
	Opponent:	4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush).
Four Field Goals In A Game	Colorado:	4, Mason Crosby vs. UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (<i>Houston Bowl</i>).
	Opponent:	5, Todd Pegram, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
50-Yard Field Goal	Colorado:	58, Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005.
	Opponent:	52, Joe Rheem, Kansas State in Boulder, Nov. 13, 2004.
Two Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	2, Thaddeus Washington vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nov. 26, 2004.
	Opponent:	2, Charles Gordon, Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 6, 2004.
Three Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	3, Victor Scott vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 16, 1982.
	Opponent:	3, Steve Smith, Oregon at Tempe (Fiesta Bowl), Jan. 1, 2002.
Four Interceptions In A Game	Colorado:	Has not occurred.
	Opponent:	4, Frank Nelson, Utah at Salt Lake City, Nov. 2, 1946.
Three Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Colorado:	3 (for 26), Alex Ligon vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004.
	Opponent:	3 (for 20), Adell Duckett, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Four Quarterback Sacks In A Game	Colorado:	4½ (for 46), Ron Woolfork vs. Iowa in Boulder, Sept. 26, 1992.
	Opponent:	4 (for 24), Kelly Quinn, Michigan State in Boulder, Sept. 8, 1984.

TEAM

Shut Out (Defensive)	Colorado:	Game: 34-0, vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005. Through 3rd Qtr: 24-0, vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005. At Half: 10-0, vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005.
	Opponent:	Game: 0-13, by Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005. Through 3rd Qtr: 0-16, by Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005. At Half: 0-28, by Oklahoma in Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (Big 12 Championship).
Safety	Colorado:	vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005 (ball kicked out of end zone after bad snap on punt try).
	Opponent:	by Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (punt blocked out of end zone).
Held To No Offensive Touchdowns	Colorado:	by Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005.
	Opponent:	vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005.
30 First Downs In A Game	Colorado:	34, vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
	Opponent:	32, by Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
Held Under 10 First Downs	Colorado:	3, Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (Big 12 Championship).
	Opponent:	7, by New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
500 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	559, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent:	532, by Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
600 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	767, vs. San Jose State in Boulder, Sept. 11, 1999.
	Opponent:	639, by Missouri in Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 200 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (Big 12 Championship).
	Opponent:	181, by New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (Big 12 Championship).
	Opponent:	74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
300 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	331, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002.
	Opponent:	326, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004.
400 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002.
	Opponent:	419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987.
500 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000.
	Opponent:	516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	-4, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (Big 12 Championship).
	Opponent:	78, by Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
400 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	401, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent:	403, by Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004.
500 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	533, vs. NE Louisiana in Boulder, Sept. 16, 1995.
	Opponent:	523, by Fresno State at Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1993 (<i>Aloha Bowl</i>).
Held Under 100 Yards Passing In A Game	Colorado:	50, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (Big 12 Championship).
	Opponent:	71, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004.
Averaged Over Eight Yards Per Play	Colorado:	8.14, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (72-586).
	Opponent:	8.62, by Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003 (68-586).
Held Under Three Yards Per Play	Colorado:	1.05, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (44-46; Big 12 Championship).
	Opponent:	2.80, by Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 6, 2001 (70-196).
Four Interception Game	Colorado:	4, vs. Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 3, 2005.
	Opponent:	4, by Colorado State in Denver, Sept. 4, 1999.
Five Interception Game	Colorado:	5, vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003.
	Opponent:	5, by Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 17, 1992.
Forced Five Lost Opponent Fumbles	Colorado:	5, vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 26, 1999.
	Opponent:	5, by Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Nov. 8, 1980.
Forced Six Lost Opponent Fumbles	Colorado:	6, vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 22, 1983.
	Opponent:	6, by Nebraska at Lincoln, Oct. 25, 1975.
Forty-Minute Time of Possession Game	Colorado:	40:14, vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
	Opponent:	42:20, by Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 1, 1997.
Turnover-Free Game	Colorado:	vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent:	by Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005.
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 4.
	Opponent:	Nebraska in Lincoln, Nov. 26, 2004 (Lance Brandenburg); 0-of-last-2.

CHART-MANIA

The below charts offer a look at what Colorado has accomplished over the last 20 football seasons, through the 2004 season (*includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 20 years*):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2004)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Miami, Fla.	202	39	0	.838
2	Florida State	204	41	2	.830
3	Nebraska	201	47	1	.809
4	Michigan	187	53	5	.773
5	Tennessee	187	54	6	.769
6	Florida	180	64	2	.736
7	Ohio State	176	64	5	.729
8	Oklahoma	170	68	3	.712
9	Auburn	165	69	5	.701
10	Texas A & M	170	72	2	.701
11	Penn State	167	73	1	.695
12	Alabama	167	77	2	.683
13	Georgia	161	76	3	.677
14	Notre Dame	161	77	2	.675
15	Colorado	161	77	4	.674
16	Fresno State	159	81	3	.660
17	Syracuse	155	80	4	.657
18	Brigham Young	165	87	2	.654
19	Texas	155	83	2	.650
20	Southern California	155	84	5	.645
21	Washington	151	83	3	.643
22	Clemson	151	84	3	.641
23	Virginia Tech	150	84	3	.639
24	Air Force	153	90	1	.629
25	Virginia	148	91	1	.619
26	UCLA	142	90	3	.611
27	Oregon	140	93	0	.601
28	Southern Miss	137	92	1	.598
29	Iowa	133	92	5	.589
30	West Virginia	136	95	4	.587
31	Utah	135	97	0	.582
32	North Carolina State	135	100	4	.573
33	Arizona State	131	98	3	.571
34	Kansas State	134	102	2	.567
35	Mississippi	129	101	2	.560

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2004)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida (SEC)	102	23	0	.840
2	Nebraska (Big 8/12)	96	24	1	.798
3	Michigan (Big Ten)	102	25	2	.798
4	Tennessee (SEC)	96	26	2	.782
5	Toledo (MAC)	91	32	0	.740
6	BYU (WAC/MWC)	89	32	1	.734
7	Texas (SWC/Big 12)	90	34	0	.726
8	Ohio State (Big Ten)	91	34	3	.723
9	Colorado (Big 8/12)	84	34	3	.707
10	Texas A & M (SWC/Big 12)	85	37	2	.694
11	Colorado State (WAC/MWC)	80	40	0	.667
12	Washington (Pac-10)	84	43	1	.660
13	Oklahoma (Big 8/12)	77	42	2	.645
14	Southern Cal (Pac-10)	80	44	3	.642
15	Alabama (SEC)	80	45	0	.640

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 (1989-2004)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	166	32	1	.837
2	Miami, Fla.	158	35	0	.819
3	Nebraska	160	38	1	.807
4	Tennessee	156	40	3	.791
5	Michigan	148	44	3	.767
6	Florida	152	47	1	.763
7	Ohio State	147	48	3	.750
8	Colorado	133	58	4	.692
9	Texas A & M	134	60	2	.689
10	Virginia Tech	130	60	2	.682
11	Notre Dame	131	61	2	.680
11	Texas	131	61	2	.680
13	Kansas State	131	62	1	.678
13	Penn State	131	62	1	.678
15	Auburn	128	60	3	.678
16	Toledo	124	59	3	.675
17	Georgia	128	62	1	.673
18	Oklahoma	128	62	3	.671
19	Alabama	131	64	1	.671
20	Washington	123	66	1	.650
21	Southern California	124	67	4	.646
22	Brigham Young	128	70	2	.645
23	Syracuse	121	67	3	.641
24	Virginia	124	70	1	.638
25	Fresno State	123	72	2	.629
26	Air Force	121	73	1	.623
27	Oregon	118	72	0	.621
28	Clemson	117	72	1	.618
29	Colorado State	117	75	1	.609
30	Georgia Tech	111	78	1	.587
31	Southern Miss	108	76	1	.586
32	Mississippi	109	78	0	.583
33	Wisconsin	110	79	4	.580
34	UCLA	105	81	1	.564
35	North Carolina	104	84	1	.553

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (15-11-1)

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

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.

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER (z)

- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Soph.*
- 8 Alvin Barnett, 6-0, 190, Soph.
- 21 Vance Washington, 5-10, 185, Jr.**
- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Soph.*

WIDE RECEIVER (x)

- 82 Evan Judge, 6-2, 215, Sr.-5***
- 4 Patrick Williams, 6-2, 200, Fr.-RS
- 47 Marcus Gonzales, 6-4, 210, Sr.-5
- 80 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 185, Soph.*

SPLIT TACKLE

- 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 305, Sr.-5***
- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 280, Soph.*

SPLIT GUARD

- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-4, 305, Soph.*
- 63 Jack Tipton, 6-3, 285, Jr.*

CENTER

- 58 Mark Fenton, 6-4, 295, Jr.**
- 57 Bryce MacMartin, 6-2, 290, Jr.
- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 285, Fr.-RS

TIGHT (STRONG) GUARD

- 66 Brian Daniels, 6-4, 300, Jr.**
- (75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 285, Fr.-RS—injured)

TIGHT (STRONG) TACKLE

- 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Sr.-5***
- 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 305, Sr.-5***

TIGHT END

- 89 Joe Klopfenstein, 6-6, 245, Sr.*** **AND**
- 45 Quinn Sypniewski, 6-7, 265, Sr.-6***
- 30 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 250, Jr.** (also FB)
- 46 Dan Goettsch, 6-5, 240, Jr.

QUARTERBACK

- 14 Joel Klatt, 6-1, 210, Sr.***
- 10 James Cox, 6-3, 210, Jr.*
- 3 Brian White, 6-5, 235, Soph.
- 7 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 190, Soph.

TAILBACK

- 2 Hugh Charles, 5-8, 185, Soph.*
- 22 Byron Ellis, 6-0, 200, Soph.*
- 7 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 190, Soph.

V-BACK (plays as 1st FB & 3rd TB)

- 17 Lawrence Vickers, 6-2, 235, Sr.***

FULLBACK

- 43 Brendan Schaub, 6-4, 250, Sr.-5*
- 30 Paul Creighton, 6-5, 250, Jr.** (also TE)

DEFENSE

(4-3 Pro Style)

DEFENSIVE END

- 53 Abraham Wright, 6-3, 240, Jr.*
- 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 240, Jr.**

NOSE TACKLE

- 93 Vaka Manupuna, 6-1, 290, Sr.-5***
- 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 285, Sr.-5*
- 96 Marcus Jones, 6-4, 300, Jr.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 82 James Garee, 6-6, 275, Sr.-5***
- 86 George Hypolite, 6-2, 270, Fr.
- 95 Nick Clement, 6-2, 260, Sr.-5

DEFENSIVE END (rush)

- 51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 250, Jr.**
- 33 Walter Boye-Doe, 6-2, 240, Jr.**

MIKE (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 49 Thaddeus Washington, 5-11, 240, Jr.**
- 54 Marcus Burton, 6-0, 230, Fr.
- 13 Joe Sanders, 6-3, 220, Soph.*
- 32 Maurice Cantrell, 6-0, 235, Fr.-RS

WILL (INSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 44 Jordon Dizon, 6-0, 225, Soph.*
- 12 Akarika Dawn, 6-2, 240, Sr.***
- 28 Kyle Griffith, 6-2, 205, Sr.***

BUFF (OUTSIDE) LINEBACKER

- 27 Brian Iwuh, 6-0, 225, Sr.***
- 40 Brad Jones, 6-4, 220, Fr.-RS
- 19 Ben Carpenter, 6-3, 225, Jr.
- 37 Chad Cusworth, 5-11, 210, Jr.

CORNERBACK

- 22 Lorenzo Sims Jr., 5-11, 185, Jr.**
- 6 Gardner McKay, CB, 5-11, 160, Fr.
- 42 Ben Burney, 5-11, 190, Fr.

SAFETY

- 5 J.J. Billingsley, 5-11, 185, Jr.**
- 9 Tom Hubbard, 6-5, 220, Sr.-5*
- 18 Dominique Brooks, 6-1, 200, Jr.**

SAFETY

- 3 Tyrone Henderson, 5-10, 175, Jr.*
- 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 195, Fr.-RS
- 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 195, Soph.

CORNERBACK

- 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Jr.*
- 10 Terry Washington, 5-10, 195, Jr.
- 20 Terry Wilson, 5-11, 200, Fr.-RS

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER

- 29 John Torp, 6-2, 205, Sr.-5**
- 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 210, Jr.**

PLACEKICKER

- 16 Mason Crosby, 6-2, 210, Jr.**
- 39 Kevin Eberhart, 5-10, 185, Soph.*
- 18 Isaac Garden, 6-0, 175, Soph.

KICKOFF RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Soph.*
- 10 Terry Washington, 5-10, 195, Jr.
- 7 Bernard Jackson, 6-0, 190, Soph.

PUNT RETURN

- 1 Stephone Robinson, 5-9, 185, Soph.*
- 80 Reggie Joseph, 6-0, 185, Soph.*

HOLDER

- 85 Nick Holz, 5-11, 180, Jr.*
- 83 Dusty Sprague, 6-4, 190, Soph.*

SNAPPER (Long & Short)

- 59 Greg Pace, 5-11, 235, Sr.***
- 90 Matt Hammond, 6-3, 215, Sr.-5*
- 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 285, Sr.-5*

INJURED (for extended time)

- 55 Jason Ackermann, ILB, 6-1, 220, Jr. (knee)
- 47 *—Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 255, Soph.* (knee)
- 21 *—Brandon Caesar, TB, 6-0, 210, Jr. (knee)
- 16 Cody Crawford, 5-11, WR, 165, Fr.-RS (ankle)
- 9 *—Blake Mackey, WR, 6-3, 200, Jr.* (knee)
- 26 *—Terrence Wheatley, CB, 5-10, 170, Jr.** (wrist)
- (*—Out for season.)

Seniors (20): Listing with a (-5) indicates fifth-year senior (12); (-6) is a sixth-year senior (1); all others are fourth-year seniors (7).



*—denotes number of letters earned through 2004; *Injured players listed in italics (status questionable or doubtful but not out for extended time; probables listed as normal).* **CAPTAINS:** 14 Joel Klatt, 17 Lawrence Vickers, 27 Brian Iwuh, 82 James Garee.

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

The Colorado alphabetical roster (as of October 10 a.m.):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
55	ACKERMANN, Jason	ILB	6- 1	220	Jr.	1L	Louisville, Colo. (Boulder Fairview)	S 2/2
35	ADAMS, Joel	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat)	WO 4/4
81	ADAMS, Justin	TE	6- 1	225	Fr.	RS	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	WO 4/4
20	AGOSTINO, Daniel	P	6- 2	215	Fr.	HS	Katonah, N.Y. (Somers)	WO 5/4
60	BACKOWSKI, Paul	OL	6- 6	265	Fr.	HS	Foley, Minn. (Foley)	S 5/4
8	BARNETT, Alvin	WR	6- 0	190	So.	JC	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 4/3
47	BARRETT, Alonzo	DE	6- 3	255	So.	1L	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)	S 4/3
34	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	5-11	230	Fr.	HS	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	S 5/4
5	BILLINGSLEY, J.J.	S	5-11	185	Jr.	2L	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)	S 2/2
33	BOYE-DOE, Walter	DE	6- 2	240	Jr.	2L	Keller, Texas (Keller)	S 3/2
18	BROOKS, Dominique	S	6- 1	200	Jr.	2L	Mesquite, Texas (North Mesquite)	S 3/2
12	BROWN, Mack	QB	6- 3	205	Fr.	HS	Overland Park, Kan. (Shawnee Mission North)	S 5/4
34	BROWN, R.J.	ILB	6- 1	225	Fr.	RS	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)	WO 4/4
31	BURL, Gerett	CB	5-10	160	Jr.	1L	Libertyville, Ill. (Libertyville/Garden City CC)	S 3/2
42	BURNEY, Ben	CB	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	S 5/4
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	230	Fr.	HS	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)	S 5/4
32	CANTRELL, Maurice	ILB	6- 0	235	Fr.	RS	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	S 4/4
19	CARPENTER, Ben	OLB	6- 3	225	Jr.	VR	Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling)	WO 2/2
2	CHARLES, Hugh	TB	5- 8	185	So.	1L	Southlake, Texas (Keller)	S 4/3
95	CLEMENT, Nick	DT	6- 2	260	Sr.	VR	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Cheyenne Mountain)	WO 1/1
10	COX, James	QB	6- 3	210	Jr.	1L	Simi Valley, Calif. (Royal)	S 2/2
16	CRAWFORD, Cody	WR	5-11	165	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)	WO 4/4
30	CREIGHTON, Paul	TE/FB	6- 5	250	Jr.	2L	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)	S 2/2
16	CROSBY, Mason	PK	6- 2	210	Jr.	2L	Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)	S 3/2
37	CUSWORTH, Chad	OLB	5-11	210	Jr.	VR	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Thunder Ridge)	WO 2/2
66	DANIELS, Brian	OL	6- 4	300	Jr.	2L	Evergreen, Colo. (Mullen)	S 3/2
12	DAWN, Akarika	ILB	6- 2	240	Sr.	3L	Sugarland, Texas (Kempner)	S 2/1
5	DEVENNY, Patrick	QB	6- 3	220	Fr.	HS	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 5/4
14	DiLALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	195	Fr.	HS	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	S 5/4
44	DIZON, Jordon	ILB	6- 0	225	So.	1L	Kauai, Hawai'i (Waimea)	S 4/3
39	EBERHART, Kevin	PK	5-10	185	So.	1L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	S 3/3
22	ELLIS, Byron	TB	6- 0	200	So.	1L	Culver City, Calif. (Venice)	S 4/3
32	ENGLISH, Brandon	TE	6- 4	240	Jr.	JC	Leawood, Kan. (Blue Valley North/Fort Scott CC)	WO 2/2
58	FENTON, Mark	C	6- 4	295	Jr.	2L	Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)	S 2/2
36	FOSTER, Reggie	TB	5-11	195	Fr.	HS	Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan)	S 5/4
18	GARDEN, Isaac	PK	6- 0	175	So.	VR	Encino, Calif. (Taft)	WO 3/3
82	GAREE, James	DT	6- 6	275	Sr.	3L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Mitchell)	S 1/1
48	GARRATT, Matt	FB	5-10	210	Fr.	HS	Danville, Calif. (San Ramon Valley)	WO 5/4
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 3	235	Fr.	HS	Grand Junction, Colo. (Fruita-Monument)	S 5/4
46	GOETTSCH, Dan	TE	6- 5	240	Jr.	VR	Austin, Minn. (Austin)	WO 2/2
47	GONZALES, Marcus	WR	6- 4	210	Sr.	VR	Orchard Mesa, Colo. (Grand Junction Central/Scottsdale CC)	WO 1/1
28	GRIFFITH, Kyle	ILB	6- 2	205	Sr.	3L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	S 2/1
61	GRUBIN, Tom	C	6- 0	290	Fr.	HS	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)	WO 5/4
62	GUYDON, John	DT	6- 2	285	Sr.	1L	Yorba Linda, Calif. (El Dorado/Fullerton CC)	S 1/1
90	HAMMOND, Matt	SN	6- 3	215	Sr.	1L	Sherwood, Ore. (Jesuit)	WO 1/1
25	HARRIS, Lionel	S	6- 0	195	So.	VR	Manvel, Texas (Alvin)	S 3/3
76	HARRISON, Edwin	OL	6- 4	305	So.	1L	Houston, Texas (Westbury)	S 3/3
68	HAUCK, Jeremy	OL	6- 4	270	Fr.	HS	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)	S 5/4
72	HEAD, Devin	OL	6- 4	285	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)	S 5/4
3	HENDERSON, Tyrone	S	5-10	175	Jr.	1L	Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds)	S 2/2
85	HOLZ, Nick	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	1L	Danville, Calif. (De La Salle)	WO 2/2
9	HUBBARD, Tom	S	6- 5	220	Sr.	1L	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	S 1/1
86	HYPOLITE, George	DT	6- 2	270	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)	S 5/4
27	IWUH, Brian	OLB	6- 0	225	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Worthing)	S 2/1
7	JACKSON, Bernard	QB	6- 0	190	So.	VR	Corona, Calif. (Santiago)	S 3/3
40	JONES, Brad	OLB	6- 4	220	Fr.	RS	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)	S 4/4
96	JONES, Marcus	DT	6- 4	300	Jr.	VR	Klein, Texas (Klein)	S 2/2
50	JONES, Zach	OL	6- 3	250	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 5/4
80	JOSEPH, Reggie	WR	6- 0	185	So.	1L	La Place, La. (East St. John)	S 4/3
82	JUDGE, Evan	WR	6- 2	215	Sr.	3L	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)	S 1/1
13	KACHMER, Michael	WR	6- 0	175	Fr.	HS	Wheaton, Ill. (St. Francis)	WO 5/4

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Status
97	KAYNOR, Taj	DE	6- 5	265	Fr.	HS	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 5/4
14	KLATT, Joel	QB	6- 1	210	Sr.	3L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 2/1
89	KLOPFENSTEIN, Joe	TE	6- 6	245	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 2/1
19	LEMON, Tim	WR	6- 0	205	Fr.	HS	La Mirada, Calif. (La Mirada)	WO 5/4
51	LIGON, Alex	DE	6- 3	250	Jr.	2L	Torrance, Calif. (North Torrance)	S 2/2
91	LUCAS, Maurice	DE	6- 4	240	Fr.	HS	Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 5/4
57	MacMARTIN, Bryce	C	6- 2	290	Jr.	JC	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/City College of San Francisco)	S 3/2
93	MANUPUNA, Vaka	DT	6- 1	290	Sr.	3L	Kihei, Hawai'i (St. Louis)	S 1/1
38	McBRIDE, Chase	WR	5- 8	160	So.	TR	Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming)	WO 3/3
6	McKAY, Gardner	CB	5-11	160	Fr.	HS	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)	S 5/4
79	MOORE, Gary	OL	6- 6	320	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Overland)	S 1/1
23	MOYD, Kevin	TB	5- 8	185	Fr.	HS	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 5/4
73	O'NEAL, Clint	OL	6- 6	305	Sr.	3L	Weatherford, Texas (Weatherford)	S 1/1
59	PACE, Gregory	SN	5-11	235	Sr.	1L	Hinsdale, Ill. (Central)	S 2/1
77	POLUMBUS, Tyler	OL	6- 8	280	So.	1L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 3/3
1	ROBINSON, Stephone	WR	5- 9	185	So.	1L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S 3/3
75	SANDERS, Daniel	OL	6- 3	285	Fr.	RS	Vista, Calif. (El Camino)	S 4/4
13	SANDERS, Joe	ILB	6- 3	220	So.	1L	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)	S 3/3
43	SCHAUB, Brendan	FB	6- 4	250	Sr.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Overland/Whittier)	S 1/1
88	SHANAHAN, Devin	TE	6- 5	195	Fr.	HS	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	WO 5/4
15	SHERMAN, Charlie III	WR	6- 1	190	Fr.	RS	Sacramento, Calif. (Foothill)	S 4/4
22	SIMS, Lorenzo, Jr.	CB	5-11	185	Jr.	2L	Fresno, Calif. (Edison)	S 3/2
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	6- 0	210	Fr.	HS	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	WO 5/4
83	SPRAGUE, Dusty	WR	6- 4	190	So.	1L	Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)	S 3/3
41	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB	6- 2	205	Fr.	HS	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 5/4
45	SYNIEWSKI, Quinn	TE	6- 7	265	Sr.	3L	Granger, Iowa (Johnston)	S 1/1
63	TIPTON, Jack	OL	6- 3	285	Jr.	1L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 2/2
29	TORP, John	P	6- 2	205	Sr.	2L	Louisville, Colo. (Monarch)	S 1/1
17	VICKERS, Lawrence	VB	6- 2	235	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Forest Brook)	S 2/1
15	WALTERS, Ryan	S	5-11	195	Fr.	RS	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 4/4
10	WASHINGTON, Terry	CB	5-10	195	Jr.	JC	St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City CC)	S 3/2
49	WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus	ILB	5-11	240	Jr.	2L	Marrero, La. (John Ehret)	S 2/2
21	WASHINGTON, Vance	WR	5-10	185	Jr.	2L	Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook)	S 2/2
8	WELLER, Justin	S	5-11	205	So.	TR	Westminster, Colo. (Legacy/Fort Lewis)	WO 4/3
3	WHITE, Brian	QB	6- 5	235	So.	VR	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Trabuco Hills)	S 3/3
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	WR	6- 2	200	Fr.	RS	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 4/4
20	WILSON, Terry	CB	5-11	200	Fr.	RS	Chino, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 4/4
53	WRIGHT, Abraham	DE	6- 3	240	Jr.	1L	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 2/2
80	YATES, Jarrell	WR	6- 0	175	Fr.	HS	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	S 5/4
23	YEGGE, Matt	S	6- 3	205	So.	TR	Longmont, Colo. (Longmont/Baylor)	WO 4/4
92	ZIMMERER, Sam	DE	6- 3	245	Fr.	HS	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Academy)	S 5/4

EXPERIENCE KEY: #L—indicates number of letters earned through 2004; HS—high school; JC—junior college transfer; RS—freshman redshirt in 2004; TR—transfer; VR—varsity reserve performer. **STATUS KEY:** S—scholarship, WO—walk-on; #/#—clock as of 2005 season, i.e., 2/1: two years available to play one in eligibility.

Inactive Roster Players (Out For The Season With Injuries/Ineligible)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Reason	Status
21	CAESAR, Brandon	TB	6- 0	210	Jr.	VR	Broussard, Quebec (Old Farms Prep, Avon, CT)	Injured (knee)	S 2/2
84	DeVREE, Tyson	TE	6- 6	250	Jr.	TR	Hudsonville, Mich. (Hudsonville/Western Michigan)	Transfer	S 3/2
37	HOLLIDAY, Mell	TB	5- 8	205	Jr.	TR	Omaha, Neb. (Benson/Wayne State/Nebraska)	Ineligible	WO 2/2
42	JAGORAS, Samson	FB	5-10	220	Jr.	TR	Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia/Western New Mexico)	Transfer	WO 3/2
9	MACKEY, Blake	WR	6- 3	200	Jr.	1L	Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield)	Injured (knee)	S 2/2
94	NICOLAS, Brandon	DT	6- 3	280	So.	TR	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei/Notre Dame)	Transfer	S 4/3
26	WHEATLEY, Terrence	CB	5-10	170	Jr.	2L	Richardson, Texas (Plano East)	Injured (wrist)	S 3/2