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2005 COLORADO FOOTBALL: GAME 13 — CLEMSON

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

Tuesday, December 27 in Orlando, Fla. (3:04 p.m. MST; ESPN National)

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QUICKLY SPEAKING...

It is a battle of the "CU's," as the **Colorado Buffaloes** (7-5, 5-3 Big 12 North Division champions) and the No. 23/23/23 **Clemson Tigers** (7-4, 4-4 ACC Atlantic Division; 3rd) will do battle for just the second time on the gridiron in the **Champs Sports Bowl** on Tuesday, December 27... Kickoff is set for 3:04 p.m. (MST) at Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium in Orlando... ESPN will televise the game nationally, with **Ron Franklin** (play-by-play), **Bob Davie** (analyst) and **Holly Rowe** (sideline reporter) to call the action; Sports Radio USA will broadcast it nationally on radio, with **Eli Gold** (play-by-play), **Tony Graziani** (color) and **Rich Herrera** (sidelines) behind the mikes... **Mike Hankwitz** will coach the Buffaloes, as he was named interim head coach on December 9, replacing **Gary Barnett**, who stepped down the previous day; Boise State's **Dan Hawkins** was named the 23rd head coach in Colorado history on December 16. He will take over the reins of the program following Boise State's appearance in the MPC Computers Bowl (*more on pages 2 & 3*)... CU played eight bowl teams in 2005 (counting Texas twice), tied for the second most in the nation behind North Carolina (9)... With the happenings at CU in early December (coaching change, death of golf coach Mark Simpson, release of state audits), this year's bowl guide is a patchwork piece that looks funky but has the information... CU's website, www.CUBuffs.com features game day updates and live stats for all games. **DEPTH CHART ON PAGE 60; ROSTER ON PAGES 61-62**

IN THE POLLS

Colorado was out of the top 25 in the *Associated Press* (media), *USA Today Coaches* and Harris Interactive polls of December 4, not receiving any points in any of the three for the first time this season. The Buffs peaked at No. 21 in the November 5 coaches' ballot (No. 22 in the other two), but dropped out after the loss at Iowa State. CU has been ranked three times this season, and also reached No. 18 in the BCS Standings (Nov. 6). CU returned to the polls after a 25-month hiatus on October 9, as the Buffaloes were ranked No. 24 in all three, dropped out again after the loss at No. 2 Texas, and then reappeared after the 23-20 win at Kansas State. Dating back to the 1989 preseason, CU has been ranked in **185** of the last **278** polls (*AP*; 67%), which includes a tremendous run of 143 consecutive between 1989 and 1997 (the 10th longest streak of all-time). CU has been ranked **292** times in its history, the 21st most all-time. Since 1989, CU has played the fourth most ranked teams in the nation (86), trailing Florida (95), Michigan (91) and Florida State (90).

STAT OF THE WEEK

Colorado has won four straight games (in-season) following a loss to a top 10 team, with a **14-3** mark in such instances since the middle of the 1993 season. That includes one game in 2005, when CU bested Kansas, 44-13, after dropping a 42-17 decision at No. 2 Texas in October. The Buffs are coming off a second loss to the No. 2 Longhorns in the Big 12 title game, with No. 23 Clemson on tap for the Buffs to try and extend its winning streak in such instances.

OBSCURE NOTE OF THE WEEK

Colorado and Clemson are meeting for just the second time in their histories, both in postseason bowls—that makes the Tigers the second school the Buffs will have played more than once and exclusively in bowl games, joining Alabama. The Buffaloes defeated the Crimson Tide 47-33 in the 1969 Liberty Bowl, and met 22 years later in the Blockbuster Bowl, with 'Bama evening things up with a 30-25 win. Also, the 48 seasons (1957-2004) between games between CU and CU is the third longest lapse between games with any opponent in Buff history: CU and Stanford met in 1904, then skipped 72 seasons before meeting again in 1977, while the Buffs and Utah State met in 1948 and then called it quits for 49 seasons before hooking up again in 1998.

2005 COLORADO SCHEDULE (7-5, 5-3 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	6-5	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	0-12	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	9-2	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 34-0	4-7	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	5-6	5-2-0	Klatt (398 yds, 3 TD passing), TE's (8-169, 1 TD) lead Buffs
Oct. 15	24	†at Texas	2	ABC	L 17-42	12-0	7-8-0	Young's 394 T.O., 5 TDs (3 rush/2 pass) too much for CU
OCT. 22	NR	†KANSAS (FW)	NR	PPV	W 44-13	6-5	41-21-3	Klatt, Klopfenstein, special teams star in 5th straight win
Oct. 29	NR	†at Kansas State	NR	none	W 23-20	5-6	43-17-1	Crosby 50 FG with :06 left topples KSU late again
NOV. 5	25	†MISSOURI	NR	ABC	W 41-12	6-5	31-36-3	Vickers shines with career-best 85 rush yards and 4 TDs
Nov. 12	22	†at Iowa State	NR	FSN	L 16-30	7-4	46-13-1	CU holds ISU "O" in check but two return TDs the difference
NOV. 25	NR	†NEBRASKA	NR	ABC	L 3-30	7-4	17-45-2	Road team wins for the fourth straight year
Dec. 3	NR	♦Texas (Big 12 Championship)	2	ABC	L 3-70	12-0	7-9-0	UT's 56-point spree in 20-minute span too much for Buffs
Dec. 27	NR	Clemson (Champs Sports Bowl)	23	ESPN	3:04 p.m.	(Orlando, Fla.)		Only the second meeting between the two "CU's"

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

HAWKINS NAMED 23RD HEAD FOOTBALL COACH IN COLORADO HISTORY

Dan Hawkins, the winningest active coach in NCAA Division I-A football, has been named the 23rd head coach in University of Colorado history, athletic director **Mike Bohn** announced Friday, December 16.

Hawkins, 45, comes to Colorado from Boise State University, where he has guided the Broncos to a 53-10 record in five seasons and to four consecutive Western Athletic Conference championships. His 84.1 winning percentage is the best among all active coaches, with the 53 wins the fourth most all-time for a coach in their first five seasons as a major college head coach (and the second most in Division I-A since the NCAA went to current classifications in 1978).

He replaces **Gary Barnett**, who stepped down after seven years as CU's head coach on December 8. Bohn coordinated the search for a new coach with the help of Neinas Sports Services and also involved others on campus in the process.

"Coach Hawkins represents a level competitive spirit, integrity, work ethic and passion that will serve this institution, football program and entire athletic department well for many years to come," Bohn said. "This is an exciting time at the University of Colorado and he is the perfect fit for what we were looking for."

Hawkins has agreed to a five-year contract, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010, including the following terms approved by the CU Board of Regents: guaranteed annual compensation of \$850,000 (\$160,000 base salary, \$490,000 in radio/television income, and \$200,000 in sponsorship support); summer camp compensation of \$50,000; incentive compensation of \$200,000 for academic progress (\$50,000), student citizenship (\$50,000) and community outreach (\$100,000); and performance incentives of \$50,000 (non-BCS bowl), \$100,000 (Big 12 North Division title), \$100,000 (winning the Big 12 Championship), \$100,000 (BCS bowl win) and \$250,000 (national championship).

Other benefits include a NIKE merchandise allowance of \$3,500 annually, an automobile allowance of \$600 per month or courtesy car at the discretion of the University, a country club allowance of \$400 per month, use of one suite for home football games at Folsom Field and complimentary men's and women's basketball tickets, and standard University employee benefits per policy to include relocation and temporary housing up to \$15,000.

There is also a buyout provision for the University in the amount of \$1 million for departure anytime before the end of the second year of the contract, decreasing to \$750,000 during the third year and to \$500,000 during the fourth or fifth year.

CU will assume the responsibility of retiring Hawkins' contract obligation to Boise State in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

"I am delighted to welcome Coach Hawkins to the CU-Boulder campus community," Chancellor **Phil DiStefano** said. "His record of achievements on the field is impressive, but he also brings a deep commitment to the personal and academic growth of student-athletes in his charge. I believe Coach Hawkins will be a good fit as well for the Boulder community, bringing an enthusiastic attitude to his relationships with members of the community. I look forward to working with him and Mike Bohn in moving the football program forward while focusing on the best interests of our students."

"Dan Hawkins helps make it a new day at CU. His integrity will strengthen our program," CU President **Hank Brown** said.

Hawkins took over the Boise State program on December 2, 2000, replacing **Dirk Koetter**, whom he had served as assistant head coach, after he took the head coach position at Arizona State. Hawkins joined the BSU staff in 1998, and coached the tight ends and special teams in addition to assistant head coach duties.

Boise State went 8-4 in his first season in 2001, and then strung together consecutive records of 12-1, 13-1 and 11-1 in posting a 24-0 record in WAC conference play in 2002, 2003 and 2004. His 2005 team went 9-3, and earned a bowl invitation opposite Boston College in the MPC Computers Bowl.

He will conclude his BSU coaching career with a chance to win that game at home on Boise's famous blue artificial turf field, where his teams logged an astounding 31-1 record — including 31 consecutive wins. His Broncos had also won 31 straight games against Western Athletic Conference teams until a loss to Fresno State this season; he was 37-3 in conference games during his five year run.

In the postseason, Boise State defeated Iowa State, 34-16, in the 2002 Humanitarian Bowl; edged TCU 34-31 in the 2003 Fort Worth Bowl, and dropped a 44-40 decision to Louisville in the 2004 Liberty Bowl in one of the season's most anticipated bowl games between the undefeated and No. 10 Broncos and the 10-1 and No. 7 ranked Cardinals.

Twenty of his players at Boise State earned first-team all-WAC honors, with three earning some kind of All-American mention and 10 either being drafted or signing as free agents with National Football League teams. One of the latter is a very popular local name, Denver Bronco starting tight end **Jeb Putzier**.

"It has been my privilege since arriving at Boise State to work with Dan Hawkins as our football coach," Boise State University President **Bob Kustra** said. "Dan has been an outstanding ambassador and role model for Boise State in this transformative era of our history. He has brought distinction to Boise State and has helped us showcase our teaching and research beyond the blue."

"His commitment to excellence has been a personal benchmark for me to apply to all I do as President. I know what an important career opportunity lies before him at this time and I wish him, Misti and his family the very best in this next phase of his life and career."

Hawkins is a 1984 graduate of the University of California-Davis, earning a bachelor's degree in physical education. In 1993, he earned a master's degree in educational administration from St. Mary's (Calif.) College.

He began his coaching career at his alma mater the fall before he graduated, spending three years there (1983-85) before serving as head coach at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento for the 1986 and 1987 seasons. He then returned to the college ranks, spending four seasons (1988-91) as the offensive coordinator at the College of the Siskiyous (Calif.). He moved on to Sonoma State University as defensive coordinator the following year.

Hawkins' first head coaching position was with Willamette University in Salem, Ore., where in five seasons (1993-97), he guided the Bearcats to a 40-11-1 record, including a runner-up finish for the NAIA National Championship in 1997. He was named District Five Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association, as well as earning a third straight conference coach of the year award. Willamette was co-conference champion in 1995, and in 1996 won the out-right conference title finishing the season with a No. 7 national ranking. He then moved on to Division I-A football, joining Koetter's staff at Boise State in 1998.

He will take over the program officially on January 1, following Boise State's bowl game on December 28. Colorado, 7-5 on the season and the Big 12 North Division champions for the fourth time in five years, plays Clemson in the Champs Sports Bowl on December 27 in Orlando. Defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz** was promoted to interim head coach for the game.

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)
Texas	Barnett	Judge	O'Neal	Harrison	Fenton	Daniels	Moore	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Charles	Sypniewski (TE)
Kansas	Sprague	Judge	O'Neal	Harrison	Fenton	Daniels	Moore	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Charles	Sypniewski (TE)
Kansas State	Sprague	Judge	O'Neal	Tipton	Fenton	Daniels	Moore	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Charles	Sypniewski (TE)
Missouri	Sprague	Judge	O'Neal	Harrison	Fenton	Daniels	Moore	Sypniewski	Klatt	Ellis	Vickers
Iowa State	Sprague	Judge	O'Neal	D. Sanders	Fenton	Daniels	Moore	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Charles	Sypniewski (TE)
Nebraska	Sprague	Judge	O'Neal	D. Sanders	Fenton	Daniels	Moore	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Charles	Vickers
Texas	Sypniewski (TE)	Judge	O'Neal	D. Sanders	Fenton	Daniels	Moore	Klopfenstein	Klatt	Charles	Vickers
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
Texas	Wright	Manupuna	Garee	Ligon	Th. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Billingsley	Henderson	Burl
Kansas	Wright	Manupuna	Garee	Ligon	Th. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Te. Washington	Billingsley	Henderson	Burl
Kansas State	Wright	Manupuna	Garee	Lucas	Th. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Te. Washington	Billingsley	Henderson	Burl
Missouri	Wright	Manupuna	Garee	Lucas	Th. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Billingsley	Henderson	Burl
Iowa State	Wright	Manupuna	Garee	Lucas	Th. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Billingsley	Henderson	Burl
Nebraska	Wright	Manupuna	Garee	Lucas	Th. Washington	Dizon	Iwuh	Sims	Billingsley	Henderson	Burl
Texas	Wright	Manupuna	Garee	Lucas	Th. Washington	Dawn	Iwuh	Sims	Billingsley	Hubbard	Burl

(N)—Nickel back. **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**—Garee 33, Fenton 25, O'Neal 25. **CAREER STARTS**—Klatt 34, Garee 33, Klopfenstein 33, Daniels 32, Billingsley 30.

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; Texas 70/55; Kansas 95/60; Kansas State 70/53; Missouri 96/60; Iowa State 70/54; Nebraska 100/53; Texas 72/58.

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 Thaddeus 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 Thaddeus Washington S *J.J. Billingsley	SN Greg Pace	OS Bernard Jackson	ILB R.J. Brown
Texas	none	none	none	WR Nick Holz	DT Nick Clement
Kansas	QB *Joel Klatt TE Joe Klopfenstein	OLB Brian Iwuh S *J.J. Billingsley	KR *Stephone Robinson	QB Patrick Devenny	S Joel Adams
Kansas State	WR *Evan Judge	ILB Jordan Dizon S *Tyrone Henderson	PK *Mason Crosby	OL Jeremy Hauck	DE Sam Zimmerer
Missouri	VB *Lawrence Vickers TE Quinn Sypniewski	OLB Brian Iwuh CB *Gerett Burl	PK *Mason Crosby	WR Charlie Sherman	DE Taj Kaynor
Iowa State	none	NT Vaka Manupuna CB *Lorenzo Sims	PK *Mason Crosby	WR Marcus Gonzales	DE Sam Zimmerer
Nebraska	none	none	none	TB Mell Holliday	S Joel Adams

No awards given for Big 12 Championship game versus Texas. **VICTORY CLUB COUNT:** Colorado State (19), New Mexico State (31), Miami, Fla. (12), Oklahoma State (27), Texas A&M (30), Texas (3), Kansas (27), Kansas State (16), Missouri (29), Iowa State (12), Nebraska (8), Texas (0).

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coaches/Staff

Dave **BORBELY** (boar-bull-E)
Brian **CABRAL** (cuh-browl)
Mike **HANKWITZ** (hank-wits)
William **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 **SYNIEWSKI** (sip-new-ski)
Sam **ZIMMERER** (zimm-er-er)

ALL-AMERICA

PK MASON CROSBY (first-team: *Associated Press, FWAA, Rivals.com, Sports Illustrated, Walter Camp*)
TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN (honorable mention: *Sports Illustrated*)
P JOHN TORP (second-team: *Walter Camp*; honorable mention: *Sports Illustrated*)

ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE

S J.J. BILLINGSLEY (honorable mention: *Associated Press, Big 12 Coaches*)
CB GERETT BURL (second-team: *Kansas City Star*; honorable mention: *Big 12 Coaches*)
TB HUGH CHARLES (second-team: *Kansas City Star, San Antonio Express-News*; honorable mention: *Associated Press, Big 12 Coaches*)
PK MASON CROSBY (first-team: *Associated Press, Big 12 Coaches, Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Kansas City Star, San Antonio Express-News*)
OG BRIAN DANIELS (first-team: *San Antonio Express-News*; second-team: *Dallas Morning News*; honorable mention: *Associated Press, Big 12 Coaches*)
ILB JORDON DIZON (honorable mention: *Big 12 Coaches*)
C MARK FENTON (first-team: *Big 12 Coaches*; second-team: *Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Kansas City Star, San Antonio Express-News*; honorable mention: *Associated Press*)
S TYRONE HENDERSON (honorable mention: *Big 12 Coaches*)
OLB BRIAN IWUH (second-team: *Big 12 Coaches*; honorable mention: *Associated Press*)
QB JOEL KLATT (honorable mention: *Associated Press, Big 12 Coaches*)
TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN (first-team: *Big 12 Coaches*; second-team: *Associated Press, Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, San Antonio Express-News*)
DE ALEX LIGON (honorable mention: *Associated Press*)
NT VAKA MANUPUNA (honorable mention: *Associated Press, Big 12 Coaches*)
OT CLINT O'NEAL (honorable mention: *Big 12 Coaches*)
KR STEPHONE ROBINSON (second-team: *Big 12 Coaches*)
CB LORENZO SIMS (honorable mention: *Associated Press*)
TE QUINN SYPNIEWSKI (honorable mention: *Big 12 Coaches*)
P JOHN TORP (first-team: *Big 12 Coaches*; second-team: *Associated Press*)
FB LAWRENCE VICKERS (second-team: *Big 12 Coaches*; honorable mention: *Associated Press*)
ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON (second-team: *Associated Press, Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Kansas City Star, San Antonio Express-News*; honorable mention: *Big 12 Coaches*)

BIG 12 CONFERENCE SPECIALTY AWARDS

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR: **PK** MASON CROSBY (*Big 12 Coaches*)

FRESHMAN ALL-BIG 12

ILB MARCUS BURTON (first-team: *The Sporting News*)
OG DANIEL SANDERS (first-team: *The Sporting News*)

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; September 3 vs. 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*)
PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; October 29 vs. Kansas State: 3-4 FG, 52-yard field goal in first half; 50-yard field goal is game-winner with :06 left*)
PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; November 5 vs. Missouri: 2-3 FG, 56- and 43-yard field goals, the former the fifth longest in CU history; 6 of 7 KO's for touchbacks*)

CU ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

PK MASON CROSBY (*September 3 vs. 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*)
QB JOEL KLATT (*October 8 vs. Texas A & M: 28-of-36, 398 yards, 3 TD/0 INT passing; school record 211 yards in first quarter*)
KR STEPHONE ROBINSON (*October 22 vs. Kansas: 124 returns yards (2-103 punt, including 81-yard return for a TD: 1-21 kickoff)*)
PK MASON CROSBY (*Special Teams; October 29 vs. Kansas State: 3-4 FG, 52-yard field goal in first half; 50-yard field goal is game-winner with :06 left*)

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

QB JOEL KLATT (*October 8 vs. Texas A & M: 28-of-36, 398 yards, 3 TD/0 INT passing; school record 211 yards in first quarter*)

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE

OLB BEN CARPENTER (first-team: Business Management, 3.9 GPA)	OLB CHAD CUSWORTH (second-team: Economics, 3.1 GPA)
OG BRIAN DANIELS (first-team: Finance, 3.6 GPA)	ILB KYLE GRIFFITH (second-team: Accounting, 3.1 GPA)
TB BYRON ELLIS (first-team: Integrative Physiology, 3.4 GPA)	WR EVAN JUDGE (second-team: Business Management, 3.0 GPA)
OG TOM HUBBARD (first-team: Accounting, 3.6 GPA)	QB JOEL KLATT (second-team: Economics, 3.0 GPA)
OT TYLER POLUMBUS (first-team: Business Management, 3.4 GPA)	P JOHN TORP (second-team: Political Science/Economics, 3.0 GPA)
WR DUSTY SPRAGUE (first-team: Business Management, 3.5 GPA)	

COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

OG BRIAN DANIELS (3.57 GPA, Finance) **WR** DUSTY SPRAGUE (3.49 GPA, Business Management)

OTHER IN-SEASON HONORS

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

POSTSEASON ALL-STAR GAMES

OLB	BRIAN IWUH (<i>Senior Bowl</i>)	TE	QUINN SYPNIEWSKI (<i>Las Vegas All-American Classic</i>)
TE	JOE KLOPFENSTEIN (<i>Senior Bowl</i>)	P	JOHN TORP (<i>Hula Bowl, Senior Bowl</i>)
NT	VAKA MANUPUNA (<i>Hula Bowl</i>)	VB	LAWRENCE VICKERS (<i>Senior Bowl</i>)
OT	CLINT O'NEAL (<i>Las Vegas All-American Classic</i>)		

BUFFALOES ON NATIONAL LISTS

(SEMIFINALIST, FINALIST, WATCH)

Dick Butkus Award (*top linebacker*): OLB Brian Iwuh, ILB Thaddeaus Washington (two of 65 candidates on official watch list)
Vincent Draddy Trophy (*academic "Heisman"*): P John Torp (one of 62 official nominations for the award)
Lou Groza Award (*top placekicker*): PK Mason Crosby (runner-up; one of three finalists)
Ray Guy Award (*top punter*): P John Torp (runner-up; one of three finalists)
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 six finalists)
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)

BIG 12 CONFERENCE 10TH ANNIVERSARY TEAM

TE	DANIEL GRAHAM (1998-2001)	OL	ANDRE GURODE (1998-2001)	KR	BEN KELLY (1997-1999)
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COLORADO TEAM AWARDS

(MVP selected by players; others by coaching staff unless otherwise indicated)

Lee Willard Award (*outstanding freshman*): DE Maurice Lucas
Hang Tough Award (*overcame the most adversity*): OLB Brian Iwuh
Tyronee "Tiger" Bussey Award (*perseverance over adversity, injury and/or illness*): TE Quinn Sypniewski
Best Interview (*selected by team beat media*): VB Lawrence Vickers
Buffalo Heart Award (*selected by "the fans behind the bench"*): QB Joel Klatt
Dean Jacob Van Ek Award (*academic excellence*): S Tom Hubbard
Bill McCartney Award (*special teams achievement*): PK Mason Crosby
Regiment Award (*greatest contribution with least recognition*): DT Vaka Manupuna
Derek Singleton Award (*spirit, dedication, enthusiasm*): VB Lawrence Vickers
Tom McMahon Award (*dedication and work ethic*): DT James Garee
Dave Jones Award (*outstanding defensive player*): ILB Thaddeaus Washington & CB Gerett Burl
John Mack Award (*outstanding offensive player*): QB Joel Klatt
Zack Jordan Award (*most valuable player, selected by teammates*): QB Joel Klatt

VICTORY CLUB

(earning a winning performance and/or productivity grade by the coaches in at least eight games)

CB	GERETT BURL	WR	NICK HOLZ	SN	GREG PACE
TB	HUGH CHARLES	OLB	BRIAN IWUH	CB	LORENZO SIMS
PK	MASON CROSBY	DT	VAKA MANUPUNA	ILB	THADDAEUS WASHINGTON

THE 2005 SENIOR CLASS

The 2005 Colorado senior class consists of 12 fifth-year members, seven fourth-year performers and one sixth-year player (TE Quinn Sypniewski):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)	Major	Target Grad. Date
95	CLEMENT, Nick (5)	DT	6- 2	260	Sr.	VR	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Cheyenne Mountain)	Film Studies	Graduated
12	DAWN, Akarika	ILB	6- 2	240	Sr.	3L	Sugarland, Texas (Kempner)	Black & Ethnic Studies	May '06
82	GAREE, James (5)	DT	6- 6	275	Sr.	3L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Mitchell)	Economics/Sociology	Graduated
47	GONZALES, Marcus (5)	WR	6- 4	210	Sr.	VR	Orchard Mesa, Colo. (Grand Junction Central/ Scottsdale CC)	International Affairs	May '06
28	GRIFFITH, Kyle (5)	ILB	6- 2	205	Sr.	3L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	Business/Finance	May '06
62	GUYDON, John (5)	DT	6- 2	285	Sr.	1L	Yorba Linda, Calif. (El Dorado/Fullerton CC)	Journalism/Broadcast Prod.	Graduated
90	HAMMOND, Matt (5)	SN	6- 3	215	Sr.	1L	Sherwood, Ore. (Jesuit)	Psychology	Graduated
9	HUBBARD, Tom (5)	S	6- 5	220	Sr.	1L	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	Business/Acct. & Finance	May '06
27	IWUH, Brian	OLB	6- 0	225	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Worthing)	Economics	Summer/Fall '06
82	JUDGE, Evan (5)	WR	6- 2	215	Sr.	3L	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)	Business Management	May '06
14	KLATT, Joel	QB	6- 1	210	Sr.	3L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	Economics	May '06
89	KLOPFENSTEIN, Joe	TE	6- 6	245	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	Sociology	May '06
93	MANUPUNA, Vaka	DT	6- 1	290	Sr.	3L	Kihei, Hawai'i (St. Louis)	Ethnic Studies	Graduated
79	MOORE, Gary (5)	OL	6- 6	320	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Overland)	Economics	Graduated
73	O'NEAL, Clint (5)	OL	6- 6	305	Sr.	3L	Weatherford, Texas (Weatherford)	History	Graduated
59	PACE, Gregory	SN	5-11	235	Sr.	1L	Hinsdale, Ill. (Central)	Communication	May '06
43	SCHAUB, Brendan (5)	FB	6- 4	250	Sr.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Overland/Whittier)	Sociology	May '06
45	SYPNIEWSKI, Quinn (6)	TE	6- 7	265	Sr.	3L	Granger, Iowa (Johnston)	Journalism/News-Editorial	Graduated
29	TORP, John (5)	P	6- 2	205	Sr.	2L	Louisville, Colo. (Monarch)	Political Science/Economics	May '06
17	VICKERS, Lawrence	VB	6- 2	235	Sr.	3L	Houston, Texas (Forest Brook)	Sociology	Summer/Fall '06

QUICKLY

Colorado is bound for the Champs Sports Bowl, which will be played at Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium on Tuesday, December 27, at 3:04 p.m. mountain time; ESPN will televise the game nationally... This is CU's 17th bowl game since 1985; the program had participated in just 10 prior to this run... This will be the eighth bowl game for the Buffs in Florida, where CU is 2-5 in previous bowls; the last Colorado appearance for a bowl in the state was in the 1991 Blockbuster Bowl (a 30-25 loss to Alabama)... This will be the second time CU will play two games in Florida in the same year; 1961 was the other (at Miami in the regular season and versus LSU in the Orange Bowl; CU played at Miami this past September 24)... Colorado will depart on December 21 and return the morning following the game (the 28th). **TICKET INFORMATION:** Tickets for the game are priced at \$50 each and are on sale the CU Athletic Ticket Office (303-492-8337), on-line at www.CUBuffs.com, and at all TicketsWest outlets inside area King Soopers stores.

POSTSEASON SUMMARY

Colorado is 12-14 in bowl games, and will participate in a bowl for the 17th time in the last 21 seasons (staying home only in 1987, 1997, 2000 and 2003). Colorado's first bowl game ever was the second annual Cotton Bowl Classic on January 1, 1938 (losing to Rice, 28-14, after leading 14-0 with Byron "Whizzer" White calling the shots). Clemson will become just the fifth school Colorado will meet at least twice in the postseason bowls; the previous four include Notre Dame three times and Alabama, Oregon and Washington twice. The Buffs are 21-6 in regular season finales prior to bowl games, losing for the first time ever in 1996 at Nebraska, who also beat the Buffs in 1998 and 1999; Oklahoma in the 2002 and 2004 and Texas in the 2005 Big 12 title games account for the other defeats.

APPEARANCES

Colorado's 27 postseason bowl appearances, including 2005, are tied for 23rd all-time (Alabama leads with 53, with Tennessee and Texas tied for second at 45), as the number ranks sixth among Big 12 schools behind Texas (45), Nebraska (43), Oklahoma (39), Texas Tech (29) and Texas A & M (28). Since 1985, CU is tied for seventh nationally in the most appearances with 17, trailing only Florida State and Michigan (both with 22), Nebraska (21), Miami, Fla. and Tennessee (both with 20) and Ohio State (19); Penn State is tied with the Buffs at 17, with Washington one behind (16).

IN-THE-BOWLS

A quick gander at CU's 12-14 record in bowl games, having lined up with 20 different opponents in the 26 games:

Season	Bowl	Opponent	Result	Season	Bowl	Opponent	Result
1937	Cotton	Rice	L 14-28	1989	Orange	Notre Dame	L 6-21
1956	Orange	Clemson	W 27-21	1990	Orange	Notre Dame	W 10- 9
1961	Orange	Louisiana State	L 7-25	1991	Blockbuster	Alabama	L 25-30
1967	Bluebonnet	Miami (Fla.)	W 31-21	1992	Fiesta	Syracuse	L 22-26
1969	Liberty	Alabama	W 47-33	1993	Aloha	Fresno State	W 41-30
1970	Liberty	Tulane	L 3-17	1994	Fiesta	Notre Dame	W 41-24
1971	Bluebonnet	Houston	W 29-17	1995	Cotton	Oregon	W 38- 6
1972	Gator	Auburn	L 3-24	1996	Holiday	Washington	W 33-21
1975	Bluebonnet	Texas	L 21-38	1998	Aloha	Oregon	W 51-43
1976	Orange	Ohio State	L 10-27	1999	Insight.com	Boston College	W 62-28
1985	Freedom	Washington	L 17-20	2001	Fiesta	Oregon	L 16-38
1986	Bluebonnet	Baylor	L 9-21	2002	Alamo	Wisconsin	L 28-31 (OT)
1988	Freedom	Brigham Young	L 17-20	2004	Houston	UTEP	W 33-28

Colorado Bowl Scoreboard (Won 12, Lost 14)

Bowl	Opponent	Result	Attend.	Rank CU Opp	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	Opp FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
1938 Cotton	Rice	L 14-28	35,000	— 18	6	38 47 0	6- 1-2 8 1	44 55	20	52 254 1	20-11-2 158 3	72 412	.....
1957 Orange	Clemson	W 27-21	72,552	20 19	16	52 279 4	4- 2-0 27 0	56 306	14	60 217 3	9- 4-2 25 0	69 242	NBC
1962 Orange	Louisiana State	L 7-25	62,391	6 4	7	16 24 0	39-12-0 105 0	55 129	19	57 234 2	18- 8-3 109 0	75 343	NBC
1967 Bluebonnet	Miami, Fla.	W 31-21	30,156	14 18	21	56 273 4	21-10-1 82 1	77 355	14	33 143 1	28-10-0 113 1	61 256	ABC
1969 Liberty	Alabama	W 47-33	50,144	— —	29	70 473 5	16- 6-3 90 0	86 563	24	46 155 3	34-14-0 212 2	80 367	ABC
1970 Liberty	Tulane	L 3-17	44,500	19 —	13	57 155 0	7- 3-1 20 0	64 175	15	52 213 2	9- 3-1 28 0	61 241	ABC
1971 Bluebonnet	Houston (N)	W 29-17	54,720	7 15	24	62 336 3	17- 7-1 62 1	79 398	19	50 219 2	25-11-1 173 0	75 392	ABC
1972 Gator	Auburn	L 3-24	71,114	13 6	14	29 63 0	33-20-2 204 0	62 267	13	58 153 1	8- 5-0 80 2	66 233	ABC
1975 Bluebonnet	Texas	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
1977 Orange	Ohio State (N)	L 10-27	65,537	12 11	12	40 134 0	23- 8-2 137 1	63 271	21	71 271 3	7- 2-0 59 0	78 330	NBC
1985 Freedom	Washington	L 17-20	30,961	— —	15	58 190 1	10- 2-0 44 1	68 234	20	43 207 2	26-15-1 141 0	69 348	Lorimar
1986 Bluebonnet	Baylor	L 9-21	40,470	— —	12	47 83 1	14- 7-1 111 0	61 194	12	43 114 2	28-14-2 165 1	71 279	Raycom
1988 Freedom	Brigham Young (N)	L 17-20	35,941	— —	20	60 273 2	15- 5-2 64 0	75 337	23	42 152 0	28-15-1 168 2	70 320	Raycom
1990 Orange	Notre Dame (N)	L 6-21	81,191	1 4	16	46 217 1	13- 4-2 65 0	59 282	18	52 279 3	9- 5-0 99 0	61 378	NBC
1991 Orange	Notre Dame (N)	W 10- 9	77,062	1 5	19	54 186 1	19- 9-0 109 0	73 295	18	35 123 1	31-13-3 141 0	66 264	NBC
1991 Blockbuster	Alabama (N)	L 25-30	52,644	15 8	8	30 -11 1	30-11-1 210 2	60 199	19	64 153 0	17-12-1 154 3	81 307	CBS
1993 Fiesta	Syracuse	L 22-26	70,224	10 6	19	31 153 1	43-17-3 217 2	74 370	15	44 201 2	12- 5-1 64 0	56 265	NBC
1993 Aloha	Fresno State	W 41-30	44,009	17 24	19	46 271 4	15- 8-0 124 0	61 395	32	25 3 1	63-37-1 523 2	88 526	ABC
1995 Fiesta	Notre Dame	W 41-24	73,968	4 —	18	39 246 4	21-12-0 226 1	60 472	22	45 149 0	35-18-1 259 3	80 408	NBC
1996 Cotton	Oregon	W 38- 6	58,214	7 12	16	41 170 3	27-12-2 143 2	68 313	16	29 96 0	44-21-2 162 0	73 258	CBS
1996 Holiday	Washington (N)	W 33-21	54,749	8 13	24	30 43 0	45-25-0 371 3	75 414	18	37 138 2	37-21-1 203 0	74 341	ESPN
1998 Aloha	Oregon	W 51-43	34,803	— 21	13	35 176 0	24-12-0 221 4	59 397	27	35 79 4	46-24-1 456 2	81 535	ABC
1999 Insight.com	Boston College	W 62-28	35,762	— 25	29	50 347 4	27-16-1 176 1	77 523	12	35 96 1	35-14-3 159 1	70 255	ESPN
2001 Fiesta	Oregon	L 16-38	74,118	3 2	20	31 49 1	47-24-3 279 1	78 328	22	28 150 1	42-28-1 350 4	70 500	ABC
2002 Alamo	Wisconsin (N; OT)	L 28-31	50,690	— —	13	44 123 1	18- 9-3 77 2	62 200	21	51 193 2	24-12-1 163 2	75 356	ESPN
2004 Houston	Texas-El Paso	W 33-28	27,235	— —	23	44 157 1	33-24-0 333 2	77 490	19	27 34 2	42-22-2 328 2	69 362	ESPN

BOWL CALL

Colorado played eight bowl teams, including one twice, in 2005, tied for the second most in the nation... and of the 11 teams on the 2005 schedule, five of those are participating in bowl contests as well. Two of CU's non-conference opponents advanced to bowl play (Colorado State and Miami, Fla.), and in conference play, five opponents are headed to the postseason: Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa State and Nebraska; the Buffs faced Texas twice, once in the regular season and then in the Big 12 title game. Looking ahead to CU's 2006 schedule, nine of CU's 12 opponents are in bowl games (CSU, Arizona State, Georgia, Missouri, Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa State and Nebraska). **MOST BOWL TEAMS PLAYED (2005):** North Carolina 9, **Colorado 8**, Maryland 8, 14 tied with 7: Florida State, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Purdue, Stanford, Temple, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia Tech (21 with 6).

BOWL WINS SINCE 1990

Only three schools have more bowl wins over the last 15 seasons than Colorado. The Buffs check in at 8-4 in 12 games between 1990-2004, trailing only Miami, Fla. (10-4), Florida State (10-5) and Michigan (9-6) in wins. A look at the top schools in bowl wins since 1990: **1.** Miami, Fla. 10-4; **2.** Florida State 10-5; **3.** Michigan 9-6; **4. Colorado 8-4**, Tennessee 8-7; **6.** Syracuse 7-3, Penn State 7-4, Nebraska 7-7; **9.** Auburn 6-3, North Carolina 6-3, Alabama 6-4, Kansas State 6-5, Florida 6-8, Ohio State 6-9; **15.** Oklahoma 5-4.

HISTORIC

Colorado's six game bowl winning streak between 1993 and 1999 tied for the sixth longest of all-time, and only the ninth time that has happened in NCAA history (and to just eight schools, as Southern California has achieved it twice). It had been the longest active streak in the nation until the 38-16 setback to Oregon in the 20021 Fiesta Bowl. *The roll call of all-time bowl winning streaks:*

School	No.	Seasons	School	No.	Seasons	School	No.	Seasons
Florida State	11	1985-1995	UCLA	8	1982-1991	Alabama	6	1975-1980
Southern Cal	9	1923-1944	Syracuse	7	1988-1996	Nebraska	6	1969-1974
Georgia Tech	8	1946-1956	Colorado	6	1993-1999	Southern Cal	6	1974-1979

BOWL LINER NOTES

Some quick liner notes concerning Colorado and the postseason:

- ❑ Colorado has nine non-offensive touchdowns in its last nine bowls. The roll call:
 - 2004 Houston (0):** none
 - 2002 Alamo (1):** Donald Strickland 91 interception return
 - 2002 Fiesta (0):** none
 - 1999 Insight.com (3):** Jashon Sykes 29 interception return, Rashidi Barnes 21 interception return, Ben Kelly 88 punt return
 - 1998 Aloha (2):** Ben Kelly 93 kickoff return, Damen Wheeler 52 intercepted pitch return
 - 1996 Holiday (1):** Nick Ziegler 31 interception return
 - 1996 Cotton (1):** Marcus Washington 95 interception return
 - 1995 Fiesta (0):** none
 - 1993 Aloha (1):** Donnell Leomiti 28 fumble return
- ❑ Colorado scored in **16** consecutive quarters in bowls between the 1996 Cotton and the 2002 Fiesta, and going all the way back to the '92 Fiesta, Colorado has scored in **34** of its last **39** bowl quarters.
- ❑ Since falling behind to Washington 14-0 in the '96 Holiday, CU has outscored its last five bowl opponents **69-28** in the first quarter (though UTEP got the best of the Buffs last year, 14-3).
- ❑ CU's **35-0** second quarter lead against Boston College in the '99 Insight bested CU's previous largest lead out of the gate in a bowl game, 20-0 over Clemson in the '56 Orange. CU's largest bowl lead ever came early in the fourth quarter against Boston College, when it led by 48 points (62-14). The previous largest bowl lead by the Buffs was the final margin in the '96 Cotton (38-6).
- ❑ Colorado has been involved in some of the highest scoring bowl games over the 15 years. Since winning the national championship with a 10-9 win over Notre Dame in the '91 Orange, in the 11 bowls since, CU has outscored its opponent by **390-305** (an average score of 35-28). The teams combined for 50 or more points in nine of the games, highlighted by **94** in the '98 Aloha (51-43 over Oregon), **80** in the '99 Insight (62-28 over Boston College) and **71** in the '93 Aloha (41-30 over Fresno State).
- ❑ The momentum from a bowl win has proved to be a charm, as the Buffs are **9-2-1** in season openers following a bowl victory. A hangover effect seems to linger after a loss; CU is **6-7-1** after losing in the postseason.

INJURY UPDATE

CU suffered two significant injuries in the Big 12 Championship game against Texas, with one player out for sure. CU's injury picture as of Monday, December 19:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status: Clemson
S	Dominique Brooks	knee	suffered against Texas; will have surgery in January	OUT
QB	Joel Klatt	concussion	suffered versus Texas (on vicious, illegal helmet-to-chin hit), hospitalized that night	QUESTIONABLE
OG	Jack Tipton	knee	suffered a sprain against Nebraska; surgery on Dec. 16	OUT

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.

SERIES HISTORY—COLORADO vs. CLEMSON

Colorado leads the all-time series **1-0**, as the only previous meeting between the two came in the 1957 Orange Bowl at Miami, Fla. Colorado, the Big Seven runner-up, went into the game with a 7-2-1 record (4-1-1 in league play), while Clemson entered with a 7-1-2 record, winning the Atlantic Coast title with a 4-0-1 mark. The Buffs won the game, 27-21, using it as a springboard to finish with a No. 20 national ranking (Associated Press; No. 18 by UPI/Coaches), only the second time in school history the Buffs were ranked in a final poll.

SERIES DID YOU KNOW — The two “CU’s” have met head-to-head just six times in all sports: Colorado leads 3-0 in men’s tennis and 1-0 in both football and women’s volleyball, while Clemson leads 1-0 in women’s tennis.

BUFFS & TIGERS BY THE NUMBERS

Here’s a look at some numbers-related trivia or fun facts with **Colorado** and **Clemson**:

- 0** The number of players from each other’s home state on their respective rosters (no Coloradoans for Clemson, no South Carolinians for Colorado);
- 7** The number of touchdowns scored in the lone meeting between the schools—all rushing touchdowns;
- 14** The number of bowl teams CU and CU combined to play in 2005 (Colorado 8, Clemson 6—including Texas twice for the Buffs);
- 18** The combined number of fourth quarter comebacks by the CU starting quarterbacks (Klatt, Colorado and Whitehurst, Clemson, both have nine);
- 19-9** The combined record of both CU’s in games decided by seven points or less the last three seasons (11-2 for Colorado, 8-7 for Clemson);
- 52** The total number of passing yards combined in the ’57 Orange Bowl between the two (Colorado 27, Clemson 25);
- 49** The number of years since Colorado and Clemson last played (computing to **17,892** days between games);
- 75-26** The combined record of the teams that administered the nine CU losses in 2005 (Colorado’s five were **47-10**, Clemson’s **28-16**);
- 1,285** The distance in miles between Boulder, Colorado and Clemson, South Carolina;
- 72,552** The ’57 Orange Bowl attendance—the largest crowd the Buffaloes had played before in their history at the time—by some 13,000 over the previous high.

CONFERENCE CALL

- ➔ **Colorado** is **7-4** all-time versus ACC schools: 5-3 vs. Miami, Fla., 1-0 vs. Boston College and Clemson, and 0-1 vs. Florida State. CU’s last game against an ACC team was this past September 24, losing 23-3 at Miami.
- ➔ **Clemson** is **6-9** all-time versus Big 12 schools: 3-1 vs. Missouri, 1-0 vs. Nebraska, 1-2 vs. Oklahoma, 1-3 vs. Texas A&M, 0-1 vs. Baylor, Colorado and Texas Tech. Clemson’s last win over a Big 12 school was this past September 3, defeating Texas A&M at home, 25-24.

COLORADO-CLEMSON SERIES TRENDS

Well, there is just the one game in the **Colorado-Clemson** series, and here’s the linescore:

Date	Site	Result	Attend.	Rank CU CL	CU FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	CL FD	Rushing att yds td	Passing a-c-i yds td	Tot Off no yds	TV
Jan. 1, 1957	#Miami	W 27-21	72,552	20 19	16	52 279 4	4- 2-0 27 0	56 306	14	60 217 3	9- 4-2 25 0	69 242	NBC
#—Orange Bowl.													

THE SET-UP

Colorado comes in with well-documented struggles on offense, held to a single Mason Crosby field goal in season-ending losses to Nebraska (30-3) and Texas (70-3); **Clemson** comes in with wins over Florida State (35-14) and Clemson (13-9), not allowing an offensive touchdown in either victory (it was also the first time a school held a Bobby Bowden- and Steve Spurrier-coached teams out of the end zone in the same season). Colorado’s **Joel Klatt** and Clemson’s **Charlie Whitehurst** could break a tie in this game, as both enter tied for the active NCAA lead in fourth quarter comebacks with nine (classified John Elway style—rallying your team to win in regulation or to a tie to send into overtime). Of course, Klatt has to recover after the vicious illegal helmet-to-chin shot he suffered at the hands of Texas’ Drew Nelson in the third quarter (on a blitz with the Buffs down by 67 points). If it comes down to a kick, the schools had two of three finalists for the Lou Groza Award; Colorado’s **Mason Crosby** finished as the runner-up, six points out of the lead, with Clemson’s **Jad Dean** third in the balloting.

IN COLORADO BUFFALO HISTORY: DECEMBER 27

Colorado is 0-1 all-time on **December 27**, with the lone game the Buffs participated on this date coming 30 years ago. 1975—The Buffaloes built leads of 14-0 and 21-7 only to see the Texas Longhorns rally with 31 unanswered points as the Longhorns rallied for a 38-21 win over CU in the 17th Annual Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl played in the Houston Astrodome. It marked the first Buff loss in the bowl after defeating Miami in 1967 and host Houston in 1971. Five turnovers and a blocked punt would be Colorado’s undoing in the game, as a stingy Buff defense held Texas to just 237 total yards.

DECEMBER 27 COLORADO MVP: Don Hasselbeck. In the loss to the Longhorns, he caught five passes for 84 yards, including a 25-yard touchdown pass from David Williams.

TOUGHEST SCHEDULES TO DATE

Colorado is playing the nation’s **23rd** toughest schedule (through games of December 26), as all 13 opponents have combined for an overall record of **74-53** (a **58.3** winning percentage). Oklahoma occupies the top spot (78-37, .678), followed by Michigan, Stanford, Ohio State and Arkansas. The Big 12 roll call; note that 10 of the schools are in the nation’s top 50: Oklahoma (2), Texas (7), Kansas (11), Texas Tech (17), Texas A&M (19), **Colorado (23)**, Baylor (34), Oklahoma State (42), Missouri (43), Nebraska (47), Iowa State (59) and Kansas State (74). Games against Division I-AA teams are not included.

- ➔ Clemson is playing the country’s **71st** toughest slate, with its 12 opponents a combined **59-60** entering the bowl season.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a comparative look at **Colorado** and **Clemson** in several statistical categories in 2005 (includes games of December 3; NCAA/national rankings, if applicable, are in parenthesis, and the NCAA includes bowl games):

Category	Colorado	Clemson
Overall Record, 2005.....	7-5	7-4
Versus AP Ranked Teams (at time of game).....	0-3	3-1
Overall Record, 1989-current.....	140-63-4 (12)	124-76-1 (26)
Versus Ranked Teams.....	40-44-2	24-35
In Conference Play.....	89-37-3 (9)	77-55-1 (20)
Players On NFL Rosters (as of December 16).....	23	13
Rushing Offense.....	118.1 (91)	152.4 (51)
Average Per Rush	3.6	4.1
Passing Offense.....	232.4 (43)	234.0 (42)
Completion Percentage.....	59.2	65.2
Average Per Attempt.....	6.5	7.4
Passing Efficiency	120.9 (68)	135.4 (39)
Total Offense.....	350.5 (77)	386.4 (49)
Average Per Play	5.1	5.6
Scoring Offense.....	24.6 (70)	27.0 (56)
Rushing Defense.....	95.2 (9)	130.0 (33)
Average Per Rush	2.7 (7)	3.6
Passing Defense	252.6 (91)	204.1 (41)
Average Per Attempt.....	6.7	6.4
Pass Efficiency Defense	118.5 (41)	111.8 (25)
Total Defense	347.8 (44)	334.1 (30)
Average Per Play	4.8	4.9
Scoring Defense.....	24.0 (50)	18.8 (13)
Third Down Conversion Offense.....	34.8 (89)	37.6 (62)
Third Down Conversion Defense.....	37.1 (54)	36.3 (44)
Quarterback Sacks By / Allowed	24 / 17	30 / 20
Net Punting.....	38.2 (8)	29.3 (114)
Punt Returns	10.4 (43)	7.1 (84)
Punt Return Yardage Defense.....	8.2 (44)	8.1 (43)
Kickoff Returns	19.2 (88)	22.1 (32)
Kickoff Return Yardage Defense.....	23.7 (103)	22.5 (90)
Turnovers.....	21 (56)	14 (8)
Turnover Margin.....	+0.08 (55)	+0.91 (14)

CLEMSON NOTES & SEASON CAPSULE

Clemson is 7-4 overall, the losses by a combined 14 points including two overtime defeats; in fact, the Tigers last five setbacks dating back to 2004 have been by a combined 17 points: 3, 6, 3, 4 and 1. Clemson has won its last three and five of its last six, rising to No. 23 in all three major polls (AP, Coaches, Harris Interactive). The Tigers opened strong, upending No. 17 Texas A&M at home, 25-24, and then won 28-24 on the road at Maryland; but two heartbreaking overtime losses at home in succession followed, 36-30 to Miami, Fla., in three extra sessions, and then 16-13 to Boston College. A 31-27 loss at Wake Forest, which finished the year at 4-7, proved to be a wake-up call, as the Tigers responded by drubbing bowl-bound N.C. State 31-10 on the road in starting their successful run over the second half of the season.

- ➔ Clemson head coach **Tommy Bowden** is 51-33, the third best record of all 19 coaches hired to run programs back in 1999 (former CU coach Gary Barnett came to CU in the same season, with his 49-38 mark the sixth best of the 19). Oklahoma's Bob Stoops is first (73-16) and Auburn's Tommy Tuberville second (60-26); June Jones, Hawaii (53-37) and Kirk Ferentz, Iowa (49-35) were between Bowden and Barnett.
- ➔ Clemson defensive coordinator **Vic Koenning** was the head coach at Wyoming between 2000-2002. CU athletic director **Terry Don Phillips** served in the same role at Oklahoma State University from 1994-2002.
- ➔ Clemson owns an advantage over its opponents through 11 games in every possible statistical category except two (punting average, both gross and net, and kickoff return average, which they trail by only a smidgen, 22.5-22.1).
- ➔ QB **Charlie Whitehurst** is completing 66.9 percent of his passes—fourth best in the NCAA (Northern Illinois' Phil Horvath leads at 70.6). Whitehurst has had a hand in the Tigers longest rushing and passing plays, as he owns the long rush of 65 and completed the long pass of 51 to WR Curtis Baham.
- ➔ The Tigers had the ACC Rookie of the year in **RB James Davis**, who ran for 729 yards and eight touchdowns, ranking fourth in the conference in rushing yards per game. Clemson leads the ACC in turnover margin (+0.91), forcing at least two miscues in its last eight games.
- ➔ The Tigers had four players amass over 700 all-purpose yards, including two rushers and one receiver with 700-plus yard in those categories alone. **WR Shansi Stuckey** led the team with 1,060 (topped by 761 receiving), followed by Davis (860, 729 rushing), **WR Aaron Kelly** (769, 539 receiving) and **RB Reggie Merriweather** (756, 707 rushing).
- ➔ Clemson has scored in 34 straight contests (and in 87 of its last 88 games), last being shutout by Georgia in the 2003 season opener (30-0). The Tigers are 15-2 since that loss when scoring 25 or more points in a game.
- ➔ In 2005, Clemson is 4-1 when scoring 30 or more points, 0-2 when allowing over 30 points and 1-2 when scoring under 20 points.

THE LAST TIME: COLORADO 27, CLEMSON 21

MIAMI (by late Colorado SID Fred Casotti)—Big Seven runner-up Colorado stormed out of the chute and had Atlantic Coast champion Clemson down 20-0 at the half as 72,552 fans yawned and went for refreshments at the 23rd Orange Bowl Classic.

But a lot of those drinks were spilled in the second half as Clemson rallied to take a 21-20 lead in the final period before the resurgent Buffs buckled up and drove for the winning score to take their first bowl triumph in history by a 27-21 score.

Fumbles, eight of them, three lost to Clemson, were a nemesis Colorado managed to overcome in the school's first national television appearance in history. One at the goal line at the end of the first half perhaps prevented CU being able to put the game away, and one on its own 27 with three minutes remaining in the game gave the Tigers one last shot to pull out the win.

Dal Ward's Buffaloes got first half touchdowns from John Bayuk, Howard Cook and Boyd Dowler to take the seemingly safe 20-point halftime lead. But Frank Howard's Tigers roared back to go ahead by 21-20 with 11:12 left in the game on a one-yard run by fullback Bob Spooner.

But the Buffs sucked it up and drove 53 yards for the winning score after a Clemson onside kick attempt following the score had failed. Eddie Dove carried four times and Bayuk three in the drive, with Bayuk getting the TD from the one-yard line with 7:13 left to play. Ellwyn Indorf's kick gave CU what proved to be the winning margin.

With less than three minutes to go and facing a 2nd-and-9 on the Buff 26, Clemson's Charlie Bussey was intercepted at the 17 by Bob Stransky, nailing down the decision for the Buffs.

COLORADO	0	20	0	7	—	27
Clemson	0	0	14	7	—	21

JANUARY 1, 1957 (ORANGE BOWL, MIAMI, FLA.)

CU—John Bayuk 2 run (Ellwyn Indorf kick)	7-	0	9:08	2Q
CU—Boyd Dowler 6 run (Howard Cook kick)	14-	0	6:53	2Q
CU—Howard Cook 26 run (kick failed)	20-	0	4:02	2Q
Clemson—Joel Wells 3 run (Charlie Bussey kick)	20-	7	6:07	3Q
Clemson—Joel Wells 58 run (Charlie Bussey kick)	20-14		0:27	3Q
Clemson—Bob Spooner 1 run (Charlie Bussey kick)	20-21		11:12	4Q
CU—John Bayuk 1 run (Ellwyn Indorf kick)	27-21		7:13	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	CLEMSON
First Downs	16	14
Third Down Efficiency	3-10	9-19
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards	52-279	60-217
Passing Yards	27	25
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	4-2-0	9-4-2
Total Offense	306	242
Return Yards	76	5
Punts: No-Average	5-36.6	7-37.9
Fumbles: No-Lost	8-3	0-0
Penalties/Yards	5/55	4/40
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	N/A	N/A
Time Possession	N/A	N/A

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—CU: Bayuk 23-121, Stransky 7-59, Dove 6-36, Cook 6-35, Dowler 6-16, Herbst 1-7, Becker 1-4, Morley 2-1. **Clemson:** Wells 18-125, Spooner 18-65, Hayes 9-28, Coleman 5-10, Lawrence 2-3, Horne 1-0, Dukes 1-0, Bussey 4-minus 4, Turbeville 2-minus 10.

Passing—CU: Morley 1-1-0, 18; Stransky 1-1-0, 9; Cook 1-0-0, 0; Dowler 1-0-0, 0.

Clemson: Bussey 8-3-2, 9; Turbeville, 1-1-0, 16.

Receiving—CU: Clarke 1-18, Dowler 1-9. **Clemson:** Lawrence 1-16, Smith 1-16, Horne 2-minus 7.

Punting—CU: Stransky 1-44.0, Dowler 4-34.8. **Clemson:** Turbeville 4-30.5, Bussey 3-47.7.

Punt Returns—CU: Stransky 1-15, Dove 1-8. **Clemson:** Coleman 1-5.

Kickoff Returns—CU: Stransky 1-24, Dowler 1-12. **Clemson:** Wells 2-34, Coleman 1-15.

Interceptions—CU: Stransky 2-53. **Clemson:** none.

SEASON OF PARITY?

It's one of those years of parity in college football; only 24 teams have less than four losses and 44 teams have fewer than five losses (two undefeated, four with one loss, 11 with two setbacks, seven with three and 20 with four L's). In fact, 71 of the 119 teams in Division I-A finished within three games of .500 (7-4, 7-5, 6-5, 5-6, 5-7, 4-7). Sixty-four teams were bowl eligible, finishing 6-5 or better.

CLOSE CALLS GOING CU'S WAY

Colorado is 11-2 in its last 13 games where the final margin has been seven or fewer points, dating back to the start of 2003. That includes two games this year, the season opening 31-28 victory over Colorado State and 23-20 win at Kansas State, both thanks to the foot of **PK Mason Crosby**. In head coach Gary Barnett's tenure, the Buffs are 18-12 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 15-4 in seven point decisions.

COLORADO IN THE POLLS — 2005 WEEKLY

A look where Colorado placed in each of the four major polls in 2005 (RV—denotes received votes; NV—denotes no votes):

Poll	PS	9/06	9/11	9/18	9/25	10/02	10/09	10/16	10/23	10/30	11/06	11/13	11/20	11/27	12/04	Final
Associated Press	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	24	RV	RV	25	22	RV	RV	RV	---
USA Today Coaches	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	24	RV	RV	24	21	RV	RV	RV	---
Harris Interactive	---	---	---	---	NV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	24	22	RV	RV	RV	---
BCS Standings	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	24	22	18	---	---	---	---	---

ON-LINE PHOTO DATABASE

The CU sports information service has an online photo database that allows registered members of the media instant access to print quality head shots of all CU coaches and student-athletes as well as action shots of key players. Registration is easy: for a login and password, simply log on to www.CUBuffs.com, select "Sports Information" from the "Athletic Department" menu located on the left navigation bar and follow the instructions.

THE BUFFALOES ON THE RADIO

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.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

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

TEAM	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
	8th	91st	RUSHING OFFENSE	118.1	3rd	9th	RUSHING DEFENSE	95.2	7th	43rd	PUNT RETURNS	10.4
	4th	43rd	PASSING OFFENSE	232.4	11th	91st	PASSING DEFENSE	252.6	10th	88th	KICKOFF RETURNS	19.2
	7th	77th	TOTAL OFFENSE	350.5	7th	44th	TOTAL DEFENSE	347.8	2nd	8th	NET PUNTING	38.2
	8th	70th	SCORING OFFENSE	24.6	7th	50th	SCORING DEFENSE	24.0	6th	55th	TURNOVER MARGIN	+0.08
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)												
Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Dusty Sprague	22nd	.....	39.0	Lawrence Vickers.....	18th	.....	5.5
Hugh Charles	9th	76th	70.2		Joe Klopfenstein	23rd	.....	38.6	Kick Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm
Passing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Receiving Yards/TE's	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Mason Crosby.....	3rd	21st	7.8
Joel Klatt.....	5th	41st	224.7		Joe Klopfenstein	3rd	19th	38.6	Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Rating		All-Purpose Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Mason Crosby.....	1st	6th	1.75
Joel Klatt.....	5th	60th	124.4		Hugh Charles	11th	.....	89.0	Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Marcus Burton	15th	.....	0.20
Joel Klatt.....	6th	49th	224.9		John Torp	3rd	9th	44.6	J.J. Billingsley	30th	.....	0.17
Hugh Charles	17th	.....	70.2		Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Gerett Burl.....	30th	.....	0.17
Receptions	Big 12	NCAA	No./Gm		Stephone Robinson ..	8th	41st	9.9	Tom Hubbard.....	30th	.....	0.17
Dusty Sprague	15th	.....	3.6		Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.	Passes Defended	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Evan Judge	23rd	.....	3.3		Stephone Robinson ..	7th	99th	18.2	Lorenzo Sims.....	1st	t-2nd	1.50
Receiving Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm		Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm	Tackles			
Evan Judge	14th	.....	47.3		Mason Crosby.....	5th	40th	7.8	CU uses coaches video; numbers don't match			

CAREER CHART WATCH

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

- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** is 24th in total tackles (255, the eighth most by a defensive back), and is tied for 12th in solo tackles (181).
- ⇒ **CB GERETT BURL** is tied for 11th in pass deflections (24).
- ⇒ **TB HUGH CHARLES** is 52nd in rushing yards (891).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is second in field goals made (47), second in PAT kicks made (90), second in field goal attempts (60), first in PAT attempts (98), and is tied for second in scoring and tied for first in kick scoring (231 points).
- ⇒ **ILB AKARIKA DAWN** finished 73rd in total tackles (180), third in third down stops (34) and finished second in all-time games played (49).
- ⇒ **DT JAMES GAREE** finished tied for 28th in quarterback sacks (10).
- ⇒ **OLB BRIAN IWUH** finished tied for 47th in total tackles (216), and tied for 18th in solo tackles (153).
- ⇒ **WR EVAN JUDGE** finished 19th in receptions (69) and 22nd in receiving yards (903).
- ⇒ **QB JOEL KLATT** finished first in passing yards (7,375), first in completions (666), first in attempts (1,095), first in completion percentage (60.8), first in touchdown passes (44), tied for first in interceptions (33), second in starts by a QB (34), fourth in wins as a starting QB (19), and second in total offense (7,255).
- ⇒ **TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN** tied for 14th in receptions (80), and finished 21st in receiving yards (937) and seventh in receiving TDs (12); those same numbers ranked him fifth, fourth (tie) and first among tight ends;
- ⇒ **KR STEPHONE ROBINSON** is 11th in punt return yards (517) and is sixth in punt returns (60).
- ⇒ **CB LORENZO SIMS** is tied for 27th in interceptions (6) and is tied for sixth in pass deflections (29).
- ⇒ **WR DUSTY SPRAGUE** is 23rd in receptions (65) and is 27th in receiving yards (746).
- ⇒ **TE QUINN SYPNIEWSKI** tied for 47th in receptions (40) and finished 58th in receiving yards (513); he also is first in all-time games played (52).
- ⇒ **P JOHN TORP** finished fifth in punting average (44.61), first in punts inside-the-20 (65), first in 50-plus punts (64) and first in total punts (205).
- ⇒ **VB LAWRENCE VICKERS** tied for 20th in receptions (67) and finished 48th in receiving yards (546), 70th in rushing yards (616) and was 44th in scoring (90 points).
- ⇒ **ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON** is tied for 36th in total tackles (231), and is tied for 24th in solo tackles (142).

FIFTH STRAIGHT YEAR WITH 1,000-YARD ALL-PURPOSE PERFORMER

Sophomore **TB Hugh Charles** finished the season with 1,068 all-purpose yards, marking the fifth straight year the Buffaloes have had at least one player accomplish the feat. Eight players have done it in the span, including Bobby Purify on two occasions (an nearly a third, with 963 yards in 2002). A closer look at these 1,000-yard Buffs:

Season	Player	Rushing	Receiving	Returns	Total	Season	Player	Rushing	Receiving	Returns	Total
2005	Hugh Charles	842	226	0	1,068	2002	Chris Brown	1,744	40	0	1,784
2004	Bobby Purify	1,017	165	0	1,182	2001	Roman Hollowell	53	78	953	1,084
2003	Brian Calhoun	810	266	0	1,076		Bobby Purify	916	92	0	1,008
	Jeremy Bloom	52	356	878	1,286						
	D.J. Hackett	-9	1,013	9	1,013						

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

The Buffaloes have enjoyed a lot of success on the road over the last 17 seasons. CU has been victorious 57 of the last 88 times in enemy stadiums and is **65-36-1** dating back to the 1985 season (a 64.9 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 **57-30-1** away from home (a 65.3 winning percentage), which stands eighth nationally and second among Big 12 Conference teams in this span. The Buffaloes own a **46-22-1** mark in their last 68 road conference games (Big 8 & Big 12—five losses at Nebraska, two at Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech; and one each at Baylor, Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M; the tie was at K-State in 1993). CU is **21-19** on the Big 12 road since 1996 (2-2 in 2005). 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.	73	20	0	.785
Florida State	64	22	0	.744
Tennessee	60	21	2	.735
Michigan	60	24	3	.707
Nebraska	59	25	3	.695
Ohio State	56	26	2	.679
Notre Dame	54	28	2	.655
Colorado	57	29	1	.653
Florida	47	25	1	.651
Alabama	54	29	0	.651
Texas	54	33	0	.621

12TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989

Colorado has the nation's 12th best record over the last 17 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **140-63-4** record. From opening 1-0 in '89, through the 10th game of the 2005 season, the Buffs owned one of the top 10 overall records in the nation (**247 consecutive weeks**); that was snapped with the loss to Nebraska. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through games of December 3:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		
							G	W-L-T	2005
1	Florida State	211	174	36	1	.827	90	64-25-1	8-4
2	Miami, Fla.	204	167	37	0	.819	75	48-27-0	9-2
3	Nebraska	210	167	42	1	.798	60	33-26-1	7-4
4	Tennessee	210	161	46	3	.774	80	45-32-3	5-6
5	Florida	211	160	50	1	.761	94	52-41-1	8-3
6	Michigan	206	155	48	3	.760	91	55-34-2	7-4
7	Ohio State	209	156	50	3	.754	84	45-36-3	9-2
8	Texas	206	143	61	2	.699	71	32-37-2	12-0
9	Virginia Tech	204	140	62	2	.691	54	24-29-1	10-2
10	Penn State	205	141	63	1	.690	74	35-39-0	10-1
11	Notre Dame	205	140	63	2	.688	80	39-39-2	9-2
12	COLORADO	207	140	63	4	.686	86	40-44-2	7-5

THE BUFFALOES IN THE BIG 12

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

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

CU VS. THE BIG 12 NORTH: Colorado owns the best record in intra-division competition going back to the start of the 2001 season against Big 12 North Division rivals, as the Buffaloes are **20-5** in this time frame. Other records in the same span: Kansas State 16-9, Nebraska 14-11, Iowa State 10-15, Missouri 8-17 and Kansas 7-18. The Buffs are **11-2** at home in this stretch, the only losses to Nebraska (2003 & 2005).

RUMMY .500: Colorado has owned a .500 record or better for 25 consecutive games, third best in the Big 12. The roll call by school (through games of December 3): Texas 88, Texas Tech 49, **Colorado 25**, Iowa State 16, Missouri 11, Nebraska 11, Oklahoma 7, Kansas 4, Baylor 0, Kansas State 0, Oklahoma State 0, Texas A&M 0.

2005 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division (-4)											
School (AP/Coaches/Harris Rank)	conference-----					overall-----					Next Up
	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
COLORADO	5	3	.625	219	167	7	5	.583	295	288	D 27 Clemson (Champs Sports)
Nebraska (RV/RV/RV)	4	4	.500	201	208	7	4	.636	264	224	D 28 Michigan (Alamo Bowl)
Iowa State (RV/RV/--)	4	4	.500	232	158	7	4	.636	315	203	D 31 TCU (Houston Bowl)
Missouri	4	4	.500	200	236	6	5	.545	331	319	D 30 South Carolina (Independence)
Kansas	3	5	.375	127	210	6	5	.545	227	251	D 23 Houston (Fort Worth)
Kansas State.....	2	6	.250	179	258	5	6	.455	289	305	season complete
South Division (+4)											
School (AP/Coaches/Harris Rank)	conference-----					overall-----					Next Up
	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
Texas (#2/#2/#2)	8	0	1.000	405	137	12	0	1.000	611	175	J 4 Southern Cal (Rose Bowl)
Texas Tech (#18/#15/#15)	6	2	.750	264	182	9	2	.818	463	213	J 1 Alabama (Cotton Bowl)
Oklahoma (RV /RV/RV).....	6	2	.750	241	190	7	4	.636	306	263	D 29 Oregon (Holiday Bowl)
Texas A & M	3	5	.375	218	279	5	6	.455	352	343	season complete
Baylor.....	2	6	.250	140	244	5	6	.455	236	291	season complete
Oklahoma State	1	7	.125	164	321	4	7	.364	222	344	season complete

SENIOR QUARTERBACK KLATT MAKING HIS MARK

Senior QB Joel Klatt will exit his CU career with his name etched aside more records than any quarterback in Colorado history, as he owns 44 single-game, season or career records for the Buffaloes (*full list on next page*). His status for the Champs Sports Bowl is questionable, as he continues to recover from a vicious, illegal helmet-to-chin hit by Texas' Drew Kelson in the Big 12 title game.

"KLATT-BITS"

- ➔ **RECORDS:** Klatt has set 44 records at Colorado, trailing only Byron White (51) for records set in any CU uniform (all sports; he passed Kordell Stewart, who set 36).
- ➔ **RED ZONE PASSING**—Klatt has been about as effective as a quarterback can be in the red zone, as he owns a **24-to-2** career ratio of touchdowns to interceptions and has been sacked just one time (K-State got to him this year). His lone picks came in the waning moments against Nebraska in 2003 and on an errant screen pass at Iowa State this year; he's also adept at throwing the ball away to avoid taking a loss (16 of his 40 incompletions). **Stats: 2005:** 19-of-35, 105 yards (8 TD/1 INT/1 sack); **2004:** 15-of-25, 105 yards (6 TD/0 INT/0 sacks); **2003:** 20-of-33, 165 yards (10 TD/1 INT/0 sacks). **Totals:** 54-of-94, 373 yards (24 TD/2 INT/1 sack).
- ➔ **Against Miami.** The Hurricanes have had the nation's No. 1 defense most of the year, especially against the pass. In 11 games, only four players have thrown for over 100 yards on the Miami "D", and only three over 115—Clemson's Charlie Whitehurst (288 yards on 31-of-55), **Klatt** (228, 25-of-43) and Virginia's Marques Hagan (206, 15-of-28). Starting quarterbacks have all of 1,307 yards against Miami; the other eight teams have totaled 585 (or 73.1 per game).
- ➔ He had a string of **139** consecutive passes without an interception, a school record come to an end at Iowa State (the old mark was 104); he has thrown just three in his last **258** attempts. He also has had streaks of **93** (ended at Texas this year) and **90** (that spanned 2002-03).
- ➔ He is 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 and Stewart are the only players with three 2,000-yard passing seasons in school history.
- ➔ **ACTIVE NCAA PASSING RANKINGS** (*includes his Houston Bowl stats, which CU does not include*): **Yards Per Game** (17th/197.6); **Completion Percentage** (13th/61.2); **Efficiency** (29th/126.2); **Completions** (11th/690); **Attempts** (11th/1,128); **Touchdowns** (19th/46); **Yards** (15th/7,708).
- ➔ **BIG 12 RANKING:** The conference recognizes Klatt's career total as **7,708** yards, which is the fifth most in Big12 history. Ahead of Klatt are Kliff Kingsbury, Texas Tech (12,429); Brad Smith, Missouri (8,517); Major Applewhite, Texas (8,353); and Jason White, Oklahoma (7,922). He needs 217 yards against Clemson in the bowl game, if he can play, to move ahead of White into fourth place.
- ➔ He has **15** career 200-yard passing games, **five** of which have exceeded 300 yards (**Koy Detmer** holds the school record of six).
- ➔ Against Kansas, when he set the school mark for career touchdown passes, he had four in a game for the second time in his career—the other time was in his first career start against Colorado State in 2003. That marked just the 10th time a CU quarterback had four or more TD passes in a game.
- ➔ Klatt has thrown 11 of those TD passes to **TE Joe Klopfenstein**; the school record for a duo is 12, between Detmer and **Rae Carruth** (1992-96).
- ➔ He has the fourth most wins as a starting quarterback at Colorado with 19, trailing Darian Hagan (28), Stewart (27) and Gale Weidner (20); he is 19-15 as CU's starter, with the 34 starts at QB the second most at Colorado, as he trails only Hagan (35).
- ➔ He opened the Missouri game with **12** straight completions, yet another record for the most consecutive completions to open a game.
- ➔ Klatt's one-time minor league baseball teammate, San Diego's **Jake Peavy**, claimed the 2004 major league ERA title (2.27, 15-6), and 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 has registered two this season (against Colorado State and versus Kansas 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 are tied for 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 (9)— **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); KSU (tied to W). All-time comebacks:

COLORADO	Seasons	No.	Record
Joel Klatt	2003-current	9	8-1
John Hessler	1995-1997	7	7-0
Kordell Stewart	1992-1994	5	4-0-1
Darian Hagan	1989-1991	5	4-1
Gale Weidner	1959-1961	4	4-0
David Williams	1974-1975	4	4-0

NCAA ACTIVE				
Quarterback, School	Class	Seasons	No.	Record
Joel Klatt, Colorado	Sr.	2003-current	9	8-1
Charlie Whitehurst, Clemson	Gr.	2002-current	9	8-1
Tyler Palko, Pittsburgh	Jr.	2004-current	6	5-1
Vince Young, Texas	Jr.	2003-current	5	5-0
Drew Olson, UCLA	Sr.	2002-current	4	4-0

NCAA ALL-TIME (research stifled by lack of cooperation)				
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'S GAME-BY-GAME DRIVE ENGINEERING

A look at Klatt's game-by-game drive engineering numbers:

Opponent	Drives Started	Drives Ended By-----										Points Yielded	Pts./ Drive	Quarterback Drive Efficiency*		**Directing Offense		
	TD	FG	FGA	PNT	DWN	TRN	SAF	CLK	RPL					Plays	Yards	Avg.		
Colorado State	14	3	3	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	31	2.21	42.9	46.2	62	396	6.4	
New Mexico State	8	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	34	4.25	75.0	87.5	63	381	6.0	
at Miami, Fla.....	13	0	1	1	7	1	3	0	0	0	3	0.23	7.7	15.4	74	333	4.5	
at Oklahoma State	11	3	1	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	24	2.18	36.4	45.5	57	352	6.2	
Texas A&M.....	9	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	41	4.56	77.8	77.8	62	527	8.5	
at Texas.....	10	2	1	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	17	1.70	30.0	30.0	58	234	4.0	
Kansas.....	12	4	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	28	2.33	33.3	33.3	52	283	5.4	
Kansas State	15	2	3	1	8	0	1	0	0	0	23	1.53	33.3	40.0	69	370	5.4	
Missouri	12	5	2	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	41	3.42	57.1	72.7	68	386	5.7	
Iowa State	16	1	3	0	6	2	3	0	1	0	16	1.00	25.0	26.7	80	363	4.5	
Nebraska.....	13	0	1	1	9	0	1	0	1	0	3	0.23	7.7	16.7	60	212	3.5	
Texas.....	12	0	1	1	4	0	4	0	1	1	3	0.25	8.3	20.0	45	175	3.9	
Season Totals	145	29	20	7	60	5	18	0	5	1	264	1.82	33.8	40.3	750	4014	5.4	
Career Totals	408	85	43	13	178	13	55	0	20	1	715	1.75	31.4	36.4	2126	10935	5.1	

KLATT'S COLORADO RECORDS (44)

(*—shares record)

Most Pass Attempts, Game	54	(vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003; 38 completions)
Most Pass Attempts, Game (Sophomore)	54	(vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003; 38 completions)
Most Pass Attempts, Career	1,095	
Most Pass Attempts, Season (Sophomore)	358	(2003; 233 completions)
Most Pass Attempts, Season (Junior)	334	(2004; 192 completions)
Most Pass Attempts, Season (Senior)	400	(2005; 241 completions)
Most Pass Attempts Without An Interception	139	(set over five games, Oct. 15-Nov. 12, 2005)
Most Pass Completions, Quarter	14	(vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003; 19 attempts, second quarter)
Most Pass Completions, Game	38	(vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003; 54 attempts)
Most Pass Completions, Game (Sophomore)	38	(vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003; 54 attempts)
Most Pass Completions, Game (Junior)	26	(vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004; 33 attempts)
Most Pass Completions, Season	241	(2005; 400 attempts)
Most Pass Completions, Season (Sophomore)	233	(2003; 358 attempts)
Most Pass Completions, Season (Junior)	192	(2004; 334 attempts)
Most Pass Completions, Season (Senior)	241	(2005; 400 attempts)
Most Consecutive Pass Completions at Start of Game	12	(vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005)
Average Completions Per Game, Season	20.7	(2003; 233 in 11 games)
Average Completions Per Game, Career	17.5	(666 in 38 games)
Most Pass Completions, Career	666	
Most Passing Yards, Quarter	211	(vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005; first quarter)
Most Passing Yards, Game (Sophomore)	419	(vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003)
Most Passing Yards, Season (Sophomore)	2,614	(2003)
Most Passing Yards, Career	7,375	
Most Passing Yards Versus One Opponent, Career	802	(vs. Colorado State: 402 in 2003, 117 in 2004, 283 in 2005)
Average Per Completion, Game (min. 30 att.)	19.14	(vs. Colorado State in Denver, Aug. 30 2003)
Most Total Offensive Plays, Career	1,213	(1,095 pass; 118 rush)
Most Total Offense, Quarter	211	(vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005; first quarter; 211 pass, 0 rush)
Most Total Offense, Season (Sophomore)	2,523	(2003; 2614 pass, -91 rush)
Most Plays, Total Offense, Season	454	(2005; 400 pass, 54 rush)
*Most Touchdown Passes, Quarter	3	(vs. Colorado State in Denver, Aug. 30 2003; second quarter)
Most Touchdown Passes, Season (Sophomore)	21	(2003)
Most Touchdown Passes, Career	44	
Completion Percentage, Game (min. 20 att.)	78.8	(vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004; 26 of 33)
Completion Percentage, Game (min. 25 att.)	78.8	(vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004; 26 of 33)
Completion Percentage, Game (min. 30 att.)	78.8	(vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004; 26 of 33)
Completion Percentage, Season (min. 100 att.)	65.1	(2003; 233 of 358)
Completion Percentage, Season (min. 150 att.)	65.1	(2003; 233 of 358)
Completion Percentage, Season (min. 200 att.)	65.1	(2003; 233 of 358)
Completion Percentage, Season (min. 250 att.)	65.1	(2003; 233 of 358)
Completion Percentage, Career	60.8	(666 of 1,095)
*Most Interceptions, Career	33	(1,095 attempts)
Lowest Interception Percentage, Season (min. 250 att.)	.020	(2005; 8 of 400)
Most Drives Engineered, Career	408	
Most Fourth Quarter Comebacks Engineered, Career	9	
ALSO		
Total Offense	7,255	(second in Colorado history)
Passer Rating	124.63	(seventh in Colorado history)

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

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

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

- ➔ He set four school records in 2004, to go with his record for points by a freshman (52) he established in 2003. He added four more in 2005, but has positioned himself nicely for many career marks.
- ➔ 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 in 2004 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 on next page*). That kick is also tied for the longest in the NCAA in 2005.
- ➔ He had five field goals of 50 yards or longer as a sophomore in 2004, which was not only a CU single season record (several had two), it set a career mark as the old best had been three, by both Dave DeLine and Jim Harper. Including the Houston Bowl, when he had a 54-yarder, he had six 50-plus for the year which led the nation, topping Ohio State's Mike Nugent, the Groza Award winner (the NCAA record is eight).
- ➔ He has five 50-plus yard kicks again in 2005, again tops in the nation, with four coming *on the road* (58 at Miami; 52 and 50 at Kansas State; 57 at Iowa State).
- ➔ He was **19-of-23** in 2004 in FGs, with the 19 makes covering 725 yards, an average of **38.2** yards per kick (his four misses: **46.3**).
- ➔ He is **47-of-60** in field goals in his career (51-of-66 including bowls), **23-of-25** inside 40 yards and a most respectable **24-of-35** from 41 yards or longer in the regular season. He is second in career field goals made and tied for first in kick scoring (**231 points**).
- ➔ He has made four field goals in a game three times (Iowa State, Nebraska and UTEP in the Houston Bowl, all in 2004).
- ➔ He made four of the 10 longest field goals in the NCAA in 2004 (60, 55, 54, 54), including the only one longer than 50 yards in bowls; his 55-yard kick against CSU in the opener was CU's first from 50-plus yards in 11 seasons. He has three of the six longest in the NCAA in 2005.
- ➔ The average field position for the opponent after his kickoffs the **22**, as **110** of his **157** career kicks have gone for touchbacks; 12 of the 45 returned against him have not been brought back beyond the 20; only nine have gone beyond the 30 and just one none beyond the 40 and 50 (on his 156th career kickoff).
- ➔ Perhaps his best kick ever was also in the 2004 Iowa State game--an **87-yard** kickoff for a touchback after he had to boot it from the 20-yard line following a penalty. *"I didn't even expect that. I was just trying to get it up in the air to give the coverage team time to get down there,"* Crosby said.
- ➔ He has been selected the **Big 12 Conference's** Special Teams Player-of-the-Week **seven** times in his career (CSU, Miami, Kansas State and Missouri this year; for Iowa State and Nebraska in 2004; and for KU in 2003). That puts Crosby in select company: the seven is tied for the most in a career with two other players in Big 12 history: **RB Ricky Williams** (Texas, 1996-98) and **QB Eric Crouch** (NU, 1998-2001). Williams was recognized five times in 1998 (Heisman season); Crosby, this year, and Texas Tech **QB Kliff Kingsbury** ('02) are the only others to honored at least four times in a season.
- ➔ The **Lou Groza Award Committee** has named him one of its three "Stars of the Week" on four occasions (Iowa State in '04; CSU, Miami and K-State in '05).
- ➔ **ACTIVE NCAA KICKING RANKINGS** (*includes his Houston Bowl stats, which CU does not include*): **Field Goals Made** (1-6th/51); **FG Made/Game** (9th/1.4); **FG Accuracy** (10th/77.3); **Scoring** (16th/246 points).
- ➔ **Late Game Heroics**. Crosby has made a name for himself in the clutch, as he is **12-of-13** in the fourth quarter, including 10-of-10 in the final 8½ minutes with eight kicks of 41 yards or longer and seven of them with the score of the game within six points. A closer look:

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

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

Rk	Player (Seasons)	TD	2Pt	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	PTS	Rk	Player (Seasons)	TD	2Pt	EP-EPA	FG-FGA	PTS
1	Eric Bieniemy (1987-90).....	42	1-1	0-0	0-0	254	4	Bobby Anderson (1967-69).....	35	1-2	0-0	0-0	212
2	Mason Crosby (2003-05).....	0	0-0	90-98	47-60	231	5	Chris Brown (2001-02).....	34	0-0	0-0	0-0	204
2	Jeremy Aldrich (1996-99).....	0	0-0	87-95	48-64	231							

TAKE THIS ALTITUDE ARGUMENT AND SHOVE IT

To paraphrase the classic Johnny Paycheck song, that is... Crosby's **58-yard** field goal at Miami (Sept. 24), elevation **seven** feet, is the longest field goal in NCAA history at sea level without the use of a kicking tee (all kicks after 1988 are without one). It tied for the third longest, tee or not, in college and tied for the fifth longest when including the National Football League. Seeing how he has 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. *(In fact, four of his five 50-plus yard kicks this year have been on the road, including a 57-yard boot in horrific wind at Iowa State.)* A closer look:

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

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

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

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

Other college under 200 feet:

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

TOP FIELD GOALS OF 50 YARDS OR LONGER IN COLORADO HISTORY

(29 overall, top 13 listed through November 12)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
60	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, October 16, 2004
58	Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, September 24, 2005
58	Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, October 24, 1981
57	Dave DeLine vs. Nebraska in Boulder, October 25, 1986
57	Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State at Ames, November 12, 2005
56	Mason Crosby vs. Missouri in Boulder, November 5, 2005
55	Fred Lima vs. California in Boulder, September 9, 1972

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

Most 50-Yard Field Goals, Career: (includes bowls): Mason Crosby 11; Dave DeLine 3, Jim Harper 3, Mitch Berger 2, Pat Blottiaux 2, Tom Field 2, Fred Lima 2.

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

LONGEST FIELD GOALS (50+) IN NCAA DIVISION I-A IN 2005 (47)

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
58	Mason Crosby, Colorado at Miami, Fla., September 24
58	Brandon Coutu, Georgia vs. Louisiana-Monroe in Athens, September 17
57	Mason Crosby, Colorado at Iowa State, November 12
57	Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State vs. North Texas in Manhattan, September 24
56	Mason Crosby, Colorado vs. Missouri in Boulder, November 5
56	Brandon Coutu, Georgia vs. Kentucky in Athens, November 19
53	Derric Yaussi, Wyoming at Air Force, September 24
53	Luke Juist, Rice vs. Navy in Houston, October 22
53	Mike Barrow, Idaho vs. Louisiana Tech, November 12
53	Stephen Gostkowski, Memphis vs. Marshall in Memphis, November 26
52	Mason Crosby, Colorado at Kansas State, October 29
52	Bruce Redden, Oklahoma State vs. Arkansas St. in Stillwater, September 17
52	Brad DeVault, Tulsa at Oklahoma, September 10
52	Kyle Schlicher, Iowa at Ohio State, September 24
52	Garrett Hartley, Oklahoma vs. Texas at Dallas, October 8
52	Mike Friess, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri in Stillwater, October 8

Yds	Player, School, Opponent, Site, Date
52	Jason Reda, Illinois at Indiana, October 8
52	Bruce Redden, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri in Stillwater, October 8
52	Sergio Aguayo, UNLV vs. San Diego State in Las Vegas, October 8
52	Sergio Aguayo, UNLV vs. San Diego State in Las Vegas, October 8
52	Peter Lococo, TCU at Wyoming, October 8
52	Sam Swank, Wake Forest vs. Miami in Winston-Salem, November 12
52	Andrew Wellock, Eastern Michigan at Buffalo, November 19
52	Chris Nendick, Northern Illinois vs. Akron, December 1
51	on nine occasions (Martinez, Oregon; Swank, Wake Forest; Folk, Arizona; Lee, East Carolina; Medlock, UCLA; Evenson, Oregon; Ito, Rutgers; Gostkowski, Memphis); Snodgrass, Kansas State; Coutu, Georgia.
50	on 13 occasions (Crosby, Colorado ; Kennard, Florida Atlantic; Moseley, Mississippi; Neihouse, Arkansas State; Yaussi, Wyoming; Jones, Purdue; Nuzie, Connecticut; Hughes, Virginia; Barrow, Idaho; Hartley, Oklahoma; Bazaldna, North Texas, Lawrence, Houston; Hamblin, Utah State).

Most 50-Yard Field Goals By Kicker: CROSBY, Colorado 5; Coutu, Georgia 3; Aguayo, UNLV 2; Barrow, Idaho 2; Gostkowski, Memphis 2; Redden, Oklahoma State 2; Snodgrass, Kansas State 2; Swank, Wake Forest 2, Yaussi, Wyoming 2.

CROSBY CAREER STATS

Season	KICKOFFS											Opp. OSY	ASY	SCORING/FIELD GOALS											
	Total	Ret.	FC	MF	NA	TB	In20	EZ+	OB	O/Sq	PAT			10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	FG-FGA	Pct.	Long	PTS		
2003.....	37	10	0	0	0	26	2	17	1	(1)	847	023	31-37	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	7- 9	77.8	44	52		
2004.....	59	17	1	0	0	41	6	26	0	(1)	1215	021	28-30	1-1	5-5	5-5	3-5	4-6	1-1	19-23	82.6	60	85		
2005.....	61	18	0	0	0	43	4	33	0	(3)	1357	022	31-31	0-0	3-4	5-6	8-11	5-7	0-0	21-28	75.0	58	94		
TOTALS	157	45	1	0	0	110	12	76	1	(5)	3419	022	90-98	1-1	12-13	10-11	14-20	9-14	1-1	47-60	78.3	60	228		

(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; Onsidess 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.

GROZA AWARD CANDIDATE COMPARISON

PK Mason Crosby, the runner-up for the Lou Groza Award, had a dominant edge comparing statistics, as several things put him head-and-shoulders among the rest of the field, not only with 19 other semifinalists but also with the other two finalists. Crosby's average field goal make was some **41.2** yards; that was just under TEN yards longer than the other two finalists and five yards better than any of the other semifinalists.

He was 13-of-18 from 40 yards and longer; in fact, 64 percent of Crosby's attempts and 62 percent of his makes were from 40 yards or longer; the other two finalists were under 35 and 25 percent, respectively. The length of Crosby's average miss is some 44.1 yards, the seventh highest of the 20, so on the rare occasion he has missed, they're not ones most expect kickers to make—except maybe him.

The below does not including kickoffs, in which Crosby is likely the NCAA leader in touchbacks (43) and touchback percentage (70.5)—those numbers nationally are not readily available (F—denotes finalist; W—denotes winner):

Kicker, School	PAT	FG-FGA	40+	Made	Avg.	Miss	Avg.	Long
F—Mason Crosby, Colorado	31-31	21-28	13-18	21 (865)	41.2	7 (309)	44.1	58
F—Jad Dean, Clemson	33-33	22-29	5-10	22 (697)	31.7	7 (303)	43.3	49
W—Alexis Serna, Oregon State	32-32	23-28	6-10	23 (730)	31.7	5 (222)	44.4	47
Mike Barrow, Idaho	21-23	16-19	7- 8	16 (570)	35.6	3 (118)	39.3	53
Dan Beardall, Utah	34-35	15-18	5- 7	15 (542)	36.1	3 (129)	43.0	47
Kenny Byrd, New Mexico	33-38	13-15	4- 6	13 (443)	34.1	2 (91)	45.5	46
Brandon Coutu, Georgia	40-40	23-29	10-14	23 (806)	35.0	6 (264)	44.0	58
John Deraney, N.C. State	26-26	15-18	2- 3	15 (479)	31.9	3 (124)	41.3	48
Brad DeVault, Tulsa	40-42	14-17	6- 6	14 (476)	34.0	3 (80)	26.7	52
Connor Hughes, Virginia	32-32	19-22	5- 6	19 (684)	36.0	3 (121)	40.3	50
Josh Huston, Ohio State	40-41	20-24	4- 8	20 (640)	32.0	4 (195)	48.8	47
Robert Lee, East Carolina	30-30	17-19	2- 4	17 (501)	29.5	2 (86)	43.0	51
Darren McCaleb, Southern Miss.	33-34	22-27	10-15	22 (764)	34.7	5 (227)	45.4	47
Brandon Pace, Virginia Tech	47-48	16-19	4- 5	16 (515)	32.2	3 (95)	31.7	44
Garret Rivas, Michigan	29-31	18-24	3- 7	18 (619)	34.4	6 (246)	41.0	47
Jason Robbins, Toledo	48-49	12-12	1- 1	12 (339)	28.3	0 (0)	.....	44
Kyle Schlicher, Iowa	40-41	16-19	2- 5	16 (516)	32.3	3 (129)	43.0	52
Reagan Schneider, UTEP	40-40	16-21	7- 9	16 (542)	33.9	5 (169)	33.8	49
Clint Stister, Fresno State	29-30	10-12	2- 3	10 (316)	31.6	2 (83)	41.5	44
Sam Swank, Wake Forest	29-29	19-24	6- 8	19 (665)	35.0	5 (184)	36.8	52

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.

TWO-DEEP GAMES LOST

Colorado has been fortunate for the most part when it's come to injuries in 2005. Of the players who started the season, only **23** games have been missed due to injury or illness by players who figured into the two-deep (does not include partial games or those who played hurt). The three players out for the year, **WR Blake Mackey**, **CB Terrence Wheatley** and **TB Brandon Caesar**, however, all would have been in the two-deep so the realistic number is **59** games lost. **DE Alonzo Barrett** (5), **S Dominique Brooks** (4), **OG Brian Daniels** (2), **DE Alex Ligon** (2), **OG Daniel Sanders** (2) and **OG Jack Tipton** (1) are the only ones to have missed multiple games at this point; that does not include **ILB Jason Ackermann**, who has missed 10, but he would have had to battle in camp to crack the two-deep at linebacker. Other prominent players include **DE Walter Boye-Doe** (1), **Ben Burney** (1), **OG Edwin Harrison** (1), **OLB Brian Iwuh** (1), **CB Lorenzo Sims** (1) and **S Ryan Walters** (1). In 2004, a total of 71 games in the two-deep were lost due to injury or illness, less by **TB Brandon Caesar** (12), **CB Vance Washington** (12), **ILB Chris Hollis** (11), **FS J.J. Billingsley** (10) and **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (9).

JOHN TORP MAKES MARK AT COLORADO, FINISHES AS RUNNER-UP FOR RAY GUY AWARD

Senior **P John Torp**, one of three finalists for the 2005 Ray Guy Award (he finished as the runner-up to Wake Forest's Ryan Plackemeier) rewrote the record book at Colorado... and that's a hard thing to do considering CU has had six first-team All-American punters. He has proven time and again that he can post the same numbers at home as on the road. He is ninth in the nation with a **44.6** average (third in the Big 12), including a **42.2** mark on the road, numbers that were severely hurt due to the 30-50 mph wind gusts at Iowa State. Some might use the old altitude argument against him (though no opponent topped him in 12 of his last 12 games in Boulder), his 47.0 average on seven kicks at Miami, Fla. (elevation: 7 feet) silenced any critics. Some Torp "torpedoes"...

- ➔ He has won the (gross) punting battle against his opponent counterpart in **23** of the last **26** games, and the net one in 24 of those 26, including 11 of 12 games this year (he was edged at Iowa State, largely due to having to punt five times into 30-plus mph winds). That includes 12 of 13 times at home and 11 of the last 13 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.
- ➔ **Pressure.** He owns an average of **50.1** in the fourth quarter (12-601, 6 In20) and a **45.8** average on 22 punts inside-the-CU 25 (includes two for 37 against the nasty Iowa winds that hurt that number).
- ➔ The average yardline for his punts is the **CU 34**; of his **28** punts from the Buff 39 into opponent territory, he placed **19** inside-the-20 (11 of 15 punts in plus territory pinned the opponent inside its 20).
- ➔ Torp owns the fourth highest career average among active punters in the NCAA at **44.71** (includes bowls; Michigan State's Brandon Fields leads at 45.63).
- ➔ He had **71** punts this year, with **39** having either been returned (**28**) or fair caught (**11**). Nine have gone for touchbacks in '05—but the net on those kicks is 39.6 (four were in severe wind at Kansas State). In 2004, Torp had **68** punts, 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.
- ➔ Torp owns seven of the top 25 gross punting and five of the top 23 net punting games in CU history (*see below*).
- ➔ 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.

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
John Torp	2005	71	3,166	44.6	72	27	24

NCAA PUNTING LEADERS (2005)

Player, School	No.	Yards	Avg.
Ryan Plackemeier, Wake Forest	67	3,165	47.24
Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor	62	2,863	46.18
Sam Koch, Nebraska	63	2,890	45.87
Jim Kaylor, Colorado State	49	2,241	45.73
Luke Johnson, Southern Miss	50	2,263	45.26
Michael Hughes, San Diego State	67	3,003	44.82
Kenneth DeBauche, Wisconsin	54	2,419	44.80
Joel Stelly, Louisiana-Monroe	59	2,634	44.64
John Torp, Colorado	71	3,166	44.59
Road Averages: Plackemeier 49.5 (38-1881); sixth in the NCAA: Torp 42.2 (34-1434).			

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
22	John Torp	Oct. 30, 2004	TEXAS	6	305	50.8	29	276	46.0
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	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	58t	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	71	3166	45.20	28	216	7.8	55	60.6	41.55	24	8	9	11	27	4	22	1009	45.8	14-504	57	2662	46.7
TOTALS	205	9145	44.61	101	809	8.0	58t	50.7	40.66	65	22	18	31	64	17	63	2899	46.0	27-926	178	8219	46.2

KLOPFENSTEIN ZOOMING UP TIGHT END CHARTS

Senior **TE Joe Klopfenstein**, a candidate this season for the John Mackey Award (though he did not advance to the finalist stage), raced 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, and came back with five more grabs for 60 yards and a TD at Texas. A look at where Klopfenstein compared 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	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05).....	80	937	11.7	12
6	J.V. Cain (1971-73).....	61	873	14.3	3
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
4	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05).....	80

TIGHT END TOUCHDOWNS

Rk	Player (Seasons)	TD
1	Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05).....	12
2	Christian Fauria (1991-94).....	11
2	Daniel Graham (1998-2001).....	11
2	Gary Knafelc (1951-53).....	11

JK-TO-JK

The combination of **Joel Klatt** to **Joe Klopfenstein** yielded **11** career touchdowns. Believe it or not, when the two first hooked up for a score in September 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?! That TD pass came in the final two minutes against UCLA and proved to be the game winner in a 16-14 verdict over the Bruins. 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 **75** pass plays in the regular season (**80** 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.

TWO-HEADED TIGHT END MONSTER

Colorado may very well have the best 1-2 punch among tight ends in the country. When merging statistics of senior standouts **Joe Klopfenstein** and **Quinn Sypniewski**, the front-line CU tight ends have combined for 57 receptions for 860 yards and eight touchdowns while averaging 15.1 yards per catch. They are only the fourth pair at Colorado to combine for 30 or more catches and 400-plus yards (and just the second duo to top 800 combined yards). Here's a look at the most receiving yards by two tight ends combined in the same season at Colorado (minimum 400 combined yards and 10 receptions by each):

Season	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Players
1984	65	870	13.4	5	Jon Embree (51-680, 3); Ed Reinhardt (14-190, 2)
2005	57	860	15.1	8	Joe Klopfenstein (32-463, 4); Quinn Sypniewski (25-397, 4)
1983	41	559	13.6	2	Dave Hestera (29-366, 1); Jon Embree (12-193, 1)
1995	37	419	11.3	3	Matt Lepsis (25-341-2); Tennyson McCarty (12-78, 1)

VICKERS JOINS EXCLUSIVE CLUB AT COLORADO

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, as evidenced by his 85-yard, four-touchdown effort shining as the tailback in the 41-12 win over Missouri. Vickers has become just the 10th player in Colorado history to accumulate 500 yards both rushing and receiving, going over the rushing mark at Kansas State after topping the reception line against Texas A&M. His average per touch (5.10) is in line with all but one player in the group; Mike Pritchard is the only one to have averaged over seven yards per touch (a healthy 17.90). A look at Colorado's **500-500 Club**:

THE 500/500 CLUB

Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rush	Rec	Total	Plays	Avg.	Rk	Player (Seasons)	Rush	Rec	Total	Plays	Avg.
1	Bobby Purify (2000-04).....	3,016	508	3,524	645	5.46	6	Ron Brown (1981-85).....	751	1,217	1,968	192	6.34
2	Herschell Troutman (1994-97).....	2,487	725	3,212	628	5.11	7	Mike Pritchard (1987-90).....	585	1,241	1,826	102	17.90
3	Lee Rouson (1981-84).....	2,296	699	2,995	667	4.49	8	Woody Shelton (1950-52).....	1,065	586	1,651	271	6.09
4	Cortlen Johnson (1998-2001).....	2,199	691	2,890	497	5.81	9	Bill Symons (1962-64).....	734	537	1,271	258	4.93
5	Merwin Hodel (1949-51).....	2,102	540	2,642	550	4.80	10	Lawrence Vickers (2002-05).....	616	546	1,162	228	5.10

- ➔ Vickers scored **11** touchdowns this year, tied for the 14th most in a single-season in Colorado history.

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 with 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.
- **First Play of the Game.** Charles got the call seven times on the first play of the game for CU, gaining 177 yards for a 25.3 average, with one touchdown.
- **Sophomore Rushing at Colorado:** Charles' 842 yards ranked as the sixth most ever by a sophomore at Colorado; the all-time best soph seasons: 1. Charlie Davis 1,386 (1971); 2. Eric Bieniemy 1,243 (1988); 3. Darian Hagan 1,004 (1989); 4. Chris Brown 946 (2001); 5. Rashaan Salaam 844 (1993); 6. **Hugh Charles 842** (2005); 7. Cortlen Johnson 835 (1999); 8. Herchell Troutman 826 (1995); 9. John Bayuk 824 (1954); 10. Brian Calhoun 810 (2003);
- Charles is also proving to be a threat as a receiver, becoming just the 15th running back in school history to accumulate 200 receiving yards in a single-season. He's in pretty good company, as the below chart indicates (*—was not the team leader in rushing):

Player	Season	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Richard Johnson.....	1982	26	350	13.5	4	77t
*Chris McLemore.....	1982	39	337	8.6	0	44
Herchell Troutman.....	1995	19	301	15.8	3	89
Rashaan Salaam.....	1994	24	294	12.3	0	41
*Lawrence Vickers.....	2004	27	274	10.1	0	34
Brian Calhoun.....	2003	32	266	8.3	1	49
Merwin Hodel.....	1950	23	244	10.5	0	23
Hugh Charles.....	2005	26	226	8.7	1	51t

Player	Season	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
*Bobby Purify.....	2002	21	224	10.7	1	36t
Lee Rouson.....	1983	25	223	8.9	2	28
*Jon Keyworth.....	1972	18	218	12.1	1	24
*George Hemingway.....	1990	14	217	15.5	2	38t
Herchell Troutman.....	1996	18	207	11.5	2	50t
*Mike Marquez.....	1986	7	205	29.3	0	52
Lee Rouson.....	1984	29	203	7.0	2	17

PROTECTING THE QUARTERBACK

Colorado has surrendered just 17 quarterback sacks in 12 games, including none for a stretch of three games (Texas A&M, Texas, Kansas) until Kansas State broke through for three. Of the 17, only five were credited to offensive linemen, who did not allow a sack in the first three league games; the rest have been coverage sacks or were allowed by running backs or tight ends. The last time CU had gone three (as well as four) games without allowing its signal caller to be sacked was in 1989, when Darian Hagan was at the controls and four straight opponents failed to sack him (it had been 12 years for no sacks in back-to-back games).

- Colorado as a team ran **116** straight pass plays without allowing a quarterback sack until K-State got to **Joel Klatt**, who had run **169** pass plays between sacks, dating back to the Miami game.
- **Offensive Line.** The line has generally posted solid grades as a group in Dave Borbely's unique grading system. He awards 0, 1, 2, 3 or a "perfect" four points per play. The unit game-by-game:

OL By Game	Plays	Points	Avg.
Colorado State	351	881	2.51
New Mexico State	422	1,084	2.57
Miami, Fla.	379	934	2.46
Oklahoma State	362	956	2.64
Texas A & M	385	1,046	2.72
Texas	322	782	2.43
Kansas	307	749	2.44
Kansas State	356	928	2.61
Missouri	380	995	2.62
Iowa State	423	1,051	2.44
Nebraska	299	746	2.49
Texas	300	770	2.57
Totals	4,286	10,922	2.55

QUARTERBACKS RESPOND AS WELL

The solid protection has helped limit Colorado quarterbacks to throwing just **eight** interceptions in **429** attempts this season. That's a **1.86** interception rate, or one for every **53.6** passes. That flirted with the school record of 1.56, which was set in 1994 when CU signal callers threw just four picks in 256 attempts. **QB Joel Klatt's** personal interception percentage of **.020** is second only to **QB Kordell Stewart's** 0.13 (3 in 237), set in 1994.

Klatt was among the nation's leaders when it comes to limiting interceptions. He had just eight in 400 attempts, with that 2.00 the 13th best figure in the country.

A closer look at the top quarterbacks in CU single season history who have thrown primarily to those in their own jerseys (minimum 150 passes):

Quarterback, Season	ATT	INT	Pct.
Kordell Stewart, 1994	237	3	1.30
Joel Klatt, 2005	400	8	2.00
Kordell Stewart, 1993	294	7	2.38
Robert Hodge, 2002	245	6	2.45
Mike Moschetti, 1998	276	7	2.54
Joel Klatt, 2004	358	10	2.79
Craig Ochs, 2000	245	7	2.86
David Williams, 1975	172	5	2.91

CU "D" IN SELECT COMPANY

Colorado is one of just four teams to have recorded two shutouts to date in 2005. 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) and Pittsburgh (41-0 over Youngstown State and 27-0 over Syracuse). In fact, in Division I-A, only **25** shutouts total (**21** against D-I schools) had been recorded through games of December 3, with CU posting two of the four by Big 12 schools.

➔ The Buff first-team defense allowed just **14** touchdowns between games two and 11 (10 games) this season, before succumbing to No. 2 Texas.

DEFENSE CU'S BEST SINCE 1998

Colorado's defense has shown marked improvement this season, and proved to be one of the best in the Barnett Era and the best since 1998, Rick Neuheisel's last year as head coach.

The Buffs allowed only 95.3 rushing yards per game, shattering the school record (*see next note*), with the numbers for total defense (347.8) and scoring defense (24.0) among the best in the last seven seasons. While CU allowed 252.6 yards per game passing (91st), it is largely due to opponents throwing more since they can't establish the run—CU's pass efficiency defense ranked 41st in the nation.

Here's a look at CU's defensive numbers games every season since 1998 (final totals for all eight years—reminder, CU does NOT include bowl stats):

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

BUFFS SPORT NATION'S NO. 9 DEFENSE IN STOPPING THE RUN

Colorado's defense against the run in 2005 was the best in school history. The Buffs allowed **95.3** yards per game, ninth nationally (Ohio State led with at 74.5; CU was No. 2 prior to the Big 12 title game). The school record for a season had been 114.2, set in 1990 and matched in 1994. Only two other years have the Buffs allowed fewer than 125, when the opponent had 115.5 in both 1965 and 1989. The Buffs have been consistent to date, allowing just **2.71** per rush (seventh in the NCAA—Ohio State led as well at 2.36), and allowed on average between 18 and 29 yards per quarter. 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 (NCAA final rankings will include bowl numbers; CU will not include those in its final stats, but will list whatever final ranking it does attain following the game).

RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED BY QUARTER						RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED BY GAME												
Quarter	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Opp.	CSU	NMSU	MIA	OSU	A&M	TEX	KU	KSU	MU	ISU	NU	TEX
Yards	282	220	344	297	1143	Yards	95	5	118	92	78	145	61	81	59	36	105	268
Avg./Game	23.5	18.3	28.7	24.8	95.3	Avg.	2.8	0.2	4.2	2.4	2.8	3.1	1.8	2.2	2.0	1.4	2.5	4.7

- ➔ CU has not allowed an opponent a 100-yard rushing game; the last player to do it was Oklahoma's Adrian Peterson in the 2004 Big 12 title game. The 2005 opponent high is **66** by CSU's Kyle Bell in the season opener; only five other players have even reached "half-a-hun" (50) on the Buff defense. Since 1950, there has only been three occasions where CU did not allow a 100-yard rusher over an entire season: in 1957, 1965 and 1967.
- ➔ Colorado has held the opponent to under 100 yards in eight games in 2005, the most times the opponent failed to reach 100 in a single season against the Buffs; the 1994 team was the lone time it happened six times; five times has now been achieved 10 times, all over the last 20 seasons.
- ➔ **Opponent Longs.** CU has allowed just three rushing plays over 20 yards this year—a 38-yard run by Miami's Quadtrine Hill, a 26-yard TD run by Texas' Jamaal Charles, and a 23-yard run by K-State's Carlos Alsup; only nine runs over 15 yards and 31 over 20 were reeled off against the Buffaloes. Otherwise, dissecting the opponents 422 rushes on the year, you find these play counts: 20-plus: **3**. 10-plus: **31**. 5-Plus: **102**. 2-or-less: **218**. Zero: **51**. Minus: **73**. Thus, just under 52 percent (**218** of **422**) of rushes against CU have gained two or fewer yards.
- ➔ At one point, Colorado went **63** rushing plays between allowing a double digit gain: the last four versus Kansas State, all 30 versus Missouri, all 25 at Iowa State and the first four against Nebraska. When Missouri and Iowa State both did not manage a double-digit rushing gain against the Buffaloes, it was the first time in known history two straight opponents weren't able to register at least one 10-plus yard game against CU. Toward the end of the year, CU went **138** opponent carries between 20-yard gains (Kansas State until the Big12 title game).
- ➔ In Gary Barnett's tenure, CU was **27-6** when holding the opponent under 100 rushing yards (**12-1** over the last two seasons; a 12-game winning streak was snapped against Iowa State); Colorado is **85-7-1** when doing so since the start of the 1985 season.

AFTER THE HALF

Colorado has forced **22** turnovers this season—**17** of which have come in the second half (**11** interceptions, **6** fumble recoveries). Opponents have had 79 second half possessions this season, with 33 ending with a punt and those 17 by turnover; only 15 have culminated in a score (11 TDs). In the second half, opponents are averaging just **3.9** yards on first down plays. Colorado has outscored the enemy by **136-116** in the second half, including a **136-86** edge up until the Nebraska game.

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. Defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz moved up the list as well, as he is now tied for the fifth most. 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), **Mike Hankwitz 12 (1985-94, 2004-current)** and Alva Noggle 12 (1920-31); 7. Marshall Wells 11 (1948-58); 9. Ray Jenkins 10 (1948-57), and Jon Embree 10 (1993-2002).

20-POINT WINS

Colorado has outscored the opponent **253-93** in its seven wins, or an average of 36-13. CU has scored 30-plus points in six games, the most in a season since scoring 30-plus eight times in 2002. The Buffs have wins of 39, 34, 21, 31 and 29 points, with the five 20-plus point wins the most since recording seven in 1995. The school's modern day record of eight occurred in 1989.

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2005

- 0** Colorado has not had an opposing player this year rush for 100 yards (the high is 66 by Colorado State's Kyle Bell—in the opener).
- 2** Times Colorado has won back-to-back games in Big 12 Conference play by 20 or more points: in 2002 (53-29 at Kansas, 34-0 versus Baylor, 37-13 versus Texas Tech) and in 2005 (34-0 at Oklahoma State, 41-20 versus Texas A&M).
- 3.9** The Colorado defense limited the opponent to 3.9 yards on first down plays in the second half this year.
- 11-2** The Buffaloes are 11-2 in games decided by seven or fewer points dating back to the 2003 season opener.
- 12** **PK Mason Crosby** has made a field goal in 12 straight games (13 including the Houston Bowl).
- 13** The first-team CU defense allowed only 13 touchdowns over a nine-game span (games two through 10).
- +14** Colorado has 23 offensive scores from the 20-yard line on out, compared to just nine by the opponent; that includes a 10-5 edge in touchdowns.
- 20-5** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 20-5.
- 44** Senior **QB Joel Klatt** set 44 school records, trailing only **Byron "Whizzer" White's** 51 for the most set in any sport at Colorado.
- 49.7** Opponents have started 49.7 percent of their drives (81 of 163) either inside or at the 20-yard line this season.
- 55** The back-to-back wins over OSU (34-0) and A&M (41-20) totaled 55 points, bettered only by the 58 Colorado defeated both Kansas (53-29) and Baylor (34-0) and then Baylor and Texas Tech (37-13) by in 2002.
- 58** **PK Mason Crosby's** 58-yard field goal at Miami, Fla., is the longest at sea level without a tee in NCAA Division I-A history.
- 86** The 86 games Colorado has played against ranked teams since 1989 are the fourth most in the nation over the past 17 seasons.
- 205** Over his four-year career, **P John Torp** has booted a school record 205 punts.
- 1,000** Long-time voice of the Buffaloes, Larry Zimmer, did his 400th CU broadcast this year (at Texas on Oct. 15); by pure chance, it was also the 1,000th of his career counting other colleges and the NFL.

THE TORP & CROSBY FACTOR: BUFFS DOMINATE FIELD POSITION WARS

Special teams have been the key to the Buffs winning the field position battle: opponents started **81** of **163** drives at or inside its 20 on the season, just under 50 percent of its possessions. But that's the raw number; 18 of those drives started on CU's side of the field for various reasons, like following turnovers, revising the above to 81 of 145, or an astonishing 56 percent. Chalk the bulk of it up to the legs of **PK Mason Crosby**, who has 43 touchbacks and four inside-the-20 on returns on 61 kickoffs, and **P John Torp**, with 24 boots inside-the-20, as the two have personally accounted for 71 of the 81 starts by the opponent deep in their territory. The two helped that number work to 80 of 159 last year, or 50.3% of the time.

➔ Colorado has forced the opponent into three plays and out **61** times in **163** possessions this season, or over **37** percent of the time. That's 14 more times than last season when the figures were 47 of 159 (30 percent). The last time CU forced an opponent into three plays and out over one-third of the time for a season was in 1998 (62 of 166 times, or 37.3 percent).

FIFTY-EIGHT PLAYERS LETTER IN 2005

Colorado had **58** players earn letters in 2005, **25** on offense, **29** on defense and **four** special team performers. To letter, a player must play 100 plays from scrimmage; possess a special skill—punter/kicker/special teams; be a true freshman who gave up his redshirt year for the benefit of the team (unless injured and can get a medical redshirt); or be a senior in good academic standing (seniors listed in **bold**):

BARNETT, Alvin	1L	DAWN, Akarika	4L	IWUH, Brian	4L	SANDERS, Daniel	1L
BARRETT, Alonzo	2L	DIZON, Jordon	2L	JONES, Brad	1L	SCHAUB, Brendan	2L
BILLINGSLEY, J.J.	3L	ELLIS, Byron	2L	JUDGE, Evan	4L	SIMS, Lorenzo	3L
BOYE-DOE, Walter	3L	FENTON, Mark	3L	KLATT, Joel	4L	SPRAGUE, Dusty	2L
BURL, Gerett	2L	GAREE, James	4L	KLOPFENSTEIN, Joe	4L	SYPNIEWSKI, Quinn	4L
BURNEY, Ben	1L	GONZALES, Marcus	1L	LIGON, Alex	3L	TIPTON, Jack	2L
BURTON, Marcus	1L	GRIFFITH, Kyle	4L	LUCAS, Maurice	1L	TORP, John	3L
CARPENTER, Ben	1L	GUYDON, John	2L	MacMARTIN, Bryce	1L	VICKERS, Lawrence	4L
CHARLES, Hugh	2L	HAMMOND, Matt	2L	MANUPUNA, Vaka	4L	WALTERS, Ryan	1L
CLEMENT, Nick	1L	HARRIS, Lionel	1L	McKAY, Gardner	1L	WASHINGTON, Terry	1L
COX, James	2L	HARRISON, Edwin	2L	MOORE, Gary	4L	WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus	3L
CREIGHTON, Paul	3L	HENDERSON, Tyrone	2L	O'NEAL, Clint	4L	WILLIAMS, Patrick	1L
CROSBY, Mason	3L	HOLZ, Nick	2L	PACE, Gregory	4L	WRIGHT, Abraham	2L
CUSWORTH, Chad	1L	HUBBARD, Tom	2L	POLUMBUS, Tyler	2L		
DANIELS, Brian	3L	HYPOLITE, George	1L	ROBINSON, Stephone	2L		

HEAD COACH GARY BARNETT STEPS DOWN

On December 8, Colorado's head coach of the last seven seasons, Gary Barnett, stepped down from his position as head coach of the Buffaloes. He owned a 49-38 record at Colorado, along with an 84-83-1 record in 14 seasons in the Division I-A ranks (the first seven at Northwestern), and an overall career mark of 92-94-2 including two years at NAIA Fort Lewis (Durango, Colo., where he was 8-11-1). It was his second stint at Colorado, as he was an assistant in Boulder under Bill McCartney for eight years between 1984 and 1991. Northwestern hired Barnett as head coach on December 18, 1991 to replace Francis Peay, where he eventually 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. Barnett's Boxscore:

	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral	Ranked	Unranked	Non-league	Big 12	Bowls
Barnett at Colorado...	49-38	27-13	17-17	5- 8	11-22	38-16	14-13	35-25	2- 2
Career (NCAA I-A)	84-83-1	46-32-1	33-39	5-12	20-42-1	64-41	26-25-1	35-25	2- 4

MIKE HANKWITZ NAMED INTERIM HEAD COACH

Long-time University of Colorado defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz** was named interim head coach for the Buffaloes' appearance in the Champs Sports Bowl, athletic director **Mike Bohn** announced December 9.

"Mike possesses great experience in this profession, and his organizational skills, discipline and competitive spirit will be a great asset in preparing the team for the bowl," Bohn said. "We are most appreciative of his willingness to take on this leadership role."

Hankwitz, who turned 58 on December 14, is in his second year of his second stint at Colorado, as he was named defensive coordinator on February 2, 2004, marking his return to where he worked 10 seasons as an assistant between 1985 and 1994. He also coaches the outside linebackers and the punters in addition to his duties as coordinator, and now, interim head coach.

This past season, the defense Hankwitz coordinated was one of the best in Barnett's seven-year tenure, highlighted by a rushing defense that ranked in the top five most of the year and is still the ninth stingiest, allowing just 95.3 yards per game.

He returned to Colorado from the University of Arizona, where he was the Wildcats' defensive coordinator to start the 2003 season. But after a 1-3 start, head coach John Mackovic was dismissed with Hankwitz promoted to interim head coach. The Wildcats went 1-7 under Hankwitz; the win came over Washington (27-22) while two of the losses were three-point setbacks to TCU and UCLA.

Hankwitz has coached in 412 Division I-A football games (389 as a full-time coach and 23 as a grad assistant), and other than Arizona's 2-10 overall mark in 2003, the other seven schools all posted winning records during his time on their staffs.

He joined the CU staff the first time on March 4, 1985 as outside linebackers coach, the position he mentored his first three seasons in Boulder. He was promoted to defensive coordinator in 1988 and coached the inside linebackers that season; he did not coach a position in 1989 and 1991, but coached the secondary in 1990 and resumed coaching the outside 'backers in 1992 through his last game during his first stay in Boulder, the 1995 Fiesta Bowl. The Buffs were 86-30-4 during this time, including a 66-15-1 record when he was defensive coordinator. CU won Big Eight titles in 1989, 1990 and 1991, and was the consensus national champion in 1990. His 1992 defense allowed just 278.0 yards per game, ninth best in the NCAA.

After McCartney retired following the 1994 season and new coach Rick Neuheisel had different ideas for the CU defense, Hankwitz parted ways with the program on his own terms, landing as defensive coordinator and inside linebackers at Kansas. The Jayhawks had their best season in 90 years in going 10-2 in 1995, including an upset over CU in Boulder. Two years later, when the KU staff went to Minnesota, Hankwitz instead joined Texas A&M as the defensive coordinator, a position he held for six seasons before taking the Arizona job. At A&M, his "Wrecking Crew" defenses were top 10 units in total defense, scoring defense and/or passing defense in 1998 (when the Aggies were Big 12 champs), 2000 and 2001.

Hankwitz graduated from the University of Michigan in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. He lettered three times as a linebacker and tight end for the Wolverines, and played in the 1970 Rose Bowl after Michigan emerged as the co-champions of the Big 10 Conference.

He started his coaching career in the fall of 1970, as he coached Michigan's junior varsity team. He was a graduate assistant on defense at Michigan the next two years before moving on to Arizona in 1973, where under head coach Jim Young he worked that season as outside linebackers coach. The following year, coaching the defensive backs was added to his duties, and in 1976, he was defensive coordinator in the final year of his first stop in Tucson. It was there where he first worked with Mackovic, who would later hire him back at the U of A in 2003.

Hankwitz (and Mackovic) followed Young to Purdue in 1977, where for five seasons he coached the outside linebackers and punters. In 1982, he moved on to Western Michigan as defensive coordinator and secondary coach for three years until being hired at Colorado by McCartney, also a former Michigan assistant. His 1982 WMU defense ranked No. 1 in the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 78 points in 11 games.

Hankwitz was given the nickname of "**Coach Retro**" by the players, when he began 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.

COACHES ON GAME DAY

The coaching staff is split between the sidelines and the press box. For the Champs Sports Bowl, 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**. Interim head coach and defensive coordinator **Mike Hankwitz** wears a headset on the sideline, along with 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.

FORTY-NINE TEAM RECORDS EITHER FELL OR MATCHED

The list of records that were set in 2005 totaled 49 in all (40 individual, nine team); the first entry of the year was **PK Mason Crosby** establishing a new 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; in most cases, these are now final with the regular season concluded.*

INDIVIDUAL (40/34 new, 6 tied)

Most Games Played (Overall), Career —54, Quinn Sypniewski, 2000-05 <i>Old Record: 50, Derek McCoy, 2000-03.</i>	RECORD
Most Games Played By A Defensive Player, Career —51, Akarika Dawn, 2002-05 <i>Old Record: 46, Tyler Brayton, DE/DT, 1999-2002.</i>	RECORD
Most Games Played (Regular Season), Career —52, Quinn Sypniewski, 2000-05 <i>Old Record: 48, Derek McCoy, 2000-03.</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Attempts, Career —1,095, Joel Klatt, 2002-05 (666 completions) <i>Old Record: 785, Kordell Stewart, 1991-94 (456 completions).</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Attempts Without An Interception —139, Joel Klatt, Oct. 15, 2005-Nov. 12, 2005 (five games) <i>Old Record: 104, Craig Ochs, Oct. 14 to Nov. 4, 2000 (four games).</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Attempts By A Senior, Season —400, Joel Klatt <i>Old Record: 363, Koy Detmer, 1996.</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Completions, Season —241, Joel Klatt <i>Old Record: 233, Joel Klatt, 2004.</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Completions, Career —666, Joel Klatt, 2002-05 (1,095 attempts) <i>Old Record: 456, Kordell Stewart, 1991-94 (785 attempts).</i>	RECORD
Most Pass Completions By A Senior, Season —241, Joel Klatt <i>Old Record: 208, Koy Detmer, 1996.</i>	RECORD
Most Consecutive Pass Completions At Start of Game —12, Joel Klatt vs. Missouri, Nov. 5, 2005 <i>Old Record: 8, on three occasions (Stewart, Detmer, Klatt).</i>	RECORD
Average Pass Completions Per Game, Career —17.5, Joel Klatt (666 in 38 games) <i>Old Record: 17.4 (366 in 21 games), Mike Moschetti, 1998-99.</i>	RECORD
Highest Completion Percentage, Career —60.8 (666 of 1,095), Joel Klatt, 2002-05 <i>Record: 60.3 (366 of 607), Mike Moschetti, 1998-99.</i>	RECORD
Most Interceptions Thrown, Career —33, Joel Klatt, 2002-05 <i>Record: 33, Steve Vogel, 1981-84.</i>	TIED RECORD
Lowest Interception Percentage, Season (min. 250 attempts) —.020, Joel Klatt (8 of 400) <i>Record: .024 (7 of 294), Kordell Stewart, 1993.</i>	RECORD
Most Passing Yards, Quarter —211, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005 (first quarter) <i>Old Record: 196, Joel Klatt vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (second quarter)</i>	RECORD
Most Passing Yards, Career —7,375, Joel Klatt, 2002-05 <i>Old Record: 6,481, Kordell Stewart, 1991-94.</i>	RECORD
Most Passing Yards Gained Against One Opponent, Career —802, Joel Klatt vs. Colorado State (402 in 2003, 117 in 2004, 283 in 2005) <i>Old Record: 746, Kordell Stewart vs. Missouri, 1992-94.</i>	RECORD
Most Total Offensive Plays, Season —454, Joel Klatt (400 pass, 54 rush) <i>Record: 426, Joel Klatt, 2003 (358 pass, 68 rush)</i>	RECORD
Most Total Offensive Plays, Career —1,213, Joel Klatt, 2002-05 (1,095 pass, 118 rush) <i>Old Record: 1,037, Kordell Stewart (785 pass, 302 rush)</i>	RECORD
Most Total Offense, Quarter —211, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005 (first quarter; 211 pass, 0 rush) <i>Old Record: 192, Joel Klatt vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (second quarter; 196 pass, 0 rush).</i>	RECORD
Longest Play, Scrimmage or Return, By a Freshman —99, Marcus Burton (interception return) at Oklahoma State, Oct. 1, 2005 <i>Old Record: 94, Jeremy Bloom pass from Robert Hodge vs. Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002 (TD).</i>	RECORD
Most Fourth Quarter Comebacks Engineered, Career —9, Joel Klatt, 2002-05 <i>Old Record: 7, John Hessler, 1995-97.</i>	RECORD
Most Touchdown Passes, Career —44, Joel Klatt, 2002-05 <i>Old Record: 40, Koy Detmer, 1992-96.</i>	RECORD
Most Touchdown Receptions By A Tight End, Career —12, Joe Klopfenstein, 2002-2005 <i>Old Record: 11, Gary Knafelc, 1951-53; Christian Fauria, 1991-94; Daniel Graham, 1998-2001.</i>	RECORD
Most Punts, Career —205, John Torp, 2002-05 <i>Record: 199, Art Woods, 1979-82</i>	RECORD
Most Punting Yards, Career —9,145, John Torp, 02-05 <i>Old Record: 8,038 (199 punts), Art Woods, 1979-82</i>	RECORD
Most Punts, Inside-The-20, Season —24, John Torp, 2005 <i>Old Record: 22, John Torp, 2004</i>	RECORD
Most Punts, Inside-The-20, Career —65, John Torp, 2002-05 <i>Old Record: 51, Stan Koleski, 1973-76.</i>	RECORD
Most Punts, 50-Plus Yards, Career —64, John Torp, 2002-05 <i>Old Record: 44, Mitch Berger, 1991-93.</i>	RECORD
Most Points Scored By Kicking, Career —231, Mason Crosby <i>Record: 231, Jeremy Aldrich (144 PAT, 48 FG), Ken Culbertson, 1988-90.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most Points After Touchdown Attempted, Career —98, Mason Crosby, 2003-current <i>Old Record: 96, Neil Voskeritchian, 1995-96 (95 made).</i>	RECORD
Most Field Goals Made, Season —21 (of 28), Mason Crosby <i>Old Record: 19 (of 23), Mason Crosby, 2004 (23 attempts).</i>	RECORD

RECORD WATCH, CONTINUED

Consecutive Field Goals Made — 10, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Sept. 10, 2005 (five games) <i>Old Record: 9, Jeremy Aldrich, Nov. 15, 1997 to Sept. 19, 1998 (five games).</i>	RECORD
Most Consecutive Game Kicking A Field Goals — 11, Mason Crosby, Nov. 6, 2004 to Oct. 15, 2005 (last five games in 2004, first six in 2005). <i>Old Record: 8, Fred Lima, Oct. 7, 1972 to Sept. 15, 1973 (two seasons).</i>	RECORD
Longest Field Goal Made, Road — 58, Mason Crosby vs. Miami, Fla., at Miami, Sept. 24, 2005. <i>Record: 58, Jerry Hamilton vs. Iowa State at Ames, Oct. 24, 1981.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Game — 2, Mason Crosby vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005. <i>Record: 2, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Oct. 16, 2004.</i>	TIED RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Season — 5, Mason Crosby <i>Record: 5, Mason Crosby, 2004</i>	TIED RECORD
Most 50-Yard Plus Field Goals Made, Career —10, Mason Crosby, 2003-05. <i>Old Record: adding to own record of 5 established in 2004.</i>	RECORD
Average Distance Of Field Goals Made, Season (min. 10 made) — 41.2, Mason Crosby (21 field goals, 865 yards) <i>Record: 38.2 (19 field goals, 725 yards), Mason Crosby, 2004.</i>	RECORD
Most Kickoffs Through End Zone, Season — 33, Mason Crosby <i>Record: 33, Mitch Berger, 1992</i>	TIED RECORD

TEAM (9/ 9 new, 0 tied)

Most First Downs, Quarter — 14, vs. New Mexico State in Boulder, September 10 (<i>third quarter</i>) <i>Old Record: 13, vs. Arizona at Tucson on Oct. 11, 1958 (fourth); vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 13, 1993(third).</i>	RECORD
Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed Per Game, Season — 95.3 <i>Record: 114.2, in 1990 and 1994.</i>	RECORD
Most Games Holding Opponent Under 100 Yards Rushing, Season — 8. <i>Old Record: 6, in 1994.</i>	RECORD
Most Passing Yards, Quarter —211, vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005 (first quarter) <i>Old Record: 196, vs. North Texas in Boulder, Sept. 18, 2004 (second quarter)</i>	RECORD
Most Punting Yards, Season — 3,166 (72 punts) <i>Record: 3,027 (78 punts), in 1949.</i>	RECORD
Most Field Goals Made, Season — 22, in 2005 <i>Old Record: 19, in 2004.</i>	RECORD
Most Penalties, Season — 116, in 2005 <i>Old Record: 97, in 1996.</i>	RECORD
Most Penalty Yards, Season — 1,040, in 2005 <i>Old Record: 882, in 1997.</i>	RECORD
Points Scored In Consecutive Games — 209, November 19, 1998 to current.	RECORD

RECORDS WITHIN REACH**INDIVIDUAL**

Most Career Starts At Quarterback — 34, Joel Klatt, 2002-05 <i>Record: 35, Darian Hagan, 1988-91.</i>	NEEDS 1
Most 300-Yard Passing Games, Career — 5, Joel Klatt, 2002-05 <i>Record: 6, Koy Detmer, 1992-96.</i>	NEEDS 1 TO TIE

INSTANT REPLAY

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

Date	Opponent	Team	Play Reviewed	Result	Length	Notes
Sept. 24	at Miami, Fla.	CU	Klatt 2 run for first down	Overtuned	1:45	Ball spot corrected
Oct. 8	Texas A&M	CU	Charles 4 run for a touchdown	Upheld	1:20	
Oct. 8	Texas A&M	CU	Vickers 3 run for a touchdown	Upheld	1:02	
Oct. 8	Texas A&M	CU	Sypniewski 36 pass from Klatt for a touchdown	Upheld	0:36	
Oct. 15	Texas	Texas	V. Young 16 run for a touchdown	Upheld	0:55	
Oct. 15	Texas	Texas	V. Young 9 run for a touchdown	Upheld	2:14	
Nov. 5	Missouri	CU	Sypniewski 9 pass from Klatt, fumble	Overtuned	1:50	Sypniewski down, ground caused fumble
Nov. 5	Missouri	Missouri	Franklin 18 pass from Smith for a touchdown	Upheld	0:50	
Nov. 5	Missouri	CU	Klatt sacked, fumble; returned for touchdown	Upheld	1:25	ruled a fumble, not forward pass
Nov. 12	Iowa State	Iowa State	Pass ruled incomplete in end zone	Upheld	1:40	
Nov. 12	Iowa State	CU	Judge 11 pass from Klatt	Upheld	1:28	
Dec. 3	Texas	CU	Klatt pitched ball when tackled, recovered by Texas	Upheld	1:31	

CLAMPING DOWN ON THE BIG PLAY

Some other indicators that CU's defense improved were the dwindling numbers of big plays against the Buffs. Over the 2002 through 2004 seasons, CU allowed an average of 16 touchdowns a year of 20 yards or longer (49 total from 2002-04); that number was reduced to five in 2005. CU allowed just seven plays of 40 yards or longer.

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 on 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

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; Ivuh 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.

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

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.....	31-105	28-118
Passing Yards.....	228	271
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	43-25-2	40-21-0
Total Offense.....	333	389
Return Yards.....	5	108
Punts: No-Average.....	7-47.0	5-34.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards.....	17/111	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 4-minus 7. **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 43-25-2, 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—Colorado: 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. **OSU:** 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). **OSU:** Fodge 9-41.6 (49 long, 2 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 3-15, Joseph 1-2. **OSU:** McLemore 3-62, Jones 1-14.

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

Interceptions—Colorado: Burton 1-99, Wright 1-2. **OSU:** 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. **OSU:** Duren 6,0—6; Ransom 5,1—6; Thompson 4,2—6; Smith 4,1—5; DeGrate 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.

CU stormed to a 21-0 first quarter lead, though A&M provided the first gasp for the crowd. On the game's second play, 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 Synniewski, 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 1Q

COLORADO — Hugh Charles 4 run (Crosby kick)	14- 0	9:06	1Q
COLORADO — Lawrence Vickers 3 run (Crosby kick)	21- 0	3:57	1Q
Texas A&M — Pegram 33 FG	21- 3	11:57	2Q
COLORADO — Vickers 1 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	28- 3	6:23	2Q
Texas A&M — Pegram 43 FG	28- 6	4:05	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 20 FG	31- 6	0:37	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 30 FG	34- 6	10:12	3Q
COLORADO — Synniewski 36 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	41- 6	6:59	3Q
Texas A&M — Lane 1 run (Pegram kick)	41-13	5:05	4Q
Texas A&M — Carter 40 pass from McGee (Pegram kick)	41-20	0:41	4Q

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. **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. **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, Synniewski 3-70, Sprague 2-18, Williams 1-11. **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). **A&M:** Brantly 7-48.1 (80 long, 2 In20).

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

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

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

GAME #6—TEXAS 42, COLORADO 17*(October 15; Austin, Texas)*

AUSTIN, Texas — Vince Young accounted for 394 yards of total offense and five touchdowns as the Heisman Trophy candidate was as good as advertised, if not better, in leading his No. 2 Texas Longhorns to a 42-17 victory over the No. 24 Colorado Buffaloes.

Texas scored touchdowns on all five of its first half possessions, working to a 28-0 lead before the Buffs got on the scoreboard and never saw its lead fall under a three-score margin in making a statement to the nation. On this day, Colorado just happened to be a timely victim for a Longhorn team trying to surpass Southern California into No. 1 in the rankings.

The tone was set early; first, CU was held to three plays and out on their first possession. Texas then countered with a 16-play, 90-yard drive to take a 7-0 lead on a 1-yard plunge by Young. That drive used some seven minutes and 40 seconds off the clock, leaving the Buffs to try and answer it and give their defense some rest. However, UT's defense stifled the Buffs again, this time after five plays, and basically dictated the tempo for a good portion of the next two-and-a-half quarters.

Young capped Texas' next drive with a 16-yard run, with Selvin Young getting the call from five yards out the next time before the Texas quarterback scored his third touchdown of the half, this time on a nine-yard run up the middle, escaping the CU pass rush. The latter left the 'Horns up 28-0 with 6:04 left in the first half.

Colorado got on the board with a 48-yard field goal from its All-America kicker, Mason Crosby, only to see Texas come right back with Young throwing a 35-yard touchdown pass to Limas Sweed. A Joel Klatt 8-yard TD pass to Evan Judge with one second left before intermission got CU into the end zone for the first time and back to within 35-10, closing the books on the second quarter which saw the teams combine for 320 yards and 31 points.

Each team added a fourth quarter touchdown, as the Buffs couldn't eat away at any more of the Texas lead. Young and Sweed hooked up again for Texas early in the fourth, and two possessions later, CU answered it with a Klatt to Joe Klopfenstein pass that covered four yards.

Texas limited Colorado to 237 yards, including just 45 rushing, while amassing 482 on its own, 336 of it passing by Young.

COLORADO.....	0	10	0	7	—	17
Texas	14	21	0	7	—	42

Texas — V. Young 1 run (Pino kick) 0- 7 5:46 1Q

Texas — V. Young 16 run (Pino kick) 0-14 0:52 1Q

Texas — S. Young 5 run (Pino kick) 0-21 10:27 2Q

Texas — V. Young 9 run (Pino kick) 0-28 6:04 2Q

COLORADO — Crosby 48 FG	3-28	3:10	2Q
Texas — Sweed 35 pass from V. Young (Pino kick)	3-35	1:39	2Q
COLORADO — Judge 8 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	10-35	0:01	2Q
Texas — Sweed 13 pass from V. Young (Pino kick)	10-42	14:06	4Q
COLORADO — Klopfenstein 4 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	17-42	9:40	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs.....	14	24
Third Down Efficiency	6-15	10-17
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	2-2
Rushes—Net Yards.....	19-45	47-145
Passing Yards.....	192	337
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	44-21-1	32-26-0
Total Offense	237	482
Return Yards.....	6	29
Punts: No-Average.....	7-40.1	3-39.7
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-1	2-1
Penalties/Yards.....	11/83	8/70
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession.....	21:06	38:54

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—CU: Charles 13-38, Ellis 4-7, Klatt 1-1, Vickers 1-minus 1. **UT:** V.Young 10-58, S.Young 19-43, Melton 8-15, Ogbonnaya 4-11, Hall1-10, Charles 3-8, Taylor 1-4, Team 1-minus 4.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 39-19-1, 189, 2 td; Cox 5-2-0, 3, 0 td. **Texas:** V.Young 29-25-0, 336, 2 td; Nordgren 3-1-0, 1.

Receiving—Colorado: Judge 6-37, Klopfenstein 5-60, Sprague 3-39, Vickers 2-24, Williams 2-17, Charles 2-4, Synniewski 1-11. **Texas:** Sweed 7-88, Thomas 5-64, Taylor 5-14, Pittman 3-99, Carter 3-49, S.Young 2-16, Jones 1-7.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 7-40.1 (56 long, 2 In20). **Texas:** McGee 3-39.7 (40 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 2-6. **Texas:** Ross 3-14, Cosby 1-10.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-72, Te.Washington 1-17. **Texas:** Taylor 2-51.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Texas:** Ross 1-5.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th. Washington 9,2—11; Henderson 10,0—10; Billingsley 6,3—9; Manupuna 5,4—9; Burl 7,2—9; B.Jones 5,2—7; Dizon 2,4—6; Sims 5,0—5.

Texas: Huff 6,2—8; Griffin 6,1—7; Brown 5,2—7; Harris 2,5—7; Okam 3,2—5.

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

GAME #7—COLORADO 44, KANSAS 13

(October 22; Boulder)

BOULDER — Joel Klatt and Joe Klopfenstein set school records to make the evening special, but it was Colorado's special teams that paved the way for a 44-13 win over the Kansas Jayhawks.

Klatt threw four touchdown passes in a game for the second time in his career, giving him 42 in a CU uniform as he passed Koy Detmer (40) into first on the school's all-time touchdown passes list. Klopfenstein, one of the nation's top tight ends, has caught 11 of those, including two in this victory, and count a 12th he picked up along the way and he ended the night as CU's all-time leader in touchdown receptions by a tight end.

The duo was able to celebrate thanks to a spectacular effort by CU's special teams units, which contributed a safety, a blocked punt that led to one touchdown and an 81-yard punt return for another score by Stephone Robinson. Overall, the Buffs had 174 return yards, including one kickoff return, 124 by Robinson on just three touches.

It was actually the CU defense that set things in motion for the Buffs. On KU's second possession, Thaddeaus Washington sacked Brian Luke for an 11-yard loss on a 4th-and-1 at the CU46. It then took the Buffs just 73 seconds to score, as Klatt hit Hugh Charles on a 21-yard gainer to the Kansas 22, and after a 2-yard Charles run, Klatt found Quinn Sypniewski on a 20-yard touchdown play and the Buffs never looked back. Later in the quarter, CU pinned the Jayhawks deep, and a bad snap on a punt try led to a safety when KU punter Kyle Tucker picked up the ball and threw it out of the back of the end zone.

The JK-to-JK connection struck for the first time early in the second quarter, as Klopfenstein took a pass and raced 40 yards for a touchdown and a 16-3 lead. Kansas did cut the margin to 16-13 at the half, but thanks to a Brendan Schaub blocked punt on the Jayhawks' first second half possession, Dominique Brooks picked up the ball and took it 28 yards for a score and the second half assault was on.

CU's next drive ended with Klatt and Klopfenstein working together on a 3-yard TD pass, both setting their school records on the same play. The Buffs then ran away in the fourth quarter, as Klatt hit Dusty Sprague for a 62-yard TD play and then Robinson closed the scoring with his electrifying 81-yard punt return.

Brooks and Robinson both had one previous career touchdown—both against Kansas in Lawrence last season. Charles led all players with 75 yards rushing, while Sprague caught three passes for 76 yards. The Jayhawks managed to outgain the Buffs, 354-304, but ran 30 more plays than CU.

Kansas	3	10	0	0	—	13
COLORADO	9	7	14	14	—	44

COLORADO — Sypniewski 20 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick) 7- 0 9:35 1Q

COLORADO — Safety, Tucker fumbled snap, then threw ball out of end zone 9- 0 8:12 1Q

Kansas — Webb 25 FG 9- 3 3:07 1Q

COLORADO — Klopfenstein 40 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	16- 3	14:06	2Q
Kansas — Webb 28 FG	16- 6	8:14	2Q
Kansas — Gordon 7 pass from Swanson (Webb kick)	16-13	1:44	2Q
COLORADO — Brooks 28 blocked punt return (Crosby kick)	23-13	12:03	3Q
COLORADO — Klopfenstein 3 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	30-13	6:47	3Q
COLORADO — Sprague 62 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	37-13	13:36	4Q
COLORADO — Robinson 81 punt return (Crosby kick)	44-13	9:40	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	KANSAS
First Downs.....	14	22
Third Down Efficiency	4-14	10-21
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	0-3
Rushes—Net Yards.....	29-104	34-61
Passing Yards.....	200	293
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	30-18-0	55-27-3
Total Offense	304	354
Return Yards.....	153	38
Punts: No-Average.....	7-47.3	5-32.6
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	2-0	4-1
Penalties/Yards.....	10/97	5/55
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	3-26	0-0
Time of Possession.....	26:00	34:00

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 14-75, Holz 1-21, Ellis 1-8, Cox 1-6, Vickers 2-1, Klatt 8-minus 7.

Kansas: C.Green 15-46, Cornish 8-28, McAnderson 4-15, Swanson 3-6, Luke 2-minus 18, Team 2-minus 16.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 27-16-0, 193, 4 td; Cox 3-2-0, 7. **Kansas:** Swanson 50-26-3, 291, 1 td; Luke 5-1-0, 2.

Receiving—CU: Vickers 4-minus 4, Sprague 3-76, Klopfenstein 2-43, Judge 2-17, Barnett 2-16, Charles 1-21, Sypniewski 1-20, Joseph 1-8, Williams 1-4, Schaub 1-minus 1. **KU:** Gordon 8-85, Simmons 5-76, Green 5-66, Murph 3-22, Roux 2-19, Fine 2-11, Herford 1-7, Cornish 1-7.

Punting—CU: Torp 7-47.3 (58 long, 3 In20). **KU:** Tucker 4-40.8 (47 long, 1 In20), Team 1-0.

Punt Returns—CU: Robinson 2-103, Schaub 1-15, Brooks 0-28. **KU:** Gordon 3-27, Simmons 1-11.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-21. **Kansas:** Heaggans 2-52.

Interceptions—Colorado: Burton 1-5, Hubbard 1-2, Billingsley 1-0. **Kansas:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Billingsley 8,7—15; Th.Washington 6,4—10; Burl 5,4—9; lwuh 5,3—8; Dizon 6,0—6; Henderson 3,3—6; Te. Washington 5,0—5; Garee 2,3—5. **Kansas:** Keith 6,3—9; Kane 5,1—6; Reid 5,1—6; Baines 4,1—5; Fowler 4,1—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: lwuh 2-15, Th.Washington 1-11. **Kansas:** none.

GAME #8—COLORADO 23, KANSAS STATE 20

(October 29; Manhattan, Kan.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAME #9—COLORADO 41, MISSOURI 12

(November 5; Boulder)

BOULDER — V-back Lawrence Vickers proved the “V” in his position tag indeed stood for versatile, as he ran for a career-high 85 yards and four touchdowns in leading No. 25 Colorado to a 41-12 win over Missouri to give the Buffaloes a two-game lead with as many to play in the Big 12 North Division.

Vickers, who usually plays fullback, moved to tailback due to an ankle injury to starter Hugh Charles and enjoyed one of the finest games of his career, scoring three of his touchdowns in the first half when the Buffs built a 24-6 intermission lead.

Joel Klatt threw for 253 yards and a touchdown as he completed his first 12 passes of the game to get the Colorado offense rolling. CU's first two scoring drives covered 94 and 82 yards, the former the longest of the year by the Buffs. Vickers capped that one with a 1-yard run to put CU ahead 7-0 midway through the first quarter. Missouri put up plenty of fight, countering with an 80-yard drive of its own in 10 plays, with Brad Smith firing an 18-yard touchdown pass to William Franklin. Adam Crossett's PAT kick sailed wide left, however, in what would turn out to be the last chance the Tigers would have to tie the score on the day.

Vickers broke three tackles in rambling in from 20 yards out to start a 17-point scoring spree 6:32 before halftime. After the score that put CU ahead 14-6, the Buffs elected to onside kick, but Missouri wasn't surprised and recovered. Two plays later, Tony Temple fumbled with Buff safety J.J. Billingsley scooping up the ball and racing to Missouri 26. Stephone Robinson picked up 24 yards on a reverse to the 2, where Vickers took it in. Mason Crosby added a 56-yard field goal, one that would have been good from 75, to end the spree to bring the 18-point halftime lead.

Missouri's last breath came early in the second half, when Jamar Smith recovered a Klatt fumble and returned it 12 yards for a touchdown. The play was reviewed and upheld, though Klatt said afterwards he felt he his arm was moving forward when hit. Regardless, CU stuffed the two-point try and the responded with a 14-play, 80-yard drive to stamp out the Tiger comeback. Klatt hit Quinn Sypniewski with a 6-yard touchdown pass to make the score 31-12; the drive was aided by a roughing the kicker penalty on a punt and a roughing the passer call.

Vickers added a 7-yard run on the second play of the fourth quarter to extend the lead to 38-12, and Crosby closed the scoring with a 43-yard field goal with just over eight minutes to play.

Smith, who completed his first eight passes, was held in check by the Colorado defense, proving to be the key to shutting down an offensive attack that two weeks earlier went roughshod over Nebraska. In that game, Smith had 480 yards total offense, over 200 both rushing and passing. CU limited him to a season-low 16 rushing yards on 13 tries, and after he opened 8-of-8 for 82 yards in the first quarter, held him to 11-of-21 for 78 yards the rest of the game.

CU outgained Missouri 396-276, and even though both teams ran 74 plays, the Buffs had over nine more minutes of possession time. The Buff defense stifled the Tiger running game, holding MU to just 59 yards on 30 attempts.

Missouri	6	0	6	0	—	12
COLORADO	7	17	7	10	—	41

GAME #10—IOWA STATE 30, COLORADO 16

(November 12; Ames)

AMES, Iowa — In game delayed by a tornado in the vicinity and with winds reminiscent of the *Wizard of Oz*, Iowa State used a pair of 66-yard defensive scores to defeat Colorado, 30-16, pulling to within a game of the Buffaloes in the race for the Big 12 North Division title.

Brent Curvey's interception and runback of a Joel Klatt pass with just 1:31 left sealed the win for the Cyclones, only their second against the Buffs in the last 22 games in the series. It was a shocking end, at least for Colorado, to the evening, which started with a 30-minute delay after several tornadoes were spotted around Ames following a series of thunderstorms that passed through the area.

The winds were steady throughout the game at around 20 miles per hour, constantly gusting into the 30s and reaching a peak of 51 mph in the first quarter, when Iowa State utilized the wind at its back to build a 13-0 lead. Two short Bret Culbertson field goals were sandwiched around a 27-yard touchdown pass from Bret Meyer to Ben Barkema.

Once CU had the wind on its side, the Buffs were able to climb back into the game. Hugh Charles' 1-yard run capped a 70-yard drive that got CU on the scoreboard, with Mason Crosby's 31-yard field goal pulling the Buffs back to within 13-10 at halftime.

Crosby connected on a 42-yard field goal against the wind, just over four minutes into the second half to tie the game at 13, but the Cyclones would take the lead for good on the very next series when Culbertson made good on a season-best 45-yard field goal.

That set the stage for some fireworks late in the quarter. Lorenzo Sims forced and recovered a Milan Moses fumble at the ISU 34. But on CU's first play following the turnover, Lawrence Vickers had the ball stripped by Tim Dobbins, with Steve Paris there to pick it up and race 66 yards in the other direction for six points, giving Iowa State a 23-13 with 30 seconds remaining in the period.

CU bounced right back, as Crosby added yet another long field goal to his resume. His 11th career 50-plus yard kick, this one from 57 yards out, pulled CU back to within one score, setting the stage for Curvey's late heroics. His interception of a screen pass at the ISU 34 ended a Buff march that had started on the CU 11; Klatt had completed seven of eight passes on the drive prior to the pick.

The Buffs had 363 yard on offense to 287 for the Cyclones, and had a sizeable advantage in first downs (23-15) and possession time (36:05-23:55), but ISU had 157 return yards to just to 2 for Colorado.

COLORADO	0	10	3	3	—	16
Iowa State	10	3	10	7	—	30

Iowa State — Culbertson 23 FG	0- 3	8:01	1Q
Iowa State — Barkema 27 pass from Meyer (Culbertson kick)	0-10	5:33	1Q
Iowa State — Culbertson 30 FG	0-13	14:48	2Q
COLORADO — Charles 1 run (Crosby kick)	7-13	12:56	2Q

COLORADO — Vickers 1 run (Crosby kick)	7- 0	7:27	1Q
Missouri — Franklin 18 pass from Smith (kick failed)	7- 6	3:26	1Q
COLORADO — Vickers 20 run (Crosby kick)	14- 6	6:32	2Q
COLORADO — Vickers 2 run (Crosby kick)	21- 6	5:10	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 56 FG	24- 6	2:33	2Q
Missouri — Smith 12 fumble return (run failed)	24-12	13:39	3Q
COLORADO — Sypniewski 6 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	31-12	7:37	3Q
COLORADO — Vickers 7 run (Crosby kick)	38-12	14:48	4Q
COLORADO — Crosby 43 FG	41-12	8:16	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	MISSOURI
First Downs	24	18
Third Down Efficiency	7-14	7-18
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	2-4
Rushes—Net Yards	42-136	30-59
Passing Yards	260	217
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	32-24-0	44-27-1
Total Offense	396	276
Return Yards	54	16
Punts: No-Average	3-46.7	6-43.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-1	4-1
Penalties/Yards	4/21	5/65
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	3-24	1-12
Time of Possession	34:35	25:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Vickers 18-85, Ellis 15-32, Robinson 1-24, Schaub 1-4, Jackson 4-minus 1, Klatt 3-minus 8. **Missouri:** Jackson 4-17, Smith 13-16, Daniel 4-15, Temple 4-15, Woods 4-6, Ekwerekwu 1-minus 10.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 31-23-0, 253, 1 td; Cox 1-1-0, 7. **Missouri:** Smith 29-19-0, 160, 1 td; Daniel 15-8-1, 57.

Receiving—Colorado: Robinson 5-50, Sypniewski 4-49, Williams 4-27, Judge 3-73, Sprague 3-38, Klopfenstein 2-9, Vickers 1-6, Charles 1-5, Ellis 1-3. **Missouri:** Rucker 9-88, Coffey 8-55, Coffman 6-31, Franklin 2-31, Saunders 1-8, Woods 1-4.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 3-46.7 (54 long, 1 In20). **MU:** Crossett 6-43.0 (51 long, 4 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 2-14. **Missouri:** Goldsmith 1-4.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Te.Washington 1-25. **Missouri:** Temple 1-23.

Interceptions—Colorado: Burl 1-4. **Missouri:** none.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 7-4—11; Dawn 6-4—10; Henderson 4-2—6; Burl 5, 0—5; Dizon 4, 1—5; Manupuna 3, 2—5; Sims 4, 0—4; Burton 3, 1—4; Iwuh 2, 2—4.

MU: Simpson 9, 2—11; Kincade 8, 1—9; Bacon 5, 4—9; Overstreet 6, 2—8; Ming 5, 2—7.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Dizon 2-24, Th.Washington 1-0. **Missouri:** Sulak 1-12.

COLORADO — Crosby 31 FG	10-13	8:06	2Q
COLORADO — Crosby 42 FG	13-13	10:38	3Q
Iowa State — Culbertson 45 FG	13-16	9:28	3Q
Iowa State — Paris 66 fumble return (Culbertson kick)	13-23	0:30	3Q
COLORADO — Crosby 57 FG	16-23	11:25	4Q
Iowa State — Curvey 66 interception return (Culbertson kick)	16-30	1:31	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
First Downs	23	15
Third Down Efficiency	3-14	2-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards	38-79	25-36
Passing Yards	284	251
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	42-25-2	38-20-0
Total Offense	363	287
Return Yards	2	157
Punts: No-Average	6-32.0	7-33.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties/Yards	10/90	5/68
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	2-12	2-13
Time of Possession	36:05	23:55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 19-61, Vickers 13-23, Ellis 1-2, Robinson 1-2, Klatt 4-minus 9.

ISU: Hicks 14-27, Meyer 8-10, Kock 2-1, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 42-25-2, 284, 0 td. **ISU:** Meyer 38-20-0, 251, 1 td.

Receiving—Colorado: Charles 6-44, Sprague 5-45, Sypniewski 3-45, Judge 3-43, Williams 3-40, Vickers 2-18, Klopfenstein 1-32, Robinson 1-11, Barnett 1-6. **ISU:** Blythe 5-108, Flynn 5-46, Barkema 3-61, Davis 3-13, Sumrall 2-19, Moses 1-3, Brant 1-1.

Punting—Colo.: Torp 6-32.0 (45 long, 2 In20). **ISU:** Blankenship 6-38.2 (50 long, 2 In20, 1 blk).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-2. **ISU:** none.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Robinson 4-59. **ISU:** Jackson 2-45.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **ISU:** Curvey 1-66, Dobbins 1-25.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Iwuh 5, 3—8; Manupuna 5, 3—8; Sims 6, 0—6; Henderson 4, 2—6; Th.Washington 2, 4—6; Burl 5, 0—5; Dizon 3, 2—5; Ligon 3, 1—4. **ISU:** Dobbins 11, 7—18;

Buchanan 5, 6—11; Jackson 7, 2—9; Moser 4, 2—6; Berryman 4, 2—6.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Guydon 1-10, Wright 1-2. **ISU:** Curvey 1-7, Berryman 1-6.

GAME #11—NEBRASKA 30, COLORADO 3

(November 25; Boulder)

BOULDER — Colorado needed a win on senior day to advance to the Big 12 Championship game, but Zac Taylor and Nebraska had other ideas as the Cornhuskers unleashed one of their most potent offensive games of the season in defeating the Buffaloes, 30-3.

Taylor threw for 392 yards and two touchdowns in surviving being sacked five times to lead the Huskers to the win, the fourth in a row by the visiting team in the series. He had 167 yards and a TD pass in the decisive second quarter, in which Nebraska scored 17 points in breaking a 3-3 tie in building a 20-3 halftime lead.

Things started off well enough for the Buffs. The CU defense forced two incomplete passes with Brian Iwuh sacking Taylor on third down to end the Huskers' first series of the game. When the Buffs got the ball, Hugh Charles scampered 45 yards up the middle on CU's first play, and then caught an 8-yard pass from Joel Klatt on the next one set CU up at the Nebraska 16. But the drive stalled and Mason Crosby drilled a 33-yard field goal to get CU on the board in what turned out to be the Buffs' only lead—and points—of the day.

Nebraska countered immediately with a 10-play drive that produced a 26-yard field goal from Jordan Congdon to knot the game at 3-3, setting the stage for its offensive explosion in the second quarter. In putting 17 points into the books on a Taylor to Cory Ross 19-yard touchdown pass, an Aaron Glenn 1-yard run and another Congdon field goal, the Huskers rolled up 201 yards of offense in the quarter in taking control of the game.

Colorado never got much going in the second half, possessing the ball for all of 10:16 after intermission, including just 2:33 in the fourth quarter as the Huskers played ball control after taking a 24-point lead. That was attained midway in the third quarter on a 21-yard touchdown pass from Taylor to Nate Swift that capped a 76-yard drive with 6:30 left in the period.

Congdon added a 32-yard field goal with 2:02 left in the game to account for the final points of the day.

Nebraska amassed 497 yards on offense, the most against Colorado on the year, and only the second time a team posted over 400. The Buffs finished with 212 yards, 111 of which came on their first and last possessions of the game. Charles had 78 yards to lead all ball carriers in the game, while Ross had a career day catching the ball, as the diminutive NU tailback caught nine passes for 129 yards.

Nebraska	3	17	7	3	—	30
COLORADO	3	0	0	0	—	3

COLORADO—Crosby 33 FG	0-	3	12:25	1Q
Nebraska—Congdon 26 FG	3-	3	8:06	1Q

Nebraska—Ross 19 pass from Taylor (Congdon kick)	3-10	13:01	2Q
Nebraska—Glenn 1 run (Congdon kick)	3-17	9:57	2Q
Nebraska—Congdon 30 FG	3-20	4:44	2Q
Nebraska—Swift 21 pass from Taylor (Congdon kick)	3-27	6:30	3Q
Nebraska—Congdon 32 FG	3-30	2:02	4Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NEBRASKA
First Downs	13	28
Third Down Efficiency	3-15	11-21
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards	20-53	42-105
Passing Yards	159	392
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	40-20-1	48-27-0
Total Offense	212	497
Return Yards	29	37
Punts: No-Average	9-47.4	5-54.8
Fumbles: No-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards	10/105	7/51
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	5-30	4-33
Time of Possession	21:57	38:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 12-78, Ellis 1-5, Robinson 1-2, Klatt 7-minus 30. **Nebraska:** Lucky 10-33, Jackson 4-25, Glenn 8-18, Taylor 13-16, Ross 7-13.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 40-20-1, 159, 0 td. **Nebraska:** Taylor 43-27-0, 392, 1 td; Beck 4-0-0, 0; Nunn 1-0-0, 0.

Receiving—Colorado: Sprague 5-37, Williams 5-30, Judge 3-34, Klopfenstein 3-26, Vickers 2-5, Sypniewski 1-19, Charles 1-8. **Nebraska:** Ross 9-129, Swift 4-77, Nunn 4-27, Peterson 3-54, Mulkey 3-49, Phillips 3-21, Hardy 1-35.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 9-47.4 (57 long, 3 In20). **Nebraska:** Koch 5-54.8 (63 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 2-29. **Nebraska:** Grixby 5-37.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Te.Washington 2-51, Robinson 2-40, Ellis 1-25. **Nebraska:** none.

Interceptions—Colorado: none. **Nebraska:** Ickes 1-0.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 7,7—14; Iwuh 8,2—10; Dawn 6,3—9; Sims 6,0—6; Dizon 4,1—5; Henderson 4,1—5; Manupuna 4,1—5. **Nebraska:** Ickes 5,1—6; Ruud 5,0—5; Bullocks 3,2—5; B Grixby 4,0—4; Carricker 2,2—4; Tiedtke 3,0—3.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: Wright 1-8, Iwuh 1-7, Th. Washington 1-7, Dawn 1-6, Garee 1-2. **Nebraska:** Ruud 1-8, Smith 1-4, Carricker ½-6, Cryer ½-6, Adams ½-5, Moore ½-4.

GAME #12—TEXAS 70, COLORADO 3 (Big 12 Championship Game)

(December 3; Houston)

HOUSTON — Three turnovers and a blocked punt fueled a 56-point scoring spree in just over 19 minutes as No. 2 Texas ran away from Colorado in defeating the Buffaloes, 70-3, to win the Big 12 Conference championship game.

The Longhorns, on a mission to win their first league title since the conference's inaugural season in 1996, scored on nine of their first 10 possessions in finishing the regular season with a 12-0 record, earning a spot against USC for the national championship in the Rose Bowl.

Colorado came out of the gates decent enough, actually outgained Texas 120-101 in the first quarter, but saw two long drives end with a fumble and a blocked field goal. The 'Horns turned that first miscue, a Hugh Charles fumble, into a quick score, marching 65 yards in seven plays (and in just 116 seconds) to set the tone for the day after a -yard run by Henry Melton. UT scored again on its next possession, a 3-yard run by Jamaal Charles, to go up 14-0 just over nine minutes into the game.

Mason Crosby scored CU's only points on the afternoon with a 25-yard field goal to open the second quarter, pulling the Buffs to within 14-3. That's when Texas countered with eight unanswered touchdowns, which included three TD passes by Heisman Trophy runner-up Vince Young, with two more Jamaal Charles' scoring runs, one each by both Youngs, Vince and Selvin and a blocked punt return for a score. When the smoke cleared, the Longhorns turned an insurmountable 42-3 halftime lead into a 70-3 advantage with 7:36 left in the third quarter.

Five of the Texas scoring drives fell between 16 and 46 yards, as turnovers and other miscues set the Longhorns up with a short field much of the game. Texas finished with 486 total yards, including a season-high 268 yards rushing against CU's No. 2 ranked defense against the run. Colorado could not muster much offense after the first quarter, gaining just 71 yards in the final three quarters to finish with 191 on the day.

Texas	14	28	28	0	—	70
COLORADO	0	3	0	0	—	3

Texas—Henry Melton 1 run (David Pino kick)	0-	7	9:44	1Q
Texas—Jamaal Charles 3 pass from Vince Young (David Pino kick)	0-14	5:59	1Q	
COLORADO—Mason Crosby 25 FG	3-14	14:48	2Q	
Texas—Vince Young 2 run (David Pino kick)	3-21	12:00	2Q	
Texas—Limas Sweed 31 pass from Vince Young (David Pino kick)	3-28	11:37	2Q	
Texas—David Thomas 8 pass from Vince Young (David Pino kick)	3-35	7:20	2Q	
Texas—Jamaal Charles 2 run (David Pino kick)	3-42	0:25	2Q	
Texas—Selvin Young 4 run (David Pino kick)	3-49	11:26	3Q	
Texas—Brandon Foster blocked punt return (David Pino kick)	3-56	10:21	3Q	

Texas—Jamaal Charles 26 run (David Pino kick)	3-63	9:59	3Q
Texas—Henry Melton 1 run (David Pino kick)	3-70	7:36	3Q

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs	12	26
Third Down Efficiency	3-14	11-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	0-1
Rushes—Net Yards	26-82	57-268
Passing Yards	109	218
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	32-15-1	19-16-1
Total Offense	191	486
Return Yards	24	60
Punts: No-Average	7-32.6	2-34.0
Fumbles: No-Lost	4-3	0-0
Penalties/Yards	8/74	11/93
Quarterback Sacks—Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	23:54	36:06

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Colorado: Charles 12-36, Klatt 4-26, Robinson 1-9, Cox 2-6, Ellis 5-3, Vickers 2-2.

Texas: Charles 7-62, V.Young 8-57, S.Young 3-42, Taylor 14-41, Melton 13-34, McCoy 3-11, Ogbonnaya 5-11, Nordgren 2-9, Myers 2-1.

Passing—Colorado: Klatt 24-14-1, 100, 0 td; Cox 8-1-0, 9. **Texas:** V. Young 17-14-1, 193, 3 td; Nordgren 2-2-0, 25.

Receiving—Colorado: Klopfenstein 4-23, Sypniewski 2-15, Barnett 2-14, Charles 2-5, Judge 1-24, Sprague 1-22, Williams 1-5, Vickers 1-2, Ellis 1-minus 1. **Texas:** Sweed 5-102, Cosby 4-52, Thomas 3-31, Walker 1-22, S. Young 1-5, Ogbonnaya 1-3, Charles 1-3.

Punting—Colorado: Torp 6-38.0 (55 long, 0 In20, 1 blk). **Texas:** McGee 2-34.0 (39 long, 0 In20).

Punt Returns—Colorado: Robinson 1-3. **Texas:** M.Griffin 1-21, Ross 3-21.

Kickoff Returns—Colorado: Te.Washington 2-40, Robinson 3-56. **Texas:** Taylor 2-83.

Interceptions—Colorado: Hubbard 1-21. **Texas:** Brown 1-11.

Tackle Leaders—Colorado: Th.Washington 6,4—10; Garee 6,3—9; Billingsley 8,0—8; Iwuh 5,2—7; Burl 6,0—6; Dizon 6,0—6; Barrett 3,2—5; Sims 2,3—5. **Texas:** C. Griffin 4,3—7; Killebrew 4,3—7; Huff 4,2—6; Bobino 2,4—6; M.Griffin 4,1—5.

Quarterback Sacks—Colorado: none. **Texas:** 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 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.
--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.
- ◆ **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.

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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Defense.** Miami had 394 yards, marking the first three-game stretch Colorado held the opponent under 400 since a four-game stretch in 2002.
- ◆ **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.

Season Note Progression, continued:

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).
- ◆ **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.

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).
- ◆ **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).
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ 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.

Texas

- ◆ CU came in with its first-team defense having allowed just two touchdowns in the last 16 quarters (six overall) but allowed six to the Longhorns.
- ◆ **Third Down Defense.** Colorado came in ranked fifth in the nation on third down defense, allowing opponents to convert just 24 percent of the time. However, the Longhorns went 7-of-8 in the first half and 10-for-17 for the game.
- ◆ This was Colorado's only game in Texas this regular season; the Buffs are 13-16 all-time in the state's border; prior to this game, its last six games in the state, including two bowls and a Big 12 title game, had been decided by a total of 30 points. Texas now leads the series 8-7.
- ◆ Texas' touchdown on its first possession ended a streak of five straight games in which CU had forced its opponent into three plays (or less) and out, as the opponent had four punts and a fumble lost in the first five contests this season to start the game.
- ◆ **VB Lawrence Vickers.** He topped the 500 yard career marking in receiving, as he had 24 to raise his total to 516; with minus-1 yard rushing, he needs 19 yards to reach 500 and become just the 10th player in CU history to accumulate at least 500 yards in both in a career.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt (39-19-1, 189, 2 TD passing).** He became the second player at Colorado to surpass the 6,000-yard career passing yardage mark, eclipsing the plateau during the game. A second quarter interception ended a string of 93 consecutive passes without an interception, topping his previous best of 90 as a sophomore.
- ◆ **DT/OG John Guydon.** In the second half, he saw action at both offensive guard and defensive tackle; several players have made "cameo" appearances through the years on the other side of the ball, but Guydon is the first to see significant extended action for a complete series for the first time since **WR Michael Westbrook** played an entire series at safety against Baylor in 1993.
- ◆ **DE Maurice Lucas.** He saw his first action of the year, appearing in the fourth quarter, making him the fifth true freshman to play this season (joining S Ben Burney, ILB Marcus Burton, DT George Hypolite and CB Gardner McKay).
- ◆ CU radio announcer **Larry Zimmer** worked 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 hit another incredible milestone at Texas. 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 added up to CU-Texas being his 1,000th football broadcast.

Season Note Progression, continued:

Kansas

- ◆ **This-N-That...** Referee **Steve Usechek**, who resides in the Denver area, is retiring at the end of the season and officiated his last game at Folsom Field... Colorado improved to 4-0 at home for the first time since 1999, and has won five straight in Boulder... This was CU's sixth 3-1 or better start in 10 seasons in Big 12 action.
- ◆ **Series Stuff.** Colorado has now scored 177 points against Kansas in the last four games, an average of **44.3** per... Kansas has outgained CU the last two games; the 89 plays the Jayhawks ran were their second most against Colorado (it had 90 in 1977 and 1995).
- ◆ **CU vs. the Big 12 North.** Colorado has now won **five** straight games against its Big 12 North Division rivals, and is **18-3** since 2001 against the division (KU fell to 4-18 in the same stretch). The Buffaloes are now **6-0** against the Jayhawks in their Big 12 North Division "openers," and are 7-3 overall in first games against divisional opponents.
- ◆ **Safeties.** The first quarter safety marked the second safety this season for Colorado, the first time it has logged two in a season since 1998.
- ◆ **JK-to-JK.** It was fitting that the all-time career records for most touchdown passes and touchdown receptions by a tight end happened on the same play. The 3-yard touchdown pass from **QB Joel Klatt** to **TE Joe Klopfenstein** was the 41st of Klatt's career, breaking the record of 40 set by **Koy Detmer** (1992-96); it was the 12th TD reception for Klop, as he surpassed **Christian Fauria** (1991-94), **Daniel Graham** (1998-2001) and **Gary Knafelc** (1951-53), all of whom had held the previous mark for the most by a tight end with 11.
- ◆ **S Dominique Brooks.** His 28-yard blocked punt return for touchdown was the second score of his career—his other came in last year's KU game in Lawrence when he returned a fumble 41 yards for a touchdown. That got CU on the board after KU had jumped to a 14-0 lead and helped rally CU to a 30-21 win.
- ◆ **KR Stephone Robinson.** His 81-yard punt return for a touchdown was the second of his career for a score... the other? A 48-yard effort at Kansas last season—it put CU ahead for good in that one at 24-21. Robinson's average coming in (6.2) is not indicative of his abilities—he has fielded seven punts for a net three return yards this year to prevent punts from rolling further to help out his team's field position. It tied for the 13th longest punt return in school history, the longest since Ben Kelly took one 88 yards for a score against Boston College in the 1999 Insight.com Bowl.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby.** He had six PAT kicks tonight, with the six points enough to vault him into sixth place on CU's all-time scoring list—and taking over as the second all-time leader in kick scoring. He has **193** career points (82-90 PAT, 37-46 FG), passing Tom Field (190, 1979-1983). This was only the second time in the last 20 games that he did not attempt a field goal (with the '04 Texas game); he has now made a career best **30** consecutive PAT kicks.

Kansas State

- ◆ **Quickly...** This is Colorado's fourth 4-1 or better start in Big 12 Conference play, as the Buffs were 5-0 in 1996 and 4-1 in 2001, 2002 and now 2005... This was the 18th time (and the fifth straight year) the Buffs got the Sunflower State schools in back-to-back games, and now the 10th time CU has swept both ends... Colorado had outscored its opponent 52-10 in the third quarter, but K-State turned the tables and matched the opponent total of the year in outscoring the Buffs today, 10-0.
- ◆ **ILB R.J. Brown** saw his first career action on kickoff coverage on special teams.
- ◆ **P John Torp.** His 17-yard run for a first down on the third quarter fake was the third time in his career he had done that; he did it against Oklahoma in 2003 and against Texas-El Paso in the Houston Bowl.
- ◆ **Sack Streaks End.** When Joel Klatt was sacked on his fifth pass play of the game, three different streaks came to an end. It was the first sack against Colorado in 116 pass plays, the first time Klatt was sacked in 169 plays, and also the first time ever Klatt was sacked in the red zone after 86 pass plays).
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt (34-17-0, 272, 1 TD passing).** He became Colorado's all-time leading passer in the second quarter with a 20-yard completion to Joe Klopfenstein, passing Kordell Stewart (6,481) as he finished the game with **6,579** yards. It was 32nd school record set by Klatt. He extended his string of passes without an interception to **91**, the second longest of his career (93 is his best, set in 2003, and he had a run of 90 earlier this year).
- ◆ **TE Quinn Sypniewski.** His 64-yard reception from Joel Klatt in the first quarter was the second longest play by a tight end in school history. Klatt also participated in the longest—a 78-yard throw to Joe Klopfenstein against UTEP in last year's Holiday Bowl.
- ◆ **WR Evan Judge (6-108, 1 TD receiving).** Judge had his first 100-yard game of his career, as he had 82 in a game on two previous occasions (vs. North Texas in 2004 and against Texas A&M this season). It was CU's first 100-yard receiving game this year (last: Joe Klopfenstein, 5-134-1, vs. UTEP in the 2004 Houston Bowl).
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby (3-4 FG, 2-2 PAT).** Crosby became the fifth player in Colorado history to score 200 or more career points, as he had 11 today to up his career total to 204, now tied for fourth all-time with Chris Brown (2001-02). He passed Rashaan Salaam (198) to crack the top five. His field goals, **52** and **50** yards, the latter the game winner, gave him three over 50 yards this season.

Missouri

- ◆ **This-N-That...** Colorado improved to 5-0 at home for the first time since going 6-0 in 1994... Colorado is 5-1 in Big 12 play, its fourth start of 5-1 or better in the 10 years of the conference (6-0 in 1996 and 5-1 in 2001 and 2002)... **TB Byron Ellis** made his first career start... **ILB Akarika Dawn** matched his career best with 10 tackles... CU held Mizzou **QB Brad Smith** to a season-low 16 yards on 13 rushes (12-30 pure rushing minus a sack).
- ◆ **Scoring Drives.** CU's 94-yard drive for a touchdown was the longest this season, and the longest since a 7-play, 95-yard effort against North Texas on Sept. 18, 2005.
- ◆ **WR Stephone Robinson (5-50 receiving, 1-24 rushing).** Robinson, after moving back to wide receiver from cornerback prior to the Miami game, had the first offensive touches of his career. He also picked up three first downs in the process.
- ◆ **Series Stuff.** CU now has 18 wins in the last 21 in the series to pull to within 36-31-3 of the Tigers all-time. The 29-point margin of victory was the biggest in the series since 1991, when the Buffs won 55-7 in Boulder (wearing all black as the camp was tired of all the 5th down conversation).
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby (5-5 PAT, 2-3 FG).** His **56-yard** field goal in the second quarter was the fifth longest in school history (he owns three of the top five, including the all-time long of 60 and a 58-yarder). It is also the fourth longest in the NCAA this season (he is tied for the long with 58).
- ◆ **TE Quinn Sypniewski (4-49, 1 TD).** Sypniewski played in his **49th** regular season and **51st** overall game in a Colorado uniform, both school records.
- ◆ **VB Lawrence Vickers (18-85, 4 TD).** He had his career single game rushing best with the 85 yards (topping the 72 he had against Oklahoma State in 2004). He scored a career-high four touchdowns, the 15th time in CU history a player has scored four rushing TDs in a game (Chris Brown has the record of six against Nebraska in 2001; four were scored the other 14 times). Vickers and Brown have the only 4-plus TD games for CU in Big 12 play.
- ◆ **Miscellaneous Stat of the Game.** Colorado ran 37 plays for 219 yards in plus territory (5.9 per play), while Missouri ran 17 for 56 yards (3.3 per). Missouri only ran five plays on the Colorado side of the 50 against CU's full first-team defense.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt.** He opened the game with 12 straight pass completions before missing, tying for the third longest streak in school history (*his last pass at Kansas State last week was an incomplection*). Mike Moschetti owns the record of 15 (over two games in 1999—San Jose State and Kansas), with Koy Detmer next with 14 (at Colorado State in 1996); Kordell Stewart had a streak of 12 over two games in 1992 (vs. Colorado State and Baylor). Also hidden in the stats was the fact that on first down, he completed **14-of-15** passes for **148** yards (and three first downs). Klatt's 31 passes without an interception extended his streak to **122**, his 33rd school record; that distanced itself from the old record of 104, set by Craig Ochs over a four-game stretch in 2000. Klatt's last interception came in the second quarter at Texas.

Season Note Progression, continued:

Iowa State

- ◆ **Quickly...** This loss snapped a **seven-game** winning streak against fellow Big 12 North Division rivals; CU is still **20-4** against the North (11-1 home, 9-3 road) since the 2001 campaign... This is only the sixth time since 1984 that Colorado will not finish with a winning record on the road (though four of the six times CU as 2-3, as the Buffs were this season)... CU had won 11 straight games when holding the opponent to under 100 yards rushing; that streak was snapped tonight as the Cyclones had just 36 on 25 tries.
- ◆ **Series Stuff.** Colorado now leads the series **46-13-1**, including 20 wins in the last 22 meetings, but this was Iowa State's first win against a ranked Colorado team after losing the first **18** times.
- ◆ **P John Torp.** Five of his punts were against that ferocious wind, but regardless, this marked just the second time in his last 24 games that he was outperformed by the opponent punter; he had had the best of his counterpart 11 straight times.
- ◆ **PK Mason Crosby (3-3 FG—31,42,57—1-1 PAT).** He is now 19-of-24 on the season, with his average field goal made an amazing 42.5 yards—a full seven yards better than any of the other 19 Lou Groza Award semifinalists. His 57-yard field goal in the fourth quarter improved him to 12-of-13 in the quarter for his career, including 9-of-10 of 41 yards or longer. On the season, he is now 13-of-17 in kicks of 40 yards or longer, including 5-of-6 from 50 yards-plus. He is now 45-of-56 in his Colorado career, now hot on the heels of record holder Jeremy Aldrich, who made 48 (out of 64 tries). He is 21-of-22 inside 40 yards and 24-of-34 from 41 yards out. He has 11 career 50-plus kicks (10 regular season, one bowl); the record before Crosby dismantled it had been three.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt (42-25-2, 284, 0 TD passing).** He threw 17 passes tonight before being intercepted for the first time since the Texas game, ending a streak of **139** straight passes, a school record (he broke the old best of 104 last week). That pick took place in the red zone—just his second INT in the red zone against 24 touchdown passes. His 284 yards passing pushed him over the 7,000 yard mark for his CU career (**7,116**); he is already CU's all-time career passing yards leader.
- ◆ **VB Lawrence Vickers.** His third quarter fumble was just the second of his career—his first since early in his sophomore season. He went **193** touches between losing the football.
- ◆ **TB Hugh Charles (19-61, 1 TD).** He now has 728 yards rushing, the 12th most by a sophomore in school history; he needs 38 yards to pass Merwin Hodel (748 in 1949) and Billy Waddy (765 in 1974) into the top 10 for sophomore rushing.
- ◆ **DT John Guydon.** He registered just his second career sack when he got through to Bret Meyer for a 10-yard loss in the second quarter. It was his first for negative yardage, as his other was a 1-for-0 sack (which Colorado tracks like the NFL) against Kansas last year.

Nebraska

- ◆ **Quickly...** This was the 28th time Colorado donned all black uniforms in its history: CU is **15-12-1** in the getup, **1-5** versus Nebraska... The loss to Nebraska marked the first time CU lost back-to-back games against Big 12 North Division teams since the end of the 2000 season—to Iowa State in Boulder and to Nebraska at Lincoln... The Alumni C-Club hosted 48 troopers from the **Army Armed Forces** based in Fort Carson who returned home from Iraq just last week... Nebraska gained 497 yards on offense, a season best against Colorado and only the second team to put over 400 on the Buffaloes (Texas had 482).
- ◆ **Attendance.** The crowd of **54,841** was the second sellout in 2005, and the third largest in school history, trailing the 2004 (54,954) and 2005 (54,972) CSU games.
- ◆ **Series Stuff.** Nebraska now leads the series **45-17-2**, including a 22-9-2 edge in Boulder. Its margin of victory (27 points) exceeded that of its previous six wins in the series (5, 3, 2, 3, 2 and 9 for 24 points), and was its largest in Boulder since 1980, when the Huskers won 45-7. The road team has now won the last four games in the series (CU in 2002 and 2004 in Lincoln and NU in 2003 and 2005 in Boulder).
- ◆ **Buffalo Heart Award.** "The Fans Behind the Bench" presented the eighth annual Buffalo Heart Award to **QB Joel Klatt**. In fan voting coordinated by Buff Club member Patrick Grimes, Klatt follows in the footsteps of former winners **WR Darrin Chiaverini** (1998), **QB Mike Moschetti** (1999), **WR Eric McCreedy** (2000), **TB Cortlen Johnson** (2001), **DT Tyler Brayton** (2002), **FS Medford Moorner** (2003) and **TB Bobby Purify** (2004). Fans vote based on who they think best exemplifies having several qualities, including spirit, dedication and heart.
- ◆ **Rushing Defense.** Nebraska rushed for 105 yards as a team (no 100-yard individual rusher), only the third time in 11 games this year a team went over the century mark. Marlon Lucky's 10-yard run in the first quarter ended a streak of 63 straight rushes by the opponent with out a double-digit gain.
- ◆ **Second Quarter Blues.** Nebraska outscored CU 17-0 in the second quarter and had 201 yards of offense in the period; coming in, that had been CU's stingiest quarter yard-wise (664).
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt (40-20-1, 159, 0 TD passing).** He upped his career passing yard total as recognized by the Big 12 Conference to **7,608**, which moved him past Oklahoma's Josh Heupel (7,456) into fifth place all-time in the conference (his CU total of 7,275 does not include bowl games). He has 2,596 for the season, the first CU player to throw for two 2,500-yard seasons.
- ◆ **TB Hugh Charles (12-78, 0 TD).** He now has 806 yards rushing, the 10th most by a sophomore in CU history. Charlie Davis set that record with 1,386 yards in 1971.
- ◆ **DT John Guydon.** He got off the team bus, and proceeded to go into the stadium where he met his girlfriend, Meaghan McCarty. He walked her out to the middle of the field, where he pointed to the BuffVision boards and viola! "Meaghan, Will You Marry Me?" appeared thanks to some well coordinated advance planning. She said yes, and he went inside and dressed for the game.

Texas (Big 12 Championship)

- ◆ **Quickly...** Colorado dropped to 1-3 in Big 12 Championship games, 1-1 versus Texas with the 70-3 loss to the Longhorns... the Buffaloes marched to the Texas 35 on their drive possession, but Hugh Charles fumbled the ball while being tackled to end the threat. Texas countered with a touchdown—only the second time Colorado allowed a touchdown on the first possession of the game; the other occasion? Texas did it to the Buffs in Austin six weeks earlier.
- ◆ Colorado fell to 1-2 in Reliant Stadium; the Buffs lost the 2002 Big 12 title game there to Oklahoma, but defeated Texas-El Paso in the 2004 Houston Bowl
- ◆ **S Tom Hubbard** returned an interception to the Texas 5 to set up a Mason Crosby 25-yard field goal; it was Hubbard's third interception in Reliant, as he had two in the Houston Bowl win over UTEP last December.
- ◆ Texas returned the kickoff after CU's field goal to the Colorado 46, the first time in 155 career kickoffs an opponent did that to Crosby.
- ◆ **QB Joel Klatt (24-14-1, 100, 0 TD).** Klatt officially ran his count of school records to 44, picking up five more season and/or career marks over the course of the game against the Longhorns. His time was cut short, as he took a vicious illegal helmet-to-chin hit in the third quarter from UT linebacker Drew Kelson, suffering a concussion on the play. Klatt was hospitalized overnight and returned to Colorado with his wife and parents the following day. (Texas was blitzing, leading by 67 points at the time.)

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		

FOOTBALL SCORES WELL IN CU'S 2004-05 APR REPORT

Colorado has submitted its Academic Progress Rate (APR) information for 2004-05 to the NCAA, highlighted by many programs showing significant improvement on scores that previously earned passing grades and the fact that all 17 of CU's programs are in good standing and not subject to any penalties.

Thirteen of those programs posted improved scores from the first ones reported for 2003-04. Football, the sport with the most student-athletes, saw its score rise to 962, up 26 points from the 936 it had posted for '03-04.

The NCAA instituted the APR report card system last winter, and member schools supplied information for the 2003-04 academic year for an initial look at how schools are faring across the country. In that trial run, only one CU program didn't meet the minimum qualifying numbers.

Programs must attain a 925 average score on data submitted for the analysis period; a 925 score corresponds statistically to a 50 percent graduation rate. Included in the system are "confidence boundaries" for teams with smaller squad sizes.

CU's 17 intercollegiate programs as a whole had a 970 average, up from 937 for the 2003-04 numbers. Those included a 985 on eligibility/graduation and a 956 on retention, up significantly from 951 and 923, respectively; nationally, the average was 938 for public institutions and 944 for all of Division I in the first tabulation.

The only program not to reach the 925 mark the first time around was men's basketball; four others were in good standing when the confidence boundary was applied. However, men's basketball saw its APR jump from 815 to 960, now placing the program in good standing. Three programs that had a passing score with the confidence boundary allocation also saw dramatic rises in their scores: women's basketball (914 to 979), women's tennis (906 to 964) and women's soccer (919 to 971).

The APR system, while complicated, can best be described as one that is based on two factors: eligibility/graduation and retention. Each student-athlete accrues 0, 1 or 2 points per semester; if he or she is in good academic standing, including on-schedule progress toward a degree, and if they are enrolled, they receive two points; if they are one and not the other, they earn a single point, and if neither, zero.

For example, if a team was comprised of 20 student-athletes, and all 20 were in good academic standing and returned to school the next semester, the team's semester APR would be 1000 (40 out of a 40 possible points). The next semester, if two became ineligible, one left school and one stayed, and the other 18 remained in good standing, the semester APR would be 925 (37 of 40). The team's APR for the year would thus be 963 (for 77 out of 80 possible points).

Eight sports earned perfect 1000 scores, up five from the trial run: women's volleyball was joined by men's and women's cross country, men's and women's indoor track, men's and women's outdoor track and women's golf. Men's golf and men's skiing had the other two perfect scores in the spring, but fell just shy of repeating with scores of 969 and 957, respectively. Women's skiing has the lone number under the 925 mark at 889, but is in good standing due to the confidence boundary for smaller sized programs.

The first financial aid penalties will take effect based on the 2004-05 reporting numbers, but no CU program will be subject to incurring this kind of penalty. After two more years of collecting data, historical penalties can be implemented. A team's penalties may include losing up to 10 percent of its scholarships.

The Colorado report card (*—indicates a score within the confidence boundary, even though below 925):

Sport	2003-04	2004-05	Multi-Year	Sport	2003-04	2004-05	Multi-Year
Men's Basketball	815	960	885*	Women's Golf	976	1000	990
Men's Cross Country	934	1000	967	Women's Skiing	947	889	919*
Football	936	962	948	Women's Tennis	906*	964	933
Men's Golf	1000	969	984	Women's Indoor Track	957	1000	977
Men's Skiing	1000	957	978	Women's Outdoor Track	957	1000	978
Men's Tennis	962	929	944	Women's Volleyball	1000	1000	1000
Men's Indoor Track	918*	1000	957	OVERALL	937	970	
Men's Outdoor Track	918*	1000	958	Eligibility/Graduation	951	985	
Women's Basketball	914*	979	943	Retention	923	956	
Women's Cross Country	979	1000	980				

NFL SCOUT WATCH

Colorado has 20 seniors on its roster this season, and history will show that most, if not all NFL teams pass through Boulder or a road site for CU game every season. So far this year, 55 scouts from these 24 teams have seen the Buffs in person on game day: Arizona, Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Green Bay, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Minnesota, New England, N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Jets, Oakland, Philadelphia, Seattle, St. Louis, Tampa Bay and Washington. 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). Reps from the Colorado Crush (Arena Football League) also routinely attend games in Boulder.

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**, **OLB Brian Iwuh**, **WR Evan Judge**, **QB Joel Klatt**, **TE Joe Klopfenstein**, **NT Vaka Manupuna**, **OT Gary Moore**, **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, **DT John Guydon** and **S Tom Hubbard**. Four seniors have seen limited action, **DT Nick Clement**, **WR Marcus Gonzales**, **ILB Kyle Griffith** and **SN Matt Hammond**, with the 20th, **OT Clint O'Neal**, a season-long starter until suspended from the team for violating team rules.

GRADUATION STAT(US)

Eight of the 20 seniors on the roster have graduated, including six this month. **OG John Guydon** (journalism/broadcast production) and **TE Quinn Sypniewski** (journalism/news-editorial) earned their degrees prior to the season (Sypniewski is now seeking a second bachelor's in history). The six who graduated this December are: **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 (2002-04), CU 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 64, followed by Michigan (55), Florida (53), Miami, Fla. (48), Ohio State (45), Tennessee (45) and **Colorado (40)**. As for the Big 12, after CU, the next schools on this list are Nebraska (33), Texas (32), 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 **168-82-4**, the 15th best record nationally in this span). In these 254 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	82-12-1
♦ with 500-plus yards total offense	50- 5-0	♦ when leading at halftime (<i>121-12-2 in last 135</i>)	137-14-2
♦ when leading in time of possession	109-21-3	♦ when leading after three quarters (<i>137-10-3 in last 150</i>)	141-12-3
♦ when making 20-plus first downs	103-27-1	♦ when scoring 24 or more points	136-17-2
♦ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	65- 7-1	♦ when scoring 14 or more points	165-50-4
♦ when punting three or fewer times	60-11-1	♦ when held to 13 points or less	3-32-0
♦ when scoring first	108-21-1	♦ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	12- 0-0
♦ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>30-6-2 with zero</i>)	121-36-2	♦ when passing for more yards than rushing	70-55-2
♦ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	100-15-1	♦ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	91-14-2
♦ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	85- 7-1		

TRENDS II

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 12th best overall record at **140-63-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (207 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	77-23-3	➤ 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	92- 5-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>52-43-1 when not</i>)	88-19-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	31- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	90-24-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	74-33-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	51- 6-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards (<i>10-0-1 400-plus</i>)	25-11-1
➤ when scoring first (<i>75-12-1 the last 88 times</i>)	86-15-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	70-55-2
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>24-6-2 with zero</i>)	103-30-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	73-13-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	76- 8-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	111-17-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	69- 7-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	11- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	61- 7-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent (<i>74-4 the last 78</i>)	113- 6-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ (<i>23-2 40+</i>)	100-25-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	105-22-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	117-18-2		

TRENDS III

The final trends during the tenure of Gary Barnett, who took over the reins of the CU program in 1999 and led the Buffs to a **49-38** overall record with him as mentor (87 games, including bowls):

➤ when scoring 30 or more points	35- 3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	21- 2
➤ when taking a lead after trailing (<i>20-5 last 25</i>)	25-11	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	16- 0
➤ when leading in possession time (<i>18-24 when not</i>)	31-14	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	8- 0
➤ with two or fewer turnovers (<i>7-3 with zero</i>)	22-11	➤ when rushing for more yards than passing	22- 5
➤ when CU turnover margin is plus or even (<i>34-4 last 38</i>)	43-14	➤ with a 100-yard rusher (<i>24-4 last 28</i>)	27- 9
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	14- 4	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	9- 1
➤ when scoring first (<i>12-30 when not</i>)	37- 8	➤ with 400-plus yards total offense	27-11
➤ when leading at halftime	37- 6	➤ with 500-plus yards total offense	16- 3
➤ when trailing at halftime (<i>3-2 when tied</i>)	9-30	➤ when out-rushing the opponent	40- 4
➤ when leading after three (<i>5-31 trailing, 5-1 when tied</i>)	39- 6	➤ when allowing 50 or fewer rushing yards	9- 1
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	21- 3	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	4- 0
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	27- 6	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	33-13
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	14- 3	➤ in games decided by 7 points or less (<i>11-2 in the last 13</i>)	18-12
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	39-10		

TURNOVERS UNDER BARNETT

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

	Turnovers Committed	Turnovers Forced	+/-	Scoring Off Turnovers		
				PF	PA	+/-
49 WINS	69	120	+51	423	172	+251
38 LOSSES	103	63	-40	163	347	-184
7-SEASON TOTAL (86 Games)	172	183	+11	586	519	+ 67

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).

➡ Texas converted four turnovers into 28 points against the Buffs in the 2005 Big 12 title game.

EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

In 2004, seniors started the fewest percentage of games (**25.1**) in Gary Barnett's first 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 12 games, **80** percent of the starters have been seniors (109) and juniors (103), with sophomores starting in all but nine of the other 52 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 (12 games): Seniors (109), Juniors (103), Sophomores (43), Freshmen (9; redshirts 4, true 5).	Upperclassmen: 80%
➤ 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, 2002 and 2004 seasons—when the Buffs won the Big 12 North. The Buffs had advantages of **854-417** (2001), **803-607** (2002) and **574-499** (2004) in return yards, which includes all return yardage other than those on kickoffs. And the Buffs have **37** return touchdowns over the last seven seasons (33 regular season, four bowl game), tied for the seventh most in the nation for this span. A closer look, through games of December 3:

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	3	3	55	N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	5	2	1	36
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	6	1	51	Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	5	0	34
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	4	5	0	43	Boise State	2	4	3	4	4	6	7	2	32
Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	3	1	41	Ohio State	1	7	3	3	4	6	6	2	32
Texas	2	6	6	6	9	2	7	3	41	San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	3	0	32
Southern California	9	4	8	1	8	3	5	0	38	Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	3	1	32
COLORADO	5	4	7	7	1	6	3	4	37	East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	3	0	3	31
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	4	3	37	TCU	5	3	4	6	3	1	3	1	26
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	6	2	36										

2005 LEADERS: Boise State 7, Fresno State 7, Florida International 6, Ohio State 6, Stanford 6, Texas 6, Virginia Tech 6, 13 tied with 5.

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.....	11-48-2	7-16-1	2-9	5 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 10.....	24-82-3	13-27-2	2-15	8 / Eddie Crowder & Bill McCartney
versus Top 15.....	36-99-3	19-32-2	5-17	10 / Bill McCartney
versus Top 25.....	66-125-3	40-44-2	11-22	20 / Bill McCartney

CU and Nebraska have been the saving grace for the Big 12: the 10-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	He returned to receiver (he switched to CB midway through 2004 fall camp) and is CU's primary kick returner (second-team All-Big 12 in 2004). He developed an M.O. quickly—most punts others fair catch, he prides himself on catching and trying to gain even just a yard, to prevent longer punts on bounces. The coaches wanted him on the field offensively, thus the move back to WR.
2 Hugh Charles	He enjoys flying planes; he earned his solo license in a Cessna 172 as a sophomore in high school and then 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 2005 as a true freshman at the Air Force meet with only a week to prepare. Also an avid golfer.
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 has been a mainstay in the secondary ever since.
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. The coaches have raved about his coverage skills, and he is definitely a front-runner to be one of CU's starting corners in the future.
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 in 2004, but with Klatt entrenched at starter, he worked hard to ascend into the No. 2 spot and did make one start (versus Iowa State). 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. He has seen increased playing time as the season progressed, quickly picking up the defensive system after transferring from Garden City (Kan.) Community College. Thus, when Lorenzo Sims went down with an injury, he was able to step right in. The Buffs originally recruited him as a running back in 2003.
12 Akarika Dawn	Dawn bounces 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, also from Nashville, 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, as evidenced by his 58-yard field goal at Miami, the longest without a tee at sea level in NCAA history (to go nicely with a 60-yarder in Boulder in 2004). 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.
18 Dominique Brooks	"DB the DB," he's the first letterman to play in the secondary where his initials match the position... Nicknamed "the voice of reason," 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."
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>).
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.

LINER NOTES

- 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 (*pronounced kye-ah-na-loo*) means “ocean wave.”
- 45 Quinn Sypniewski** 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 Thaddaeus Washington** If Iwuh is the hardest hitter on the team (Thaddaeus 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 was second in QB pressures (6) tied for the team lead in sacks (4½) in 2004; he is now entrenched as a starter and seems to make at least one big play per game.
- 58 Mark Fenton** He got the attention of the coaching staff during 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 could be next in line as he was an ‘05 Rimington candidate.
- 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.
- 75 Daniel Sanders** Really developed as the season progressed according to OL coach Dave Borbely, and he’s pretty tough, too. He missed two games in the middle of the year due to a partially torn hamstring, but has come back strong, starting the last three games.
- 76 Edwin Harrison** For his efforts and strong play towards the end of last season, Harrison was named to *The Sporting News* 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 progressively bulked up to 275. This season, he moved 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, be it at end or inside at tackle.
- 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, who is 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.
- 91 Maurice Lucas** Was ticketed to redshirt this season, injuries decimated the position in mid-October and the coaches asked if he would give up the redshirt. He played for the first time against Texas in game six, and started for the first time the next week against Kansas.
- 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	GRUBIN	0	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	43	33	SPRAGUE	22	10
ADAMS, Jo.	0	0	CREIGHTON	36	0	GUYDON	24	0	LEMON	1	0	STENGEL	0	0
ADAMS, Ju.	0	0	CROSBY	37	—	HAMMOND	17	0	LIGON	34	16	SYPNIEWSKI	54	19
AGOSTINO	0	0	CUSWORTH	12	0	HARRIS	22	0	LUCAS	7	5	TIPTON	21	4
BACKOWSKI	0	0	DANIELS	34	32	HARRISON	21	6	MACKEY	15	2	TORP	39	—
BARNETT	12	1	DAWN	51	12	HAUCK	0	0	MacMARTIN	9	0	VICKERS	47	19
BARRETT	17	2	DEVENNY	0	0	HEAD	0	0	MANUPUNA	48	26	WALTERS	12	0
BEHRENS	0	0	DeVREE	0	0	HENDERSON	25	21	McBRIDE	1	0	WASHINGTON, Te	12	2
BILLINGSLEY	40	30	DILALLO	0	0	HOLZ	25	0	McKAY	10	0	WASHINGTON, Th.	36	22
BOYE-DOE	33	3	DIZON	25	22	HUBBARD	31	7	MOORE	43	11	WASHINGTON, V.	35	0
BROOKS	31	13	EBERHART	7	—	HYPOLITE	11	0	MOYD	0	0	WHEATLEY	25	7
BROWN, M.	0	0	ELLIS	21	1	IWUH	48	30	O'NEAL	42	29	WHITE	2	0
BROWN, R.	5	0	ENGLISH	0	0	JACKSON	12	0	PACE	49	0	WILLIAMS	14	0
BURL	25	21	FENTON	35	25	JAGORAS	0	0	POLUMBUS	22	2	WILSON	0	0
BURNEY	10	0	FOSTER	0	0	JONES, B.	12	0	ROBINSON	25	0	WRIGHT	26	15
BURTON	12	0	GARDEN	0	—	JONES, M.	9	0	SANDERS, D.	10	4	YATES	0	0
CAESAR	9	0	GAREE	44	33	JONES, Z.	0	0	SANDERS, J.	23	0	ZIMMERER	0	0
CANTRELL	3	0	GARRATT	0	0	JOSEPH	18	0	SCHAUB	25	0	TEAM	1716	578
CARPENTER	14	0	GEER	0	0	JUDGE	50	23	SHANAHAN	0	0	2004 Final	1442	447
CHARLES	24	11	GOETTSCH	6	0	KACHMER	0	0	SHERMAN	0	0			
CLEMENT	6	0	GONZALES	6	0	KAYNOR	0	0	SIMS	28	24			
COX	14	1	GRIFFITH	41	0	KLATT	39	34	SMART	0	0			

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

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

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

LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START: 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 Anawn Jones (2000).

OUT THERE FROM THE GET-GO

DT James Garee owns the longest starting streak on the team at 33 games, with the next longest streaks by **C Mark Fenton** and **OT Clint O'Neal** (both 25). **QB Joel Klatt** has the most career starts with 34, followed by Garee and **TE Joe Klopfenstein** with 33 and **OG Brian Daniels** with 32. **TE Quinn Sypniewski** has played in 54 games, including two bowls (52 regular season); both school records as he topped the old marks of 50 and 48, respectively. **ILB Akarika Dawn** (51 games) and **WR Evan Judge** (50) joined Sypniewski at the 50-game plateau.

SIXTEEN "SEASONED" TO DATE IN 2005

Through 12 games, 16 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. **DE Maurice Lucas** had been the last to do so, in game six at Texas, until **WR Tim Lemon** played two snaps against UT in the Big 12 title game. 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 (6): S Ben Burney, ILB Marcus Burton, DT George Hypolite, WR Tim Lemon, DE Maurice Lucas, CB Gardner McKay.

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (5): *ILB R.J. Brown, *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).

ELEVEN 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 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. At Texas, **WR Alvin Barnett** was in for the first play, giving CU a potential threat to run a reverse. Against Kansas, **CB Terry Washington** made his first start in place of an injured Lorenzo Sims, while at Kansas State, **DE Maurice Lucas** did the same for Alex Ligon. **TB Byron Ellis** started in game nine, subbing for a banged up Charles. In 2004, 12 players made their first career starts in a CU uniform (10 returned 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 (11).

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, there have been 11 different offensive and seven different defensive starting lineups in 12 games; thus, when the above is totaled, CU has utilized **155 different starting lineups in its last 99 games**, or just 43 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 December 3, senior associate AD **Jon Burianek** has worked 431 CU football games, including a current run of 414 in a row (229 of which are at home; he's seen 452 all told). The radio voice of the Buffs, **Larry Zimmer**, has called 406 games in his career, including 143 in a row (he's only missed three bowl games, two due to contracts forbidding teams to originate broadcasts, and three regular season games due to travel conflicts); his 400th at CU was also the 1,000 of his professional career. SID **Dave Plati** has worked 308, including the last 266 in a row, while facilities man **John Krueger** has worked 266 in all (116 straight). **Brian Cabral** is the football staffer with the most "Buff" experience, as he has now coached in 207 in a row as an assistant coach; including his playing days (46 games), he has been a part of 253 CU games. The late **Fred Casotti**, the school's longtime SID and associate AD between 1952-87, witnessed 477 CU football games in person prior to his passing in 2001; included within that was a string of 268 in a row at one time at Folsom Field. 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	26	9	.743
Oklahoma	22	13	.629
Kansas State	23	17	.575
Nebraska	22	17	.564
Colorado	21	19	.525
Texas A&M	19	21	.475
Texas Tech	17	23	.425
Oklahoma State	12	27	.308
Missouri	12	28	.300
Iowa State	10	30	.250
Kansas	5	35	.125
Baylor	1	39	.025

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

Inter-Division (North vs. South)

School	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska	19	11	.633
Colorado	17	13	.567
Missouri	17	13	.567
Kansas State	16	14	.533
Iowa State	9	21	.300
Kansas	5	25	.167

Inter-Division (South vs. North)

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	25	5	.833
Oklahoma	20	10	.667
Texas A&M	18	12	.600
Texas Tech	16	14	.533
Oklahoma State	13	17	.433
Baylor	5	25	.167

(does not include title games)

2005 Network TV Appearances

School	Tot	ABC	Fox	Oth
Texas	12	8	3	1
Oklahoma	11	6	4	1
Colorado	9	5	3	1
Texas A&M	9	4	5	0
Nebraska	7	5	1	1
Texas Tech	6	3	3	0
Iowa State	6	3	2	1
Baylor	5	0	4	1
Kansas	4	1	2	1
Kansas State	4	1	2	1
Missouri	3	2	1	0
Oklahoma State	2	0	0	2

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 **110** times in **168** 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 4-of-8 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, 1-of-1 at OSU (first half field goal), 1-of-1 at Texas (first half TD) and 0-of-1 at Iowa State and versus Nebraska. 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 **31** of **56** in the drill (19 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	4- 8	110-168	65.5
First Half.....	6- 7	10-10	6- 7	4- 5	4- 9	6- 7	4- 4	4- 6	4- 6	1- 3	2- 3	5- 8	4- 5	4- 7	1- 2	2- 4	2- 2	3- 5	72-100	72.0
TDs/FGs.....	4/2	7/3	2/4	3/1	2/2	5/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	0/1	0/2	2/3	2/2	4/0	1/0	2/0	1/1	3/0	47/25	
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- 68	55.9
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	0:00	(50:46)
KANSAS	54:35	
KANSAS STATE	33:55	(3:04)
MISSOURI	52:27	
IOWA STATE	0:00	(51:51)
NEBRASKA	4:19	(43:01)
TEXAS	0:00	(54:44)

Time Spent In The Lead: 320:31

Time Opp. In The Lead: 297:34

Games Held Lead In: 8

Games Trailed In: 7

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 122 games over the last 10 seasons, CU has led in 97 of them; the Buffs have also had a lead in 67 of 84 Big 12 games (including title tilts).

STAT SHOTS

Here are some interesting statistical bullets about Colorado football:

- ➔ **30+.** In its history, Colorado is **285-10-1** when scoring 30 or more points, along with records of **205-3** with 35-plus points and **190-2** with 36-plus, **167-1** with 38-plus and **107-0** with 43 or more tallies. The three losses with 35 more points came to Air Force (58-35 in 1968), Oklahoma (82-42 in 1980) and Stanford (41-37 in 1993). Colorado has played **1,087** games in its history, and has registered final point totals of every number between 0 and 70 except 68 (and of course 1), and has hit 75 and 109 above that mark.
- ➔ Colorado is **7-15-1** in its last **23** games against top five teams (dating back to 1989) and is **13-28-2** against top 10 schools and **40-44-2** against all ranked teams in the same time frame.
- ➔ Colorado is **90-37-3** in its last **130** league games, and has the ninth fewest conference losses in the nation since 1989 for schools that have been league members for that time period. Within this record is a 25-game span in which CU did not lose a conference game, the fourth longest streak all-time in the Big Eight (1958-1995). Colorado was 23-0-2 during that run.
- ➔ Colorado has scored 30 or more points in **98** of its last **207** games, posting a **92-5-1** 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 **146** of these **207** games, dating to the start of 1989, going **120-25-2** (CU is **20-38-2** when held to two or fewer touchdowns).
- ➔ CU has allowed only **342** touchdowns in the last **671** times that the enemy has cracked its 20 (dating back to 1988; the other **329** times have yielded **167** field goals as well as **162** non-scores). In this time frame, that works to the opponent coming away with nothing 24% of the time when penetrating the CU 20, and three points or less 49% of the time, which are astonishing numbers. Under Gary Barnett, the opponent penetrated the CU red zone 294 times, with 159 touchdowns, 75 field goals and 59 non-scores including 25 turnovers.
- ➔ 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 **76** touchdowns out of **184** drives started on the CU side of the 50 (and just **104** scores overall, meaning **80** non-scores). In 2004, the opponent had **nine** scores (7 TDs, 2 FG) out of **18** drives started in plus territory (16 scores in 23 times in 2005, but only 11 TD); over the last four seasons, CU's allowed just **59** scores (47 TD/12 FG) in **103** drives started from the 50 on into CU territory.
- ➔ CU has topped 400 yards of total offense in **45** of its last **105** contests (twice in 2005, five times in '04), as CU has made a habit of it since the start of the 1993 season. In **158** games in this span, CU has gained 400 or more yards **82** times (52 percent). The Buffaloes also have topped the 500-plus yard mark in **41** of the **158** games since the '93 season opener (26%)... and remember CU has played **67** ranked teams in this span.
- ➔ For years, the mark of a strong Colorado team was that the Buffaloes routinely averaged six or more yards on first down. In 2005, CU averaged well over six yards nine games into the year, finishing at **5.7** yards on first down plays; the last time the Buffs averaged six or more for a season was 2001, their Big 12 Championship year. Colorado did it six times between 1989 and 1997, including a team record best of 7.2 in both 1989 and 1994.
 - ➔ Colorado is averaging **4.4** per rush and **7.4** per pass play on first down, and topped the opponent in 20-plus yard gains (28-22), 10-plus (69-58) and 5-plus (154-133).
- ➔ 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 **37** scores by return in their last **83** games. And since the '95 opener and including postseason, CU has **58** scores by return in **134** games (51 regular season, seven bowl), or two every five games.
- ➔ **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 **86** games (and **31** times in the last **158**, 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 **54-38-1** in its last **93** games on grass, dating back to the 1985 season (**51-31** in the last **82**, including a **27-13** mark at home since Folsom Field converted back to grass in 1999).
- ➔ **Artificial Turf.** Colorado is **90-27-3** in its last **120** games on non-grass fields dating back to 1989, including a **57-20-3** in conference games. CU is 2-0 this year on artificial surfaces (and was 3-1 in 2004).
- ➔ Colorado has allowed **340** quarterback sacks since the start of the 1993 season (including bowls), with the offensive line responsible for **199** of those (the others were allowed by tight ends/receivers/backs or were coverage sacks). That's **340** sacks allowed for **5,230** pass plays called, or one for every **15.4** pass attempts. And combined with this sack statistic is that fact that CU quarterbacks have thrown just **152** interceptions in **4,890** attempts in the same span, or an interception rate of just **3.11** percent (one every **32.2** passes).
- ➔ The Buffs were an enigma on **third down** defensively in 2003 and 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.)*
 -- In 2005, that number ws down a bit to **10.2** on the 73 conversions (748 yards total; eight big plays: 40, 38, 37, 33, 24, 22, 21 and 20). On the 124 failures by the opponent, CU has allowed just 180 yards, or **1.5** per try.
- ➔ **No Turns Or Sacks.** Dating back to 1972, Colorado is **12-0** in games when not allowing a sack or committing a turnover. CU did neither in its 41-20 conquest of Texas A&M, and came back two weeks later and did the same in the 44-13 win over Kansas, the third and fourth times in seven seasons under Gary Barnett the Buff accomplished that rare double. CU did it twice in 2001, as it played turnover-free ball and allowed no sacks versus San Jose State (51-15) and Nebraska (62-36). In the 12 games, the Buffs have outscored the opponent by **474-207**, with only one game decided by less than 17 points (a 21-16 win at Iowa State in 1993).
- ➔ Colorado has won four straight games the week following a loss to a top 10 team, with a **9-3** mark in such instances under Gary Barnett. CU bested Kansas, 44-13, after dropping a 42-17 decision at No. 2 Texas; the Longhorns then went on to dismantle No. 8 Texas Tech, 52-17, the following Saturday.
- ➔ Colorado rarely folds when the opponent is faced with a 3rd-and-20 or longer. Since Miami, Fla., converted on a 3rd-and-20 in its 35-29 win in Boulder in 1993, opponents are just **3-of-69** on 3rd-and-20 or more. The Buff defense had stopped the opponent **51** straight times until UCLA converted a 3rd-and-30 in 2003 (WSU converted on a 3rd-&-23 and ISU on a 3rd-&-20 in 2004). The CU offense is **5-of-60** when it's faced with 3rd-and-20 plus in the same span.
- ➔ In the Barnett Era, the Buffs scored in **243** of **348** quarters (70 percent), as well as in four of six overtime periods. All tolled, dating back to 1993, CU has scored in **469** of its last **622** quarters (76%), including **32** of **48** 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 30 seasons. Since 1976 (game 1), CU has protected a two-score lead **203** of **216** times; losing 10 and tying three when it blew the lead. A closer look (*—Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim):

Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result	Date	Opponent	CU Lead (when)	Result
10/23/04	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 **87** of its last **92** games in which it at any point has held a two-score lead—the current streak is **9** (and **14** of the last **15**)—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 **19** losses to unranked teams since dropping the 1987 season opener to Oregon: to BYU (1988 Freedom Bowl), Stanford (1991), Missouri (1997), Kansas (1998), CSU, Washington and Texas Tech (1999), CSU, Texas A&M and Kansas (2000), Fresno State (2001), CSU and Wisconsin (2002), Washington State, Baylor and Kansas State (2003), Missouri (2004) and Iowa State and Nebraska 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 **82-17-2** in their last 101 games against unranked teams (AP), along with a record of **113-19-2** in the last 134. The Buffs are **150-64-4** in regular season games since the start of the 1986 Big Eight Conference season (8-7 in bowls); **104-47-3** in Big 8/12 games (including four 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**). It happened three games in a row late in 2001, including the first time the same player had 100 yards in both in the same game (**TB Cortlen Johnson** at Iowa State: 172 rushing and 105 receiving); Johnson and **TE Daniel Graham** did it against Missouri, Graham and **TB's Chris Brown** and **Bobby Purify** all did it against Nebraska. *A closer look at this unique list can be found on page 171 of the 2004 CU football media guide (yes, last year's book; thanks again, NCAA).*

SPECIAL TEAMS INVITE

How important does the coaching staff view special teams? Former head coach Gary Barnett started this tradition while at Northwestern, and 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 **209** 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 **112** 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 **83** consecutive road games (**107** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **134** straight league games (all **84** in Big 12 play, including the four title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **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 **250** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **441** 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 December 3): Colorado 209**, Nebraska 124, Kansas State 115, Texas Tech 103, Oklahoma 92, Kansas 37, Missouri 35, Iowa State 26, Texas A&M 25, Texas 19, Oklahoma State 7, Baylor 2. 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 **209** 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 December 3:

School	Streak	Last Shutout		School	Streak	Last Shutout
Michigan	261	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	:	Colorado	209	Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)
Washington State	249	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	:	TCU	163	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	243	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	:	Nevada	161	*—All games: joined Div I-A in 1992
Florida State	222	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	:	Air Force	156	#—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	215	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)	:	(*—303 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl)		

209 AND COUNTING

It was a close call, but Mason Crosby's 58-yard field goal extended CU's scoring streak to the 200-game plateau in a 23-3 loss at Miami. The 209-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	222	9/10/1988 - present	.....
Michigan	261	10/27/1984 - present	.....	Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	Florida	215	11/05/1988 - present	.....
Washington State	249	10/22/1984 - present	.....	Colorado	209	11/19/1988 - present	.....
Oregon	243	10/05/1985 - present	.....	Virginia	195	9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000	Georgia Tech

The streak of 209 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 definitely made the most of it and scored his first career touchdowns.

➤ **DID YOU KNOW:** The only players in modern CU history who have posted statistics in five different seasons include 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 (6-5)

28	at Colorado	31
24	at Minnesota	56
42	NEVADA	21
41	✚AIR FORCE	23
21	✚UTAH	17
14	✚at Brigham Young	24
39	✚WYOMING	31
35	✚at New Mexico	25
6	✚at TCU	33
10	✚SAN DIEGO STATE	30
31	✚at UNLV	27

NEW MEXICO STATE (0-12)

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
28	✚at Hawai'i	49
37	✚IDAHO (OT)	38
6	✚at Boise State	56
24	✚NEVADA	48
10	✚at San Jose State	27
21	✚UTAH STATE	24

MIAMI, FLA. (9-2)

7	►at Florida State	10
36	►at Clemson (3 OT)	30
23	COLORADO	3
27	SOUTH FLORIDA	7
52	►DUKE	7
34	at Temple	3
34	►NORTH CAROLINA	16
27	►at Virginia Tech	7
47	►at Wake Forest	17
10	►GEORGIA TECH	14
25	►VIRGINIA	17

OKLAHOMA STATE (4-6)

15	MONTANA STATE	10
23	at Florida Atlantic	3
20	ARKANSAS STATE	10
0	◆COLORADO	34
31	◆MISSOURI	38
23	◆at Texas A&M	62
10	◆at Iowa State	37
28	◆TEXAS	47
24	◆TEXAS TECH	17
34	◆at Baylor	44
14	◆at Oklahoma	42

TEXAS A & M (5-6)

24	at Clemson	25
66	SMU	8
44	TEXAS STATE	31
16	◆BAYLOR (OT)	13
20	◆at Colorado	41
62	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	23
30	◆at Kansas State	28
14	◆IOWA STATE	42
17	◆at Texas Tech	56
30	◆at Oklahoma	36
29	◆TEXAS	40

TEXAS (12-0)

60	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	3
25	at Ohio State	22
51	RICE	10
51	◆at Missouri	20
45	◆Oklahoma (at Dallas)	12
42	◆COLORADO	17
52	◆TEXAS TECH	17
47	◆at Oklahoma State	28
62	◆at Baylor	0
66	◆KANSAS	14
40	◆at Texas A&M	29
70	✚Colorado	3

KANSAS (6-5)

30	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	19
36	APPALACHIAN STATE	8
34	LOUISIANA TECH	14
17	◆at Texas Tech	30
3	◆at Kansas State	12
3	◆Oklahoma (at K. City)	19
13	◆at Colorado	44
13	◆MISSOURI	3
40	◆NEBRASKA	15
14	◆at Texas	66
24	◆IOWA STATE (OT)	21

KANSAS STATE (5-6)

35	FLORIDA INT'L	21
21	at Marshall	19
54	NORTH TEXAS	7
21	◆at Oklahoma	43
12	◆KANSAS	3
20	◆at Texas Tech	59
28	◆TEXAS A&M	30
20	◆COLORADO	23
17	◆at Iowa State	42
25	◆at Nebraska	27
36	◆MISSOURI	28

MISSOURI (6-5)

44	Arkansas State (at KC)	17
35	NEW MEXICO	45
52	TROY	21
20	◆TEXAS	51
38	◆at Oklahoma State	31
27	◆IOWA STATE (OT)	24
41	◆NEBRASKA	24
3	◆at Kansas	13
12	◆at Colorado	41
31	◆BAYLOR	16
28	◆at Kansas State	36

IOWA STATE (7-4)

32	ILLINOIS STATE	21
23	IOWA	3
28	at Army	21
20	◆at Nebraska (2OT)	27
13	◆BAYLOR	23
24	◆at Missouri (OT)	27
37	◆OKLAHOMA STATE	10
42	◆at Texas A&M	14
42	◆KANSAS STATE	17
30	◆COLORADO	16
21	◆at Kansas (OT)	24

NEBRASKA (7-4)

25	MAINE	7
31	WAKE FOREST	3
7	PITTSBURGH	6
27	◆IOWA STATE (2OT)	20
31	◆TEXAS TECH	34
23	◆at Baylor	14
24	◆at Missouri	41
24	◆OKLAHOMA	31
15	◆at Kansas	40
27	◆KANSAS STATE	25
3	◆at Colorado	30

CLEMSON (7-4)

25	TEXAS A & M	24
28	►at Maryland	24
30	►MIAMI, FLA. (3OT)	36
13	►BOSTON COLLEGE	16
27	►at Wake Forest	31
31	►N.C. STATE	10
37	TEMPLE	7
9	►at Georgia Tech	10
49	►DUKE	20
35	►FLORIDA STATE	14
13	SOUTH CAROLINA	9

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

OPPONENTS IN 2005

The 2005 schedule marked a first for the Buffaloes in Big 12 Conference play: CU closed 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 had five '04 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 played 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 traveled to Austin to face Texas a week after its Red River Shootout win over Oklahoma; and on Nov. 5, the Buffs hosted 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 17 seasons. Of the 63 losses, 32 have been by eight points or less (including 15 of the 38 losses in the Barnett Era). Texas (five times), Nebraska (four) and Oklahoma and Kansas State (three each) are the only ones who have handled the Buffs by nine or more points more than twice since 1989. CU has really been dominated from the start only seven times in this stretch (1992 at Nebraska, 1997 at Michigan, 1999 vs. CSU (though CU led in total yardage over 75 percent of the game), 2002 vs. USC, 2004 in the Big 12 title game with Oklahoma, and twice in 2005, both against Texas. K-State ('00), Texas ('01 & '04), WSU ('03), Florida State ('03), Oklahoma State ('04), Miami and Nebraska ('05) put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

'05 BOWL TEAMS

In 12 games in 2005, Colorado faced eight teams heading to bowl games: counting Texas twice, along with Colorado State, Miami, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa State and Nebraska. Dating back to the 2003 season, the Buffs have lined up across from **24** teams that went on to bowls out of **35** regular season games (six in 2004, and a national-best 10 in 2003).

NO CREAMPUFFS HERE

Colorado has the **12th** best record in college football since the start of 1989 season (**140-63-4**). Of these 207 games, Colorado has played **86** ranked teams (42%), the fourth most in the nation during this time frame, with another 32 games against teams receiving significant (10 or more) votes. CU is **40-44-2** against ranked teams during this period (including a **13-18** record *on the road*); CU is also **100-18-2** against unranked teams. The schedule is also consistent: CU has played the fourth most games against ranked teams the last 12 years (**65** of its last **153** 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 0-3 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 FLORIDA STATE	S13 NORTH CAROLINA	S19 WYOMING	S18 ARIZONA
S23 at Georgia	S22 HOME TBA	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.

ORIGINAL 2005 TEAM MAKE-UP

The 105 players listed on the opening week roster on August 29 broke 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 15 major schools. The list: **5**—Air Force, Kansas; **4**—San Jose State; **3**—Colorado State, Minnesota, Utah State; **2**—California, Iowa, Kansas State, Louisiana-Monroe, Notre Dame, Oregon State, UCLA and Wyoming. CU's longest current losing streak is to Southern Cal (5), followed by LSU and Oklahoma (both 4) and Michigan State and Texas (3 each).

"OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS"

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

- ❑ Colorado is **73-27** in its last **100** games against teams who were not undefeated at the time of the game;
- ❑ Colorado is **70-14** against teams with three or more losses dating back to the 1985 season;
- ❑ Colorado is **61-17-1** in its last **79** 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 **70-11-2** before crowds *under* 50,000 since the start of the 1989 season (**20-4** last 24; **73-49-2** with 50,000-plus);
- ❑ Colorado is **76-33-2** 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 SERVING AS 2005 CAPTAINS

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. Klatt basically rewrote the record book, taking over possession of all the school's major passing records in setting over 40 records overall.
- Garee, a fifth-year senior from Colorado Springs (Mitchell High School), moved inside to tackle from end this year, has started 33 consecutive games, the longest current streak on the team. He had 41 tackles, eight for losses, and finished his career with 10 quarterback sacks.
- Iwuh, who cracked the starting late in his true freshman year at weak safety in 2002, had 216 career tackles, including 153 solo stops, to tie for 47th overall and for 18th in unassisted tackles in school history (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 became just the 10th player in school history to record 500 rushing and receiving yards in a career.

GRADLE 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) just completed his seventh season as head coach at Azusa Pacific and took a new position as the head man at North Carolina-Pembroke.

PLAYING ON SUNDAY: IN-THE-PROS

There are 23 Colorado Buffaloes on the 2005 National Football League rosters (as of December 16). CU had 32 at the start of camps in July, with the 23 that are currently on the rosters tied for third in the Big 12, trailing Nebraska and Texas A&M (both 27); Oklahoma also has 23, Kansas State (20) and Texas (19). 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	Derek McCoy	WR	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2R
#Chris Brown	RB	Tennessee Titans	2	Gabe Nyenhuis	DE	Indianapolis Colts	2R
Koy Detmer	QB	Philadelphia Eagles	8	*Craig Ochs	QB	San Diego Chargers	R
Christian Fauria	TE	New England Patriots	10	p-Bobby Purify	RB	Green Bay Packers	R
#Daniel Graham	TE	New England Patriots	3	Kordell Stewart	QB	Baltimore Ravens	10
#Andre Gurode	OG	Dallas Cowboys	3	Jashon Sykes	LB	Denver Broncos	3
D.J. Hackett	WR	Seattle Seahawks	1				
†Marques Harris	DE	San Diego Chargers	R	Retired			
#Matt Lepsis	OT	Denver Broncos	8	Ted Johnson	LB	New England Patriots	10
#Michael Lewis	SS	Philadelphia Eagles	3				
Matt McChesney	DT	New York Jets	R	COACHES			
#Chris Naeole	OG	Jacksonville Jaguars	8	Name	Pos.	Team	Tie To Colorado
Hannibal Navies	LB	Cincinnati Bengals	6	Ronnie Bradford	ST	Denver	Player, 1989-92
Victor Rogers	OT	Detroit Lions	3	Greg Brown	CB	New Orleans	Asst. Coach, 1991-93
#Tom Rouen	P	Seattle Seahawks	13	Jim Caldwell	QB	Indianapolis	Asst. Coach, 1982-84
Donald Strickland	CB	Philadelphia Eagles	2	Vance Joseph	DB	San Francisco	Player, 1990-94
p-Sean Tufts	LB	Carolina Panthers	2R	Steve Marshall	OL	Houston	Asst. Coach, 2000-01
Drew Wahlroos	LB	St. Louis Rams	1	Rod Perry	DB	Carolina	Player, 1973-74
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, Indianapolis 1, Jacksonville 1, New Orleans 1, N.Y. Jets 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 **650-401-36** in **1,087** games. CU currently stands 16th on the all-time win list and is 22nd in all-time winning percentage (.615). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **280-132-10** in their 82nd season on the “hilltop” (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **244-206-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996.

MONTHLY TAB

The Buffs are **5-5** in December games since 1993, including bowls, and are **48-18-1** in their last **67** November games (**43-9** in November against all-comers aside from Nebraska, going 4-9-1 against NU in turkey month). 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 **46-21-2** in their last **69** October games, when conference play annually blooms.

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 15 seasons, which is tied for the eighth most nationally when it comes to trophies. But when it comes to different players who have been honored, only Miami (9), Ohio State (9), Oklahoma (9) and Nebraska (8) top the Buffs' seven. The postseason “hardware” includes the Heisman Trophy and the Lombardi, Maxwell, Walter Camp, Butkus, Thorpe, O'Brien, Uinitas, Groza, Biletnikoff, Doak Walker, Nagurski, Bednarik, Mackey, Tatupu, Ray Guy, Rimington and Hendricks awards (on-field player awards only—if the Draddy Award was included, the Buffs would have one more on each list). The list of schools that have had winners between 1990 and 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	School	Players	Trophies
Florida State	7	15	Iowa	5	5	TCU	2	2	Louisiana Tech	1	1
Miami, Fla.	9	15	Alabama	4	4	Texas Tech	2	2	Louisville	1	1
Oklahoma	9	15	UCLA	4	4	Arizona State	1	2	Marshall	1	1
Ohio State	9	14	Tennessee	2	4	Maryland	1	2	Memphis	1	1
Michigan	6	11½	Northwestern	1	4	North Carolina	1	2	Michigan State	1	1
Nebraska	8	10	Kansas State	3	3	Louisiana State	2	1½	Minnesota	2	3
Texas	5	10	Notre Dame	3	3	Auburn	1	1	Missouri	1	1
Colorado	7	9	Purdue	3	3	Baylor	1	1	N.C. State	1	1
Penn State	5	9	Pittsburgh	2	3	California	1	1	Stanford	1	1
USC	4	8	Virginia Tech	2	3	Cincinnati	1	1	Tulane	1	1
Florida	3	8	Washington	2	3	Colorado State	1	1	Virginia	1	1
Georgia	3	6	Illinois	2	2	Fresno State	1	1	Wake Forest	1	1
Wisconsin	3	6	Mississippi	2	2	Georgia Tech	1	1	Washington State	1	1
Arizona	4	5	Oregon State	2	2	Hawai'i	1	1	Wyoming	1	1
Brigham Young	2	5	Texas A&M	2	2	Kentucky	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 **0-3** against ranked foes.

TV LAND

Colorado has now had **129** of its last **195** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes nine 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, **92** of CU's **122** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 75 percent (and the top number in the Big 12 Conference in that time frame). 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 AGCOLADE The Sports Turf Management Association named Folsom Field as its 2002 "Football Field of the Year," the first time CU has ever earned this prestigious award. **Jason DePaepe**, CU's athletic turf manager, officially accepted the award in San Antonio. Those who judge the competition were impressed with DePaepe and his staff's aggressive maintenance program, as the field is easily one of the best in college football, if not all sports.

BUFF BLEMISHES

Colorado has 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.

18 OF 21

The Buffs now have 18 winning (regular) seasons in the last 21 years, including 2005, 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 17 of the previous 21 seasons, staying home in only 1987, 1997, 2000 and 2003.

OFFENSE & DEFENSE

Through the years, there are always a few players who wind up playing on both sides of the ball. **DT John Guydon** is the latest to so, seeing action on defense (13 snaps at tackle) and offense (3 snaps at guard) at Texas on October 15, 2005. He's the first to do so for a complete series with no gimmicks or special situation since **WR Michael Westbrook** played a series at safety against Baylor in 1993. **DE James Garee** also trotted in on offense this year, as he 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 Westbrook (four snaps at strong safety) against Baylor in 1993.

WHY CU AND NOT UC?

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

HISTORY OF THE "COLORADO"

As in the south end zone, that is. In 1967, the stadium was lowered when the track was removed, and that area remained basically a dirt hill. 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** duelled for starting honors; in 1976, Austin replaced **Jeff Knapple** on occasion after Knapple wrestled the starting job away from him; in 1979, **Charlie Davis** and **Bill Solomon** battled back and forth; in the early 1980s, **Steve Vogel** and **Randy Essington** alternated as starters for three years, with Vogel emerging as CU's all-time passing leader at the time. In the last 1980s, there was the run of **Sal Aunese** replacing **Mark Hatcher**, Hagan replacing Aunese, **Charles Johnson** and Joseph both subbing for an injured Hagan on occasion; Stewart replacing Hagan, and he himself being replaced by Detmer and Tobin due to injuries; and of course, Hessler subbing for Detmer after Detmer replaced Stewart. Perhaps the best example of this came in 2001, when **Bobby Pesavento** took over the second half of the year for an injured **Craig Ochs**, and he helped lead the Buffs to their first Big 12 Conference title. That run included Pesavento steering the Buffs to wins over No. 2 Nebraska and No. 3 Texas. And in 2002, **Robert Hodge** has had to replace Ochs, after Ochs suffered the third concussion of his CU career and eventually left the team.

CAREER SINGLE GAME BESTS

Here are the single-game career bests for those players who regularly appear in games:

ALVIN BARNETT, WR

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

ALONZO BARRETT, DE

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

J.J. BILLINGSLEY, S

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

WALTER BOYE-DOE, DE

Total Tackles—6, vs. Oklahoma, 10/25/03
Solo Tackles—5, vs. Oklahoma, 10/25/03
Assisted Tackles—3, twice (last: at Kansas, 11/6/04)

DOMINIQUE BROOKS, S

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

GERETT BURL, CB

Total Tackles—9, at Texas, 10/15/05; vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
Solo Tackles—7, twice (last: at Texas, 10/15/05)
Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)
Interceptions—1, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)
Pass Deflections—3, vs. Colorado State, 9/4/04

HUGH CHARLES, TB

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

JAMES COX, QB

Pass Attempts—21, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
Pass Completions—15, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
Passing Yards—175, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
Long Pass—26, to Blake Mackey, vs. Okla. St., 10/9/04
TD Passes—1, twice (last: vs. Iowa State, 10/16/04)

MASON CROSBY, PK

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

AKARIKA DAWN, ILB

Total Tackles—10, vs. Missouri 11/5/05 & Texas, 10/30/04
Solo Tackles—8, vs. Texas, 10/30/04
Third Down Stops—3, six times (last: Missouri, 11/5/05)

JORDON DIZON, ILB

Total Tackles—13, at Washington State, 9/11/04
Solo Tackles—9, at Washington State, 9/11/04
Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: at Okla. St., 10/1/05)
QB Sacks—2, vs. Missouri 11/5/05
Passes Broken Up—2, at Washington State, 9/11/04

BYRON ELLIS, TB

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

JAMES GAREE, DE

Total Tackles—9, twice (last: vs. Texas, 12/3/05)
Solo Tackles—6 three times (last: vs. Texas, 12/3/05)
QB Sacks—2, vs. Missouri, 11/8/03

JOHN GUYDON, DT

Total Tackles—3, vs. Texas, 12/3/05
Solo Tackles—2, at Kansas, 11/6/04
QB Sacks—1, twice (last: at Iowa State, 11/12/05)

TYRONE HENDERSON, S

Total Tackles—11, at Kansas State, 10/29/05
Solo Tackles—10, at Texas, 10/15/05
Third Down Stops—3, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
Pass Deflections—3, at Kansas State 10/29/05
Interceptions—none.

TOM HUBBARD, S

Total Tackles—7, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/04
Solo Tackles—5, vs. Kansas State, 11/13/04
Third Down Stops—3, vs. Texas, 12/3/05
Interceptions—2, vs. UTEP (Houston Bowl), 12/29/04;
Regular Season: 1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05).

BRIAN IUWH, OLB

Total Tackles—14, vs. Oklahoma, 12/7/02
Solo Tackles—12, at Kansas, 11/6/04
QB Sacks—2, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
Third Down Stops—3, four times (last: vs. NU, 11/25/05)
Interceptions—1, vs. Colorado State, 9/4/04

BRAD JONES, OLB

Total Tackles—7, at Texas, 10/15/05
Solo Tackles—5, at Texas, 10/15/05

EVAN JUDGE, WR

Receptions—7, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
Receiving Yards—108, at Kansas State, 10/29/05
Long Reception—39, vs. UTEP (Houston Bowl), 12/29/04
 (TD); *Regular Season*: 38, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Receiving TDs—2, at Texas A&M, 10/23/04

JOEL KLATT, QB

Pass Attempts—54, vs. Kansas, 10/11/03
Pass Completions—38, vs. Kansas, 10/11/03
Passing Yards—419, vs. Kansas, 10/11/03
Long Pass—82, to Derek McCoy vs. CSU, 8/30/03 (TD)
TD Passes—4, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)
Rushing Attempts—14, vs. Colorado State, 8/30/03
Rushing Yards—33, vs. New Mexico State, 9/10/05
Long Rush—16, twice (last: vs. Texas, 12/3/05)

JOE KLOPFENSTEIN, TE

Receptions—6, vs. North Texas, 9/18/04
Receiving Yards—134, vs. UTEP (Houston Bowl), 12/29/04; *Regular Season*: 99, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
Long Reception—78, vs. UTEP (Houston Bowl), 12/29/04
 (TD); *Regular Season*: 48, vs. Kansas, 10/11/03 (TD)
Receiving TDs—2, three times (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/04)

ALEX LIGON, DE

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

MAURICE LUCAS, DE

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

VAKA MANUPUNA, DT

Total Tackles—9, at Texas, 10/15/05
Solo Tackles—5, three times (last: at Iowa State, 11/12/05)
Third Down Stops—2, twice (last: at Kansas, 11/6/04)

STEPHONE ROBINSON, WR/KR

Receptions—5, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Receiving Yards—50, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Receiving TDs—none
Long Reception—14, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05

Robinson, continued

Kickoff Returns—5, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/05
Kickoff Return Yards—92, v s. Oklahoma, 12/4/04
Long Kickoff Return—33, vs. Colorado State, 9/3/05
Punt Returns—4, three times (last: at Kansas, 11/6/04)
Punt Return Yards—103, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
Long Punt Return—81, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05 (TD)

LORENZO SIMS JR., CB

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

DUSTY SPRAGUE, WR

Receptions—9, at Miami, 9/24/05
Receiving Yards—101, at Texas A&M, 10/23/04
Long Reception—62, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05 (TD)
Receiving TDs—1, twice (last: vs. Kansas, 10/22/05)

QUINN SYPNIEWSKI, TE

Receptions—4, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)
Receiving Yards—85 at Kansas State, 10/29/05
Long Reception—64, 4, at Kansas State, 10/29/05
Receiving TDs—1, four times (last: vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)

JOHN TORP, P

Punts—10, twice (last: at Washington State, 9/11/04)
Average (*min. 5 punts*)—52.2, vs. Okla. St., 10/9/04
Long Punt—72, vs. Colorado State, 9/3/05
50-Plus—4, vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05
Inside-the-20—5, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05

LAWRENCE VICKERS, VB

Rushing Attempts—18, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Rushing Yards—85, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Rushing TDs—4, vs. Missouri, 11/5/05
Long Run—20, twice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)
Receptions—9, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
Receiving Yards—96, vs. Oklahoma State, 10/9/04
Receiving TDs—1, three times (last: vs. Texas A&M, 10/8/05)
Long Reception—34, at Kansas 11/6/04

RYAN WALTERS, S

Total Tackles—4, vs. Texas, 12/3/05
Solo Tackles—3, twice (last: vs. Texas, 12/3/05)
Interceptions—none.

TERRY WASHINGTON, CB

Total Tackles—5, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
Solo Tackles—5, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
Interceptions—none.
Pass Deflections—2, vs. Kansas, 10/22/05
Kickoff Returns—4, at Miami, 9/24/05
Kickoff Return Yards—64, at Miami, 9/24/05
Long Kickoff Return—32, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05

THADDAEUS WASHINGTON, ILB

Total Tackles—14, twice (last: vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05)
Solo Tackles—10, vs. Oklahoma, 12/4/04
Total Tackles—14, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05
Tackles For Loss—3, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05
Third Down Stops—2, thrice (last: vs. Missouri, 11/5/05)

PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR

Receptions—5, vs. Nebraska, 11/25/05
Receiving Yards—40, at Iowa State, 11/12/05
Long Reception—27, at Kansas State, 10/29/05
Receiving TDs—none

ABRAHAM WRIGHT, DE

Total Tackles—5, vs. Kansas State, 11/13/04
Solo Tackles—4, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
Interceptions—1, at Oklahoma State, 10/1/05
QB Sacks—2, at Kansas, 11/6/04

THE LAST TIME

INDIVIDUAL

Kickoff Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Jeremy Bloom vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (88 yards).
	Opponent: Sammy Moore, Washington State in Boulder, Sept. 13, 2003 (97 yards).
Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Stephone Robinson vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (81 yards).
	Opponent: Wes Welker, Texas Tech at Lubbock, Nov. 1, 2003 (41 yards).
Interception Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Marcus Burton vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Oct. 1, 2005 (99 yards).
	Opponent: Brent Curvey, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
Fumble Return/Recovery For A Touchdown	Colorado: Dominique Brooks vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Nov. 6, 2004 (41 yards).
	Opponent: Steve Paris, Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (66 yards).
Blocked Punt Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Lawrence Vickers vs. Washington State at Seattle, Sept. 11, 2004 (0 yards).
	Opponent: Brandon Foster, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i> , 0 yards).
Blocked Field Goal Return For A Touchdown	Colorado: Has not occurred.
	Opponent: Has not occurred.
Blocked Punt	Colorado: Lionel Harris vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005.
	Opponent: Brian Robinson, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
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: Michael Griffin, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
Offensive Lineman To Score A Touchdown	Colorado: Heath Irwin vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Oct. 28, 1995 (recovered fumble in end zone).
	Opponent: Has not occurred.
Defensive Two-Point Conversion	Colorado: Greg Biekert vs. Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 2, 1991.
	Opponent: Has not occurred.
300 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent: 408, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005.
400 Yards Total Offense	Colorado: 424, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003.
	Opponent: 408, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005.
100 Yards Rushing	Colorado: 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: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005.
	Opponent: 3, Vince Young, Texas at Austin, Oct. 15, 2005.
Four Touchdowns Rushing	Colorado: 4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005.
	Opponent: 4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997.
Two 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Chris Brown (25-127) and Bobby Purify (20-174) vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002.
	Opponent: Ell Roberson (21-178) and Darrin Sproles (16-121), Kansas State in Boulder, Oct. 5, 2002.
Three 100-Yard Rushers	Colorado: Jon Keyworth (18-124), Paul Arendt (23-116) and Ward Walsh (15-101), vs. Air Force at USAFA, Nov. 21, 1970.
	Opponent: David Overstreet (18-258), Darrell Shepard (3-151), George Rhymes (9-110), Oklahoma in Boulder, Oct. 4, 1980.
300 Yards Passing	Colorado: 398, Joel Klatt vs. Texas A&M in Boulder, Oct. 8, 2005.
	Opponent: 392, Zac Taylor, Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 2005.
400 Yards Passing	Colorado: 419, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 11, 2003.
	Opponent: 403, Justin Holland, Colorado State in Boulder, Sept. 4, 2004.
Three Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005.
	Opponent: 3, Vince Young, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
Four Touchdowns Passing	Colorado: 4, Joel Klatt vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005.
	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: 3, Jason Swanson, Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 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: 108, Evan Judge vs. Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005.
	Opponent: 102, Limas Sweed, Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
200 Yards Receiving	Colorado: 222, Rae Carruth vs. Missouri at Columbia, Nov. 2, 1996.
	Opponent: 208, Albert Connell, Texas A&M at College Station, Sept. 28, 1996.
Two Touchdowns Receiving	Colorado: 2, Joe Klopfenstein vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005.
	Opponent: 2, Limas Sweed, Texas at Austin, Oct. 15, 2005.
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:	4, Lawrence Vickers vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005 (4 rush).
	Opponent:	4, Ricky Williams, Texas at Austin, Oct. 25, 1997 (4 rush).
Four Field Goals In A Game	Colorado:	4, Mason Crosby vs. UTEP in Houston, Dec. 29, 2004 (<i>Houston Bowl</i>).
	Opponent:	5, Todd Pegram, Texas A&M at College Station, Oct. 23, 2004.
50-Yard Field Goal	Colorado:	57, Mason Crosby vs. Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 2005 (Home: 56, Crosby vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 5, 2005).
	Opponent:	51, Jeff Snodgrass, Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 29, 2005.
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 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
Safety	Colorado:	vs. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005 (ball thrown out of end zone after bad snap on punt try).
	Opponent:	by Kansas State at Manhattan, Oct. 18, 2003 (punt blocked out of end zone).
Held To No Offensive Touchdowns	Colorado:	by Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
	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 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
	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:	191, vs. Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
	Opponent:	181, by New Mexico State in Boulder, Sept. 10, 2005.
Held Under 100 Yards Total Offense In A Game	Colorado:	46, vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Dec. 4, 2004 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
	Opponent:	74, by Baylor at Waco, Nov. 13, 1999.
300 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	331, vs. Iowa State in Boulder, Nov. 16, 2002.
	Opponent:	326, by Texas in Boulder, Oct. 30, 2004.
400 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	427, vs. Kansas at Lawrence, Oct. 12, 2002.
	Opponent:	419, by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 28, 1987.
500 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	502, vs. Missouri in Boulder, Nov. 11, 2000.
	Opponent:	516, by Missouri at Columbia, Oct. 6, 1984.
Held Under 100 Yards Rushing In A Game	Colorado:	82, vs. Texas in Houston, Dec. 3, 2005 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
	Opponent:	36, by Iowa State at Ames, Nov. 12, 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 (<i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
	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; <i>Big 12 Championship</i>).
	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. Kansas in Boulder, Oct. 22, 2005.
	Opponent:	by Nebraska in Boulder, Nov. 25, 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 5.
	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 2005 regular season** (includes bowls; list includes those schools who have been members of Division I-A all 21 years):

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1985-2005)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Miami, Fla.	211	41	0	.837
2	Florida State	212	45	2	.822
3	Nebraska	208	51	1	.802
4	Michigan	194	57	5	.768
5	Tennessee	192	60	6	.756
6	Florida	188	67	2	.735
7	Ohio State	185	66	5	.732
8	Oklahoma	177	72	3	.708
9	Auburn	174	71	5	.706
10	Penn State	177	74	1	.704
11	Texas A & M	175	78	2	.690
12	Alabama	176	79	2	.689
13	Georgia	171	78	3	.685
14	Notre Dame	170	79	2	.681
15	Colorado	168	82	4	.669
16	Texas	167	83	2	.667
17	Southern California	167	84	5	.662
18	Fresno State	167	85	3	.661
19	Brigham Young	171	92	2	.649
20	Virginia Tech	160	86	3	.649
21	Clemson	158	88	3	.641
22	Syracuse	156	90	4	.632
23	Washington	153	92	3	.623
24	Air Force	157	97	1	.618
25	Virginia	154	96	1	.616
26	UCLA	151	92	3	.620
27	Oregon	150	94	0	.615
28	West Virginia	146	96	4	.602
29	Southern Miss	143	97	1	.595
30	Iowa	140	96	5	.591
31	Utah	141	102	0	.580
32	North Carolina State	141	105	4	.572
33	Arizona State	137	103	3	.570
34	Kansas State	139	108	2	.562
35	Mississippi	132	109	2	.547

TOP CONFERENCE GAME RECORDS (1989-2005)

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

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

TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS (1989-2005)

Rk	School	W	L	T	PCT.
1	Florida State	174	36	1	.827
2	Miami, Fla.	167	37	0	.819
3	Nebraska	167	42	1	.798
4	Tennessee	161	46	3	.774
5	Florida	160	50	1	.761
6	Michigan	155	48	3	.760
7	Ohio State	156	50	3	.754
8	Texas	143	61	2	.699
9	Virginia Tech	140	62	2	.691
10	Penn State	141	63	1	.690
11	Notre Dame	140	63	2	.688
12	Colorado	140	63	4	.686
13	Auburn	137	62	3	.686
14	Georgia	138	64	1	.682
15	Alabama	140	66	1	.679
16	Toledo	132	62	3	.678
17	Texas A & M	139	66	2	.676
18	Oklahoma	135	66	3	.669
19	Southern California	136	67	4	.667
20	Kansas State	136	68	1	.666
21	Brigham Young	134	75	2	.640
22	Oregon	128	73	0	.637
23	Virginia	130	75	1	.633
24	Fresno State	131	76	2	.632
25	Washington	125	75	1	.624
26	Clemson	124	76	1	.619
27	Syracuse	122	77	3	.611
28	Air Force	125	80	1	.609
29	Colorado State	123	80	1	.605
30	Wisconsin	119	82	4	.590
31	Georgia Tech	118	82	1	.590
32	Southern Miss	114	81	1	.584
33	UCLA	114	83	1	.578
34	Mississippi	112	86	0	.566
35	North Carolina	109	90	1	.548

COLORADO/ALL-BLACK UNIFORMS (15-12-1)

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

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

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DEPTH CHART

A note about CU's depth: in-season, depth charts reflect change and generally do not announce it unless there are long-term injuries.

OFFENSE

(Multiple)

WIDE RECEIVER (z)

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

WIDE RECEIVER (x)

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

SPLIT TACKLE

- 77 Tyler Polumbus, 6-8, 280, Soph.**
 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Sr.-5****

SPLIT GUARD

- 75 Daniel Sanders, 6-3, 285, Fr.-RS*
 62 John Guydon, 6-2, 285, Sr.-5**

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*

TIGHT (STRONG) TACKLE

- 76 Edwin Harrison, 6-4, 305, Soph.**
 79 Gary Moore, 6-6, 320, Sr.-5****

TIGHT END

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

QUARTERBACK

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

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.**
 47 Alonzo Barrett, 6-3, 255, Soph.**
 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)

- 91 Maurice Lucas, 6-4, 240, Fr.*
 51 Alex Ligon, 6-3, 250, 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.****
 55 Jason Ackermann, ILB, 6-1, 220, Jr.

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.**
 10 Terry Washington, 5-10, 195, 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.**
 15 Ryan Walters, 5-11, 195, Fr.-RS*

SAFETY

- 3 Tyrone Henderson, 5-10, 175, Jr.**
 9 Tom Hubbard, 6-5, 220, Sr.-5**
 25 Lionel Harris, 6-0, 195, Soph.*

CORNERBACK

- 31 Gerett Burl, 5-10, 160, Jr.**
 10 Terry Washington, 5-10, 195, Jr.*
 21 Vance Washington, 5-10, 185, Jr.**

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)

- 18 ✱—Dominique Brooks, 6-1, 200, Jr.** (*knee*)
 21 ✱—Brandon Caesar, TB, 6-0, 210, Jr. (*knee*)
 63 ✱—Jack Tipton, 6-3, 285, Jr.** (*knee*)
 9 ✱—Blake Mackey, WR, 6-3, 200, Jr.* (*knee*)
 26 ✱—Terrence Wheatley, CB, 5-10, 170, Jr.** (*wrist*)
 (✱—Out for season.)

SUSPENDED

- 73 Clint O'Neal, 6-6, 305, Sr.-5****

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 2005; *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 November 28 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.	RS	Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat)	WO 4/4
81	ADAMS, Justin	TE	6- 1	225	Fr.	VR	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	WO 4/4
20	AGOSTINO, Daniel	P	6- 2	215	Fr.	RS	Katonah, N.Y. (Somers)	WO 5/4
60	BACKOWSKI, Paul	OL	6- 6	265	Fr.	RS	Foley, Minn. (Foley)	S 5/4
8	BARNETT, Alvin	WR	6- 0	190	So.	1L	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 4/3
47	BARRETT, Alonzo	DE	6- 3	255	So.	2L	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)	S 4/3
34	BEHRENS, Jake	FB	5-11	230	Fr.	RS	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	S 5/4
5	BILLINGSLEY, J.J.	S	5-11	185	Jr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)	S 2/2
33	BOYE-DOE, Walter	DE	6- 2	240	Jr.	3L	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.	RS	Overland Park, Kan. (Shawnee Mission North)	S 5/4
34	BROWN, R.J.	ILB	6- 1	225	Fr.	1L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)	WO 4/4
31	BURL, Gerett	CB	5-10	160	Jr.	2L	Libertyville, Ill. (Libertyville/Garden City CC)	S 3/2
42	BURNEY, Ben	CB	5-11	190	Fr.	1L	Lone Tree, Colo. (Mullen)	S 5/4
54	BURTON, Marcus	ILB	6- 0	230	Fr.	1L	Channelview, Texas (Channelview)	S 5/4
32	CANTRELL, Maurice	ILB	6- 0	235	Fr.	VR	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)	S 4/4
19	CARPENTER, Ben	OLB	6- 3	225	Jr.	1L	Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling)	WO 2/2
2	CHARLES, Hugh	TB	5- 8	185	So.	2L	Southlake, Texas (Keller)	S 4/3
95	CLEMENT, Nick	DT	6- 2	260	Sr.	1L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Cheyenne Mountain)	WO 1/1
10	COX, James	QB	6- 3	210	Jr.	2L	Simi Valley, Calif. (Royal)	S 2/2
16	CRAWFORD, Cody	WR	5-11	165	Fr.	VR	San Diego, Calif. (Torrey Pines)	WO 4/4
30	CREIGHTON, Paul	TE/FB	6- 5	250	Jr.	3L	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)	S 2/2
16	CROSBY, Mason	PK	6- 2	210	Jr.	3L	Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)	S 3/2
37	CUSWORTH, Chad	OLB	5-11	210	Jr.	1L	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Thunder Ridge)	WO 2/2
66	DANIELS, Brian	OL	6- 4	300	Jr.	3L	Evergreen, Colo. (Mullen)	S 3/2
12	DAWN, Akarika	ILB	6- 2	240	Sr.	4L	Sugarland, Texas (Kempner)	S 2/1
5	DEVENNY, Patrick	QB	6- 3	220	Fr.	RS	Roseville, Calif. (Granite Bay)	S 5/4
14	DILALLO, Matthew	P	6- 1	195	Fr.	RS	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington)	S 5/4
44	DIZON, Jordon	ILB	6- 0	225	So.	2L	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.	2L	Culver City, Calif. (Venice)	S 4/3
32	ENGLISH, Brandon	TE	6- 4	240	Jr.	VR	Leawood, Kan. (Blue Valley North/Fort Scott CC)	WO 2/2
58	FENTON, Mark	C	6- 4	295	Jr.	3L	Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)	S 2/2
36	FOSTER, Reggie	TB	5-11	195	Fr.	RS	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.	4L	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Mitchell)	S 1/1
48	GARRATT, Matt	FB	5-10	210	Fr.	RS	Danville, Calif. (San Ramon Valley)	WO 5/4
87	GEER, Riar	TE	6- 3	235	Fr.	RS	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.	1L	Orchard Mesa, Colo. (Grand Junction Central/Scottsdale CC)	WO 1/1
28	GRIFFITH, Kyle	ILB	6- 2	205	Sr.	4L	Broomfield, Colo. (Broomfield)	S 2/1
61	GRUBIN, Tom	C	6- 0	290	Fr.	RS	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)	WO 5/4
62	GUYDON, John	DT	6- 2	285	Sr.	2L	Yorba Linda, Calif. (El Dorado/Fullerton CC)	S 1/1
90	HAMMOND, Matt	SN	6- 3	215	Sr.	2L	Sherwood, Ore. (Jesuit)	WO 1/1
25	HARRIS, Lionel	S	6- 0	195	So.	1L	Manvel, Texas (Alvin)	S 3/3
76	HARRISON, Edwin	OL	6- 4	305	So.	2L	Houston, Texas (Westbury)	S 3/3
68	HAUCK, Jeremy	OL	6- 4	270	Fr.	RS	Niwot, Colo. (Niwot)	S 5/4
72	HEAD, Devin	OL	6- 4	285	Fr.	RS	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)	S 5/4
3	HENDERSON, Tyrone	S	5-10	175	Jr.	2L	Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds)	S 2/2
85	HOLZ, Nick	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	2L	Danville, Calif. (De La Salle)	WO 2/2
9	HUBBARD, Tom	S	6- 5	220	Sr.	2L	Limon, Colo. (Limon)	S 1/1
86	HYPOLITE, George	DT	6- 2	270	Fr.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)	S 5/4
27	IWUH, Brian	OLB	6- 0	225	Sr.	4L	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.	1L	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.	RS	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.	4L	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)	S 1/1
13	KACHMER, Michael	WR	6- 0	175	Fr.	RS	Wheaton, Ill. (St. Francis)	WO 5/4

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97	KAYNOR, Taj	DE	6- 5	265	Fr.	RS	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 5/4
14	KLATT, Joel	QB	6- 1	210	Sr.	4L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 2/1
89	KLOPFENSTEIN, Joe	TE	6- 6	245	Sr.	4L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 2/1
19	LEMON, Tim	WR	6- 0	205	Fr.	VR	La Mirada, Calif. (La Mirada)	WO 5/4
51	LIGON, Alex	DE	6- 3	250	Jr.	3L	Torrance, Calif. (North Torrance)	S 2/2
91	LUCAS, Maurice	DE	6- 4	240	Fr.	1L	Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)	S 5/4
57	MacMARTIN, Bryce	C	6- 2	290	Jr.	1L	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell/City College of San Francisco)	S 3/2
93	MANUPUNA, Vaka	DT	6- 1	290	Sr.	4L	Kihei, Hawai'i (St. Louis)	S 1/1
38	McBRIDE, Chase	WR	5- 8	160	So.	VR	Thornton, Colo. (Broomfield/Wyoming)	WO 3/3
6	McKAY, Gardner	CB	5-11	160	Fr.	1L	Inglewood, Calif. (Crenshaw)	S 5/4
79	MOORE, Gary	OL	6- 6	320	Sr.	4L	Aurora, Colo. (Overland)	S 1/1
23	MOYD, Kevin	TB	5- 8	185	Fr.	RS	Miramar, Fla. (Northwestern)	S 5/4
59	PACE, Gregory	SN	5-11	235	Sr.	2L	Hinsdale, Ill. (Central)	S 2/1
77	POLUMBUS, Tyler	OL	6- 8	280	So.	2L	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)	S 3/3
1	ROBINSON, Stephone	WR	5- 9	185	So.	2L	Denver, Colo. (Mullen)	S 3/3
75	SANDERS, Daniel	OL	6- 3	285	Fr.	1L	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.	2L	Aurora, Colo. (Overland/Whittier)	S 1/1
88	SHANAHAN, Devin	TE	6- 5	195	Fr.	RS	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch)	WO 5/4
15	SHERMAN, Charlie III	WR	6- 1	190	Fr.	VR	Sacramento, Calif. (Foothill)	S 4/4
22	SIMS, Lorenzo, Jr.	CB	5-11	185	Jr.	3L	Fresno, Calif. (Edison)	S 3/2
45	SMART, Jeff	ILB	6- 0	210	Fr.	RS	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder)	WO 5/4
83	SPRAGUE, Dusty	WR	6- 4	190	So.	2L	Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)	S 3/3
41	STENGEL, Bryan	ILB	6- 2	205	Fr.	RS	Durango, Colo. (Durango)	WO 5/4
45	SYNIEWSKI, Quinn	TE	6- 7	265	Sr.	4L	Granger, Iowa (Johnston)	S 1/1
63	TIPTON, Jack	OL	6- 3	285	Jr.	2L	Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)	S 2/2
29	TORP, John	P	6- 2	205	Sr.	3L	Louisville, Colo. (Monarch)	S 1/1
17	VICKERS, Lawrence	VB	6- 2	235	Sr.	4L	Houston, Texas (Forest Brook)	S 2/1
15	WALTERS, Ryan	S	5-11	195	Fr.	1L	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)	S 4/4
10	WASHINGTON, Terry	CB	5-10	195	Jr.	1L	St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/Garden City CC)	S 3/2
49	WASHINGTON, Thaddaeus	ILB	5-11	240	Jr.	3L	Marrero, La. (John Ehret)	S 2/2
21	WASHINGTON, Vance	CB	5-10	185	Jr.	2L	Friendswood, Texas (Clear Brook)	S 2/2
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.	1L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)	S 4/4
20	WILSON, Terry	CB	5-11	200	Fr.	VR	Chino, Calif. (Junipero Serra)	S 4/4
53	WRIGHT, Abraham	DE	6- 3	240	Jr.	2L	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)	S 2/2
80	YATES, Jarrell	WR	6- 0	175	Fr.	RS	Denver, Colo. (Montbello)	S 5/4
92	ZIMMERER, Sam	DE	6- 3	245	Fr.	RS	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
73	O'NEAL, Clint	OL	6- 6	305	Sr.	4L	Weatherford, Texas (Weatherford)	Suspended	S 1/1
8	WELLER, Justin	S	5-11	205	So.	TR	Westminster, Colo. (Legacy/Fort Lewis)		WO 4/3
26	WHEATLEY, Terrence	CB	5-10	170	Jr.	2L	Richardson, Texas (Plano East)	Injured (wrist)	S 3/2
23	YEGGE, Matt	S	6- 3	205	So.	TR	Longmont, Colo. (Longmont/Baylor)		WO 4/4