

# THE PLAYERS

(includes starters, lineup regulars and specialists)

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## ALVIN BARNETT, WR

6-0, 190, Soph., 1L  
Tulsa, Okla. (East Central/  
NE Oklahoma A&M)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 regular season games, including one start (at Texas in October), as he caught 17 passes for 131 yards, averaging 7.7 yards per reception. His long gain was 19 yards, and five of his grabs were for 10 or more yards as he was utilized more on short passes. His top game in both catches and yards came at Miami, Fla., when he had seven for 59; he caught two passes in four other games. He also ran two reverses for 28 yards, picking up 20 yards against New Mexico State on one and eight against Texas A&M on the other. He earned seven first downs on the year (one rushing, six receiving). He enrolled in time for the spring semester at CU, and caught one pass for six yards in the spring game.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE (Fr./2004)**—He lettered at wide receiver under head coach Steve Patterson, as the Golden Norsemen posted a 4-5 record. On the year, he snagged 11 receptions for 105 yards (9.5 average per catch).

**ACADEMICS**—His is majoring in business at Colorado, as he aspires to own his own business in the future. He also has some interest in video production. He owned a 3.5 grade point average in high school, and was named the Academic Football Player of the Year during his senior campaign.

**PERSONAL**—Born October 30, 1985 in Tulsa, Okla.

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2005	12	17	131	7.7	0	19	7	59

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 2-28, 14.0 avg., 20 long (2005).

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## ALONZO BARRETT, DE

6-3, 255, Soph., 2L  
Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He saw action in six games, including a pair of starts (at Oklahoma State and versus Texas A&M). He was starting to come on when he went down in the A&M game with a torn posterior cruciate ligament (PCL), but underwent rehab without surgery and was able to return in time for the Big 12 title game. He played 144 snaps on defense, posting 15 tackles (nine solo), with three third down stops, four quarterback hurries, one chasedown and two passes broken up. He had a solid spring, as in the three full scrimmages, he was in on 12 tackles, including nine solo, seven for losses and six quarterback sacks; he had five sacks alone in the second scrum. He finished third in the spring conditioning tests for the power positions with 48 points, posting top times in the 20-yard dash, the pro shuttle and the L-drill while tying for the top vertical jump at 33 inches.

**2004 (Fr.)**—He played in 11 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), in all on defense as he was the backup rush end for the entire season; he also some special teams duty. He saw action for 99 plays from scrimmage, posting 14 tackles (10 solo), with four for losses including two quarterback sacks, which came against North Texas and Kansas. He also had one quarterback pressure, and his top tackle effort came against North Texas when he posted six, including five solo stops and three tackles for loss (earning CU defensive lineman of the week honors in the process). A member of CU's 2003 recruiting class, he delayed his enrollment until January 2004 and participated in spring drills with the Buffs after moving to and working in Boulder in the previous fall.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in political science at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born April 23, 1985 in Aurora, Colo.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	10	99	10	4—14	4-6	2-2	0	1	0	0	0	0
2005	6	144	9	6—15	0-0	0-0	3	4	0	0	2	0
Totals	16	243	19	10—29	4-6	2-2	3	5	0	0	2	0

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## J.J. BILLINGSLEY, S

5-11, 185, Jr., 3L  
Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He started all 12 games at safety in earning honorable mention all-Big 12 Conference honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches. In playing the second most snaps on defense (747), he finished second on the team in tackles with 85, including 58 solo and seven for losses (with one quarterback sack). He was fourth with 12 third down stops, adding five pass deflections, four hurries, two fumble recoveries, two quarterback chasedowns, a touchdown save and a forced fumble to go with two interceptions, which he posted against Colorado State and Kansas. Against the Jayhawks, he also matched his career high with 15 tackles (eight solo), and forced a fumble at midfield in the third quarter that led to a key touchdown that put the Buffs up 30-13 at the time in a 44-13 win. Other top games included 11 tackles against Colorado State, 10 at Kansas State, nine at Texas and eight (all solo) against the Longhorns in the Big 12 title game. He will enter his senior year in 2006 with 255 career tackles, the eighth most by a defensive back at Colorado and 24th overall, with his 181 solo stops tied for 12th on that all-time list. Surgeries and other issues behind him, he rejoined the team for the fall and helped shore up both CU's rush defense and overall secondary. He did not participate in spring drills as he completed rehabilitation for knee surgery in addition to not participating in all team activities while concentrating on academics. *Phil Steele's College Football* ranked him as the No. 25 defensive back in the nation despite his playing in just two games last fall.

**2004 (Jr.-RS)**—He suffered a sprained knee midway during August drills (August 19), but he was able to play in the opener against Colorado State, where he saw action for 44 plays... none bigger than the game's final one, when he stuffed Colorado State's Tristian Walker for a 2-yard loss on a third-and-goal play as time ran out to preserve a 27-24 CU win. He sat out the next two games, and with an open week in the mix as well, was hopeful of being healthy for the league portion of the schedule. Though he did play 38 snaps at Missouri and had a big game (six tackles, a forced fumble, a hurry and a third down stop), the swelling persisted and he had season-ending surgery on October 12. Thus, he played in just the two games and was eligible for a medical redshirt year since he had one available to him. *Street & Smith's* tabbed him as a preseason honorable mention All-American and one of 26 candidates for the Jim Thorpe Award, while *Lindy's Big 12 Football* selected him as a preseason second-team all-Big 12 Conference performer as well as the No. 16 safety in the nation.

**2003 (Soph.)**—In earning honorable mention all-Big 12 Conference honors from the league coaches, he finished third on the team in tackles with 94 (69 solo), along with eight tackles for loss, six third down stops, six quarterback hurries, three touchdown saves, three pass deflections and two interceptions. He also earned first-team all-Colorado honors from the Colorado chapter of the National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame. He was CU's defensive back of the week on three occasions, all late in the season after he really got things going: against Texas Tech he had six tackles and two interceptions; against Missouri he posted a season-high 14 tackles, including two for losses; and against Iowa State, he had five tackles, two for losses with a sack, a third down stop and a fumble recovery. His two interceptions against Tech came three-and-a-half minutes apart in the first quarter, making him the 10th CU player in history to record two thefts in the same quarter. He also had 13 tackles against Kansas State, 10 against Nebraska and nine each versus Colorado State and Washington State. He earned three special team points on the strength of two solo tackles and a downed punt. He sat out the second half of spring drills to concentrate on academics (he needed to catch up a bit), but was back on schedule by fall camp.

**2002 (Fr.)**—A first-team Freshman All-American by both the FWAA and *The Sporting News*, he was also first-team Freshman All-Big 12 and the recipient of CU's Lee Willard Award, presented by the coaches to the most outstanding freshman. He played in all 14 games, including the Alamo Bowl, with six starts; he saw most of his action in CU's dime package, and played the bulk of his snaps at free safety. In earning his way on to CU's prestigious Victory Club, he finished seventh on the team in tackles with 67, a number that ranked him eighth in the NCAA for tackles by a true freshman. It also set a CU record for the most tackles in a season by a true frosh, as he broke the old mark of 52 set by Jashon Sykes in 1998. In his first start against San Diego State, he established a school record for the most tackles by a true freshman when he posted 15, including 12 solo stops. He had 47 unassisted tackles on the year, with seven for losses and a quarterback sack. He had two third down stops, a fumble recovery and two forced fumbles, one of which was



huge: it came in overtime at Missouri, preventing a Tiger first down as Kory Mossioni recovered the ball to end the game. Other top games came against Kansas (12 tackles) and Baylor (10); in the bowl game against Wisconsin he had one tackle (for a 4-yard loss). He finished second on the team in special team points with 13, on the strength of nine tackles (one inside-the-20), two knockdown blocks and a forced fumble. He also won a "CUSPY," as he was selected as CU's Male Freshman of the Year for all sports.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born November 16, 1983 in Denver.

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2002	13	469	47	20—67	7-41	1-14	2	2	1	2	0	0
2003	12	802	69	25—94	8-37	1-6	6	6	2	0	3	2
2004	2	82	7	2—9	1-2	0-0	2	1	0	1	0	0
2005	12	747	58	27—85	7-31	1-7	12	4	2	1	5	2
Totals	39	1353	181	74—255	23-111	3-27	22	13	5	4	8	4

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS**—Kickoff Returns: 4-87, 21.8 avg., 29 long (2003); Interception Return Yards: 2-8, 4.0 avg., 6 long (2003); 2-0, 0.0 (2005). Fumble Returns: 2-10, 5.0 avg., 8 long (2003); 2-38, 19.0, 36 long (2005). Special Team Tackles 8,1—9 (2002); 2,0—2 (2003); 1,0—1 (2005).

## 31 GERETT BURL, CB

5-10, 160, Jr., 2L  
Libertyville, Ill. (Libertyville/  
Garden City CC)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—Really blossomed as the season progressed, with opponents starting to throw away from his side the second half of the season. Proof of that is evident as the coaching staff named him the co-recipient of the Dave Jones Award as the team's outstanding defensive player (with Thaddaeus Washington); he was also one of just nine players to earn prestigious Victory Club honors for the year. He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, but the *Kansas City Star* recognized his stature in naming him to its second-team. He started all 12 games at cornerback, playing the most snaps on defense (789) in racking up 61 tackles, 52 of which were solo with one for a loss. He had 14 pass deflections, second most on the team, with five third down stops, a touchdown save and a caused interception. He also picked off two passes (against Colorado State and Missouri), and had two pass deflections in five different games. He had nine tackles twice, at Texas and versus Kansas, and had five or more solo stops in six different contests.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He started the first eight games at right cornerback and the Nebraska game on the left side in starting nine games overall and playing in all 13, including the Houston Bowl. He suffered a dislocated finger against the Nebraska, and played with it bandaged in the Big 12 title game against Oklahoma; he had surgery on December 7 and was scheduled to play in the Houston Bowl. He racked up 37 tackles (33 solo) on the season, along with the second most pass deflections (10) on the team. He also recorded six third down stops, a caused interception and a tackle for loss. He posted his career high of seven tackles (all solo) in the overtime loss at Texas A&M, and had five tackles in three other games (Washington State, North Texas and Missouri). Against UTEP in the bowl game, he had two solo tackles and a pass deflection. He was credited with a punt return for 9 yards when he blocked a kick against North Texas, one of eight special team points he earned on the year; he was in on six tackles (four solo), including one inside-the-20, to account for the other points. He had a solid spring, with 18 tackles in the three main scrimmages and an interception in the finale (the spring game), as he completed all requirements set forth by the coaching staff to return to the team.

**AT GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE: 2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He started all 10 games at cornerback for GCCC, which posted a 5-5 record under coach Bob Larson. He recorded 48 tackles (36 solo), with two interceptions for 48 yards, returning one for a touchdown, along added eight passes broken up. He enrolled at Garden City after being suspended from the team (not university) for violating a team rule.

**AT COLORADO 2002 (Fr.)**—He saw brief action on special teams against San Diego State in the second game of the season; he suffered a season-ending shoulder injury in practice that required surgery the following week and thus received a medical hardship waiver for the season.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in history at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born August 8, 1983 in Denver. (First name is pronounced *jair-it*, as in *Jaret*.)

TACKLES												
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	12	563	33	4—37	1-3	0-0	6	0	0	0	10	0
2005	12	789	52	9—61	1-2	0-0	5	0	0	0	14	2
Totals	24	1352	85	13—98	2-5	0-0	11	0	0	0	24	2

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS**—Punt Return Yards: 1-9, 9.0 avg. (2004). Special Team Tackles: 4,2—6 (2004); 4,1—5 (2005).

## 2 HUGH CHARLES, TB

5-8, 185, Soph., 2L  
Southlake, Texas (Keller)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games, including 11 starts (he saw action for just one play against Missouri due to an ankle sprain), as he earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press and the league coaches (he was a second-team choice by the *Kansas City Star* and the *San Antonio Express-News*). He was one of just nine players to earn his way on to CU's prestigious Victory Club, as those who quality have to post a winning productivity grade in at least eight games. He rushed for 842 yards on the season, the sixth most ever by a sophomore at Colorado, as he had 176 carries and six touchdowns in averaging 4.8 yards per rush. He had 26 rushes for 10 or more yards and 60 for five or longer, with the crown carry a 74-yard touchdown run to open the game at Oklahoma State. That was the longest rushing play by a Buff in three years, the longest on CU's first possession of a game in 16 years, and the second fastest score from scrimmage in school history, coming 18 seconds into the game. In his first start, he rushed for 101 yards and two scores on 15 carries against Colorado State in the season opener, becoming just the 14th player in CU history to run for 100 yards in his first career start. He topped the century mark two other times, as he had a career best 120 yards against OSU and 105 yards versus New Mexico State. He also opened the Nebraska game with a 45-yard run, one of seven times he carried the ball on CU's first play of the game: he gained 177 yards on those seven plays, or 25.3 per (six of the seven runs gained at least seven yards, four 13 or more). He proved dangerous as a receiver as well, catching 26 passes for 226 yards (8.7 per), including a 51-yard touchdown from Joel Klatt against Texas A&M; he thus registered three of the five longest plays from scrimmage on the season for the Buffs. His 226 yards receiving marked the 15th time a running back caught passes for 200-plus yards, his total being the eighth most in school history. He also earned the second most first downs on the team with 43 (35 rushing, eight receiving). In spring conditioning tests, he was the overall strength and conditioning champion for the "Speed" group (RB, DB, WR, QB, K/P) with 82 points, owning a team best 40-yard dash time of 4.37, with group bests in the power clean (325 lbs.), incline (318 lbs.) and the pro shuttle (4.15), along with a 38-inch vertical jump, a 369-pound bench press and a 510-pound squat.

**2004 (Fr.)**—He played in 12 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), sitting out only the season opener as he saw the bulk of his action on special teams. Had 17 rushes for 49 yards for the regular season, with five carries for five or more yards; however, in the bowl game against UTEP, he had the chance to show off his speed. He had more of a role in that game, as he had seven rushes for 51 yards and a touchdown, including a 37-yard sprint that opened the drive on which he eventually scored what would be his first career TD. On the year, 13 of his carries were on first down (for 79 yards), and he earned four first downs (three rushing, one receiving). He also had a kick-off return for 14 yards in the bowl. He carried four times for 17 yards against North Texas and had five carries for 14 yards at Kansas, when he also had a reception for eight yards. On special teams, he finished tied for third in the team point standings with nine on the strength of six tackles (five solo, one inside-the-20), a downed punt and a knockdown block.

**TRACK**—He lettered in indoor track as a freshman, as he finished eighth in the long jump at Big 12 Indoor Championships with a 23-10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> effort. He qualified provisionally for the NCAA Championships at Washington's Husky Classic with a jump of 24-5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (placing third in the meet), and won the Air Force Classic with a 24-5 effort (he wound up not making it into the NCAA's). Also at Air Force, he ran a collegiate best 6.88 in the 60-meter dash in finishing second.





**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in business law as his major at Colorado; he owned a 3.4 grade point average in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born January 7, 1986 in Tulsa, Okla.

Season	G	RUSHING				High Games		RECEIVING				High Games	
		Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2004	11	17	49	2.9	0	14	5	17	1	8	8.0	0	8
2005	12	176	842	4.8	6	74t	21	120	26	226	8.7	1	51t
Totals	23	193	891	4.6	6	74t	21	120	27	234	8.7	1	8

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 5,1—6 (2004).

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## JAMES COX, QB

6-3, 210, Jr., 2L

Simi Valley, Calif. (Royal)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He saw action in seven games, all coming late in games after the outcome was decided; however, that may change for the Champs Sports Bowl, as with starter Joel Klatt questionable for the game, he would get the starting nod if Klatt cannot play. He completed 13-of-29 passes on the season for 93 yards (no touchdowns or interceptions), while rushing four times for 17 yards before two sacks for 14 yards in losses were deducted from his totals. He was 4-of-8 for 47 yards against New Mexico State, and completed both his throws for 17 yards at Oklahoma State for his top games. He saw the most action against Texas in the Big 12 title game, going in after Klatt went down, completing 1-of-8 passes for nine yards.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He saw action in five games, including his first career start (coming against Iowa State). He had come off the bench the previous week to complete 15-of-21 passes for 175 yards against Oklahoma State (1 TD/2 INT), but struggled a bit in his start against ISU, as he was 7-of-16 for 67 yards (1 TD/1 INT). For the year, he completed 28-of-49 passes for 330 yards (2 TD/3 INT) for a passer rating of 114.9, but proved to be pretty adept on his feet, as he was sacked just twice and had three runs of 10 yards or longer in rushing nine actual times for 46 yards (11 for 37 officially including the sacks). He enjoyed great success on first down, completing 10-of-16 throws for 123 yards and eight first downs; his two touchdown passes came on third down plays, including his career first to Dusty Sprague that covered 21 yards against Oklahoma State. He did not see any action in the bowl game. He entered the fall listed second on the depth chart, as he moved up a notch over the course of spring practices.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action late in two games (Florida State, Iowa State), completing his first collegiate pass against the Seminoles (though going for zero yards). He rushed once for two yards and was sacked once. He received plenty of reps during the spring and completed 15 of 31 passes for 194 yards and two touchdowns in the three main scrimmages (but was sacked 13 times).

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action. He practiced the entire fall at quarterback, and was the Scout Team Offense Award winner on two occasions (the Baylor and the first Oklahoma game).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in communication at Colorado. He was a 2001-02 National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award recipient.

**PERSONAL**—He was born December 29, 1983 in Northridge, Calif.

Season	G	PASSING				RUSHING		RECEIVING				High Games	
		Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2003	2	1-	1-0	100.0		0	0	0	2	-3	-1.5	0	3
2004	5	49-	28-3	57.1		330	2	45	11	37	3.4	1	12
2005	7	29-	13-0	44.8		93	0	17	7	3	0.4	0	6
Totals	14	79-	42-3	53.2		423	2	45	20	37	1.9	1	12

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Sacked/Yards Lost: 1/5 (2003); 2/9 (2004); 2/14 (2005)

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## MASON CROSBY, PK

6-2, 210, Jr., 3L

Georgetown, Texas (Georgetown)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—The runner-up for the Lou Groza Award (by just six points to Oregon State's Alexis Serna), he became the first place-kicker in Colorado history to earn first-team All-America honors, doing it in consensus fashion as he was honored by the *Associated Press*, the Football Writers Association of America, *The Sporting News*, SI.com, Walter Camp and Rivals.com. He was also the unanimous selection for first-team all-Big 12 honors from both the AP and league coaches, and was the pick for the Big 12 Special Teams Player-of-the-year by the coaches. He had an amazing list of accomplishments for the season, the crown jewel being a 58-yard field goal at Miami, Fla., the longest ever at sea level (7 feet) without a kicking tee in NCAA Division I-A history. He led the team in scoring with 94 points, converting all 31 PAT kicks (he has made 38 consecutive) and 21-of-28 field goals; he led the nation in the average distance per field goal made with an astounding 41.2 yards. He strung together a school record 10 straight field goals made between the end of his sophomore year and his junior season, in both of which he led the NCAA in field goals made from 50 yards or longer (six in 2004, five thus far in 2005). Of the five 50-plus he made this season, four came on the road. He had the first two game-winning kicks of his career; in opening his junior season in grand style on his 21st birthday (Sept. 3), he scored 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. Later in the year at Kansas State, and after already making a 52-yard kick in the second quarter, he drilled a 50-yarder with six seconds left in swirling winds to beat the Wildcats, 23-20. That tied his own school record for 50-plus yard kicks made in a game. For his career, he is 23-of-25 from 40 yards and in, as well as a most impressive 24-of-35 from 41 yards or longer. He has also excelled in late game heroics, making a name for himself in the clutch: 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. He has now been selected the Big 12 Special Teams Player-of-the-Week seven times in his career (CSU, Miami, Kansas State and Missouri games as a junior to go with the Iowa State and Nebraska games in 2004 and for the Kansas game in 2003). That puts him in select company, as the seven are 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 be honored at least four times in a season. In addition, the Lou Groza Award Committee named him one of its three "Stars of the Week" the times, making it four in his career (Iowa State in '04; CSU, Miami and K-State in '05). He has scored 231 career points, tied for second overall on CU's all-time charts as well as tied for the most by a placekicker at Colorado (along with Jeremy Aldrich). He is also second in field goals made (47), second in PAT kicks made (90), second in field goal attempts (60) and first in PAT attempts (98). In addition, he has kicked off 157 times, with 110 going for touchbacks, with the average starting yardline of the opponent its 22 after his kicks. The CU coaches again selected him as the recipient for the Bill McCartney Award for special teams achievement, and he was also just one of nine players to earn his way on to CU's prestigious Victory Club list (minimum eight games with a high productivity grade). He was a near unanimous selection for preseason first-team All-America honors, including being named to the prestigious *Playboy* team.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He was the unanimous first-team All-Big 12 placekicker and one of 20 semifinalists for the Lou Groza Award, though the main All-America teams didn't throw anything his way. Rivals.com selected him as a second-team All-American and SI.com tabbed him with honorable mention status. He led the NCAA in field goals made from 50-plus yards with six (topping Ohio State's Mike Nugent, the Groza winner, who had five), and connected on 23-of-29 on the season (19-of-23 during the regular season, 4-of-6 in the bowl game). He led the Big 12 and was sixth in the nation in field goals made per game (1.77), and became just the 10th player in NCAA history to make a 60-yard or longer field goal without a tee when he nailed a 60-yarder against Iowa State, the longest in the nation in 2004. It was one of four field goals he had in CU's 19-14 win; in fact, he also had a 54-yard kick in that game, becoming the first CU player to make two of 50-plus yards in the same game. The Groza committee cited him as one of its Three Stars of the Week Award winner for his performance against the Cyclones, while he was the Colorado Chapter/NFF player of the week for the same. The five 50-plus yard kicks he made during the regular season, the first five of his career, set CU career and



season marks. He scored 85 total points to lead the team, as he also had another 4-field goal game at Nebraska, and was a deadly weapon on kickoffs. Overall, he was third in the league and 34th in the nation in scoring (7.7 points per game), a number that ranked him first and sixth, respectively, in kick scoring in the Big 12 and NCAA. Including the bowl, of his 67 kickoffs, only 18 were returned (seven inside-the-20), with 48 going for touchbacks (30 through the end zone). The opponents average starting yardline after all his kicks was the 21, and just the 22 for the 18 returned. In the bowl win over Texas-El Paso, he made good on field goals from 26, 54, 37 and 20 yards with seven kickoffs going for touchbacks (with the eighth returned to just the 18). He was CU's special teams player of the week on four occasions, and the Big 12 Conference's for the Iowa State and Nebraska games. He won the Bill McCartney Award as the most outstanding special teams player as selected by the coaches for both the fall as well as for spring practice, and was one of just 10 players to earn his way on CU's prestigious Victory Club.

**2003 (Fr.)**—He set a Colorado record for the most points scored by a freshman with 52 (the old record of 48 was shared by two players). He was only the second true frosh to handle the placekicking chores in a CU season opener in school history, and only the fifth to see any action, period. The Big 12 Conference (and the CU coaches) honored him as the Special Teams Player of the Week for October 11, as he was 3-of-3 on PAT kicks, 3-of-3 on field goals (23, 41 and 23 yards, the latter coming with 0:14 on the clock to send the game into overtime) and kicked off for the first time collegiately, sending eight of nine kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks (with the one that was returned going for just five yards to the Kansas 18). For the season, he made 7-of-9 field goals, as he was perfect from 44 yards in with his misses coming from 47 and 53 yards; he made 31-of-37 PAT kicks, with three of the misses coming on blocks. His long of 44 yards came in the season finale against Nebraska, while his first career make from 40 yards out against UCLA tied for the fifth longest for the first in a CU kicker's career in Buff history. He made the first five field goals of his career, one shy of the record for the most at the start of a CU career. He kicked off 37 times on the year, with 26 going for touchdowns with just 10 returned for an average starting field position for the opponent at its own 23.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in communication at Colorado. He was a consistent member of the "A-B" honor roll throughout high school (five out of six semesters).

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 3, 1984 in Lubbock, Texas.

Season	G	SCORING		FG BREAKDOWN							Long	PTS
		EP-EPA	FG-FGA	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+			
2003	12	31-37	7- 9	0-0	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	0-0	44	52	
2004	12	28-30	19-23	1-1	5-5	5-5	3-5	4-6	1-1	60	85	
2005	12	31-31	21-28	0-0	3-4	5-6	8-11	5-7	0-0	58	94	
Totals	36	90-98	47-60	1-1	12-13	10-11	14-20	9-14	1-1	60	231	

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS**—Kickoffs: 37 Total, 26 TB, 10 Ret. (2003); 59 Total, 41 TB, 17 Ret. (2004); 61 Total, 43 TB, 18 Ret (2005). Special Team Tackles: 2, 0—2 (2003).

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**BRIAN DANIELS, OG**

6-4, 300, Jr., 3L

Evergreen, Colo. (Mullen)



**AT COLORADO—This Season**—CU's starting tight (strong) side guard, he started all 10 games he appeared in; he missed the New Mexico State and Miami games after suffering a fractured rib and a bruised kidney in the opener versus Colorado State. He bounced back from those injuries to grade out as the team's top lineman, earning a season mark of 2.68 on a 0-4 point per play scale. He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches, though the *San Antonio Express-News* named him to its first-team and the *Dallas Morning News* to its second-team. In 640 snaps from scrimmage, he led the team with 29 knockdown blocks along with the third-most "Perfect 4" plays (14). He did not allow a sack, was flagged for just four penalties and had two touchdown blocks with a single-game best grade of 2.89 versus Missouri. In the preseason, *Street & Smith's* tabbed him as an honorable mention All-American, while *The Sporting News* ranked him as the No. 12 offensive guard nationally. He had a great spring and received the Joe Romig Award as the outstanding offensive lineman as selected by the coaches. The anchor of the Colorado offensive line, a 23-game starting streak dating back to his freshman year ended with the injury in the CSU game.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He started all 13 games including the Houston Bowl at tight

side guard, earning honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches (the *Austin American-Statesman* tabbed him a second-team choice). He enters the bowl game having made 21 consecutive starts, the third most on the team, as are his 21 total for his career. He graded out the highest of all the offensive linemen, as he posted an 82.3 percent grade for the season (minus the Big 12 title game, which was not graded; he played 769 snaps overall). He led the team with 29 knockdown blocks, was called for the fewest penalties (2), allowed the fewest pressures (5), tied for the low in quarterback sacks allowed (1½), and had the second most touchdown blocks (6). He posted the high single-game grade of the season by any O-lineman when he recorded an 88.2 percent mark against Oklahoma State. He also played every snap (53) on the field goal and PAT unit on special teams. He was one of the 10 players on the season to earn his way into CU's prestigious Victory Club, posting a winning productivity grade in at least eight games for the year. In the preseason, *Phil Steele's College Football* ranked him as the No. 25 guard in the nation, but the second sophomore on the list.

**2003 (Fr.)**—He earned first-team Freshman All-America honors from college-footballnews.com (second-team from *The Sporting News*, which did name him first-team freshman all-Big 12), with the CU coaches naming him the recipient of the Lee Willard Award as the team's most outstanding freshman. He played in 11 games at guard, starting the last nine games of the year on the split side as he made his first start of the season at Florida State in game four and was a fixture in the lineup the remainder of the season. His nine starts set a school record for the most by a true freshman offensive lineman, as he broke the old record of eight set by Clint Moore in 1991 (he was only the seventh frosh O-lineman to start at least one game since 1973). He graded out at 74.6 percent for the year, ranking third among all offensive linemen, as he played 631 snaps, the second most by a freshman on the team (and high by a true frosh). He was third on the team in knockdown blocks (15), tied for the lead in touchdown blocks (5), allowed team lows in both pressures (4) and quarterback sacks (2) and was flagged for just two penalties; his high game grade was 85.7 percent versus Washington State. At the annual CUSPY's (CU Sports Performers of the Year Awards banquet), he was selected as the Male Freshman Athlete of the Year for all sports.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in business (finance) at Colorado. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors as both a junior and a sophomore, boasting a 3.57 grade point average, and as a junior, he earned Academic All-District accolades. An honor roll student throughout high school, he is also a member of the National Honor Society as he owned a 3.8 GPA.

**PERSONAL**—He was born Oct. 31, 1984 in Denver.

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**AKARIKA DAWN, ILB**

6-2, 240, Sr., 4L

Sugarland, Texas (Kempner)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He played in all 12 games, including two starts, versus New Mexico State and the Big 12 title game against Texas in his hometown of Houston. He finished seventh on the team with 60 tackles (44 solo, five for losses with two sacks), along with 13 third down stops, second best on the team, in playing just 391 snaps from scrimmage, the most by any non-starter on the squad. He also had three pass deflections, a forced fumble and a recovery (against Kansas State), and an interception, which he made in the opener against Colorado State. He matched his career high with 10 tackles in the win over Missouri, when he also had three third down stops. Other top games included making nine tackles with a sack against Nebraska, and seven tackles games against NMSU and Oklahoma State. He was the runner-up on the team with 14 special team points, on the strength of six tackles (three inside-the-20), three knockdown blocks and two downed punts. He finished his career 73rd all-time in tackles at Colorado with 180 (120 solo), as well as third all-time in third down stops (34) and second in games played with 49 (regular season, the most by a defensive player). He was the runner-up in the team's strength and conditioning competition for the "Explosion" group (TE, LB, FB, DS), as he owned a team-best 4.01 in the pro shuttle and a group best of 330 pounds in the power clean.

**2004 (Jr.)**—He saw action in all 13 games, including the Houston Bowl, with five regular season starts, as he proved versatile in playing both the "will" and "mike" inside linebacker positions. He had the most tackles on the team of any player starting half or less of the games, finishing fifth overall with 71 (44 solo, four for losses). He was the team leader in third down stops with 13, as he also had four passes broken up, four quarterback pressures, four quar-





terback chasedowns (or near sacks) and one-and-a-half sacks. He racked up a career-high 10 tackles (8 solo) in the loss to Texas, and also had nine with two solo stops in the loss at Missouri. In CU's overtime setback at Texas A&M, he recorded eight stops, five unassisted, including three third down stops. He won CU's defensive lineman of the week for the Colorado State game, when he posted eight tackles (six solo), including one for a loss and a pass deflection. Overall, he posted at least five tackles in nine games, with six against Iowa State when he recorded his 1½ sacks as well as two third down stops. He also added a solo tackle and a downed punt on special teams play. In the bowl win over UTEP, he racked up five tackles, including four solo, three for losses and a quarterback sack; the 8-yard sack came on the first play of the Miners' final possession and helped seal CU's victory. This was the first season that he stopped shuffling between the secondary (safety) and linebacker, as was able to settle in at the position during the spring (he had 23 tackles in the three main spring scrimmages, including a team-high 12 in the spring game).

**2003 (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games, including five starts: two each at the mike and will linebacker spots and one at strong safety. In 448 snaps from scrimmage, he logged 48 tackles (33 solo, four for losses including a quarterback sack), along with seven third down stops, two forced fumbles, two pass deflections and an interception (which he made at Iowa State). He had nine tackles (seven solo) in the win over No. 22 Missouri, and posted six each against Baylor and Kansas State. He also was a special teams regular, and scored six special team points on the season with three solo tackles, a forced fumble, a knockdown block and a blocked PAT kick (against Texas Tech). He had entered the fall listed first at strong safety, but moved to inside linebacker early in drills where he eventually opened the season. He still saw some occasional spot duty at safety at various times during the season.

**2002 (Fr.)**—He saw action in all 14 games (no starts), mainly on special teams but did get in 18 snaps on defense at strong safety. He finished fourth on the team in special team points with 10, on the strength of six tackles, one inside-the-20, two knockdown blocks and a fumble recovery. The latter came against San Diego State, when he scooped the ball up after SDSU's return man lost the ball at his 8-yard line; he took it in for his first collegiate score. On defense, in his limited action he had one tackle (a third down stop at that) and a pass deflection during the regular season, but against Wisconsin in the bowl game, he had two tackles, including a sack, both on third down plays to prevent first downs.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in both Black Studies and Ethnic Studies at Colorado. He earned academic all-district honors as a high school senior.

**PERSONAL**—He was born Jan. 10, 1984 in Houston, Texas. (*First name is pronounced ock-ah-reek-ah.*)

TACKLES													
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2002	2	18	1	0—1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
2003	12	448	33	15—48	4-32	1-12	7	2	0	2	2	1	
2004	12	524	44	27—71	3-17	1½-14	13	4	0	0	4	0	
2005	12	391	44	16—60	5-19	2-12	13	0	1	1	3	1	
Totals	38	1381	122	58—180	12-68	4½-38	34	6	1	3	10	1	

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS**—Interception Return Yards: 1-0, 0.0 avg. (2003); 1-5, 5.0 avg. (2005). Fumble Returns: 1-8, 8.0 avg., 1 td (2002). Special Team Tackles: 4,2—6 (2002); 3,0—3 (2003); 1,0—1 (2004); 6,0—6 (2005).

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## JORDON DIZON, ILB

6-0, 225, Soph., 2L  
Waimea, Hawai'i (Waimea)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 regular season games, including 11 starts, as there was no sophomore jinx for him in following up his tremendous freshman year. He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, he tied for fifth on the team in tackles with 61 (42 solo) on 475 snaps from scrimmage. He had seven tackles for losses, including three quarterback sacks, along with five third down stops, four hurries, three quarterback chasedowns (near sacks) and a pass deflection. He had six tackles in five games, and had five stops in another five games; against Kansas and versus Texas in the Big 12 title game, he posted a season-best six solo stops. Against Missouri, he had five tackles, including a pair of quarterback sacks. On special teams, he had two tackles, one inside-the-20, for three points. In the preseason, *Street & Smith's* selected him as a first-team

all-Big 12 Conference performer.

**2004 (Fr.)**—He enjoyed one of the finest seasons by a true freshman in school history, as he was CU's first true frosh to ever be recognized with the conference's Defensive Newcomer of the Year (*Associated Press*) and the Defensive Freshman of the Year (Big 12 Coaches) awards. *The Sporting News* and *Rivals.com* selected him as a second-team Freshman All-American, he earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the *AP*, and *TSN* also selected him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team. Dizon led all freshmen in the conference in tackles with 82 (51 solo), which also established a CU true freshman record as he bettered the old total by some 15 stops (it was the second most tackles posted by a frosh, redshirt or true, missing a new mark by just four). He led the team in tackles from game one through game eight, eventually finishing third overall, easily the highest ever by a true freshman at CU (two others had previously finished seventh). He also had six tackles for loss, including one sack (against Texas), seven third down stops, four passes broken up, two touchdown saves, a forced fumble and one recovery. He had two big plays out of the gate, both of his touchdown saves: in the opener against Colorado State, he stuffed former Buff Marcus Houston at the 1-yard line on a second-and-goal run with less than 30 seconds remaining in a 27-24 Buff victory, and a week later at Washington State, he tackled quarterback Alex Brink at the 2, forcing a fumble that teammate Matt McChesney recovered with five seconds to go to preserve the 20-12 win. He had eight tackles in the opener (6 solo, along with a caused interception), and his 13 (9 solo) against WSU were the second most in a single-game by a CU true freshman. He had 10 stops (7 solo) against Texas and nine versus Missouri as he had at least four tackles in every game, five-plus in 10 games and six or more in eight contests. On special teams duty, he racked up seven points on the strength of four knockdown blocks on returns and two assisted tackles, one inside-the-20. When he reported to camp, the coaches had no idea what position he would play; they thought running back or safety would be his first home, but five days into drills after a trial at linebacker, it was evident that he was something special at the position. He would become the first true freshman to start a season opener at inside linebacker in school history, and he went on to start 11 games including the Houston Bowl (he played in all 13), tied for the most starts ever by a true freshman at Colorado. In the bowl win over UTEP, he had three solo tackles and a fumble recovery, the latter coming on the Miner's first possession of the second half and led to a CU field goal. He won the Lee Willard Award, presented by the coaches, as the team's most outstanding freshman, only the third inside linebacker to ever win the honor.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in engineering or business management. He was an honor roll member every quarter in high school, with his grade point average always at 3.5 or higher.

**PERSONAL**—He was born January 16, 1986 in Kauai, Hawai'i. (*Last name is pronounced dye-zonn*)

TACKLES													
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2004	12	597	51	31—82	6-14	1-6	7	1	0	1	4	0	
2005	12	475	42	19—61	7-42	3-36	5	4	0	0	1	0	
Totals	24	1072	93	50—143	13-56	4-42	12	5	0	1	5	0	

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS**—Special Team Tackles: 0,2—2 (2004); 1,1—2 (2005).

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## 22 BYRON ELLIS, TB

6-0, 200, Soph., 2L  
Culver City, Calif. (Venice)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games, including his first career start, which he made against Missouri. He finished third on the team in rushing with 75 attempts for 216 yards, averaging 2.9 yards per carry, with a long run of 25 yards; he had 18 runs of five or more yards and four of 10 or longer. His top yardage game came against New Mexico State (45 on 15 carries), with his best game versus Texas A&M, when he netted 39 yards on just seven attempts. He also caught six passes for 70 yards, the bulk of that at Miami, when he caught three balls for 53 yards, including a 38-yard gain, tied for the eighth longest play from scrimmage on the season for the team. On special teams, he had one kickoff return for 25 yards. He had entered the fall tied atop the depth chart at tailback, but the competition went deep into August.

**2004 (Fr.)**—He saw action in nine games (no starts), primarily in some spot situations resting starting tailback Bobby Purify. He had the fourth most car-



ries among all the running backs, as he had 19 rushes for 61 yards (3.2 average), with two runs in double figures (long of 11). He had 17 yards against North Texas, 12 at Texas A&M and 14 at Kansas. He also caught one pass for three yards. He did not see any action in the Houston Bowl.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in integrative physiology at Colorado. He earned first-team Academic all-Big 12 honors as a sophomore, boasting a 3.4 grade point average in one of the most difficult majors around.

**PERSONAL**—He was born March 27, 1986 in Los Angeles, Calif. Hobbies include watching movies and listening to music.

Season	RUSHING					High Games			RECEIVING					High Games		
	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds	TD
2004	9	19	61	3.2	0	11	8	23	1	3	3.0	0	3	1	3	
2005	12	75	216	2.9	0	25	8	45	6	70	11.7	0	38	3	53	
Totals	21	19	61	3.2	0	11	8	45	7	73	10.4	0	38	3	53	

## 58 MARK FENTON, C

6-4, 295, Jr., 3L  
Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—In starting all 12 games, running his streak to 25 consecutive, he had a breakout season as he was one of six finalists for the Rimington Award (presented to the nation's best center). He earned first-team all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, while being named second-team by three regional newspapers (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *Kansas City Star*, *San Antonio Express-News*) and honorable mention by the *Associated Press*. He played a team-high 799 snaps from scrimmage, the most on either offense or defense, in grading out as the second best lineman on the team at 2.65 (on a point per play scale of 0-4). He did not allow a quarterback sack, and posted the second most knockdown blocks on the team in 26. He also had the second most "perfect 4" plays with 15, and his top single game grade came against Texas A&M (2.85). *Street & Smith's* selected him as a preseason honorable mention All-American; he had a great spring and received the John Wooten Award as the most improved offensive player as selected by the coaching staff.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He started all 13 games including the Houston Bowl at center, as he continued to develop as the season progressed. He played the most snaps on offense (788), finishing second among the offensive linemen in knockdown blocks with 26. He had two touchdown blocks, allowed just one quarterback sack on the year, was flagged for four penalties and allowed eight pressures as he graded out to 76.9 percent, third best of the O-line regulars. His top game grade was 84.1 percent against Kansas State, when he was the team's offensive lineman of the week, and his seven knockdown blocks in the North Texas game were the team's single-game best for the year. He also played every snap (53) on the field goal and PAT unit on special teams.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in the last 10 games of the season (no starts), as he was in for 70 snaps from scrimmage and another 37 on the FG/PAT unit. In his three games on offense, he graded out at 70.0 percent (49 plus plays), with one knockdown block; he was called for one penalty and did not allow a quarterback sack or pressure. He saw extensive action at Iowa State due to injuries, playing 54 snaps against the Cyclones. He had a solid spring evolving at center and went into fall camp atop the depth chart at the position.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced all fall on the offensive line (mainly at guard). He dressed for nine games and was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Missouri game. He shined in the Alamo Bowl practices, using the sessions to impress the coaches with his play at center. Enrolled in school in January in time for the spring semester, which means he still counts as a member of Colorado's 2001 class. He participated in spring drills, playing guard throughout.

**2001**—He delayed his enrollment until January, as despite playing well in the California-Texas All-Star game, he underwent a second surgical procedure to repair a broken metatarsal bone in his hand, as well as to improve on his academics. He was set to report as a defensive lineman out of high school and was an original member's of CU's '01 recruiting class.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in political science at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born Nov. 14, 1983 in Hawthorne, Calif. Hobbies include playing video games.

## 82 JAMES GAREE, DT

6-6, 275, Sr., 4L  
Colorado Springs, Colo. (Mitchell)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He started all 12 games at defensive tackle, where he had moved to (from end) prior to spring drills to bolster the interior line. He finished the year with 41 tackles (23 solo) in 576 snaps from scrimmage, doing yeoman's work in helping to clog the middle in CU's No. 9 ranked defense against the run. He had eight tackles for loss, including two-and-a-half quarterback sacks, giving him 10 for his career which tied him for 28th on CU's all-time list. He had four quarterback hurries, and two third down stops and a blocked kick, a field goal in the fourth quarter to help preserve the 39-0 shutout against New Mexico State. In the Big 12 championship game, he matched his career high of nine tackles (six solo), posting five on two other occasions, at Miami and versus Kansas. Against Miami, he went in on offense on a trick play but lost six yards on a reception, his only offensive touch of his career. The coaching staff presented him with the Tom McMahon Award, given to the player who displays an impressive work ethic and dedication; Garee never missed one practice in his five years on the roster. *Street & Smith's* selected him as a preseason honorable mention All-American, while Phil Steele's College Football ranked him as the No. 53 defensive linemen in the nation. He was the runner-up in the team's strength and conditioning competition for the "Power" group (OL, DL), as he owned group bests in the standing long jump (9-7), dips (39) and pull-ups (17) while tying for the best vertical jump (33-0). He also tied for the fourth best bench press with 405 pounds.

**2004 (Jr.)**—He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, as he played steady all year in starting all 13 games, including the Houston Bowl, at the rush defensive end spot. He led all CU ends in tackles with 60 (37 solo), which included six for losses and two-and-a-half quarterback sacks. He also had three third down stops and two quarterback pressures as he racked up at least four tackles in 11 games, with a season and career high of nine tackles, six solo, against Texas. He had six of the same variety (four solo, two assists) in three different games: Washington State, Texas A&M and Oklahoma, with five on three other occasions. He had three tackles (one solo) in the bowl victory over UTEP. He was one of the 10 players on the season to earn his way into CU's prestigious Victory Club, posting a winning productivity grade in at least eight games for the year. *The Sporting News* selected him to its All-Spring Team, citing his pass rush abilities, and the coaches named him as the recipient of the Dan Stavelly Award, presented to the Outstanding Defensive Lineman for the spring.

**2003 (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games, but once he cracked the starting lineup for the conference opener at Baylor, he remained in it the rest of the season (eight starts in all). He played 518 snaps from scrimmage, posting 32 tackles (23 solo), tying for the team lead in quarterback sacks with four. His seven overall tackles for loss were the third most on the team, and he also added four hurries, three third stops and a forced fumble. He really came on the second half of the season (27 tackles, six for losses the last seven games), and was CU's defensive line player of the week for the win over No. 22 Missouri, when he had five tackles, three for losses including two quarterback sacks. He had a season high six tackles, all solo, in the overtime win over Kansas, with five tackles versus No. 1 Oklahoma and four versus Nebraska. A big spring game was the sign of things to come, as he was in on seven tackles, with all six of his solo stops being quarterback sacks.

**2002 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in seven games (no starts), including four on defense. He was in for 39 plays, making five solo stops including a sack (against Baylor). He had three points on special team duty, as he assisted on a tackle inside-the-20 and had a wedge break.

**2001 (Fr.)**—The coaching staff named him the winner of the Lee Willard Award, presented to the most outstanding freshman. Even though he was redshirted, he really developed on the scout team and was named the scout team player of the week three different times (for the Colorado State, San Jose State and Iowa State games). He was the first frosh redshirt to win the award since 1972, the last season true freshmen were not eligible to play.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in both economics and sociology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—Born May 8, 1982 in Denver. He says the biggest moment in his high school career was when he officially signed with the Buffaloes. Hobbies include playing basketball. (*Last name is pronounced Gary.*)





#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2002	4	39	5	0—5	1-6	1-6	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	12	518	23	9—32	7-45	4-30	3	4	0	1	0	0
2004	12	569	37	23—60	6-20	2 1/2-17	3	2	0	0	0	0
2005	12	576	23	18—41	8-22	2 1/2-15	2	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	40	1702	88	50—138	14-71	10-68	8	10	0	1	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 0,1—1 (2002); 1,0—1 (2003); Receiving: 1-minus 6, -6.0 avg. (2005).

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### JOHN GUYDON, OG/DT

6-2, 285, Sr., 2L

Yorba Linda, Calif. (El Dorado/  
Fullerton Community College)



**AT COLORADO—This Season (Sr.)**—He likely will see action in the bowl game on offense, as with the offensive linemen depleted and down to six healthy bodies (including him), he was spending his time in bowl practices at guard while also being listed as the backup nose tackle. He played in all 12 games on defense (no starts), and in 200 plays from scrimmage, he had 12 tackles, including six solo with one quarterback sack (at Iowa State) and a third down stop. In seeing action on defense (13 snaps at tackle) and offense (3 snaps at guard) at Texas on October 15, 2005, he was the first player to see action on both offense and defense for a complete series with no gimmicks or special situation since wide receiver Michael Westbrook played a series at safety against Baylor in 1993. He tied for the fourth best bench press on the team (405 pounds) in spring conditioning tests.

**2004 (Jr.)**—He returned to defense during August camp to help improve the depth on the line; for a while, he was listed on both sides of the line but settled in quickly only on the defensive side. He played in 12 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), seeing action for 160 snaps from scrimmage in registering six tackles on the year (five solo), including a quarterback sack and a third down stop. He had two tackles in the win at Kansas, including the sack, and had one tackle in four other games (Colorado State, North Texas, Nebraska and Oklahoma); he had no stats in the bowl win over UTEP. Following spring drills, he was listed at both guard and center (second and third, respectively), as he agreed to move to the offensive line from defensive tackle during the off-season.

**2003 (Jr.-RS)**—Redshirted; he practiced at defensive tackle most of the fall, but occasionally shifted to offense for scout team duty. He was the Scout Team player of the week for four games, all in succession: Florida State (offense), Baylor (defense), Kansas (defense) and Kansas State (defense). He was still attending junior college in the spring and thus did not enroll at CU for spring drills.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE**—As a sophomore, he earned second-team JUCO All-America honors and unanimous first-team all-Mission Conference honors. *SuperPrep* ranked him as the No. 79 player on its JUCO Top 100 List (the seventh DL), CFN.com ranked him as the No. 43 JUCO (the 11th DL), and JCFootball.com ranking him among eight D-tackles in its Top 101. He earned second-team all-conference honors as a freshman. As a senior, he was second among all Mission Conference defensive linemen with 60 tackles (23 solo, 19 for losses, two sacks). He also forced two fumbles and recovered two. As a freshman, he made 35 tackles (19 solo), with 16 for losses, two sacks and an interception. His top game came his soph year against rival Santa Ana: in a 24-21 win, he had 10 tackles, three hurries and a sack in helping to limit Santa Ana to just 86 yards on 46 rushes. Fullerton CC was 3-7 his sophomore year and 6-5 his freshman season under coach Gene Murphy.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in journalism (broadcast production) at Colorado. A 3.0 student in junior college, he was a finalist for a student-athlete achievement award for southern California junior colleges.

**PERSONAL**—Born August 18, 1983 in Compton, Calif. His main hobby is comedy; he's performed stand-up in several California comedy clubs, and cites comedian Dannon Greene as his mentor. He is engaged to Meagan McCarty, as he proposed to her on the stadium floor of Folsom Field after the team busses arrived two hours prior to the Nebraska game, utilizing CU's BuffVision as an aide in popping the question.

#### TACKLES

Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	11	160	5	1—6	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2005	12	200	6	6—12	1-10	1-10	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	160	5	1—6	1-10	2-10	2	0	0	0	0	0

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### EDWIN HARRISON, OT

6-4, 305, Soph., 2L

Houston, Texas (Westbury)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He played in 10 games, including six starts, as he was slowed a bit the last third of the season due to a severe ankle sprain. He played 359 snaps from scrimmage, grading out to 2.52 on a 0-4 point per play scoring system for the season, fourth best on the team. He did not allow a quarterback sack and was called for just one penalty in racking up 16 knockdown blocks and 12 "Perfect 4" plays, both fourth on the team. He had a high game grade of 2.69 against both Texas A&M and Missouri. He missed spring practice after undergoing shoulder surgery on March 18, and initially it was thought he might not return until September; however, his rehab went well and he was able to participate in August drills. He tied for the best bench press on the team (414 pounds) in spring conditioning tests before he was injured.

**2004 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action for the first time against North Texas and went on to play in the last 10 games of the regular season plus the Houston Bowl, as his playing time basically increasing as the year progressed. *The Sporting News* selected him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team, as he played 222 snaps from scrimmage at primarily tight-side tackle and graded out to 70.2 percent for the season. He had eight knockdown and two touchdown blocks, did not allow a quarterback sack, allowed five pressures and was called for three penalties. His top game grade came at Kansas, when he recorded an 82.6 percent mark. He had a solid spring an entered the fall in competition for the starting honors.

**2003 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced the entire year on the offensive line. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Oklahoma game.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in economics at Colorado. He was an active member of the National Honor Society, the English Honor Society and the French Honor Society, and also belonged to the National Science Scholars.

**PERSONAL**—He was born November 18, 1984 in Houston, Texas.

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### TYRONE HENDERSON, S

5-10, 175, Jr., 2L

Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds/  
Front Range CC)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He played in all 12 games, including starts in the first 11 games of the year (he did not start against Texas in the Big 12 title game), as a solid camp propelled him into the starting role at safety where he would earn honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches. He finished third on the team in tackles with 78 (63 solo, two for losses), as he tied for second on the team with 13 third down stops. He also had five pass deflections, a quarterback chasedown (near sack) and a forced fumble, the latter at Kansas State, where he played one of his best games of the season. In addition to the caused fumble that set up a touchdown, he had 11 tackles, three passes broken up and two third down stops. He was CU's defensive back of the week for that game, as well as for games against New Mexico State (five tackles, one PBU) and Oklahoma State (six tackles, three third down stops). He had 10 tackles in two other games, in the opener against Colorado State (eight solo) and at Texas during the regular season (all solo stops). He had at least one third down stop in the first 10 games of he season, and had seven or more solo tackles in four games.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He saw action in all 13 games, including the Houston Bowl, and started 10 in the regular season, as he played both free and strong safety. He saw action for 659 snaps from scrimmage and finished sixth on the team in tackles with 68 (45 solo), including one for a loss. He added four third down stops, two pass deflections and a touchdown save. Against Washington State, he earned his way into the Colorado record book as he blocked two punts to become the first CU player to record two blocked kicks in the same game. Those were two of the three special team points he earned on the year, as he also had one knockdown block. He had a "monster" game against WSU,



as he also posted five tackles (four solo) and two third down stops as the coaches rewarded him with both the defensive back and special team player of the week awards. He had at least four tackles in 10 games, registering nine on two occasions, against North Texas (seven solo) and at Missouri (five unassisted) and eight twice as well (versus Texas and Oklahoma, five solo each time). In the bowl win over UTEP, he had six tackles (five solo) with a pass deflection. He had 14 tackles (seven solo) and three passes broken up in the three main spring scrimmages after he re-enrolled at Colorado for the spring semester.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He was suspended for the fall semester for violating team rules, and attended nearby Front Range Community College for the fall semester. He figured to see substantial playing time had he been at CU, judging by his performance in the spring. He led the team in tackles in the three main spring scrimmages with 24 (15 solo, four for losses with a quarterback sack), a total which also included a team-high 11 in the Black & Gold game.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced all fall in the secondary. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Texas Tech game.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in Ethnic Studies at Colorado. A steady 3.0-plus student in high school, he was consistently on McClymonds' honor roll.

**PERSONAL**—He was born May 28, 1983 in Oakland, Calif.

TACKLES													
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2004	11	659	45	23—68	1- 1	0- 0	4	0	0	0	2	0	
2005	12	726	63	15—78	2-22	0- 0	13	0	0	1	5	0	
Totals	23	1385	108	38—146	3-23	0- 0	17	0	0	1	7	0	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 0,1—1 (2005). Blocked Kicks: 2 punts (2004).

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**TOM HUBBARD, S**  
 6-5, 220, Sr., 2L  
 Limon, Colo. (Limon)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He played in all 12 games, including two starts (versus New Mexico State and Texas in the Big 12 title game), as he was one of 42 candidates on the official watch list for the inaugural Ronnie Lott Trophy. He was in for 280 plays from scrimmage, registering 14 tackles (12 solo), with five third down stops, two pass deflections, a forced fumble (at Kansas State) and two interceptions, against Kansas and Texas in the Big 12 championship. He also caught a blocked field goal and returned it 68 yards against NMSU, though he fumbled the ball back to the Aggies at the end of the play. Against the Longhorns the second time around, he matched his season high with four tackles, including three third down stops; the interception was his third at Reliant Stadium, as he had two in the Houston Bowl the previous December. He also had four tackles, all solo, in the season opener against Colorado State. In the preseason, *Athlon* selected him as a third-team member on its preseason all-Big 12 team. He missed the last half of spring drills due to an injured knee; though a severe sprain, it did not require surgery and he was able to participate full-go in fall camp.

**2004 (Jr.)**—He saw the first game scrimmage action of his career, earning the reputation of almost always being in the right position to make the play as he saw time at mainly free safety but had some snaps on the string side as well. He played in all 13 games, with five starts including the Houston Bowl, with his first start coming in a win against Iowa State. In 10 games on defense, he saw action for 473 snaps from scrimmage and racked up 28 tackles (15 solo), with two for losses. He also had four third down stops, three passes broken up and an interception (he returned it 23 yards against Kansas State that set up a CU field goal). He had a career-high seven tackles, with two solo, in the Big 12 title game against Oklahoma, and he had six in the two wins leading up to the game, against K-State (five solo) and at Nebraska (four unassisted). He capped off the year by being named the most valuable player on defense in the 33-28 win over UTEP in the bowl game, as he had two interceptions, four tackles (all solo), two third down stops and a pass deflection. One pick led to a missed field goal try early in the third quarter, with the other coming with 11:10 remaining and the Miners at the CU47; it set up the winning points, as six plays later, the Buffs went ahead for good. He was the team leader in special team points, as he won the annual competition with 13 on the strength of six tackles (four solo, two inside-the-20), three knockdown blocks, a recovered onside kick and an interception to thwart a 2-point PAT try by Nebraska. He had a solid fall camp, ending the sessions second on the depth at free

safety and a scholarship in hand, as the coaches awarded him one on September 1. He had eight tackles (all solo) in the three main spring scrimmages.

**2003 (Soph.)**—He played in six games on special teams only, the first five and the finale as he missed six games with a hand injury. He had one knockdown block on return unit duty. He moved from receiver over to defense for spring drills, where he practiced at free safety for the first time. He had five tackles, including three solo and a third down stop at his new position in the three main scrimmages.

**2002 (Fr.-RS)**—He was to be moved to receiver (from quarterback) for spring practice, but he injured a knee in conditioning in February and did not participate in drills. He was 100 percent by August, and made the move then; he dressed for nine games, but did not see any action.

**2001 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced at quarterback the entire fall.

**ACADEMICS**—He is earning a double major in business (accounting and finance) at Colorado. A first-team Academic All-Big 12 team member as both a junior and senior, he is also a four-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. He earned CU's prestigious 4.0 Club Award for a perfect grade point average his second year in college, and as a senior, he was awarded the team's Dean Jacob Van Ek Award for academic excellence. He was the valedictorian of his senior class at Limon, as he was an honor roll student throughout high school in maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average, twice earning prestigious Army Reserve Scholar Athlete honors.

**PERSONAL**—Born February 10, 1983 in Hugo, Colo.

TACKLES													
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2004	10	473	15	13—28	2- 8	0- 0	4	0	0	0	3	1	
2005	12	280	12	2—14	0- 0	0- 0	5	0	0	1	2	2	
Totals	22	753	27	15—42	2- 8	0- 0	9	0	0	1	5	3	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 1-23, 23.0 avg. (2004); 2-23, 11.5 avg., 21 long (2005). Special Team Tackles: 4,2—6 (2004); 2,0—2 (2005).

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**GEORGE HYPOLITE, DT**  
 6-2, 270, Fr., 1L  
 Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—He saw action in 11 games (no starts), playing for the first time against New Mexico State in the second game of the year. He saw most of his action at tackle, but he did play some at end, especially around midseason when the position was hit hard by injury. In playing 203 snaps from scrimmage, he was in on 10 tackles (five solo), with one for a loss; he also registered three third down stops, three quarterback hurries and a chasedown (near sack). He had two tackles against Missouri (both solo) and Iowa State (both assists), with a single stop in six other games.

**HIGH SCHOOL**—As a senior, he earned *SuperPrep* All-Far West honors, ranked No. 96 overall in California, while *PrepStar* named him to its preseason All-West team, ranking him as one of the two top fullbacks in the west. Scout.com listed him as a member of its West Hot 100 list, ranking him No. 34 overall and as the fourth running back. He was a first-team all-Sierra League performer at defensive end. He also earned all-league honors as a junior (at fullback), when he also was named to the all-state Underclass team; it was the first year he played any organized football. As a senior, he started at both fullback and defensive end: he rushed 36 times for 520 yards and five touchdowns, also catching 12 passes for about 200 yards on offense; defensively, he was in on 45 tackles (25 solo), with 10 for losses including six quarterback sacks, along with 35 hurries, two forced fumbles and one recovery. As a junior, he played solely at fullback, carrying the ball 121 times for 669 yards and five touchdowns with seven receptions for close to 100 yards and two more scores. He had two 100-yard games in his career, as well as seven runs of 50 yards or longer. Top career games: in a 21-14 win over Long Beach Poly in the CIF title game his junior year, he rushed 10 times for 89 yards and several first downs, in addition to having one of his best blocking games of his career; also in a win over Esperanza that same season, he had six rushes for 102 yards and two scores; and in a 28-14 playoff win over Edison as a senior, he had nine rushes for 115 yards, including the long run of his career of 78 yards for a touchdown. Loyola was 11-3 his junior season, winning the Sierra League title as well as the CIF Division I championship, and was 9-3 his senior year, also claiming the league crown in reaching the state quarterfinals under coach Steve Grady. He also lettered three times in basketball (forward) and was a member of two CIF Division 1-A championship teams.





**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in psychology or business as potential majors at Colorado. He earned a “free spirit” scholarship he utilized at Loyola, awarded to a student who embodies free spirit in academics. He owned a 3.28 grade point average in high school.

**PERSONAL**—Born August 1, 1987 in Los Angeles. (*Last name is pronounced hip-puh-light.*)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2005	11	203	5	5—10	1- 1	0- 0	3	3	0	0	1	0	

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## BRIAN IWUH, OLB

6-0, 225, Sr., 4L

Houston, Texas (*Worthing*)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He started 11 games at outside “buff” linebacker, missing the New Mexico State game after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery due after being injured in the opener against Colorado State. That slowed him a bit but the first portion of the year, but he came on at the end to earn second-team all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches (honorable mention by the *Associated Press*) and earn an invitation to play in the Senior Bowl. One of 65 candidates on the official watch list for the Dick Butkus Award, he was one of just nine players to earn prestigious CU Victory Club honors by the coaching staff, which also named him the recipient of the Hang Tough Award for overcoming the most adversity in his career. He completed his career tied for 47th all-time in tackles at Colorado with 216, though his 155 solo stops tied for 18th all-time. As a senior, he finished fourth on the team with 65 tackles (44 solo), recording 42 of those over the last six games of the year once he returned to normal following the knee injury. He was in on five for losses, including three quarterback sacks, and led the team with 18 third down stops, which tied Chad Brown’s 1992 count for the second most in school history (Alfred Williams set the record of 26 in 1990). He also had eight quarterback hurries, two chasedowns (near sacks), forced two fumbles and had a pass deflection, along with three more tackles on special teams. He was named CU’s lineman of the week on two occasions: against Kansas, when he had eight tackles, including two sacks, and against Missouri, when he had four tackles, two third down stops and a hurry. He had 10 tackles (eight solo) against Nebraska, with six or more on four other occasions. In the preseason, *Street & Smith’s* selected him as a honorable mention All-American, while *The Sporting News* tabbed him as the No. 12 outside “backer in the nation.

**2004 (Jr.)**—A second-team All-Big 12 performer (*Associated Press* and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*; the league coaches named him honorable mention), he finished as the team leader in tackles with 98, as well as in solo stops with 74. He became the first linebacker to lead Colorado in tackles since 1999, and just the second playing true outside linebacker ever to do so. He had five games with 10 or more tackles, including three in the last four games, with a season-high 13 at Kansas that featured 12 unassisted. He also had 12 tackles against both Missouri and Oklahoma, the latter in the Big 12 championship game. In the opener against Colorado State, he scored what amounted to be the winning points as he made his first career interception and raced 37 yards for a touchdown to give CU a 27-17 lead at the time. In playing the second most snaps on defense (772), he also led the team in tackles for loss with 14, was fifth in third down stops (9), and added four quarterback hurries, two pass deflections, a fumble recovery (against Iowa State), two touchdown saves, a caused interception and two more tackles on special teams play. He was one of only 10 players to earn his way on CU’s prestigious Victory Club, as he had a winning production grade in at least eight games on the year, and the coaches also selected him as CU’s defensive back of the week for three games (Colorado State, Missouri and Kansas State). He started all 13 games, including the Houston Bowl; he had two tackles (one solo), a third down stop and a pass deflection in the win over UTEP as the Miners stayed away from his side of the field most of the game. He was moved to outside linebacker for spring drills, the new position in CU’s return to a 4-3 defensive scheme. For the second straight year, he was the recipient of the Hale Irwin Award as the outstanding defensive back (includes linebackers) as selected by the coaches. He was 15 pounds heavier than he was entering fall drills as a sophomore (and 25 more than when he reported as a frosh).

**2003 (Soph.)**—He started four games (all at strong safety) and played in 11 overall, as he had a rough go of it, losing his father and an older brother both to cancer four days apart in October. He played 329 snaps from scrimmage in addition to several plays on special teams, as he racked up 32 tackles (24

solo) defensively, including three for losses. He also had two touchdown saves, a forced fumble, one recovery, a third down stop and a pass deflection. He had a season-high seven tackles on two occasions, in the opener against Colorado State and before his family at Baylor, with another top effort against No. 22 Missouri: he had three tackles, one for a loss, along with a his forced fumble and recovery to help CU to the win. He earned five special team points, as he had two solo tackles, a fumble recovery, a knockdown block and a blocked PAT kick (the latter coming at Kansas State). He enjoyed a fine spring, as he was named the Hale Irwin Award winner as the outstanding defensive back as selected by the coaches, and was one of 13 players to earn prestigious Spring Victory Club honors. He bulked up a bit for the spring, adding 10 pounds of muscle to his frame from the 205 he played at as a freshman.

**2002 (Fr.)**—He saw action in 13 games, including starts the last two games of the year (against Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship game and Wisconsin in the Alamo Bowl); he really matured in CU’s defensive schemes as the season progressed. On defense, he saw most of his action at the weak safety position, in for three games from scrimmage (121 total plays). He had 21 tackles on the season, with one pass breakup, but the bulk of those came against the Sooners in the league title game, when he posted 14 (seven solo, seven assisted). That tied him for the second most ever in a game by a true frosh at Colorado. He played in all 12 of his games on special teams, missing the UCLA game after having surgery for a broken thumb. He returned after missing just one game, and played several in a soft cast as the injury healed. He had six tackles, including four solo and one for a loss, against Wisconsin in the bowl game.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in economics at Colorado. An honor roll student in high school, as he maintained a 3.2 GPA.

**PERSONAL**—He was born March 8, 1984 in Houston, Texas. (*Last name is pronounced E-woo.*)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES										
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2002	3	121	11	10—	21	1- 5	0- 0	1	0	0	0	1	0
2003	10	329	24	8—	32	3- 5	0- 0	1	1	1	1	1	0
2004	12	772	74	24—	98	14-37	1½-14	9	4	1	0	2	1
2005	11	610	44	21—	65	5-24	3-22	18	8	0	2	1	0
Totals	36	1832	153	63—	216	23-71	4½-36	29	13	2	3	5	1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 1-37, 37.0, 1 td (2004); Special Team Tackles: 3,1—4 (2002); 2,0—2 (2003); 1,1—2 (2004); 3,0—3 (2005).

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## EVAN JUDGE, WR

6-2, 215, Sr., 4L

Scottsdale, Ariz. (*Chaparral*)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He started all 12 games at the “X” receiver spot, as he finished second on the team in receptions with 40 but first in receiving yards with 567, averaging 14.2 yards per catch. He caught team bests of 10 passes of 20 or more yards and 25 of 10 or longer, along with two for touchdowns and 23 for first downs. He had at least one reception in every game, with three or more eight times with a high of seven (for 82 yards) against Texas A&M. He was CU’s offensive back of the week for the Kansas State game, when he had six catches for 108 yards and a touchdown (a 31-yard reception from Joel Klatt), the first 100-yard game of his career. He finished his career ranked 19th all-time at Colorado in receptions (69) and 22nd in receiving yards (903), while his 13.1 yards per catch ranked 52nd, though he caught balls for 43 first downs in his career. The receptions and yards were easily the most ever by walk-on, topping Jeff Campbell, who had 28 and 802, respectively; they are the only two walk-ons to have accumulated in excess of 20 catches and 200 receiving yards. He missed the last portion of spring ball with an ankle sprain, but he was healed by May.

**2004 (Jr.)**—He started 11 games including the Houston Bowl at the “X” receiver position and played in 11 overall, as he missed the Nebraska game due to a viral infection that affected his platelet count. He led the team in receptions with 29, which he gathered in for 336 yards and 3 TDs, as he became a favorite and reliable target for the quarterbacks. Judge made some history with his season, as he became only the second walk-on or former walk-on to lead the team in receiving (Jeff Campbell did so in 1988). Judge had 17 catches of 10 or more yards and six of 20 or longer, the latter tying for the most on the team, and earned 21 first downs (20 receiving, 1 rushing on a lateral pass called a run). He caught at least one pass in 10 games and had



two or more in seven contests with a high of six (for 50 yards against Oklahoma State). He had five catches for 82 yards and a TD against North Texas, and at Texas A&M, he caught two passes for 39 yards, both for touchdowns, the only multiple TD game by a CU receiver on the year. In the 33-28 win over UTEP in the bowl game, he caught what proved to be a game-winning 39-yard touchdown pass from Joel Klatt with 8:43 remaining; he had two catches for 50 yards in the contest. Six of his eight third down receptions earned first downs, while seven of his 10 grabs on first down did the same.

**2003 (Soph.)**—He saw action in all 12 games, mainly on special teams, but in a few games at receiver. He did not make any receptions, and he had one knockdown block on return team duty. He was placed on scholarship during the second week of August camp, as the coaches rewarded him particularly for his dedication on special teams. He had six catches for 148 yards a touchdown in the three main spring scrimmages, his long play a 53-yard scoring grab from Erik Greenberg.

**2002 (Fr.-RS)**—He played in all 14 games, including the Alamo Bowl, on the punt return unit on special teams. He registered CU's only blocked punt of the year, when he beat his man off the edge and got a block against USC in the third quarter. He was credited with a four-yard punt return on the play. In the spring, he had three catches (for 23 yards) in CU's three main scrimmages.

**2001 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at receiver. He was CU's Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Colorado State game.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in business management at Colorado. He earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 team honors as a sophomore, and second-team honors as a senior, junior and a redshirt frosh; he is also a four-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. He won many academic awards in high school, and was a perennial honor roll member.

**PERSONAL**—Born October 2, 1982 in Grand Haven, Mich. Hobbies include sports and watching television; he's also coached a YMCA youth basketball team.

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2004	11	29	336	11.6	3	30	5	82
2005	12	40	567	14.2	2	38	6	108
Totals	23	69	903	13.1	5	38	6	108

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Rushing: 1-3, 3.0 avg. (2004). Blocked Kicks: 1 punt (2002).

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**JOEL KLATT, QB**  
6-1, 210, Sr., 4L  
Arvada, Colo. (Pomona)

**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—CU's starting quarterback for his sophomore through senior seasons (started all 12 games in 2005), he set 44 school records in his tenure, the second most records ever set by one student-athlete at the school in any sport (Byron White set 51 between 1934 and 1937). He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* as well as the league coaches, as he quietly had one of the best years by a quarterback in the conference. He has 34 career starts at the position (19-15), the second most CU by a signal-caller; that led to him to take over almost every major career passing record at the school: yards (7,375), touchdowns (44), completion percentage (60.8), attempts (1,095), completions (666) and interceptions (33); the only ones to escape him were total offense (second with 7,255) and passer rating, where he finished seventh (124.6). He also set a school record with nine career fourth quarter comebacks to win or tie games, and had a host of single-game and single-season records along with all his career marks. He had 15 career 200-yard passing games, five of which exceeded 300 yards (not including bowls). For his career, he had a 24-to-2 ratio of touchdowns to interceptions in the red zone, taking just one sack as well. As a senior, he was one of 22 candidates on the watch list for the Johnny Unitas Award, and was selected as Colorado's most valuable player in a vote by his teammates, winning the Zack Jordan Award in the process. He also won the John Mack Award as the outstanding offensive player, as selected by the coaches, and the Buffalo Heart Award, a fan honor. He completed 241-of-400 passes for 2,696 yards and 14 touchdowns, throwing just eight interceptions (his 0.20 interception percentage was a season record). He topped the 200-yard mark six times, topped by a 398 yard effort on 28-of-36 accuracy against Texas A&M. At one point, he strung together a school record 139 passes without an interception, during a stretch of the season where he threw 12 touchdowns with just one pick over a six game span. He

gained three net yards rushing on the year, but he twice ran for his career best carry of 16 yards. He had to leave the Big 12 title game in the third quarter after an vicious and illegal helmet-to-chin hit by a Texas defender, possibly ending Klatt's CU career one game early as he suffered a severe concussion. He won the inaugural Eddie Crowder Award this past spring, presented by the CU coaches for outstanding leadership.

**2004 (Jr.)**—He started 12 games including the Houston Bowl and played in all 13 (he came off the bench against Iowa State), as he continued to zoom up CU's charts in every statistic for a quarterback. He struggled at times as offensive line developed chemistry, and while he didn't have the same numbers he posted as a sophomore, he still put up some decent statistics. He completed 192-of-334 passes (57.5%) for 2,065 yards and nine touchdowns, but threw 15 interceptions, the second most in a single-season at Colorado. It was the 10th time a quarterback threw for 2,000 yards in a season for CU, the second time for Klatt; in fact, only five players have accomplished the feat: Kordell Stewart did it three times, Klatt, John Hessler and Mike Moschetti twice and Koy Detmer once. He set eight school records, including attempts (334), completions (192) and completions in a game (26) by a junior, and his 196 yards passing and total offense in the second quarter against North Texas set record for the most of each in quarter by any player. He completed 26-of-33 passes for 371 yards against UNT, with the 78.8 completion percentage for the game setting school marks for 20, 25 and 30 attempts in a game. He also passed for over 200 yards on three other occasions: he had 346 at Texas A&M and 222 at Nebraska; the other came against UTEP in the Houston Bowl, when he was named the game's offensive MVP. In that one, he completed 24-of-33 passes for 333 yards and two scores. Against A&M, he recorded his first career reception (18 yards on a throwback from Bernard Jackson). A two-time selection by the coaches as the team's offensive back of the week (North Texas, Texas A&M). He was on the official watch list for the Davey O'Brien Award (one of 42 candidates), and *Street & Smith's* selected him as an honorable mention preseason All-American. He was placed on full scholarship in January, the earliest allowed by the NCAA due to situational issues, after being a walk-on for his first two seasons on the team.

**2003 (Soph.)**—In earning honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, he set 19 school records and tied one more in being named the newcomer of the year in the state by the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame. He was the John Mack Award winner for CU's outstanding offensive player as selected by the coaches, won the Best Interview Award as selected by the school's beat media, and was CU's offensive back of the week for four games (CSU, UCLA, Kansas and Iowa State). For the year, he completed 233-of-358 passes for 2,614 yards and 21 touchdowns, setting school marks for attempts and completions while throwing the second most TD passes in a single year in becoming the third Buff to throw for over 2,500 yards in a season. His 65.1 completion percentage set school records for every 50 pass increment over 100 attempts, and he was consistent across the board, completing 65.4 percent on first down, 66.1 on second down and 63.5 on third and fourth down (48 of 66 third and fourth down completions earned first downs). He had 426 total plays, also a school record, for 2,523 yards, the sixth most in school annals. He earned 128 first downs (11 rush, 117 pass) as he led the Buffs to 41 scores in 122 drives he engineered. He threw for 200 or more yards six times and completed over 52.0 percent of his passes in all but one game (Baylor, when he was 3-of-8, also the lone game he did not have at least one touchdown pass). He scored one touchdown rushing (against Kansas), as he rushed 39 times for 97 yards when not accounting for sacks. He enjoyed perhaps one of the best debuts as a starting quarterback in Colorado history, if not NCAA history in CU's 42-35 win over Colorado State in Denver. He completed 21-of-34 passes for 402 yards and four touchdowns (and no interceptions), in posting a single-game quarterback rating of 199.9, the second best rating in CU history for a game with 30 or more attempts. The 402 yards passing tied for the sixth most in a single game in school history at the time (he topped it with 419 against Kansas), and were the third most in a starting debut, bested only by Koy Detmer's 418 against Oklahoma and Kordell Stewart's 409 against Colorado State—both coming in 1992. It was also the first 300-yard passing game by a Buff quarterback since 2001 and the first 400-yard effort since Mike Moschetti set the school record with 465 against San Jose State in 1999, with his four touchdown passes marking just the ninth time in school annals that many had been thrown in a single game. He also led the Buffs to a pair of touchdowns in the two-minute drill: he tossed a 45-yard scoring strike to John Donahoe with 29 seconds left in the first half, and then engineered a 6-play, 75-yard drive that led to the winning score with 0:40 left in the game. He garnered all kinds of honors for his effort against the Rams, as *The Sporting News*, SI.com and collegefootballnews.com cited him as the National Player of the Week with the Big 12 Conference naming him its Offensive Player of the Week. Prior to suffering a shoulder injury against Washington State, he put together a streak of 92 consecutive passes without an interception—the sixth longest in school history—with the skein snapped on his first throw in his next game, in the fourth quarter at Baylor in an attempt to rally CU to victory. After missing two starts (Florida State, Baylor) with a sprained shoulder, he returned with a vengeance in throwing for 419 yards over Kansas. In setting CU single-game records for attempts (54) and





completions (38), he led the Buffs to a third game winning or tying drive in the fourth quarter, completing 4-of-6 passes for 56 yards and ran for six more on CU's 11-play, 89-yard drive that led to Mason Crosby's 23-yard field goal. His two 400-plus yard games represent the fourth and fifth most passing yards in a game by a walk-on (or former walk-on) in NCAA Division I history. Against No. 1 Oklahoma, he completed 24-of-33 passes for 187 yards and three touchdowns, with his 72.7 completion percentage the fifth best in school history in a game where a QB attempted 30 or more passes. He had entered the fall slightly ahead in the battle to be the starting quarterback, and the coaches named him such just after the midway point of camp. He had a good spring running CU's offense, and was really adept at limiting mistakes (he threw just one interception and didn't take a sack in the three main spring scrimmages).

**2002 (Fr.)**—He played in three games, against Baylor late in some mop-up duty at quarterback, and in two others (Missouri, Iowa State) on the punt return team as a rusher/blocker. He threw three passes against the Bears, all falling incomplete. He was one of 11 "recruited" walk-ons that joined the team for August camp; he became one of three true freshmen walk-ons to play in 2002, but they are in a group of only four who have done so dating back to 1986. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Colorado State game.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in economics at Colorado, and earned second-team academic all-Big 12 team honors as a senior.

**PERSONAL**—He was born February 4, 1982 in Arvada, Colo. .

Season	G	PASSING					RUSHING				
		Att	Com	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	Avg.
2002	3	3	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2003	11	358	233	10	65.1	2614	21	82t	68	-91	- 1.3
2004	12	334	192	15	57.5	2065	9	64t	39	-42	- 1.1
2005	12	400	241	8	60.3	2696	14	64	54	3	0.1
Totals	38	1095	666	33	60.8	7375	44	82t	161	-130	- 0.1

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—NCAA Rating: 140.2 (2003); 109.3 (2004); 124.4 (2005). Sacked/Yards Lost: 29/188 (2003); 18/108 (2004); 15/120 (2005). Receiving: 1-18, 18.0 avg. (2004).

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## JOE KLOPFENSTEIN, TE

6-6, 245, Sr., 4L

Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—CU's starting tight end and a candidate for the John Mackey Award (he did not advance to finalist stage), he earned first-team all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, along with second team mention from the Associated Press as well as three conference region newspapers. In addition, *Sports Illustrated* selected him as an honorable mention All-American, and he has accepted an invitation to play in the Senior Bowl in January. He finished third on the team in receiving with 32 catches for 463 yards (also third), with his 14.5 yards per reception the second best on the team; he also tied for the team lead in receiving touchdowns with four. He caught at least one pass in all 12 regular season games (he started 11 of those games), with two or more in nine games with a high of five on two occasions: against Texas A&M, when he recorded his career regular season best of 99 yards, and the following week at Texas against the No. 2 Longhorns, when he had 60 yards and a touchdown. He caught two passes for 43 yards against Kansas the week after that—both for touchdowns. His other top game came in the opener against Colorado State, when he hauled down four passes for 76 yards (he was CU's offensive back of the week for the CSU and KU games). He completed his career tied for 14th in receptions (80), 21st in receiving yards (937) and seventh in receiving TDs (12) at Colorado; those same numbers ranked him fifth, fourth (tied) and first among Buffalo tight ends. He caught 11 of his touchdown passes from Joel Klatt, the second most ever by a duo at CU (the record is 12). In the preseason, *The Sporting News* ranked him as the No. 15 tight end in the nation, with *Phil Steele's College Football* tabbing him at No. 20. He won the Fred Casotti Award in the spring as the outstanding offensive back as selected by the coaching staff. He was the overall strength and conditioning champion for the "Explosion" group (TE, LB, FB, DS) with 66 points, owning a group bests of 403 pounds in the bench press and a 38-inch vertical jump, along with impressive showings in the standing long jump (10-0 feet), the 40-yard dash (4.53, which was sixth best on the team), the squat (504 lbs.), the power clean (315 lbs.) and incline (347 lbs.).

**2004 (Jr.)**—He played in all 13 games with 12 starts, including the Houston

Bowl (deferring to senior Jesse Wallace for his final home game), and earned second-team all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches and honorable mention accolades from the *Associated Press*. His best game of the year came at the best time—in CU's 33-28 win over Texas-El Paso in the bowl game, he caught five passes for 134 yards and a touchdown—earned all-bowl team honors from ESPN.com. The touchdown he had against the Miners was a 78-yard catch and run effort where he shook the safety at midfield and ran away from all other defenders for what would be the longest reception by a tight end in school history (by some 21 yards). He tied for the second most receptions on the team, as he caught 28 passes for 284 yards and four touchdowns. He caught at least one pass in 11 games (shutout only against No. 2 Oklahoma), and had two or more in eight games and three or more in five contests. Numbers-wise, his top game came against North Texas, when he caught six passes for 67 yards and two touchdowns. He also had four grabs for 48 yards at Texas A&M, including a pair of key receptions on CU's go-ahead touchdown drive with 1:05 left; one was a terrific one-handed snare and the other brought CU to the 1-yard line (both were 11 yards in length). A 45-yard pass from James Cox against Texas was his long play of the season, and the third longest overall by the Buffaloes on the year. He earned CU's offensive lineman of the week for two games (North Texas and Nebraska). *Street & Smith's* cited him as a preseason honorable mention All-American, while *The Sporting News* ranked him as the No. 4 tight end in the nation.

**2003 (Soph.)**—He played in 11 games, including 10 starts as he had a break-out-type season (he missed the Texas Tech road trip with a bad case of the flu, which also kept him from starting the following week against Missouri). He had entered the fall listed third at tight end, but between a combination of his development and injuries at the position, he ascended to starting status for the season opener against Colorado State. In earning honorable mention all-Big12 Conference honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches, he caught 20 passes for 190 yards, four touchdowns and eight first downs on the season, catching at least one pass in nine games and two or more in six contests. His reception best was five against UCLA (for 25 yards), with his yardage best being 63 yards on three receptions versus Kansas (including his season long, 48 yards, which went for a score). His two touchdowns against Washington State marked the first time a CU tight end caught two in a game since Nov. 9, 1996, when Brody Hefner Liddiard had a pair in a 49-42 win over Iowa State. He had a solid spring, as he led all players on offense with 11 receptions; he averaged 12.5 yards per catch (137 yards) and caught two touchdown passes.

**2002 (Fr.)**—He saw action in seven regular season games, but did not catch any passes.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. He was an honor roll student in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born November 9, 1983 in Denver. (Last name is pronounced Klof-N-stein; the P is silent.)

Season	G	RECEIVING					High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds
2003	11	20	190	9.5	4	48t	5	63
2004	12	28	284	10.1	4	45	6	80
2005	12	32	463	14.5	4	44	5	99
Totals	35	80	937	11.7	12	48t	6	99

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 3,2—5 (2004).

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## ALEX LIGON, DE

6-3, 250, Jr., 3L

Torrance, Calif. (North Torrance)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He saw action in 10 games, including five starts, but missed two games (Kansas State, Missouri) due to a severe knee sprain. He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press as he played 383 snaps on defense in racking up 18 tackles (10 solo), with five quarterback pressures, three passes broken up two third down stops and a tackle for loss. He also caused two interceptions, one via hurry and the other by a tipped pass, both against Colorado State. His top tackle efforts included four against both at Texas (in the first meeting) and Iowa State. In the preseason, *The Sporting News* selected him as a second-team all-Big 12 Conference member. He was the overall strength and conditioning champion for the "Power" group (OL, DL) with 54 points, owning a team-best of 335 pounds in the power clean, along with impressive showings in the vertical jump (32-5 inches), the squat (539 lbs.) and the pro shuttle (4.45 seconds).



**2004 (Soph.)**—He played in all 13 games, with 10 starts including the Houston Bowl, as he earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press*. In playing the fourth most snaps on defense (695), he posted 34 tackles, including 21 solo, 11 for losses and four-and-a-half quarterback sacks. He added five third down stops, three quarterback hurries, two passes broken up, two forced fumbles and a recovery. He had a monster game at Washington State, and was rewarded for it by being named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week (as well as CU's lineman of the week): he was in on a career-high seven tackles, six solo, with four for losses including three quarterback sacks, and forced a fumble (against Texas). In the bowl win over UTEP, he was in on four tackles, with two solo stops (one was a quarterback sack while the other was for a loss) and a quarterback hurry. He also had six stops in the opener against Colorado State and five each against North Texas and Texas A&M; he had the bulk of his tackles (28) in the first seven games of the year.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in 11 games, including one start (at Texas Tech), while missing the Baylor game for precautionary reasons recovering from a concussion. In 250 snaps from scrimmage, he registered 15 tackles, which included nine solo stops, four for losses and three quarterback sacks. His top game was at Iowa State, where he played his most snaps (41) in racking up four tackles, three of which were unassisted with two of those quarterback sacks. He also recovered a fumble (against Oklahoma) and forced one (at Texas Tech) to go with three hurries and a pass deflection on the year. He added one tackle on special teams coverage duty.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action. He was quite the practice player, as on three different occasions the coaches named him as the Scout Team Defense player of the week (for the UCLA, Kansas and first Oklahoma games).

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born August 25, 1984 in Gardena, Calif. (*Last name is pronounced lih-gone.*)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	11	250	9	6—15	4-21	3-20	0	3	1	1	1	0
2004	12	695	21	13—34	11-57	4 1/2-42	5	3	1	2	2	0
2005	10	383	10	8—18	1-2	0-0	2	5	0	0	3	0
Totals	33	1328	40	27—67	16-80	7 1/2-62	7	11	2	3	6	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2003).

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## VAKA MANUPUNA, DT

6-1, 290, Sr., 4L

Kihej, Hawai'i (St. Louis)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He enjoyed his best season in earning honorable mention all-Big 12 Conference honors from both the *Associated Press* and the league coaches, and accepted an invitation to play in the Hula Bowl in his native Hawai'i. The coaches selected him as the recipient of CU's Regiment Award, given to the player with the greatest contribution with the least recognition, and he also earned his way on to CU's prestigious Victory Club. He had 52 tackles on the season (28 solo), with four for losses, five third down stops, seven quarterback hurries, three quarterback chasedowns (near-sacks), two fumble recoveries and two pass deflections in playing 701 snaps from scrimmage, the fourth most on defense. He had 40 tackles over the last seven games, including nine (five solo) at Texas during the regular season to match his career high. He also had eight tackles at Iowa State and seven at Kansas State, when he had one of his two fumble recoveries (the other was against New Mexico State). *Phil Steele's College Football* ranked him as the No. 52 defensive tackle in the nation in the preseason, and in spring conditioning tests, he posted team bests in the squat (609 lbs.) and in the incline (390 lbs.), as well as the third highest bench press (409 lbs.).

**2004**—He played in all 13 games with 12 starts, including in the Houston Bowl (deferring to senior Brandon Dabdoub for the Kansas State game, his final home game), and earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press*. In playing the fifth most snaps on defense (671), he racked up 42 tackles, including 28 solo and two-and-a-half quarterback sacks. He had eight tackles for loss overall to go with eight third down stops, two hurries, a forced fumble (at Kansas) and a pass broken up. Manupuna had at least three tackles in 10 games, including the final nine of the regular season, and matched his career high of five tackles in three different games: Missouri, Texas and Kansas State (all were solo stops in the UT game, his career best for unassisted tackles). Against UTEP in the bowl game, he had two assisted tackles and a quarterback hurry. He was one of 10 players named by the coaches to CU's prestigious Victory Club, as one must post a winning productivity grade in at least games on the season. He had an outstanding spring, as the coaches tabbed him as the Most Improved Defensive Player Award winner. He had 12 tackles, three for losses, in CU's three full scrimmages.

**2003 (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games, including a pair of starts (against Kansas State and No. 1 Oklahoma). He played 314 snaps from scrimmage in racking up 11 tackles (9 solo), including two for losses, and also had four quarterback hurries and a third down stop. He had a season high three tackles at Texas Tech (all solo stops, one for a loss), and played his most snaps, 45, against Oklahoma followed by 38 versus both Kansas State and Iowa State. He missed six spring practices as he returned home to be with his family after the sudden death of his mother. He had moved to offensive guard for the first portion of spring, but when he returned for the last week of practices, was shifted back to defense.

**2002 (Fr.-RS)**—He played in 10 games including the Alamo Bowl (no starts), getting in on special teams in all 10 and playing some defensive tackle in three games. He posted one tackle on the year, a tackle for loss at that for a couple of yards at UCLA. He saw action for 44 snaps on defense. He suffered a torn PCL (posterior cruciate ligament) in the final days of spring practice, but the injury didn't require surgery. He was attentive to a rehabilitation program for the knee, and was 100 percent by fall camp.

**2001 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire season at defensive tackle.

**ACADEMICS**—He graduated this December with a bachelor's degree in ethnic studies.

**PERSONAL**—Born June 30, 1982 in Honolulu, Hawai'i. (*First name is pronounced vah-ka; last name pronounced ma-na-poo-h-na.*)

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2002	3	44	1	0—1	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	12	314	9	2—11	2-6	0-0	1	4	0	0	0	0
2004	12	671	28	14—42	8-26	2 1/2-12	8	2	0	1	1	0
2005	12	701	28	24—52	4-10	0-0	5	7	2	0	2	0
Totals	39	1730	66	40—106	15-44	2 1/2-12	14	13	2	1	3	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 0,1—1 (2005).

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## MAURICE LUCAS, DE

6-5, 240, Fr., 1L

Denver, Colo. (Rangeview)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.)**—Originally ticketed for a redshirt season, he was "activated" the sixth game of the season (against No. 2 Texas on the road, of all places), and he responded well, earning the team's Lee Willard Award as the most outstanding freshman. He wound up playing in seven games, including starts in the last five games of the regular season, and saw action for 296 snaps from scrimmage. He finished with 20 tackles (11 solo), with four for losses, five quarterback hurries, a fumble recovery (versus Kansas) and a third down stop. He had seven tackles (two solo) at Kansas State, along with four (all solo) against Texas in the Big 12 championship game (he had two assists against the Longhorns in his first career game). He also earned scout team defensive player of the week honors for the Miami game.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in engineering. He took several engineering classes at CU in the summer of 2004 (his father is an electrical engineer). Lucas owned a 3.0 grade point average in high school, as he has been on the honor roll since his junior year. He was also the April 2004 Student of the Month at Rangeview.

**PERSONAL**—He was born March 26, 1987 in Denver.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2005	7	296	11	9—20	4-16	0-0	1	5	1	0	0	0



**79****GARY MOORE, OL**

6-6, 320, Sr., 4L

Aurora, Colo. (Overland)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He played in all 12 games, including starts the final 10 regular season contests. For the season, he graded out to a 2.52 average on a 0-4 point per play scale, fifth on the team. In 589 snaps from scrimmage, he had 12 knockdown blocks and six "Perfect 4" plays, while allowing just one quarterback sack, though he did tie for the team low in allowing 17 pressures. He had two touchdown blocks, tying two others for the team lead, and was flagged for two penalties. He was CU's offensive lineman of the week for the Oklahoma State, when he posted his best single-game grade of the season (2.72). Moore played every snap on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams (61), as he was in for every play by the unit from his sophomore through senior years (164 total).

**2004 (Jr.)**—He saw action in all 13 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), as he played in 12 on offense (the bowl as well) and in all on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams (he played all 53 snaps on the unit). He graded out to 74.0 percent for the season on 100 gradable snaps from scrimmage, with two knockdown blocks. He allowed just one quarterback pressure and did not allow a sack or get called for any penalties. His top game grade with 10 or more plays came against North Texas (75.0). He saw action at both guard and tackle.

**2003 (Soph.)**—He saw action in all 12 games, including nine of offense and all on special teams (one start, the first of his career coming at Texas Tech). On offense, he played 277 snaps, grading out to 67.1 percent for the season. He had six knockdown blocks and two touchdown blocks while allowing nine pressures, four quarterback sacks and was called for three penalties. His top game grade of 81.0 came against Kansas (61 snaps, 51 plus-plays), while grading out to 71.7 percent (61-43) in his start against Texas Tech. He also played all 50 snaps on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams.

**2002 (Fr.-RS)**—He was the backup at tight-side tackle the entire season, seeing action in five regular season games as well as the Alamo Bowl against Wisconsin. He was in for 27 plays from scrimmage, grading out to 77.8 percent (21 plus plays) during the 13-game regular season, and played almost two dozen more in the bowl game. He had three knockdown blocks and one downfield block on the year. In an impressive off-season conditioning program, he worked hard to drop 45 pounds from his frame, down to 325 from the 370 he weighed when he reported to CU.

**2001 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire season on the offensive line. Prior to the Kansas game, he sang "God Bless America" at Folsom Field in the first game following the tragic Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He was CU's Scout Team Offensive Award winner for that game as well.

**ACADEMICS**— He graduated this December with a bachelor's degree in economics.

**PERSONAL**— Born November 14, 1982 in Denver.

**59****GREG PACE, SN**

5-11, 235, Sr., 4L

Hinsdale, Ill. (Central)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—CU's long and short snapper, only the second player in school history to earn four letters for this particular specialty (joining Chris O'Donnell from the late 1980s). He was one of just nine players to earn prestigious Victory Club honors, as selected by the coaching staff, based on a winning productivity grade in at least eight games. CU's special teams player of the week for the Texas A&M game, with 12 perfect snaps (seven placement, five punt). He won the Bill McCartney Award in the spring, as presented by the coaching staff, as the outstanding special teams player, no easy achievement on the team that *Phil Steele's College Football* ranked as having the No. 1 overall special teams unit in the NCAA. He was the co-champion this July at the SnapDoctor.com college combine for snappers, an invitation-only event that featured 35 Division I performers.

**2004 (Jr.)**—He earned his third letter as he played in all 13 games including the Houston Bowl on special teams, serving as the team's long and short snapper. He was the first player since the 2000 season to handle both chores for the length of the entire season. He snapped all 69 on the punt team as well as all 53 for placements, with the 122 snaps combined the most since 1990 (when Chris O'Donnell snapped the same number). He also added two solo tackles covering punts.

**2003 (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games on special teams, as he was the snapper for field goals and extra points. He saw action for 50 snaps on the unit, and was perfect on all but one occasion when one snap was a bit low. He was the only non-kicker or punter on the roster who didn't line up at an offensive or defensive position.

**2002 (Fr.)**—He played in 12 games, including the Alamo Bowl, all on special teams as the short snapper on the field goal/PAT unit. When he made his first appearance in the Southern California game, he became the first freshman walk-on to play at Colorado since 1986, when wide receiver Jeff Campbell did so (two other frosh walk-ons joined him later in the season. He saw action for 60 snaps on the unit, doing well for a true frosh in some pressure situations. He practiced some at defensive end, but settled pretty much into his specialist role once the season started.

**ACADEMICS**— He is majoring in communication at Colorado (and earning a minor in history), and was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll for the spring 2003 semester. An honor roll student in high school, he was also an active committee member on SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions).

**PERSONAL**— Born May 3, 1984 in Hinsdale, Ill.

**77****TYLER POLUMBUS, OT**

6-8, 280, Soph., 2L

Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 regular season games, including starts in the first two (Colorado State, New Mexico State) as he was hampered a bit due to an ankle sprain. He played 311 snaps from scrimmage, along with another 56 on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams, grading out as the third best lineman on the team with a 2.57 average on a 0-4 point per play system. He did not allow a quarterback sack, allowed a team low three pressures, and was called for just two penalties in racking up 12 knockdown blocks and six "Perfect 4" plays. His best game grade was 2.77 versus Missouri. He had a solid spring, despite battling a chronic shoulder injury on which he had surgery to repair following spring practice.

**2004 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in three games on offense and in 10 overall counting his participation on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams. He had 21 plays from scrimmage on offense, earning a season grade of 86.7 percent as he racked up 18 plus plays. He had one knockdown block with a high game grade of 88.9 against North Texas. He played 29 additional snaps on special teams.

**2003 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced all season on the offensive line, mainly at tackle. He weighed 245 on signing day, but had bulked up to 270 by fall camp.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in business management at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born April 10, 1985 in Denver.

**1****STEPHONE ROBINSON, WR**

5-9, 185, Soph., 2L

Denver, Colo. (Mullen)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games, in every one on special teams and in six on offense, as he moved from cornerback back to wide receiver in practice prior to the Miami game in a move designed to get a little more speed at the position. He earned second-team all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches at kick returner, as they had more appreciation for what he does in the return game than the casual observer. While his punt return average was 9.9 yards for 25 returns, and he did return one 81



yards against Kansas for a touchdown, the Buffs called the unit the "punt block" team and seldom set up for a return, leaving him to often fend for himself along with those times when he would snare a ball in traffic rather than letting it hit and bounce, salvaging better field position. He also returned 18 kick-offs for an 18.2 average, ran three reverses for 35 yards and caught six passes for 61 yards (the bulk came against Missouri, when he caught five for 50 yards). He was CU's special teams player of the week on two occasions, versus New Mexico State and Kansas, also being selected as CU's athlete of the week for all sports for the latter, when he had 124 total yards on just three returns.

**2004 (Fr.-RS)**—He earned second-team all-Big 12 honors at kick return specialist from the league coaches, as he was eighth in the conference in punt returns and 10th in kickoff returns. He played in all 13 games on special teams and in two on defense (seven snaps, recording a solo tackle and a pass deflection). He returned 35 punts for 269 yards for a 7.7 average and a touchdown; however, the average was misleading as he often caught balls in traffic without signaling for a fair catch just so he could pickup even a single yard to help with field position (14 of his returns were in this fashion for a net 13 yards; he averaged 12.2 yards on the other 21 returns). The 35 returns were the third most punt returns for a single-season in school history and the most since 1992. He also had 15 kickoff returns for 269 yards (a 17.9 average) with a long of 27. He tied for sixth in special team points with eight on the strength of three solo tackles, two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, a touchdown save and a first downfield credit. He was the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (as well as CU's) for the Kansas game, when he had 98 return yards, including his first career punt return for a touchdown; his 48-yard sprint for a score put CU ahead for good late in the third quarter in the 30-21 win. He had two returns (for 2 yards) in the bowl win over UTEP. He moved from wide receiver to cornerback during fall camp to bolster the depth in the secondary. He missed most of spring practice after suffering a hamstring pull the third day of drills.

**2003 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced all season at wide receiver and returned kicks on scout team duty. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Kansas State game.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. He was a member of the French Honor Society in high school, when he owned a 3.57 grade point average and was one of 11 statewide honorees to receive the prestigious National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award.

**PERSONAL**—He was born December 31, 1984 in Denver. (*First name is pronounced "steph-on".*)

Season	PUNT RETURNS					KICKOFF RETURNS				
	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	12	35	269	7.7	1	48t	15	269	17.9	0
2005	12	25	248	9.9	1	81t	18	327	18.2	0
Totals	24	60	517	8.6	2	81t	33	596	18.1	0

Season	RUSHING					RECEIVING				
	G	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD	No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	12	3	35	11.7	0	24	6	61	10.2	0

Season	TACKLES											
	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2004	2	7	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 3,0—3 (2004).

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75 DANIEL SANDERS, OG

6-3, 285, Fr., 1L

Vista, Calif. (El Camino)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—He played in 10 games, including four starts, missing two games with a partially torn hamstring in the middle of the year (Texas, Kansas). A sprained knee also hampered him late in the year, and he reinjured it in bowl practices on December 16; he is doubtful for the Champs Sports Bowl. He played in nine games on offense, seeing action for 420 snaps, along with another 46 snaps on the field goal/PAT unit on special teams. He graded out to 2.49 for the season on a 0-4 point per play scale, with a high game grade of 2.74 versus Missouri. In getting his feet wet so-to-speak collegiately, he had two knockdown blocks, two touchdown blocks (tying for the team lead), he allowed five pressures and three sacks and was called for one penalty.

**2004 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he did not see any action but practiced as an offensive lineman the entire fall. He was the Scout Team Offense Award winner for the Texas A&M game as selected by the coaching staff.

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in business management as his major at Colorado. A two-time member of the San Diego Union-Tribune All-Academic team as a junior and senior as well as a consistent member of the honor roll in high school with a 3.21 grade point average.

**PERSONAL**—He was born February 3, 1986 in Oceanside, Calif.

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LORENZO SIMS JR., CB

5-11, 185, Jr., 3L

Fresno, Calif. (Edison)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He started 11 games at cornerback, missing the Kansas game with a knee injury (slight cartilage tear). He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press, and was one of just nine players to earn prestigious Victory Club honors as selected by the coaches for a winning productivity grade in at least eight games. On the year, he played 634 snaps from scrimmage, registering 46 tackles (41 solo, three for losses). He had a team high 17 pass deflections, tied for the fourth most in a single-season in Colorado history, also tying him for the second most in the NCAA. He also had seven third down stops, two touchdown saves, two forced fumbles and a recovery along with one interception. Top games included Iowa State, when he was CU's defensive back of the week for making six tackles, all solo, with three pass deflections, a caused fumble and recovery. He had eight tackles (all unassisted) in the opener against Colorado State, six against Nebraska (again, all solo), and five both times against No. 2 Texas. He is tied for 27th in interceptions (6) and sixth in pass deflections (29) all-time at Colorado. He had an excellent spring as the coaching staff named him the Hale Irwin Award winner as the outstanding defensive back.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He started all 13 games, 12 at cornerback including the Houston Bowl and the Nebraska game at free safety as he earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches. He had quite the sophomore year, as he was third in the Big 12 and 22nd in the NCAA in interceptions (5, or 0.42 per game), only the 18th player in Colorado history to record five or more in a single-season. He also led the team in snaps played from scrimmage (864), passes broken up (11) and fumble recoveries (3), while tying for second in third down stops (11). He was in on 56 tackles, including 46 solo, and three for losses with a quarterback sack; he also had a hurry and a forced fumble. His five interceptions came over the course of the last eight games, including two times back-to-back: versus Oklahoma State and Iowa State and at Nebraska and versus Oklahoma; his pick and ensuing 34 yard return set the Buffs up in Sooner territory for the only time in the Big 12 Championship game and led to CU's only points in the game—a Mason Crosby field goal. He posted "crooked" numbers in tackles in every game (two or more in all 12), including four or more in nine games and a season- and career high of eight (seven solo) against Missouri. He had three passes broken up, with a forced fumble and recovery against North Texas, and had his other interception to go with five solo tackles versus Texas. In the bowl win over UTEP, he was in on seven tackles (six solo), with a forced fumble and a third down stop. On special teams, he had seven points on the strength of five tackles (one inside-the-20) and a knockdown block. He earned his way on CU's prestigious Victory Club, as those who make it must post a winning productivity grade in at least eight games, and was CU's defensive back of the week for the North Texas and Iowa State games. A productive spring was the sign of things to come, as in the three main scrimmages, he posted 21 tackles (13 solo), with three pass deflections, two tackles for losses and four third down stops.

**2003 (Fr.)**—He played in four games as a true freshman, including three on defense and a start in CU's dime package for his first collegiate action against Washington State. He played 94 snaps in the secondary, registering 10 total tackles (9 solo) with a third down stop and a pass deflection. He had four tackles, three solos, against the Cougars in his start, where he played 38 snaps from scrimmage, and against Iowa State, he racked up five solo tackles in 32 plays on defense.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. A consistent honor roll student (a 3.1 grade point average as a prep), he also was named his school's Student Athlete of the Month at least once during all four years of school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born August 30, 1985 in Fresno, Calif.

Season	TACKLES											
	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2003	3	94	9	1-10	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0
2004	12	864	46	10-56	3-21	1-10	11	1	3	1	11	5
2005	11	634	41	5-46	3-5	0-0	7	0	1	2	17	1
Totals	26	1592	96	16-112	6-26	1-10	19	1	4	3	29	6

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 5-53, 10.6 avg., 34 long (2004); 1-2, 2.0 avg. (2005). Special Team Tackles: 3,2—5 (2004); 2,0—2 (2005).



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**DUSTY SPRAGUE, WR**

6-4, 190, Soph., 2L

Holyoke, Colo. (Holyoke)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games, including 10 starts, as he led the team in receptions with 43, good for 468 yards (10.9 per) and a touchdown. He caught at least one pass in all 12 games, with a career best of nine at Miami (for 55 yards), and had at least three in nine games overall. He caught five passes of 20 or more yards and 16 of 10 yards or longer, with his long play a 62-yard touchdown pass from Joel Klatt against Kansas. That game provided his season yardage best, as he caught three passes for 76 yards versus the Jayhawks. With career totals of 65 receptions for 746 yards, he is already 23rd and 27th, respectively, on CU's all-time list for catches and receiving yards.

**2004 (Fr.-RS)**—He played in 10 games including the Houston Bowl (no starts), missing the Kansas, Kansas State and Nebraska contests after suffering a broken clavicle against Texas. He returned faster than expected and played in the Big 12 championship game versus Oklahoma, catching one pass for six yards. *The Sporting News* named him to its Freshman All-Big 12 team, as he was having a fine year before the injury. On the season, he caught 22 passes for 278 yards (12.6 per) and a touchdown; the 278 yards were the fourth most ever by a CU freshman. In the overtime loss at Texas A&M, he accomplished something of note: he caught eight passes for 101 yards, becoming only the second freshman (true or redshirt) to have a 100-yard receiving game in Colorado history (the only other was by Phil Savoy in 1994, when he caught six passes for 113 yards against Oklahoma State). He caught half his passes on third down (11 for 153, 13.9 average, six first downs), and after being shutout in the first two games of the year, he improved game by game, becoming a favorite and trusting target for the quarterbacks. His touchdown came against Oklahoma State (he had two grabs for 27 yards), one of five games where he caught at least two passes. In the bowl win over UTEP, he caught two passes for 16 yards. He also tied for third in special team points with nine on the strength of six tackles (one inside-the-20) and two knockdown blocks. He was a prime candidate to be a holder for placement kicks, but his duties were limited upon his return to the team.

**2003 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; practiced the entire fall at wide receiver.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in business management at Colorado, and was a first-team Academic All-Big 12 team member as both a sophomore and a red-shirt frosh; he earned academic all-district honors as a sophomore with a 3.5 grade point average. He was third in his high school class (41 in size) with a 4.078 GPA. The president of the National Honor Society at Holyoke and class treasurer, he is a member of the Science, Cadenza, Spanish and Drama Clubs, while also being involved with the FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America), FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), FCA and the El Pomar Youth Community Service groups. He was a member Holyoke's Knowledge Bowl championship team while participating in Northeastern Junior College's Math and Science competition, and also ranked as the school's outstanding student in math, science and Spanish classes.

**PERSONAL**—He was born August 9, 1984 in Holyoke, Colo.

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2004	9	22	278	12.6	1	34	8	101
2005	12	43	468	10.9	1	62t	9	76
Totals	21	65	746	11.5	1	62t	9	101

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 6,0—6 (2004).

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**QUINN SYPNIEWSKI, TE**

6-7, 265, Sr., 4L

Granger, Iowa (Johnston)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.-6)**—He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, as he beat the injury "jinx" that had

befallen him the previous two years to have his breakout collegiate season. He played in all 12 games, including eight starts, and caught 25 passes for 397 yards, his 15.9 yards per reception a team best. He scored four touchdowns, finally getting into the end zone for a six pointer for the first time against New Mexico State (he previously had a 2-point conversion as a junior, and he would add scores against Texas A&M, Kansas and Missouri). He caught four passes for 85 yards at Kansas State, including a 64-yard reception down to the Wildcat 1 to set up a score; it was the second longest reception by a tight end in school history. He also had 70 yards (on three catches) against A&M and had 40 or more yards on five occasions. The coaches named him the recipient of the Tyronee "Tiger" Bussey Award for perseverance over adversity, injury or illness, and he accepted an invitation to play in the Las Vegas All-American Classic All-Star game. He was CU's offensive back of the week for his games against Texas A&M and Missouri. He received a medical hardship from the NCAA and became the first player in CU history to be granted a sixth year of eligibility. That enabled him to become the first Colorado player to post game statistics in six different years, as well as to set a record for the most games played in a CU uniform, for both the regular season (52) and overall (54). He was healthy for spring drills and had a good camp.

**2004 (Sr.-5)**—He saw action in the first three games of the season but suffered a lower leg fracture in practice on Sept. 24 and would miss the rest of the season. He caught three passes for 28 yards prior to going down with the injury. He went into the season healthy for the first time since early in the fall of 2002, as battled almost two years of chronic problems with a toe that eventually required surgery. He had six catches for 67 yards in the three main spring scrimmages, including three for 55 in the Black & Gold game.

**2003 (Sr.-RS)**—He was injured much of the year as a nagging toe injury kept him out of most of August camp, and when he tried to play against both UCLA and Florida State, he was just too hampered to be anywhere near effective. After the year was complete, he opted for surgery to help mend a stress fracture in the toe, and thus received a medical redshirt for the season. In his limited action, he caught two passes (for nine yards), one in each game he appeared. He also had an emergency intestinal procedure on May 2, which sidelined him from conditioning work for about a month.

**2002 (Jr.)**—He played in 13 games including the Alamo Bowl (seven starts), as he caught six passes for 42 yards despite battling turf toe most of the year. He scored his first career points in the Missouri game, as he caught a clutch 2-point conversion pass from Robert Hodge that padded the Buff lead to seven late in the game (though MU tied it up, CU won in overtime). He also played an additional 57 snaps on CU's field goal/PAT unit on special teams.

**2001 (Soph.)**—He played in all 13 games, including two starts (at Oklahoma State and against Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl) when the Buffs opened in a multiple tight end set. He caught two passes on the year for 25 yards and one first down (one for 18 yards at Oklahoma State, the other for seven yards at Texas). He had six dominant blocks on offense, as he was in for roughly 40 percent of the plays for the year. He also had a kickoff return for six yards on a short pop-up kick; he also had a fair catch in another situation, and he registered five knockdown blocks in clearing the way for return men on special teams. He led the team in receiving with 12 catches for 98 yards in the four full spring scrimmages.

**2000 (Fr.)**—He lined up as the second-team tight end throughout the season, playing all 11 games and making two starts the last two games of the year (Iowa State, Nebraska) when CU came out in a two-tight end set. He had two catches for 12 yards on the year, but they were big ones against Texas A&M, CU's first win of the year. He added two knockdown blocks on special teams duty.

**ACADEMICS**—He graduated in May 2005 with a bachelor's degree in journalism (news editorial), and is working toward a second degree this May in history. He was an honor roll student in high school, owning better than a 3.1 grade point average, which included several advanced courses.

**PERSONAL**—Born April 14, 1982 in Des Moines, Iowa. *Last name pronounced sip-new-ski.*

Season	G	RECEIVING			TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.			Rec	Yds
2000	11	2	12	6.0	0	7	2	12
2001	12	2	25	12.5	0	18	1	18
2002	12	6	42	7.0	0	18	2	18
2003	2	2	9	4.5	0	5	1	5
2004	3	3	28	9.3	0	23	2	30
2005	12	25	397	15.9	4	64	4	85
Totals	52	40	513	12.8	4	64	4	85

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 1-6, 6.0 avg. (2001). Two-Point Conversions Made: 1 (2002). Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2005).

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**JOHN TORP, P**

6-2, 205, Sr., 3L

Lafayette, Colo. (Monarch)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—One of three finalists for the Ray Guy Award (he finished as the runner-up for the honor), he earned first-team all-Big 12 Conference honors from the league coaches (second-team by the *Associated Press*), while being named second-team All-America by the Walter Camp Foundation (and honorable mention from *SI.com*). He has accepted invitations to punt in both the Hula and Senior bowls. Through 12 games, he was third in the Big 12 and ninth in the NCAA in punting with a 44.6 average on 71 punts, with 27 kicks of 50 yards or longer (four 60-plus) and 24 placed inside-the-20 (eight inside-the-10, four inside-the-5). He led the nation much of the season, but abnormally brutal windy conditions at Kansas State and Iowa State caused him to fall off a bit. He won the gross punting battle with opponent punters 23 of 26 times in his junior and senior seasons combined (the net 24 times), as he proved equally effective on the road as he has in Boulder. In one of his best games, he averaged 47.0 on seven punts at Miami (elevation: 7 feet), and other strong numbers included a 50.1 average in the fourth quarter (12 punts, six inside-the-20), and a 46.7 average on punts in CU territory. He owns seven of the top 25 gross punting days in school history, four his junior season and three as a senior: 52.3-yard average efforts versus Colorado State (2004) and New Mexico State (2005) are tied for the 10th best all-time and are his top efforts. He also owns four of the top 20 net punting games, topped by a 50.7 net average against NMSU. He finished fifth all-time at Colorado in gross career average (44.61), first in total punts (205), first in punts inside-the-20 (65) and first in punts of 50 yards or longer (64, with 17 over 60 yards). For his career, he placed 22 punts inside-the-10, also a school best, and had just 18 touchbacks in 205 punts. He also currently owns the fourth highest average of all active punters in the NCAA at 44.71 (includes bowl games).

**2004 (Jr.)**—He was the second-team all-Big 12 punter (*Associated Press*, Big 12 Coaches), though the Austin American-Statesman made him their first-team choice; arguably was the best punter in the nation in 2004, but once eliminated from the Ray Guy Award (for having too many punts returned through nine games) and losing out to Baylor senior Daniel Sepulveda (the eventual Guy winner) for official first-team all-Big 12 honors, All-America honors for him were pretty much out of the question (*ESPN.com* selected him as the punter on its All-America team, with *SI.com* tabbing him honorable mention). Some used the old altitude argument against him (though no opponent punter topped him in six games in Boulder), but his 43.7 road average alone would have still ranked him 11th in the NCAA. He was first in the Big 12 and second in the NCAA with a 46.54 average (includes the bowl game), and it gets better looking inside his numbers: he averaged 49.6 on 19 kicks inside the Buff 25, as well as 47.5 yards per punt on CU's side of the field. He had 22 punts inside-the-20 to set a school record (32 percent of his 68 kicks). His punting has paved the way for Colorado to lead the nation in net punting with a 42.43 average, 1.29 yard ahead of runner-up BYU. He owned an average of 42.1 on 15 fourth quarter punts (6 In20, 3 In10), and inside-the-CU25, he had five fourth quarter kicks for 255 yards, or 51.0 per; one of those kicks came late in CU's 27-24 victory over CSU, as he boomed a 61-yarder to get the Buffs out of a hole at their own 16 yardline with 4:30 remaining. Only five of his kicks went for touchbacks; nine were downed, 14 fair caught and 40 returned for a paltry 6.7 average (21st in the NCAA, and lower than those of the three Guy Award finalists). He earned his way on CU's prestigious Victory Club, as those who make it must post a winning productivity grade in at least eight games, and was CU's special teams player of the week three times (CSU, OSU and Texas). Against UTEP in the bowl game, he averaged 50.0 yards on four punts, with a long of 58 and one inside-the-20. He was one of 36 original players on the Guy Award watch list but his returned punt count prohibited him from making the 10-member semifinalist group.

**2003 (Soph.)**—He played in all 12 games, as he was CU's regular punter, finishing fourth in the Big 12 and 31st in the nation in punting with a 42.5 average. His 63 punts overall tied for the fifth most ever in a single season at Colorado, with 16 placed inside-the-20 (eight inside-the-10), with 14 traveling 50 yards or longer and four 60-yards plus. He owned a 42.1 average on 21 punts inside CU's 25, and a 44.0 average for 57 kicks on CU's side of the 50. While the average return of his kicks went for 10.2 yards, only 31 of 63 were returned, with another six fair caught (and just four touchbacks). He executed both his fake punt attempts, the first for a 20-yard run against No. 1 Oklahoma that was the key play in a 76-yard touchdown march by the Buffs, and the second a week later for 10 yards in another scoring drive at Texas

Tech. A fairly talented defender, he was in on three tackles, two being touch-down saves, after return men eluded CU's aggressors on his kicks. The downside was that four of his punts were blocked, leading to a 37.3 net average (Kansas State busted through to block two of those). He booted both his career long and short kicks in the same game: in the finale against Nebraska, he got off a 69-yard bomb in the first quarter, but with the winds picking up, his last kick of the day went for just four yards, the only negative to an otherwise spectacular day (six punts, also including a 60-yard boot, and a 44.5 average). He was CU's special teams player of the week for two games, versus Colorado State (10 punts for a 40.8 average with three inside the 20 in the rain) and Missouri (a 50.7 average on six punts, with three inside-the-20 and punts of 61, 60 and 55 yards).

**2002 (Fr.-RS)**—He was the backup to Mark Mariscal, thus he had an up-close view of the nation's 2002 Ray Guy Award winner. He did punt three times for a 49.7 average, all three placed inside-the-20 with a long of 63. His net average on the three kicks was a more than healthy 49.3

**2001**—Redshirted; practiced at both punter and placekicker his first year on campus.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in both political science and economics at Colorado, and intends to going to law school after he graduates. He earned second-team Academic All-Big 12 Conference honors as a senior, and is also a two-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (his sophomore and junior seasons). He was one of 62 official nominations for the prestigious Vincent Draddy Trophy, considered the "academic" Heisman. In high school, he was an American Mathematic Award winner and earned All-Academic honors as a senior.

**PERSONAL**—Born August 19, 1982 in Seattle, Wash.

Season	G	PUNTING				In 20	50+	had blk	Ret Yds	Net Yds	Net Avg.
		No	Yds	Avg	Long						
2002	2	3	149	49.7	63	3	1	0	1	148	49.3
2003	12	63	2679	42.5	69	16	14	4	326	2353	37.3
2004	12	68	3151	46.3	63	22	22	0	266	2885	42.4
2005	12	71	3166	44.6	72	24	27	1	216	2950	41.5
Totals	38	205	9145	44.6	72	65	64	5	809	8336	40.7

**ADDITIONAL STATISTICS**—Rushing: 3-16, 5.3 avg., 20 long (2003); 1-17, 17.0 avg. (2005). Passing: 1-10, -2 (2004); Special Team Tackles: 2, 1—3 (2003); 1, 0—1 (2005).

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**LAWRENCE VICKERS, VB**

6-2, 235, Sr., 4L

Houston, Texas (Forest Brook)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Sr.)**—He played in all 12 games, including six starts, as he played V-Back, named for his versatility for being a solid tail-back, fullback and receiver. He earned second-team all-Big 12 honors at full-back from the league coaches, while the *Associated Press* tabbed him an honorable mention selection. He was one of 47 official candidates on the Doak Walker Award watch list, and won two team awards, the Derek Singleton Award for spirit, dedication and enthusiasm, and the Best Interview as selected by team beat media. He will also participate in the Senior Bowl, accepting an invitation. Versatile is exactly what he was, as he rushed for 243 yards (second on the team), caught 25 passes for 142 yards, scored 11 touchdowns overall (9 rushing, 2 receiving) in finishing second in scoring behind place-kicker Mason Crosby, and earned 23 first downs (17 via rushing). For his career, he 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). He became just the 10th player in school history to record 500 career yards in both rushing and receiving. His top game was against Missouri, when he played mostly tailback filling in for an injured Hugh Charles; he rushed 18 times for 85 yards and four touchdowns, all career highs. In week two, he decimated New Mexico State, rushing six times for 45 yards and two scores while catching three passes for 32 yards and another touchdown. He caught at least one pass in all 12 games, with a high of five (for 36 yards) against Texas A&M. In the preseason, *Street & Smith's* selected him as an honorable mention All-American, while *The Sporting News* ranked him the No. 5 fullback in the nation.

**2004 (Jr.)**—The top fullback in the Big 12 Conference, but the position didn't exist for the all-league team (early in the year, his position was reclassified from fullback to V-back). He was one of 10 players named by the coaches to CU's prestigious Victory Club (which requires a winning productivity grade





in at least eight games), was the recipient of the Tom McMahon Award for dedication and work ethic, and was CU's offensive back of the week for the North Texas and Texas A&M games. In playing in all 13 games, with seven starts including the Houston Bowl, he had quite a season that featured a lot of balance. He finished second on the team in rushing (248 yards), fourth in receptions (27), sixth in receiving yards (274) and tied for third in special team points (9, including five tackle points, and one each for a knockdown block, fumble recovery, recovered blocked kick and a first down field). He earned 30 first downs (15 by both rushing and receiving), and scored three touchdowns, two via rushing and one when he recovered a blocked punt in the end zone for a score at Washington State. Against Oklahoma State, he caught nine passes (for 96 yards), the most receptions by a running back in a single game in Colorado history. He received his most rushing work out of the tailback position, carrying 15 times for 72 yards and a score against OSU and 17 times for 71 yards at Nebraska. One of his biggest plays of the year came on a third-and-10 in the final 30 seconds against Kansas State, as he scampered 13 yards on a draw play to set up CU's game winning touchdown pass on the next play. In the bowl win over UTEP, he had three rushes for four yards and caught one pass for 16 yards.

**2003 (Soph.)**—He played in 11 games on both offense and special teams, including six starts. While he lined up at fullback most of the time, he did see some spot action at tailback. He rushed for 100 yards and a touchdown on the year (28 attempts), and emerged as a threat as a receiver, catching 15 passes for 123 yards and a score. He had 10 plays of 10 yards or more (4 rushing, 6 receiving), and earned 15 first downs, nine on the ground. A 3-yard catch for a TD against Missouri was his first career touchdown, rushing or receiving; he then scored his first time as a ball carrier the following week on a 1-yard run at Iowa State, when he had his season single-game high of 27 yards. His reception high was four against Kansas, while he had 42 yards with two receptions against Texas Tech.

**2002 (Fr.)**—He saw action in 11 games, including the Alamo Bowl (no starts), seeing time on both offense (at fullback) and on special teams; he was a regular at the end of the year in CU's Stack-I formation (two fullbacks). He had seven rushes for 25 yards on the year, and also caught one pass for seven yards. He touched the ball the most against Baylor, when he had six rushes for 22 yards and his reception. He had a tackle and a knockdown block on special teams duty.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado.

**PERSONAL**—He was born May 8, 1983 in Beaumont, Texas. His hobbies include listening to music, watching comedy and hunting. He is also an avid churchgoer.

Season	RUSHING					High Games			RECEIVING					High Games		
	G	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds		No	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec	Yds	
2002	10	7	25	3.6	0	9	6	22	1	7	7.0	0	7	1	7	
2003	11	28	100	3.6	1	19	6	27	15	123	8.2	1	29	4	42	
2004	12	60	248	4.1	2	26	17	72	27	274	10.1	0	34	9	96	
2005	12	67	243	3.6	9	20	18	85	25	142	5.7	2	27	5	36	
Totals	45	162	616	3.8	12	26	18	85	68	546	8.1	3	34	9	96	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2002); 3,0—3 (2003); 3,1—4 (2004); 1,1—2 (2005).

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**TERRY WASHINGTON, CB**  
5-9, 195, Jr., 1L  
St. Louis, Mo. (Cleveland/  
Garden City Community College)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He played in all 12 games on special teams and in 10 on defense, including two starts, as he was in for 240 snaps from scrimmage in posting 13 tackles (11 solo) on the season. He had three pass deflections, two third down stops, a forced fumble and a recovery on defense, but he really made his presence known on special teams. He led the Buffs in special team points with 16, on the strength of nine tackles (seven solo, one inside-the-20), three downed punts, two knockdown blocks and a fumble recovery. He also led the team with a 20.8-yard average on 12 kickoff returns, with a long runback of 32 yards. In his first career start against Kansas, he was in on five tackles (all solo), with two passes broken up and a third down stop. He arrived on campus in the summer, thus he did not practice with his new teammates until fall drills.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE (Fr./Soph., 2003-04)**—He earned second-team all Jayhawk Conference honors as a sophomore, when he was in on 63 tackles (46 solo,

four for losses), with six interceptions, 25 pass deflections, two forced fumbles, one recovery, one blocked field goal and two downed punts inside the opponent 5. He had three of his interceptions in a 71-21 win over Highland, when the Broncobusters set a school record with seven overall. GCCC was 5-5 on the year under coach Bob Larson. As a freshman, he played both offense (running back) and defense, rushing for about 400 yards and making four interceptions on defense.

**ACADEMICS**—He is interested in business administration or management as his major at Colorado. A consistent honor roll student in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born December 18, 1984 in St. Louis, Mo.

Season	G	Plays	TACKLES									
			UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int
2005	10	240	11	2—13	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	1	3	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Kickoff Returns: 12-250, 20.8 avg., 32 long (2005).

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**THADDAEUS WASHINGTON, ILB**  
5-11, 240, Jr., 3L,  
Marrero, La. (John Ehret)



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He played in all 12 games and started 11, leading the team in tackles and earning co-defensive most valuable player honors on defense when the coaches named him the recipient of the Dave Jones Award (with Gerett Burl). He was also one of nine players to earn prestigious CU Victory Club status, based on a winning productivity grade for a minimum of eight games. He earned second-team all-Big 12 honors from the *Associated Press*, as well as all four regional newspapers that selected teams, but was a disappointing honorable mention choice by the league coaches. On the year, in 656 plays from scrimmage, he was in on 112 tackles, also including team bests of 70 solo and 13 for losses while tying for the team lead with five quarterback sacks (plus a team best four chasedowns, or near sacks). He added six third down stops, four quarterback pressures and a forced fumble. He now stands tied for 26th in total tackles (231) at Colorado, with his 142 solo stops tied for 24th all-time. He had eight games with 10 or more tackles, topped by a career-high 14 against Nebraska, with 13 at Miami, and 12 against both Colorado State and Kansas State. His total versus the Huskers also included a career-best three for losses. Heading into the year, he was one of 65 official candidates for the Dick Butkus Award, an in the pre-season, *Street & Smith's* selected him as an honorable mention All-American, while *The Sporting News* ranked him as the No. 11 inside linebacker in the nation. He had an excellent spring as the coaching staff named him the recipient of the Dan Staveley Award as the outstanding defensive lineman.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors from both the *Associated Press* as well as the conference coaches; he played in all 13 games, with 10 starts including the Houston Bowl. He finished second on the team in tackles with 93, including 54 solo and four tackles for loss; he added 10 third down stops, five passes broken up and a quarterback hurry. He really came on as the season progressed, posting 10 or more tackles in each of the last five games and had 86 in the last nine games (or 9.6 per). He had 12 stops (5 unassisted) in the win at Kansas, with two pass deflections, and was one of the few stars for CU against No. 2 Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship game, as he had 11 tackles (10 solo) before missing most of the fourth quarter with a concussion. He earned Big 12 defensive player of the week honors (as well as CU's) for his tremendous game at Nebraska: he had 10 tackles (5 solo, including a tackle for loss), two interceptions, two passes broken up, two third down stops, a quarterback hurry and a caused interception. He also had 10 tackles against Oklahoma State, Texas and Kansas State. The two picks against Nebraska were the first interceptions of his career, and he became only the fifth linebacker in school history to have two in the same game. On special teams, he earned three points as he had a solo tackle, a knockdown block and the caused interception on a Nebraska two-point conversion try. In the bowl win over UTEP, he led CU with nine tackles (six solo), with two for losses including a quarterback sack, and a pass broken up.

**2003 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in 11 games, including nine on defense, with one start (at Florida State). He was in for 123 plays from scrimmage, and with 26 total tackles, had the lowest play-to-tackle ratio count on team (he averaged one tackle for every 4.7 plays; the next lowest was 6.1). He had 18 solo tackles, two for losses, and three third down stops, and added another tackle on special teams. He had a season-high seven tackles (three solo) against Washington State, and recorded five against both Florida State and Missouri. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for the Colorado State game,



which he sat out as punishment for violating a team rule during the spring (he was suspended for the last two-thirds of drills but was reinstated at the end of the spring). The coaches praised his work ethic in practice despite his knowing he'd be sitting the game out.

**2002 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; did not see any game action but practiced all fall at inside linebacker. He was the Scout Team Defense Award winner for two games (USC and the Big 12 Championship game versus Oklahoma). He was one of the first '02 recruits to hit Boulder, and he spent a lot of time in the weight room once here.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. He was an honor roll student as a senior in high school.

**PERSONAL**—He was born October 10, 1983 in New Orleans, La.

TACKLES													
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2003	9	123	18	8—	26	2- 2	0- 0	3	0	0	0	0	0
2004	12	538	54	39—	93	4- 7	0- 0	10	1	0	0	5	2
2005	12	656	70	42—	112	13-53	5-36	6	4	0	1	0	0
Totals	33	1317	142	89—	231	19-62	5-36	19	5	0	1	5	0

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Interception Return Yards: 2-0, 0.0 avg. (2004); Special Team Tackles: 1,0—1 (2003); 1,0—1 (2004).

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**BRIAN WHITE, QB**  
 6-5, 235, Soph., VR  
*Mission Viejo, Calif. (Trabuco Hills)*



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Soph.)**—He saw action in just one game, in mop-up duty against Texas A&M where he took just four snaps, one being a kneel-down to end the game. With starter Joel Klatt questionable for the bowl game, he would move into the backup role for the Champs Sports Bowl against Clemson. He missed all of spring practice after undergoing surgery for an injured wrist, which he suffered in the weight room spotting for a teammate, but was back to 100 percent come August drills.

**2004 (Fr.-RS)**—He saw action in one game, as he got in briefly at the end of the Oklahoma State game. He completed his only pass for 10 yards. He had a very good spring, completing 18 of 28 passes for 175 yards in the three main scrimmages, including a TD pass to Joe Klopfenstein in the Black & Gold game (and had just one interception).


**2003 (Fr.)**—Redshirted; he practiced all season at quarterback. He arrived in Boulder in June to participate in voluntary 7-on-7 workouts with the offense.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in communication at Colorado. He was named Trabuco Hills' Student of the Month during November 2002, and is also a member of his school's medical science program.

**PERSONAL**—He was born September 20, 1984 in Cleveland, Ohio.

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**PATRICK WILLIAMS, WR**  
 6-2, 200, Fr., 1L  
*DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)*



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Fr.-RS)**—He played in all 12 games (no starts), finishing fourth on the team with 28 receptions for 241 yards (8.6 per catch). He had two catches for 20-plus yards and nine of 10 yards or longer, as he was used primarily on short routes. He caught at least one pass in all 12 games, with his five against Nebraska his most catches and the 40 yards on three receptions at Iowa State one week earlier his high yardage game. He cracked the regular rotation from the start of the season, picking up where he left off in the spring, when he progressed rapidly in drills. He ran the fourth fastest 40-yard dash time on the team (4.49) in spring conditioning tests.

**2004 (Fr.)**—He earned a medical redshirt for the season as he suffered broken bones in both his hands early in the season. He played briefly in the first

two games of the season (Colorado State, Washington State), mainly on special teams. Once healthy again in practice later in the year, he earned the Scout Team Offense Award for the Kansas State and Nebraska games.

**ACADEMICS**—He is undecided on his major at Colorado, but is interested in sports medicine or sports marketing. An honor roll student throughout high school, he owned a 3.9 grade point average and earned the President's Award as a freshman. He was named to the Texas Legislative Black Caucus in 2003, and was also a member of the student council.

**PERSONAL**—He was born January 13, 1986 in Dallas, Texas.

Season	G	RECEIVING				TD	Long	High Games	
		No.	Yds	Avg.				Rec	Yds
2005	12	28	241	8.6		0	27	3	40

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS—Special Team Tackles: 0,1—1 (2005).

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**ABRAHAM WRIGHT, DE**  
 6-3, 240, Jr., 2L  
*Oklahoma City, Okla. (Southeast/NE Oklahoma A&M)*



**AT COLORADO: This Season (Jr.)**—He started all 12 games at defensive end, playing 659 snaps from scrimmage, the second most by any non-defensive back on the defense. He was in on 27 tackles (19 solo), but always had a pension for making the big play. He tied for the team lead in quarterback sacks with five, and led the team in interceptions caused with four and turnovers forced with six, when taking into account two forced fumbles. He also had seven total tackles for loss (one in seven different games), six third down stops, four quarterback hurries, two chasedowns (near sacks), five pass deflections and an interception. He earned CU lineman of the week honors (as well as the school's overall athlete of the week accolades) for his monster game at Oklahoma State: he had four tackle, all solo, a quarterback sack, an interception, a caused interception, a forced fumble and a third down stop. He had four tackles in three games, and in the opener against Colorado State, he had two tackles, one for a loss, a caused pick and a forced fumble.

**2004 (Soph.)**—He played in all 13 games, and developed to the point where he ascended into the starting lineup for the last three games of the regular season (Kansas State, Nebraska, Oklahoma; he did not start in the Houston Bowl). He played 455 snaps from scrimmage and recorded 23 tackles (17 solo), tying for second on the team in quarterback sacks with four-and-a-half (he had six TFL's overall). He also had six pressures, the second most on the team, along with three third down stops as he had two or more tackles in eight games. His season high came against Kansas State when he recorded five (three solo), with one for a loss. In the win at Kansas, he had three solo stops that included the first multi-sack game of his career (two, for 12 yards in losses), and his first career sack came at Washington State on the Cougars' final drive to help keep them at an arm's length in that win. In limited action in the bowl win over UTEP, he wasn't in on any tackles but he did have a key pass broken up late in the fourth quarter. He enrolled at CU for the spring semester and thus participated in April drills.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE**—He played one season at Northeast Oklahoma A&M (Miami, Okla.), lining up at both defensive end and outside linebacker for coach Dale Patterson. He was named to *SuperPrep's* JUCO Top 100 List, ranked as the No. 62 player overall in the junior college ranks, and the No. 5 defensive end; Rivals.com pegged him as the 59th best non-high school prospect. He was in on 68 tackles (38 solo), with 14 tackles for loss including eight quarterback sacks and a pass broken up, in helping NEO to a 10-2 record, the SWJCFC championship and a No. 11 national ranking by JC Gridwire. One of his top games came in a 34-20 win over Blinn, when he made six tackles that included three quarterback sacks. He redshirted his first year at NEO (2002), as he made a transition from linebacker to defensive end.

**ACADEMICS**—He is majoring in sociology at Colorado. He earned his A.A. degree from Northeast Oklahoma A&M in December 2003.

**PERSONAL**—Born October 15, 1984 in Tulsa, Okla.

TACKLES													
Season	G	Plays	UT	AT-TOT	TFL	Sacks	3DS	Hurr	FR	FF	PBU	Int	
2004	12	455	17	6—	23	6-31	4 1/2-30	3	6	0	0	0	0
2005	12	659	19	8—	27	7-31	5-28	6	4	0	2	5	1
Totals	24	1114	36	14—	50	13-62	9 1/2-58	9	10	0	2	5	1



# COLORADO BOWL HISTORY

## Colorado Bowl Scoreboard (Won 12, Lost 14)

Bowl	Opponent	Result	Attnd.	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
2002 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	14 —	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

### ALL-TIME BOWL APPEARANCES

1.	Alabama	52
2.	Tennessee	45
3.	Texas	44
4.	Southern California	43
5.	Nebraska	42
6.	Georgia	40
7.	Oklahoma	38
8.	Penn State	37
9.	Louisiana State	36
9.	Michigan	36
9.	Ohio State	36
12.	Arkansas	34
13.	Florida State	33
13.	Georgia Tech	33
15.	Florida	32
16.	Auburn	31
16.	Mississippi	31
18.	Miami, Fla.	29
18.	Washington	29
20.	Texas A&M	28
20.	Texas Tech	28
22.	Clemson	27
<b>23.</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>26</b>
23.	Notre Dame	26
23.	UCLA	26
26.	North Carolina	25
27.	Pittsburgh	24
27.	West Virginia	24
29.	BYU	23
29.	Missouri	23

### BOWL GAME MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

<b>1938 Cotton</b>	Byron White, B	<b>1996 Cotton</b>	Hercell Troutman, TB
<b>1967 Bluebonnet</b>	Bobby Anderson, QB		Marcus Washington, CB
<b>1969 Liberty</b>	Bobby Anderson, TB	<b>1996 Holiday</b>	Koy Detmer, QB
<b>1971 Bluebonnet</b>	Charlie Davis, TB		Nick Ziegler, DE
<b>1972 Gator</b>	Mark Cooney, DT	<b>1998 Aloha</b>	Mike Moschetti, QB
<b>1985 Freedom</b>	Barry Helton, P	<b>1999 Insight.com</b>	Cortlen Johnson, TB
<b>1986 Bluebonnet</b>	Mark Hatcher, QB		Jashon Sykes, ILB
<b>1988 Freedom</b>	Eric Bieniemy, TB	<b>2002 Fiesta</b>	*Roman Hollowell, WR
<b>1990 Orange</b>	Darian Hagan, QB	<b>2002 Alamo</b>	*Zac Colvin, QB
<b>1991 Orange</b>	Charles S. Johnson, QB	<b>2004 Houston</b>	Joel Klatt, QB
<b>1993 Aloha</b>	Rashaan Salaam, TB		Tom Hubbard, FS
<b>1995 Fiesta</b>	Kordell Stewart, QB		
	Shannon Clavelle, DT		

(\*—Sportsmanship Award)

### BOWL GAME RECORDS INVOLVING COLORADO

#### INDIVIDUAL

**Longest Punt Return**—88, Ben Kelly vs. Boston College, 1999 Insight.com Bowl

**Longest Interception Return**—95, Marcus Washington vs. Oregon, 1996 Cotton Bowl

#### TEAM

**Most Points Scored, First Half**—45, Colorado vs. Boston College, 1999 Insight.com Bowl

**Most First Downs Rushing, Both Teams**—36, Colorado (24) vs. Alabama (12), 1969 Liberty Bowl



## 1938 COTTON BOWL

Jan. 1, 1938 at Dallas, Texas

Rice 28  
Colorado 14

In Colorado's first bowl appearance ever, the Buffaloes fell short to Rice 28-14, in the second annual Cotton Bowl. Other than the Rose Bowl, which began in 1902, bowls were relatively new in college football, as the Orange and Sugar came on the scene in 1935 and then the Cotton in 1937, with those four games considered the cream of the crop for the next 50 years.

The Buffs, champions of the Rocky Mountain Conference with an 8-0 overall record, were heavy underdogs ("4 to 1" according to newspaper articles at the time) to the Southwest Conference champion Owls, who entered the game with a 5-3-2 mark, but 5-1-1 down the stretch of the season.

It was a one-man show for both teams, as All-Americans Byron "Whizzer" White (Colorado) and Ernie Lain (Rice) dominated for their respective squads. White was involved in both Colorado scores and Lain in all four Owl touchdowns.

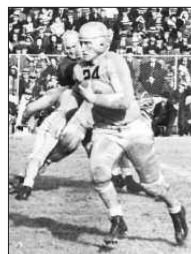
CU sprinted to a 14-0 advantage in the first quarter, when White threw an eight-yard touchdown pass to Joe Antonio for the first TD, and then returned an interception 47 yards for a score five minutes later. Rice battled back and scored 21 second-quarter points to take a 21-14 lead at the half. Lain threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score.

The Owls, also called the "Feathered Flock" at the time, added the game's final score in the middle of the third quarter when Frank Steen caught an 11-yard pass from Lain. One of the major differences in the game came down to

offensive style, as the passing game was much further along in the southwest and it showed in the statistics, as Rice had 158 yards passing as compared to just eight for Colorado.

Still, accounts at the time in the newspapers in both Colorado and Texas praised the CU effort, and Buff coach Bunnie Oakes blamed the outcome on CU's quick start. He told the team and reporters that things might have turned out differently had CU not gone up 14-0 and then relaxed, figuring it was easy to score. But Rice's only two turnovers had set up both Colorado scores, and the Owls didn't punt until their first series of the second half.

Lain and White were both named the outstanding players of the game.



Byron White

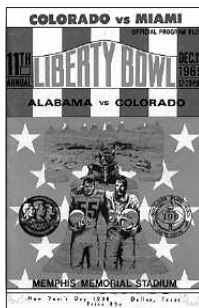
Colorado .....	14	0	0	0	—	14
Rice.....	0	21	7	0	—	28

CU—Antonio 8 pass from White (White kick)	7- 0	8:00	1Q
CU—White 47 interception return (White kick)	14- 0	3:00	1Q
Rice—Schuehle 13 pass from Lain (Vestal kick)	14- 7	14:00	2Q
Rice—Lain 3 run (Vestal kick)	14-14	9:00	2Q
Rice—Cordill 37 pass from Lain (Vestal kick)	14-21	3:00	2Q
Rice—Steen 11 pass from Lain (Vestal kick)	14-28	7:00	3Q

Attendance: 35,000

Time: N/A

Weather: 50 degrees, clear skies



## 1957 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1957 at Miami, Fla.

Colorado 27  
Clemson 21

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. Ellwin 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

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

Attendance: 72,552

Time: N/A

Weather: 75 degrees, clear skies, 5 mph winds (S)



### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	RICE
First Downs .....	6	20
Third Down Efficiency .....	3-11	5-12
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-1	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards .....	38-47	52-254
Passing Yards .....	8	158
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	6-1-2	20-11-2
Total Offense .....	55	412
Return Yards .....	60	64
Punts: No-Average .....	9-41.2	3-20.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	2-0	3-1
Penalties/Yards .....	3/15	9/65
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	N/A	N/A
Time Possession .....	N/A	N/A

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: White 23-54, Cheney 9-19, Antonio 2-4, Hill 1-1, Reeves 1-minus 5, Hickey 2-minus 26. **Rice:** Lain 14-78, Vickers 13-55, Cordill 7-44, Schuehle 4-25, Neece 3-18, Sullivan 4-13, Coffee 4-13, Rogers 1-4, Hancock 1-13, Mechler 1-2.

**Passing**—Colorado: White 5-1-2, 8; Reeves 1-0-0, 0. **Rice:** Lain 12-8-1, 123; Vickers 6-3-0, 35; Sullivan 1-0-0, 0; Coffee 1-0-1, 0.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Antonio 1-8. **Rice:** Steen 4-57, Cordill 3-60, Hager 2-16, Schuehle 1-13, Williams 1-12.

**Punting**—Colorado: White 8-41.6, Reeves 1-38.0. **Rice:** Vickers 1-38.0, Sullivan 2-11.0.

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Reeves 1-10, White 1-0. **Rice:** Sullivan 4-39, Neece 1-13, Cordill 2-9, Coffee 2-minus 4.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: White 3-65. **Rice:** Vickers 1-24, Schuehle 1-16, Hancock 1-8.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: White 1-47, Grove 1-3. **Rice:** Flowers 2-7.

**Tackle Leaders**—N/A.

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

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

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

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

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

**Tackle Leaders**—N/A.





## 1962 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1962 at Miami, Fla.

Jittery Big Eight champion Colorado was outclassed by Louisiana State's smooth football hordes, and the Buffaloes lost a 25-7 decision in the 28th Orange Bowl Classic before 62,391 onlookers.

Coach Paul Dietzel's Southeast Conference champions built up a 5-0 first quarter lead on field goal and a safety scored when Gary Kinchen blocked a Charlie McBride punt out of the end zone. Colorado came back to grab a 7-5 lead on Buff defender Loren Schweninger's 59-yard pass interception return for a score early in the second quarter.

But the Tigers then methodically dismantled the Buffaloes, and though down by only four at halftime, one had the feeling that the struggling CU offense might not be able to get going in the second half. Colorado had only three plays, for as many yards, in the first quarter, and ran just 17 for 48 in the first half.

LSU took the lead for good in the second quarter, marching 82 yards for the score with Chuck Crawford going in from the one with 8:57 left in the first half to give the Tigers an 11-7 margin that held until the half.

The Tigers scored twice quickly in the third quarter to put the game away, going 43 yards after a poor 18-yard punt and blocking another McBride punt for a touchdown just as the period ended.

Sonny Grandelius' Buffs managed only 129 yards in total offense against the LSU "Chinese Bandit" defense, while the Tigers earned 315

yards. CU had come into the game with a 9-1 mark, losing only to Utah and winning all seven Big Eight games to claim its first league crown.

Colorado .....	0	7	0	0	—	7
Louisiana State .....	5	6	14	0	—	25

LSU—Harris 30 FG	0-3	6:59	1Q
LSU—Safety, Kinchen blocked punt out of end zone	0-5	4:43	1Q
CU—Schweninger 59 interception return (Hillebrand kick)	7-5	12:54	2Q
LSU—Crawford 1 run (run failed)	7-11	8:57	2Q
LSU—Field 9 run (Harris kick)	7-18	10:34	3Q
LSU—Sykes recovered blocked punt in end zone (Harris kick)	7-25	0:26	3Q

Attendance: 62,391

Time: N/A

Weather: 67 degrees, humid, clear skies, 10 mph winds (SW)



## Louisiana State 25

Colorado 7

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	LOUISIANA STATE
First Downs .....	7	19
Third Down Efficiency .....	3-16	10-16
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	1-4	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards .....	16-24	57-206
Passing Yards .....	105	109
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	39-12-0	18-8-3
Total Offense .....	129	315
Return Yards .....	77	0
Punts: No-Average .....	8-22.1	4-33.8
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	2-1	2-1
Penalties/Yards .....	5/35	7/65
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	N/A	N/A
Time Possession .....	N/A	N/A

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Schweninger 5-9, Weidner 1-6, Mavity 3-4, Woods 4-3, Harris 3-2. **LSU:** Gros 10-55, Field 8-36, Harris 6-26, Stovall 5-24, Amedee 9-20, Cranford 9-20, Wilkins 6-19, Campbell 3-6, Neck 1-0.

**Passing**—Colorado: Weidner 36-11-0, 98; Montera 3-1-0, 7. **LSU:** Amedee 12-6-2, 88; Field 6-2-1, 21.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Hillebrand 4-52, Meadows 3-24, Mavity 2-15, Schweninger 2-7, Coleman 1-7. **LSU:** Wilkins 3-58, Campbell 3-30, Harris 1-14, Stovall 1-7.

**Punting**—Colorado: McBride 6-28.5 (38 long), Team 2-0. **LSU:** Stovall 4-33.8 (49 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Crabb 1-9, Woods 1-1. **LSU:** Harris 1-0.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Harris 2-27, Woods 1-17. **LSU:** Campbell 1-18, Harris 1-17.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Schweninger 1-59, Harris 1-8, Crabb 1-0. **LSU:** none.

**Tackle Leaders**—N/A.

## 1967 BLUEBONNET BOWL

Dec. 31, 1967 at Houston, Texas

Sophomore quarterback Bobby Anderson ignored a painful ankle injury and ignited Colorado's 31-21 victory over Miami, Fla. at Rice Stadium in the 9th annual Bluebonnet Bowl.

One of the more entertaining games of the '67 bowl season, there were five lead changes and neither team had a two-score lead until Wilmer Cooks put the game away with a 2-yard touchdown run with just 62 seconds to play.

Anderson, the 19-year-old Boulder-bred signal caller, led the Buffaloes on an 80-yard TD march in the third period to give the Herd a 17-14 lead. Then, after the Hurricanes recaptured the lead on the first play of the fourth quarter, Anderson sped 38 yards for a touchdown with 6:55 left in the game to put CU back ahead by 24-21. Anderson then took the Buffs 34 yards for the clinching score with 1:02 to play (Cooks' run) after Isaac Howard had picked off a Miami pass at the Hurricane 43-yard line and returned it nine yards.

The Buffs opened the scoring on a 7-yard run by Larry Plantz with just under five minutes left in the first

quarter, as it took CU just two plays to capitalize on a Miami fumble. The Hurricanes answered that score on their next possession, and then took a 14-7 lead on a 77-yard interception return for a touchdown by Jimmy Dye.

Anderson was the complete player in winning game MVP honors, running for 108 yards on 17 carries, scoring two touchdowns, and com-

pleting 5-of-10 passes for 49 yards. Oddly, Anderson did not start the game, giving way to fleet Dan Kelly because of his bothersome ankle. Bobby entered the game in the second period after Miami went in front.

Colorado .....	7	3	7	14	—	31
Miami, Fla. ....	0	14	0	7	—	21

CU—Plantz 7 run (Farler kick)	7-0	4:46	1Q
Miami—Mira 2 run (Harris kick)	7-7	14:12	2Q
Miami—Dye 77 interception return (Harris kick)	7-14	5:46	2Q
CU—Farler 31 FG	10-14	0:07	2Q
CU—B.Anderson 2 run (Bartelt kick)	17-14	11:11	3Q
Miami—Daanen 9 pass from Miller (Harris kick)	17-21	14:55	4Q
CU—B.Anderson 38 run (Farler kick)	24-21	6:55	4Q
CU—Cooks 2 run (Farler kick)	31-21	1:02	4Q

Attendance: 30,156

Time: N/A

Weather: 53 degrees, clear skies, 9 mph winds (NNW)



## Colorado 31

Miami, Fla. 21

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	MIAMI, FLA.
First Downs .....	21	14
Third Down Efficiency .....	7-15	2-12
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-0	2-2
Rushes—Net Yards .....	56-283	33-120
Passing Yards .....	82	113
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	21-10-1	28-10-2
Total Offense .....	365	233
Return Yards .....	33	72
Punts: No-Average .....	3-32.5	7-37.7
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	2-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards .....	2/10	9/75
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-15	5-48
Time Possession .....	34:39	25:21

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: B.Anderson 17-108, Cooks 17-74, Plantz 7-56, Kelly 12-38, Farler 3-minus 3. **Miami:** Acuff 8-38, Opalsky 12-38, Olivo 8-25, Miller 1-11, McGee 1-6, Mira 3-2.

**Passing**—Colorado: Kelly 11-5-1, 33; B.Anderson 10-5-0, 49. **Miami:** Miller 14-5-2, 75; Olivo 14-5-0, 38.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Huber 6-52, Pruitt 2-26, Corson 1-5, Plantz 1-1. **Miami:** Daanen 4-56, Cox 2-29, McGee 2-14, Smith 1-11, Acuff 1-3.

**Punting**—Colorado: B.Anderson 7-34.9, Kelly 1-24.0. **Miami:** Collins 7-37.7.

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: D.Anderson 1-12, Greer 2-12. **Miami:** Robinson 1-minus 5.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Plantz 1-26, Kuxhaus 1-15. **Miami:** Acuff 5-76, Russo 1-15, Opalsky 0-49 (lateral).

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Howard 1-9, Greer 1-0. **Miami:** Dye 1-77.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Bynum 13-2-15; Bosch 10-2-12; Greer 8-4-12; D.Anderson 7-4-11. **Miami:** Hendricks 9-8-17; Taterek 7-2-9; Dye 6-3-9; Barnett 7-1-8.



## 1969 LIBERTY BOWL

Dec. 13, 1969 at Memphis, Tenn.

Colorado 47  
Alabama 33

All-American tailback Bobby Anderson and his herd of Bison stampeded into Memphis and outslugged Alabama, 47-33, before 50,042 fans and a nationwide television audience in the 11th annual Liberty Bowl.

The 80 combined points by the teams marked the most ever scored in a major bowl game, and the second most at the time in any NCAA postseason game, surpassed only by the 91 points scored in the 1968 Tangerine Bowl (a 49-42 Richmond win over Ohio U.).

Anderson, a bullish 6-0, 208-pounder, capped his All-America campaign by rushing for a Liberty Bowl record 254 yards and scoring three touchdowns. It gave him a total of 5,017 yards in total offense for his career and enabled him to become the first Big Eight player ever to hit the 5,000-yard mark for a career, including bowl games.

Fullback Ward Walsh scored twice on short runs, Dave Haney kicked a 30-yard field goal, Anderson scored from the two, and Steve Engel and Bob Masten collaborated on a 91-yard kickoff return as CU stormed to a 31-19 halftime lead. The Crimson Tide rallied to take a 33-31 lead with two third quarter touchdowns, but CU blitzed 'Bama for 16 unanswered points in the final stanza to post the win.

Defensively, the Buffaloes harassed two Tide quarterbacks all afternoon, posting eight sacks, several knock-downs and seven pass deflections. End Bill Brundige was in on five sacks for 41 yards in losses.

It was the only match up between college coaching legends, as Eddie Crowder's Buffaloes prevailed over Paul "Bear" Bryant's Crimson Tide. It was a classic, as 'Bama stormed back from 17- and 12-point deficits, but CU's resiliency won out.

A total of 16 new Liberty bowl records were set in the long and exciting afternoon in Memphis Memorial Stadium before the ABC-TV cameras.

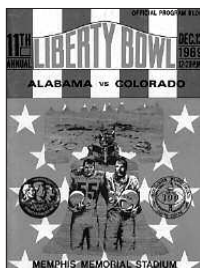
Colorado .....	10	21	0	16	—	47
Alabama .....	0	19	14	0	—	33

CU—Walsh 13 run Haney kick)	7- 0	11:36	1Q
CU—Haney 30 FG	10- 0	4:54	1Q
CU—Anderson 3 run (Haney kick)	17- 0	12:38	2Q
Alabama—Hunter 31 run (Buck kick)	17- 7	10:13	2Q
Alabama—Ranager 6 run (pass failed)	17-13	4:49	2Q
CU—Walsh 15 run (Haney kick)	24-13	2:38	2Q
Alabama—Musso 2 run (run failed)	24-19	1:01	2Q
CU—Engel 91 kickoff return (Haney kick)	31-19	0:46	2Q
Alabama—Langston 55 pass from Hayden (Buck kick)	31-26	13:39	3Q
Alabama—Musso 10 pass from Hayden (Buck kick)	31-33	7:47	3Q
CU—Anderson 2 run (Haney kick)	38-33	10:57	4Q
CU—Safety, Hayden tackled in end zone by Brundige and Orvis	40-33	2:48	4Q
CU—Anderson 3 run (Haney kick)	47-33	0:45	4Q

Attendance: 50,042

Time: N/A

Weather: 55 degrees, clear skies, 15 mph winds (SW)



### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	ALABAMA
First Downs .....	29	24
Third Down Efficiency .....	5-13	6-17
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	2-3	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards .....	70-473	46-155
Passing Yards .....	90	212
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	16-6-3	34-14-0
Total Offense .....	563	367
Return Yards .....	18	5
Punts: No-Average .....	2-37.5	7-41.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	3-2	2-0
Penalties/Yards .....	8/94	2/24
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	8-68	1-1
Time Possession .....	30:57	29:03

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Anderson 35-254, Bratten 19-111, Walsh 12-59, Whitaker 1-43, Engel 2-4, Dal Porto 1-2. **Alabama:** Musso 23-107, Seay 7-53, Hunter 4-7, Ranager 1-6, Jilleba 1-2, Sawyer 1-minus 5, Hayden 9-minus 15.

**Passing**—Colorado: Bratten 11-3-3, 49; Anderson 4-3-0, 41; Robert 1-0-0, 0. **Alabama:** Hayden 21-8-0, 164; Hunter 13-6-0, 48.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Masten 2-35, Dal Porto 2-29, Pruett 1-15, Huber 1-11. **Alabama:** Bailey 3-43, Musso 3-22, Langston 2-64, Seay 2-20, Sawyer 1-33, Doran 1-26, Ranager 1-9, Jilleba 1-minus 5.

**Punting**—Colorado: Robert 2-37.5. **Alabama:** Mann 7-41.0.

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Harris 1-13, Murphy 1-5. **Alabama:** Sasser 1-5.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Engel 3-122, Riegel 2-38, Murphy 1-28, Anderson 1-23, Masten 1-11. **Alabama:** Moore 3-50, Ranager 2-54, Musso 2-23, Wilder 1-0.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: none. **Alabama:** Gilbert 1-0, James 1-0, Williams 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Brundige 6,9—15; Collins 3,11—14; Irwin 4,7—11; Ogle 1,10—11; Orvis 2,7—9; Blanchard 2,7—9.

**Alabama:** Samples 3,13—16; Duke 4,10—14; Gilbert 4,10—14; Parkhouse 2,11—13.

## 1970 LIBERTY BOWL

Dec. 12, 1970 at Memphis, Tenn.

Tulane 17  
Colorado 3

Hungry Tulane ruined Colorado's return to the Liberty Bowl and the Green Wave walked off with a stunning 17-3 upset of the Buffs as 44,640 fans shivered in the cold at the 12th annual event at Memphis Memorial Stadium.

Colorado, playing without injured quarterback Jim Bratten, and going with sophomore Paul Arendt, mounted little offense and fell to the emotional Tulane effort. CU had come into the game with just a 6-4 record, but had upset powers Penn State and Sugar Bowl-bound Air Force during the season. Tulane used the win to improve to 8-4 on the year and added CU to the list of impressive teams it had beaten, including Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina and Miami, Fla.

CU's only points came on a 32-yard second quarter field goal from Dave Haney as the Buffs managed only 175 yards in total offense after leading the Big Eight

with a per-game average of almost 425 yards. Tulane's David Abercrombie returned a second half kickoff 66 yards and scored himself on runs of two and four yards to cap drives that broke a 3-3 half-time tie and sent Tulane to its eighth win of the year. Linebacker Rick Kingrea set up the second tally with a 44-yard interception return off Arendt in the final period.

The game was a total contrast to the '69 Liberty Bowl, where CU and Alabama combined for 80 points and 930 yards. This affair saw just 20 points make it to the scoreboard on just 416 yards of offense.

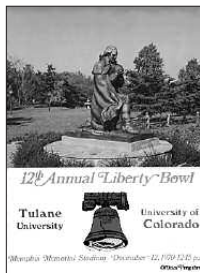
Colorado .....	0	3	0	0	—	3
Tulane .....	3	0	7	7	—	17

Tulane—Gibson 19 FG	0- 3	1:36	1Q
CU—Haney 32 FG	3- 3	8:08	2Q
Tulane—Abercrombie 2 run (Gibson kick)	3-10	13:18	3Q
Tulane—Abercrombie 4 run (Gibson kick)	3-17	8:04	4Q

Attendance: 44,640

Time: N/A

Weather: 37 degrees, clear skies, 10-15 mph winds (N)



### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	TULANE
First Downs .....	13	15
Third Down Efficiency .....	7-16	4-14
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-1	0-2
Rushes—Net Yards .....	57-155	52-213
Passing Yards .....	20	28
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	7-3-1	9-3-1
Total Offense .....	175	241
Return Yards .....	28	56
Punts: No-Average .....	7-42.9	6-38.5
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	4-1	4-0
Penalties/Yards .....	5/52	5/39
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-14	3-29
Time Possession .....	32:08	27:52

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Arendt 29-65, Tarver 11-54, Walsh 8-26, Keyworth 6-16, Branch 1-4, Stearns 1-minus 2, Brunson 1-minus 8. **Tulane:** Abercrombie 25-128, Marshall 13-87, Corn 1-4, Lachaussee 2-3, LeBlanc 1-2, M.Walker 10-minus 11.

**Passing**—Colorado: Arendt 7-3-1, 20. **Tulane:** Walker 8-3-1, 28; Lachaussee 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Dal Porto 2-17, Masten 1-3. **Tulane:** Barrios 2-34, Abercrombie 1-minus 6.

**Punting**—Colorado: Stearns 7-42.9 (56 long). **Tulane:** Sanders 6-38.5 (44 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: none. **Tulane:** Bullard 1-7, Williams 1-7, Murphy 2-minus 2.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Branch 4-80. **Tulane:** Abercrombie 1-66, Ewing 1-22.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Murphy 1-28. **Tulane:** Kingrea 1-44.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Smith 8,3—11; Stavely 8,2—10; Ogle 5,5—10; Murphy 7,0—7; Drake 6,1—7; Irwin 6,1—7. **Tulane:** Hester 7,8—15; Kingrea 9,3—12; J.Walker 7,2—9; Stark 6,3—9; Young 6,3—9.





# 1971 BLUEBONNET BOWL

Dec. 31, 1971 at Houston, Texas

Colorado 29  
Houston 17

Colorado sophomore tailback Charlie Davis returned to his hometown and ripped host Houston for a whopping 202 yards on 37 carries as the Buffs whipped the Cougars, 29-17, in the 13th annual Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl Classic at the Astrodome.

Davis scored twice and was a one-man show in the first half. CU took a 23-14 lead into the dressing rooms. CU marched 70 yards in nine plays on the games first possession, and thanks to a 27-yard run by Davis, took a 7-0 lead less than four minutes into the game. After a pair of Robert Newhouse runs spotted Houston a 14-7 after the first quarter, but CU answered with a 16-point second quarter. A touchdown pass of five yards from Ken Johnson to Larry Brunson, a 32-yard field goal by J. B. Dean, and another TD run by Davis enabled the Buffs to take the nine-point halftime lead.

Houston, behind the running of Newhouse, roared back to narrow the margin to 23-17 with 2:16 left in the third quarter as Mike Terrell kicked a 29-yard field goal. Newhouse, who lost out to Davis for the game's MVP Award, had 168 yards on 35 carries and also scored twice.



Safety John Stearns was a Colorado hero in the fourth period, making the gutsiest fourth down play in school history. On a fourth-and-9 from the Buff 10, he surprised everyone, including the Buff coaching staff, by sprinting 12 yards for a crucial first down after Houston had turned the momentum around and narrowed the margin to just a

touchdown on the Terrell field goal. Stearns then knocked down a sure TD pass on fourth down with the Cougars at the CU nine. The Buffs turned that one around and marched for the clinching tally with 3:48 left in the game.

CU finished the season with a 10-2 mark, its only setbacks coming at the hands of national champion Nebraska and to No. 2 Oklahoma. In the Associated Press poll, the Buffs rose to No. 3 in the final balloting with the victory over No. 15 Houston (9-3), marking the first and only time one conference had three schools finish 1-2-3.

Colorado .....	7	16	0	6	—	29
Houston .....	14	0	3	0	—	17

CU—Davis 27 run (Dean kick)	7- 0	11:24	1Q
Houston—Newhouse 2 run (Terrell kick)	7- 7	5:22	1Q
Houston—Newhouse 3 run (Terrell kick)	7-14	1:14	1Q
CU—Brunson 5 pass from Johnson (kick failed)	13-14	13:20	2Q
CU—Dean 32 FG	16-14	5:03	2Q
CU—Davis 1 run (Dean kick)	23-14	1:13	2Q
Houston—Terrell 29 FG	23-17	2:16	3Q
CU—Johnson 1 run (pass failed)	29-17	3:48	4Q

Attendance: 54,720

Time: 3:06

Weather: 72 degrees in controlled environment (played in the Astrodome)

## TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	HOUSTON
First Downs .....	24	19
Third Down Efficiency .....	12-18	6-15
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	1-1	3-6
Rushes—Net Yards .....	62-333	50-219
Passing Yards .....	62	173
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	17-7-1	25-11-1
Total Offense .....	395	392
Return Yards .....	0	0
Punts: No-Average .....	3-32.0	2-37.5
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	4-0	2-2
Penalties/Yards .....	7/52	2/47
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-5	0-0
Time Possession .....	N/A	N/A

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Davis 37-202, Johnson 16-81, Tarver 6-22, Branch 1-13, Stearns 1-12, Matthews 1.3. **Houston:** Newhouse 35-168, Mozisek 11-43, Mullins 4-8.

**Passing**—Colorado: Johnson 16-6-1, 51; Branch 1-1-0, 11. **Houston:** Mullins 25-11-1, 173.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Nichols 2-28, Brunson 2-16, Masten 1-14, Davis 1-3, Branch 1-1. **Houston:** Orchin 6-94, Odums 4-51, Stanley 1-28.

**Punting**—Colorado: Stearns 3-32.0 (39 long). **Houston:** H.oberts 2-37.5 (41 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: none. **Houston:** none.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Brunson 2-45, Brunson 1-11, Nichols 1-9. **Houston:** Newhouse 3-29, Orchin 1-13, W.Roberts 1-13, Johnson 1-9.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Foster 1-0. **Houston:** Hamrick 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Drake 8,2—10; Taibi 8,2—10; Magrum 7,3—10; Orvis 5,5—10; Havens 4,2—6; Stearns 4,1—5; Bryant 4,1—5. **Houston:** Brezina 7,3—10; Ditta 8,1—9; Stohler 8,1—9; Bolin 4,5—9; Branstetter 6,2—8.

# 1972 GATOR BOWL

Dec. 30, 1972 at Jacksonville, Fla.

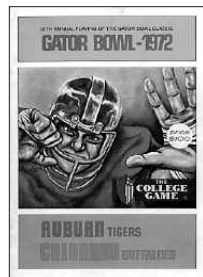
Auburn 24  
Colorado 3

Auburn, an 11-point underdog to Colorado, took command in the second period and went on to beat the Buffs, 24-3, in the 28th Gator Bowl Classic before 71,114 fans.

It was 17-0 in favor of the Tigers before CU got on the board with just 7:31 left in the game on a Freddie Lima field goal. Auburn shut off the fearsome Colorado rushing attack, limiting the Buffs to just 63 yards in 29 attempts and forced CU quarterback Ken Johnson to the air.

Auburn, sixth-ranked in the nation, took it to Colorado by capitalizing on two CU fumbles and two pass thefts. Johnson, who had directed No. 13 Colorado to an 8-3 regular season coming into the game, hit on 17 of 29 passes for 169 yards, but the Buff running game was shut down.

Garner Jett's 27-yard field goal and a fumble recovery at the Colorado 16-yard line a minute later led to the 10-0 halftime lead for Auburn. Then, in the second half, back Mike Fuller hit tight end Rob Spivey with a 22-yard TD pass late in the third quarter. Holder Dave Beck threw a 16-yard TD pass off a fake field goal to Dan Nugent with just 1:10 left in the game to ice the win.



The Tigers managed only 233 yards on the afternoon, including only 153 on 58 rushing attempts, or just 2.6 per attempt, as the CU defense had 11 tackles for losses totaling 36 yards. But largely due to the turnovers, Auburn's four scoring drives consumed a grand total of only 116 yards.

Auburn finished 10-1 and moved up to a number five ranking for the season.

Colorado .....	0	0	0	3	—	3
Auburn .....	0	10	7	7	—	24

Auburn—Jett 27 FG	0- 3	14:16	2Q
Auburn—Whatley 1 run (Jett kick)	0-10	12:00	2Q
Auburn—Spivey 22 pass from M.Fuller (Jett kick)	0-17	3:32	3Q
CU—Lima 33 FG	3-17	7:31	4Q
Auburn—Nugent 16 pass from Beck (Jett kick)	3-24	1:10	4Q

Attendance: 71,114

Time: N/A

Weather: 70 degrees, clear skies, wind negligible

## TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	AUBURN
First Downs .....	14	13
Third Down Efficiency .....	3-14	6-18
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	1-2	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards .....	29-63	58-153
Passing Yards .....	204	80
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	33-20-2	8-5-0
Total Offense .....	267	233
Return Yards .....	3	1
Punts: No-Average .....	5-39.8	7-40.7
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	3-2	3-1
Penalties/Yards .....	5/47	4/30
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-10	0-0
Time Possession .....	24:44	35:16

## INDIVIDUAL

**Rushing**—Colorado: Matthews 8-34, Davis 14-12, Johnson 6-10, Campbell 1-7. **Auburn:** R.Fuller 12-72, Linderman 15-37, Henley 18-24, Whatley 13-20.

**Passing**—Colorado: Johnson 29-17-2, 169; Duenas 4-3-0, 35. **Auburn:** Whatley 6-3-0, 42; M.Fuller 1-1-0, 22; Beck 1-1-0, 16.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Davis 7-10, Cain 4-45, Keyworth 3-55, Ellwood 3-49, Collier 2-43, Campbell 1-2. **Auburn:** Spivey 1-22, Cannon 1-17, Nugent 1-16, Henley 1-13, Gates 1-12.

**Punting**—Colorado: Stearns 5-39.8 (51 long). **Auburn:** Beverly 7-40.7 (54 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Bryant 4-3. **Auburn:** Simmons 2-1.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Collier 4-73, Campbell 1-17. **Auburn:** Langner 1-25, M.Fuller 1-24.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: none. **Auburn:** Beck 1-0, Simmons 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Cooney 12,1—13; Magrum 9,2—11; R.Stearns 9,1—10; Drake 5,1—6; Geist 4,1—5. **Auburn:** Newton 7,3—10; Langner 6,0—6; Beck 5,0—5; Sixley 5,0—5.



## 1975 BLUEBONNET BOWL

Dec. 27, 1975 at Houston, Texas

Texas 38  
Colorado 21

Colorado rolled up a commanding 21-7 halftime lead over Texas, then kicked it away as the Longhorns rallied to a 38-21 win in the 17th Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl in the Houston Astrodome before 52,748.

In the first half, Colorado built up sizeable advantages in first downs (16-5), total yards (225-89), total plays (48-20) and time of possession (20:50-9:10) in building the 21-7 edge. After overcoming Texas returning the opening kickoff to the CU 14, when Russell Erxleben's 25-yard field goal was low into the line, CU fullback Terry Kunz scored on a one-yard dive with 2:29 left in the first quarter for a 7-0 lead. Quarterback David Williams threw a four-yard TD pass to Dave Logan with 12:42 left in the second period, then added a 25-yard scoring aerial to huge end Don Hasselbeck with 0:24 left in the half to provide the two touchdown margin.

But Kunz opened the second half with a costly fumble at the Buff 34 and Texas halfback Jimmy Walker scored eight plays later to make it 21-13, though CU blocked the extra point. UT end Tim Campbell blocked a CU punt a minute later and roared 25 yards for the touchdown, with a two-point conversion pass from quarterback Marty Akins to fullback Earl Campbell tying the game at 21-21 with 10:56 left in the third quarter.

Erxleben booted an NCAA bowl record 55-yard field goal with 6:25 left in the third period to give the Longhorns a 24-21 lead. Fleet Johnny Jones scored from four yards out with 3:15 left in the third period that put the Horns a 31-21, and then added an insurance score on a 7-yard run with 5:05 left in the game.

Despite 59 points being put on the scoreboard, the game really wasn't an offensive showcase. The Buffs outgained Texas by 294-237, but CU struggled on offense in the second half, gaining only 69 yards.

Colorado .....	7	14	0	0	—	21
Texas .....	0	7	24	7	—	38

CU—Kunz 1 run (MacKenzie kick)	7-0	2:29	1Q
CU—Logan 4 pass from Williams (MacKenzie kick)	14-0	12:42	2Q
Texas—Jackson 21 pass from Akin (Erxleben kick)	14-7	1:47	2Q
CU—Hasselbeck 25 pass from Williams (MacKenzie kick)	21-7	0:24	2Q
Texas—Walker 3 run (kick blocked)	21-13	10:56	3Q
Texas—T.Campbell 25 blocked punt return (E.Campbell pass from Akin)	21-21	8:37	3Q
Texas—Erxleben 55 FG	21-24	6:25	3Q
Texas—Jones 4 run (Erxleben kick)	21-31	3:15	3Q
Texas—Jones 7 run (Erxleben kick)	21-38	5:05	4Q

Attendance: 52,758

Time: 2:59

Weather: 72 degrees in controlled environment (played in the Astrodome)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	TEXAS
First Downs .....	21	15
Third Down Efficiency .....	8-14	3-10
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	2-2	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards .....	51-117	62-171
Passing Yards .....	177	66
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	26-17-3	5-4-0
Total Offense .....	294	237
Return Yards .....	-2	61
Punts: No-Average .....	4-24.0	2-40.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	3-2	2-2
Penalties/Yards .....	6/50	5/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	0-0	3-39
Time Possession .....	34:56	25:04

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Reed 14-41, Moorehead 9-39, Kunz 10-20, Kelleher 6-18, Waddy 1-6, Mayberry 1-2, Williams 11-minus 9. **Texas:** Campbell 19-95, Jones 8-33, Walker 7-16, Suber 4-13, Akins 7-8, Aboussie 3-5, Featherstone 2-5, Rowan 1-2.

**Passing**—Colorado: Williams 25-17-2, 177; Austin 1-0-1, 0. **Texas:** Akins 5-4-0, 66.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Hasselbeck 5-84, Moorehead 3-25, Logan 3-20, Reed 3-17, Kelleher 1-14, Gauntly 1-11, Kunz 1-6. **Texas:** Jackson 2-31, Jones 1-30, Suber 1-5.

**Punting**—Colorado: Koleski 3-22.0 (39 long), Waddy 1-30.0. **Texas:** Erxleben 2-40.0 (41 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Logan 1-1, McCoy 1-minus 4. **Texas:** T.Campbell 1-25.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Waddy 3-70, Mayberry 2-32, Gauntly 1-15. **Texas:** Jones 1-25, Martinez 1-25, Wyatt 1-10, Jackson 1-6, Clayburn 0-76 (lateral).

**Interceptions**—Colorado: none. **Texas:** Johnson 1-22, Hamilton 1-14, Jette 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: McCoy 7,5—12; Paul 3,8—11; Davis 4,6—10; Campbell 3,6—9; Johnson 4,4—8; Simpson 0,7—7. **Texas:** Johnson 3,14—17; Fenlaw 8,7—15; Hamilton 6,7—13; Clayborn 4,5—9; Jette 2,5—7; Lee 1,6—7.

## 1977 ORANGE BOWL

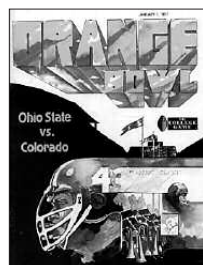
Jan. 1, 1977 at Miami, Fla.

Ohio State 27  
Colorado 10

Colorado returned to the Orange Bowl as Big Eight tri-champions for the first time since 1961, but Ohio State's defense and an injury to CU middle guard Charlie Johnson in the first half killed CU's chances in a 27-10 Buckeye win before 65,537.

The Buffs got the Orange Bowl nod over Oklahoma and Oklahoma State by virtue of their wins over both schools as all finished with 5-2 league records. CU came into the game ranked No.12, while Ohio State, the Big 10 runner-up, was 8-2-1 and ranked No. 11.

Colorado opened with a bang, getting ahead 10-0 in the first quarter on a 26-yard field goal by Mark Zetterberg with 5:56 elapsed, then a touchdown pass of 11 yards from sophomore quarterback Jeff Knapple to wingback Emery Moorehead with 3:43 left. At that point, CU held a 114-to-minus 7 edge in total offense and had run 19 plays to just 6 for OSU. But Johnson, who had a quarterback sack and a pass pressure in those six plays, went down with a broken ankle. Ohio State coach Woody Hayes substituted fleet Rod Gerald at quarterback for a harassed Tom Pacenta and the Buckeye offense came alive in the second quarter.



OSU tailback Jeff Logan rambled for a 36-yard touchdown up the middle as the first period came to an end, then the Buckeyes tied it on a 28-yard field goal by Tom Skladany with 9:29 left in the half.

Ohio State engineered a 99-yard drive, capped by fullback Pete Johnson's three-yard run, with 0:20 left in the half to take a 17-10 lead into intermission. That advantage stood up until Skladany added another 20-yard field goal with 2:30 left in the third quarter to make it 20-10 in favor of OSU.

The Buffs could not do anything offensively in the second half, and a pass interception at the Colorado 28 with 3:08 left led to the final Ohio State touchdown and the winning margin of 27-10.

Colorado .....	10	0	0	0	—	10
Ohio State .....	7	10	3	7	—	27

CU—Zetterberg 26 FG	3-0	9:04	1Q
CU—Moorehead 11 pass from Knapple (Zetterberg kick)	10-0	3:54	1Q
Ohio State—Logan 36 run (Skladany kick)	10-7	3:11	1Q
Ohio State—Skladany 28 FG	10-10	9:33	2Q
Ohio State—P.Johnson 3 run (Skladany kick)	10-17	0:24	2Q
Ohio State—Skladany 20 FG	10-20	2:30	3Q
Ohio State—Gerald 4 run (Skladany kick)	10-27	0:45	4Q

Attendance: 65,537

Time: N/A

Weather: 68 degrees, humid, clear skies, 9 mph winds (NW)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	OHIO STATE
First Downs .....	12	21
Third Down Efficiency .....	5-16	8-19
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	1-1	2-2
Rushes—Net Yards .....	40-134	71-271
Passing Yards .....	137	59
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	23-8-2	7-2-0
Total Offense .....	271	330
Return Yards .....	5	39
Punts: No-Average .....	7-35.2	3-42.3
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-0	4-4
Penalties/Yards .....	8/60	4/37
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-18	0-0
Time Possession .....	25:31	34:29

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Reed 22-58, Waddy 1-40, Kelleher 11-26, Knapple 5-13, Moorehead 1-minus 3. **Ohio State:** Springs 23-98, Gerald 14-81, Logan 14-79, P.Johnson 14-26, Jackson 1-1, Campbell 1-0, Pacenta 4-minus 14.

**Passing**—Colorado: Skladany 22-8-2, 137; Gauntly 1-0-0, 0. **Ohio State:** Gerald 6-2-0, 59; Pacenta 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Moorehead 4-68, Reed 2-51, Hasselbeck 2-18. **Ohio State:** Harrell 2-59.

**Punting**—Colorado: Koleski 7-35.2 (45 long). **Ohio State:** Skladany 3-42.3 (46 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Morris 1-5. **Ohio State:** R.Griffin 1-8, Logan 1-minus 2.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Waddy 2-56, Kelleher 2-13. **Ohio State:** Logan 1-49, Jackson 1-39, Harrell 1-22.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: none. **Ohio State:** Thompson 1-22, Cousineau 1-11.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Cabral 12,1—13; Muxlow 5,6—11; Haynes 9,1—10; Walker 6,4—10; Vaughan 4,5—9; Westendorf 3,5—8; Loloti 6,1—7; M.L.Davis 6,1—7.

**Ohio State:** Cousineau 13,4—17; A.Brown 7,1—8; Allegro 6,1—7; Beamon 4,3—7.





## 1985 FREEDOM BOWL

Dec. 30, 1985 at Anaheim, Calif.

Washington 20  
Colorado 17

Washington staved off a pair of late Colorado rallies and held on to defeat the Buffaloes, 20-17, in the second annual Freedom Bowl at Anaheim Stadium.

It was a close game throughout, as neither team ever held a two-score advantage. Washington took a 3-0 lead late in the first quarter on a 30-yard field goal by Jeff Jaeger. The Buffs came back to take what would be their only lead of the night early in the second quarter. Fullback Anthony Weatherspoon scored from a yard out and Larry Eckel added the point after to give CU a 7-3 edge with 5:59 remaining in the first half. The Huskies' David Toy scored on a three-yard run with only 30 seconds left in the first half to put Washington up 10-7 at intermission, capping a 14-play, 80 yard drive engineering by quarterback Chris Chandler.

Eckel tied the score at 10-10 with a 33-yard field goal with 8:41 left in the third quarter, but Washington countered three minutes later with a one-yard scoring run by Tony Covington for a 17-10 lead. Jaeger added an 18-yard field goal three seconds into the fourth quarter to make it 20-10.

All-American punter Barry Helton threw out of punt formation to Jon Embree for a dazzling 31-yard touchdown pass and Eckel added the extra point with 11:05 to go to pull CU to within three. The Buffs would get no closer, but had the ball at inside the Husky 10 in the final five minutes. Halfback Mike Marquez fumbled the ball at the two

ending the drive, although television replays indicated the ground may have caused the fumble.

The game capped CU's turnaround season, as the Buffs went from 1-10 the previous year to 7-5 and captured the NCAA's most-improved team honor.

Marquez led the Buffs with 80 yards on 10 carries, while Chandler led the Huskies with 72 yards on seven tries. It was a defensive game, with each team committing just a single turnover, but Washington was penalized 13 times for 88 yards on the evening.

Colorado .....	0	7	3	7	—	17
Washington .....	3	7	7	3	—	20

Washington—Jaeger 30 FG	0-3	4:15	1Q
CU—Weatherspoon 1 run (Eckel kick)	7-3	5:59	2Q
Washington—Toy 3 run (Jaeger kick)	7-10	0:30	2Q
CU—Eckel 33 FG	10-10	8:41	3Q
Washington—Covington 1 run (Jaeger kick)	10-17	5:35	3Q
Washington—Jaeger 18 FG	10-20	14:57	4Q
CU—Embree 31 pass from Helton (Eckel kick)	17-20	11:05	4Q

Attendance: 37,839

Time: 3:03

Weather: 66 degrees, clear skies, 10 mph winds (S)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	WASHINGTON
First Downs .....	15	20
Third Down Efficiency .....	8-17	4-14
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	1-3	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards .....	58-190	43-207
Passing Yards .....	44	141
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	10-2-0	26-15-1
Total Offense .....	234	348
Return Yards .....	40	8
Punts: No-Average .....	5-39.0	6-40.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards .....	4/20	13/88
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	0-0	2-12
Time Possession .....	30:22	29:38

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Marquez 10-80, Hatcher 12-36, Brown 8-26, Weatherspoon 8-26, S.Smith 11-13, McCarty 4-9. **Washington**: Chandler 7-72, Weathersby 11-56, Covington 9-33, Toy 8-22, Hill 1-11, Fenney 6-11, Jenkins 1-2.

**Passing**—Colorado: Hatcher 8-1-0, 13; Helton 1-1-0, 31; Alexander 1-0-0, 0. **Washington**: Chandler 26-15-1, 141.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Embree 1-31, Ferrando 1-13. **Washington**: Hill 4-48, R.Jones 3-39, Weathersby 3-21, Covington 2-14, Fenney 2-minus 2, Toy 1-21.

**Punting**—Colorado: Helton 5-39.0 (54 long). **Washington**: Cleland 6-40.0 (50 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Collins 3-29, Pickens 1-3. **Washington**: Miles 2-8.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Alexander 1-33. **Washington**: Trimble 3-77, Toy 1-16.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Remington 1-8. **Washington**: none.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Rogers 9,4—13; Rappold 8,2—10; DeLuzio 8,2—10; Remington 5,5—10; Wilcots 5,2—7; Bennett 5,0—5. **Washington**: Rill 10,7—17; Hadley 8,2—10; Fuimaono 9,0—9; Kelly 7,1—8; Milus 3,2—5.

## 1986 BLUEBONNET BOWL

Dec. 31, 1986 at Houston, Texas

Baylor 21  
Colorado 9

Baylor turned two Colorado turnovers into touchdowns and then thwarted two Buff scoring threats in the fourth quarter as the Bears defeated CU, 21-9, before 40,470 in attendance at Rice Stadium in the 28th Bluebonnet Bowl.

It was CU's fourth appearance in the Houston-based game, with its last two games here played indoors in the Astrodome (1971 and 1975). As in 1967, this one was played outdoors on natural grass.

Baylor drew first blood with 3:34 left in the first quarter on a one-yard plunge by Derrick McAdoo on a fourth-and-goal play. Colorado countered two drives later with a 36-yard field goal by Dave DeLine to slice the lead to 7-3 early in the second stanza. But the Buffs turned the ball over on their own eight and it took Baylor three plays to score to extend the lead to 14-3, which stood at intermission. Cody Carlson hooked up with Darnell Chase on a 2-yard pass play for the score.

CU turned the ball over on its second play from scrimmage in the second half and McAdoo scored again from a yard out to put Baylor up 21-3. The Buffs finally put six on the board late in the quarter on a 31-yard touchdown run by Mark Hatcher, but CU couldn't convert the two and score remained 21-9 in favor of the Bears.

The Buffs twice had the ball deep in Baylor territory in the fourth quarter, but the Bear defense held, as CU couldn't convert either time on fourth down. In a game dominated by defense, Baylor outgained Colorado 279-194. Each team had 12 first downs, and the Buff defense held the Bears to over 200 yards under its per-game average for the season.

The running game, CU's bread-and-butter the last two seasons, was held in check by a ferocious Bear defense. Baylor had 14 tackles for loss in holding Colorado to just 83 rushing yards on 47 attempts. CU's running defense wasn't too shabby either, as Baylor netted just 114 yards on 43 tries.

Colorado .....	0	3	6	0	—	9
Baylor .....	7	7	7	0	—	21

Baylor—McAdoo 1 run (Syler kick)	0-7	3:34	1Q
CU—DeLine 36 FG	3-7	13:09	2Q
Baylor—Chase 2 pass from Carlson (Syler kick)	3-14	4:57	2Q
Baylor—McAdoo 1 run (Syler kick)	3-21	12:56	3Q
CU—Hatcher 31 run (run failed)	9-21	2:38	3Q

Attendance: 40,470

Time: 3:01

Weather: 56 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 5-10 mph winds (N)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	BAYLOR
First Downs .....	12	12
Third Down Efficiency .....	4-14	6-19
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-2	2-2
Rushes—Net Yards .....	47-83	43-114
Passing Yards .....	111	165
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	14-7-1	28-14-2
Total Offense .....	194	279
Return Yards .....	15	3
Punts: No-Average .....	5-37.6	7-31.1
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	7-3	2-0
Penalties/Yards .....	4/25	7/58
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-14	6-38
Time Possession .....	28:51	31:09

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Kissick 9-37, Oliver 11-36, Hatcher 10-14, Campbell 1-11, Marquez 7-8, Jones 1-4, Walters 8-minus 27.

**Baylor**: McAdoo 8-36, Murray 11-35, Carlson 6-15, Perry 8-15, Rutledge 3-6, Lovell 4-3, Chase 1-2, Conner 1-2, Walls 1-0.

**Passing**—Colorado: Walters 8-5-1, 71; Hatcher 5-2-0, 40; Embree 1-0-0. **Baylor**: Carlson 22-11-2, 136; Lovell 6-3-0, 29.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Embree 3-57, Oliver 1-19, Carl 1-13, Ferrando 1-12, Marquez 1-10. **Baylor**: Clark 3-58, Chase 2-23, Murray 2-18, Fornes 2-16, Davis 1-17, Simpson 1-12, Huckabay 1-11.

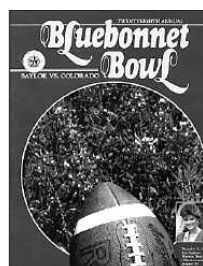
**Punting**—Colorado: Helton 5-37.6 (47 long). **Baylor**: Mueller 5-36.8 (46 long), Rutter 1-34.0, Team 1-0.0.

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Beck 1-12. **Baylor**: Everett 1-3.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Pontiflet 2-47, James 1-13, Nelson 1-3. **Baylor**: McAdoo 3-64.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Schubeck 1-3, Tate 1-0. **Baylor**: Crockett 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Remington 6,5—11; Wilcots 5,6—11; Koch 7,2—9; Nairn 2,5—7; Rogers 4,2—6; DeLuzio 3,3—6; Pruitt 3,3—6; Schubeck 3,3—6. **Baylor**: Berry 8,4—12; Hall 5,2—7; J.Francis 3,1—4; Green 3,1—4; Grant 2,2—4; Watters 2,2—4.





# 1988 FREEDOM BOWL

Dec. 29, 1988 at Anaheim, Calif.

Brigham Young 20  
Colorado 17

Brigham Young's only lead of the game came when it counted the most, as Jason Chaffetz' 35-yard field goal with 2:33 remaining in the fourth quarter rallied the Cougars to a 20-17 win over Colorado in the fifth annual Freedom Bowl.

The Buffs turned a BYU turnover into seven points just two-and-one-half minutes into the game, as Eric Bieniemy scored from one yard out to cap a six-play, 49-yard drive. Pat Blottiaux's PAT kick put CU up 7-0, but the Cougars tied the score some seven minutes later on a 19-yard touchdown pass from Sean Covey to Mike Salido.

Bieniemy's second touchdown of the game, also from a yard out, enabled CU to forge ahead 14-7 with 1:04 left in the half, with the margin standing at half-time.

The Buffs couldn't convert on several scoring opportunities in the second half, and twice penetrated the BYU 20 and came away with just three points. In the meantime, Ty Detmer's 14-yard scoring strike to Chuck Cutler knotted the score at 14 with 4:46 left in the third quarter. Blottiaux made good on a 19-yard field goal early in the fourth to give CU its last lead (17-14), but Chaffetz countered with a 31-yarder before nailing the game winner in the final minutes.

Colorado outgained the Cougars, 337-320, on the evening, but its on mistakes and penalties (nine, the most in CU bowl history), added up to the fifth straight bowl loss by the Buffaloes. Detmer, a sophomore and future Heisman Trophy winner (1990), came off the bench to complete 11 of 17 passes for 129 yards and a touchdown.

Bieniemy rushed for 144 yards and two scores on 33 carries, the second highest rushing performance to date in CU bowl history, and he also led the team in receiving yards in the game with 30. Alfred Williams posted three sacks for 25 yards in losses for the Buffs on defense.

Colorado .....	7	7	0	3	—	17
Brigham Young .....	7	0	7	6	—	20

CU—Bieniemy 1 run (Blottiaux kick)	7-0	12:30	1Q
BYU—Salido 19 pass from Covey (Chaffetz kick)	7-7	5:38	1Q
CU—Bieniemy 1 run (Blottiaux kick)	14-7	1:04	2Q
BYU—Cutler 14 pass from Detmer (Chaffetz kick)	14-14	4:46	3Q
CU—Blottiaux 19 FG	17-14	11:19	4Q
BYU—Chaffetz 31 FG	17-17	4:11	4Q
BYU—Chaffetz 35 FG	17-20	2:33	4Q

Attendance: 35,941  
Time: 3:06  
Weather: 47 degrees, clear skies, 3 mph winds (S)

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	BYU
First Downs .....	20	23
Third Down Efficiency .....	7-17	6-14
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	2-4	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards .....	60-273	42-152
Passing Yards .....	64	168
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	16-5-2	28-15-1
Total Offense .....	337	320
Return Yards .....	2	-2
Punts: No-Average .....	2-39.0	4-33.5
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-0	3-1
Penalties/Yards .....	9/81	4/33
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	4-31	1-7
Time Possession .....	29:45	30:15

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing**—Colorado: Bieniemy 33-144, Aunese 14-49, Kissick 4-45, Hemingway 3-25, Hagan 6-10. **BYU:** Bellini 8-78, Salido 9-62, F. Whittingham 16-46, Detmer 4-minus 10, Covey 5-minus 24.

**Passing**—Colorado: Aunese 13-4-1, 46; Campbell 1-1-0, 18; Bieniemy 1-0-0, 0; Hagan 1-0-1, 0. **BYU:** Detmer 17-11-0, 129; Covey 10-4-1, 39.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Bieniemy 2-30, Kissick 2-23, Nelson 1-11. **BYU:** Bellini 4-41, Handley 3-42, Cutler 2-28, Salido 2-19, Frandsen 1-29, McBeth 1-5, Doman 1-2, F. Whittingham 1-2.

**Punting**—Colorado: English 2-39.0 (43 long). **BYU:** Thompson 4-33.5 (40 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Collins 1-2. **BYU:** none.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Nelson 4-80, Pritchard 1-22. **BYU:** Crutchfield 3-47, Corley 1-0.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: McCloughan 1-0. **BYU:** Mitchell 1-0, Peterson 1-minus 2.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Jones 8,1—9; James 7,2—9; McCloughan 8,0—8; DeLuzio 5,0—5; Young 3,2—5; Williams 4,0—4. **BYU:** B. Davis 10,2—12; Long 8,1—9; Robinson 7,0—7; Neal 6,1—7; Peterson 5,2—7.

# 1990 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1990 at Miami, Fla.

Notre Dame 21  
Colorado 6

Fullback Anthony Johnson's second touchdown run of the game late in the fourth quarter put an end to Colorado's undefeated season and national championship hopes as Notre Dame defeated the Buffaloes, 21-6, before a record 81,191 in the 56th annual Orange Bowl Classic.

Colorado came into the game with an 11-0 record and its first-ever No. 1 national ranking. The Buffs appeared headed to the national championship in the first half, as CU dominated the line of scrimmage in gaining 186 yards, but couldn't convert on three golden scoring opportunities. Instead of leading 17-0 or 21-0 at halftime, the Buffs found themselves in a scoreless deadlock and that thanks to Gary Howe's block of a Notre Dame field goal attempt at the intermission gun.

The Irish took control of the game in the third quarter, using a two-yard scoring run by Johnson and a 35-yard touchdown run on a reverse by Raghib Ismail to take a 14-0 lead midway through the period. Colorado sliced the lead to 14-6 on a spectacular 39-yard run by Darian Hagan to close the quarter, but the PAT kick sailed wide by Ken Culbertson, leaving the Buffs eight points back.

The CU defense held Notre Dame on its next possession, and then the Buffs drove to the Irish 44 where its own stalled. With 10:27 remaining, there was still plenty of time remaining for the Buffs. But Johnson's second touchdown, a seven-yard effort, culminated a mammoth 17-play, 82-yard drive that ate up almost nine minutes on the clock. The Buffs got the ball back with 1:32 left in the game, and after Mike Pritchard returned the Irish kickoff 28 yards to the CU 41, could not get anything going prior to time running out and Hagan was intercepted on the game's final play.

The win enabled Notre Dame to end the year with a 12-1 record and a No. 2 ranking, while CU ended up No. 4 in the polls, as the 11-1 Buffs were inexplicably jumped by a 10-2 Florida State that finished No. 3. Miami, Fla., was selected the national champion.

Colorado .....	0	0	6	0	—	6
Notre Dame .....	0	0	14	7	—	21

Notre Dame—A. Johnson 2 run (Hentrich kick)	0-7	11:48	3Q
Notre Dame—Ismail 35 run (Hentrich kick)	0-14	7:19	3Q
CU—Hagan 39 run (kick failed)	6-14	0:01	3Q
Notre Dame—A. Johnson 7 run (Hentrich kick)	6-21	1:32	4Q
Attendance: 81,191			
Time: 3:09			
Weather: 70 degrees, cloudy skies, 20-25 mph winds (N)			

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	NOTRE DAME
First Downs .....	16	18
Third Down Efficiency .....	5-13	7-12
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	1-3	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards .....	46-217	52-279
Passing Yards .....	65	99
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	13-4-2	9-5-0
Total Offense .....	282	378
Return Yards .....	36	0
Punts: No-Average .....	3-39.3	5-40.1
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	1/5	3/35
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-6	1-5
Time Possession .....	27:17	32:43

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing**—Colorado: Hagan 19-106, Bieniemy 11-66, Flannigan 12-45, Kissick 2-6, Campbell 2-minus 6. **Notre Dame:** Ismail 16-108, A. Johnson 15-89, Rice 14-50, Culver 5-29, Watters 2-3.

**Passing**—Colorado: Hagan 13-4-2, 65. **Notre Dame:** Rice 9-5-0, 99.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Kissick 2-33, Perak 1-16, Pritchard 1-16. **Notre Dame:** Eilers 2-47, Smith 1-27, A. Johnson 1-13, Brown 1-12.

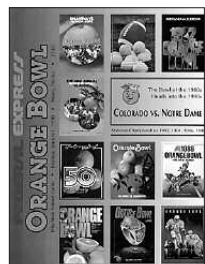
**Punting**—Colorado: Rouen 3-39.3 (58 long). **Notre Dame:** Hentrich 5-40.1 (49 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Campbell 3-36. **Notre Dame:** none.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Pritchard 2-43, Kissick 1-0. **Notre Dame:** Ismail 1-17, Simien 1-7.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: none. **Notre Dame:** Bolcar 1-0, Terrell 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Jones 7,3—10; Williams 8,1—9; Walker 5,3—8; Howe 6,1—7; Young 6,1—7; James 4,3—7; Brown 6,0—6; Gibbs 5,1—6. **Notre Dame:** Kowalkowski 7,4—11; Terrell 7,2—9; Ridgley 4,5—9; Bolcar 6,1—7; Francisco 5,2—7.







## 1991 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1991 at Miami, Fla.

Colorado 10  
Notre Dame 9

In an Orange Bowl where there was no shortage of heroes for Colorado, the No. 1 Buffaloes toppled No. 5 Notre Dame, 10-9, enabling the school to claim its first-ever national championship in football. CU overcame two key injuries in rallying in the second half for the victory.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Buffaloes drew first blood on a 22-yard field goal by Jim Harper three minutes into the second quarter. Notre Dame came right back, marching 62 yards in nine plays, with Ricky Watters scoring from two yards out. The score remained at 6-3, however, as CU's Ronnie Bradford charged through the line and blocked Craig Hentrich's extra point try. Just prior to halftime, CU lost the services of quarterback Darian Hagan (knee injury) and outside linebacker Kanavis McGhee (shoulder). Both missed the remainder of the game.

Hentrich booted a 24-yard field goal early in the second half to extend the Irish lead to 9-3. Charles S. Johnson took over at quarterback for the Buffs, with Notre Dame stopping CU cold on its first possession of the second half. On the first play of the next Notre Dame drive, Chad Brown forced Watters to fumble, with

Paul Rose, subbing for McGhee, making the recovery.

Johnson, his feet now wet, coolly directed the Buffaloes to the go-ahead touchdown. Eric Bieniemy's one-yard touchdown run and Jim Harper's extra point kick late in the third quarter rallied CU into the lead. The Buffalo defense then held Notre Dame in check, as the Irish held on to the ball for only less than

four minutes the rest of the game, mustering only 35 yards of total offense after CU went on top.

Colorado's road to the national championship wasn't without a couple of late scares. Notre Dame's Raghib Ismail broke loose on a punt return with less than a minute remaining, appearing to run 91 yards for a score, but CU's Tim James was clipped on the play, nullifying the gain. And with 13 seconds left in the game, the Irish still had a chance, especially with Hentrich's leg. On its own 38, a completion in the 20-25 yard range would have set up a winning field goal attempt, but Deon Figures intercepted the Rick Mirer pass at the Buff 36 and ran out the clock with a 27-yard return.

Bieniemy rushed for a game-high 86 yards on 28 carries, with Johnson earning the MVP honor, completing five of six passes for 80 yards. Defensively, the Buffs limited the "Golden Domers" to just 264 yards, and Greg Thomas picked off a pair of Mirer passes in Colorado territory. The win, which gave CU an 11-1-1 record for the season, also snapped a seven-game CU bowl-losing streak. Notre Dame finished the year with a 9-3 mark, and finished No. 6 in the nation.

Colorado .....	0	3	7	0	—	10
Notre Dame.....	0	6	3	0	—	9

CU—Harper 22 FG	3	0	12:04	2Q
Notre Dame—Watters 2 run (kick blocked)	3	6	7:32	2Q
Notre Dame—Hentrich 24 FG	3	9	10:10	3Q
CU—Bieniemy 1 run (Harper kick)	10	9	4:26	3Q

Attendance: 77,062

Time: 3:26

Weather: 76 degrees, fair skies, 9 mph winds (E)



### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	NOTRE DAME
First Downs .....	19	18
Third Down Efficiency .....	6-16	5-12
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-1	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards .....	54-186	35-123
Passing Yards .....	109	141
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	19-9-0	31-13-3
Total Offense .....	295	264
Return Yards .....	50	68
Punts: No-Average .....	7-40.4	3-51.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	2-1	2-2
Penalties/Yards .....	6/50	3/45
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	2-13	3-27
Time Possession .....	35:36	24:24

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Bieniemy 26-86, Hemingway 14-76, Hagan 7-36, Pritchard 2-24, Rouen, 1-minus 11, C.S. Johnson 4-minus 25. **Notre Dame**: Brooks 9-46, Watters 9-44, Bettis 3-27, Culver 5-9, Ismail 3-minus 1, Mirer 6-minus 2.

**Passing**—Colorado: Hagan 12-4-0, 29; C.S. Johnson 6-5-0, 80; Bieniemy 1-0-0, 0. **Notre Dame**: Mirer 31-13-3, 141.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Pritchard 3-45, S.Brown 2-23, Hemingway 2-13, Bieniemy 1-19, Boman 1-9. **Notre Dame**: Ismail 6-57, D.Brown 4-56, Jarrell 1-11, I.Smith 1-9, Davis 1-8.

**Punting**—Colorado: Rouen 7-40.4 (59 long). **Notre Dame**: Hentrich 2-60.5 (77 long), Sexson 1-32.0.

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: none. **Notre Dame**: Ismail 4-68.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: McCloughan 2-46, C.E.Johnson 1-3. **Notre Dame**: Ismail 2-30, Culver 1-23.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Thomas 2-23, Figures 1-27. **Notre Dame**: none.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Biekert 8.3—11; Brown 8.2—10; Williams 4.4—8; Thomas 5.2—7; Figures 6.0—6; Howe 5.0—5. **Notre Dame**: Clark 8.3—11; Zorich 8.2—10; Stonebreaker 6.3—9; R.Smith 6.3—9; Dubose 4.3—7; Dahl 5.1—6.

## 1991 BLOCKBUSTER BOWL

Dec. 28, 1991 at Miami, Fla.

Alabama 30  
Colorado 25

Jay Barker threw three touchdown passes and David Palmer scored twice to lead No. 8 and SEC runner-up Alabama to a 30-25 victory over No. 15 and co-Big Eight champion Colorado in the second annual Blockbuster Bowl.

Palmer scored the game's first points on a 52-yard punt return six minutes into the first quarter. The Buffaloes tied the score at 7-7 late in the quarter on a one-yard run by Scott Phillips, which was set up a Ron Woolfork blocked punt. Ted Johnson tackled Martin Houston in the endzone for a safety early in the second quarter, and then the teams traded field goals to enable CU to take a 12-10 lead at halftime.

Barker hooked up with Siran Stacy for a 13-yard touchdown play in the third quarter, only to see the Buffs come back 18 seconds later on a 62-yard scoring strike from Darian Hagan to Michael Westbrook. Barker added a 12-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Lee later in the quarter to give the Crimson Tide a 23-19 lead after three quarters. Barker and Palmer connected on a five-yard TD pass with 8:10 left in the game to put Alabama ahead 30-19, but the Buffs cut the lead to five on a 13-yard pass from Hagan to Charles Johnson with 3:30 left.

Colorado got the ball back with 1:49 left and drove to the 'Bama 33-yard line before being stopped on a fourth-and-one play with 40 seconds left. Alabama outgained CU, 307-199, running more plays (81-60) and holding on to the ball for 38:10. The game

marked the debut of CU's new one-back, pass-oriented offense, which had some success. The change took place in CU's bowl practices and was surprise for the game, but at times it appeared that Alabama had found out somehow in advance because of the Crimson Tide's uncanny success on defense.

Alabama finished the season with an 11-1 mark, along with a final No. 5 ranking, while Colorado followed its first national championship season in 1990 with an 8-3-1 record and a No. 20 final ranking.

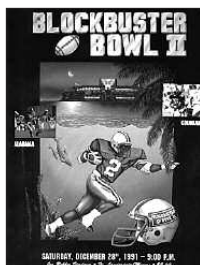
Colorado .....	7	5	7	6	—	25
Alabama .....	7	3	13	7	—	30

Alabama—Palmer 52 punt return (Wethington kick)	0	7	8:49	1Q
CU—Phillips 1 run (Harper kick)	7	7	1:34	1Q
CU—Safety, T.Johnson tackled Houston in end zone	9	7	13:15	2Q
Alabama—Wethington 25 FG	9	10	2:00	2Q
CU—Harper 33 FG	12	10	0:00	2Q
Alabama—Stacy 13 pass from Barker (pass failed)	12	16	10:54	3Q
CU—Westbrook 62 pass from Hagan (Harper kick)	19	16	10:36	3Q
Alabama—Lee 12 pass from Barker (Wethington kick)	19	23	6:55	3Q
Alabama—Palmer 5 pass from Barker (Wethington kick)	19	30	8:10	4Q
CU—C.Johnson 13 pass from Hagan (pass failed)	25	30	3:30	4Q

Attendance: 52,644

Time: 3:45

Weather: 66 degrees, cloudy skies, light rainfall at times, 5 mph winds (W)



### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	ALABAMA
First Downs .....	8	19
Third Down Efficiency .....	1-16	5-15
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-1	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards .....	30-(-11)	64-153
Passing Yards .....	210	154
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	30-11-1	17-12-1
Total Offense .....	199	307
Return Yards .....	50	68
Punts: No-Average .....	12-41.0	7-39.8
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	2-0	4-1
Penalties/Yards .....	6/60	6/33
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	6-49	7-33
Time Possession .....	21:50	38:10

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Hagan 14-12, Warren 6-7, Phillips 3-5, Hill 4-4, Brooks 2-minus 6, R.Smith 1-minus 33. **Alabama**: Stacy 26-111, Turner 9-43, Lassic 9-31, Palmer 6-21, Lynch 1-2, Houston 2-1, Anderson 1-minus 6, Lee 1-minus 13, Barker 9-minus 37.

**Passing**—Colorado: Hagan 30-11-1, 210. **Alabama**: Barker 16-12-1, 154; Stacy 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Westbrook 3-87, C.Johnson 2-38, Henry 2-22, S.Brown 2-19, Hill 1-29, R.Smith 1-15. **Alabama**: Stacy 4-59, Lee 2-39, Palmer 2-14, Bussey 1-23, C.Brown 1-8, Houston 1-7, Harris 1-4.

**Punting**—Colorado: Berger 12-41.0 (59 long). **Alabama**: Williamson 7-39.8 (51 long), Team 1-0-0.

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Woolfork 1-17, R.Smith 2-13, Hagan 1-0. **Alabama**: Palmer 6-74.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: C.Johnson 3-71, Westbrook 1-22, Hudson 1-17, Embree 1-3. **Alabama**: Palmer 2-37, Lassic 1-20.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Bradford 1-17. **Alabama**: McMillian 1-49.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: C.Brown 14.3—17; Thomas 8.2—10; Renfro 6.4—10; Biekert 7.2—9; T.Johnson 7.2—9; Woolfork 6.2—8. **Alabama**: Hall 5.0—5; London 4.1—5; Sullins 4.0—4; Teague 3.1—4.



## 1993 FIESTA BOWL

Jan. 1, 1993 at Tempe, Ariz.

Syracuse 26  
Colorado 22

Kirby Dar Dar's 100-yard kickoff return at the end of the third quarter proved to be the winning points as the No. 6 Syracuse Orangemen defeated the No. 10 Colorado Buffaloes, 26-22, in the 22nd annual Fiesta Bowl.

A defensive battle in the first half saw Colorado go into intermission with a 7-6 lead, as the teams combined for just 226 total yards. A pair of John Biskup field goals saw the Orangemen take a 6-0 lead, but with 10 seconds left in the half, Kordell Stewart threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Sean Embree on fourth down, with Mitch Berger's PAT kick giving CU the slim one-point lead at the half.

The third quarter proved to be both pivotal and wild, with 29 points scored in just over a six-minute span. David Walker's 13-yard run with 6:22 left in the quarter put Syracuse back on top, 12-7, with a two-point conversion pass falling incomplete.

Berger nailed a 38-yard field goal on CU's next possession to cut the lead to 12-10, but the 'Cuse went back up 19-10 on a spectacular 28-yard run by quarterback Marvin Graves. Stewart led the Buffs on an 82-yard drive in just over a minute, completing the march with a 16-yard TD pass to Charles Johnson, but Berger missed the point after on the slick Arizona State Stadium surface and the score stood at 19-16. The stadium floor had problems due to too many games being played on

it, between the home school, ASU, the NFL Phoenix Cardinals and high school playoffs.

Dar Dar performed his heroics on the next kickoff, rambling 100 yards as time expired in the quarter. Lamont Warren scored the day's final points on a six-yard run late in the game, with Berger again missing the PAT try. The Buffs got the ball back in the final minute, but could not muster a scoring drive.

The Buffaloes outgained the Orangemen, 370-265, including a 217-64 edge in the passing game. Syracuse neutralized the CU offensive attack by netting 178 yards on kickoff returns.

Colorado .....	0	7	9	6	—	22
Syracuse .....	3	3	20	0	—	26

Syracuse—Biskup 46 FG	0-3	6:12	1Q
Syracuse—Biskup 34 FG	0-6	5:56	2Q
CU—Embree 7 pass from Stewart (Berger kick)	7-6	0:10	2Q
Syracuse—Walker 13 run (pass failed)	7-12	6:22	3Q
CU—Berger 38 FG	10-12	3:10	3Q
Syracuse—Graves 28 run (Biskup kick)	10-19	1:33	3Q
CU—C.Johnson 16 pass from Stewart (kick failed)	16-19	0:14	3Q
Syracuse—Dar Dar 100 kickoff return (Biskup kick)	16-26	0:00	3Q
CU—Warren 6 run (kick failed)	22-26	4:28	4Q

Attendance: 70,224

Time: 3:32

Weather: 70 degrees, clear skies, 6 mph winds (E)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	SYRACUSE
First Downs .....	19	15
Third Down Efficiency .....	10-20	4-12
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	2-3	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards .....	31-153	44-201
Passing Yards .....	217	64
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	43-17-3	12-5-1
Total Offense .....	370	265
Return Yards .....	79	21
Punts: No-Average .....	3-48.3	5-45.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	0-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	8/37	5/30
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	4-39	3-21
Time Possession .....	29:23	30:37

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Hill 11-109, Stewart 8-29, Warren 11-25, C.Johnson 1-minus 10. **Syracuse**: Walker 16-80, Richardson 7-63, Graves 13-26, Hill 1-13, Wooten 4-9, Robinson 1-8, Lee 1-1, Picucci 1-1.

**Passing**—Colorado: Stewart 41-17-3, 217; Hill 1-0-0, 0; Warren 1-0-0, 0. **Syracuse**: Graves 12-5-1, 64.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Westbrook 6-83, C.Johnson 3-46, Fauria 3-29, Embree 2-17, Warren 1-24, Carruth 1-14, Hill 1-4. **Syracuse**: Lee 1-38, Ferrell 1-12, Ismail 1-6, Gedney 1-4, Johnson 1-4.

**Punting**—Colorado: Berger 3-48.3 (62 long). **Syracuse**: O'Neill 5-45.0 (55 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Figures 4-38. **Syracuse**: Hill 3-13.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Cunningham 1-18. **Syracuse**: Dar Dar 1-100, Ismail 2-69, Picucci 1-9.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Davis 1-41. **Syracuse**: Grosvenor 1-8, Jones 1-0, Joseph 1-0.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Biekert 8,7—15; C.Brown 6,6—12; Dyet 2,4—6; Davis 3,2—5; Hicks 2,3—5; Figures 3,1—4. **Syracuse**: Young 5,7—12; Conley 2,6—8; Mitchell 3,5—8; Joseph 3,3—6; Bevil 3,1—4.

## 1993 ALOHA BOWL

Dec. 25, 1993 at Honolulu, Hawai'i

Colorado 41  
Fresno State 30

Rashaan Salaam rushed for 135 yards and three touchdowns to lead the No. 17 Colorado Buffaloes to a convincing 41-30 victory over the No. 24 Fresno State Bulldogs in the 12th annual Aloha Bowl.

The Buffs zoomed to a 17-0 lead, scoring on their first three possessions of the game. Salaam and James Hill scored on short touchdown runs, sandwiched around a Mitch Berger field goal, as CU went up 17-0 with 9:18 left in the half. After trading field goals, Fresno State pulled as close as it would get at intermission on a fluke play. Berger's squib kickoff was first fumbled by the Bulldogs' Jamie Christian, then recovered by Malcolm Seabron and returned 68 yards for a touchdown. The play pulled FSU to within 20-10 at halftime.

Salaam sprinted into the endzone from 40 yards out early in the second half, putting the daylight back into the CU lead (27-10). Fresno never got closer than 10 the remainder of the game, as Colorado was seemingly always in control, but could never put the game fully out of reach, either. CU ran the ball at will, averaging 6.4 yards per rushing attempt, minus two quarterback sacks. Lamont Warren had 68 yards on just 10 carries, and quarterback Kordell Stewart 50 on only eight tries.

The Buffs held Fresno State to just three rushing yards on the day, but the Bulldogs did put an all-time best of 523 passing yards on the board against CU (though 333 came after CU took the 27-10 lead). Salaam was named Colorado's Most Valuable Player for the game, while

Chris Hudson was the game's MVP on defense. Hudson had seven tackles, two forced fumbles, two recoveries, a quarterback sack and a pass deflection.

CU, the Big Eight runner-up, climbed to 8-3-1 with the win, while Fresno State, co-champions on the Western Athletic Conference, finished 8-4.

Colorado .....	10	10	14	7	—	41
Fresno State .....	0	10	14	6	—	30

CU—Salaam 2 run (Berger kick)	7-0	9:04	1Q
CU—Berger 44 FG	10-0	1:48	1Q
CU—Hill 7 run (Berger kick)	17-0	9:18	2Q
Fresno State—Mahoney 27 FG	17-3	3:44	2Q
CU—Berger 49 FG	20-3	0:01	2Q
Fresno State—Seabron 68 fumble return (Mahoney kick)	20-10	0:00	2Q
CU—Salaam 40 run (Berger kick)	27-10	11:20	3Q
Fresno State—Daigle 1 run (kick blocked)	27-16	8:03	3Q
CU—Leomiti 28 fumble return (Berger kick)	34-16	4:16	3Q
Fresno State—Winans 8 pass from Diller (Daigle pass from Diller)	34-24	0:22	3Q
CU—Salaam 4 run (Berger kick)	41-24	13:33	4Q
Fresno State—Winans 11 pass from Diller (pass failed)	41-30	1:22	4Q

Attendance: 44,009

Time: 3:43

Weather: 76 degrees, mostly sunny, 6 mph winds (SE)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	FRESNO ST.
First Downs .....	19	34
Third Down Efficiency .....	6-14	7-14
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-1	1-1
Rushes—Net Yards .....	46-271	25-3
Passing Yards .....	124	523
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	15-8-0	63-37-1
Total Offense .....	395	526
Return Yards .....	28	3
Punts: No-Average .....	4-43.3	3-31.3
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-1	5-4
Penalties/Yards .....	7/84	9/88
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	3-25	2-14
Time Possession .....	28:51	31:09

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Salaam 23-135, Warren 10-68, Stewart 8-50, Hill 4-13, Joseph 1-5. **Fresno State**: Rivers 14-37, Daigle 5-14, Christian 1-6, Dunn 1-minus 5, Diller 4-minus 49.

**Passing**—Colorado: Stewart 15-8-0, 124. **Fresno State**: Diller 63-37-1, 523.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Fauria 3-27, C.Johnson 3-27, Westbrook 1-43, Cunningham 1-27. **Fresno State**: Dunn 9-149, C.Jones 6-84, Harris 5-87, Daigle 5-69, Rivers 5-58, Winans 3-33, Seabron 2-29, Christian 2-14.

**Punting**—Colorado: Berger 4-43.3 (49 long). **Fresno State**: Mahoney 3-31.3 (39 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: C.Johnson 1-0. **Fresno State**: C.Jones 1-3.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Kidd 2-51, Team 1-minus 2. **Fresno State**: Christian 2-29, Dunn 1-18, Seabron 0-68 (fumble advance).

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Murphy 1-28. **Fresno State**: Kingrea 1-44.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: T.Johnson 10,1—11; Hudson 7,0—7; Henriques 4,1—5; Russell 4,0—4; Leomiti 3,0—3; Simmons 3,0—3; Wilkins 3,0—3; Rogers 3,0—3. **Fresno State**: Smith 9,1—10; Thomas 4,5—9; Papazian 7,2—9; Bell 5,2—7.





## 1995 FIESTA BOWL

Jan. 2, 1995 at Tempe, Ariz.

Colorado 41  
Notre Dame 24

Kordell Stewart amassed 348 yards of total offense and he received plenty of help on both offense and defense as the Colorado Buffaloes easily defeated Notre Dame, 41-24, in the 24th annual Fiesta Bowl.

The game was Bill McCartney's "swan song" as CU head coach, with the win giving him a final record over 13 seasons of 93-55-5, the winningest in Colorado history.

Stewart, named the game's most valuable player, had 268 total yards in the first half alone, when the Buffs built a commanding 31-3 lead with 1:05 remaining. For the game, he rushed seven times for 143 yards and a touchdown and completed 11 of 20 passes for 205 yards and another score.

Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam rushed for 83 yards and three touchdowns, including back-to-back scores in the final five minutes of the first half that helped break the game open.

On defense, the Buffs switched from the 3-4 to the 4-3 for the game, and the result yielded relentless pressure on Irish freshman quarterback Ron Powlus. CU had seven sacks, including three by the defensive MVP in the game, Shannon Clavelle, along with 12 pressures. Butkus Award runner-up Ted Johnson led all players with 20 tackles, with two for losses and an interception.

The Buffs scored on five of their first six possessions, with Stewart the key fixture on each. He had a 29-yard run on CU's first touchdown drive, a 35-yard dash on the second, a 16-yard run and 46-yard pass to James Kidd on the third, and a 12-yard run to the 1-yard line on the fourth. And after Notre Dame had closed to within 31-17 late in the third quarter, Stewart sprinted 41 yards to set up a field goal, and threw a 37-yard

pass to Kidd en route to CU's final score.

The Buffs amassed 472 yards on offense in just 23:43 of possession time, playing nearly the perfect game. CU did not commit a turnover and averaged just under eight yards per play in finishing the season with an 11-1 record and No. 3 national ranking. Notre Dame, unranked coming into the game, ended the year at 6-6.

Following the game, Salaam announced that he would forego his senior year and declared himself eligible for the NFL draft. McCartney handed the reins of the program over to new head coach Rick Neuheisel the following morning.

Colorado .....	10	21	3	7	—	41
Notre Dame .....	3	7	7	7	—	24

CU—Voskeritchian 33 FG	3-0	11:38	1Q
CU—Fauria 1 pass from Stewart (Voskeritchian kick)	10-0	5:55	1Q
Notre Dame—Cengia 29 FG	10-3	2:01	1Q
CU—Stewart 9 run (Voskeritchian kick)	17-3	9:21	2Q
CU—Salaam 1 run (Voskeritchian kick)	24-3	4:07	2Q
CU—Salaam 1 run (Voskeritchian kick)	31-3	1:35	2Q
Notre Dame—Mayes 7 pass from Powlus (Cengia kick)	31-10	0:05	2Q
Notre Dame—Mayes 40 pass from Powlus (Cengia kick)	31-17	5:47	3Q
CU—Voskeritchian 48 FG	34-17	1:55	3Q
CU—Salaam 5 run (Voskeritchian kick)	41-17	9:29	4Q
Notre Dame—Wallace 7 pass from Powlus (Schroffner kick)	41-24	2:07	4Q

Attendance: 73,968

Time: 3:22

Weather: 60 degrees, clear skies, 3 mph winds (SW)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	NOTRE DAME
First Downs .....	18	22
Third Down Efficiency .....	5-11	10-19
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-0	1-3
Rushes—Net Yards .....	39-246	45-149
Passing Yards .....	226	259
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	21-12-0	35-18-1
Total Offense .....	472	408
Return Yards .....	19	0
Punts: No-Average .....	4-36.0	5-33.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	0-0	2-0
Penalties/Yards .....	4/35	3/25
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	7-27	0-0
Time Possession .....	23:43	36:17

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Stewart 7-143, Salaam 27-83, Troutman 2-20, Detmer 2-2, Henry 1-minus 2. **Notre Dame**: Becton 17-81, Mosley 3-21, Zellars 5-21, Powlus 15-12, Sollmann 1-9, Edwards 2-4, Farmer 2-1.

**Passing**—Colorado: Stewart 20-11-0, 205; Detmer 1-1-0, 21. **Notre Dame**: Powlus 34-18-1, 259; Stafford 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Westbrook 4-70, Kidd 2-83, Savoy 2-58, Fauria 2-3, Carruth 1-6, Salaam 1-6. **Notre Dame**: Mayes 4-93, Becton 3-60, Mosley 3-34, Zellars 2-25, Stafford 2-22, McBride 2-21, Wallace 1-7, Farmer 1-minus 3.

**Punting**—Colorado: Mitchell 4-36.0 (44 long). **Notre Dame**: Wachtel 4-33.0 (44 long), Powlus 1-33.0.

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Hudson 2-12. **Notre Dame**: none.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Troutman 2-34, Henry 1-13, Olson 1-0. **Notre Dame**: Sollmann 5-103, Stafford 1-29, Zellars 1-17.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Johnson 1-7. **Notre Dame**: none.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Johnson 10-8—18; Russell 7-5—12; Phillips 3-6—9; Clavelle 4-4—8; Hicks 3-4—7; Leomiti 3-3—6; Jones 4-1—5; Rosga 3-2—5. **Notre Dame**: Gibson 1-6—7; Nau 3-4—7; Grasmanis 2-4—6; Davis 4-1—5; Wooden 4-1—5.

## 1996 COTTON BOWL

Jan. 1, 1996 at Dallas, Texas

Colorado 38  
Oregon 6

John Hessler threw for two touchdowns and ran for another and Herchell Troutman rushed for 100 yards and a score as the No. 7 Colorado Buffaloes rallied from a sluggish start in easily defeating the No. 12 Oregon Ducks, 38-6, in the 60th annual Cotton Bowl.

The Buffs overcame two early turnovers and a long kickoff return, holding the Ducks to just two field goals. The defense clamped down all afternoon on the potent Oregon attack, especially when the Ducks worked into CU territory; Oregon had just the six points in nine penetrations across midfield.

Trailing 6-0, Hessler directed CU on a six-play, 80-yard drive in just 97 seconds, with Hessler running the ball in himself from a yard out on the first play of the second quarter. After the teams exchanged possessions, the Ducks drove to the CU 9, where a Tony Graziani pass was intercepted by freshman Marcus Washington, who then returned the ball 95 yards for the longest interception return for a touchdown in CU bowl history.

Washington's heroics enabled the Buffs to take a 13-6 lead into the lockerroom, as the weather continued to get worse. A light rainfall increased as the game went on, with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour, making the field conditions worsen.

Though the weather was more Oregon-like, it didn't appear to bother Colorado. The Buffaloes broke open the close game in the third quarter with three touchdowns,

with a six-yard run by Troutman sandwiched in the middle of two Hessler touchdown passes to Matt Lepsis and Phil Savoy. Troutman ran over right tackle for a 55-yard gain, the longest run ever by a Buff in the postseason, to set up CU's first second-half score.

Troutman was named the game's most valuable player on offense, with Washington garnering the same honor on defense, making six tackles in addition to his interception return.

Colorado owned a 313-258 edge in total offense, but the day belonged to the defense, and Oregon averaged just 3.5 yards per play and was forced into five turnovers. The win enabled Rick Neuheisel's Buffs to finish 10-2 on the season and No. 4 in the nation (USA Today/ CNN poll; No. 5 in the Associated Press).

Colorado .....	0	13	19	6	—	38
Oregon .....	6	0	0	0	—	6

Oregon—Smith 25 FG	0-3	12:53	1Q
Oregon—Smith 33 FG	0-6	8:33	1Q
CU—Hessler 1 run (Voskeritchian kick)	7-6	14:56	2Q
CU—Washington 95 interception return (kick failed)	13-6	6:31	2Q
CU—Lepsis 2 pass from Hessler (Voskeritchian kick)	20-6	13:37	3Q
CU—Troutman 6 run (kick failed)	26-6	8:40	3Q
CU—Savoy 12 pass from Hessler (kick blocked)	32-6	5:42	3Q
CU—Abdul-Rahmaan 5 run (kick blocked)	38-6	1:11	4Q

Attendance: 58,214

Time: 3:50

Weather: 45 degrees, cloudy skies, light-to-heavy rain, 18 mph winds (N)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	OREGON
First Downs .....	16	16
Third Down Efficiency .....	4-15	2-15
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	1-3	2-4
Rushes—Net Yards .....	41-170	29-96
Passing Yards .....	143	162
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	27-12-2	44-21-2
Total Offense .....	313	258
Return Yards .....	138	30
Punts: No-Average .....	4-28.5	5-38.4
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	2-1	4-3
Penalties/Yards .....	6/41	8/67
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	3-33	5-29
Time Possession .....	29:59	30:01

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Troutman 13-100, Henry 7-38, M.Barnes 5-25, Savoy 1-13, Abdul-Rahmaan 4-3, Hessler 11-minus 9. **Oregon**: Whittle 12-50, Parker 3-43, Jelks 3-14, Graziani 11-minus 11.

**Passing**—Colorado: Hessler 26-11-2, 115; Mitchell 1-1-0, 28. **Oregon**: Graziani 37-19-2, 113; Smith 6-2-0, 49; Parker 1-0-0, 0.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Savoy 3-29, Kidd 2-73, Henry 2-minus 6, Black 1-28, Carruth 1-11, Troutman 1-4, Anderson 1-2, Lepsis 1-2. **Oregon**: Whittle 4-18, McLeomore 3-26, Hodge 2-33, Jelks 2-21, Griffin 2-17, Wilcox 2-17, Spence 2-9, Parker 2-8, Anderson 1-16, Ricketts 1-minus 3.

**Punting**—Colorado: Mitchell 4-28.5 (38 long). **Oregon**: Bidwell 5-38.4 (48 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Davis 1-2. **Oregon**: Johnson 1-2.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Troutman 2-15, Henry 1-10. **Oregon**: Whittle 1-63, Johnson 1-18, Spence 1-8, Parker 1-0.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Washington 1-95, Rosga 1-26. **Oregon**: Wheaton 1-21, Ruhl 1-7.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Russell 6-4—10; Cunningham 6-1—7; Washington 5-1—6; Hicks 4-2—6; Leomiti 4-0—4; Wilkins 3-1—4; Jones 1-3—4. **Oregon**: Bailey 5-2—7; Collins 5-2—7; Barnes 4-1—5; Asher 2-2—4; Wheaton 2-2—4.



## 1996 HOLIDAY BOWL

Dec. 30, 1996 at San Diego, Calif.

Colorado 33  
Washington 21

Koy Detmer and Rae Carruth completed their careers in style, rallying No. 8 Colorado from an early two touchdown deficit to defeat No. 13 Washington, 33-21, in the 19th annual Holiday Bowl.

Detmer, who was named the game's offensive most valuable player, hooked up with Carruth on a 76-yard touchdown pass with 2:25 left in the first quarter to get the Buffaloes on the scoreboard. Until that play, the Huskies used a pair of Corey Dillon touchdown runs to build a 14-0 lead, threatening CU's three-game bowl winning streak and a chance at a third straight 10-win season.

Colorado pulled even four minutes into the second quarter, when defensive MVP Nick Ziegler intercepted a Brock Huard pass and returned it 31 yards for the first touchdown of his collegiate career. Washington answered with a Jerome Pathon 86-yard kickoff return for a 21-14 lead, but those would be the last points CU would allow on the night. Darrin Chiaverini tied the score at 21 with a seven-yard TD pass from Detmer, and Jeremy Aldrich's 42-yard field goal gave CU its first lead at 24-21 with 1:50 left in the first half.

CU added nine second half points on a 36-yard Aldrich field goal and a four-yard touchdown pass from Detmer to Carruth. The Buff defense held the Huskies to just 129 yards and seven first downs in the second half, and Washington's only scoring chance resulted in a blocked field goal attempt by Mike Phillips.

Detmer and Carruth respectively set CU bowl records for passing yards (371) and receiving yards (162). The Buffs had a 414-341 edge in total offense in the game, but a 373-204 edge after UW took its 14-0 lead. It was the largest deficit in CU bowl game history in which the Buffs rallied to win, and the fifth largest comeback in NCAA bowl annals.

CU finished 10-2 for second straight season, and earned a final ranking of No. 8 in the nation.

Colorado .....	7	17	3	6	—	33
Washington .....	14	7	0	0	—	21

Washington—Dillon 2 run (Jones kick)	0-7	12:04	1Q
Washington—Dillon 12 run (Jones kick)	0-14	3:10	1Q
CU—Carruth 76 pass from Detmer (Aldrich kick)	7-14	2:25	1Q
CU—Ziegler 31 interception return (Aldrich kick)	14-14	11:00	2Q
Washington—Pathon 86 kickoff return (Jones kick)	14-21	10:49	2Q
CU—Chiaverini 7 pass from Detmer (Aldrich kick)	21-21	8:26	2Q
CU—Aldrich 42 FG	24-21	1:50	2Q
CU—Aldrich 36 FG	27-21	8:08	3Q
Washington—Carruth 4 pass from Detmer (pass failed)	33-21	8:34	4Q

Attendance: 54,749

Time: 3:45

Weather: 61 degrees, cloudy skies, 8 mph winds (SW)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	WASHINGTON
First Downs .....	24	18
Third Down Efficiency .....	5-14	6-16
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards .....	30-43	37-138
Passing Yards .....	371	203
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	45-25-0	37-21-1
Total Offense .....	414	341
Return Yards .....	63	11
Punts: No-Average .....	5-34.6	7-37.1
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	3-1	1-0
Penalties/Yards .....	5/39	7/75
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	5-29	1-6
Time Possession .....	29:36	30:24

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Troutman 9-22, Fisk 5-14, Henry 11-14, Abdul-Rahmaan 1-minus 1, Detmer 4-minus 6. **Washington:** Dillon 30-140, Huard 7-minus 2.

**Passing**—Colorado: Detmer 45-25-0, 371. **Washington:** Huard 37-21-1, 203.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Carruth 7-162, Chiaverini 7-94, Henry 3-37, Troutman 3-10, Lepsis 2-17, Anderson 1-17, Kidd 1-17, Savoy 1-17. **Washington:** Pathon 5-96, Coleman 5-38, Dillon 3-31, Janoski 3-20, Cleeland 2-2, Kissel 1-6, Reed 1-6, Harris 1-4.

**Punting**—Colorado: Pietsch 5-34.6 (42 long). **Washington:** Prince 4-42.3 (49 long), Sarshar 3-30.3 (38 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Rosga 4-32. **Washington:** Jarzynka 3-11.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Nabholz 1-14, Johanninger 1-5, Dickey 1-0, Henry 1-0. **Washington:** Pathon 2-120, Jarzynka 2-46, Coleman 1-12.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Ziegler 1-31. **Washington:** none.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Black 9,3—12; Russell 7,3—10; Rosga 7,2—9; Jones 3,2—5; Merkerson 4,0—4; Phillips 4,0—4. **Washington:** Fiala 9,0—9; Burton 6,0—6; Parrish 5,1—6; Aleaga 4,2—6; Campbell 4,1—5.

## 1998 ALOHA BOWL

Dec. 25, 1998 at Honolulu, Hawai'i

Colorado 51  
Oregon 43

Ben Kelly set the tone for the day by returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown, as the Colorado Buffaloes built a 30-point third quarter lead and then held off the No. 21 Oregon Ducks, 51-43, in the 17th annual Aloha Bowl.

Kelly raced 93 yards for a score to start a busy day at Aloha Stadium, as 164 points would be tallied in college football's first-ever bowl doubleheader (Air Force beat Washington, 45-25, in the Oahu Bowl later that afternoon).

Mike Moschetti set a CU bowl record by throwing four touchdown passes in the game, the first coming late in the first quarter after Jeremy Aldrich's 48-yard field goal had given CU a 10-0 lead. Javon Green caught the five-yard toss and the Buffs were up 17-0.

Moschetti, CU's most valuable player in the game, threw scoring passes of 58 yards to Marcus Stiggers and 72 yards to Darrin Chiaverini in the second quarter, as the Buffaloes built a 37-14 halftime edge. Aldrich added a pair of field goals in the quarter, and his three in the game also established a new CU postseason best.

Damen Wheeler gave CU its biggest lead of the day at 44-14 after he raced into the backfield and plucked off an Akili Smith pass and ran 52 yards for a touchdown; he actually swiped the ball while it was traveling backwards, so the play was classified an intercepted pitch. Oregon chipped away at the CU advantage and had cut it to 44-28 early in the fourth quarter, but a 57-yard drive ended by a 20-yard TD pass from Moschetti to Daniel Graham worked the lead back up to 51-28. The Ducks wouldn't give up, adding two more scores to

pull to within the final score of 51-43, as the CU defense rose to the occasion the one time Oregon had the ball with a chance to tie the game. The Buff defense forced three incompletions and Hannibal Navies added a 13-yard sack to keep the Ducks at bay.

Oregon outgained CU, 535-397, but the Buffs averaged more yards per play (6.7-6.6), basically scoring at will, and forced the Ducks into six turnovers that led to 23 Colorado points. The win was Colorado's fifth straight in the bowls, giving the Buffs the nation's longest active streak. It would also be the final game for CU head coach Rick Neuheisel, who resigned two weeks later to take over as head coach at Washington.

Colorado .....	17	20	7	7	—	51
Oregon .....	0	14	7	22	—	43

CU—Kelly 93 kickoff return (Aldrich kick)	7-0	14:43	1Q
CU—Aldrich 48 FG	10-0	6:36	1Q
CU—Green 5 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick)	17-0	2:10	1Q
Oregon—Latimer 11 run (Villegas kick)	17-7	13:23	2Q
CU—Stiggers 58 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick)	24-7	12:19	2Q
CU—Aldrich 41 FG	27-7	10:00	2Q
Oregon—Latimer 4 run (Villegas kick)	27-14	7:11	2Q
CU—Chiaverini 72 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick)	34-14	6:53	2Q
CU—Aldrich 23 FG	37-14	0:02	2Q
CU—Wheeler 52 intercepted pitch return (Aldrich kick)	44-14	10:39	3Q
Oregon—Weaver 9 pass from Smith (Villegas kick)	44-21	7:31	3Q
Oregon—Latimer 1 run (Villegas kick)	44-28	13:34	4Q
CU—Graham 20 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick)	51-28	10:45	4Q
Oregon—Smith 1 run (Villegas kick)	51-35	7:13	4Q
Oregon—Haynes 42 pass from Smith (Nero pass from Smith)	51-43	5:55	4Q

Attendance: 34,803

Time: 3:48

Weather: 77 degrees, fair skies, misty early, 14 mph winds (NE)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	OREGON
First Downs .....	13	27
Third Down Efficiency .....	3-14	7-13
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	0-1	0-2
Rushes—Net Yards .....	35-176	36-71
Passing Yards .....	221	456
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	24-12-0	45-24-1
Total Offense .....	397	527
Return Yards .....	76	56
Punts: No-Average .....	6-51.5	4-48.3
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	3-1	5-5
Penalties/Yards .....	8/75	4/30
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	4-27	2-13
Time Possession .....	26:42	33:18

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing**—Colorado: Cherrington 10-92, Stiggers 1-28, D.Barton 4-24, M.Barnes 8-24, Johnson 3-5, Moschetti 9-3. **Oregon:** Latimer 19-74, Chance 1-4, Cooper 1-0, Ho-Ching 6-0, A.Smith 9-minus 7.

**Passing**—Colorado: Moschetti 23-11-0, 213; Johnson 1-1-0, 8. **Oregon:** A.Smith 45-24-1, 456.

**Receiving**—Colorado: Chiaverini 3-96, Stiggers 3-81, Cherrington 2-12, Green 2-4, Graham 1-20, Washington 1-8. **Oregon:** Griffin 8-146, Haynes 7-148, Nero 3-63, Weaver 3-45, Latimer 1-33, Collins 1-15, Young 1-6.

**Punting**—Colorado: Pietsch 6-51.5 (62 long). **Oregon:** M.Smith 4-48.3 (52 long).

**Punt Returns**—Colorado: Kelly 3-1. **Oregon:** Fletcher 3-56.

**Kickoff Returns**—Colorado: Kelly 3-121, Chiaverini 1-minus 7. **Oregon:** Fletcher 4-81, Cooper 3-57.

**Interceptions**—Colorado: Sanders 1-0. **Oregon:** none.

**Fumble Returns**—Colorado: Wheeler 1-52, Sanders 1-23. **Oregon:** none.

**Tackle Leaders**—Colorado: Navies 5,3—8; Wright 5,3—8; Sanders 4,4—8; Wheeler 3,3—6; Ziegler 3,2—5; Washington 2,3—5; Sykes 2,3—5. **Oregon:** Vandiver 5,10—15; McLemore 4,3—7; Wilcox 3,3—6; Fletcher 2,3—5; Cheuvront 1,4—5.





# 1999 INSIGHT.COM BOWL

Dec. 31, 1999 at Tucson, Ariz.

Colorado 62  
Boston College 28

Colorado scored six first half touchdowns from its offense, defense as well as special teams in building an insurmountable 45-7 lead en route to a 62-28 thrashing of Boston College in the 11th annual Insight.com Bowl, CU's nation-best sixth bowl win in a row.

The Buffaloes took the opening kickoff and marched 65 yards in 13 plays, with Cortlen Johnson's 10-yard run capping the drive to give CU a 7-0 lead. Boston College drove to the CU 26 on its first possession, but a 43-yard field goal sailed wide to take some steam out of the Eagles. Quarterback Mike Moschetti then engineered a 12-play, 74-yard drive, and called his own number to score on a 2-yard run and CU led, 14-0, with just 1:47 left in the period.

Then a barrage of returns for touchdowns sealed BC's fate. Thirty seconds and three plays after the Moschetti score, Jashon Sykes intercepted a Tim Hasselbeck pass and returned it 29 yards for a 21-0 lead. A little over four minutes into the second quarter, Rashidi Barnes did the same, stealing a Brian St. Pierre pass and rambling 21 yards into the end zone to make it 28-0. The Buffalo defense stopped the Eagles cold on their next possession, but the elation of a Kevin McMyler 55-yard punt to the CU 12 was short-lived as Ben Kelly raced 88 yards with the ball for a touchdown, the longest in NCAA bowl history, and a 35-0 Colorado lead. After George White intercepted a Moschetti pass and ran it back for a 78-yard score, Johnson added his second touchdown on the day and Jeremy Aldrich the first of two field goals for the 45-7 lead at intermission.

There were a couple of more quirky scores in the sec-

ond half, as BC recovered its own fumble in the end zone for a score and got its last touchdown on a blocked punt return, but the game was over at halftime.

Johnson ran for 201 yards on just 15 carries, and was named to Sports Illustrated's All-Bowl team. CU set numerous school records and the 62 points were the third most ever scored in any bowl. And by scoring in all four quarters, the Buffs extended another amazing streak, as CU ended the 20th century scoring in 15 consecutive bowl quarters and in 26 of its last 27.

The win also gave CU a final record of 7-5 under first-year coach Gary Barnett, and it was Barnett's first win as a head coach in a bowl in three games (he was 0-2 at Northwestern before coming to Colorado).

Colorado .....	21	24	10	7	—	62
Boston College.....	0	7	7	14	—	28

CU—C.Johnson 10 run (Aldrich kick)	7- 0	11:05	1Q
CU—Moschetti 2 run (Aldrich kick)	14- 0	1:47	1Q
CU—Sykes 29 interception return (Aldrich kick)	21- 0	1:17	1Q
CU—Barnes 21 interception return (Aldrich kick)	28- 0	10:47	2Q
CU—Kelly 88 punt return (Aldrich kick)	35- 0	8:50	2Q
BC—White 78 interception return (Match kick)	35- 7	7:22	2Q
CU—C.Johnson 2 run (Aldrich kick)	42- 7	5:53	2Q
CU—Aldrich 26 FG	45- 7	0:29	2Q
CU—Aldrich 21 FG	48- 7	6:40	3Q
BC—Arndt rec. fumble in end zone (Match kick)	48-14	3:36	3Q
CU—Hollowell 18 pass from Moschetti (Mariscal kick)	55-14	2:53	3Q
CU—Colvin 4 run (Mariscal kick)	62-14	14:53	4Q
BC—Burke 2 pass from Hasselbeck (Match kick)	62-21	7:37	4Q
BC—Bessette 9 blocked punt return (Match kick)	62-28	5:55	4Q

Attendance: 35,762

Time: 3:21

Weather: 62 degrees, partly cloudy skies, 5 mph winds (NW)

## TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	BOSTON COL.
First Downs .....	29	12
Third Down Efficiency .....	8-15	5-18
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	1-1	3-3
Rushes—Net Yards .....	50-347	35-96
Passing Yards .....	176	159
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	27-16-1	35-14-3
Total Offense .....	523	255
Return Yards .....	184	128
Punts: No-Average .....	3-27.7	6-41.0
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards .....	5/40	6/62
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	1-7	1-6
Time Possession .....	31:38	28:22

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** C.Johnson 15-201, Stiggers 4-24, Cherrington 3-23, Moschetti 8-23, Andrews 3-15, Reed 6-15, Hollowell 2-14, Page 2-8, D.Barton 1-7, Colvin 2-7, Drumm 2-5, Johnson 2-5. **Boston College:** Green 11-32, Washington 16-30, Hasselbeck 6-25, Robbins 1-5, St. Pierre 1-4.

**Passing—Colorado:** Moschetti 25-15-1, 167; Colvin 2-1-0, 9.

**Boston College:** Hasselbeck 32-13-2, 146; Robbins 1-1-0, 13, St. Pierre 2-0-1, 0.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Graham 3-51, Stiggers 3-41, Hollowell 3-38, Green 3-21, Cherrington 1-9, Reed 1-9, Minardi 1-5, Cormier 1-2. **Boston College:** DeWalt 4-70, Burch 4-47, Washington 2-3, Arndt 1-19, Cervi 1-13, Daniels 1-5, Burke 1-2.

**Punting—Colorado:** Pietsch 2-41.5 (50 long), Team 1-0.

**Boston College:** McMyler 6-41.0 (55 long).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Kelly 5-127. **Boston College:** Parent 1-24, DeWalt 1-2, Bessette 0-9 (lateral).

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Stiggers 1-12, Hollowell 1-5. **Boston College:** Daniels 6-130, Green 3-79, Ellis 1-3.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Sykes 1-29, Barnes 1-21, Lewis 1-7. **Boston College:** G.White 1-78.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Sykes 6,3—9; Robinson 7,0—7; Wheeler 5,2—7; Barnes 4,1—5; Killian 3,2—5; Lewis 2,3—5. **Boston College:** Bessette 8,1—9; Chamberlain 7,1—8; Ordway 7,0—7; Cirino 6,1—7; G.White 5,1—6.



# 2002 FIESTA BOWL

Jan. 1, 2002 at Tempe, Ariz.

Oregon 38  
Colorado 16

It was only the sixth postseason meeting ever between Nos. 2 and 3, but second-ranked Oregon proved to be too much for third-ranked Colorado as the Ducks defeated the Buffaloes, 38-16. The loss snapped CU's nation-best six game bowl winning streak.

The Buffs scored first—and last—but it was in-between when Oregon flashed the muscle of its powerful passing attack when it outscored CU 38-0 from late in the first quarter to early in the fourth.

Colorado took a 7-0 lead after Brandon Drumm's 1-yard plunge capped an 11-play, 65-yard drive at the 6:26 mark of the first quarter. But the complexion of the game changed over the course of remainder of the first half. UO's star quarterback, Heisman finalist Joey Harrington, threw three touchdown passes, including a 28-yard strike to Keenan Howry to tie the score late in the first. Two drives later, early in the second stanza, Harrington and Samie Parker hooked up on a 79-yard strike that put the Ducks up for good. He combined with Onterio Smith for a 6-yard score with 2:29 left before the half that gave the Ducks a 21-7 lead.

Two bad breaks did in the Buffs in the third quarter. With Oregon getting ball first, CU needed a defensive stop, but Maurice Morris broke at least half a dozen tackles in rambling 49 yards for a touchdown and a 28-7 UO lead less than three minutes into the half. Colorado then came back and drove to the Duck 26, where Bobby Pesavento scrambled free and hit Derek McCoy for an apparent touchdown. But the SEC official, some 20 yards behind the play, ruled Pesavento had

crossed the line of scrimmage, negating the play. Television replays showed Pesavento was not over, but the call stood and took what little wind was left in CU's sails at the time.

Oregon extended the lead to 38-7, with Harrington throwing a fourth scoring pass, with 9:38 left. Colorado did get back on the board with a 39-yard field goal from Jeremy Flores and ended the game's scoring with a Craig Ochs to Daniel Graham 4-yard touchdown pass in the final seconds.

Graham set a CU bowl record with 10 receptions, but Oregon allowed CU only 49 net rushing yards after a potent Buff ground game ran up 603 in their final two regular season games. Oregon finished the season with an 11-1 record but couldn't overtake Miami in the final polls; CU closed at 10-3, ending at No. 9 in both major polls.

Oregon .....	7	14	10	7	—	38
Colorado .....	7	0	0	9	—	16

CU—Drumm 1 run (Brougham kick)	7- 0	6:26	1Q
Oregon—Howry 28 pass from Harrington (Siegel kick)	7- 7	3:48	1Q
Oregon—Parker 79 pass from Harrington (Siegel kick)	7-14	13:13	2Q
Oregon—Smith 6 pass from Harrington (Siegel kick)	7-21	2:29	2Q
Oregon—Morris 49 run (Siegel kick)	7-28	12:33	3Q
Oregon—Siegel 47 FG	7-31	12:03	4Q
Oregon—Peelle 4 pass from Harrington (Siegel kick)	7-38	9:38	4Q
CU—Flores 39 FG	10-38	5:47	4Q
CU—Graham 4 pass from Ochs (kick failed)	16-38	0:18	4Q

Attendance: 74,118

Time: 3:33

Weather: 66 degrees, clear skies, 6 mph winds (variable)

## TEAM STATISTICS

	COLORADO	OREGON
First Downs .....	20	22
Third Down Efficiency .....	6-19	7-13
Fourth Down Efficiency .....	3-3	0-0
Rushes—Net Yards .....	31-49	28-150
Passing Yards .....	279	350
Passes (Att-Comp-Int) .....	47-24-3	42-28-1
Total Offense .....	328	500
Return Yards .....	39	39
Punts: No-Average .....	5-40.8	5-36.2
Fumbles: No-Lost .....	1-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards .....	8/55	8/74
Quarterback Sacks—Yards .....	0-0	4-25
Time Possession .....	28:55	31:05

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Brown 9-30, C.Johnson 8-24, Purify 6-19, Drumm 1-1, Pesavento 1-minus 5, Ochs 3-minus 20. **Oregon:** Morris 11-89, O.Smith 14-51, Line 2-7, Willis 1-3.

**Passing—Colorado:** Ochs 20-13-1, 140; Pesavento 27-11-2, 139. **Oregon:** Harrington 42-28-1, 350.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Graham 10-89, McCoy 5-66, C.Johnson 3-50, M.Brunson 3-35, Cormier 2-25, Houston 1-14. **Oregon:** Parker 9-162, Willis 6-62, Peelle 5-66, Howry 3-33, O.Smith 3-8, Line 1-16, Wrightster 1-3.

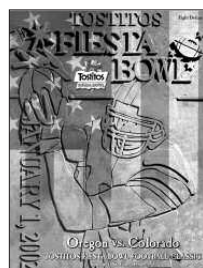
**Punting—Colorado:** Mariscal 5-40.8 (51 long). **Oregon:** Arroyo 4-41.8 (54 long), Harrington 1-14.0 (14 long).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 3-25. **Oregon:** Howry 3-4.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Hollowell 5-122, Surrell 2-37. **Oregon:** Amundson 2-28, O.Smith 1-21.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Robinson 1-14. **Oregon:** S.Smith 3-35.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Lewis 9,3—12; Robinson 4,3—7; J.Johnson 4,3—7; Brayton 5,0—5; Bannan 4,1—5; Tufts 2,3—5; Strickland 1,4—5. **Oregon:** Mallard 6,7—13; Moretti 6,5—11; Mitchell 5,5—10; Lewis 3,5—8; Bauman 4,1—5.





## 2002 ALAMO BOWL

Dec. 28, 2002 at San Antonio, Texas

Wisconsin 31  
Colorado 28 (OT)

No. 14 Colorado didn't have much luck in the Lone Star state three weeks earlier in its 29-7 loss to Oklahoma in the Big12 Championship game in Houston, and the return to Texas just after Christmas proved just as disappointing as the Buffaloes fell in overtime to Wisconsin, 31-28, in the Alamo Bowl presented by MasterCard.

Mike Allen's 37-yard field goal in overtime, after CU failed to score to open the extra session, completed a wild rally for the Badgers. Wisconsin tied the game with 51 seconds left in regulation when quarterback Brooks Bollinger scored from a yard out, which concluded a frantic 10-play, 80-yard march in 94 seconds.

Colorado took a 7-0 lead four minutes into the contest when Donald Strickland ended an early UW threat when he picked off a Bollinger pass at the CU 9 and raced 91 yards for the game's first points. The Badgers tied the game two possessions later, capitalizing on an interception of their own with Anthony Davis scoring on a 4-yard run to top off a short 19-yard drive. CU grabbed the lead back on the final play of the quarter, going up 14-7 after quarterback Robert Hodge hooked up with D.J. Hackett on a 10-yard touchdown pass that finished off an 11-play, 83-yard drive.

But Wisconsin owned the second quarter, scoring two more touchdowns on the heels of Hodge's second and third interceptions. Bollinger hit Brandon Williams with a 10-yard TD pass and Darrin Charles with a 7-yard toss, both on third down plays as the Badgers scored their three first half scores on combined drives of just 93 yards.

San Antonio native Zac Colvin replaced Hodge for the final first half series and led the Buffs to two scores in the third quarter. As Wisconsin did in converting CU interceptions, the Buffs did the same in converting Badger fumbles into

third down touchdowns. Chris Brown scored on a 4-yard run midway into the period after the Badgers fumbled a Mark Mariscal punt. Davis fumbled on the first play of Wisconsin's next drive, with Kory Mossoni recovering at the UW17. Colvin found Hackett in the end zone for an 11-yard touchdown play that put CU up for the final time, 28-21. CU managed to tie the game and take the lead on two drives that totaled all of 42 yards.

A stalemate then ensued until UW took over on its own 20 with just 2:25 remaining. The game-tying drive included two conversions on fourth downs, the first on a 4th-and-18 (a 27 yards pass from Bollinger to Williams) and the next on a 4th-and-10 (Bollinger to Charles for 28 yards).

CU ran out the clock and couldn't gain any yards on three plays in the overtime; Patrick Brougham's 45-yard field goal try sailed wide right, setting the stage for Wisconsin to grab the victory on Allen's kick.

The only other overtime game in the 2002-03 bowl season was the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, where Ohio State topped Miami, Fla., in two overtimes to win the national championship.

Colorado.....	14	0	14	0	0	—	28
Wisconsin.....	7	14	0	7	3	—	31

CU—Strickland 91 interception return (Brougham kick)	7-0	11:07	1Q
Wisconsin—Davis 4 run (Allen kick)	7-7	4:54	1Q
CU—Hackett 10 pass from Hodge (Brougham kick)	14-7	0:00	1Q
Wisconsin—Williams 10 pass from Bollinger (Allen kick)	14-14	5:19	2Q
Wisconsin—Charles 7 pass from Bollinger (Allen kick)	14-21	0:32	2Q
CU—Brown 4 run (Brougham kick)	21-21	7:37	3Q
CU—Hackett 11 pass from Colvin (Brougham kick)	28-21	5:58	3Q
Wisconsin—Bollinger 1 run (Allen kick)	28-28	0:51	4Q
Wisconsin—Allen 37 FG	28-31	.....	OT

Attendance: 50,690

Time: 3:43

Weather: 72 degrees in controlled environment (Alamodome)



## 2004 HOUSTON BOWL

Dec. 29, 2004 at Houston, Texas

Colorado 33  
UTEP 28

HOUSTON — Joel Klatt passed for 333 yards and two touchdowns, both coming in the fourth quarter, and Tom Hubbard had two interceptions in leading Colorado to a 33-28 come-from-behind victory over the Texas-El Paso Miners in the second annual EV1.Net Houston Bowl.

The Buffaloes spotted UTEP a 14-3 first quarter lead, but held the Miners to just 191 yards while outscoring them 30-14 over the last three periods. Klatt and Hubbard were respectively named the game's offensive and defensive most valuable players, though there were many stars for the Buffaloes on this afternoon.

Mason Crosby made good on 4-of-6 field goal tries, tight end Joe Klopfenstein had a record day, punter John Torp neutralized UTEP's return game and linebackers Thaddeaus Washington and Akarika Dawn combined for 16 tackles with five for losses and two quarterback sacks.

Trailing 21-19 to open the fourth quarter, UTEP answered a Buff field goal on the previous possession with a 4-play, 80-yard drive capped by a 3-yard touchdown pass from Jordan Palmer to Johnnie Higgins. That was the end of the fireworks for UTEP and it lit a fuse for the Buffaloes.

Colorado came right back on the first play of its next possession. Klatt hit a streaking Klopfenstein across the middle, with the junior breaking two tackles and outrunning a safety for a 78-yard touchdown reception. It was the longest play by a tight end in Colorado history, some 21 yards longer than the previous best. Crosby's PAT kick brought CU back to within 28-26.

The Miners then worked the ball to midfield, and on a 2nd-and-13, Palmer was intercepted by Hubbard at the Buff 28 to end the threat with 11:10 on the clock. CU immediately countered with a six play drive that covered 72 yards that had a little bit of everything.

Klatt hit Ron Monteilh on first down, but the next two plays yielded a zero yard rush by Bobby Purify and then an incomplete pass. On 4th-and-3, Torp faked a punt and scrambled 22 yards around the left side to give the

Buffs a first down at the UTEP 43. Lawrence Vickers then rushed for four yards, and from there, Klatt hit a wide open Evan Judge on a 39-yard touchdown reception to give Colorado its first advantage since the first quarter.

UTEP went three-and-out on its next two possessions, the first of which included a sack by Washington and the second a key pass deflection by Hubbard on third down to deny the Miners a long gain. On their last drive of the game, after Torp pinned them at their own 18, the Miners earned one first down and drove the ball out to their 40, where Palmer threw four straight incompletions to turn the ball back over to CU, which ran out the clock.

CU struck first on a 26-yard Crosby field goal, with the Miners taking an 11-point edge after two touchdown runs. The Buffs pulled to within 14-13 after a Hugh Charles 1-yard run and a 54-yard field goal from Crosby. The latter was a CU postseason record, topping the old long of 49 yards set by Mitch Berger in the 1993 Aloha Bowl. Palmer threw a TD pass that covered 17 yards to Jayson Boyd to put UTEP back up, 21-13, at halftime, but two Crosby field goals, the only third quarter scoring, pulled CU back to within two after the third.

Purify led all runners in the game with 80 yards on 22 carries, while Charles added 51 on just seven tries. Klopfenstein caught five passes for 134 yards and the score.

COLORADO.....	3	10	6	14	—	33
UTEP.....	14	7	0	7	—	28

CU — Crosby 26 FG	3-0	8:32	1Q
UTEP — Jackson 7 run (Schneider kick)	3-7	6:05	1Q
UTEP — Chamois 1 run (Schneider kick)	3-14	1:11	1Q
CU — Charles 1 run (Crosby kick)	10-14	13:31	2Q
CU — Crosby 54 FG	13-14	8:16	2Q
UTEP — Boyd 17 pass from Palmer (Schneider kick)	13-21	3:08	2Q
CU — Crosby 37 FG	16-21	9:17	3Q
CU — Crosby 20 FG	19-21	0:40	3Q
UTEP — Higgins 3 pass from Palmer (Schneider kick)	19-28	14:20	4Q
CU — Klopfenstein 78 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	26-28	14:02	4Q
CU — Judge 39 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick)	33-28	8:43	4Q

Attendance: 27,235 Time: 3:30

Weather: 71 degrees, cloudy skies, winds from the southeast at 14 mph

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	WISCONSIN
First Downs.....	13	21
Third Down Efficiency.....	6-16	5-14
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	1-1	2-3
Rushes—Net Yards.....	44-123	51-193
Passing Yards.....	77	163
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	18-9-3	24-12-1
Total Offense.....	200	356
Return Yards.....	99	51
Punts: No-Average.....	6-40.8	5-36.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	1-0	3-3
Penalties/Yards.....	9/71	6/64
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	1-7	0-0
Time Possession.....	29:23	30:37

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Brown 28-97, Calhoun 9-16, Colvin 3-10, Hodge 1-3, Team 3-minus 3. **Wisconsin:** Davis 25-99, Bollinger 20-82, Smith 5-15, Team 1-minus 3.

**Passing—Colorado:** Hodge 13-6-3, 6; Colvin 5-3-0, 15. **Wisconsin:** Bollinger 24-12-1, 163.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Hackett 3-30, Drumm 2-16, Monteilh 1-20, Donahoe 1-11, Williams 1-1, Calhoun 1-minus 1. **Wisconsin:** Williams 5-83, Charles 5-67, Bernstein 1-9, Smith 1-4.

**Punting—Colorado:** Mariscal 6-40.8 (47 long). **Wisconsin:** Morse 5-36.0 (40 long).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Bloom 3-8. **Wisconsin:** Williams 2-34, Leonhard 1-minus 4.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Sneed 3-49. **Wisconsin:** Pettus 2-53, Williams 2-31.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Strickland 1-91. **Wisconsin:** Jones 1-13, Starks 1-7, Leonhard 1-1.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** Moorer 10.5—15; Strickland 8.0—8; Tufts 5.2—7; Harris 5.1—6; Iwuh 4.2—6; Wilder 4.1—5; Jackson 2.3—5. **Wisconsin:** Lewis 4.5—9; Mack 3.6—9; Hawthorne 3.5—8; Aiello 3.5—8.

TEAM STATISTICS	COLORADO	UTEP
First Downs.....	23	19
Third Down Efficiency.....	4-15	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	1-1	1-2
Rushes—Net Yards.....	44-157	27-34
Passing Yards.....	333	328
Passes (Att-Comp-Int).....	33-24-0	42-22-2
Total Offense.....	490	362
Return Yards.....	3	11
Punts: No-Average.....	4-50.0	5-45.0
Fumbles: No-Lost.....	0-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards.....	10/83	4/43
Quarterback Sacks—Yards.....	3-14	3-21
Time of Possession.....	37:09	22:51

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing—Colorado:** Purify 22-80, Charles 7-51, Torp 1-22, Mackey 1-20, Vickers 3-4, Littlehales 1-minus 2, Klatt 7-minus 16, Team, 2-minus 2. **UTEP:** Jackson 16-37, Thomas 2-4, Smith 1-1, Chamois 2-1, Austin 1-0, Palmer 4-minus 3, Marrow 1-minus 6.

**Passing—Colorado:** Klatt 33-24-0, 333, 2 td. **UTEP:** Palmer 42-22-2, 328, 2 td.

**Receiving—Colorado:** Purify 6-41, Klopfenstein 5-134, Monteilh 4-34, Judge 2-50, Mackey 2-32, Sprague 2-16, Duren 2-10, Vickers 1-16. **UTEP:** Boyd 7-140, Higgins 7-122, Marrow 3-9, Francis 2-28, Jackson 2-12, Sears 1-17.

**Punting—Colorado:** Torp 4-50.0 (58 long, 1 In20). **UTEP:** Benekos 5-45.0 (74 long, 1 In20).

**Punt Returns—Colorado:** Robinson 2-2. **UTEP:** Fenner 2-11.

**Kickoff Returns—Colorado:** Wheatley 3-61, Charles 1-14, Schaub 1-8. **UTEP:** Higgins 1-16.

**Interceptions—Colorado:** Hubbard 2-1. **UTEP:** none.

**Tackle Leaders—Colorado:** T.Washington 6.3—9; Sims 6.1—7; Henderson 5.1—6; McChesney 4.2—6; Dawn 4.1—5; Hubbard 4.0—4; Wheatley 3.1—4; Ligon 2.2—4; Dizon 3.0—3; Garee 1, 2—3. **UTEP:** Rodriguez 4.10—14; Ward 5.3—8; Fenner 3.5—8; Akinduro 3.4—7; Mineo 2.5—7; Howard 3.3—6.





# BOWL GAME RECORDS

## INDIVIDUAL

### Rushing

Attempts (Game)—35, Bobby Anderson (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty).  
Attempts (Career)—70, Eric Bieniemy (three games).  
Yards Gained (Game)—254, Bobby Anderson (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty).  
Yards Gained (Career)—362, Bobby Anderson (two games).  
Avg. Gain Per Attempt (Game, min. 100 yds.)—13.4 (15 for 201), Cortlen Johnson (vs. Boston College, '99 Insight.com).  
Avg. Gain Per Attempt (Career, min. 200 yards)—11.4 (18 for 206), Cortlen Johnson (two games).  
Touchdowns (Game)—3, Bobby Anderson (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty); Rashaan Salaam, twice (vs. Fresno State, '93 Aloha; vs. Notre Dame, '95 Fiesta).  
Touchdowns (Career)—6, Rashaan Salaam (two games).

### Passing

Attempts (Game)—45, Koy Detmer (vs. Washington, '96 Holiday).  
Attempts (Career)—76, Kordell Stewart (three games).  
Completions (Game)—25, Koy Detmer (vs. Washington, '96 Holiday).  
Completions (Career)—36, Kordell Stewart (three games).  
Yards Gained (Game)—371, Koy Detmer (vs. Washington, '96 Holiday).  
Yards Gained (Career)—546, Kordell Stewart (three games).  
TD Passes (Game)—4, Mike Moschetti (vs. Oregon, '98 Aloha).  
TD Passes (Career)—5, Mike Moschetti (two games).  
Interceptions (Game)—3, Jim Bratten (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty); Kordell Stewart (vs. Syracuse, '93 Fiesta); Robert Hodge (vs. Wisconsin, '02 Alamo).  
Interceptions (Career)—4, Darian Hagan (four games).

### Receiving

Receptions (Game)—10, Daniel Graham (vs. Oregon, '02 Fiesta).  
Receptions (Career)—14, Daniel Graham (three games); Michael Westbrook (four games).  
Yards Gained (Game)—162, Rae Carruth (vs. Washington, '96 Holiday).  
Yards Gained (Career)—283, Michael Westbrook (four games).  
TD Receptions (Game)—2, Rae Carruth (vs. Washington, '96 Holiday); D.J. Hackett (vs. Wisconsin, '02 Alamo).  
TD Receptions (Career)—2, Charles E. Johnson (two games); Darrin Chiaverini (three games); Daniel Graham (three games); Rae Carruth (four games); D.J. Hackett (one game).

### Interceptions

Interceptions (Game)—2, Bob Stransky (vs. Clemson, '57 Orange); Greg Thomas (vs. Notre Dame, '91 Orange); Tom Hubbard (vs. UTEP, '04 Houston).  
Interceptions (Career)—2, Tom Hubbard (one game); Bob Stransky (one game); Greg Thomas (two games).  
Yards Gained (Game)—91, Donald Strickland (vs. Wisconsin, '02 Alamo).  
Yards Gained (Career)—91, Donald Strickland (three games).  
Touchdowns (Game)—1, on five occasions.

### Scoring

Points (Game)—18, Bobby Anderson (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty); Rashaan Salaam, twice (vs. Fresno State, '93 Aloha; vs. Notre Dame, '95 Fiesta).  
Points (Career)—36, Rashaan Salaam (two games), Jeremy Aldrich (three games).  
Field Goals (Game)—4, Mason Crosby (vs. UTEP, '04 Houston).  
Field Goals (Career)—7, Jeremy Aldrich (three games).

### Defense

Tackles (Game)—18, Ted Johnson (vs. Notre Dame, '95 Fiesta).  
Tackles For Loss (Game)—5 (for 20 yards), Michael Jones (vs. BYU, '88 Freedom).  
Quarterback Sacks (Game)—3, Alfred Williams (vs. BYU, '88 Freedom).  
Pass Deflections (Game)—4, Terrence Wheatley (vs. UTEP, '04 Houston).

## TEAM

### First Downs

Total—29 (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty, and vs. Boston College, '99 Insight.com).  
By Rushing—24 (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty).  
By Passing—17 (vs. Washington, '96 Holiday).  
By Penalty—3, on four occasions.

### Rushing

Attempts—70 (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty).  
Net Yards—473 (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty).  
Avg. Per Rush—6.9 (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty).  
Touchdowns—5 (vs. Boston College, '99 Insight.com).

### Passing

Attempts—47 (vs. Oregon, '02 Fiesta).  
Completions—25 (vs. Washington, '96 Holiday).  
Comp. Pct.—72.7 (24-of-33 vs. UTEP, '04 Houston).  
Yards Gained—371 (vs. Washington, '96 Holiday).  
Interceptions—3, on five occasions.  
Touchdowns—4 (vs. Oregon, '98 Aloha).

### Total Offense

Total Plays—86 (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty).  
Net Yards—563 (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty).  
Avg. Per Play—7.9 (vs. Notre Dame, '95 Fiesta).

### Punting

Punts—12 (vs. Alabama, '91 Blockbuster).  
Yards—492 (vs. Alabama, '91 Blockbuster).  
Avg. Per Punt—51.5 (6-for-309 vs. Oregon, '98 Aloha).



Daniel Graham



**Marcus Washington**

### Return Yardage

Yards—184 (127 punt, 57 interception vs. Boston College, '99 Insight.com).

### Fumbles

Total—8 (vs. Clemson, '57 Orange).  
Lost—3 (vs. Clemson, '57 Orange); (vs. Baylor, '86 Bluebonnet).

### Penalties

Total—9 (vs. Brigham Young, '88 Freedom).  
Yards—94 (vs. Ohio State, '77 Orange).

### Turnovers

Most—5 (vs. Alabama, '69 Liberty; vs. Texas, '75 Bluebonnet).  
Fewest—0 (vs. Notre Dame, '95 Fiesta; vs. UTEP, '04 Houston).

## OPPONENTS

### First Downs

Total—34, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).  
By Rushing—17, Rice ('38 Cotton); Ohio State ('77 Orange).  
By Passing—25, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).  
By Penalty—5, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).

### Rushing

Attempts, Individual—35, Robert Newhouse, Houston ('71 Bluebonnet).  
Attempts, Team—71, Ohio State ('77 Orange).  
Yards, Individual—168, Robert Newhouse, Houston ('71 Bluebonnet).  
Yards, Team—271, Ohio State ('77 Orange).  
Touchdowns, Individual—3, Derien Latimer, Oregon ('98 Aloha).  
Touchdowns, Team—4, Oregon ('98 Aloha).

### Passing

Attempts, Individual—63, Trent Dilfer, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).  
Attempts, Team—63, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).  
Completions, Individual—37, Trent Dilfer, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).  
Completions, Team—37, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).  
Yards Gained, Individual—523, Trent Dilfer, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).  
Yards Gained, Team—523, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).  
Interceptions, Individual—3, Rick Mirer, Notre Dame ('91 Orange).  
Interceptions, Team—3, on three occasions.  
Touchdown Passes, Individual—4, Joey Harrington, Oregon ('02 Fiesta).  
Touchdown Passes, Team—4, Oregon ('02 Fiesta).

### Receiving

Receptions—9, David Dunn, Fresno State ('93 Aloha); Samie Parker, Oregon ('02 Fiesta).  
Yards Gained—162, Samie Parker, Oregon ('02 Fiesta).  
Touchdowns—2, Tydus Winans, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).

### Total Offense

Total plays—88, Fresno State ('93 Aloha).  
Net Yards—535, Oregon ('98 Aloha).  
Avg. Per Play—7.1, Oregon, ('02 Fiesta).

### Punting

Punts—7, on six occasions.  
Yards—287, Alabama ('69 Liberty).  
Avg. Per Punt—48.3 (4-for-193), Oregon ('98 Aloha).

### Return Yardage

Yards—128 (78 interception, 35 punt), Boston College, ('99 Insight.com).

### Fumbles

Total—5, Fresno State ('93 Aloha), Oregon ('98 Aloha).  
Lost—5, Oregon ('98 Aloha).

### Penalties

Total—13, Washington ('85 Freedom).  
Yards—88, Washington ('85 Freedom); Fresno State ('93 Aloha).

### Turnovers

Most—6, Oregon ('98 Aloha).  
Fewest—0, Alabama ('69 Liberty); Notre Dame ('90 Orange).

## Longest Plays

Touchdown Run (CU)—40, Rashaan Salaam (vs. Fresno State, '93 Aloha).  
Non-Scoring Run—59, Dwayne Cherrington (vs. Oregon '98 Aloha).  
Touchdown Run (Opponent)—58, Joel Wells, Clemson ('57 Orange).  
Touchdown Pass (CU)—78, Joel Klatt to Joe Klopfenstein (vs. UTEP, '04, Houston).  
Touchdown Pass (Opponent)—79, Joey Harrington to Samie Parker, Oregon ('02 Fiesta).  
Kickoff Return (CU)—93, Ben Kelly, (vs. Oregon '98 Aloha, TD).  
Kickoff Return (Opponent)—100, Kirby Dar Dar, Syracuse ('93 Fiesta).  
†Punt Return (CU)—88, Ben Kelly (vs. Boston College, '99 Insight.com).  
Punt Return (Opponent)—52, David Palmer, Alabama ('91 Blockbuster, TD).  
†Interception Return (CU)—95, Marcus Washington (vs. Oregon, '96 Cotton).  
Interception Return (Opponent)—78, George White, Boston College, ('99 Insight.com, TD).  
Field Goal (CU)—54, Mason Crosby (vs. UTEP, '04, Houston).  
Field Goal (Opponent)—55, Russell Erxleben, Texas ('75 Bluebonnet).  
Punt—62, Mitch Berger (vs. Syracuse, '93 Fiesta), Nick Pietsch (vs. Oregon '98 Aloha).  
†—**NCAA Bowl Records.**