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## 2006 COLORADO FOOTBALL: LETTER-OF-INTENT DAY NOTES/BIOS/INFORMATION

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### QUICKLY

It's the 2006 edition of national letter-of-intent day, as high school seniors around the nation were allowed to sign on the dotted line starting at 7:00 a.m. local time on Wednesday, February 1... The signed letters are express mailed in, but can be confirmed by FAX... The full team total cannot exceed 85 scholarships at any point, or a maximum 25 qualifiers any single year... The NCAA maximum is 56 recruiting visits allowed; the Buffs "banked" six from last year, so of the 62 Colorado had for the 2006 class, the Buffs have utilized 54 to date... The list of signees and their biographies are later in this packet.

### NAMES & NUMBERS

Here's a look at the preliminary roster numbers when taking a look at the 2006 University of Colorado football roster:

**Lettermen Returning:** 46 (18 offense, 26 defense, 2 specialists)

**Lettermen Lost:** 20 (9 offense, 8 defense, 3 specialist)

**Starters Returning (13)—Offense 5:** TB Hugh Charles (12/12), OG Brian Daniels (33/11), C Mark Fenton (26/13), OG Edwin Harrison (7/7), WR Dusty Sprague (11/11). **Defense 8:** S J.J. Billingsley (31/13), CB Gerrett Burl (22/13), ILB Jordon Dizon (23/12), S Tyrone Henderson (22/12), DE Maurice Lucas (6/6), CB Lorenzo Sims (25/11), ILB Thaddaeus Washington (23/12), DE Abraham Wright (16/13). (*Career/2005 starts in parenthesis; calculated by those who had six or more starts in 2005 OR were starting at the end of the year.*)

**Others Returning With Significant Starting Experience (7; min. 3 career starts)—**ILB Walter Boye-Doe (3/0), S Dominique Brooks (13/0), DE Alex Ligon (17/6), OT Tyler Polumbus (3/3); OG Daniel Sanders (4/4); OG Jack Tipton (4/4); CB Terrence Wheatley (7/0).

**Others Returning With Significant Position Game Experience (12; two or fewer career starts)—**WR Alvin Barnett, DE Alonzo Barrett, QB James Cox, FB Paul Creighton, TB Byron Ellis, DT George Hypolite, OLB Brad Jones, WR Blake Mackey, WR Stephone Robinson, ILB Joe Sanders, CB Terry Washington, WR Patrick Williams.

**Starters Lost (9)—Offense 6:** WR Evan Judge (24/13), QB Joel Klatt (34/12), TE Joe Klopfenstein (34/13), OT Gary Moore (12/11), OT Clint O'Neal (29/12), VB Lawrence Vickers (20/7). **Defense 3:** DE James Garee (34/13), OLB Brian Iwuh (31/12), DT Vaka Manupuna (27/13).

**Others Lost With Significant Starting Experience (3)—**ILB Akarika Dawn (12/2), S Tom Hubbard (7/2), TE Quinn Sypniewski (20/9).

**Specialists Returning (3)—**PK Mason Crosby, PK Kevin Eberhart, KR Stephone Robinson.

**Specialists Lost (2)—**SN Greg Pace, P John Torp.

**Base Spring Roster (89 players/67 scholarship)—**29 seniors, 19 juniors, 20 sophomores, 21 freshmen (21 redshirt/0 true).

### HONOR CANDIDATES TO WATCH

Looking ahead to this fall, there are a few Colorado players who should be in the mix for some individual honors. Two Buffaloes who were finalists for awards last fall should easily be among the favorites for their respective trophies, **PK Mason Crosby** (*Lou Groza Award*; he was the runner-up) and **C Mark Fenton** (one of six finalists for the *Rimington Award*). **ILB Thaddaeus Washington** figures to be in the hunt for the *Butkus Award*, with **S J.J. Billingsley** and **CB Gerrett Burl** probable *Jim Thorpe Award* candidates. **TB Hugh Charles** will be nominated for the *Doak Walker Award*, while Fenton and **OG Brian Daniels** could emerge as *Outland Trophy* and *Lombardi Award* candidates. Other players to watch include **ILB Jordon Dizon**, **OL Edwin Harrison**, **S Tyrone Henderson**, **DE Maurice Lucas**, **WR Blake Mackey** (if he returns healthy), **WR/KR Stephone Robinson**, **CB Lorenzo Sims**, **WR Dusty Sprague** and **DE Abraham Wright**, and whoever emerges at quarterback or tight end, any of whom could contend for a trophy, All-American or All-Big 12 honors.

### 2006 SCHEDULE

	<u>series</u>
S 2	MONTANA STATE 1- 2-0
S 9	Colorado State (Denver/Ft. Collins) 57-18-2
S 16	ARIZONA STATE 0- 0-0
S 23	at Georgia 0- 0-0
S 30	*at Missouri 31-36-3
O 7	*BAYLOR ( <i>Homecoming</i> ) 8- 5-0
O 14	*TEXAS TECH ( <i>Family Weekend</i> ) 3- 4-0
O 21	*at Oklahoma 16-38-2
O 28	*at Kansas 41-21-3
N 4	*KANSAS STATE 43-17-1
N 11	*IOWA STATE 46-13-1
N 24	*at Nebraska (ABC, 1:30 p.m.) 17-45-2
D 1	Big 12 Championship ( <i>at Kansas City, Mo.</i> )
*—Big 12 Conference game; OPEN WEEK: Nov. 18.	

### 2005 RESULTS (Won 7, Lost 6; 5-3 Big 12 North Champions)

S 3	COLORADO STATE	W 31-28	54,972
S 10	NEW MEXICO STATE	W 39- 0	44,742
S 24	at Miami, Fla.	L 3-23	51,229
O 1	*at Oklahoma State	W 34- 0	47,908
O 8	*TEXAS A & M	W 41-20	50,686
O 15	*at Texas	L 17-42	83,474
O 22	*KANSAS	W 44-13	48,025
O 29	*at Kansas State	W 23-20	43,890
N 5	*MISSOURI	W 41-12	49,196
N 12	*at Iowa State	L 16-30	49,242
N 25	*NEBRASKA	L 3-30	54,841
D 3	Texas ( <i>Big 12 Championship</i> )	L 3-70	71,107
D 27	Clemson ( <i>Champs Sports Bowl</i> )	L 10-19	31,470

**HAWKINS NAMED 23RD HEAD FOOTBALL COACH IN COLORADO HISTORY**

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

Hawkins, 45, came to Colorado from Boise State University, where he guided the Broncos to a 53-11 record in five seasons, including four consecutive Western Athletic Conference championships between 2002-05. His 82.8 winning percentage is the best among all active coaches, with the 53 wins the fourth most all-time in the first five seasons as a major college head coach (and the second most in Division I-A since the NCAA went to current classifications in 1978).

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

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

Hawkins agreed to a five-year contract, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010, including the following terms approved by the CU Board of Regents: guaranteed annual compensation of \$850,000 (\$160,000 base salary, \$490,000 in radio/television income, and \$200,000 in sponsorship support); summer camp compensation of \$50,000; assorted incentive compensation for academic progress, student citizenship and community outreach; and performance incentives for titles, bowl appearances and results.

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

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

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

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

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

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

At home, on Boise's famous blue artificial turf field, his teams logged an astounding 31-2 record — including 31 consecutive wins at one point. His Broncos had also won 31 straight games against Western Athletic Conference teams until a loss to Fresno State in 2005; he was 37-3 in conference games during his five year run.

In the postseason, Boise State defeated Iowa State, 34-16, in the 2002 Humanitarian Bowl; edged TCU 34-31 in the 2003 Fort Worth Bowl, dropped a 44-40 decision to Louisville in the 2004 Liberty Bowl in one of the season's most anticipated bowl games between the undefeated and No. 10 Broncos and the 10-1 and No. 7 ranked Cardinals, and almost rallied from 27 down before succumbing to Boston College 27-21 in the '05 Humanitarian Bowl.

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

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

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

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

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

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

He was born November 10, 1960 in Fall River Mills, Calif., and graduated from Big Valley High School in Bieber, Calif., where he lettered in football, baseball, basketball and track. At UC-Davis, he lettered four times playing fullback for coach Jim Sochor; as a junior, UCD was the NCAA Division II runner-up.

He is married to the former Misti Rae Ann Hokanson, and they are the parents of four children, Ashley (21), Brittany (19), Cody (17) and Drew (15).

*(Bios on assistant coaches later in these notes.)*

**RECRUITING REVIEW**

Over the past 34 years, the bulk of Colorado's recruits have come primarily from three states: Colorado (212), California (180) and Texas (100). Here is a look at CU's *high school only* recruiting numbers since 1973, the year student-athletes were again able to participate their freshman year (includes signed recruits who might not have reported to campus for whatever reason, unless that player signed again and counted toward a subsequent class; this prevents double counting):

Year	Coach On Signing Day	Total	Colo.	Calif.	Texas	Other States	JC
2006	Dan Hawkins	19	4	6	2	2—Hawaii; 1—Florida, Idaho, Kentucky, New Jersey, Washington	2
2005	Gary Barnett	21	9	6	1	2—Florida; 1—Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska	4
2004	Gary Barnett	17	2	4	2	3—Michigan; 2—Hawaii; 1—Alabama, Iowa, Louisiana, Oklahoma	1
2003	Gary Barnett	23	5	4	8	2—Tennessee; 1—Alabama, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma	2
2002	Gary Barnett	28	7	6	10	3—Louisiana; 2—Illinois; 1—Kansas, Wisconsin	2
2001	Gary Barnett	13	7	1	3	1—Hawai'i (1—Canada)	4
2000	Gary Barnett	19	8	3	2	1—Arizona, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana (2—Canada)	5
1999	Gary Barnett	15	5	3	1	1—Arkansas, Hawai'i, Idaho, Illinois, Washington, Wisconsin	2
1998	Rick Neuheisel	20	1	9	5	1—Alaska, Florida, Hawai'i, Oregon, Washington	1
1997	Rick Neuheisel	22	5	9	3	2—Arizona, Washington; 1—Missouri	1
1996	Rick Neuheisel	21	3	9	3	1—Arizona, Hawai'i, Maryland, Ohio, South Dakota, Washington	0
1995	Rick Neuheisel	21	4	10	5	1—Arizona, Tennessee	0
1994	Bill McCartney	18	3	6	2	3—Michigan; 1—Florida, Illinois, Oklahoma, Tennessee	0
1993	Bill McCartney	20	7	2	2	2—Louisiana; 1—D.C., Ga., Hawai'i, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada (1—Samoa)	0
1992	Bill McCartney	25	5	4	4	3—Louisiana; 1—Ariz., Hawai'i, Ill., Mich., Minn., Mo., Ohio, Wyo. (1—Samoa)	1
1991	Bill McCartney	20	4	3	5	2—Louisiana; 1—Arizona, Florida, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, Utah	3
1990	Bill McCartney	20	6	5	4	3—Louisiana; 1—Michigan (1—Canada)	3
1989	Bill McCartney	20	8	7	1	2—Michigan; 1—Mississippi, Ohio	1
1988	Bill McCartney	22	3	8	2	2—Idaho; 1—Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, Washington	4
1987	Bill McCartney	12	1	5	3	2—Nevada; 1—Missouri	0
1986	Bill McCartney	23	7	12	2	2—Missouri	0
1985	Bill McCartney	23	9	6	2	3—Missouri; 2—Nevada; 1—Kansas	0
1984	Bill McCartney	22	12	6	2	1—Illinois, Nebraska	7
1983	Bill McCartney	24	11	3	0	3—Missouri; 2—Florida, 1—Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio	3
1982	Chuck Fairbanks	13	10	1	0	1—Arizona, Nevada	15
1981	Chuck Fairbanks	24	3	8	8	2—North Carolina, Pennsylvania; 1—Oklahoma	3
1980	Chuck Fairbanks	25	6	7	0	2—Illinois, Pennsylvania; 1—Florida, Idaho, Michigan, Missouri, N.C., N.M., Oregon, Wash.	3
1979	*Bob Cortese	24	9	4	2	2—New York; 1—Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington	5
1978	Bill Mallory	28	5	3	1	7—Florida; 3—Illinois; 2—Oklahoma, Washington; 1—Mo., Neb., Nevada, N.M., Ohio	2
1977	Bill Mallory	21	10	5	0	2—Illinois; 1—Arizona, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio	1
1976	Bill Mallory	23	2	4	4	5—Illinois, 4—Washington, 1—Kansas, Oklahoma, Oregon, Wyoming	2
1975	Bill Mallory	21	10	5	2	2—Illinois; 1—Oregon, 1—Washington	3
1974	Bill Mallory	23	9	1	6	2—Ohio, Washington; 1—Hawai'i, Kansas, New Mexico	2
1973	Eddie Crowder	35	12	5	3	2—Arizona, Florida, Louisiana, New Jersey; 1—HI, NE, NM, OH, OK, WA (1—Canada)	3
<b>Totals</b>		<b>725</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Illinois 23; Florida 20; Washington 19; Louisiana 18; Missouri 16; Michigan 13; Hawai'i 12; Arizona 11; Ohio 9; Kansas 7; Nevada 7; Nebraska 6; N.M., Okla., Ore. 5.</b>	<b>80</b>

\*—Fairbanks did not become head coach until April 4, 1979; Cortese coordinated recruiting in the interim. In this time frame, 29 percent of all Buffalo high school recruits have come from Colorado, with 25 percent from California and 14 percent from Texas.

**RECRUITING POSITION BREAKDOWNS**

Listed below are the position breakdowns of Colorado's recruiting classes since 1982. Counts include high school and junior college signees; fullbacks counted in running back totals; outside linebackers count either under defensive ends or linebackers, depending on where they eventually played:

Year	Total	Offense						Defense					
		OL	QB	RB	TE	WR	DE	DT	LB	DB	PK/P		
2006	21	5	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	3	0		
2005	25	3	2	3	1	3	3	4	1	4	1		
2004	19	2	1	2	0	3	3	2	4	2	0		
2003	25	4	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	6	2		
2002	30	6	1	2	1	3	3	2	5	7	0		
2001	17	3	2	2	0	2	1	5	1	1	0		
2000	24	5	2	2	2	0	3	2	3	4	1		
1999	18	4	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	3	0		
1998	21	2	3	1	0	2	2	3	3	4	1		
1997	23	5	0	4	2	2	2	1	3	4	0		
1996	23	3	1	1	1	4	2	1	3	7	0		
1995	22	6	0	4	3	1	1	2	2	2	1		
1994	17	2	0	5	1	2	0	2	3	2	0		
1993	19	3	2	0	1	2	1	5	4	0	1		
1992	25	6	1	2	1	4	1	1	4	5	0		
1991	23	5	1	4	1	1	2	3	3	2	1		
1990	23	6	1	4	2	2	0	2	3	2	1		
1989	21	1	2	5	1	0	1	6	3	2	0		
1988	26	5	2	3	3	1	0	4	2	5	1		
1987	12	3	0	3	0	0	3	1	1	0	1		
1986	23	3	3	5	1	0	1	3	5	2	0		
1985	23	6	0	4	2	1	1	4	4	1	0		
1984	29	6	4	3	1	3	1	1	5	4	1		
1983	27	6	2	3	2	3	0	5	1	4	1		
1982	28	13	0	4	1	1	0	2	5	2	0		

**CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS**

The members of the 2006 recruiting class has some experience on the 'ol top of the podium, as eight of the players combined to win 13 state (or section in Calif.) titles during their prep careers. **OLB B.J. Beatty**, **OL Justin Drescher**, **QB Cody Hawkins**, **RB Justin Nonu** and **RB JasLee Rouson** won two, with **CB Cha'pelle Brown**, **TE Steve Fendry** and **DT Eric Lawson** all winning one. The group combined to win over two dozen league championships.

**STATE-BY-STATE**

The below chart indicates the last time a player from each state was on the CU roster (includes transfers and walk-ons; had to suit for at least one game). Rosters were available back to 1928; going into 2006, only two states, Rhode Island and Vermont, have never produced a CU player, with eight not having a prep recruit. A state-by-state look (**a**—last year a prep recruit signed from that state; **b**—last year a player from that state, recruit, walk-on or transfer, was on the roster):

State	a-Year	b-Year	State	a-Year	b-Year	State	a-Year	b-Year	State	a-Year	b-Year	State	a-Year	b-Year
Alabama	2004	2005	Hawaii	2004	2005	Michigan	2004	2005	North Carolina	1981	2001	Utah	1991	1995
Alaska	1998	2002	Idaho	1999	2000	Minnesota	2005	2005	North Dakota	1968	1978	Vermont	.....	.....
Arizona	2000	2005	Illinois	2002	2005	Mississippi	1989	1993	Ohio	1996	1999	Virginia	.....	1969
Arkansas	1999	2003	Indiana	1972	2001	Missouri	2005	2005	Oklahoma	2005	2005	Washington	1999	2002
California	2005	2005	Iowa	2004	2005	Montana	1991	1994	Oregon	1998	2005	West Virginia	.....	1970
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>	Kansas	2005	2005	Nebraska	2005	2005	Pennsylvania	1981	1999	Wisconsin	2002	2003
Connecticut	1968	2005	Kentucky	1988	1988	Nevada	1993	1997	Rhode Island	.....	.....	Wyoming	1992	1996
Delaware	.....	2001	Louisiana	2004	2005	New Hampshire	.....	2002	South Carolina	.....	2001	AMER. SAMOA	1993	1996
Dist. of Columbia	1993	1997	Maine	.....	1988	New Jersey	1988	1989	South Dakota	1996	2000	CANADA	2001	2005
Florida	2005	2005	Maryland	1996	1998	New Mexico	1991	1997	Tennessee	2003	2005	ENGLAND	.....	1964
Georgia	1993	1996	Massachusetts	1983	2003	New York	1979	2005	Texas	2005	2005			

**CLASS NOTES**

Here are some quick tidbits about the **20** members of this year's recruiting class:

**OLB B.J. Beatty** has a solid CU bloodline, as his uncle is former Buff consensus all-American offensive guard Chris Naeole; Naeole kept tabs on his nephew (his sister's son) throughout his entire career and Beatty kept specific track of all his sacks for him... **OL Quinton Borders** is the first player from Kentucky to sign with the Buffs since 1988—DT Joe Avila hailed from Ashland. Former CU running backs coach Oliver Lucas, the new head coach at Borders' school, tipped off the Buffs about him... **OL Bill Boyer**, who excels in track at the shot and discus and who checks in at 310 pounds also likes using his strength as a "roadie" for the Green Mountain High School Band—he helps move equipment for their shows... In almost every article one reads about **DT Jason Brace**, inevitably his focus on game day comes up, and how he mentally prepares for a game. A Colorado Springs native, he lived there until the fourth grade and is technically returning to his home state... **CB Cha'pelle Brown** returned an interception 99 yards for a touchdown against Canyon last Nov. 22—just 53 days after CU freshman Marcus Burton set a school record for the longest play by a freshman—a 99-yard interception return at Oklahoma State. Brown had 68 touches as a senior for 1,297 yards and averaged 19.1 yards per touch (rushes, receptions, all returns)... **OG/LS Justin Drescher** was born on New Year's Day in 1988—during Miami's 20-14 win over Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl; he knows that, because his father, Jay, a one-time Buff, was rooting for the Sooners against the Hurricanes (he is also NOT related to Fran Drescher, the actress). Another interesting tie to the program is that in high school in Holyoke, Colo., the elder Drescher was the center for quarterback Russ Sprague, father of CU wide receiver Dusty.

**OG Erick Faatagi** is quite the graphic artist, as he designed a logo for his prep alma mater (Dorsey), and is working on one for his junior college (El Camino); he's also designed the tattoos for several friends... **TE Steve Fendry** might have the most challenging and thought-provoking interest after college: to become an Army Ranger Medic; in line with such a desire, he earned a "black shirt" from the Douglas County coaches for not missing a single workout or practice... **QB Cody Hawkins** is likely someone you want to pick for your team; since Pop Warner ball in the sixth grade, his teams are 59-0 in games in which he has started; having almost a 6-to-1 ratio of touchdowns (76) to interceptions (13) in high school will help create such a number... **CB Jonathan Hawkins** uncle, Joe Caldwell, was a star performer in the American Basketball Association between 1970-75, playing for the Carolina Cougars and the Spirits of the St. Louis... **DE Marquez Herrod** had the defensive end equivalent to a walk-off home run in the World Series in the CIF quarterfinals; with his team leading 13-10 in the final seconds, he sacked the Grossmount quarterback deep in San Pasqual territory to preserve the win... **WR Sherman Lang** was sought after practically from coast-to-coast, as he had solid offers from schools in five conferences and two independents. He was a jack-of-all-trades as a senior at Florida Air Academy, but will settle into his natural receiver position for the Buffs... **DT Eric Lawson** led a Douglas County defense that held Grandview and Mullen to a combined 25 points in the semifinals and finals; the two had scored 159 in four playoff games prior to facing Lawson and DCHS's defensive front.

**ILB Justin Nonu** was the San Diego area defensive player of the year, and he likes to get where the action is: he recorded 177 tackles in 13 games (and had over 20 in each of his two championship games in his prep career)... **RB Thomas Perez** also played safety as a prep, and once had five interceptions in a game his senior year—in a 43-40 overtime loss to Sherman Oaks Notre Dame... **RB JasLee Rouson** has a pet skink, a lizard like creature with a big belly, small legs and a snake-like body; he has an affinity for reptiles, much like former Buff OLB Chad Brown, who used to breed snakes. He is the son of former Buff and N.Y. Giant Lee Rouson... **OL Wes Simon**, who checks in at 6-foot-2, 300 pounds and owns a 3.2 grade point average, says he is in "Honors English and Honors Lunch." His grandfather, Lou Palazzi, played at Penn State and is a member of the National Football League Hall of Fame, playing professionally for eight years before officiating for 30 more... **ILB Michael Sipili**, a native of American Samoa, worked extensively on the election campaign for Guy Ontai (R) for state senate in Hawai'i... **DB Jimmy Smith** is now the fifth brother in his family who will play college football; the other four play or played at Illinois, New Mexico, Idaho State and Millikin... TE Nate Solder is one of 11 Scholar-Athletes as selected by the Colorado Chapter of the National Football Foundation; he owns the highest grade point average of the incoming class at 3.93 **RB Demetrius Sumler** set the San Diego area career rushing record with 5,650 yards, besting the old mark by some 300 yards by current Baltimore Raven Justin Green; the mark was once held by CU's 1994 Heisman Trophy winner, Rashaan Salaam (4,965 from 1988-91).

**HISTORY AND THE "EXPERTS"**

Recruiting services can provide a barometer outline in assessing talent and grading the various schools; however, remember most of recruiting is what coaches spot in their own evaluations, either from video or in person in summer camps, not to mention how well players are coached once in college. Here's a look back at all of Colorado's first-team Big Eight/12 performers (or better) over the past 16 years and the top honor each earned in their prep careers. The Buffs have had good success in both areas; CU has signed 164 high school all-Americans (prior to this year), and has nurtured several others into prominent careers. Of the **61** players listed below, **34** (or 56 percent) were high school all-Americans by the various services, meaning **27**, or 44 percent, were not:

<b>POS</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>H.S. ALL-AMERICAN</b>	<b>HIGHEST PREP HONOR (FIRST-TEAM UNLESS NOTED); NOTES</b>
DT	JUSTIN BANNAN	YES	all-Big 12 as a senior in 2001
OT	JUSTIN BATES	YES	All-America, all-Big 12 as a senior in 2002
OG	BRAD BEDELL	YES (H.M.)	all-region, second-team all-state
OT	TONY BERTI	NO	Second-team all-state (preseason all-American)
LB	GREG BIEKERT	NO	all-state (eventual Butkus semifinalist an 10-year pro)
TB	ERIC BIENIEMY	YES	Best-In-West Member (CU's all-time leading rusher)
CB	RONNIE BRADFORD	YES (H.M.)	Owns biggest blocked kick in school history ('91 Orange Bowl)
DE	TYLER BRAYTON	NO	third-team All-America as a senior ('02)
LB	CHAD BROWN	NO	all-state, all-CIF ('96 Pittsburgh Steelers All-Pro)
WR	RAE CARRUTH	YES	CU's second all-time leading receiver (yards)
DT	SHANNON CLAVELLE	YES	Opted for NFL after junior year; 'Super Bowl ring with Green Bay
PK	MASON CROSBY	NO	all-district, all-Midlands; CU's first All-American placekicker
QB	KOY DETMER	YES	CU's second all-time leading passer
TE	CHRISTIAN FAURIA	NO	all-CIF, all-time CU tight end reception leader
C	MARK FENTON	NO	all-district, all-city; finalist for 2005 Rimington Award
CB	DEON FIGURES	NO	all-CIF; 1992 Thorpe Award winner
PK	JEREMY FLORES	NO	all-Big 12 in 2001
OG	JOE GARTEN	NO	all-CIF, all-Orange County
TE	DANIEL GRAHAM	YES	Mackey Award winner in 2001 (best TE); top 10 at CU in catches & yards
C	ANDRE GURODE	YES	AP All-American in 2001
QB	DARIAN HAGAN	YES	Unanimous Best-In-West, led CU to 1990 national title
SS	ERIC HAMILTON	NO	all-CIF
OT	JIM HANSEN	NO	all-league; Rhodes Scholar at Colorado
NT	KERRY HICKS	YES	Three-year starter at defensive tackle
WR	ROMAN HOLLOWELL	YES	first-team All-American in 2001 (at kick returner)
DT	GARRY HOWE	NO	all-league, honorable mention all-state
CB	CHRIS HUDSON	NO	all-region, all-state; 1994 Thorpe Award winner
OG	HEATH IRWIN	YES	AP All-American in 1995
FS	TIM JAMES	NO	all-CIF
OT	RYAN JOHANNINGMEIER	YES	played three offensive line positions in 1998
WR	CHARLES JOHNSON	YES	Third all-time receiver at Colorado (yards)
TB	CORTLEN JOHNSON	YES	all-Big 12; only CU player to ever have 100 yard rush & receiving in same game
LB	TED JOHNSON	NO	all-CIF; 1994 Butkus Award runner-up
CB	BEN KELLY	YES	all-state
TE	JOE KLOPFENSTEIN	YES	SuperPrep only one to honor him as AA; set CU record for TDs by a tight end
C	JAY LEEUWENBURG	NO	all-league (eventual All-American and Orange Bowl Legend Team member)
SS	MICHAEL LEWIS	YES	third-team All-American, Thorpe semifinalist in 2001
CB	DAVE McCLOUGHAN	NO	all-state
P	MARK MARISCAL	YES	2002 Ray Guy Award winner, consensus All-America
LB	KANAVIS McGHEE	NO	all-district
OG	CHRIS NAEOLE	YES	1996 Consensus All-American
NT	RYAN OLSON	YES	all-Big 12; Academic All-American
WR	MIKE PRITCHARD	YES	Nevada Player-of-the-Year
DT	LEONARD RENFRO	NO	all-state; opted for NFL draft as a junior
OT	VICTOR ROGERS	YES	all-Big 12, second-team All-American (lesser services) in 2001
FS	STEVE ROSGA	YES (H.M.)	third-team Associated Press All-American
LB	MATT RUSSELL	YES	1996 Butkus Award winner, Consensus All-American
TB	RASHAAN SALAAM	YES	1994 Heisman Trophy winner; 2,000 yard rusher
WR	PHIL SAVOY	YES	CU's second all-time leading receiver (receptions; fourth in yards)
NT	JOEL STEED	NO	all-state ('97 all-pro with Pittsburgh in NFL)
QB	KORDELL STEWART	YES	All-time Big Eight total offense leader
C	BRYAN STOLTENBERG	NO	all-district, honorable mention all-state
FS	RYAN SUTTER	NO	first-team all-league as a prep; first-team all-Big 12
LB	JASHON SYKES	YES	CU team MVP as a sophomore
P	JOHN TORP	NO	all-conference; set CU record for punts, 50-plus kicks and inside-the-20 punts
OT	MARK VANDER POEL	NO	all-valley, all-league, Best-In-West team
PK	NEIL VOSKERITCHIAN	NO	none; CU's second all-time kick scorer
WR	MICHAEL WESTBROOK	NO	all-metro, all-region; CU's all-time reception leader
CB	DAMEN WHEELER	YES	Thorpe Award watch list member in '98
LB	ALFRED WILLIAMS	YES	1990 Butkus Award winner; '96 Denver Broncos All-Pro
LB	RON WOOLFORK	YES (H.M.)	second all-time in QB sacks at CU (moved from QB to OLB)

In this same time frame (since 1989), CU has recruited **89** others with All-America honors who have completed their CU careers that never earned first-team all-league (though **51** of the **89** started at least one season). In this same span, **44** players who were not high school All-Americans have earned all-Big Eight/12 or better, with **122** such players earning starting positions. CU has four league titles and three other division titles in these 16 seasons.

**HISTORY LESSON**

The most players a Division I school can have on scholarship is 85; it had been 95 for several years, until a four-year reduction that started in 1988 by the NCAA scaled it down to the current 85 over a four-year period (ending in 1992). At one time, there was no limit on the number of scholarships a school could offer (40 recruits were the norm back in the 1970s). Though with attrition, the average number of players on scholarship in Division I-A has hovered around 80, according to the AFCA figures. Colorado has **67** players on scholarship at present; **WR Nick Holz** was placed on scholarship for this semester by the previous staff, with the commitment honored by Dan Hawkins.

**POSITION CHANGES / NON-RETURNEES**

As of now, there are no position changes that have taken place, but that doesn't mean they won't be discussed prior to spring drills, especially with a new staff. In addition, all players on the final 2005 roster plan to return at present.

**SPRING PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Spring practice will begin Monday, March 13, and end with the spring game on Saturday, April 15. The tentative dates are as follows: **March 13-14-16-20-21-23-24; 3-4-6-7-10-11-13-15**. The team is allowed 15 practices over 29 days; after a two-year hiatus, spring ball returns to a format where two weeks occur prior to spring break with the drills concluding following the off time. How the practice sessions will break down, per NCAA rules: three in shorts (no contact), four in pads (no tackling), four in pads (tackling allowed 50 percent or less of the time), four in pads (tackling allowed throughout).

**COMBINE**

The National Football League combine is this month at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis (February 22-28), with five Colorado Buffaloes (among 281 players) having currently been invited to participate: **OLB Brian Iwuh, TE Joe Klopfenstein, TE Quinn Sypniewski, P John Torp** and **VB Lawrence Vickers** will get the opportunity to show off their wares, but others, like **ILB Akarika Dawn, DE James Garee, WR Evan Judge, QB Joel Klatt, DT Vaka Manupuna** and **LS Greg Pace** will have to wait until CU's own timing day on March 3. One other "senior" Buff would likely be at the combine, but **WR Jeremy Bloom** is a tad busy trying to win a gold medal at the XX Olympic Games in Turin, Italy. (*Bloom first skis in the freestyle moguls on February 15.*)

**PRO TIMING DAY**

Colorado's annual pro-timing day is set for **Friday, March 3**, when around 40-plus scouts from most, if not all, of the 32 National Football League teams visit Boulder. They test CU's seniors from last fall in an assortment of drills. They will convene at 9 a.m. that morning for the traditional bench press and speed and agility tests (40-yard dash, shuttles, vertical jumps, etc.); testing will be done in the weight room and in Balch Fieldhouse. CU had 23 alums in the NFL last year, the third most in the Big 12 and tied for the 16th most in the nation. The current members of the CU team will go through similar workouts that afternoon, which many of the scouts stay around for. It is not to open to the public, as all scouts must register with the football office; media can attend but must wear their 2005-06 CU Athletics credential.

**INJURY UPDATE**

CU suffered no significant injuries in the Champs Sports Bowl against Clemson; three players had post-New Year's Day surgeries and all will miss spring practice but are expected to be full-go for August drills. CU's postseason injury report:

Pos	Player	Injury	Notes	Status: Spring Practice
S	Dominique Brooks	knee	suffered against Texas; surgery on January 10	OUT FOR SPRING
TB	Brandon Caesar	knee	injured in summer condition, surgery last July 29	QUESTIONABLE
WR	Blake Mackey	knee	injured early in fall '05 drills, surgery last August 16	QUESTIONABLE
QT	Tyler Polumbus	shoulder	had surgery on January 10 to relieve chronic condition	OUT FOR SPRING
CB	Lorenzo Sims	knee	underwent arthroscopic surgery on January 31	PROBABLE
OG	Jack Tipton	knee	suffered damage against Nebraska; surgery on December 16	OUT FOR SPRING
CB	Terrence Wheatley	wrist	had surgery to relieve chronic condition last August 10	PROBABLE

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

**TV LAND**

Colorado has now had **130** of its last **196** games dating back to 1990 broadcast nationally or regionally (66 percent). That includes 10 games in 2005, nine games in 2004, seven games in 2003, 12 in 2002, 10 games in 2001, plus 7 in 2000, 9 in both 1998 and 1999, 10 in 1996 and 1997. Since 1996, when the Big 12 began, **93** of CU's **123** games have been either nationally or regionally televised, an impressive 76 percent (the second most in the Big 12 Conference in that time frame). In addition, CU has had **18** of its last **21** non-conference games televised on a national or regional basis.

**2005 COLORADO RESULTS (7-6, 5-3 BIG 12)**

		2005									
Date	CU*	Opponent	Opp*	TV	Result	Record	Series	This-N-That			
SEPT. 3	NR	COLORADO STATE	NR	TBS	<b>W 31-28</b>	6-6	57-18-2	Crosby 47 FG wins it; CU outscores CSU 13-7 in last 2:32			
SEPT. 10	NR	NEW MEXICO STATE (FN)	NR	FSN	<b>W 39- 0</b>	0-12	1- 0-0	Buff 'D' posts first shutout since '02; NMSU: 5 rush yards			
Sept. 24	NR	at Miami, Fla.	12	ABC	<b>L 3-23</b>	9-3	5- 3-0	CU crosses midfield 8 times in 13 tries but nets only one FG			
Oct. 1	NR	+at Oklahoma State	NR	none	<b>W 34- 0</b>	4-7	26-17-1	Charles 74-yard YD run on game's first play sets tone			
OCT. 8	NR	+TEXAS A & M (H)	NR	FSN	<b>W 41-20</b>	5-6	5- 2-0	Klatt (398 yds, 3 TD passing), TE's (8-169, 1 TD) lead Buffs			
Oct. 15	24	+at Texas	2	ABC	<b>L 17-42</b>	13-0	7- 8-0	Young's 394 T.O., 5 TDs (3 rush/2 pass) too much for CU			
OCT. 22	NR	+KANSAS (FW)	NR	PPV	<b>W 44-13</b>	7-5	41-21-3	Klatt, Klopfenstein, special teams star in 5th straight win			
Oct. 29	NR	+at Kansas State	NR	none	<b>W 23-20</b>	5-6	43-17-1	Crosby 50 FG with :06 left topples KSU late again			
NOV. 5	25	+MISSOURI	NR	ABC	<b>W 41-12</b>	7-5	31-36-3	Vickers shines with career-best 85 rush yards and 4 TDs			
Nov. 12	22	+at Iowa State	NR	FSN	<b>L 16-30</b>	7-5	46-13-1	CU holds ISU "0" in check but two return TDs the difference			
NOV. 25	NR	+NEBRASKA	NR	ABC	<b>L 3-30</b>	8-4	17-45-2	Road team wins for the fourth straight year			
Dec. 3	NR	◆Texas (Big 12 Championship)	2	ABC	<b>L 3-70</b>	13-0	7- 9-0	UT's 56-point spree in 20-minute span too much for Buffs			
Dec. 27	NR	Clemson (Champs Sports Bowl)	23	ESPN	<b>L 10-19</b>	8-4	1- 1-0	Injury-depleted Buffs hang in thanks to great effort from D			

KEY: \*—AP rank at game time; +—Big 12 Conference game; ◆—at Houston; FW—Fireworks Night; H—Homecoming; FW—Family Weekend

**2006 COLORADO SCHEDULE**

		2005									
Date	Opponent	TV	Time	Record	Series	This-N-That					
SEPT. 2	MONTANA STATE	tba	<b>TBA</b>	7-4	1- 2-0	First meeting between one-time RMAC rivals since 1927					
Sept. 9	Colorado State (Denver or Fort Collins)	tba	<b>TBA</b>	6-6	57-18-2	Buff's have won four of last five, last three by 13 points					
SEPT. 16	ARIZONA STATE	tba	<b>TBA</b>	7-5	0- 0-0	Only I-A opponent in 600 mile radius CU has not played					
Sept. 23	at Georgia	tba	<b>TBA</b>	10-3	0- 0-0	Just the 11th game for CU vs. SEC team, first since 1992					
Sept 30	+at Missouri	tba	<b>TBA</b>	7-5	31-36-3	Colorado leads by 18-3 count since 1985 game					
OCT. 7	+BAYLOR (H)	tba	<b>TBA</b>	5-6	8- 5-0	Baylor's 42-30 win in 2003 snapped 5-game CU win streak					
OCT. 14	+TEXAS TECH (FW)	tba	<b>TBA</b>	9-3	3- 4-0	Games (2-2) and points (87-87) tied in Big 12 meetings					
Oct. 21	+at Oklahoma	tba	<b>TBA</b>	8-4	16-38-2	OU has won last four since CU 8-0-1 run between 1989-99					
Oct. 28	+at Kansas	tba	<b>TBA</b>	7-5	41-21-3	Buffs have won last five and 18 of 21 since 1985					
NOV. 4	+KANSAS STATE	tba	<b>TBA</b>	5-6	43-17-1	CU has won four of last five; 277 points in last four games					
NOV. 11	+IOWA STATE	tba	<b>TBA</b>	7-5	46-13-1	CU has won 20 of last 22; 13th Nov. meeting in last 16					
Nov. 24	+at Nebraska	ABC	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	8-4	17-45-2	CU has won three of last five, road team has won 4 straight					
Dec. 2	Big 12 Championship Game	ABC	<b>TBA</b>			at Kansas City, Mo. (Arrowhead Stadium)					

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

**2005 FINAL BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS**

School (AP/Coaches)	conference-----					overall-----					Next Up
	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	
<b>COLORADO</b> .....	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.625</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.538</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>S 2 MONTANA STATE</b>
Nebraska (#24/#24) .....	4	4	.500	201	208	8	4	.667	296	252	S 2 LOUISIANA TECH
Iowa State .....	4	4	.500	232	158	7	5	.583	339	230	S 2 ARMY
Missouri (RV/--).....	4	4	.500	200	236	7	5	.583	369	350	S 2 MURRAY STATE
Kansas (RV/--).....	3	5	.375	127	210	7	5	.583	269	264	S 2 NORTHWESTERN STATE
Kansas State.....	2	6	.250	179	258	5	6	.455	289	305	S 2 ILLINOIS STATE
<b>South Division (+4)</b>	<b>conference-----</b>					<b>overall-----</b>					
<b>School (AP/Coaches)</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Next Up</b>
Texas (#1/#1).....	8	0	1.000	405	137	13	0	1.000	652	213	S 2 NORTH TEXAS
Texas Tech (#20/#19).....	6	2	.750	264	182	9	3	.750	473	226	S 2 SMU
Oklahoma (#22/#22).....	6	2	.750	241	190	8	4	.667	323	277	S 2 TBD
Texas A & M.....	3	5	.375	218	279	5	6	.455	352	343	S 2 THE CITADEL
Baylor.....	2	6	.250	140	244	5	6	.455	236	291	S 2 TCU
Oklahoma State .....	1	7	.125	164	321	4	7	.364	222	344	S 2 MISSOURI STATE

**SCHOLLIES**

One former walk-on has been placed on scholarship since the end of last season, as **WR Nick Holz**, holder extraordinaire, was rewarded with one for his senior season.

**FIFTY-EIGHT PLAYERS LETTER IN 2005**

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

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

**ALSO RETURNING**

Three other players with significant playing time in their careers are set to return in 2006 after healing from surgeries. **WR Blake Mackey**, injured on the second day of camp last August (knee), is questionable for spring ball but should be ready come August if not. **CB Terrence Wheatley** is probable for spring drills after a second wrist surgery; and **ILB Jason Ackermann** is healed from knee surgery and is full-go this March.

**2006 COLORADO FOOTBALL LETTERMEN PICTURE**

Colorado has **46** lettermen scheduled to return for 2006, including 18 on offense, 26 on defense and two specialists; the Buffs lose **20** lettermen off the 2005 squad (nine offense, eight defense, three specialists). CU returns 13 starters from last season (eight defense, five offense) and loses nine (six offense, three defense). Returning starters are listed in bold, and (\*\*\*) denotes letters earned primarily on special teams. The breakdown:

**OFFENSE**

Position	Returning (18)	Lost (9)
WR (2)	<b>Dusty Sprague</b> , Stephone Robinson, Alvin Barnett, (***)Nick Holz	
WR (3)	Patrick Williams, Blake Mackey ( <i>from 2004</i> ), Reggie Joseph ( <i>from 2004</i> )	<b>Evan Judge</b> , Marcus Gonzales
ST	Tyler Polumbus	<b>Gary Moore</b>
SG	<b>Edwin Harrison</b> , Jack Tipton	
C	<b>Mark Fenton</b> , Bryce MacMartin	
TG	<b>Brian Daniels</b> , Daniel Sanders	
TT		<b>Clint O'Neal</b>
TE		<b>Joe Klopfenstein</b> , Quinn Sypniewski
QB	James Cox	<b>Joel Klatt</b>
TB	<b>Hugh Charles</b> , Byron Ellis	
VB		<b>Lawrence Vickers</b>
FB	Paul Creighton	Brendan Schaub

**DEFENSE**

Position	Returning (26)	Lost (8)
DE	<b>Abraham Wright</b> , Alonzo Barrett, Walter Boye-Doe	
DT	George Hypolite	<b>James Garee</b> , Nick Clement
NT		<b>Vaka Manupuna</b> , John Guydon
DE ( <i>rush</i> )	<b>Maurice Lucas</b> , Alex Ligon	
MLB	<b>Thaddaeus Washington</b> , Marcus Burton, Joe Sanders ( <i>from 2004</i> )	
WLB	<b>Jordan Dizon</b> , Jason Ackermann ( <i>from 2004</i> )	Akarika Dawn, (***)Kyle Griffith
OLB	Brad Jones, (***)Ben Carpenter, (***)Chad Cusworth	<b>Brian Iwuh</b>
CB	<b>Lorenzo Sims Jr.</b> , Terry Washington, Gardner McKay, Ben Burney	
S	<b>J.J. Billingsley</b> , Ryan Walters, Dominique Brooks ( <i>from 2004</i> )	
S	<b>Tyrone Henderson</b> , (***)Lionel Harris	Tom Hubbard
CB	<b>Gerett Burl</b> , Terrence Wheatley ( <i>from 2004</i> ), (***)Vance Washington ( <i>from 2003</i> )	

**SPECIALISTS**

Position	Returning (2)	Lost (3)
P		<b>John Torp</b>
PK	<b>Mason Crosby</b> , Kevin Eberhart ( <i>from 2003</i> )	
SN		<b>Greg Pace</b> , Matt Hammond

**STATISTICALLY SPEAKING**

Here's where the Buffs ranked statistically in select categories in the Big 12 and the NCAA in 2005 (both include bowl games):

TEAM				TEAM				TEAM			
B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat	B12	NCAA	Category	Stat
9th	97th	RUSHING OFFENSE .....	110.3	3rd	11th	RUSHING DEFENSE .....	100.2	7th	44th	PUNT RETURNS.....	10.4
6th	59th	PASSING OFFENSE.....	222.8	11th	87th	PASSING DEFENSE.....	248.9	8th	83rd	KICKOFF RETURNS.....	19.4
8th	87th	TOTAL OFFENSE .....	333.1	7th	41st	TOTAL DEFENSE .....	349.2	2nd	4th	NET PUNTING .....	39.1
9th	78th	SCORING OFFENSE.....	23.5	7th	45th	SCORING DEFENSE .....	23.6	6th	53rd	TURNOVER MARGIN .....	+0.15
INDIVIDUAL (Top 25 in conference)											
Rushing			Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Receiving Yards/TE's			Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm
Hugh Charles .....			11th	84th	66.0	Joe Klopfenstein .....			4th	25th	36.0
Passing			Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	All-Purpose Yards			Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm
Joel Klatt.....			4th	41st	224.7	Hugh Charles .....			13th	.....	85.4
Pass Efficiency			Big 12	NCAA	Rating	Punting			Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Joel Klatt.....			5th	63rd	124.4	John Torp .....			3rd	5th	45.2
Total Offense			Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Punt Returns			Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Joel Klatt.....			6th	53rd	224.9	Stephone Robinson ..			6th	39th	9.9
Hugh Charles .....			19th	.....	66.0	Kickoff Returns			Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Receptions			Big 12	NCAA	No./Gm	Stephone Robinson ..			9th	.....	17.7
Dusty Sprague .....			23rd	.....	3.4	Scoring			Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm
Evan Judge .....			25th	.....	3.2	Mason Crosby.....			7th	49th	7.5
Receiving Yards			Big 12	NCAA	Yds/Gm	Lawrence Vickers.....			23rd	.....	5.1
Evan Judge .....			17th	.....	44.9	Kick Scoring			Big 12	NCAA	Pts/Gm
						Mason Crosby.....			4th	t-26th	7.6
Field Goals			Big 12	NCAA	FG/Gm	Interceptions			Big 12	NCAA	Avg./Gm
Mason Crosby.....			1st	11th	1.69	Marcus Burton .....			19th	.....	0.18
						J.J. Billingsley .....			32nd	.....	0.15
						Gerett Burl.....			32nd	.....	0.15
						Tom Hubbard .....			32nd	.....	0.15
						Passes Defended			Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
						Lorenzo Sims.....			1st	6th	1.38
Tackles											
									CU uses coaches video; numbers don't match		

**CAREER CHART WATCH**

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

- ⇒ **FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY** is 24th in total tackles (255, the eighth most by a defensive back), and is tied for 12th in solo tackles (181).
- ⇒ **CB GERETT BURL** is tied for 11th in pass deflections (24).
- ⇒ **TB HUGH CHARLES** is 52nd in rushing yards (891).
- ⇒ **PK MASON CROSBY** is second in field goals made (47), second in PAT kicks made (90), second in field goal attempts (60), first in PAT attempts (98), and is tied for second in scoring and tied for first in kick scoring (231 points).
- ⇒ **KR STEPHONE ROBINSON** is 11th in punt return yards (517) and is sixth in punt returns (60).
- ⇒ **CB LORENZO SIMS** is tied for 27th in interceptions (6) and is tied for sixth in pass deflections (29).
- ⇒ **WR DUSTY SPRAGUE** is 23rd in receptions (65) and is 27th in receiving yards (746).
- ⇒ **ILB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON** is tied for 36th in total tackles (231), and is tied for 24th in solo tackles (142).

**THE FIRST 2006 POLLS**

ESPN.com's Pat Forde was the first out with a 2006 "pre" preseason poll, coming out on January 20; others won't be far behind (teams in CAPS are on Colorado's schedule):

1. West Virginia	6. OKLAHOMA	11. Texas	16. GEORGIA	21. Iowa
2. Ohio State	7. Southern Cal	12. Louisville	17. Alabama	22. Clemson
3. Notre Dame	8. Michigan	13. Penn State	18. NEBRASKA	23. Virginia Tech
4. Louisiana State	9. Miami, Fla.	14. Auburn	19. Texas Christian	24. IOWA STATE
5. Florida	10. Oregon	15. California	20. ARIZONA STATE	25. Florida State

Collegefootballnews.com followed three days later with its "pre" preseason poll (teams in CAPS are on Colorado's schedule):

1. Texas	6. Auburn	11. Notre Dame	16. Louisville	21. GEORGIA	<b>27. COLORADO</b>
2. Florida	7. OKLAHOMA	12. California	17. NEBRASKA	22. TEXAS TECH	
3. Southern Cal	8. Florida State	13. Virginia Tech	18. Penn State	23. Iowa	
4. Louisiana State	9. Tennessee	14. Miami, Fla.	19. Michigan	24. Georgia Tech	
5. Ohio State	10. West Virginia	15. ARIZONA STATE	20. Alabama	25. Clemson	

**HISTORICALLY**

Colorado is in its second century of intercollegiate football, as the Buffaloes are in their 116th season of competition with an all-time record of **650-402-36** in **1,088** games. CU currently stands 16th on the all-time win list and is 22nd in all-time winning percentage (.614). Only Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska from the Big 12 rank ahead of CU on each list, and only 12 Division I schools have played more seasons of intercollegiate football than Colorado. In Boulder, the Buffs are **280-132-10** in their 82nd season on the "hilltop" (Folsom Field). Against Big 12 opposition, CU is **244-206-13** against the other 11 members of the conference, formed in 1996. The Nebraska game in Lincoln this November 24 will mark the **1,100th** game in school history.

**12TH BEST IN THE NATION SINCE 1989**

Colorado has the nation's 12th best record over the last 17 seasons, or since the start of 1989, CU has posted a **140-64-4** record. From opening 1-0 in '89, through the 10th game of the 2005 season, the Buffs owned one of the top 10 overall records in the nation (**247 consecutive weeks**); that was snapped with the loss to Nebraska. The best Division I-A records from the start of 1989 through all games of 2005:

Rk	School	G	W	L	T	Pct.	vs. AP Ranked Teams		2005
							G	W-L-T	
1	Florida State	212	174	37	1	.823	91	64-26-1	8-5
2	Miami, Fla.	205	167	38	0	.815	76	48-28-0	9-3
3	Nebraska	211	168	42	1	.799	61	34-26-1	8-4
4	Tennessee	210	161	46	3	.774	80	45-32-3	5-6
5	Florida	212	161	50	1	.762	95	53-41-1	9-3
6	Michigan	207	155	49	3	.756	91	55-34-2	7-5
7	Ohio State	210	157	50	3	.755	85	46-36-3	10-2
8	Texas	207	144	61	2	.700	72	33-37-2	13-0
9	Virginia Tech	205	141	62	2	.693	55	25-29-1	11-2
10	Penn State	206	142	63	1	.692	75	36-39-0	11-1
11	Notre Dame	206	140	64	2	.684	81	39-40-2	9-3
<b>12</b>	<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.683</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>40-45-2</b>	<b>7-6</b>

**GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS**

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

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

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

**PLAYER PARTICIPATION (dressed/played):** Colorado State 94/53; New Mexico State 92/62; Miami 70/54; Oklahoma State 68/63; Texas A&M 96/65; Texas 70/55; Kansas 95/60; Kansas State 70/53; Missouri 96/60; Iowa State 70/54; Nebraska 100/53; Texas 72/58; Clemson 94/56.

**CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED CHART**

Listed below is the career games played/started, including bowls, for the final roster of the 2005 Colorado Buffaloes:

Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS	Player	G	GS
ACKERMANN	19	0	CRAWFORD, C.	0	0	GRUBIN	0	0	KLOPFENSTEIN	44	34	SPRAGUE	23	11
ADAMS, Jo.	0	0	CREIGHTON	37	0	GUYDON	25	0	LEMON	1	0	STENDEL	0	0
ADAMS, Ju.	0	0	CROSBY	38	—	HAMMOND	18	0	LIGON	35	16	SYPNIEWSKI	55	20
AGOSTINO	0	0	CUSWORTH	13	0	HARRIS	23	0	LUCAS	8	6	TIPTON	21	4
BACKOWSKI	0	0	DANIELS	35	33	HARRISON	22	7	MACKEY	15	2	TORP	40	—
BARNETT	13	1	DAWN	52	12	HAUCK	0	0	MacMARTIN	9	0	VICKERS	48	20
BARRETT	18	2	DEVENNY	0	0	HEAD	0	0	MANUPUNA	49	27	WALTERS	13	0
BEHRENS	0	0	DeVREE	0	0	HENDERSON	26	22	McBRIDE	1	0	WASHINGTON, Te	13	2
BILLINGSLEY	41	31	DILALLO	0	0	HOLZ	26	0	McKAY	11	0	WASHINGTON, Th.	37	23
BOYE-DOE	34	3	DIZON	26	23	HUBBARD	32	7	MOORE	44	12	WASHINGTON, V.	36	0
BROOKS	31	13	EBERHART	7	—	HYPOLITE	12	0	MOYD	0	0	WHEATLEY	25	7
BROWN, M.	0	0	ELLIS	22	1	IWUH	49	31	O'NEAL	42	29	WHITE	3	0
BROWN, R.	6	0	ENGLISH	0	0	JACKSON	12	0	PACE	50	0	WILLIAMS	15	0
BURL	26	22	FENTON	36	26	JAGORAS	0	0	POLUMBUS	23	3	WILSON	0	0
BURNEY	11	0	FOSTER	0	0	JONES, B.	13	0	ROBINSON	26	0	WRIGHT	27	16
BURTON	13	0	GARDEN	0	—	JONES, M.	9	0	SANDERS, D.	10	4	YATES	0	0
CAESAR	9	0	GAREE	45	34	JONES, Z.	0	0	SANDERS, J.	23	0	ZIMMERER	0	0
CANTRELL	4	0	GARRATT	0	0	JOSEPH	18	0	SCHAUB	26	0	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>1772</b>	<b>600</b>
CARPENTER	15	0	GEER	0	0	JUDGE	51	24	SHANAHAN	0	0	<b>2004 Final</b>	<b>1442</b>	<b>447</b>
CHARLES	25	12	GOETTSCH	6	0	KACHMER	0	0	SHERMAN	0	0			
CLEMENT	7	0	GONZALES	6	0	KAYNOR	0	0	SIMS	29	25			
COX	15	2	GRIFFITH	42	0	KLATT	39	34	SMART	0	0			

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

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

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

**LAST REDSHIRT FRESHMEN TO START:** OG Daniel Sanders (2005); CB Sammy Joseph, DE Alex Ligon, LB Thaddeus Washington (2003).

**LAST PLAYERS TO START FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR:** WR Mike Duren, OG Terrance Barreau (2004); WR D.J. Hackett (2003); DE Dylan Bird, WR Jason Burianek, OT Josh Foster, QB Robert Hodge, DB Lovell Houston, OT Rawle King (2002), WR Matt Brunson (2001), DE Anwawn Jones (2000).

**ELEVEN MADE FIRST CAREER STARTS IN 2005**

Four players started for the first time in their CU careers in opener against Colorado State, all on the offensive side of the ball: **TB Hugh Charles, OT Tyler Polumbus, WR Dusty Sprague** and **OG Jack Tipton**. A week later, **OG Daniel Sanders** made his first start in place of an injured Brian Daniels against New Mexico State. At Miami, **OG Edwin Harrison** started for the first time in a retooled line to combat several injuries. In the league opener at Oklahoma State, **DE Alonzo Barrett** was rewarded with his first career start. At Texas, **WR Alvin Barnett** was in for the first play, giving CU a potential threat to run a reverse. Against Kansas, **CB Terry Washington** made his first start in place of an injured Lorenzo Sims, while at Kansas State, **DE Maurice Lucas** did the same for Alex Ligon. **TB Byron Ellis** started in game nine, subbing for a banged up Charles. In 2004, 12 players made their first career starts in a CU uniform (10 returned this fall); in 2003, 20 players made their first career starts, the most first starts in since 1998, when there were 27 first-time starters for the Buffaloes, 17 on offense and 10 on defense. Those were the most since 1984, when 29 made their first starts (15 on offense). The annual number of first-time starters since 1984:

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

**CONFERENCE CHARTS**

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

**On The Big 12 Road**

School	W	L	Pct.
Texas	26	9	.743
Oklahoma	22	13	.629
Kansas State	23	17	.575
Nebraska	22	17	.564
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>.525</b>
Texas A&M	19	21	.475
Texas Tech	17	23	.425
Oklahoma State	12	27	.308
Missouri	12	28	.300
Iowa State	10	30	.250
Kansas	5	35	.125
Baylor	1	39	.025

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

**Inter-Division (North vs. South)**

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

**Inter-Division (South vs. North)**

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

(does not include title games)

**2005 Network TV Appearances**

School	Tot	ABC	Fox	Oth
Texas	13	9	3	1
Oklahoma	12	6	4	2
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
Texas A&M	9	4	5	0
Nebraska	8	5	1	2
Iowa State	7	3	2	2
Texas Tech	7	3	4	0
Baylor	5	0	4	1
Kansas	5	1	2	2
Kansas State	4	1	2	1
Missouri	4	2	1	1
Oklahoma State	2	0	0	2

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

**vs. Ranked Non-League Teams**

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

(regular season; does not include bowls)

**SCORING STREAKS**

The Buffs have scored in a school record **210** consecutive games (dating back to 1988, the longest streak in the Big 12), last being shutout on November 12, 1988 at Nebraska (7-0). CU has scored in **112** straight games at home (last shutout: a 28-0 loss to Oklahoma on Nov. 15, 1986 in a game where the Sooners did not *attempt* a single pass). The Buffs have scored in **83** consecutive road games (**108** including neutral sites). The Buffs have scored in **134** straight league games (all **84** in Big 12 play, including the four title games, and their final 50 in Big Eight competition, dating back to the '88 shutout at Nebraska). CU has scored in **116** straight games against non-conference opponents (last shutout: a 44-0 loss at home to LSU on September 15, 1979). The home shutout losses to Oklahoma in '86 and LSU in '79 are the only two times CU has not scored at home over the course of the last **250** games (all the way back to 1963). CU has been shutout just seven times in its last **442** games (dating to October 5, 1968), but only four schools have done it: Oklahoma (three times), Nebraska (twice), Louisiana State and Michigan. **Big 12 Conference Consecutive Game Scoring Streaks (through 2005): Colorado 210, Nebraska 125, Kansas State 115, Texas Tech 104, Oklahoma 93, Kansas 38, Missouri 36, Iowa State 27, Texas A&M 25, Texas 20, Oklahoma State 7, Baylor 2.** CU is the last team to shutout both Kansas State (12-0 in 1996) and Oklahoma State (34-0 in 2005).

**SCORING STREAKS II**

The school record **210** consecutive games in which Colorado has scored is the **sixth** longest active streak in the nation. The list of the nine Division I-A schools that have scored in every game since at least the start of the 1993 season, through games of 2005:

<b>School</b>	<b>Streak</b>	<b>Last Shutout</b>	:	<b>School</b>	<b>Streak</b>	<b>Last Shutout</b>
Michigan	262	Oct. 20, 1984 at Iowa (0-26)	:	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>Nov. 12, 1988 at Nebraska (0-7)</b>
Washington State	249	Sept. 15, 1984 at Ohio State (0-44)	:	TCU	164	Nov. 16, 1991 at Texas (0-32)
Oregon	244	Sept. 28, 1985 at Nebraska (0-63)	:	Nevada	162	*—All games: joined Div I-A in 1992
Florida State	223	Sept. 3, 1988 at Miami (0-31)	:	Air Force	156	#—Dec. 31, 1992 vs. Mississippi (0-13)
Florida	216	Oct. 29, 1988 vs. Auburn (0-16)	:			(*—304 games dating back to I-AA days; #—Liberty Bowl)

**210 AND COUNTING**

It was a close call, but Mason Crosby's 58-yard field goal extended CU's scoring streak to the 200-game plateau in a 23-3 loss at Miami. The 210-game streak, which began November 19, 1988, currently stands as the 13th longest in Division I-A college history:

<b>School</b>	<b>Streak</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Ended By</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Streak</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Ended By</b>
Brigham Young	361	9/27/1975 - 11/15/2003	Utah	Nebraska	233	1/01/1974 - 11/29/1991	Miami, Fla.
Texas	281	11/29/1980 - 10/02/2004	Oklahoma	Hawaii	219	12/04/1976 - 11/04/95	Colorado State
Washington	271	11/14/1981 - 10/16/2004	USC	Florida State	223	9/10/1988 - present	.....
Michigan	262	10/27/1984 - present	.....	Arizona	214	9/09/1972 - 12/15/1990	Syracuse
UCLA	245	10/02/1971 - 10/17/1992	Arizona State	Florida	216	11/05/1988 - present	.....
Washington State	249	10/22/1984 - present	.....	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>11/19/1988 - present</b>	.....
Oregon	244	10/05/1985 - present	.....	Virginia	195	9/15/1984 - 10/28/2000	Georgia Tech

**COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS IN 2005**

- 1** Player rushed for 100-plus yards against Colorado—Clemson freshman James Davis in the Champs Sports Bowl (150; otherwise the high was 66).
- 2** Times Colorado has won back-to-back games in Big 12 Conference play by 20 or more points: in 2002 (53-29 at Kansas, 34-0 versus Baylor, 37-13 versus Texas Tech) and in 2005 (34-0 at Oklahoma State, 41-20 versus Texas A&M).
- 3.9** The Colorado defense limited the opponent to 3.9 yards on first down plays in the second half this year.
- 11-2** The Buffaloes are 11-2 in games decided by seven or fewer points dating back to the 2003 season opener.
- 13** **PK Mason Crosby** made a field goal in all 13 games (17 in a row dating back to 2004).
- 13** The first-team CU defense allowed only 13 touchdowns over a nine-game span (games two through 10).
- +14** Colorado has 23 offensive scores from the 20-yard line on out, compared to just nine by the opponent; that included a 10-5 edge in touchdowns.
- 20-5** Colorado owns the best intra-division mark over the last five seasons against fellow Big 12 North teams at 20-5.
- 44** Senior **QB Joel Klatt** set **44** school records, trailing only **Byron "Whizzer" White's** 51 for the most set in any sport at Colorado.
- 49.7** Opponents started **49.7** percent of their drives (81 of 163) either inside or at the 20-yard line for the season.
- 55** The back-to-back wins over OSU (34-0) and A&M (41-20) totaled 55 points, bettered only by the 58 Colorado defeated both Kansas (53-29) and Baylor (34-0) and then Baylor and Texas Tech (37-13) by in 2002.
- 58** **PK Mason Crosby's** 58-yard field goal at Miami, Fla., is the longest at sea level without a tee in NCAA Division I-A history.
- 87** The 86 games Colorado has played against ranked teams since 1989 are the fourth most in the nation over the past 17 seasons.
- 205** Over his four-year career, **P John Torp** booted a school record 205 punts.
- 1,000** Long-time voice of the Buffaloes, Larry Zimmer, did his 400th CU broadcast this year (at Texas on Oct. 15); by pure chance, it was also the 1,000th of his career counting other colleges and the NFL.

**TRENDS**

Since 1985, when the Buffs returned to their traditional winning ways after six frustrating years, Colorado is **168-83-4**, the 16th best record nationally in this span). In these 255 games, CU has posted the following records (including bowls):

◆ with 400-plus yards total offense	100-16-2	◆ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	82-12-1
◆ with 500-plus yards total offense	50- 5-0	◆ when leading at halftime ( <i>121-12-2 in last 135</i> )	137-14-2
◆ when leading in time of possession	109-21-3	◆ when leading after three quarters ( <i>137-10-3 in last 150</i> )	141-12-3
◆ when making 20-plus first downs	103-27-1	◆ when scoring 24 or more points	136-17-2
◆ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	65- 7-1	◆ when scoring 14 or more points	165-50-4
◆ when punting three or fewer times	60-11-1	◆ when held to 13 points or less	3-33-0
◆ when scoring first	108-21-1	◆ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	12- 0-0
◆ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>30-7-2 with zero</i> )	121-37-2	◆ when passing for more yards than rushing	70-56-2
◆ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	100-15-1	◆ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	91-14-2
◆ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	85- 7-1		

**TRENDS II**

Since 1989, when the Buffs became a regular in the national rankings, Colorado has posted the nation's 12th best overall record at **140-64-4**. Here are some trends during this time frame (208 games, including bowls):

➤ when running more plays than the opponent	77-23-3	➤ when rushing for 200-plus yards	73- 4-1
➤ with 400-plus yards total offense ( <i>45-5 with 500-plus</i> )	86-16-2	➤ when rushing for 250-plus yards	50- 1-1
➤ when scoring 30 or more points	92- 5-1	➤ when rushing for 300-plus yards	30- 0-1
➤ when leading in possession time ( <i>52-44-1 when not</i> )	88-19-3	➤ when rushing and passing for at least 200 yards	31- 2-0
➤ when making 20-plus first downs	90-24-1	➤ when passing for 200-plus yards	74-33-2
➤ when converting 50 percent or better on 3rd down	51- 6-1	➤ when passing for 300-plus yards ( <i>10-0-1 400-plus</i> )	25-11-1
➤ when scoring first ( <i>75-12-1 the last 88 times</i> )	86-15-1	➤ when passing for more yards than rushing	70-56-2
➤ with two or fewer turnovers ( <i>24-7-2 with zero</i> )	103-31-2	➤ when holding edge in 1st downs & possession time	73-13-2
➤ when holding opponent to 17 points or less	76- 8-1	➤ when holding edge in field position	111-18-1
➤ when holding opponent under 100 yards rushing	69- 7-1	➤ when not committing a turnover or allowing a sack	11- 0-0
➤ when holding opponent under 300 yards total offense	61- 7-1	➤ when out-rushing the opponent ( <i>74-4 the last 78</i> )	113- 6-3
➤ when average field position is CU 30+ ( <i>23-2 40+</i> )	100-26-2	➤ when owning the edge in return yards	105-23-2
➤ when play selection is 50 percent rushing calls	117-18-2		

**SENIOR ANALYSIS**

Colorado had 20 seniors on its 2005 roster, 14 of which were starters or practically co-starters in the rotation or on special teams: **ILB Akarika Dawn**, **DE James Garee**, **OLB Brian Iwuh**, **WR Evan Judge**, **QB Joel Klatt**, **TE Joe Klopfenstein**, **NT Vaka Manupuna**, **OT Gary Moore**, **SN Greg Pace**, **FB Brendan Schaub**, **TE Quinn Sypniewski**, **P John Torp** and **VB Lawrence Vickers**. Two others are in the regular rotation mix from scrimmage, **DT John Guydon** and **S Tom Hubbard**. Four seniors saw limited action, **DT Nick Clement**, **WR Marcus Gonzales**, **ILB Kyle Griffith** and **SN Matt Hammond**, with the 20th, **OT Clint O'Neal**, a season-long starter until suspended from the team for violating team rules.

**GRADUATION STAT(U)S**

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

► **NOTE:** Over the last three years (2002-04), CU has had **59** of its **67** seniors, including medicals, graduate; that translates to 88.1 percent (with two of the eight non-grads still in school and looking to graduate within the next year). NCAA numbers will not match these (it doesn't allow a school to count transfers who graduate, i.e., Wayne Lucier in '02 or WR Mike Duren in '04), but it does count against a school if it had a player transfer. It's one of the reasons the numbers are skewed to be lower than they really are, especially a tougher academic schools like Colorado. However, numbers that will be released this fall, for the incoming freshman in 1999, will be 79 percent for CU, one of its best numbers in years, but is still skewed lower because of transfers.

**ASSISTANT COACH BIOGRAPHIES**

**Dan Hawkins** retained two assistants from the previous staff, brought four coaches with him from Boise State and hired three from other organizations. Here's a look at the new Colorado staff:

**ROMEO BANDISON**  
*Defensive Line*

Romeo Bandison is in first year as defensive line coach at Colorado, as he was one of four assistants to join Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005.

Bandison, 36, was Boise State's defensive line coach at Boise State University, and also served a two-week internship with the Oakland Raiders in the National Football League prior to the 2002 season.

Under Bandison the Boise State defensive line anchored one of the top rushing defenses in the country for four seasons (2002-05), as the Broncos ranked in the top 16 in rushing defense all four of those years: 15th in 2005, 10th in 2004, 11th in 2003 and 16th in 2002.

In 2005, two of his players garnered all-Western Athletic Conference honors, Alex Guerrero (first-team) and Andrew Browning (second-team); both were honorable mention performers the previous year. In fact, in his final four years in Boise, he had two linemen recognized with postseason honors each of those seasons, as defensive end Julius Roberts earned first-team All-WAC honors, while Dane Oldham was an honorable mention all-WAC selection in 2003, and in 2002, both Ryan Nelson and Oldham were named to all-WAC teams.

Bandison began his coaching career at his alma mater, the University of Oregon, where he was a standout player for the Ducks before joining the coaching staff. During the 1999 and 2000 seasons, he served as a graduate assistant for the Ducks, working with the defensive line and coordinating the defensive scout team. Oregon made consecutive postseason bowl appearances in those two seasons, winning both the Sun Bowl (1999) and Holiday Bowl (2000).

He earned his bachelor's degree in economics in 1994 from the University of Oregon, where he lettered as a defensive end and nose guard for the Ducks from 1990-93. Oregon advanced to two bowl games during his playing career, the Freedom Bowl in 1990 and the Independence Bowl in 1992.

Following his senior season, Bandison played in the Hula Bowl and East-West Shrine Classic all-star games before being selected in the third round of the 1994 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns. Bandison continued his NFL career the next three years (1995-97) as a defensive tackle with the Washington Redskins. He completed his professional playing career in 1998 with the Amsterdam Admirals of the World Football League.

Originally from the Netherlands, he is married (Amy). *First name is pronounced row-may-oh.*

**GREG BROWN**  
*Secondary*

Greg Brown is in first year as secondary coach, as he has returned to the state of Colorado for the third time in his professional career, the second time as a member of the Buffalo coaching staff.

Brown, 48, returned to CU in January 2006, named to the staff of new Colorado head coach Dan Hawkins following the completion of the 2005 National Football League season. He wrapped up his fourth and final season as a defensive assistant with the NFL's New Orleans Saints under coach Jim Haslett, with the Saints finished third in pass defense.

A 15-year NFL coaching veteran, developing top notch defensive backs became his specialty as he was often sought after for new coaching staffs around the league, working with six different teams in his professional career.

He coached the secondary for three years (1991-93) at Colorado under coach Bill McCartney, tutoring a pair of Jim Thorpe Award winners during his first days at CU: cornerback Deon Figures (the 1992 winner) and Chris Hudson (the '94 winner). Colorado led the nation in pass completion defense and the Big Eight in pass defense in 1992; he also coached the kickoff coverage unit on special teams for the Buffs. He joined the CU staff days after the Buffs won their first national championship (January 7, 1991), and returned to the NFL in 1994, joining the Atlanta staff as defensive backs coach; the Falcons finished second that season in the league with 23 interceptions.

He spent the 1995-96 seasons as the secondary coach for San Diego, with the Chargers finishing in the top five both years in fewest yards allowed per completion. He also coached Rodney Harrison, who eventually would become one of the league's top safeties. He moved on to the Tennessee Oilers, coaching the secondary in both 1997 and 1998; he again coached three of the top defensive backs in the game, cornerback Samari Rolle and safeties Blaine Bishop and All-Pro Marcus Robertson.

In 1999, he served as the defensive backs coach for the San Francisco 49ers; a twist with this was that had he not received an NFL offer, he was set to return to Colorado as a member of Gary Barnett's staff when he replaced Rick Neuheisel in January of that year. He rejoined the Atlanta Falcons as secondary coach for the 2000 and 2001 seasons before moving on to New Orleans, where he was a defensive assistant for quality control in 2002

before being promoted to defensive assistant/cornerbacks coach in 2003, a position he held for three seasons with the Saints.

He began his coaching career in 1981 as a graduate assistant at the University of Texas-El Paso, his alma mater, where he worked with the secondary. The following year, 1982, he came back to Colorado, working that fall as a defensive coach at Green Mountain High School in Lakewood.

He made his first move to the professional ranks the following spring, joining the staff of the Denver Gold of the United States Football League (USFL). He coached the secondary for the Gold for two seasons (1983, 1984) before moving on to the National Football League for the first time in the summer of 1984, joining the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Staff. For the Bucs, he coached three different positions: defensive quality control (1984), offensive quality control (1985) and the U-backs/tight ends (1986).

Brown returned to the college game in 1987, coaching the defensive backs for two seasons at the University of Wyoming before doing the same at Purdue University for the 1989 and 1990 campaigns. He then returned home to Colorado for a second time in joining McCartney's staff in 1991.

He graduated from the UTEP in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in education (history/physical education). At UTEP, he lettered twice at cornerback under Bill Michael, and received the Coca-Cola Hold Helmet Award for his play against San Diego State in September 1979. He earned his A.A. degree from Glendale (Ariz.) Junior College in 1978.

He was born October 10, 1957 in Denver, and graduated from Arvada (Colo.) High School, where he lettered in both football and track. His father, Irv, is Denver radio (KKFN) personality and the former head baseball coach and one-time assistant football coach at the University of Colorado. He is married to the former Stacie Bible, and the couple has two daughters, Hannah (5) and Grace (3).

**BRIAN CABRAL**  
*Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator*

Brian Cabral is in his 18th season at the University of Colorado, his 17th as a full time assistant coach, as he joined the Buffalo staff as graduate assistant in 1989. In addition to coaching the linebackers, he was named recruiting coordinator in January 2006.

**CABRAL, continued**

His 17 years as a full-time assistant rank as the third most in CU history, as he trails two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both of whom assisted Buff head coaches for 18 years. Since he joined the staff, he has always coached the inside linebackers, and occasionally has had the outside players under his direction as well. From 1999 through 2005, he also coached the punt return unit on special teams. He also served as the director of CU's summer football camps from 1995 through 2005.

Cabral has worked for four head coaches during his tenure, Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett and now Dan Hawkins. For all seven seasons under Barnett, Cabral also served as assistant head coach, which included a three-month period in 2004 as interim head coach when Barnett was on paid administrative leave. In that role, he continued to coach his position players but also took care of day-to-day operational details of the program.

In the summer of 2002, he was one of 500 nationwide recipients of the AFLAC National Assistant Coach-of-the-Year Award. Coaches on all levels were honored, from youth to professional, and he was one of 10 selected regionally to receive the award.

Cabral, 49, tutored the inside linebackers his first year in Boulder as a grad assistant, and assumed full-time duties in the same capacity in 1990 and has coached the position at CU to this day. He returned to Colorado, his alma mater, from Purdue, where he coached the inside linebackers for two seasons (1987-88).

Known as one of the top linebacker coaches in the nation, his students have included Matt Russell, the 1996 Butkus Award winner, and all-Big Eight performers Greg Biekert, Chad Brown and Ted Johnson, all of whom went on to stardom in the National Football League. He also recruited Rashaan Salaam, the 1994 Heisman trophy winner, and Chris Naeole, a 1996 All-American.

His 2001 punt return team led the nation with a 17.4 average, and also boasted the nation's top individual return man in Roman Hollowell, who averaged 18.0 per return and scored two touchdowns. In 2002, Jeremy Bloom averaged 15.0 yards per return and was 13th in the nation as a freshman (ranking 21st as a sophomore in '03). Cabral prided himself on the team being composed largely of non-starters, drawing comparison to his roots when he was special teams captain of the Chicago Bears.

He is a 1978 CU graduate, as he earned a B.S. degree in therapeutic recreation. He lettered three seasons for the Buffs at linebacker from 1975 to 1977 under Coach Bill Mallory, as he was a captain and played a big role on CU's Big Eight champion team in 1976. He led CU with 13 tackles (12 solo) in the 1977 Orange Bowl against Ohio State. As a senior, he was honored as the Big Eight

Conference's player of the week for a monster 25 tackles in a CU 27-21 win over Stanford and shared the team's Sure Tackler Award with Mark Haynes. That 25-tackle game included 13 solo stops and is still tied for the fourth most in a single game in CU history.

Cabral had 297 tackles in his CU career (120 solo, 177 assisted), a number that still has him tied for 11th on Colorado's all-time list. A unique fact is that he has coached five of the players on the list ahead of him: Matt Russell, Greg Biekert, Ted Johnson, Chad Brown and Michael Jones. A sixth, Jashon Sykes, is the player he is tied with.

He was a nine-year NFL veteran, as Atlanta drafted him in the fourth round in 1978. He played two seasons with Atlanta, one with Green Bay and six with Chicago. As the captain of the Bears' special teams, he was a member of Chicago's Super Bowl XX champion team in 1985. He was selected as the Frito-Lay Unsung Hero in the Bears' win over New England, as he had two solo and two assisted tackles on special teams.

He was born June 23, 1956, in Fort Benning, Ga, but grew up in Kailua, Hawaii. He is married to the former Becky Lucas, and they have three children, Kyle (27), Maile (23) and Mele (18). He is an active member in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has authored a book ("Second String Champion"), and his hobbies include surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding.

**RON COLLINS*****Defensive Coordinator***

Ron Collins is in first year as defensive coordinator at Colorado, as he was one of four assistant coaches to join Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005. He will oversee all phases of the defense for the Buffaloes, but does not coach a specific position.

Collins, 42, served as Boise State's defensive coordinator for four seasons, while coaching the linebackers all five years he spent on the BSU staff under Hawkins. Under his guidance, the Boise State defense developed into one of the top defenses nationally and as the best in the Western Athletic Conference. All together, Collins had 26 players earn All-WAC recognition during his four seasons as defensive coordinator.

The 2005 BSU defense ranked 15th nationally against the run (107.9 ypg), a figure that also topped the WAC, and again were among the best in the nation in turnovers forced with 26. Collins also had one of his players, linebacker Korey Hall, repeat as a first-team all-WAC performer.

His 2004 unit may have been his best. That year, the Broncos ranked in the top 10 nationally in three categories: interceptions (second), turnovers gained (fifth) and rushing defense (10th), while also finishing 13th in turnover margin.

That same team also ranked first in the WAC in five different categories, including rushing defense (103.9 yards per game), turnover margin (0.83) and interceptions (23), and was also second in total defense (357.8 ypg). Seven of BSU's starters selected were selected either first or second-team or honorable mention All-WAC in 2004, including first-team linebackers Hall and Andy Avalos and cornerback Gabe Franklin.

Those accomplishments followed up on a solid 2003, when BSU ranked in the top 20 nationally in interceptions (sixth), pass efficiency defense (seventh), rushing defense (11th), scoring defense (12th), turnovers gained (14th) and turnover margin (17th). Boise State was also 37th in total defense, and ranked first in the WAC in seven of the nine major categories, including scoring defense (17.1 points per game), rushing defense (100.5 ypg), total defense (348.4 ypg), pass efficiency defense (99.0), interceptions (21) and third down conversion defense (31.3 percent). Boise State allowed just three points on two occasions and also had a shutout and had nine players earn assorted all-WAC honors that season, with all three of Collins' linebackers earning all-league recognition. Avalos was first-team, while Travis Burgher was second-team and Hall an honorable mention selection.

In 2002, Boise State led the WAC in eight defensive categories, and finished 16th in the nation in rushing defense and 17th in scoring defense. One of his linebackers also garnered postseason recognition, as Chauncey Ako was named second-team All-WAC.

During his first year at BSU, he helped develop a young linebacker corps into a solid and deep group. He had one player, Greg Sasser, named second-team All-WAC.

He spent 13 seasons at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., the first full-time position of his career, as he joined the Bear staff under coach Ken Woody as secondary coach for the 1988 season. He was elevated to defensive coordinator a year later under new coach Larry Kindbom, a position he would hold through the 2000 season. In addition to his defensive coordinator duties, Collins also served as the special teams co-coordinator during the 1999 and 2000 seasons, and worked as the school's strength and conditioning coach for his entire 13-year stay.

With Collins at the helm of the defense, Washington University had one of the school's top football decades during the 1990s. In producing a 68-33 record from 1990-2000, Washington University shared three University Athletic Association (UAA) titles and won seven or more games on five occasions. In 1999, Collins coached the top ranked Division III defense in the country, as Washington allowed just 192 yards of total offense per game and a school record 49.8 rushing yards per game in making the NCAA playoffs for the first time in school history.

**COLLINS, continued**

Prior to joining the Washington University staff, Collins was a graduate assistant at Iowa State University during the 1987 season. He started his coaching career as a volunteer assistant at his alma mater, Washington State, in the spring of 1987.

Collins is a 1987 graduate of Washington State, earning a bachelor's degree in physical education. The defensive team captain as a senior, he lettered four years for WSU at strong safety for coach Jim Walden. He started three seasons (1984-86) and once had three interceptions in a game (versus Stanford as a sophomore in 1984). He received a master's degree in education administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1991.

He was born January 30, 1964 in Wenatchee, Wash., and graduated from Cashmere (Wash.) High School, where he earned a total of 10 letters in football, wrestling and track. He is married to the former Sharon Arthalony, and the couple has two daughters, Taylor Rae (7) and Alexandra (5).

**DARIAN HAGAN*****Running Backs***

Darian Hagan, one of the names synonymous with Colorado's rise to glory in the late 1980s, is in his first season as running backs coach, as he was one of two assistant coaches retained by new CU head coach Dan Hawkins when he was named to the position in December 2005.

Hagan, 35, was named an offensive assistant coach on Gary Barnett's staff on February 9, 2005, and worked with the skill position players on offense in the spring and fall in his first year as a full-time collegiate assistant.

He had a brief taste of coaching in the spring of 2004 as he subbed as secondary coach when the staff was minus a full-time assistant. Otherwise, he was the defensive technical intern for the '04 season, assuming that role in February of that year. It marked the third time he has made the University of Colorado his destination of choice.

He starred at quarterback for the Buffaloes between 1988 and 1991, leading the school to its first national championship, and following his professional playing career, returned in the mid-1990s to work as CU's Alumni C Club Director.

Hagan left CU in the spring of 1998 to work as an area sales manager for the Transit Marketing Group. Three months into his new position, he was promoted to Southeast Regional Sales Manager. He remained in that position for over five years until deciding to pursue his dream as a coach and return to his alma mater for the third time. By working as a technical intern, he learned the intricacies of the profession in a hands-on role in his desire to coach; when a temporary vacancy opened on the staff, he was "activated" as a coach

to work with the defensive backs and it added to his penchant for the profession.

Arguably the best all-around athlete in the history of the CU football program, he was an integral part of CU's run at two national championships in 1989 and 1990. The Buffs were 11-1 in 1989, losing to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, but went 11-1-1 in 1990 with a win over the Irish in an Orange Bowl rematch to give CU its first national title in football. CU was 28-5-2 with him as the starting quarterback for three seasons, including a 20-0-1 mark in Big Eight Conference games as he led the Buffs to three straight league titles in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

In 1989, he became just the sixth player in NCAA history at the time to run and pass for over 1,000 yards in the same season, finishing, as just a sophomore, fifth in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy. He established the school record for total offense with 5,808 yards (broken three years later by Kordell Stewart), and is one of two players ever at CU to amass over 2,000 yards both rushing and passing along with Bobby Anderson. He was a two-time all-Big Eight performer, and the league's offensive player of the year for 1989 when he also was afforded various All-America honors. He still holds several CU records and was the school's male athlete-of-the-year for the 1991-92 academic year.

In 2002, he was a member of the fourth class to be inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame, and his jersey (No. 3) is one of several to have been honored.

Hagan played for Toronto, Las Vegas and Edmonton over the course of five seasons in the Canadian Football League, mostly as a defensive back and special teams performer. He returned to CU to earn his diploma just prior to his last professional season, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology in May 1996. He was hired later that year (December 1) as the Alumni C Club Director, a position he held for 16 months until leaving for an incredible opportunity in private business.

He was born February 1, 1970 in Lynwood, Calif., and graduated from Los Angeles' Locke High School in 1988, where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was drafted in two sports, football (by San Francisco in the fourth round in the 1992 NFL Draft) and baseball (selected as a shortstop by both Seattle and Toronto). He is the father of a son, Darian, Jr. (17), and a daughter, Danielle (10).

**MARK HELFRICH*****Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks***

Mark Helfrich is in first year as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Colorado, as he joined the Buffaloes as a member of the coaching staff assembled by new head coach Dan

Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005.

Helfrich, 32, is the fifth youngest offensive coordinator in the nation (119 Division I-A schools), the second youngest at a BCS school as only Southern California's Lane Kiffin (30) is younger.

He came to CU from the Arizona State University, where he coached the quarterbacks for five seasons (2001-05), also serving as the Sun Devils' passing game coordinator the last three of those years under head coach Dirk Koetter.

Under the guidance of Helfrich, Arizona State blossomed into one of the top passing teams in the country during his tenure in Tempe. In 2005, his final season there, the Sun Devils finished third in the NCAA and easily led the Pac-10 with 373.9 passing yards per game (over 50 better than runner-up USC). The school record 4,481 yards passing put the total number for Helfrich's time as quarterbacks coach at ASU at 18,686 in 61 games, or an average of 306.3 yards per game. And that number increased to 321.7 in his 36 games as passing coordinator.

His quarterbacks put up numbers that ranked in the top three of the Pac-10 all five years he was there, leading the league twice (2004, 2005) and finishing second in 2001. His units also finished among the top 10 in the NCAA on three different occasions, as ASU was ranked fifth nationally in 2004 and ninth in 2002 before the school's highest ever finish with the third place effort in '05.

He developed quarterback Andrew Walter, the key player in ASU's maturation as a passing team, as he set school records for both career (85) and single-season touchdowns (30) in addition to shattering the previous Pac-10 record for career touchdown passes, set by John Elway at Stanford (77). The only player in ASU history to tally 3,000 passing yards in a season, Walter did it for a third time in 2004 with a season total of 3,150 yards.

Coached by Helfrich for all three years as ASU's starter, Walter was selected in the third round of the NFL draft by the Oakland Raiders. A second-team All-Pac-10 selection and a nominee for both the Johnny Unitas and Davey O'Brien Awards, Walter finished his Sun Devil career as ASU's career record holder in nearly every passing category, including yards, completions, attempts, touchdowns, interception percentage, and total offense. And when Walter missed the Sun Bowl against Purdue with an injury, Helfrich coached sophomore understudy Sam Keller to MVP honors. Finishing with 370 yards and three touchdowns on 25-of-45 passing, Keller directed the ASU offense to a fourth-quarter comeback in his first career start. Responsible for the entire passing game, Helfrich also saw freshman Zach Miller and junior Derek Hagan set school receiving marks in 2004.

**HELFRICH, continued**

In 2002, ASU's passing game finished as one of the most prolific offensive units in school history, demolishing school and conference records along the way. That was evidenced by the Sun Devil record for season passing yards being utterly destroyed by Helfrich's quarterbacks, as they totaled 4,254 yards to better the previous mark by over 1,000 yards. Four other school records fell by the wayside as well. That followed a tremendous beginning in 2001, as the Sun Devils finished second in the Pac-10 in passing offense with an average of 259.3 yards per game, the second-best season passing average in school history at the time.

Helfrich first teamed with Koetter in 1997 at the University of Oregon, where he was an offensive graduate assistant when Koetter was the offensive coordinator for the Ducks. When Koetter was named head coach at Boise State in 1998, he made the transition with him to the Idaho state capital. Working three years as the quarterback coach, he tutored one of BSU's all-time bests in Bart Hendricks, the 1999 and 2000 Big West Player of the Year. His last year there, 2000, he guided the Broncos to the country's fourth-best passing offense with 321.5 yards per game.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from Southern Oregon University in 1996, where he lettered four years at quarterback. He was an NAIA Scholar-Athlete in 1993, his sophomore season. When he led the nation in total offense, earning NAIA honorable mention All-America accolades and first-team Columbia Football Association honors in the process. That season, he had 3,196 yards of total offense, including 2,712 passing (23 touchdowns) and 484 rushing (three scores), topping the 400-yard mark in single-game total offense three times. It was that same year that Helfrich would first catch the eye of Hawkins, who was in his first year as head coach at Willamette; he watched as Helfrich had 410 yards of offense and a school record six touchdowns to lead SOU to a 61-48 win.

Helfrich began his coaching career as running backs coach at his alma mater for the 1996 season, and then both played and coached (offensive coordinator) in Europe for a year with the Vienna (Austria) Vikings, in 1997, before landing his first position at a Division I-A school.

He was born October 28, 1973 in Medford, Ore., and graduated from Marshfield High School in Coos Bay (Ore.), where he lettered in football (for coach Kent Wigle), basketball, track and golf. He is married to the former Megan Kelly.

**YOUNGEST OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS**

Name	Birthdate	Age
Major Applewhite, Rice	7/26/1978	27
Brian Harsin, Boise State	?	29
Lane Kiffin, USC	5/09/1975	30
Ramon Flanigan, North Texas	9/19/1974	31
Mark Helfrich, Colorado	10/28/1973	32

Name	Birthdate	Age
Rod Smith, South Florida	2/22/1973	32
Danny Langsdorf, Oregon State	6/28/1972	33
Dan Mullen, Florida	4/27/1972	33
Patrick Nix, Georgia Tech	4/07/1972	33

**ERIC KIESAU****Passing Game Coordinator/Receivers**

Eric Kiesau is in first year as passing game coordinator and receivers coach at Colorado, as he joined the Buffaloes as a member of the coaching staff assembled by new head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005.

Kiesau, 33, came to CU from the University of California at Berkeley, where he coached the receivers for four seasons (2002-05). He was a significant contributor to the Bears' high-powered passing attack in his four years at the "other" UCB.

Though Kiesau had only six years as a collegiate assistant coach under his belt prior to arriving at Colorado, he seemingly mastered the art of both tutoring the accomplished performer as well as molding walk-ons into top-notch players, doing so at his previous two institutions before coming to Boulder. He personally thrives on the teaching and developmental relationship with his players, working on the total person concept in academics, athletics and character.

In 2005, his receiving corps produced four 100-yard receiving games. Robert Jordan and DeSean Jackson were his stars at the starting positions, with Jackson having two of the century games, 128 versus UCLA and 130 at New Mexico State, the latter being the most yards ever by a Cal freshman. Jordan's top performance came at Washington, when he caught 11 passes for 192-yards, the sixth-best single game total in school history; he also had three touchdowns, all in the first half, tying a school record. And with Jackson and Jordan sidelines due to injury, former walk-on LaReyelle Cunningham caught five balls for 112 yards and a score in his first career start.

Though injuries sidelined four of his top five receivers for much of 2004, the Bears continued to field first-rate pass catchers in a Cal offense triggered by quarterback Aaron Rodgers. Second-team All-American Geoff McArthur set school career marks for receptions (202) and receiving yards (3,188). In 2003, McArthur ranked second nationally and set a school season receiving record with 1,504 yards on 85 catches. That same year, Kiesau developed two walk-ons, Burl Toler and Vincent Strang, as the pair combined for 65 receptions for 814 yards and eight touchdowns, as both blossomed as they emerged in the regular rotation of receivers.

In 2002, his first campaign at Cal, he developed a wide receiving corps that featured Jonathan Makonnen (54-682, 7 TDs), LaShaun Ward (39-709, 9 TDs) and McArthur (36-454, 1 TD), a trio

that combined for 129 receptions, 1,845 yards and 17 TDs.

Kiesau earned his bachelor's degree in business communications at Portland State in 1996, where he lettered at quarterback (he was PSU's starter as a senior in 1995). He was an All-American junior college quarterback as a sophomore in 1992, as selected by JC Gridwire, at Glendale Community College in southern California.

Upon graduation from PSU, he worked the better part of five years in private business, for Corporate America in Portland, and then for Eclipse Specialties, Inc., a family-owned and operated company, in North Hollywood, Calif. He first entered coaching while employed by his JUCO alma mater, Glendale Community College. He then made a brief four-month stop at the University of Oregon as head coach Mike Bellotti's teamwork coordinator in the winter and spring of 2000.

His first full-time collegiate coaching position followed later that year, when he was named running backs and receivers coach at Utah State University under Mick Dennehy. In 2000, he tutored Emmett White, Utah State's third team All-American who led the nation in all-purpose yards and ranked 13th in NCAA rushing, including a school-record 322-yard effort against New Mexico State in 2001. In his second year at USU, he coached wide receiver Kevin Curtis, who would earn *Associated Press* All-American honors that season with an NCAA-high 100 passes (while ranking third in yards per game and eighth in all-purpose yards). He was a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award, accomplished after walking on at Utah State the previous year.

He was born November 24, 1972 in Pasadena, Calif., and graduated from Glendale (Calif.) High School, where he lettered in football and baseball. He is married to the former Wendy Kanan, and they have a daughter, Tayler (8) and a son, Blake (2). *His last name is pronounced key-saw.*

**KENT RIDDLE****Tight Ends/Special Teams**

Kent Riddle is in first year as tight ends coach and special teams coordinator at Colorado, as he was one of four assistants to join Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005.

Riddle, 36, was Boise State's running backs and special teams coach for five seasons, all under Hawkins. Many of his special team units finished regularly in the NCAA top 25, as the kickoff return team was in the top 21 all five years and the punt return team placed in the top 18 the last four seasons. And over the course of his five years, precision reigned in the kicking game, as BSU kickers converted 96.8 percent of their PAT kicks (330-of-341) and 73.1 percent of their field goal tries (68-of-93).

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In 2005, Boise State ranked 12th in the nation in kickoff returns (24.2), anchored by Lee Marks, who was 10th nationally as an individual (27.9, 1 TD). The Broncos were also 18th in punt returns (12.8), with Quinton Jones second in the country with a gaudy 20.9 yards per return, including three scores. The coverage units were exceptional as well; BSU was 17th in punt return defense (5.9) and 29th in kickoff return defense (18.7).

Riddle coached placekicker Tyler Jones to an All-American season and a spot as one of three finalists for the Lou Groza Award in 2004. Overall, BSU's special teams proved to be as good as any unit in the country. In addition to Jones, punter Kyle Stringer was named second-team all-WAC, averaging 43.9 yards per punt. The Broncos finished third in the nation in punt returns (16.6), 21st in kickoff returns (23.0) and 29th in net punting (37.3 yards). The Broncos also blocked four kicks for the second straight season, including a possible game winning field goal by San Jose State. Following the 2004 season, he spoke at the American Football Coaches Association convention on special teams, one of his many personal highlights.

In 2003, the Broncos ranked 15th in the country in both kickoff and punt returns, following up a 2002 campaign when both finished 13th in the NCAA. The Broncos also led the WAC in punt returns and kickoff coverage, allowing just 17.0 yards per return. In 2001, David Mikell was seventh in the nation in kickoff returns (28.4, 1 TD), leading the team to a 19th place national ranking.

He achieved significant success as the Broncos running back coach as well. Though the perception is out there that Boise State makes its bones as a passing team, the 2005 edition under Riddle's tutelage finished 19th in the NCAA, averaging 202.5 yards per game. That followed up a 2004 effort which saw the Broncos finish 14th nationally (229.8 per game), which was good for second in the WAC, as the "tailback-by-committee" scheme that featured six different players scored a school record 49 touchdowns.

In his first three seasons at Boise State, the Broncos produced a 1,000-yard rusher every year. In 2003, David Mikell earned honorable mention all-WAC honors after rushing for 1,142 yards and 13 touchdowns. In 2002, Brock Forsey was named the WAC Offensive Player of the Year, as he rushed for 1,611 yards (11th in the NCAA), and led the nation in scoring with 26 touchdowns. In his first year, 2001, Forsey was a first-team all-WAC performer after gaining 1,207 yards.

Riddle had moved on to Boise State after serving as an assistant coach at the United States Military Academy for six seasons. At Army, his first full-time coaching position, he coached the fullbacks for his

four seasons there (1995-98), and then switched to special teams coach and recruiting coordinator for the 1999 and 2000 seasons. He worked his first five years there under head coach Bob Sutton, and was retained when Todd Berry was named coach in 2000. Additionally, he worked as Army's junior varsity head coach and offensive coordinator, while also overseeing the program's summer camp. In 1996, he helped coach Army to its only 10-win season in history, as the Black Knights went 10-2, including a loss to Auburn in the Independence Bowl.

Prior to joining the Army staff, Riddle began his coaching career in 1991 as a student assistant football coach at Oregon State University. In 1992, he was promoted to a graduate assistant position with the Beavers, first working one year as the video G.A. before working as the offensive grad assistant in both 1993 and 1994, helping tutor the running backs while also being in charge of preparation for the defensive scout team.

He earned his bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management from Oregon State in 1992, after completing his playing career for the Beavers, as he played quarterback for coach Dave Kragthorpe.

He was born June 25, 1969 in Iowa City, Iowa, and graduated from City High School in Iowa City, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. His grandfather, Bucky O'Connor, was the legendary men's basketball coach at Iowa, where he led the Hawkeyes to a 108-54 record in seven seasons; he coached the '54-55 Hawkeye team that lost to Colorado in the national third place game. He is married to the former Camaren Matlock, and the couple has a son, Connor (5).

**CHRIS STRAUSSER*****Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line***

Chris Strausser is in first year as assistant head coach and offensive line coach at Colorado, as he was one of four assistant coaches to join Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005. He assists Hawkins on administrative issues in addition to his on-field coaching duties.

Strausser, 42, was Boise State's offensive line coach five seasons, the last three of which he also served as the Broncos assistant head coach. He had four players earn first-team All-Western Athletic Conference honors, including one two-time performer, Daryn Colledge, who did so in both 2004 and 2005. In 2002, both Scott Huff and Rob Vian were named to the all-conference team, and in 2001 Matt Hill earned the honor. He had players earn second-team all-WAC accolades twice, Colledge in 2003 and Klayton Adams in 2004, with Tyrone Tutogi an honorable mention selection in 2003. Hill was selected in the fifth round of the

2002 NFL Draft by the Seattle Seahawks, and Vian signed as a free agent with the Detroit Lions the same year.

A veteran assistant coach, Strausser has a varied coaching background, one that saw him make stops at five different schools in California and the Pacific Northwest in the decade prior to joining Hawkins at Boise State.

Strausser started his coaching career in 1989 as the wide receiver and tight ends coach at Menlo College in California. During the 1990 and 1991 seasons, he was a graduate assistant coach at Oregon State University, where he helped coach the running backs the first year and the offensive line his second year with the Beaver program, also while earning his master's degree.

In 1992, he moved on to Sonoma State, where he continued to work with the offensive tackles and tight ends, in addition to serving as special teams coordinator. It was there where he coached Larry Allen, who would go on to become one of the top offensive linemen in the National Football League and a perennial All-Pro performer.

It what would be the first of two stops at Portland State, Strausser served as offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for the Vikings during the 1993 and 1994 seasons. PSU advanced to the Division II playoffs in both of those years.

He moved on to San Jose State University for the 1995 and 1996 seasons, serving as the offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for the Spartans. In 1997, he moved on to Foothill College, where he spent three seasons as the offensive coordinator for one of California's top junior college programs. While directing the offense at Foothill, the Owls posted back-to-back 10 win seasons in 1998 and 1999.

He returned to Portland State University for the 2000 season, where he served as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator. His work with the Viking offense played a key role in the team going 8-4 and advancing to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs for the first time in school history. That year, PSU also posted one of the biggest upsets on the college landscape when it defeated Hawaii on the road, 45-20. Following the season, he rejoined the I-A ranks when he moved on to Boise State.

He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1989 from Chico State University, and received his master's degree in education from Oregon State in 1991.

James "Chris" Strausser was born December 4, 1963 in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Gunn High School in Palo Alto, Calif., where he lettered in football, baseball, track and wrestling. He is married to the former Cathy Breen, and the couple has two daughters, Maeve (11) and Sarah (10).